

Vienna Record



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Selectmen's Minutes—January/February/March 2018

Notice: Town Meeting Wrap-up

The budget passed as recommended at Town Meeting, with the exception of Article #27 (double yellow lines on Tower Road) which failed. The total for appropriations for 2018 is \$567,851.

Selectmen's Minutes Continued



Did you know...

Vienna is home to McGaffey Mountain—the highest point in Kennebec County. On a clear day, one can catch views of Mount Washington, Mount Blue, the Camden Hills, and Mount Katahdin.



January 23, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Katie Church, Marti Gross

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The town meeting is set for March 10 at 9 a.m. And elections will be from 4-8 on Friday March 9th
4. The Selectmen worked on the budget/ town warrant.
5. The selectmen discussed having the electrical wiring and phones updated at the town office. Will discuss the need with the Town House Committee.
6. Meeting Adjourned.

No meeting was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018

February 6, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Robert Ball

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant# 03 (\$93,660.87)
4. The selectmen worked on the "selectmen letter" for the town report.
5. The selectmen assisted Mr. Ball with looking at tax maps and property cards of several properties.
6. Voted to accept Creston Gaither dba Yorkhill Surveying's proposal to update the tax maps for 2018, per tax transfers, new deeds, etc. from April 1, 2017 through April 1, 2018.
7. The selectmen received notice that our license for the exit sign at the town house has been renewed (it contains a radioactive component).
8. The selectmen will be meeting briefly at 6:30 on Thursday night, February 8th to sign the final warrant for the town meeting. Dodi will take the Town Report to Pettingill Printing in Leeds on Monday, February 12th.

February 13, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. Read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen discussed the town warrant and the town meeting.
4. Dodi has confirmed that Steve Hayes will be the moderator for the 2018 Town Meeting.
5. The selectmen reviewed property cards.
6. Meeting Adjourned.

February 20, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 4 (\$14,031.21)
4. Chris reported that all town roads are now posted.
5. Meeting adjourned.

February 27, 2018

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting
3. The selectmen reviewed the current issue of the Maine Townsman.
4. The selectmen further discussed the need for WIFI and upgraded electrical in the town house.
5. The selectmen will talk with the town house committee about the need to fix the interior storm windows.
6. Selectmen will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 1 to sort and label Town Reports for mailing on Friday.

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

March 05, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith,
Colleen Meader

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen discussed winter roads. The selectmen have received no complaints about conditions of the roads this winter.
4. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 5 (\$97,774.80)
5. The Selectmen discussed the cell tower, seems that AT&T is still the only service that has installed their equipment.
6. The selectmen looked at the storage room (where the old furnace used to be) and decided that two more filing cabinets should be added to that area.
7. Meeting adjourned.

March 12, 2018

Meeting cancelled due to snow and icy conditions.

March 19, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Nathan James, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 05 (\$16282.15)
4. The selectmen discussed an issue about the Cross Road with a town resident. The resident wanted to know how the section of the road beyond his driveway was closed. The road was closed in 1997 (closed by abandonment – it had not been maintained by the town for 30 years - however it was left open for public access)

He has been having issues with people using the road going to Kennebec Highlands.... they have been blocking his driveway, not controlling dogs, etc. It is more of a problem in the winter than the summer. He wanted to know what recourse he had to preserve the peace and quiet of his residence, since there are other ways to enter the Highlands from Vienna. He will put a "Please Park Here" sign at the bottom of Cross Rd. He will also be contacting Kennebec Highlands and Tom Saviello.

5. April 9th at 2:00 pm, the Town House Committee will meet with a rep from Bangor

Savings Bank regarding the Waugh account. Dodi and Treasurer Marti Gross will also attend the meeting.

6. The selectmen reviewed the Bank Reconciliation report.
 7. The selectmen discussed the recycling program. Scott from Riverside Disposal reported to selectmen that recycling now costs \$51 per ton. Vienna recycles 5-6 tons each month. The selectmen will be looking into possible single stream recycling for Vienna and will include the Merry Dumpsters in the discussion.as well. A new three-year contract will be signed this year for Waste Removal.
 8. The selectmen discussed the Fire Department's safety gear and helmets with the fire chief. This cost is about \$2,200.00 per complete outfit. All Vienna Firefighters are within date gear. Fire safety gear needs to be replaced every 10 years.
 9. Meeting Adjourned.
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March 27, 2018

