

# VIENNA RECORD



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## MINUTES FROM SELECTMENT'S MEETINGS

Selectman's Meeting May 18, 2010 will be \$800.

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

- 1) Reviewed and signed Warrant #10
- 2) At the request of the Town House Committee the

Selectmen approved and signed a contract with ATL Tree Service of Readfield to cut down and remove two large pine trees that are next to the Town House. The roots of these two trees are causing damage to the granite foundation of the building. The cost

Selectman's Meeting June 1, 2010  
Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader, Jr., Steve Lilley, Connie Smith, Barry Emery.

- 1) Reviewed and signed Warrant #11.
- 2) Linwood reports that he has put in a new culvert on the Mountain Road. He also reports that he has been working on the Klir Beck Road.
- 3) Kevin Bush came in ask about his tax bill. His tax bill reads that he has a 12.1

acre lot, his deed says he has a 5.66 acre lot. After reviewing his property card we found that he was billed correctly for a 5.66 acre lot. We will be correcting the acreage amount in the Tax Collector's computer.

4) Bids were opened for the Town's snow plowing contract for the next (3) years. In attendance for the bid opening were the following bidders, Colleen and Lenny Meader, Dan Goucher, and a representative for Bert Whittier. The bids were opened in the order in which they were received. The bids were as follows:

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## FROM THE VIENNA HEALTH OFFICER: RABIES IN MAINE

So far in 2010, there have been 30 documented cases of animal rabies in Maine. This is up from recent past years (see graph from Maine Center for Disease Control [CDC]). And Kennebec and Cumberland counties have had the most (MeCDC map), probably because they have the highest human population, so more rabid animals are identified. What is rabies and when shogbuld you worry about it? Here is a quick summary.

Rabies is caused by the rabies virus which infects nerve tissues. When a mammal, including a human, is exposed, usually by the bite of an infected animal, the virus gradually travels up the peripheral nerves from the exposure site, eventually to the brain. This takes from 2 weeks to 2 months, depending on how far from the brain the bite/exposure was. In the brain it causes an encephalitis, brain inflammation which results in confusion, fever, and eventual death. But this is very rare; fewer than 5 people die from rabies in the US each year. But over 20,000 are vaccinated yearly because they may have been exposed to a rabid animal.

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## MINUTES FROM SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (FROM FRONT PAGE)

A) Bert Whittier  
 2010-2011 \$95,986.47  
 2011-2012 \$95,986.47  
 2012-2013 \$95,986.47  
 Total \$287,959.41

B) Lenny Meader dba  
 Meader's Construction  
 2010-2011 \$87,690.00  
 2011-2012 \$91,000.00  
 2012-2013 \$99,000.00  
 Total \$277,690.00

c) Dan Goucher  
 2010-2011 \$94,500.00  
 2011-2012 \$96,820.00  
 2012-2013 \$99,724.00  
 Total \$291,044.00

Dodi made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$277,690.00 from Meader's Construction. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman's Meeting  
 June 8, 2010  
 Present: Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Tom Saviello

1) Carlos Santana came in to go over his property taxes and property card.

2) Linwood reports that the guard rail has been repaired on the Tower Road. Linwood also reports that he has been working on the Mason Road, Stream Road and Davis Road.

3) Tom Saviello, State Representative for District 90, stopped in to "say hi" and to let us know what he has been doing at the state house. He is currently running for State Senator from District 18.

We asked if he could find out if the Kennebec Highlands had the right to block all of the old roads on their property.

Both Chris and Brian believe that most of the old roads were never really closed so they should remain open to the public. Tom said he would look into this for us.

Selectman's Meeting  
 June 15, 2010

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

1) Reviewed and signed Warrant #13

2) Linwood reports most of the gravel roads have been graded and rolled. Linwood also reports that there are a few trees that need to be trimmed and he hopes to have them done soon.

3) Discussed adjustments on several property cards.

Selectmen's Meeting  
 June 22, 2010

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

1) Fire Chief Steve Lilly reports that we need to do a complete rear brake job on one of our fire trucks. This will consist of new shoes, new drums and (2) new tires. The money for the job will come from the Fire Department Capital Expense Account.

2) The Selectmen signed a quick claim deed releasing (formerly

Harriet Perr) property to Kurt VonGraff now that all back taxes have been paid.

3) The Town has been notified that the 2010-2011 commitment to RSU-9 (formally SAD-9) will be \$439,265.07 or \$36,605.50 per month. That is about \$66.00 less per month than last year.

4) The 30 Mile River Watershed Association sent us a letter asking us if the town could help them get a portable sign post for the Parker Pond boat landing (for the sign about invasive plants, etc.). Linwood said he could put something together and deliver it to the site.

5) Read and accepted minutes from May 18, 2010 thru June 15, 2010.

