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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

Selectmen's Meetings

Selectmen's Meeting - September 22, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Beth Evans from KJ.

1. Reported results for Vienna for the Mt. Blue Regional School District referendum were 30-yes and 13-no. This was the final referendum to authorize the Mt. Blue Regional School District to proceed with the upgrade and expansion of Mt. Blue High School. The referendum was approved district wide.
2. Opened and dispersed mail.
3. Read and accepted the minutes from meetings of September 1, 8, and 15 with changes.

Selectmen's Meeting - September 29, 2009

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

1. Steve Lilley inquired if anyone knew of a place where the fire department could store the forestry truck for the winter. We came up with a few suggestions that Steve will pursue. He also reported

- that the firemen have begun the annual chimney cleanings for home owners.
2. Linwood reported that currently all is quiet with the roads.
3. Had some discussion about our

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Message from the Town Clerk

I realize this is a little early for some of this information, but I would like you to keep some things in mind for the upcoming year. Or even better, put these dates in your calendar.

Just a reminder of my hours. I hear many people say they didn't know I had evening hours. So here they are:

Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:45 - 7:00 pm

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

I am still making appointments however, many people call and expect to be seen at that moment. I try to do my best to accommodate people, but this isn't what I mean by making an appointment. So, If you could give me a couple days it works better for you and me. Thank you.

Nomination Papers will be available December 16 for the following seats:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Selectman, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. These seats are all Elected for One year. The Nomination Papers will need 25 signatures and will be due back in my office by no later that Saturday, January 30, 2010. (Reminder - I am open Sat, January 30 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm).

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Dog Licenses - If you haven't licensed your dog/s, please do so before January 31, 2010. The fee to license your neutered or spayed dog is \$6.00. If the dog is not spayed or neutered, the fee is \$11.00. The late fees will apply on Feb. 1. That fee is \$15.00 per dog.

Dates to put into your Calender:

- December 16 - Nomination Papers are available
- January 30 - Nominations Papers are due back.
- January 31 - Last day to License dog/s
- March 12 - Town Election (at the community building. Polls open at 4:00 and close at 8:00pm.)
- March 13 - Town Meeting (the Fire station - Meeting starts at 9:00 will go until we are done.)

Happy Holidays to all!!

Connie Smith, Town Clerk

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contract with Riverside Disposal for trash removal. The current contract will expire October 31, but there is a one year extension clause in the contract. We have asked Riverside to provide us with a proposal price to extend the contract from November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010.

Selectmen's Meeting - October 6, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Ernestine Emery, Beth Evans from KJ

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #19.
2. Ernestine came in and brought a cemetery lot deed for the selectmen to sign.
3. Dodi reported that Transco repaired the problem we were having with the copier.
4. Riverside Disposal has agreed to the additional year option on the trash/recycling removal contract (for 2009 – 2010) at the same price

as 2008- 2009 (\$32,445.00). The selectmen voted to accept this proposal. The contract addition will be signed at the October 13th meeting.

5. Also, at next week's meeting (10/13), selectmen will be voting to accept the MMA Model Ordinance General Assistance Appendices A, B, and C for 2009 – 2010.
6. Steve reported that the Firemen are continuing to clean chimneys.
7. Dispersed the mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - October 13, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Donald Tibbetts, Scott LaLiberte, Melinda Turner, Jim Prince.

1. The selectmen voted to adopt the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices A, B, and C for the period of October 1, 2009 – October 1, 2009.
2. Scott LaLiberte and Melinda Turner of Riverside Disposal came in to sign the one-year contract extension for trash/recycle pick-up.
3. Jim Prince came in to get some tax information on his property and others around him.
4. Donald Tibbetts, Animal Control Officer, brought in an overdue bill from Lupine Valley Equine Veterinary (which was charged to the Town of Vienna). The bill, dated October 21, 2008 was for treatment of two pigs that Donald had to pick up because they were running loose on the Stream Road (the owner was out of state at the time). The owner of the pigs has since moved out-of-state and had not paid the bill as he was supposed to. Donald will also be looking into taking the animal owner to small claims court to recover our cost (\$348.15).
5. Dispersed mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - October 20, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #20.
2. Lynn Hamlet, the painting contractor, came in to report that she has finished the painting on the

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town house. She also pointed out that the roof over the oil tank needs repair. The roof also should be vented to let out moisture. She had given this information to the Town House Committee.

