

VIENNA RECORD



A bi-monthly newsletter of the Town of Vienna, Maine

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A NOTE FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

The first year of the 125th legislature has come to an end. It is the first time in my nine years of service that we actually finished in the light of day. The bottom line... you are finally safe! Safe until we go back into session in January.

The question you should ask, after nearly 1600 bills, did we accomplish anything? Have we changed the direction of the giant ship called the State of Maine? Have we changed the business climate, while protecting the most vulnerable and not done harm to our beautiful environment?

These statements reflect last year's campaign conversations. People I talked to wanted tax reform, welfare reform, pension reform, health care reform, and regulatory reform. I heard protect those needing help. Equally I heard, protect our environment. Wow quite a list!

I am proud to report we did accomplish these tasks and started answering the questions

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FROM THE TOWN SELECTMEN

Selectman's Meeting May 17, 2011

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

1) Reviewed and signed warrant #10.

2) Linwood and Chris met with a paving company (Bruce A. Manzer) to get paving estimates for upcoming work on town roads.

3) On Sunday, May 16th, Linwood became aware that garbage had been dumped along the Tower Road (north of the Cumner Road). He reported that the cleanup took about an hour and a half. There was no clue as to who had dumped the garbage.

4) Reviewed and accepted minutes from April 19th and 26th.

5) Opened bids for the mowing and trimming of Town Properties. Three bids were received as follows:

A) Luke Olson - \$2,520.00 for the season

B) Darrel Varney - \$3,450.00 for the season

C) Chris Smith - \$3,500.00 for the season

The selectmen voted to award the job to Luke Olson. Dodi will contact him.

6) After reviewing the figures, selectmen committed the 2011 taxes with a mil rate of .01416 (\$14.16 per thousand dollars of assessment). This is a .50 cent per thousand decrease from last year. Tax bills will be mailed out later this week.

Selectman's Meeting June 7, 2011

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

1) Reviewed and signed warrant #11.

2) Dan McBride came in to inquire about the long range plans for the paving of the

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MINUTES FROM SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (FROM FRONT PAGE)

Klir Beck Road. He also had questions about the Town website. He said that he had some trouble accessing certain information. Dodi will check it out and get back to him.

3) Linwood and Chris received a quote from Bruce A. Manzer for paving a finish coat on the Tower Road from the Mt. Vernon town line to the Gordon Road and for grinding and paving Vienna's section of the Ithiel Gordon Road. They will also be getting a quote from Pike Industries as well.

4) At the Selectmen's meeting on May 24th, proposals were opened for the clean-up and removal of downed trees at the Town Park on Townhouse Road (Rt. 41) Selectmen only received (1) proposal \$1500.00 from Chris Smith. He was awarded the job and work has been completed. (Note: no minutes are available for this meeting)

Selectmen's Meeting June 14, 2011

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

- 1) Reviewed and distributed mail.
- 2) Linwood reports he has been filling a lot of pot holes. He also reports that all of the town's gravel roads have been graded. Some culverts have also been replaced.
- 3) The Town received a letter from the U.S.D.A. Rural Development requesting to schedule a compliance review meeting at our Fire Station. (The U.S.D.A. is the holder of our fire truck loan) This review and

building inspection is done about every three years. This meeting will be August 17th at 1:00 P.M. Dodi will meet with their representative.

Selectmen's Meeting June 21, 2011

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

- 1) Reviewed and signed warrant #12.
- 2) David Briggs came to see if we could put up a road sign above the intersection of the Klir Beck Rd. and Tower Rd. warning people to slow down. We agreed to do this as it is a dangerous intersection.
- 3) Linwood has been in contact with Pike Industries and they will be here this week to give him a paving estimate on this year's project.
- 4) Reviewed and distributed mail.
- 5) Read and accepted minutes from May 17th and June 7th.

Selectmen's Meeting July 5, 2011

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

- 1) Reviewed and signed warrant #13
- 2) Reviewed and dispersed mail.
- 3) Linwood reported that he has met with Dig Safe, and they have cleared us to begin working on preparing for the paving of the Tower Road and the Ithiel Gordon Road.

4) Troy Bean came to inquire about the off road plowing contract.

Selectmen's Meeting July 12, 2011

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

1) Had a lengthy discussion about the balance in the road maintenance account. It is getting very low due to the high number of rain soaking thunder storms in late spring and early summer. Every time we have one of these storms it cost between \$500.00 and \$1000.00 to repair any road damage and to clean up any tree damage caused by the heavy rain and winds. The Selectmen have decided to have a special Town Meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd to ask to appropriate some amount of money from the Town surplus account and transfer it to the road maintenance account.

3) Reviewed and dispersed mail.

FROM THE MERRY DUMPSTERS

Residents can recycle used disks, Cd's, DVD's video tapes, ink cartridges in a Recycle Box supplied for this purpose at the Vienna Post Office. You can also recycle, old computer cables cell phones and other small electronics.

Look for the box next to the paper recycling waste receptacle in the lobby.