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
 2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
 3. The selectman discussed the News Letter
 4. The selectmen pulled the required property cards in preparations for April 1st.
 5. The selectmen looked over a resident property card at their lenders request and faxed them the requested information.
 6. Meeting Adjourned.
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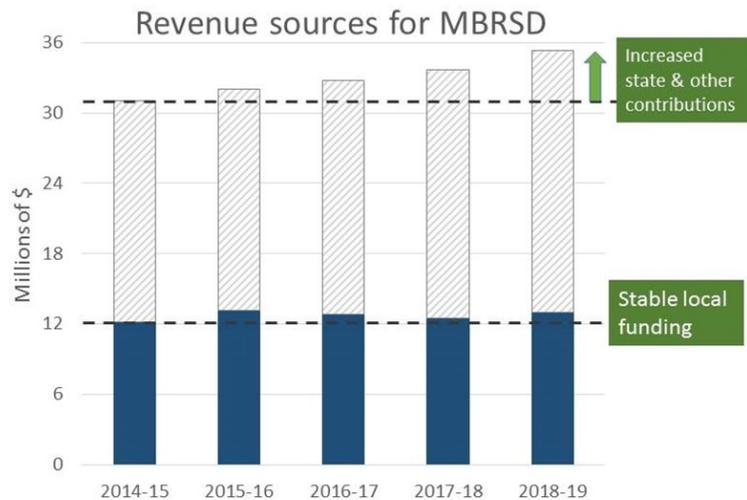
School Board News

The RSU9 school budget process has begun. You may recall that last year it took four tries to pass a budget. To avoid that painful process this year, it's important for everyone to understand the facts, and when the time comes, get out and vote, first at the "Big Meeting" and second at the "Referendum." (Please see "Important Dates" below.)

On March 20th, Supt. Dr. Tom Ward presented the first draft of the budget. One addition this year is the expansion of programs at the Foster Career and Technical Center. Although these additions will make the overall budget higher, it's important to know that they are funded by a very generous gift from local businessman Dick Bjorn (\$470,000 over two years) and will put no additional expense on taxpayers.

Another new proposed addition is the expansion of the Alternative Education Program that meets the needs of highly disruptive ("dysregulated") elementary school students. These are students who do not qualify for Special Education and whose behavior in regular classrooms keeps others from learning and can be unsafe. By helping these children learn how to behave appropriately and safely, it will benefit ALL students. I believe strongly in the need for this program, for the long-term educational and safety benefits for everyone.

While it may be easy to latch onto the proposed overall increase in the budget, it's important to understand the whole picture and look at the actual figures. This draft budget has only a slight increase in local funding, still lower than 2015 levels. The vast majority of increases in costs are covered by increased state and other contributions, as shown in the figure below. Local funding has been remarkably stable over the past five years.



Let me assure you that the School Board works hard to balance needs with costs, while keeping our schools great. If you have any questions about the budget, please feel free to contact me at lrobbins@mtbluersd.org.

Thank you for your support of education.

Lidie Robbins, School Board member,
Vienna

Important Dates

April 3, April 5, April 10, April 12 - School Board meetings at which the budget will be discussed. 6:30 PM in the Forum at Mt. Blue High School Forum. Open to the public.

May 1 - BIG MEETING: This is the Annual Budget Meeting, where the public votes (town-meeting-style) on the Board's proposed budget, and sets the budget that will go to referendum. This is not a formality. This is a critical vote. If education is important to you, I encourage you to come and be part the conversation. Our schools really need your support. Mt. Blue High School Gymnasium, Time TBA

May 15th - REFERENDUM: This is the district-wide referendum, where we all go to our local polling places to vote on the budget set at the May 1st meeting. Voting will take place at the Vienna Community Center, times TBA

News from the Town Clerk

Annie Tibbetts: 207-293-2915
Email: ClerkTax@Viennamaine.org
346 Townhouse Road, Vienna, Maine

Hours:

Tuesday/Thursday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am-12:00pm and
12:30pm-5:00pm
Last Saturday of the month: 9:00am-
12:00pm

*I will not be open the last Saturday of May due to Memorial Weekend. Have a great spring!



Results of Municipal Election:

Road Commissioner:

Daniel Goucher: 48
No Vote: 1

3rd Selectmen:

Jeffrey Rackliff: 46
No Vote: 3

Tax Collector:

Annie Tibbetts: 48
No Vote: 1

Town Clerk:

Annie Tibbetts: 46
No Vote: 3

Treasurer:

Martha Gross: 48
No Vote: 1

Editors Notes

Send us your photos of Vienna!

If you have beautiful photographs of Vienna, Maine that you would like to share in the *Vienna Record*, please email them to:
kachurch2@gmail.com

*Please note that not all submitted photographs will be used. Inclusion will depend on what fits in with content.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have an idea for a story you would like added to a future edition of the *Vienna Record*? Let us know! Send your ideas to:
kachurch2@gmail.com

Email articles to me at: viennanews1802@gmail.com
Or mail to: P.O.Box 147, Vienna, ME 04360

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Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the October/November issue of the *Vienna Record* by **May 25, 2018.**

Format

Submit all items online as a word document (.doc) or as a .jpg.
Please no .pdf or other formats.

Union Hall News



Throughout the year Union Hall members have been meeting and preparing for the new 2018 season. After a long winter the doors to the Union Hall will open on April 7th to a wonderful show featuring the area's own local performers.

Kicking off this first show will be a duo called Hurry Down Sunshine consisting of Brian Kavanah and Stan Davis, playing jazz standards, the blues, love songs, and other songs about life. Brian's singing, Stan's storytelling, and the two guitars weave a tapestry of complex, ever-changing music. The music combines deep, emotional vocals and improvised acoustic guitar melodies.