3. Linwood had a request for a dead-end road sign to be placed on the Anderson Road.
4. Marti Gross, treasurer, gave selectmen a "budget vs. actual" report for all accounts through Warrant #20.
5. Signed four abatement request denials that had been returned to us by assessor John Sexton.

Selectmen's Meeting - October 27, 2009

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

1. Linwood reports that he has started to put up the sand and salt and will be finished by October 30th.
2. Dispersed mail.
3. We received a letter of resignation from Norma Wing as the town's webmaster and newsletter editor. The resignation will take effect after the February 2010 newsletter. Selectmen will begin the search for a replacement.
4. The selectmen signed the transfer station and solid waste disposal agreement for 2009-2010 with Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine Inc. The price per ton is the same as last year - \$77.69.

Selectmen's Meeting - November 3, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #21.
2. Dispersed mail.
3. Dodi reported that she had completed the Municipal Valuation Return and mailed it to the Maine Revenue Services.
4. Had a discussion about the Maine DOT sand shed located in Vienna. The state has the power turned off at the sand shed. The Selectmen agreed (with

DOT) to have CMP to turn the power back on. The account will now be charged to the Town of Vienna. Meader Construction keeps a loader there to load sand trucks and it needs to be kept plugged in.

Selectmen's Meeting - November 10, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jim Anderberg, Wendy Huish, Malcolm Porter.

1. Dispersed mail
2. Discussion with Jim Anderberg, Vienna's representative to the 30 Mile River Group and Wendy Huish and Malcolm Porter of the Kimball Pond Association about the issue with the parking lot and boat launch at Kimball Pond. Mr. Porter agreed to secure a sign to be posted in the area asking people to please be respectful of adjacent property owners and not leave garbage behind - "If you bring it in, take it out" type reminder. The sign will be posted next spring.





MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

Creston Gaither, secretary

At 6:15 PM regular members Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither met at the Eisman site on Day Road and Kimball Pond (tax map 3 lot 48-K) to consider Mr. Eisman's proposal to screen in his porch, add on to his structure, and replace his shed.



The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House with the aforesaid members present. Also present was Jeanette Daly. Minutes of the August 26 meeting were read and accepted.

The aforesaid Eisman proposal was discussed. With regard to the existing structure, the board reviewed the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) standards for the expansion of non-conforming structures and advised Mr. Eisman as to what footprint would be permissible. Waine will ask Plumbing Inspector John Archard what the plumbing code requires in this situation (there being no existing septic system). With regard to the proposed shed replacement, the board made findings of fact as per Sect. 16.D. of the SZO, found the proposal conforming, and authorized Creston to issue the usual permit by letter.

Creston recused himself and then presented a final plan depicting the proposed subdivision of the remaining land of Arline Waite on Town House Road. Soils reports and several abutter responses to notification of this subdivision were reviewed. Findings of fact were made as per M.R.S.A. Title 30-A §4404. The requirement of a flood zone statement was noted and Creston amended the conditions of approval to include this statement. The board then voted to approve the subdivision as thus amended, signed the plan, and initialed the amended conditions. The appropriate fee was paid by Jeanette. Waine has received DEP's written approval of the SZO and map as adopted by the Town in June. Several recent permits were reviewed. Creston will bring a copy of the final SZO map for display in the Town House to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

REMINDER:
Want a break from shoveling out your rural route mailbox this winter? You can rent a P.O. Box for the winter months only! \$22.00 for 6 months - just contact the Vienna Post Office 293-9332.



