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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting - July 22, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr.

1. Dodi met with John Sexton to go over the abatement applications that we have received. John reviewed them, gave his recommendation on some of them and will research others. Chris & Brian will be visiting some of the properties.
2. Opened and dispersed mail
3. Discussion on the Community Building: Now that the Town has started to receive tax payments for 2008, work will begin to finish the repairs to the community room.

Selectman's Meeting - July 29, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood

Meader, Jr.

1. Worked on property abatements. Chris and Brian will be visiting some properties on Saturday, August 2.

Selectman's Meeting - August 05, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Marti Gross, Steve Lilley, Barry Emery, Beth from K.J.

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #15
2. Linwood wanted to know if we were ready to sign the paving contract with Pike Industries to do the Egypt Pond Rd. The selectman have been waiting to receive the last F.E.M.A. payment from the 2007 Patriot's Day Storm. This last payment comes from the State of Maine. After a long discussion with treasurer Marti Gross, checking on what monies are now available in our current road accounts, etc., the selectmen voted to sign the paving contract for \$78,000.
3. Reviewed the (4) abatements of properties that Chris and Brian went out to visit.
4. Discussed an inquiry by

property owners who wished to create a family cemetery on their property. Since Vienna has no ordinance covering this situation, the

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A Note from the Fire Department

With winter fast approaching and with the high cost of fuel oil, more and more people will be burning wood. The Fire Department would like to remind people to thoroughly check out their stoves and flues for proper installation. In addition, be sure to have your chimney inspected and cleaned.

Other wood-burning safety information can be found at a new web site set up by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The web address is www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/index.htm. Click on "What's New - Wood Burning Stove Guide."

The Fire Department has paper copies of this information available as well. Please contact any member of the department for a copy.

Let's make this a safe and warm winter for all.

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property owners will follow state statutes.

Selectmen's Meeting - August 12, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader, Jr.

There are no minutes available.

Selectman's Meeting - August 19, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Marti Gross, Steve Lilley

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #16
2. Received a package from Verrill Dana, L.L.P. Attorney's at Law, concerning the Dorothy S. Waugh Revocable Trust. There is a court date set for September 2 to review the terms of the trust pertaining to distribution. Bangor Savings Bank is the trustee, with Ruth Dunbar as their representative.
3. Linwood received a new contract from Pike Industries reflecting an increase in the price of materials for work to be done to the Egypt Pond Rd. Pike did, however, lower the price on the grinding of the old pavement. The selectmen signed it and faxed it in. The total amount of the project is \$77,362.50 for 3,750 feet x 18 feet.
4. The Town has received notification that the State will be mailing out the final (FEMA) payment for the road damage from the Patriot's Day Storm of 2007. The check will be \$24,000 plus.
5. Steve Lilley reports that the Fire Department will be getting bids to have Paul Trask's lawn repaired. The lawn was rutted up on the night of the fire that destroyed the Historical Society Building which is on the Trask property.
6. Opened and dispersed mail.

Selectman's Meeting - August 26, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Wayne and Sheila Russell, David Briggs.

1. Wayne Russell came in to talk about his property assessment. He owns a lot on Kimble Pond. He was told by the previous owner that he would be unable to build a structure on the property. Since it was assessed this year with a houselot, he filed an abatement request with us. We suggested that he talk with the planning board and get an official ruling.
2. David Briggs came in to ask us if the town could put up a road sign to slow cars down going north on Tower Road before the Klir Beck intersection. David also had some questions concerning speed limits on Town roads. We informed him that the Maine D.O.T. sets the speed limits and informs the town of any changes.
3. Linwood reports that there are still a few roads that need some grader work. Robert Ames will be doing this work. We also will be using the same contractor (Linton) as last year to mow the sides of the roads and the old dump again this year.
4. Selectmen signed several abatement decisions which will be mailed to the property owners.
5. Opened and distributed mail.

Selectman's Meeting September 2, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Marti Gross, Barry Emery

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #17.
2. Ken Wilson came in to review other property and building values to compare to his assessment.
3. Selectmen reviewed several abatement requests that we received back from assessing agent John Sexton.
Opened and distributed mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - September 9, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Barry Emery, et al.

