



**Annual Report
of the
Municipal Officers
of the
TOWN OF VIENNA**



**For the year ending
December 31, 2025**

Town Officers 2026

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

Jeff Rackliff Chris Smith David Castles

Treasurer	Kerry Casey
Town Clerk	Annie Tibbetts
Tax Collector	Annie Tibbetts
Road Commissioner	Dan Goucher
Fire Chief and Warden	Brian Church
Health Officer	Elizabeth Trehu
Animal Control Officer	Donald Tibbetts
Plumber Inspector	Erin Quimby
Code Enforcement Officer	Ein Quimby
911 Addressing Officer	Tim Bickford
RSU #9 Representative	Josh Robbins
Cemetery Sexton	Ernestine Emery
Webmaster	Jim Anderberg
Newsletter Administrator	Open

Planning Board

Waine Whittier, chair Creston Gaither, secretary
Ed Lawless Alan Williams Tim Bickford
Stephen Trehu, alternate

Board of Appeals

Tom Carey Cheryl Herr-Rains
Dan Simons Roger Pelton

Representative to the Legislature

Sharon C. Frost
207-242-6079
Sharon.Frost@legislature.maine.gov

State Senator, District 17

Russell Black
207-491-4667
Russell.Black@legislature.maine.gov

'First to Serve ~ 1799'



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Kennebec County, Maine**

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J. Chris Read, Chief Deputy

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January 28, 2026

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the professional services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2025. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We will always provide regional assets to our communities including a K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy and Accident Reconstruction.

As in previous years our Law Enforcement Deputies logged thousands of calls for service.

One call for service continues to decrease and that service is overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances. I personally believe the increase in treatment options, both locally and nationally, has had an impact on overdose deaths. This Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

In 2025 our patrol division welcomed Deputy Chad Webster, Deputy Tyler Johnson, Deputy Max Sawyer and Deputy Nicholas Gage to our team. Currently 3 out of the four mentioned individuals are fully certified law enforcement officers.

In 2025 the Sheriff's Office continued our School Resource Officer duties for MSAD #11 in Gardiner, MSAD #49 Albion, Benton. Clinton and Fairfield and RSU#38 at Maranacook. We have had requests from other communities for a School Resource Officer and should we be able to get to full staff, we will try and fulfill these requests.

In 2025 Detective Devin Polizzotti received eight weeks of specialized training, downloading digital information off phones, laptops and desktops, assisting with retrieving evidence for criminal cases. Our detective is one of only about 15 people in the state with the ability to do this. Our agency also received over \$70,000.00 in specialized hardware at no cost.

We had two retirements in 2025. Staff Sergeant Frank Hatch retired and then rehired as our Patrol Commander. K-9 Vixen, who has served our communities with great distinction and tenacity for several years, is now living the dream of relaxation with her handler Deputy Jeff Boudreau. Her amazing ability to locate people, drugs and other articles associated with crimes, is noteworthy. Maybe Deputy Beaudreau had a little bit to do with it as well.

Deputy Beaudreau reached out to a couple nonprofits and was able to secure monies to purchase not one but two new K-9s, saving the hard-working taxpayers of this county thousands of dollars. Deputy Boudreau's new partner is Rooster, a male Dutch Shepherd and the other is Rico, a Belgian Malinois teamed up with Deputy Curtis as his handler.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2025, the three civil deputies received over 5,130 requests for service in Kennebec County. This has been an increase by over 500 services from 2024. Some of the services include civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.


During the past year, our Correctional Facility had 1984 inmate intakes into the facility. The offenses committed by those in our care included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of inmates with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. Kennebec and all other county jails are mandated by state law to provide these services. On a side note, our correctional facility received a 100% compliance during our Department of Corrections inspection. A job well done by all!

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. One may think that this only benefits the County, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well. They are very hard workers, and they make a difference. Thank you to programs inmate supervisor John Matthews, for his dedication to his job.

I again would like to thank all my staff in administration, patrol division, detective division, correctional division and the civil deputies. About 112 of them in total, for their dedicated service to our county.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2026, my focus will remain constant and focused, serving the people of this county and our visitors honorably, professionally through good common sense and good judgement law enforcement.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "K" and "M".