Thank you for recycling!
Merry Dumpsters

Notice

The Town of Vienna is seeking proposals for Snow Removal (shoveling or snow blower) of the following:

- Town House – Ramp
- Path to the back
- Community Building- In front of all doors
- Path to boiler room
- Path to back door

This would need to be done after every snow with an accumulation of 2 inches or more. Liability insurance required.

Proposals will be opened at 6:30 at the regular Selectmen's meeting, August 23rd.

For more information please call a selectman.

Notice

The Town of Vienna will hold a Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Town House. The purpose of this meeting will be to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money from the Surplus Account to the Road Maintenance Account. (Recommended amount will be \$10,000.) The official warrant will be posted at the Town House and Vienna Post Office on August 15th.

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD MAY 25, 2011

On May 7 regular members Nanou Laliberte, Ed Lawless, Alan Williams, and Creston Gaither met with Eric and Wayne Pelletier at the l'Anson site on Klir Beck Road (map 11 lot 48-H) to consider Eric's proposal to extend the existing driveway and remove some of the existing fill (see permit subsequently issued for details).

At 6:00 PM this evening regular members Nanou Laliberte, Ed Lawless, Waine Whittier, and Creston Gaither met at Jim and Maria Samuelson's site on Stream Road (map 5 lot 32-2) to conduct a site visit regarding their proposal to build a house on the lot. They then went to Don Ripley's site on Waugh Road for a site visit concerning his proposed addition.

The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House with regular member Alan Williams also present, as was Bob Bassett who represented Don Ripley. Minutes of the April 27 meeting were read and accepted.

The Board first considered the Ripley proposal and, after some further discussion with Bob, made findings of fact as per Section 16.D. of Vienna's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO), found the proposal conforming, and voted to authorize Creston to issue the usual SZO permit by letter for this work (see permit issued for details).

The Board then considered the Samuelson proposal. There is some uncertainty as to whether the proposed construction lies within the shoreland zone but Jim had agreed on site to assume that it does for permitting purposes. The Board made findings of fact as outlined above, found the proposal conforming, and voted to authorize Creston to issue the usual SZO permit by letter for this work (see permit issued for details).

The possibility of enacting a Site Plan Review Ordinance, possibly to include wind turbine regulations, was informally discussed. Waine will contact Sue Burns regarding her interest in working on this.

Waine and Creston were re-elected Chairman and secretary, respectively.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD JUNE 22, 2011

At 6:30 PM regular members Waine Whittier, Nanou Laliberte, Ed Lawless, and Creston Gaither visited the Dona Mathews parcel on Day Road (tax map 3 lot 38-K) to consider her proposal to place a small tool shed on the lot. It did not appear that any feasible placement of the shed could meet Shoreland

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NEWSLETTER TITLE

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES (FROM PAGE 3)

Zoning Ordinance (SZO) setback requirements. The Board verbally advised Ms. Mathews of this and outlined the variance process for her.

The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Also present were Bob Bassett and regular member Alan Williams. Minutes of the May 25 meeting were read and accepted.

Bob presented a somewhat revised application for a previously permitted addition on the Don Ripley lot (tax map 10 lot 38-K; see May minutes) which includes a slightly larger porch. As the material changes are minimal, and the Board has very recently visited the site, the usual site visit was waived. 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 SZO permit by letter.

The Board discussed Dona Mathews' aforesaid proposal. A rough measurement made on site indicates that the distance from the Day Road centerline to the back property line is about 49 feet, so even a reduction of the proposed shed to a 4-foot width would not meet the required (15' + 40') setbacks. The Board voted 5 - 0 against issuing the permit. Creston will write to Ms. Mathews about this and will outline the appeal process.

FEMA's letter of June 16 was reviewed. It appears that FEMA agrees with some of the points the Board has raised regarding the village floodplain (see March minutes) and that a Letter of Map Revision will eventually be issued to resolve the matter.

The Board reviewed the Dept. of Conservation (DoC)'s letter of June 6 regarding the management plan for the Kennebec Highlands. Some concerns were voiced regarding culvert removal and apparent physical limitations placed by the State on roads thought to be subject to public easements. The DoC will hold a hearing for the plan on June 29.

Clayton Stanley had called Creston (and had been expected to appear) regarding the need, if any, for Board review and approval of his proposed division of a parcel on Cumner Road (tax map 5-B lot 17-1) into two parcels. The Board briefly reviewed the 1982 "Claire Pongonis" survey map which created this parcel, noting its lack of Board signatures. It appears that, although the map does not address the question, the lots were gifts to family members and thus exempt from subdivision review in 1982. In any case, it was agreed that 1). given that the pertinent 20-year statutory limit has long expired in this case, the Board will take no enforcement action against the said lot for the 1982 non-approval; and 2). there is no apparent reason why approval for the proposed division of the lot would be required. Creston will advise Mr. Stanley of this in writing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Creston Gaither, Secretary

NOTES AND DATES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Mark your calendar for some important dates.