Next up local guitarist and singer Maxine Marquis performs an eclectic mix. Maxine also teaches art. Finally after the break Steve Richardson, John Whitney and Hank Washburn will be playing many originals by Steve. Steve explains of this group "Route 41 Revisited started as an idea I had that many of the songs I have written didn't work well with a traditional Rock and Roll Band. I was looking for another way to present these songs. Many of the songs work in a solo act but I was looking for something different when I met Hank Washburn. Hank is a gifted musician who can play many different string instruments and he has a great ear for finding the exact right notes to play. It wasn't long before we had John Whitney playing bass and to my ear some of my songs finally got the treatment they deserved. We play a variety of acoustic and electric instruments and let the song dictate what sounds best. I hope you enjoy the music." John and Steve also play with the Ice Out Band. Hank plays with the Racket Club Band and Irish band called Dromore Bay Celtic Music. This inspiring show is on Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 PM at the Vienna Union Hall. Tickets are \$10.00.

Looking ahead at the Union Hall events:

- May 19 - Saturday - [Katahdin Valley Boys](#)
- June 23 - Saturday - [Porch Party Mamas](#)
- July 7 - Saturday - [Capitol City Improv](#)
- July 26-28 - Thursday-Saturday - [Historical Society Plays](#)
- August 6 - Monday - [Village Harmony](#)
- August 11 - Saturday - [Aztec Two-Step](#)
- August 25 - Saturday - Folklorica - Mexican Dance
- September 1 - Saturday - [Bearnstow Resident Dance](#)
- September 8 - Saturday - [Novel Jazz](#)
- November - Fall Feast - fund raising dinner
- December 15 - Saturday - Winter Revels



Planning Board News

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Vienna Planning Board held January 18, 2019

The meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM; Creston had advertised this meeting as a substitute for the December meeting which was cancelled in view of the Christmas holiday; tonight's meeting was also advertised as a public hearing for proposed changes to setback requirements in the Subdivision and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. Regular members present were Waine Whittier, Ed Lawless, Creston Gaither, Alan Williams, and Tim Bickford. Also present were Bob Bassett, John & Marianne Archard, Chris Smith, and, after 7:15, Sue Burns.

- The Board considered Russ Mattson's proposal to build an addition on his cabin on Chickadee Path on Kimball Pond, shown on tax map 3 as lot 10-K. The Board had visited this site on August 23. Bob Bassett acted as Mr. Mattson's agent and presented the requisite paperwork. Creston has since then checked the flood hazard maps regarding this site.
- Based on its site visit and Bob's sketch and verbal representations, and Creston's examination of the pertinent flood hazard map, the Board determined that the project :
 1. Will maintain safe and healthful conditions;
 2. Will not result in water pollution, erosion, or sedimentation to surface waters;
 3. Will adequately provide for the disposal of all wastewater;
 4. Will not have an adverse impact on spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird or other wildlife habitat;
 5. Will conserve shore cover and visual, as well as actual, points of access to inland waters;
 6. Will protect archaeological and historic resources as designated in the comprehensive plan;
 7. Will avoid problems associated with floodplain development and use; and
 8. Is in conformance with the provisions of Section 15, Land Use Standards.
- The Board then voted 4-0, with Waine abstaining as he had not been present at the site visit, to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit by letter for this project.
- The aforementioned public hearing then began.
- Waine presented a draft of proposed changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) regarding expansion of non-conforming structures, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 38 § 439-A (as shown on page 169 of the Land Use Pamphlets).
- Waine read the existing SZO and Subdivision Ordinance setback requirements and noted that the Board would like to replace the existing Subdivision Ordinance setback requirements with those from the SZO.
- John Archard suggested that we add explicit language stating that in the shoreland zone the SZO requirements supersede the Subdivision Ordinance requirements if there is a conflict. Waine read the "conflict with other ordinances" provision from Sect. B.7. of the SZO, which indicates that the more restrictive provision would prevail.
- Setbacks were discussed at length.
- Waine proposed that we prepare a draft proposal with the existing language regarding non-conforming uses x'd out with the proposed new language shown alongside.
- He also suggested that we submit two articles regarding setbacks, one for each ordinance.

Planning Board News

- Sue Burns read from M.R.S.A. title 30-A §4403, which indicates that the Board can amend the subdivision ordinance after a public hearing.
- Waine will ask MMA whether the Board has as much discretion as Sue's quotation seems to suggest.
- Alan moved that the Board proceed to recommend to the Town one article and not 2, requiring that Subdivision Ordinance setback requirements replicate those in the SZO. The Board adopted this motion by a vote of 4 – 1.
- Waine will try to draft an article as described by Alan's motion.
- Alan signed CMP's Form 1190 to allow Mr. Cassells to have electrical power connected.
- Waine has spoken with Rebecca McMahon, an attorney at MMA (see January minutes), who says a change to the Subdivision Ordinance requires a 7 day public notice and a public hearing. For the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) she says the language of the change must be posted 7 days prior to a public hearing. Waine has emailed her comments to the rest of the Board, and all agreed to review them and if it appears that we did not properly prepare the recently proposed ordinance changes it may be necessary to postpone them. Waine will forward the proposed ordinance changes to Dodi and advise her that we may need to pass over them at Town Meeting in March for said procedural reasons.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.