1. Linwood reports he is continuing to work on the gravel roads around town, grading, ditching and putting in new culverts. He has not yet heard back from Pike Industries as to when they

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Continuing to Learn About Recycling

Submitted by Muffy Floyd

To get an idea for an article for this issue of the Vienna Record, I decided to explore Maine's recycling website: www.MaineRecycles.com. It's a great source of information and well worth spending a few minutes exploring. The quiz titled "How Trashy Are You?" was interesting; I discovered there's a lot about recycling that I still don't know. I was especially interesting in the section titled "What Happens to My Recyclables" since I do wonder what happens after the material leaves my house. Below is a summary of that section.

METALS

Did You Know? Metals can be recycled indefinitely without ever losing their properties!

Big Business: The U.S. uses around 130 billion metal cans a year made in 200 plants across 38 states, employing 35,000 workers in an \$8 billion dollar industry!

STEEL

Steel is a widely used magnetic metal. Steel cans are 99 percent steel with a thin coating of tin, though they are often called "tin cans." Steel is made from iron ore, and is 100% recyclable. In fact, all steel products are made with recycled metal, making it the most recycled material in the world!

Fast Fact: By recycling, the steel industry saves a lot of energy - enough to power 18 million households for a whole year!

ALUMINUM

Aluminum is a lightweight, silver colored metal made from a clay-like ore called bauxite. Aluminum is not magnetic and does not rust and is 100% recyclable.

GLASS

Glass jars and bottles are made from a mixture of silica sand, soda ash, and limestone and can be

recycled over and over indefinitely. Glass's properties make it an extremely safe container for preserving food and protecting flavor.

PAPER

Paper is made from plant fibers and cellulose. Americans typically use trees for the raw material, but cotton, kenaf, rice, straw, flax, bamboo, linen rags, hemp, and more can also be used. The types of paper collected and the methods used for separating the different types vary according to the recycling program where you live.

Wasted Paper: Paper is the number one material that we throw away, even though almost all of it can be recycled! It makes up roughly a third (and often more) of what we toss.

PLASTIC

Plastic is made from petroleum, natural gas, and coal. The technology for recycling plastics is relatively new and still in development. Different combinations and process join the molecules into many different polymers, with a variety of strengths and flexibility, resulting in the different types of plastic (1,2,3,4,5,6). After the recycling process, the resulting material is used to make new plastic products.

And if you don't recycle, here's some estimates for how long it will take for some common items that end up in landfills or on the side of the road to break down.

How long before it breaks down?

- Traffic ticket = 2 to 4 weeks,
- Rope = 3 to 14 months,
- Cigarette butt = 2 to 5 years,
- Painted wooden stake = 13 years,
- Boot sole = 50 to 80 years,
- Tin can = 80 to 100 years,
- Aluminum can = 200 to 500 years,
- 6-pack rings = 450 years,
- Plastic bag = 100 to 800 years,
- Glass bottle = unknown.

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will be starting the paving project on the Egypt Pond Rd.

2. Two property owners stopped by to get copies of their property cards.
3. Opened a bid from Emery Enterprises for off road plowing and sanding. This includes the Town House parking lot, the Community Building parking lot, school bus turnarounds, etc. The bid is a three year bid as follows: 1st year \$3700.00, 2nd year \$3810.00 and 3rd year \$3925.00. Selectmen voted to accept this bid. The contract will be signed at a later date.
4. Opened and distributed mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - September 16, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader, Barry Emery, Connie Smith, John Archard

1. Reviewed and signed warrant #18
2. Linwood Meader, Road Commissioner, brought a letter from Morton Salt informing him that the price per ton for road salt this year will be \$87.09. This is a \$30.00 a ton increase from last year. The town will need to purchase 280 tons for this winters plowing for a total of \$24,385.00. The Selectmen accepted this proposal and faxed it in to Morton Salt. Linwood also has a price for sand of \$4.25 per yard. We need to purchase 2000 yards to mix with the salt for this years sanding, for another \$8,500.00. This makes a total of \$32885.00 just for salt and sand. We will also have to pay for trucking and mixing.
3. Connie Smith, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, came in to ask us when we would complete the processing of the property abatement applications that we have received to date. Some taxpayers that have applied for abatements are calling her to find out what their new tax bill will be. Dodi informed her that some letters have already gone out and the rest that we have made decisions on should be going out this week. The selectmen also discussed a letter that we received from a resident who was unhappy because he

wanted to register a car last Thursday and Connie wasn't there in the morning. Connie explained that occasionally something comes up during her "regular" hours that she must tend to, but that she always puts the change on her answering machine and a note on her door. She was available by appointment later that day, as she is all through the week. Anyone who has a complaint of any kind is encouraged to attend a selectmen's meeting to discuss the situation.