Ken Mason, Sheriff



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you likely know, my time in Congress will come to an end in January 2027, after which I'll return to my family and my life as a private citizen. In other words, this is my final town letter.

My time as your representative has included a fair share of ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the pride I brought with me to represent your community and all the others across Maine's 2nd Congressional District.

Maine has been home for my entire life. And while serving in Congress has meant a lot of time in Washington, D.C., I've tried my best to stay connected to the people, places and values that made me who I am.

Growing up in Leeds, I learned the value of hard work and community. When I enlisted in the U.S. Marines, a decision driven by the commitment to service and patriotism instilled in me by the people and places that raised me, I learned a lot about sacrifice and leadership. After my time in the military, I settled in Lewiston and served my city in the Maine State House, where I got a crash course in what representation really meant: listening, understanding, and fighting to make life better for the people and families who'd placed their trust in me.

I brought these values and experiences with me to Congress, and tried to live up to them every day I have served.

I share all this not because my story is special or my values unique, but because I know that it is not.

It's fair to say that I've worked in one way or another with most every community in the District. Together, we've reduced pressure on property taxes by securing congressional funds for local projects. We've passed laws to support Maine's heritage industries and small businesses. And

my staff and I have provided direct constituent services, helping thousands of Mainers across the state — including recovering millions of dollars in missing or delayed federal benefits.

What I've learned through our work together is that there are leaders all over Maine everywhere you look — people committed to service, to their communities and their country: Municipal officials and workers. Business owners and innovators. Servicemembers and law enforcement officers. Volunteer firefighters. And of course, the everyday workers, parents and students who are all doing their part to contribute how they can to their families and communities.

I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

While this may be my final letter in this format, I am still working hard to represent you for the rest of this year. If your community, small business, or family has a need, reach out to my nearest district office and talk to us about it. My staff and I can help navigate government programs; find federal resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other agencies. Here's the contact info for my offices:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

Thank you again for the great honor of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve you and your community. I will spend the rest of my time in Congress working just as hard as I always have to deliver what I can to Maine.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Russell Black
Senator, District 5

THE MAINE SENATE
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Friends and Neighbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve once again as your State Senator from District 5. It is truly an honor to represent our communities, and I remain committed to working on your behalf to protect our way of life, lower taxes, support local tourism and agriculture, and address the issues that matter most to the people of this region.

The First Regular Session and First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature adjourned in March and July of 2025, respectively. The Second Regular Session will convene in January 2026. With hundreds of bills carried over, the upcoming session will be busy and will require continued focus on responsible budgeting, natural resource protection, and meeting the needs of rural Maine.

Many of you have contacted me with concerns about the rising costs of energy, child care, property taxes, and housing, among other challenges. As your State Senator, I will continue advocating for commonsense solutions that ease these pressures on Maine families.

I am pleased to report that the Legislature passed several important bills to expand access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also achieved key victories to protect our forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

On a personal note, this session the Legislature enacted legislation I sponsored to address flooding in the Sandy River Watershed. Flooding has threatened homes, roads, farmland, and livestock in our region for many years, and this represents an important step toward long-term solutions.

I would also be happy to host students at the State House. Parents and teachers interested in having students participate in the Honorary Page Program are encouraged to contact me to arrange a visit and learn more about our state government firsthand.

Thank you again for placing your trust in me as your State Senator. Please feel free to contact my office at (207) 287-1505 if you have questions, comments, or need assistance with a state agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black
State Senator, District 5

January 2, 2026

Dear Friends,

With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been our strength, and the past year proved that once again we are stronger when we work together.

However, it is difficult to recall a year more challenging than the one we just experienced – a year that required a steady focus on our founding principles and shared values. For these reasons, I spent hours on the Senate Floor reminding my colleagues—and many of you back home—about the vision our founders demonstrated when they laid the blueprint for the American experiment. A cornerstone in their understanding was a duty to civic engagement and community. I often refer to Maine as a big town with long roads, and in my travels throughout our state, I am reassured by the grassroots participation in our civic process and the neighborly feel that makes Maine unique.

