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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

Selectmen's Meetings

Selectmen's Meeting - August 4, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader, Jr., Dan Onion

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #15.
2. Dan Onion, representing the 30-Mile Watershed Association, came in to talk to us about appointing Adrian Polky as Vienna's Harbormaster. This appointment would be a technicality to cover him while he was in Vienna waters. Adrian is currently an employee (Lake Warden) of the 30-Mile Watershed Association. His primary responsibilities are patrolling the lakes within the Association jurisdiction and helping with boat inspections for invasive plants. The selectmen asked Dan to have Adrian come to our next meeting (8/14) so we can further discuss this request.

Selectmen's Meeting - August 11, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Mark Hedden, Laura Reville, Adrien Polky, Connie Smith, Beth Evans from the KJ.

1. Linwood reported that the rainstorm of August 11 did a little damage to some of our dirt roads. He will get to the repairs as soon as we have the money. He also reports that he has issued a driveway permit on Kimball Pond Rd.
2. The selectmen opened the bids for mowing the roadsides and the old dump.
Bid #1 - C&S Roadwork \$2400 for roadsides only. Does NOT include mowing the dump site due to a large ground hornets' nest.

Bid #2 - Don Oliver's Lawn Care \$3200 for roadsides. \$115 for dump site.

- The selectmen voted to accept Bid #1. We will hire someone else to mow the old dump site.
3. Mark Hedden came in to ask about the increase in his taxes. Dodi reviewed his assessment and found that the increase was due to the 2009 increase in tree growth values as set by the State of Maine .
 4. Laura Reville came in to work on E-911 assignments and name changes.
 5. Helen Wilkey dropped off a copy of the proposed plans for the new Mount Blue High School .
 6. Adrian Polky came in to talk to us regarding his work with the 30-Mile Watershed Association. The selectmen agreed to appoint him as Vienna 's Harbormaster through Dec. 31, 2009 . Connie

(See *Selectmen Meeting*, on page 2)

Notes from the Desk of the Town Clerk

There will be a Referendum Vote on November 3rd at the Community Building. Polls will open at 10:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Also, a reminder to license your dogs in November.

Connie Smith

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Smith came in to swear him in.

7. Dodi has been in touch with TD BankNorth to see if we could increase our TAN by \$100,000.00 to get the town through the next few months as the taxes are not coming in as expected. The bank has informed us that we can increase our TAN as requested. The selectmen voted to proceed with the increase. Dodi and Marti will begin the paperwork this week. Lee Bragg of Bernstein Shur will act as our bond counsel.
8. The town received the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program package from the State. One of the big changes this year is that the state is urging that all new applications be done online. There is also an option to call and the State will send out a paper application.
9. Distributed the mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - August 18, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #16.
2. Chris and Linwood left to go to the town cemetery to meet with the cemetery committee and Donald Tibbetts to go over their plans for building a new road into the cemetery.
3. Had some discussion about our current cash flow issues.

Selectmen's Meeting - August 25, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Smith, Linwood Meader, Jr., Steve Lilley, Beth from the KJ.

1. Linwood reported that he has written several new driveway permits in the last couple of weeks.
2. Dodi reported that the paperwork for the increase in the TAN has been completed, with a projected closing date of August 26th.
3. Had some discussion regarding an email we received from Mr. Hunt concerning people using the woods (Ferris property) next to the parking area at the Kimball Pond boat landing as a bathroom. One solution may be to put a porta-potty there from mid-May through mid-September. We will look into this further for next year.



4. Distributed the mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - September 1, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #18...
2. Stuart Rogers has resigned from the Board of Assessment Review effective September 1, 2009.
3. Opened and distributed the mail.
4. Addie Michaud came in to talk to us about her tax bill, review her property card and discuss how the assessor came up the valuation on various properties.
5. Read and accepted August minutes.

Selectmen's Meeting - September 8, 2009

Present: Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Beth Evans from the KJ.

1. Received proof of insurance from C&S Road Work Co. They will be mowing the road sides this fall.

Selectmen's Meeting - September 15, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #19.
2. Selectmen received the certificate of insurance for Lynn Hamlet and signed her contract for painting projects on the Town House. She will be glazing and painting all the windows and painting the new oil tank awning.
3. Fire Chief Steve Lilley reported that the Fire Department will begin chimney cleanings on Thursday, September 17th.
4. Opened and distributed the mail.



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD JULY 22, 2009

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, and Creston Gaither. Minutes of the June 24 meeting were read and accepted.

Waine's letter of July 10, 2009 to Rich Baker of DEP was reviewed.

Creston has written to Kristen Gottlieb and Carey Bor regarding their ice cream truck (see June minutes).