Selectmen's Meeting  
 July 6, 2010  
 Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Steve Lilley, Marti Gross, Barry Emery.

1) Reviewed and signed warrant #13.

2) Laura and Clyde Neal came in to look at some property cards. They were referred to Plumbing Inspector John Archard for septic system records.

3) Linwood reports that he has been working on the Varney Road. Next he will be working on the Bean Road and Kimball Pond Road.

4) Opened and distributed mail.

## PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD MAY 26, 2010

At 6:00 PM regular members Nanou Laliberte, Ed Lawless, Waine Whittier, and Creston Gaither visited Ridgely Fuller's "Big Island" site in Flying Pond (tax map 10 lot 101; see below). The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House where the board was joined by regular member Alan Williams, Ms. Fuller, her contractors Adam Gardner and Andy Bennett, and Jim Craig. Minutes of the April 28 meeting were read and accepted.

Jim asked about the possible uses for the Ortegas' "Dam Shop" (tax map 10 lot 80). Waine has received a message from Christine Geysler saying she no longer has plans to rent the structure. Creston informally outlined his concerns that the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) may not adequately limit commercial uses within the Limited Residential zone. Alan suggested that prior commercial uses may "grandfather" this site though Creston and Waine expressed doubt about this. Waine will discuss the matter with Maine Municipal Association.

The board discussed Ms. Fuller's proposal to build a non-residential screenhouse without plumbing and to replace the existing porch on her more northerly existing house with a somewhat larger porch. John Archard has given her a permit for a composting toilet for the said house. Tree removal will be minimal. The board made findings of fact as per Section 16.D. of the SZO, found the proposal conforming, and voted to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit by letter, subject to conditions regarding soil erosion and the minimization of tree removal and to the usual setback requirements.

Recent permits were reviewed.

Sue Burns was unable to attend this meeting. The proposed Site Plan Review ordinance was informally discussed.

Connie Smith appeared and, noting that she has sworn Ed in, swore Creston in for yet another three year term. She noted that Waine's and Alan's current terms expire July 27, 2011. She believes Nanou's expires in 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Creston Gaither, Secretary

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## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010 EVENTS

- August 3 (Tuesday) 7pm at the Mt.Vernon Community Center. The Dr. Shaw Memorial Library sponsors it's mostly-annual **Community Poetry Reading**. Please come share a favorite poem or two, or just come to listen to others recite the poetry they bring to the gathering. Each reader has a couple of minutes to read or recite a poem they want to share. We have people who have read Frost, Marlowe, Shakespeare, Silverstein, Milne, Oliver, and many more. Some people have read one of their own poems. Please come join this group of friends and neighbors for a night of beautiful, witty, quiet, joyful entertainment. Refreshments served.
- **North Vienna UMC Lobster and Prime Rib Dinner** - Saturday, August 14, 2010 , 4:30 and 6:00 pm seatings - lobster or prime rib, salad, homemade bread, corn-on-the-cob, blueberry pie or gingerbread, beverages - Tickets must be purchased in advance (call Laura Church 293-3892 or Kathy Meader 293-2335) . A few tickets are still available!
- The 30 Mile River Watershed Association will lead its **2nd Annual 30 Mile River Paddle Trek** on Saturday, August 7th. Canoe & kayak paddlers may join for all or part of this 12-mile paddle along portion of the route from Minnehonk Lake in Mount Vernon, ending in Wayne, across from Tubby's. The event begins at 7:00am Saturday at the Minnehonk beach in Mt. Vernon. Return shuttles will be provided at three designated points. Rain date is Saturday, August 14. For complete information & Trek Map, go to [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org) To sign up, email [paddle@30mileriver.org](mailto:paddle@30mileriver.org) or call Lee at 897-1112.
- **Solo Handbell Ringing Concert** - Thursday August 19th, 7-8:30pm at the Mill Stream Grange, Vienna - Sue Garton, mother of Steve Garton, a new resident of Vienna, is a world class soloist handbell ringer performing in the US and abroad. She has written articles on solo handbell technique and has published 6 solo handbell arrangements. More can be learned about Sue at [www.handbelltapestry.com](http://www.handbelltapestry.com)
- **"Star People, Basque Scallops and Micmac Visionaries"** - Friday, September 10th, 7:00pm, Vienna Union Hall - Mark Hedden will talk, with projected illustrations, about a newly recorded aboriginal petroglyph site on the coast of Maine. The glyphs were apparently done by one or more visionary medicine men of the Micmac Tribe sometime between 1580 and 1610 when the Micmacs and neighboring groups were at the height of their prosperity as middlemen trading European goods from Basque and other whalers and fishermen in exchange for valuable furs, hides and other Native American products. Hear a fascinating perspective on what was going on in Maine forty years before the Pilgrims arrived. Donations to support this and other Vienna Union Hall activities accepted at door. Also available for purchase, DVDs of a 47-minute documentary on Maine petroglyphs by Ray Gerber and Mark Hedden.