4. The selectmen received two proposals from the town house committee for our approval. The first is with Pest Pro for ridding the Town House and out house of rodents, carpenter ants, and other insects. This is for one year of guaranteed service at a cost of \$695.00. The second is with JZ Home Improvement to do repair work in the attic and build a cover with a shingled roof over the oil tank. The total for this proposal is \$1725.00. The selectmen approved and signed both proposals.
5. John Archard, CEO, gave selectmen a copy of an agreement with a property owner who had taken care of a violation and agreed to pay the \$200 fine to the town. He also presented a copy of a letter sent to a property owner who appears to be building without a permit.
6. Opened and dispersed mail.

Selectman's Meeting - September 23, 2008

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Steve Lilley, Barry Emery, Raymond and Jean Denyer

1. Linwood reports that Pike Industries has been in touch with him and they hope to start the Egypt Pond Road paving project in the next 2 weeks. Linwood also reports that the mowing of the sides of the roads has begun.
2. Raymond and Jean Denyer came in to go over their abatement application with selectmen.
3. Selectmen signed a three year "Off Road Snow Plowing/Sanding Contract" with Barry Emery dba Emery Enterprises.
4. Worked on Abatements.
5. Opened and distributed mail.



Ongoing

Mondays, **Knitting/Needlecraft Group** from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Mt. Vernon Community Center.

Tuesdays, **Men's Breakfast** from 6:30 - 7:30 am at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Small donation appreciated.

Wednesdays, **Tai Chi Classes** from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. through November 19th. For more information call Hillary Hutton at 293-3686 or Dee Keneagy at 293-2358

Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 beginning Sept. 24th, "**Creation Station**" - a faith-based, creative arts, after school program will begin on at the North Vienna Methodist Church. It is open to all children in grades K-6. For more information, please call Laura Church at 293-3892.

October 2008

Friday, October 31st a **Halloween Party** at the Union Hall, Friday from 8:00 to midnight and *chemical free*. Music by Second Wind Band. Proceeds to go to Vienna Union Hall Association and Mt. Blue Soccer Team. Suggested donation \$5 per person.

November 2008

Saturday, November 1st the North Vienna UMC's **Annual Turkey Luncheon and Craft Fair** will be held at the church (Tower Rd.). The craft fair begins at 10:30. The luncheon begins at 11:30. Both continue until 1:30 p.m. The luncheon includes our famous hot turkey sandwiches, cole slaw, squash, chips, cranberry sauce, beverages, and of course, **HOMEMADE PIE!** The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5-12 years old. Under 5, are free.

Saturday, November 1st from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. **Annual Hunter's Supper** at the Vienna Fire Dept. Anyone who would like to donate a dish for the supper please call Belinda at 293-9308.

Mount Vernon **Community Fundraiser Dinner**. Details to be announced. Watch for posters.

Saturday, November 29th, **Holiday Craft Fair** from 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Community Center and Masonic Hall. To reserve a table call Wanda Morse 293-2877

I am still making appointments. However, I have set hours that I try to keep. Things come up and sometimes I am not available on these days or times but will always have the changes on my answering machine.

Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

the last Saturday of every month 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Connie Smith, Town Clerk/Tax Collector



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD JULY 23, 2008

At 6:15 PM Wayne Whittier, Alan Williams, Bob Bassett, and Creston Gaither visited sites on Kimball Pond regarding applicants Dennis Egan and Heidi Klemmer (tax map 3 lots 16 & 44 respectively).

The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Members present were as listed above and also Nanou Laliberte. Minutes of the June 25 meeting were read and accepted.