My legislative priorities remain largely the same: supporting Maine veterans, small businesses, and our heritage industries like agriculture, forest products and the marine economy. Additionally, I am grateful to have an exceptional team across Maine ready to assist you with issues involving the federal government. Whether you are facing challenges related to veterans' services, Social Security, the IRS, passports or other matters, I encourage you to reach out to our offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford. We are here to help and welcome the opportunity to work on your behalf.

Together, I am confident we can continue building a stronger and more prosperous future for our state and nation. Thank you for being one of the many reasons Maine is such a special place. It is truly an honor to serve you and to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2026.

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate



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Russell Black
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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine, and I welcome this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in the Senate over the past year. My staff and I have addressed numerous issues affecting our state, and I would like to share some of the progress that we have made.

Since my *Social Security Fairness Act* was signed into law in January 2025, the law has been fully implemented and restored earned retirement benefits to 2.8 million Americans. More than 25,000 Mainers have seen their monthly benefits increase and have been issued more than \$184.5 million in retroactive payments. I am proud that this legislation has improved the lives of many retired firefighters, teachers, police officers, and other public employees and their spouses.

I was honored to become the first Maine Senator in nearly a century to lead the Appropriations Committee. Since I took this role last January, Congress enacted full-year appropriations bills before December for the first time since 2018. These bipartisan bills included full-year funding for Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. At my request, these bills included nearly \$35 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects across Maine that will improve fire stations and emergency services, update municipal buildings, and support upgraded facilities at the Maine National Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Kittery. This funding builds on the nearly \$1.1 billion in CDS I have secured since 2021 for worthy projects that benefit local communities and nonprofits across 16 counties. As Chair, I remain committed to working to better ensure that federal spending and investments produce real results for the people of Maine.

I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness were included in the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* that was recently signed into law. An amendment I authored in this year's *National Defense Authorization Act* will increase apprenticeship opportunities at public shipyards like PNSY. That bill also includes more than \$400 million to support critical infrastructure improvements at PNSY and a well-deserved 3.8 percent pay raise for all our nation's service members.

In addition to advancing legislation, I worked to ensure that federal commitments to Maine were maintained and, when necessary, restored. I secured a seasonal employee exemption for Acadia National Park from the Administration's federal hiring freeze and from closure during the recent government shutdown. I protected local programs like Maine Sea Grant and global initiatives like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from harmful funding cuts. I led the effort to resume enrollment at Maine Job Corps centers and fought for full funding for Maine's public schools this school year. I preserved funding for the University of Maine System and secured the restoration of funding to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Nation. I protected low-income Mainers' access to key programs like LIHEAP and SNAP. Although I voted against the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* due to my opposition to Medicaid cuts, I helped secure \$50 billion to support rural health providers through the legislation's Rural Health Transformation Program. Maine has been awarded \$190 million in the first year of this five-year grant program.

Throughout my Senate service, I have never missed a roll-call vote and have cast more than 9,850 consecutive votes—reflecting the Maine work ethic I bring to Washington. My continued ranking as most bipartisan Senator from the Lugar Center and Georgetown University is a testament to Maine's tradition of working with cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that the State of Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Report of the Selectmen 2025

It has been a busy year!

Vienna Broadband is alive and doing well! The project took longer than expected but now high-speed internet is available to all the Vienna residents. The project continues into 2026 as we will offer a select number of Mt. Vernon residents to have the option to sign up with the Vienna Broadband.

The Town continues to grow its relationship with The 30 Mile River Water Shed Association. This collaboration is continuing to work on grants for projects on the Trask Road, Jesse Ladd Road, Kimball Pond Road, and the Tower Road. This work is important and we cannot wait to hear some positive news on these grants soon.

The budget has been the most challenging part of this year. Unfortunately, as we all know, the cost of everything has gone up and continues to go up. As the cost continues to rise, we find we are being asked for donations to some wonderful groups that are in need and deserve our help.

Road maintenance continues to grow. This is not a road improvement account and the road budget does not allow for needed improvements without a considerable increase. The earlier mentioned grants and processes require matching funds. Some of these require 25% match and others require a 50% match. To raise the money required for the matching funds, the town of Vienna needs \$150,000.00. In doing so, this would raise each person's taxes a little over \$300.00.