Audry Nichols, Vienna Postmaster



The "Locavore" Movement – Eating More Locally produced Food

Submitted by Muffy Floyd

The following article was written and reported to Vienna citizens in 1993 and represents an experiment conducted by Jim Floyd. It is still relevant and I thought it might be interesting to print it again.

Total Collected by town 205.00 lbs 67.47% (recyclable + trash)

NOTE: Our actual percentage is probably even higher since this experiment did not include returnable bottles.

WHAT ONE FAMILY CAN DO RECYCLING

After reading the report in Vienna Voices last fall that only 11% of Vienna's trash was being recycled, I decided to do an experiment since I was sure that in my own household of 2 adults we were recycling a lot more than 11%. For 3 months (2/24/93 - 5/31/93) I weighed all the disposable material that we generated and the results are amazing: Only 12% was not recyclable!! Below is a breakdown of the findings.

It is important to remember that this experiment represents the findings of only one household which is very serious about recycling. The actual mix of material will vary from family to family. For instance, we get a lot of junk mail and catalogs which make up the major part of the mixed paper. Other people may have more metal because they have cats and use a lot of canned cat food.

However, I feel that what's important about this experiment is that it shows what can be done by being committed, getting organized, and forming the recycling habit. It proves that the State of Maine's goal of recycling 50% of its waste is achievable. For our town it means significant savings in disposal fees as well as helping the environment. And now recycling is even easier for me because I'm no longer weighing everything.

Recyclables:

Glass	9.00 lbs	2.96%
Newspaper	38.25 "	12.59%
Mixed Paper	77.75 "	25.59%
Metal	9.00 "	2.96%
Corrugated Cardboard	24.00 "	7.90%
Plastic	9.25 "	3.04%
TOTAL RECYCLABLES	67.25 lbs	55.04%
Compost	98.85 lbs	32.53%
TOTAL RECYCLABLE + COMPOST	266.10 lbs	87.58%
Trash	37.75 lbs	12.42%
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD DISPOSABLES	303.85 lbs	100.00%



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 Woodcarvers** meet 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.

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm **Creation Station** - for grades K-6th.

The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 3-5 p.m - **Youth Group** for 6th grade and up

December 2009

Maranacook RSU 38 **Adult Education** classes. Classes are held at Maranacook High or Middle School unless otherwise specified. For more information or to sign up online, visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>. If you have questions, please email adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, ext. 303.

- Driver Education , Monday-Thursday for 4 weeks, 2:45-4:45 p.m. plus driving time, starts Dec. 1.
- Meeting Your Guardian Angel , Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m.

Monday, December 21st, the North Vienna UMC will be holding a "**Blue Christmas**" **Service** (also known as a Service for the Longest Night). It will be at 7 pm at the church on Tower Rd. in Vienna. This will be a simple and quiet service which will offer people the opportunity to remember loved ones who have died, honor feelings of sadness which creep into the festive season, and light candles as prayers for ourselves, for loved ones, or "just because." All are welcome.

You better watch out, you better not pout, you better not cry, I'm telling you why...



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

He will be at the **Mill Stream Grange**
on **Saturday**
December 12th
from **2:00 - 4:00 pm**

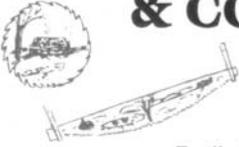
For kids young and old! Refreshments will be served and there will be activities to keep the children busy while waiting their turn to go up to Santa. Last year one girl was having so much fun she didn't want to leave the table. Bring your camera! You wouldn't want to miss this opportunity. Snow date is the 19th.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Placing an ad in the Vienna Record will help support your community newsletter and promote your business. For more information, call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or email normawing@fairpoint.net.

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Jan 16- John Pino and Dale Perkins

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Call For Reservations



COMMUNITY SHOP & SWAP

If you have stuff that is not trash but is in your way, it is now possible to have it posted on the Vienna website and in this newsletter. It will be like a classified page of things people in Vienna may want to sell or swap or barter. Just email a description of your item along with contact information to normawing@fairpoint.net.