Creston Gaither, secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Vienna Planning Board held February 28, 2018

On January 27 Waine Whittier, Creston Gaither, Alan Williams, and Ed Lawless visited Jim and Kathy Meader's Flying Pond site shown on tax map 10 as lot 104 to consider their proposal to demolish an existing cabin and to build a new one about 25 feet back from high water mark. Alan is representing the Meaders in this matter so he recused himself from participation as a Board member. He will bring a site plan and other necessary documentation to a regular Board meeting for formal permit application purposes.

Tonight's meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM; regular members present were Waine Whittier, Ed Lawless, Creston Gaither, and Alan Williams. Also present was Patrick Cassells. Minutes of the January 17 meeting were read and accepted.

- Waine distributed copies of proposed changes to the SZO requirements for expanding non-conforming structures; he edited the State's suggested language to omit references to ocean frontage, and to place authority in the Planning Board rather than the Code Enforcement Officer etc.
- Alan was not ready to present Jim and Kathy Meader's Flying Pond proposal (see above) as they have been in Florida. Some contradictions in the SZO language regarding setbacks in this situation were briefly discussed, though no formal action was taken.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM



Creston Gaither, secretary



From the Health Officer

Gun Violence in Maine, and Beyond
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I am writing this on March 25, the day after huge marches to demand action to reduce gun violence were held locally and all over the country, along with some counter marches. Those marches and a recent dialog I had with Mt. Vernon's most prominent sportsman, George Smith, (see his Bangor Daily News blog) lead me to want to expand the discussion of gun violence to other related and alarmingly bad public health transformations we seem to be suffering.

In our published dialog, I said to George: " Gun violence is on the rise, as school and other mass shootings are becoming more and more commonplace. Several instances have been thankfully prevented recently in Maine. Domestic violence against women and children in Maine has been and continues to be a perennial cause of injury and death, the latter often perpetrated with guns (over 12 each year, half of all Maine homicides, and half are children under 13). And finally, suicide by guns (half of all Maine suicides) is also a major risk and increasing here in Maine. All three examples are especially impacting teenagers and young adults, and thus dramatically increase the 'years of potential life lost,' as the 'public healthies' like me use to measure the payoff of a public health issue intervention."

The mass shootings have prompted outrage and demonstrations. They have increased dramatically after the 1994 ban on assault weapons was reversed in 2004. Fixing or moderating such high-risk gun use needs doing. I've hunted all my life, as have most rural people; but these aren't hunting guns we are talking about. Access to any weapon that carries significant risks to others is no more a right than is driving on the wrong side of the road or drunk!

But it ain't just guns that are playing an increasing role in premature deaths here in Maine and the nation. So too are other deaths now classified as "unintentional deaths," like the rising number of narcotic overdoses, car crashes, falls and other accidents often associated with alcohol use, as well as diseases like hepatitis (from needle transmitted hepatitis, alcohol, and/or diabetes), and lung cancer and emphysema from smoking. Unlike mass shootings, these deaths, as well as clear suicides, seem to be rapidly increasing most in rural areas, disproportionately afflicting the white households with lower incomes and education levels, to the point that their overall age-adjusted mortalities are worsening or at least not improving overall unlike the other segments of our US population, as illustrated in sub-groups in the graphs below. I urge you to go to the Washington Post reference #2 below, which allows you to look at those subgroups in various

combinations, like urban vs rural, males vs females, White/Black/Hispanic, region of the country, and by 5-year age groups.

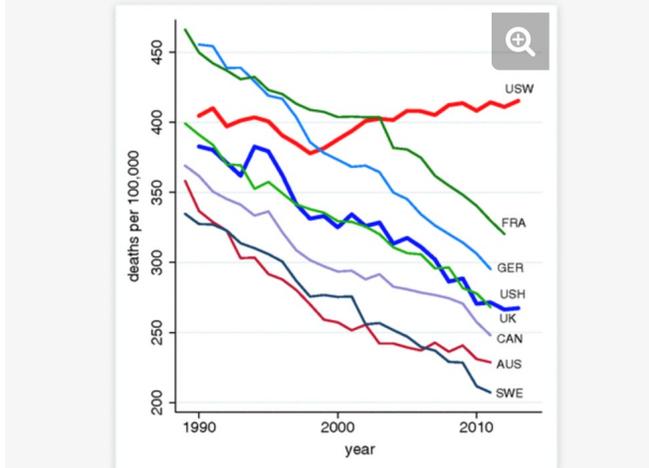
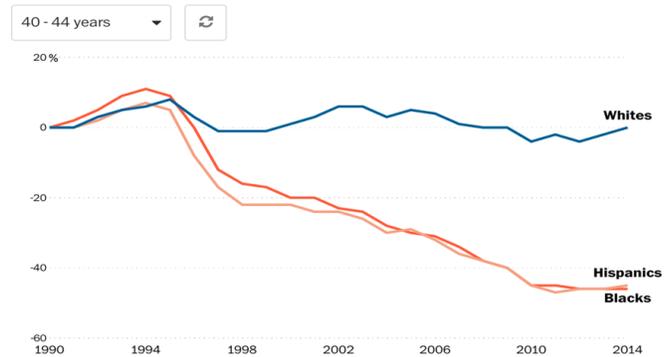