To help offset the money needed the select board is looking at selling property on the Tower Road (Known as the old dump). The Town will need to keep approximately 10 acres.

We find balancing the budget to keep taxes down, making improvements to the roads and keeping them safe, as well as, keeping Town buildings heated is the most challenging work we have and we continue to look forward to serving you.

A reminder that the Board of Selectmen meet every Tuesday (except when there is a 5th Tuesday in a month). We begin at 6:00p.m. The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays begin with warrants (a.k.a. Bills are approved for payment). The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays are work sessions. The public is welcome. It continues to be our privilege to serve our great community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Rackliff, David Castles, Chris Smith

Town Clerk's Report

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2025 Statistics (January 1 – December 31, 2025)

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Resident Birth	0	Vehicles Excised	
877			
Resident Deaths	6	Commitment Book	\$0
Marriage Licenses Issued	1	Trailers Registered	119
Dog Licenses	164	Dump Stickers	47
Hunting and Fish Licenses	40	Boats Registered	93
Total Vehicle Excise tax	\$166,702	ATV's Registered	20
Total Boat Excise tax	\$1,637.60	Snowmobiles Registered	42
Newsletter ads	0	Miscellaneous	3
Cemetery	0		

My hours are:

Tuesdays – 5 to 7

Wednesdays -- 9 to 12 and 12:30 to 5

Thursdays – 10 to 1

Last Saturday of the month – 9 to 12

Thank you,
Annie Tibbetts

2025 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

In 2025 the Planning Board issued twenty-one permits with a total construction cost estimate of \$1,023,800 as provided by owners. This was up a little from sixteen permits in 2024. Seven of the permits were for activities within the Shoreland Zone.

Five permits were issued for new residences or additions, four for garages or carports, five for sheds, and seven for decks, steps or porches. No subdivision proposals were submitted.

The Planning Board has submitted a proposed Commercial Solar Energy Systems Ordinance for your consideration in the 2026 Annual Town Meeting warrant. This ordinance would not apply to home energy systems but would help ensure that commercial systems are as esthetic as practically possible and that resources exist to operate and de-commission the systems.

The Planning Board administers the Subdivision Ordinance, the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, the Notification of Construction Ordinance, the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Siting Ordinance, and the Floodplain Management Ordinance. Additionally, Consolidated Communications and Central Maine Power Company require Planning Board, or other town official, approval for any new service connections. Although the town no longer requires Timber Harvest permits, harvesters must obey the state rules, and harvesting within the Shoreland Zone may require a permit under that ordinance.

Planning Board members are Tim Bickford, Creston Gaither, Ed Lawless, Waive Whittier, and Alan Williams and alternate member Stephen Trehu. We could use one more alternate member. The Board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Waive P. Whittier, Chairman

LPI CEO Report 2025:

11 Total permits

5 Subsurface wastewater (septic)

6 Internal plumbing

Erin Quimby

LPI

Town of Vienna



The Vienna Fire Department had an extremely busy 2025 with a 77% increase in service calls. Of the 76 calls in 2025, the overall majority of the in town calls were rescue assists, but also included Mutual Aid response, and other calls that included alarm activations, propane investigations, downed trees and power lines, and a large number of motor vehicle accidents. There were 20 fire-specific calls this year, up from 11 last year. Of the fire calls we responded to, seven of those occurred in Vienna.

This year the Fire Department faced new budget challenges, despite the wonderful donations made for our 50th Celebration. The rising cost of gear and equipment, the surge in service calls, and the 200% increased fees of our dispatch partners put a strain on the budget. With the projections looking the same for next year, the Department will need to seek a budget increase for the first time in years.

Chicken BBQ 2025 was a great success. This year we welcomed perfect weather and the Skowhegan Community band joined us once more. The combination of wonderfully cooked chicken, good music, and tables of the best company made a fantastic day. We continue to be grateful for everyone who keeps coming back year after year, and for the new folks we get to welcome. We cooked more chicken this year than ever before and sold almost all of it. We are looking forward to serving you all again this year – **save the date for Sunday, July 26th for some of the most delicious food around!**

In our continued effort to serve the community, the Department completed over 40 hours of training and work sessions both internally and with the Mount Vernon Fire Department. The chiefs of both departments look forward to training with each other in the coming year. We also completed a Mutual Aid training with all five towns where one of our members successfully completed the Interior Fire Suppression certification as part of a class of 12 other firefighters from the Mutual Aid. This year there was cut back to chimney cleaning with the goal of bringing this service back online in the upcoming summer of 2026.