The board's general agenda was discussed. The board discussed 1). the need for additional members; 2). the timber harvest ordinance, which may be unnecessary given current State regulations; and 3). the possible need for a site plan review ordinance (SPRO). Waine will contact Susan Burns about forming a SPRO committee.

Creston will send Bob Bassett a thank you note for his service on the board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD AUGUST 26, 2009

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Jeanette Daly, Sandra Bean, and Charles Wadleigh. Minutes of the July 22 meeting were read and accepted.

Creston recused himself and then presented a preliminary plan depicting the proposed subdivision of the remaining land of Arline Waite on Town House Road. Given the limited scope of the project and the board's familiarity with the area, the usual site visit was waived, and the board declined to hold a public hearing. The board found the application complete and authorized Creston to send the applicant a dated

receipt to this effect.

The board agreed that the contours shown on the preliminary plan need not appear on the final plan. Following a discussion of the pond frontage and MMA's advice in a similar situation involving the Bassetts' Kimball Pond parcel some time ago, the board stated that 2 conditions it will most likely impose are: 1). no residential dwelling unit may be placed within the shoreland zone on Parcel 'A;' and 2). any further division of Parcel 'A' will require board approval and may require improvements to Bradley Road.

Creston will notify abutters of the subdivision as required by State law.

The board stated that its fee for its review, based on approval of 2 lots at \$25.00 apiece, will be \$50.00.

Creston returned to duty and Waine reported that Sue Burns is interested in the proposed Site Plan Review Ordinance Committee and would like to meet with the board in September.

The board reviewed the Van Woerts' application for new permits for their previously approved proposals on Whittier Pond. The board has previously visited the site. Findings of fact were made as per Sect. 16.D. of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) and the shoreland zone portion of the application was found permissible, subject to the previously imposed conditions and also to the condition that the reconfigured structure must fit within the previously permitted footprint. It was agreed that this constitutes a new permit and not a "reissue" of the previous permit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary





Ongoing

Saturdays, **Mt. Vernon Community Center Cafe** from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Coffee, food and conversation!

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

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, **McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers** from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Vienna Community Center. New & experienced carvers welcome. For more information about the meetings, please call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach 685-4779.

October 2009

Saturday, October 10, Mt. Vernon Community Center Fundraiser "**Souper Supper**" at 5:30 pm. Variety of soups, stews, chili, and chowder. Salad, bread, apple desserts and beverages. Admission: \$7.00 Age 5 and under: \$3.00

Wednesdays, beginning Sept 30, **Creation Station** at The North Vienna UMC, 572 Tower Road, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Creation Station is a once-a-week, after-school program focusing on creative arts in a faith-based setting. It meets from at the church every Wednesday except for MSAD#9 early release days. Children gather for a snack, a short story or activity, and a project. For more information, contact Laura Church at 293-3892.

The 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, **Youth Group** at the North Vienna UMC from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is on Oct 1st with a trip to a corn maze after which we'll have a light supper together back at the church. This is for 6th graders and older You will on "adventures" and do activities at the church. Please call Laura Church (293-3892) for more information.

Maranacook **RSU 38 Adult Education** classes starting in October

Classes are held at Maranacook High School unless otherwise specified. For more information and to sign up online, visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>. Questions? email adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, ext. 303.

Perennial Exchange, 1 Thursday, Oct. 1, 4-7 p.m., Professional Development Center, North Rd, Readfield

Exploring Art through Clay, 6 Thursdays beginning Oct. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gluten-Free Cooking, 2 Thursdays beginning Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m., Maranacook Middle School

How 'bout a Biscuit?, 1 Thursday, Oct. 1, 7-8:30 p.m., Maranacook Middle School

Earth Oven Workshop, 1 Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., location TBA

Mosaics & Collages, 5 Mondays beginning Oct. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Forgotten Stoneworks, Manchester

Driver Education, Monday-Thursday for 4 weeks beginning Oct. 5, 2:45-4:45 p.m. plus driving time,

American Sign Language, 6 Tuesdays beginning Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m.

Pricing for What you are Worth, 1 Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Access, 4 Wednesdays beginning Oct. 7, 6-8 p.m.

Refuse to be a Victim, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6-10 p.m.

Hypnosis and Weight Loss, 4 Wednesdays beginning Oct. 7, 6-8 p.m.

Quilting: Christmas Wreath Wall Hanging, 1 Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and 2 Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 8, 17 & 24, Professional Development Center, 75 North Road, Readfield

Adult CPR/AED, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-9:30 p.m.

Foot Reflexology, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m.

Hot Zumba/Cool Yoga, 6 Thursdays beginning Oct. 15, 6-7:15 p.m.