Fig. 1. All-cause mortality, ages 45-54 for US White non-Hispanics (USW), US Hispanics (USH), and six comparison countries: France (FRA), Germany (GER), the United Kingdom (UK), Canada (CAN), Australia (AUS), and Sweden (SWE).

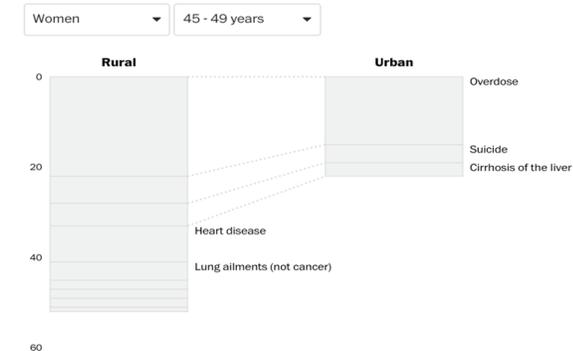
DEATH RATE CHANGE SINCE 1990



For younger age groups, drug overdose and suicide account for virtually all of the increases in death rate. For older groups, additional causes of death are also increasing, particularly heart and lung diseases for rural women, and cirrhosis for people over 45.

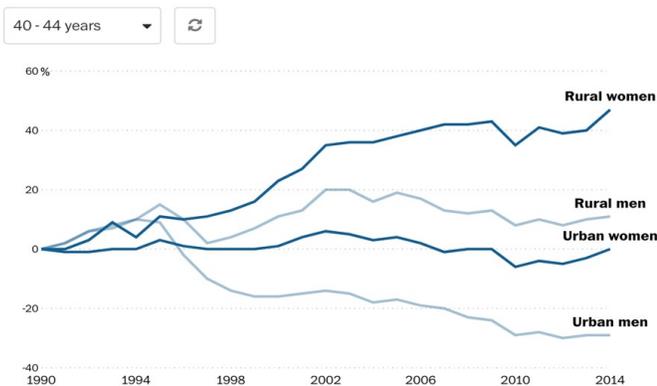
This chart shows causes of death that increased by at least one full death per 100,000 people in a given age group since the turn of the century.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION SINCE TURN OF THE CENTURY



From the Health Officer Continued

DEATH RATE CHANGE SINCE 1990



However, as Fig. 4 makes clear, all 5-y age groups between 30–34 and 60–64 have witnessed marked and similar increases in mortality from the sum of drug and alcohol poisoning, suicide, and chronic liver disease and cirrhosis over the period 1999–2013; the midlife group is different only in that the sum of these deaths is large enough that the common growth rate changes the direction of all-cause mortality.

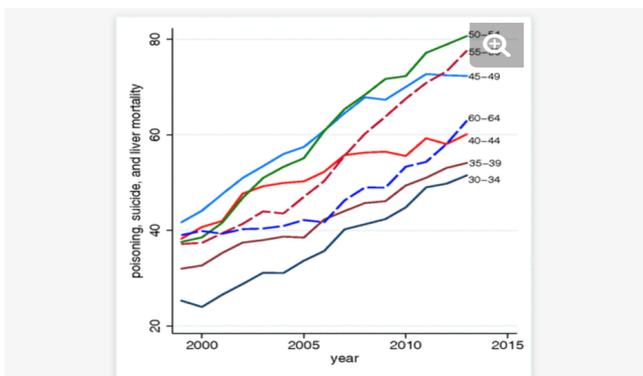


Fig. 4. [Download figure](#) | [Open in new tab](#) | [Download powerpoint](#)
Mortality by poisoning, suicide, chronic liver disease, and cirrhosis, white non-Hispanics by 5-y age group.

Most of these potential causes seem likely caused by increasing risky behaviors in the subgroups, perhaps related to the increasing income disparities in the US among segments of the population over the past 50 years, even though all have improved over their historical averages. Perhaps what matters more than one's own situation compared to that of one's parents, is how one now compares to one's peers and neighbors. When social safety nets are trimmed or dismantled, like the Affordable Care Act, MaineCare, and food stamps, we see more illness and downright despair and thus suicide, murder, accidental overdoses of opiates, and death through recklessness and/or depression.