*Mark your calendars!*

## LATE SUBMISSIONS FOR TOWN ANTHOLOGY DUE ASAP!

Write about our towns and lakes, our weather and people, our lives: anecdote, letter, story, poem, ghost story, memory, essay. 700 word max.

Give to Bob Wallack at the Olde Post Office Cafe, or to Mary Anne Libby at the Dr. Shaw Library, both in Mt. Vernon or send by email to [malibby@fairpoint.net](mailto:malibby@fairpoint.net) or to [paonion@colby.edu](mailto:paonion@colby.edu)

Pat and Mary Anne are happy to give you feedback or work with you.

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*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 at no cost to you. Check here for things that people in Vienna may want to sell, swap or barter. Just send a description of your item along with contact information to Laura Church at 293-3892 or church5@fairpoint.net.*

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Mount Vernon Community Center Café** on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Coffee, food & conversation!
- **Men's Breakfast** on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 am at the Mount Vernon Community Center. Small donation appreciated.
- The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, **McGraffey 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 at 685-4779.
- **Creation Station**, a faith-based, arts-based after school program of the North Vienna UMC will resume on Wednesday, September 29th from 3:30-5:00. Creation Station meets every Wednesday during the school year and is open to all children grades K-6. For more info call Laura Church at 293-3892
- **The Youth Group at North Vienna United Methodist Church** meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons of the school year beginning September 19th. It is open to youth grade 6 and up. For more info call Laura Church at 293-3892.



Dodi Thompson  
Chris Smith  
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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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- Aug. 21 - Highway 41 Revisited - original alternative rock
- Sept. 11 - Robbie Coffin, Maggie Coffin, Scott Elliot and Phil Dibinski - contemporary acoustic
- Sept. 25 - TBA

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FROM THE EDITOR

Have any news or advertisements for the **Vienna Record**? You may email articles etc. to me at church5@fairpoint.net or mail them to PO Box 146, Vienna ME 04360. The fee schedule per issue for advertisements is as follows:

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## RABIES IN MAINE (FROM FRONT PAGE)

Bats, raccoons, skunks and foxes are the most common transmitters of the disease (see CDC table 1 for 2010). The latter 3 act strangely when infected, so the usual story is that a raccoon, fox or skunk bites a person after seeming unusually unafraid of people. Only bats are not killed by the disease and so are thought to be the principle reservoir. Worldwide, dogs transmit it frequently. But, since the extensive immunization of pets, especially dogs, they rarely catch or transmit the disease in North America now. Cat bites are now the most common domestic animal exposure requiring post bite preventive treatment, mainly because they are less often vaccinated and because they are less easy to catch and confine if they bite a person. If a domestic animal does not get sick after a 2 week confinement, then they did not have rabies and the person they bit does not need vaccination. Wild animals rarely can be so confined but they can be killed and their brain quickly studied by the Maine CDC. Bats are a special case. They don't have to bite to transmit the disease, but there has to be substantial close exposure. Their presence in a room with you is not enough. But if one sleeps with you or you go spelunking in bat caves, you should be immunized. Other wild or domestic animals are very rare transmitters.

Other animals (woodchucks, squirrels, cows, etc) can very rarely transmit the disease if they are infected

Vaccination is done now with human diploid cell vaccine in a 5 shot series done on days 1, 3, 7, 14 and 28. In the old days, we used a duck egg based vaccine which required more doses and was more painful. The vaccine is expensive (\$700 for the series) and not available free but given no matter ability to pay by most hospitals in Maine, if necessary. An additional shot of human immunoglobulin is usually also given into the leg muscle and into the wound of high risk bites or extensive bat exposures.

**So, vaccinate your pets before hand; avoid strangely tame wild animals and bats . But if you or your family is bitten or intimately exposed to bat(s):**

- confine the domestic animal that bit you (dog or cat); or kill the wild animal, and refrigerate it (at least it's head) until it can be gotten to the state lab in Augusta for study. Or ask the Vienna animal control officer, Donald Tibbetts to help you.**
- get treatment for the wound and accept post exposure treatment within a few days if it is appropriate.**
- **Or call me for advice or help.**

Dan Onion, Vienna Health Officer, 293-2076





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Dodi Thompson      Chris Smith      Brian Church

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**Town Clerk**      Connie Smith

**Tax Collector**      Connie Smith

**Road Commissioner**      Linwood Meader, Jr.

**Fire Chief & Warden**      Steve Lilley

**Health Officer**      Daniel K. Onion

**Animal Control Officer**      Donald Tibbetts

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