I have an excess of onions this year and am offering them for sale. They were grown organically and there are two varieties:

Copra Onion: Hard medium-sized storage onions with blocky round shapes and thin

General Merchandise

necks. A standard storage onion.

Ailsa Craig Onion: Large slightly oval pale straw-colored globes are sweet, mildly pungent and will store for a while. (I've stored them well into the winter).

Price: \$1.25 per pound

I also have some of each variety that are perfectly good onions for use in the next few weeks, but will not store well for longer term use.

Price: \$1.00 per pound.

You can contact Muffy Floyd at mmfloyd1@fairpoint.net or by phone at 293-2148

From Devil's Backbone Farm:
Maple Syrup (2008 and 2009 seasons): Your choice of light or dark;

16 oz. jar: \$8.00
24 oz. jar: \$12.00

Contact Betsy or Wayne at 293-4503 or bcorning@fairpoint.net.

Ladies Figure Skates, size 10, used 3 times. Blade covers included. \$45.00. laureng@fairpoint.net or 293-3294

THE MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (CPC)

TO THE CITIZENS OF VIENNA -- THE CPC IS HAVING ANOTHER TIME BANK INFORMATION SHARING EVENT AT THE DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010, AT 3:30 P.M.

WANT TO SAVE MONEY AND BUILD COMMUNITY AT THE SAME TIME?

What if you could get some services for free by giving some services for free? In May of this year the CPC had a forum to introduce the Mid Maine Time Bank to our local area because in this tough economy, we're all looking for ways to save money. Several people came to that forum, and we've been in contact with the Time Bank ever since, and it has been growing! There are now "time-bankers" in the Augusta area, the time bank has a great new director, and they have very talented people on board. The Mid Maine Time Bank is a group of people who exchange services that utilize each other's time, talents, and abilities. Exchanges are based on "Time Dollars" -- you offer a service or skill and earn time dollars to spend for a service or skill YOU need. Here are just a few of the skills shared by time-bankers:



- ➔ Transportation to appointments, shopping or doing errands
- ➔ Form filling, typing/word processing, letter writing, budgeting
- ➔ Sewing, embroidery, dressmaking; knitting, woodwork, weaving, metalwork
- ➔ Playing a musical instrument, teaching a musical instrument
- ➔ Simple decorating, home repairs, gardening, horticulture
- ➔ Car or motorcycle repairs, car washing
- ➔ Organizing social events, running a bar, catering
- ➔ Teaching reading, adult literacy, translation, teaching languages
- ➔ Bookkeeping, computer skills, printing design work, website designing
- ➔ Coaching in sports, fitness, fishing, wildlife/nature
- ➔ Painting/ drawing, pottery, craftwork
- ➔ Companionship, phone friend, visiting housebound people
- ➔ Babysitting/child care, meeting a child from school, after school care, youth work
- ➔ Basic housework, cooking, washing/ironing, budgeting, minor home repair
- ➔ Pet care, dog walking/training, plant watering, house sitting

To participate COSTS YOU NOTHING. You are not "stuck" when you sign up and make your own time dollar choices to give or receive. All people who join go through an orientation and are required to give two non-family members as references. You can exchange your time dollars for another person or organization. Want to learn more? Check out their website at www.midmetimebank.org AND attend the CPC event on February 6. We'll have some laptops there (and you can bring yours, too!) so we can get on the website that day and representatives from the time bank will be there to answer your questions. You can also call Sandy Wright at 293-2582 or email her at scwright@fairpoint.net.



COME JOIN US!



Dodi Thompson
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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

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.



“
The world is round and
the place which may seem
like the end may also be the
beginning.”

- Ivy Baker Priest

TOWN OF VIENNA, ME

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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

Animal Control Officer Donald Tibbetts

Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer John Archard

Addressing Officer Laura Reville

SAD #9 Representative Helen Wilkey

Cemetery Sexton Ernestine Emery

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