

THE VIENNA RECORD



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MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

We urge everyone to come and participate in this year's Town Meeting which will be held on Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Bldg/Fire Station.

This is the final newsletter to be edited by Norma Wing. We want to thank her for everything she has done for the town as newsletter editor and webmaster. Good job, Norma!

Selectmen's Meetings

Selectmen's Meeting - November 17, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #22
2. Marti reports that the town still has over \$500,000 outstanding taxes. This is making it very difficult for the town to pay all of its bills when they come due. Marti and Connie will be working

together to get all tax payments deposited as soon as they come in.

3. Brian and Steve brought in \$475.00 of donations from chimney cleaning. The selectmen accepted the donations.
4. Read, amended and accepted previous minutes.
5. We got a report of a camp that

has been built off the Kimball Pond Rd. Chris will investigate to see if a building permit was issued.

6. Linwood reported that there was very little damage to roads during the rain storm of Saturday, November 14th.

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Message from the Town Clerk

Just a reminder of my hours:

Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00 PM.
Thursday 9:00 - 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 wasn't what I mean by making an appointment. So, if you could give me a couple days notice it would work better for you and me. Thank you..

Dates to put into your Calendar:

Feb 10 - Absentee Ballots will be available. Please call Becky Hooper @ 293-3163 to request a Ballot.
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 and will go until we are done.)

Connie Smith, Town Clerk

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Selectmen's Meeting - December 1, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #23.
2. Steve Lilley asked if we needed to do anything with the insurance on the forestry truck if we store it at a private residence. Brian will check with Dick Scott at Keyes Insurance.
3. Linwood reported that we now have a lot of pot holes in our gravel roads. The Kimball Pond Rd. right above the fire station is in very bad shape. The condition of the roads is a growing problem in town. It was suggested that we have an informational meeting after the first of the year to talk about options with the taxpayers.
4. Marti reported that as of the end of November, there is still over \$500,000 in outstanding taxes that have yet to be paid.

Selectmen's Meeting - December 8, 2009

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

1. We had some discussion about the Channel 8 news report regarding our paved vs. dirt roads. It is always interesting to see a two hour discussion reduced to a three minute sound bite. We will continue to do research and will be setting up some informational meetings for the end of January/beginning of February.
2. The Fire Department had its new radios installed in the fire trucks on December 7th. These radios were part of a grant the department received earlier this year. The town will now have the power turned off at the radio tower on the Mason Rd. and pull all the obsolete equipment out.

Selectmen's Meeting - December 15, 2009

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #24.
2. Laura Church has agreed to be the new editor of the town newsletter. She will begin the job for the April newsletter. The February newsletter will be the final one for Norma Wing.
3. Jim Prince came in to discuss a problem with the property Map 9 Lot 19 owned by Ed Kaiser. There is a building on the lot that the town did not know about. It appears there were never any plumbing or building permits issued. Ed Kaiser Sr. had been charged for both permits by the contractor who built it. The Planning Board did visit the building site when the septic system was under construction and found no problems. However, no permits were ever issued. Mr. Prince has this property under contract and would like to resolve this issue so he can go through with the purchase. Dodi called John Archard (CEO) and after a brief discussion suggested that if the original septic design can be found, John can look at it for approval. Jim Prince will start doing some research and get back to us. The septic design was later found in our files. Dodi will send a copy to John and Mr. Prince.

Selectmen's Meeting - December 22, 2009

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

1. Opened and distributed mail.
2. John Archard reported that he had talked with Jim Prince. Mr. Prince has contacted W.R. Rourke, who installed the septic system on the property Map 9 Lot 19. (See #3 under the December 15th meeting.) Mr. Rourke will be supplying a notarized letter stating that the septic system he installed was inspected. After John receives the letter, he will sign off on the septic system as being legal. In addition, the building will be evaluated by the assessor and added to the property card for 2010.
3. Discussion of incoming property taxes with treasurer Marti Gross. Tax payments are coming

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in. The Tax Anticipation Note (234,000 including interest) is due December 31st.

4. There will be no selectmen's meeting next Tuesday, December 29th.

Selectmen's Meeting - January 5, 2010

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #25 (2009) and #1 (2010). The TAN is paid.
2. Wayne Whittier came in to talk to us about the roads in Vienna. He did some research back to 1997 comparing dollars spent on road maintenance and paving vs. total town budget. The discussion continued about how long a paved road should last. We also discussed how many miles of road the town can afford to maintain. Wayne will be prepared to present his findings at an informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 7 p.m. at the Community Room. Selectmen will mail a notice of the meeting to residents.
3. Opened and distributed mail.