We were thrilled to welcome a new member this year and would love to continue growing our members to further serve our community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter or a junior firefighter, join us Thursday evenings at

Local Health Officer 2025 Report

Beth Tréhu, MD

I became the Local Health Officer for Vienna and Mount Vernon in September 2025. Every town in Maine is required by law to have a Local Health Officer (LHO). The LHO program is run by the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (MCDC) and forms a network across the state with the goal of improving and caring for the health of local communities. LHOs report to their Selectboards and often collaborate with the Selectboards, Code Enforcement Officers, and other town officials. The LHO network can also respond in a rapid and coordinated manner in the case of a public health emergency. I write columns for the town newsletter which are available on the town website under Town Health Officer. No cases were reported to me in Vienna in 2025 and we fortunately did not have any public health emergencies. Here is some guidance on when to contact me at helath@viennamaine.org or (207) 242-3034

When to Contact Your Local Health Officer

- Report a Potential “Public Health Threat”: any condition or behavior that can reasonably be expected to place others at significant risk of exposure to infection with a communicable disease.
 - Multiple people with a similar illness that is unusual and potentially linked to a single event
 - Unsanitary conditions in a public place or in a private home that could affect others
 - A septic system that smells bad and is close to a neighbor’s property
 - A manure pile that is too close to a neighbor’s well
 - Contaminated well water
 - An increase in browntail moth infestations
- If you or someone you know needs help obtaining public health services or information from Maine CDC
 - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - Maternal child health (Maine Families Home Visiting, information about resources for new parents, assistance for special needs, Family Support Navigators Program)
 - Oral Health (resources for finding low-cost dental care)
 - Insect-borne illnesses
 - Substance Use and Behavioral Health- resources for people with substance use problems or gambling problems, suicide prevention, free services to help people quit smoking, etc.
 - Drinking Water safety
 - Food Safety
 - Lead Poisoning Prevention, including free lead dust test kits
 - PFAS Resources

Animal Control Officer Report

Calls:

26 late to license dogs
2 reports of dogs at large with follow-up calls
2 animal welfare checks and follow-ups
1 stray cats to the shelter
2 calls for livestock on other people's property

Spring is fast approaching. As a reminder, pull your bird feeders early if you have had bear issues in the past.

Please keep your dogs on a leash when walking them and hooked/penned when you cannot keep a constant eye on them. Your help would be appreciated by your neighbors and friends.

Livestock, ducks and chickens are required to be under your control and not allowed in the public right of way as this causes a public hazard. These are a few reminders to help pets and livestock to stay safe.

It is that time of year again to license your dogs. The town clerk tries to call dog owners to remind them before February 1 to come in and register their dogs before the penalty starts. If you have discontinued your land-line phone number or changed your number, please call the Town Clerk to update your new phone number with her. For new residents, if your dogs are registered in your previous town, you need to update and transfer the dog registration to our town. By registering your dogs in Vienna, we will know who to return the dogs to. It is less stress on your pet and it will not cost you as much as when you go to the pound to retrieve your pet. The cost to register your dog is \$6 for altered dogs and \$11 for un-altered dogs. State mandated late fees of \$25 start February 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Tibbetts, ACO

Vienna Community Broadband: We Did It!

Vienna set out to do something ambitious—and we did it. Our community-owned, fiber-to-the-home broadband network is up and operating. It took longer than expected, and there were challenges along the way, but today Vienna has fast, reliable broadband available to every home in town.

In January 2023, Vienna was awarded a \$2.3 million grant from the Maine Connectivity Authority to build a fiber-to-the-home network serving the entire town. For a small town of our size, this was a major accomplishment and a strong example of what rural communities can achieve when they work together toward a shared goal.