Upcoming Elections –November 8, 2011, Referendum Election will be held at the community building on the Kimball Pond road. The Polls will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. For absentee voting, you can call me at 293-3383 for more information.

Also, a change in my schedule. **FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.** Thursday, August 4 I will not be open 9 – 12. Instead, I will be open Wednesday evening from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. My schedule for the 1st week of August will look like this;

THIS IS FOR AUGUST 2, 3 AND 4TH ONLY.

Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Wednesday 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Thursday 4:45 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday September 20th I will be closed.

Connie Smith, Town Clerk

FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR (FROM FRONT PAGE)

posed. There were distractions along the way. You all know some of these, so no need to mention them. The one that keeps cropping up is the “Whoopie Pie “bill. (Yes, the bill, LD 71 passed. Whoopie pies are now the state treat. The bill was amended to make the blueberry pie made with Maine wild blueberries the state dessert.) Fortunately these distractions were soon set aside and the real work began. We, the legislature, Senators and Representatives, Democrats, Republicans and Independents worked together to move the state in a new direction.

In future articles I will describe the bills that created this change. It is my pleasure to serve you as your senator. If you have any question please email me or drtom16@hotmail.com or call me at 645-3420.

State Senator Tom Saviello, District 18

Thank you to all who helped out or attended this year’s annual chicken barbeque!

We couldn’t do our important work without the wonderful community support we receive.

- The Vienna Fire Department -



Dodi Thompson
Chris Smith
Brian Church

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)*

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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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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011 EVENTS

- **Flying Pond Improvement Association Meeting** - Saturday, August 13, Vienna Grange - Come celebrate our 60th Anniversary at 6:00 pm! T-shirts! food! frivolity! Annual Meeting at 7pm.

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 6:00-8:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center. New and experienced carvers welcome. For More information about the meetings please call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach at 685-4779.



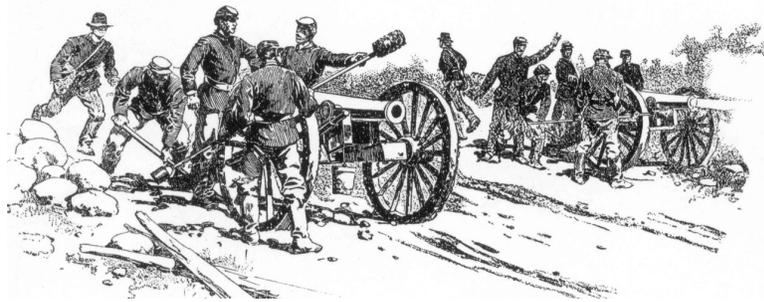
Mark your calendars!

Sesquicentennial Observance American Civil War

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In observance of the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War, the Vienna Historical Society will hold an open house and living history day featuring an encampment of Company K, 3rd Maine Regiment Volunteer Infantry. Festivities will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21st at the Historical Society on Town House Road. There will be something of interest for everyone.

The 3rd Maine Infantry will have their entire organization encamped just as they would have been in 1861. Visitors can walk all through the encampment and learn about the various aspects of camp life. No camp would be complete without “camp followers” and the 3rd Maine has their own contingent of proper ladies in tow. Children (and maybe even some men) will be allowed to march in drills with the soldiers. The camp ladies will tell all about their costumes and perhaps dress up some volunteer visitors.

Several local artisans will be displaying their wares, as well as demonstrating some of their techniques. There will also be food, antiques, music, dancing and featured speakers on both days. Historian David Cook of Winthrop will speak at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday on “Maine and the Great Rebellion.” Mr. Cook is an exciting speaker and is writing a book on the 3rd Maine’s participation in the Civil War. On Sunday at 2:00 p.m., the speaker will be Helen Neff, who will offer a discourse on “Quilts of the Underground Railroad.” Ms. Neff is an accomplished quilter and has done extended research on the use of quilt symbols as guideposts on the Underground Railroad, and will be displaying her sampler quilt.

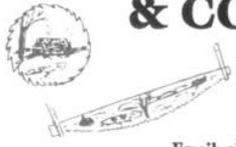
The Historical Society has published a new book, *Where Have All the Soldiers Gone: Civil War Veterans of Vienna and Mount Vernon*, which will be introduced at the event. The book chronicles the service records of our veterans, and follows their lives after returning from the war. Most stayed right here at home, but many migrated west and had exciting adventures.

The Vienna Historical Society extends an invitation to each of you to attend this event and inspect the progress we are making in refurbishing Waite House. Please bring all the children to see this wonderful historical enactment by the 3rd Maine. The event is free and there will be plenty of parking.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

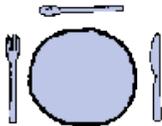
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1/8 page	\$8.00
1/4 page	\$14.00
1/2 page	\$26.00
full page	\$50.00

Checks may be mailed to me made payable to "Town of Vienna."

Please note that all items or articles for the October/ November 2011 issue of the Vienna Record need to be e-mailed by Sept. 24th.

Laura Church

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 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.

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