4. Betsy Bransky has notified selectmen that she will be leaving her position as the town's health officer when her 3 year term ends this spring. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact a selectmen.
5. Work on the Town Report has begun.
6. We received a letter from the County Commissioners. The County is changing its fiscal year to run July 1- June 30. They are working on an 18-month budget. Towns will be given the option of paying the first six months over five years. We voted to accept this option. This decision will be sent in writing to CC Robert Devlin.

Selectmen's Meeting - January 19, 2010

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #2.
2. Prepared and printed a notice to be mailed to all residents regarding the informational meeting about the roads. The meeting is set for January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.
3. Worked on 2010 budget and the Warrant for Town Meeting on Saturday, March 13th.



NEWS FROM VIENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Vienna Fire Department is providing an opportunity to participate in one of the most rewarding job you may ever have.

Over the years, the Vienna Fire Department has evolved into a public safety agency providing highly technical and diverse services. Our community has come to rely on our department as the "first responder" not only to fires but motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, trauma accidents, and electrical emergencies.

The personal rewards and satisfaction each of us receives from fire service are often beyond description. The sense of accomplishment after controlling a fire is a feeling that not many people have ever experienced.

Men and women from many walks of life are

volunteer firefighters. They are all people who care about their community and want to be actively involved. So if you want to do something important for your community and are willing to take on a challenging job contact Brian Church at 293-3892 or church5@fairpoint.net. And for your efforts, you may receive the best reward any job can give.

Vienna Fire Department
Pre-Town Meeting Information Night
Thursday, Feb 25th at 7:00 p.m.
at the Vienna Community Room



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD OCTOBER 28, 2009

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Members present were Wayne Whittier, Alan Williams, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Jeanette Daly and Harold and Kathy Kelley. Minutes of the September 23 meeting were read and accepted.

Creston recused himself and then presented Arline Waite's request for a rescission of the subdivision approval granted by the board last month. Plans have changed and the Kelleys now intend to buy the entire remaining contiguous parcel. The board reviewed and approved the request and signed a mylar copy of the revised plan and several paper copies.

Creston then returned as a member and posted a copy of the Shoreland Zoning Map as adopted in June; agreed to order the latest land use pamphlets; and agreed to find out whether permits have been issued for a house recently built on or near tax map 10 lot 10. He noted that Bob Bassett has advised the board that Richard Stake's old camp on Kimball Pond has been removed, as required in his permit for a new camp.

Plumbing Inspector John Archard has advised the board that the Eiseman parcel (see August minutes) needs a grey water system, and thus a plumbing permit, at a minimum. Creston will advise Mr. Eiseman of this.

Sue Burns arrived at 7:30 to discuss follow-up to the Comprehensive Plan. The prospect of a Site Plan Review Ordinance (SPRO) appears in the Plan and this option was discussed. Sue has a circa 1997 handbook for the adoption of such an ordinance and is willing to help work on it beginning in January. However, she noted that the Future Land Use section of the Plan suggests that the Notification of Construction Ordinance be updated to a "building ordinance," that it includes 7 or 8 recommendations for such an ordinance, and that this might be a higher priority than a SPRO. Sue mentioned that she is also interested in determining the legal status of various islands and unmaintained roads but understands that this is not a planning board function.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Members present were Wayne Whittier, Alan Williams, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Harold and Kathy Kelley. Minutes of the October 28 meeting were read and accepted.

There was no formal meeting in November for lack of a quorum. Wayne and Nanou met informally with James Prince to discuss his prospective purchase of the Kaiser parcel on Egypt Pond (tax map 9 lot 19) and the possible split thereof and retention of a right-of-way to the pond. They informally outlined subdivision considerations and advised him to discuss the situation with an attorney.

At the December meeting the board discussed this matter. Becky Seel of MMA has advised Wayne that a right-of-way retained as an easement would not create a lot for subdivision review purposes. It was noted that the house or cabin located on the Kaiser lot does not currently appear on the tax records. Creston outlined the apparent permitting history for this parcel from the 1980's as per his e-mail to Wayne of December 13 and has notified the selectmen of the situation. Creston also outlined Mr. Prince's concerns regarding the determination of the possible Resource Protection District status of a portion of this lot. It was agreed that the board has insufficient data concerning site conditions and the parcel's boundaries to issue a letter confirming the zoning status of the lot. It was noted that the board could make such a ruling as part of the permitting process once it has a specific application before it.