Other research, like ours I frequently cite done in Franklin County Maine over the past 50 years, shows that community-wide engagement in preventive activities like education and social pressure can counteract some of these bad outcomes, despite socio-economic impediments. The ability to initiate and maintain community interventions seems to hinge on how much "Social Capital" the

community has or can muster. In other words, can and does the community exhibit altruistic interactions and programs open to all.

Demonstrators are now demanding more gun controls since mass shootings have become commonplace. It may be that such shootings have now extended such unintentional harms from the poorest, least politically powerful of our society, into the middle classes. Our schools especially are melting pots of all classes. Their unfortunate vulnerability now may increase the likelihood of real change in gun laws and perhaps eventually even some of the income disparities, which may be causal. I certainly hope so!

Still, I think we need concerted efforts to develop and sustain local community-wide programs to reduce the despair and risk-taking among those most at risk, and to provide compassionate outreach, and evidence-based interventions to turn this nearly two-decade-long spiral of worsening mortality in our populations. Mt. Vernon and Vienna do a lot of that already through volunteers who organize community center and church dinners, Neighbors Driving Neighbors, the Grange, our churches, the food bank, the Mt. Vernon Community Partnership, and our library, and probably more I am forgetting, in addition to the many individual acts of human kindness and support we see here every day. We need to keep it up and recruit even more to participate. Kindness and caring not only enrich a community, but also save lives.

¹ <http://georgesoutdoornews.bangordailynews.com/2018/03/19/hunting/doctor-and-sportsman-debate-guns/>

² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/white-death/>

³ <http://www.pnas.org/content/112/49/15078>

⁴ Record N, Onion D, Prior R, et al. Community-Wide Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Programs and Health Outcomes in a Rural County, 1970-2010. *J Am Med Assoc*, 2015; 313(2):147-155.

⁵ <http://buildingsocialcapital.org/measuring-social-capital/--->

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News



“The three rules of the Librarians of Time and Space are: 1) Silence; 2) Books must be returned no later than the last date shown; and 3) Do not interfere with the nature of causality.”

Terry Pratchett, Guards! Guards!

Thanks to our wonderful volunteer, Donna Williams, the little free library on the steps of the Mt. Vernon Community Center is well-stocked with adult and children’s books, as well as magazines. You can stop by there any time to see what’s new, and definitely scan the shelf on your way out from community activities like the Saturday breakfasts or fund-raising suppers, so you have something to read when you get home.

We just processed a new book order. My favorite children’s picture book from the lot is a collection of poetry by Nikki Giovanni, entitled I Am Loved. It has brilliant, colorful illustrations by Maine artist Ashley Bryan. All of the poems are, as the title implies, about love. It is checked out right now, but keep it on your list. Simply beautiful. We also got the audiobook of Lincoln In the Bardo by George Saunders. We’ve had the novel for a while, and it has gotten good circulation, but then we heard rave reviews (thanks, Betsy) about the audio version, so we had to try that! The reading is performed by Nick Offerman, Don Cheadle, David Sedaris, and others. Of course it went out the door with a patron as soon as we put it on the shelf, but it will be back soonish.

A good resource that families might want to access: the National Endowment for the Humanities has a great website at www.edsiteement.neh.gov. It is generally aimed at the classroom, but could be used for homeschooling activities around art & culture, world languages, social studies, and literature.

I tend not to read too many mysteries or suspense novels (too scary!), but a small subset of that genre is the classic heist story, and those I can enjoy – especially if told with a dash of humor or history or fantasy. I just finished Christopher Buckley’s The Relic Master, set in Medieval times, about a relic hunter who poses as a monk (along with a posse of unlikely companions) to retrieve a revered item. A bit of humor, and good portrayal of the culture and society of that time. If you like the genre, Weir’s most recent outer space novel, Artemis, might be a good choice, as well as one that’s been in our stacks for a couple of years, Janet Evanovich & Lee Goldberg’s the Heist. Obviously, there will be humor in that, with Evanovich as one of the authors. An old favorite is Jennifer Crusie’s Faking It – an art heist, with lots of humor and goofy action. Crusie always creates great friendships among her characters. Movies and shows that follow the heist theme are “Leverage” (a very popular show with our patrons, clever and fast-paced and often humorous) and “Ocean’s Twelve”, along with “The Italian Job” and “The Maiden Heist”. For younger readers, the YA novel Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer involves a heist. And for middle readers, Judy Moody’s Mini-Mysteries and Other Sneaky Stuff for Super-Sleuths by Megan McDonald might be a fun choice.

Right now I am reading one of our new additions, The Music Shop, by Rachel Joyce. It’s a fun story so far – quirky, somewhat awkward characters who run small shops in a rundown neighborhood, on an aptly named Unity Street. We have a bit of a waiting list for it, I promise I’ll try to read fast! Meanwhile, remember we have lots of gardening books to page through while you tend your seedlings indoor and wait patiently (or perhaps not quite so patiently) for spring weather.