New England Gift Basket, 2 Wednesdays beginning Oct. 21, 6-8:30 p.m.

(See **Have You Heard?**, on page 6)



The “Locavore” Movement – Eating More Locally produced Food

Submitted by Muffy Floyd

The term “locavore” is a relatively new word. It was first coined in 2005 by four women in San Francisco who proposed that local residents should try to eat only food grown or produced within a 100-mile radius. Since then the word and the movement represented by it have gained so much momentum that in 2007 the New Oxford American Dictionary chose “locavore” as its word of the year.

Wikipedia (an online encyclopedia for those who aren’t familiar with the name) defines a locavore as:

“someone who eats food grown or produced locally or within a certain radius such as 50, 100, or 150 miles (240 km). The locavore movement encourages consumers to buy from farmers’ markets or even to produce their own food, with the argument that fresh, local products are more nutritious and taste better. Locally grown food is an environmentally friendly means of obtaining food, since supermarkets that import their food use more fossil fuels and non-renewable resources.”

There are lots of good reasons to use local food, including: it helps the local economy; locally grown produce is fresher and usually tastes better; it’s better for the environment because it avoids the transportation “costs” (both financial and the carbon impact). At this time of year, when we are still in the local harvest season, do we really need lettuce from California, oranges from South Africa, garlic from Mexico, peppers from Holland, asparagus from Peru?

In Maine and Vienna we are lucky to have access to many local sources of vegetables, meats, dairy

products, eggs. I have even discovered Maine Natural Oils in Aroostook County which produces canola oil, and farmers in The County are now producing wheat and oats. And we can even get local fresh greens and tomatoes in the middle of the winter!

If you are interested in reading more about the locavore movement there are several good books including:

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
Plenty: One Man, One Woman, and a Raucous Year of Eating Locally by Alisa Smith and J.B. MacKinnon

The following two books are not specifically about eating locally but are excellent discussions of our industrialized food production:

The Omnivore’s Dilemma and In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan



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Active Senior Lunch & Learn, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 21, noon-2 p.m., (must register by Oct. 14)
First Aid, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6-9:30 p.m.
Meeting your Spirit Guide, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6-8 p.m.
The Yoga of Sound: Kirtan, 1 Friday, Oct. 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
Past Life Regression, 2 Tuesdays beginning Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m.
Soup's On, 1 Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6-8:30 p.m., Maranacook Middle School
Gymnastics for Kids, 6 Fridays beginning Oct. 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m. ages 3-4; 6:30-7:30 p.m. ages 5-7;
7:30-8:30 p.m. ages 8-up; Maranacook Middle School

November 2009

November 7, **Annual Turkey Luncheon and Craft Fair** at the North Vienna UMC. The menu includes our world-famous hot turkey sandwiches cole slaw, squash, cranberry sauce, chips, beverages and of course, **HOMEMADE PIES!** Come join us for lunch. And be watching for more info!

Saturday, November 28, **Christmas Craft Fair** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Mt. Vernon Community Center and Mt. Vernon Masonic Hall. For more info: Wanda Morse 293-2877

Notice:

Want To Know About Pesticides Sprayed
Near Your Home?

New Pesticide Notification Registry In Effect

New public registry provides simple and free way to be notified about how, what, when, and where pesticides will be sprayed near your home. Any resident of Maine property within a quarter mile of where pesticides are applied by airplanes, helicopters, mist blowers, or air-blast sprayers can be notified in advance.

To be placed on the 2010 registry, names must be submitted by March 15, 2010.

To sign up on the registry, go to www.thinkfirstspraylast.org, or call the Board of Pesticides Control at 207-287-2731 for an application form.

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control is the lead state agency for pesticide regulation. It is an administrative unit of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, with policy decisions made by a seven-member, public board.

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(See **Community Support**, on page 8)



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SELECTMEN MEETINGS

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



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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

www.viennamaine.org

New Board Member Needed

The Vienna Planning Board is seeking one full member and one or two alternate members. Ideal volunteers would be able to attend at least one meeting per month (currently held Wednesday evenings) and occasional site visits and be willing to become familiar with state and local land use regulations. Availability by e-mail is also a plus. For more information contact chairman Waine Whittier at 293-2072 or by e-mail at wpwhittier@aol.com; or secretary Creston Gaither at 293-2909 or by e-mail at crestong@yahoo.com.



“
Change will not come if we wait for
some other person or some other time.

We are the ones we've been waiting
for. We are the change that we seek.”

- Barack Obama

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Town Clerk Connie Smith

Tax Collector Connie Smith

Road Commissioner Linwood Meader, Jr.

Fire Chief & Warden Steve Lilley

Health Officer Betsy Bransky

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