On November 29 the board visited the Flying Pond parcel recently acquired by the Kelleys (tax map 10 lot 35) to consider their proposal to build a road and restore an existing stone culvert across a brook. The board then made findings of fact as per Sect. 16.D. of the SZO, found the proposal for the area outside of the floodplain conforming, and authorized Creston to issue the usual SZO permit by letter for this portion of the project. At the December meeting the board considered the portion within the floodplain as shown on the pertinent FEMA map. The board reviewed the Kelleys' FMO application and site plan and the relevant portions of the Floodplain Management Ordinance (FMO), found the application complete, and voted unanimously to authorize Creston to issue a FMO permit for this work. The board then made findings of fact as per Sect. 16.D. of the SZO, found the proposal conforming, and authorized Creston to issue the usual SZO permit by letter for the floodplain portion of the project.

Creston outlined his e-mail of December 22 to the State GIS Office regarding the town line at Lane's Brook. He has received no response as yet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary





Recycle, Reuse, Reduce and Compost

Submitted by Muffy Floyd & Hillary Hutton



STEVE RICHARDSON - 1996

2009 Recycling Report

Vienna Residents visited the Transfer Station in Norridgewock 152 times in 2009 and disposed of 12.99 tons of waste and recycling. This is up slightly from the previous year by 1.5 tons. People seem to be taking advantage of the “single stream recycling” at the Transfer Station.

Our trash totals were down by a little over 8 tons this year. Are more of you composting? This is great news because our tipping fee keeps going up. This year it will be 77.69 per ton.

Curbside recycling was expanded to include colored glass and most plastics and on Bulky days the Universal waste was expanded to include printers, game consoles, and digital picture frames. Many residents took advantage of our curbside Bulky day to recycle the old analog TV’s (43), computers (24) and Florescent bulbs (85).

What Happens to all those 3D glasses?

They usually get washed or recycled. The reusable glasses are generally collected and then cleaned in a dishwasherlike machine (or, in an actual dishwasher). A company called RealD has established a recycling program where the glasses are collected and returned to a center that cleans and checks them for quality then repackages them.

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

February 2010

Saturday, February 6, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Mill Stream Grange, BY POPULAR DEMAND the Vienna Historical Society presents **PuzzlePalooza 2 "Return of the Pieces."** We still have puzzles left from Arline Waite's house that need to be worked so we can sell them. Participants had so much fun at our first PuzzlePalooza that they asked us to have another! So, if you are a youngster or an oldster who loves puzzles, please join us. There will be lots of puzzles to work, and plenty of food and drink. Spend an hour or spend the whole day! NO CHARGE – FREE PUZZLE FOR PARTICIPANTS. (Storm Date Saturday, February 13)



Saturday, February 6th **Italian Dinner** at 5:30 pm Mt. Vernon Community Center. \$7.00 admission, \$3.00 (Age 5 and under)

Saturday, February 20th **Vienna Union Hall Chili/Chowder Supper** from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 at the Community Building/Fire Station. Watch for posters with menu!

Maranacook Adult Education is pleased to announce its class schedule for the first several weeks of 2010. For details about these and other classes, please visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>. You can also register for classes online. If you have questions, please email adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, ext.

Beginning the week of February 1 st

- Spain (Going Places series)
- Baskets: Cat's Head Basket
- Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney
- Ballroom Dance – Waltz

Beginning the week of February 8 th

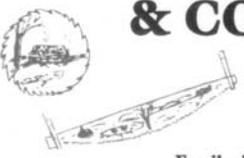
- From the Library to the Iraqi War Zone
- FAFSA Lab
- Beginning Rug Braiding
- Adult CPR/AED
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contemporary singer/guitarist

Saturday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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 send a description of your item along with contact information to Laura Church at 293-2892 or church5@fairpoint.net

General Merchandise

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

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

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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

“
The best thing about the
future is that it only comes
”
one day at a time .

- Abraham Lincoln

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.



TOWN OF VIENNA, ME

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Treasurer Marti Gross

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

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