Construction began in late fall of 2024 with the building of the central office located near the fire department/community center. A/C Communications bucket trucks early in the summer became a familiar sight around town as crews attached fiber to utility poles throughout Vienna. By the late summer and into the fall, the first homes were brought online. Winter weather slowed installations, especially where underground connections were required, but work continued whenever conditions allowed. As of January 2026, we have 178 active subscribers, with another 35 households waiting to be installed as soon as weather permits.

Vienna partnered with Axiom Technologies of Machias, Maine, a locally based company with experience operating rural broadband systems, to run the network. Most importantly, the system is owned by the Town of Vienna. Vienna's broadband network is truly a community network—owned by the town and operated for the benefit of residents, not distant shareholders. Decisions about pricing, service levels, and long-term planning are made locally by people who live with the results. Vienna is not beholden to a large national corporation to decide who gets good service or at what cost. The network exists to serve all of Vienna on fair and transparent terms. Twenty-five percent of subscription revenue is returned directly to the town to help support maintenance and long-term reliability.

The benefits of this investment are already clear. Residents now have dependable, high-speed internet for remote work, online learning, telehealth appointments, and everyday use. The network also strengthens property values and helps ensure that Vienna remains a vibrant and livable town for current residents and future generations.

We want to sincerely thank our subscribers for their patience and support throughout construction and installation. Your understanding and encouragement made this success possible.

Vienna's broadband network stands as proof that a small town can take on a big challenge and succeed. This is infrastructure built by the community, for the community—and it is something we can all be proud of.

Vienna Union Hall Association

The Vienna Union Hall Association closed out its 2025 season on December 21 when we presented our annual Winter/Holiday Revels. Thanks to dedicated board members and the assistance of volunteers we had another successful year. Attendance numbers were down in 2025, however, those who attended enjoyed the performances! We are looking forward to 2026 with optimism and enthusiasm. If you have never attended a performance at the Vienna Union Hall, I encourage you to come out for a show. If you have a 'bit' of time on your hands we are always looking for folks to join our board. Or, if you do not want to 'commit' as a member please come out to assist us at a show or two or three! Our 2026 season begins on Sunday May 3 @ 2PM with the trio of Greg Boardman, Elsie Gawler & Steve Muise. Thanks to all those who made donations this year. Your generosity helped much to keep our doors!

Thanks again!

Alan E. Williams President Vienna Union Hall Association

Annual Report for the Town of Vienna for 2025

We are grateful to serve the towns of Vienna and Mt Vernon. We have had a very busy productive year at The Dr Shaw Memorial Library throughout 2025. We are continually welcoming new patrons, this year 88 people signed up for library cards, 22% of these from Vienna. There were 3863 visits to the library, up from 3656 last year. A generous donation this summer was made to purchase several new magazine subscriptions. We now have about 20 periodicals that can be checked out, the same as books. Magazine use dropped drastically during covid, but we are hoping that our rejuvenated collection will get much use. Besides our regular offering of books of all kinds for people of all ages, the library offers weekly free Tech Help, knitting and crocheting gatherings, winter adult game days, passes to the Maine Coastal Botanical Gardens, and this year also to the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. Hoopla and the Downloadable book program through the Maine State Cloud Library offer people the ability to get books and movies on their own devices at home.

This year we once again hosted a successful summer reading program for children, a Bingo Book challenge for adults, and a variety of author visits and other programs throughout the year as well as a sledding party. Chair Yoga sessions held at the Mt Vernon Community Center July-September proved to be very popular. Tax help with AARP volunteers once again provided an invaluable service to many.

The library meeting space is well utilized. Besides our regular programs, the space is available during open hours and used for training sessions, town committee meetings, client visits, or other purposes. Sometimes people just come to meet a friend or find a quiet place to work.

A challenge for us this year was the closure of Baker and Taylor, the book distributor we have purchased books from for over 40 years. Not only did we lose our discount, but we have also lost the processing (books arriving with book covers, labels, bar codes, etc). This has increased our workload as well as reduced the number of books we can buy with our budget. The loss of federal funds for the Maine State Library has impacted all libraries, as they have been forced to reduce their services as well. Interlibrary loan with one free day of van delivery is still intact, a service that is well utilized.