Dennis Egan’s proposal to construct a shed on the aforesaid lot 16 was considered. Findings of fact were made as per p. 19 of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) and Creston was authorized to issue the usual permit by letter. Nanou abstained as he had not been present on site.

Heidi Klemmer’s proposal to construct a deck on the existing cabin on the aforesaid lot 44 was considered. As the cabin is already non-conforming with the square footage requirements under the SZO, and its pondside portion is within 25 feet of the pond, it was agreed that the proposed deck would not be permissible. Bob is representing Klemmer and therefore recused himself from these deliberations. He will relay the board’s findings to the applicant.

The Linscott parcel (map 10 lot 35-1) was discussed (see June minutes). Wayne discussed this matter with attorney Becky Seel at MMA. The SZO states that its minimum frontage requirements apply to residential units, government facilities, and “recreational facilities,” so it appears that where there is no structure there is no frontage requirement. It thus appears that the Linscott parcel is not currently in violation of the SZO but that no structure could be placed thereon within the shoreland zone. It is conceivable that if the total frontage resulting from a combining of this lot with the adjoining lot (map 10 lot 41) exceeds 400 feet the titles could be combined and 2 structures could then be located within the shoreland zone (presumably counting the existing structure on lot 41). Alan said that he has already advised the prospective applicant to this effect. Since no formal application has been received, no formal action was taken.

Numerous permits were processed.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Members present were Wayne Whittier, Alan Williams, Bob Bassett, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Jon Hambrick and Jonathan and Jesse Lawless. Minutes of the July 23 meeting were read and accepted.

Regarding his land on Davis Road (tax map 2 lot 14E) Jon Hambrick would like to expand his July 2 Timber Harvest Ordinance (THO) permit to allow for more than 500 cords to be harvested and would also like a Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) permit to construct a temporary bridge over the protected brook on his land to enable additional timber harvesting. He submitted a timber management plan, which the board reviewed along with the THO and the SZO. The board made findings of fact as per p. 19 of the SZO, and voted to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit by letter subject to three conditions: 1). work must conform with standards outlined in both ordinances, and the more restrictive ordinance is to control should there be a conflict between the two; 2). construction and use of the bridge will be restricted to times when the ground is frozen; 3). all work must conform with the timber harvest management plan as submitted to the board.

Creston then recused himself and he and Jesse Lawless presented a preliminary plan of Jesse’s proposed subdivision of his land on Besse and Cumner Roads (tax map 6 lot 92) into two lots. As the proposed impact is minimal and the proposal would have been exempt from municipal review requirements prior to 2004, the board decided to neither visit the site nor hold a public hearing. Findings of fact were made as per the Town’s subdivision ordinance and M.R.S.A. Title 30-A § 4404. While not mandated, the board asked that abutters be notified that the board expects to approve the subdivision at its next meeting.

It was noted that on August 9 the board visited the Berthel site on Flying Pond (tax map 11 lot 14-W) and advised Mr Berthel to submit a written application and sketch; however, to date neither has been received. The board has thus taken no formal action in this regard.

The board’s approval of Bob Bassett’s 2005 land division was reviewed with reference to an inquiry the board has received regarding docks on non-grandfathered lots without the frontage recited in the SZO standards. The 2005 approval appears to be silent as to docks. No application has been received so no formal action was taken.

Several permits were processed.
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD AUGUST 27, 2008



COME JOIN US!



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SELECTMEN MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Town House



Vienna Town House - Rte. 41, Vienna, ME

WORK SESSIONS:

*2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
5th Tuesday at 6:30 pm (as needed)*

Vienna Planning Board MEETINGS

The Vienna Planning Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Vienna Town House Route 41, Vienna, Maine

For more information, call Waine Whittier, Chair at 293-2072 or Creston Gaither, Secretary at 293-2909

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Vienna Town House Committee



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of every month

For more information, call
Marti Gross
293-2552

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The last cafe will be
September 27

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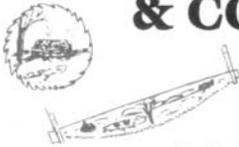
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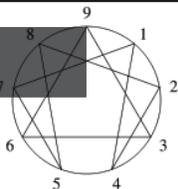
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- Albert Camus

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