Community News

Fire Department News

Vienna Fire Department, Inc. meets every Thursday at 6:30PM but the following Thursdays are specifically designated as written:
Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of *every month*
Training: 3rd Thursday of *every month*

The Department is always looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the Vienna Fire Department, come down to the station on any Thursday to learn more.



Vienna Fire Department, Inc.

Kimball Pond Road, Vienna

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, April 21, 2018

4:30pm-6:30pm

Adults \$6.00

Children 12 and under \$4.00

Menu Includes:

Spaghetti with meat sauce or veggie marinara

Salad and Homemade Bread

Brownies and Ice Cream

Some of the best food around!

Community Swap and Shop

Find items here that Vienna residents want to sell, swap, or barter. Send a description of your item to kachurch2@gmail.com. Posting is free. Also post it on the Vienna website by emailing to the Vienna webmaster: webmaster@viennamaine.org



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Recurring Community Events

Mt. Vernon Community Center Café - Saturdays From 9:00-11:00 AM. Coffee, food and Conversation.

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



Women's Breakfast "JULIET" - Second Tuesday of each month at the Mill Stream Grange 8-9 AM. Pot luck breakfast plus \$2.00 per person.

McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Vienna Community Center. New and experienced carvers welcome. For more information call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach at 685-4779.

Creation Station - Faith-based, arts-based after school program of the North Vienna UMC. Meets Thursday during the school year. Open to all children grades K-6. For more information call Laura Church at 293-3892.

The Youth Group at North Vienna United Methodist Church - Most Sunday afternoons during the school year. Open to youth grades 6 and up. For more information call Laura Church 293-3892.

Vienna Union Hall Association - Second Wednesday of each month. 7:00 at the Vienna Community Center (Nov.- March.) at the Union Hall (April - Oct.) Welcome new members.

Mt. Vernon Play Group - Every Tuesday 9-11 at the Mt. Vernon Community center and follow the preschool calendar. It is open to children, infant to age 5, with parents and/or caregivers.

We have free play, arts and crafts, stories and music.



Mill Stream Grange - 1st and 3rd Friday Evenings, 6:00 PM at the Grange Hall in Vienna. All interested community members are welcome to join to see what we are all about!

Mill Stream Grange

34th Annual Vienna Grange Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 19th, 8:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, May 20th, 10:00am-12:00pm



As always, we will have a wide variety of flower and vegetable seedlings plus hanging baskets, perennials and annuals ready to plant in your garden.

Delicious foods both sweet and savory will be available. Choose from yummy casseroles, lasagna, spaghetti, beans, and other delights, as well as home baked pies, cakes, cookies, and assorted goodies for dessert.

All proceeds benefit Mill Stream Grange.

Sale is indoors so come rain or shine!

Mark Your Calendars for these Special Events

✓ **April 1st:** Easter Worship at North Vienna United Methodist Church, 6:15am Sunrise Service, 8:00am Breakfast, 9:00am Worship

✓ **April 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th:** RSU 9 School Board Meetings at which the budget will be discussed, 6:30pm, Forum at Mt. Blue High School, Open to the Public

✓ **April 7th:** Hurry Down Sunshine, Maxine Marquis, Route 41 Revisited, Vienna Union Hall, 7:00pm, Tickets are \$10.00.

✓ **April 21st:** Spaghetti Supper hosted by Vienna Fire Department, Inc., 4:30pm-6:00pm, adults \$6, children 12 and under \$4.

✓ **May 1st:** RSU 9 Budget Meeting, Mount Blue High School Gymnasium, Time TBA

✓ **May 15th:** Voting Referendum for RSU 9 School Budget, Vienna Community Center, Times TBA

✓ **May 19th:** Katahdin Valley Boys, Vienna Union Hall

✓ **May 19th and 20th:** 34th Annual Mill Stream Grange Plant and Bake Sale, 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturday and 10:00am-12:00pm on Sunday, Rain or Shine at the Mill Stream Grange

Mount Vernon Play Group

The Mt. Vernon Playgroup at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Meets every Tuesday 9-11 and follows the preschool calendar for RSU 38. It is open to children, infant to age 5, with parents and/or caregivers. We have free play, arts and crafts, stories and music.

For more information call Reene 293-2478 or Donna 293-4321



North Vienna United Methodist Church

Join us for Easter Sunday, April 1st



Sunrise Service: 6:15am on the porch
Breakfast for Everyone: 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall
Worship: 9:00am in the Sanctuary

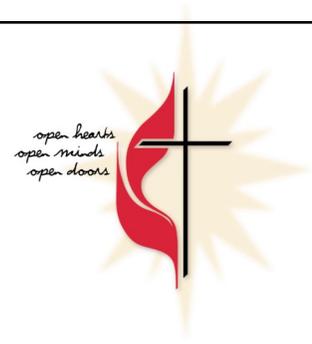
All are welcome!

Pastor: Laura E. Church

Sunday Worship: 9:00am
 Youth programming offered throughout the school year

572 Tower Road
 Vienna, ME 04360

Plenty of parking!



The people of The United Methodist Church

30 Mile River Watershed Association



News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

Now Hiring

Do you like working outdoors and interacting with people from all walks of life? We want you to join our summer team! We are looking for hardworking, dedicated individuals to fill the following seasonal positions:



Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Crew Members: Work with landowners to address erosion and runoff issues on property throughout the watershed; Available Monday-Wednesday from 8AM-3PM for six weeks in July and August; Ages 16-21; Passionate about protecting our watershed; enjoy working outdoors and learning hands on skills; able to perform physical labor.

Courtesy Boat Inspectors: Prevent invasive aquatic plant fragments from entering lakes, work at public boat launches on Androscoggin Lake, Flying Pond, and Parker Pond; talk with boaters and inspect their watercraft; available on weekends and holidays; enjoys working outdoors.

These field positions offer the opportunity to perform meaningful work in beautiful, lakeside settings. For more information, visit www.30mileriver.org.

What to Look for this Mud Season

As temperatures rise, we welcome Maine's fifth season – Mud Season! With snowmelt and mud comes erosion and runoff - some of the biggest threats to water quality. The particles and pollutants carried by runoff into our water can decrease the overall environmental and recreational value of a lake. Even naturally occurring elements such as phosphorus can become detrimental in large quantities, causing algal blooms, harming fish, and decimating water quality. Spring is a great time to notice if erosion and runoff are problems on your property. Do you have exposed roots and rocks, loss of soil, or undercutting on your shoreline? Perhaps you see a lack of natural vegetation, spots of bare soil in your yard or a pathway or driveway that goes downhill towards the water? If you said yes to any of these things, we may be able to help you restore your lakefront property and help with the overall water quality of your lake!

Our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) provides erosion control landscaping for lakefront property owners. Projects may include: shoreline plantings, rain gardens, infiltration dripline trenches, open-top culverts and more. All projects are designed in partnership between the landowner and experienced technical program staff. For more information on our erosion control YCC program, or to submit a site visit request, see our YCC page on our [website](http://www.30mileriver.org).



For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association or to make a tax-deductible donation visit www.30mileriver.org

Who You Gonna Call?

Tear out this page and post it near your phone.

Board of Selectmen:

Dodi Thompson	293-2670
Chris Smith	293-3383
Jeff Rackliff	293-2056

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Annie Tibbetts	293-2915
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Treasurer:

Marti Gross	485-4415
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Road Commissioner:

Dan Goucher	293-2833
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Animal Control Officer:

Donald Tibbetts	293-2915
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Game Warden:

624-7000

Vienna Fire Department:

Brian Church, Chief	293-3892
Paul LeBlond, Deputy	491-6738
Mark Holmes, Asst.	293-3572

Code Enforcement Officer:

Gary Fuller	441-5302
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Plumbing Inspector:

John Archard	293-2674
Gary Fuller, Alternate.	441-5302

Health Officer:

Daniel K. Onion	293-2076
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Winter Road Contractor:

Lenny Meader	778-3022
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Addressing Officer:

Selectmen

School Board Representative:

Lidie Robbins	500-0124
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Planning Board:

Waine Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Creston Gaither, Sec.	293-2909
Alan Williams	293-4321
Ed Lawless	293-2635

Newsletter Editor

Katie Church	939-2516
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Webmaster (viennamaine.org)

Jim Anderberg	293-2673
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Board of Appeals

Tom Carey, Chair	215-5595
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Merry Dumpsters (Recycling Board):

Hillary Hutton, Chair	293-3686
Steve Richardson/Ann Gibbs	293-2610
Muffy & Jim Floyd	293-2148

Town House Committee:

Millie Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Norma Wing, Vice Chair	293-3725
Barbara Gilman, Treasurer	293-2271
Muffy Floyd, Secretary	293-2148

Assessing Agent, John Sexton

441-7052

Municipal Cemetery Sexton:

Ernestine Emery	293-2332
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Norridgewock Landfill:

634-2714

Disposal Riverside:

623-2577

Jay Recycling Center

897-5552

Vienna Town House:

293-2087

Vienna Community Building:

293-4000

Vienna Post Office:

293-9332

SAD #9:

Cape Cod Hill School	778-6571
Mt. Blue High School	778-3031
	778-3561

Poison Control Center

800-442-6305

Central Maine Power

Emergency	800-696-1000
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Franklin Memorial Hospital

800-398-6031

Maine General Medical Center

626-1206

Maine State Police

Emergency	800-452-4664
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Kennebec County Sheriff

623-3591

Police-Fire-Emergency

911

TOWN OF VIENNA

Town of Vienna Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor -
Doris Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

Treasurer - Marti Gross

Town Clerk and Tax Collector - Annie Tibbetts

Road Commissioner - Dan Goucher

Fire Chief and Warden - Brian Church

Health Officer - Dan Onion

Animal Control Officer - Donald Tibbetts

Code Enforcement Officer and Alternate Plumbing Inspector - Gary Fuller

Plumbing Inspector - John Archard

Addressing Officer - Selectmen

RSU#9 Representative - Lidie Robbins



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