However, as we work through these challenges, our goal as always is to serve you, the public and our patrons, to the best of our ability. We continue to be so grateful to have this wonderful facility in town where people can gather, socialize, and meet new friends as they look for just the right book. We look forward to continuing to provide new opportunities to help enrich the community during the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Olson, Librarian

2025 Vienna Addressing Report

In 2025, I have assigned 5 new addresses to properties in Vienna. I have noticed a number of properties in Town where no address number is visible, or the number could be confused with another residence. Your address number is important for emergency services to respond to your location by the quickest means.

Please display your address number prominently and in accordance with the E-911 Addressing Ordinance found on the Town's website. Feel free to call or email with any questions you may have regarding Vienna's E-911 Ordinance or addressing concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Bickford

Road Commissioner's Report

This year the storms were fewer which enabled us to accomplish projects that have been pending but due to a shortage of funding not everything was able to be completed.

Work Done in 2025

- 1) Ditched and installed culverts on the Davis Rd and paved 1/2 mile of it. This was replacement to existing pavement. (No new area was done)
- 2) Put down surface gravel on Stream Road hill and the Anderson Road.
- 3) Ditched the Stream Road tarred area and surfaced the rough pot holes with crushed ledge.
- 4) Did mulching of the brush along Cumner Road and Davis Road.
- 5) Graded all dirt roads in town.
- 6) Cold patch various roads with pot holes.
- 7) Brush mulching along Mountain Road but unable to complete the ditching project.

My Goals in 2025

- 1) Do more mulching of brush on various town roads.
- 2) Ditch along Cumner Road, replace culverts, grind and pave it.
- 3) Get more surface gravel on all dirt roads in order to win the battle with pesky pot holes.
- 4) Grading and gravel of all dirt roads to keep their integrity.
- 5) Completion of Mountain road ditching project.

I would like to say thank you to the Vienna Fire Department and Troy Bean and his crew, for helping to keep our roads open and cleared. And a special thank you to Josh Markham and Eli Nystom for coming to our rescue when we needed their assistance at all hours. And to my community members, for your phone calls and assistance which were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Goucher, Road Commissioner

Vienna Historical Society

Keeping The Past Present

P.O. Box 61, Vienna, Maine 04360

Annual report for 2025

As this is the first report that we've submitted in a while I just want to say that it is a work in progress, was unexpected, and will improve vastly next year. Exact dates and number of attendees will be provided next year. 😊

We are a small historical society with a focus on the towns of Vienna and Mt. Vernon; our members are both local and from away. We are primarily funded by the Dorothy Waugh Trust.

We have hosted historical and community related events throughout the past year, including:

- A **Puzzlepalooza** in March with a community focus, puzzles, pizza and drinks all free to the community. These events are typically well-attended, usually filling the Grange Hall where they are hosted. Laughs and smiles abound in this casual setting; attendees range in age from youngsters to senior citizens.



We attended **area craft fairs** and from spring through November, providing information about area history, informing the public on upcoming events and selling local history books for restorations.

• In May we begin a monthly **open house**, usually on Saturdays from 10 until noon.

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- The **Halloween Haunted Hearse event** (held on 10/31) sponsored by the Vienna Historical Society, Mill Stream Grange, Vienna Fire Department and the North Vienna Methodist Church was very successful!

Vienna Union Hall Association

The Vienna Union Hall Association closed out its 2025 season on December 21 when we presented our annual Winter/Holiday Revels. Thanks to dedicated board members and the assistance of volunteers we had another successful year. Attendance numbers were down in 2025, however, we continued to provide a rich variety of talent to appeal to our varied audiences. This ranged from individual singer-songwriters to dynamic blues and rock, bridged with bluegrass in between. 2025 saw local performers from just up or down the road in Vienna, from around Maine and beyond. Several out-of-state groups recognize the Vienna Union Hall as a gem of a facility and have asked for return engagements. We have been fortunate to find and introduce youth to our stage to keep traditions alive. An abundance of community support allowed us to contribute to the Good Shephard Food Bank. If you have never attended a performance at the Vienna Union Hall, I encourage you to come out for a show. If you have a 'bit' of time on your hands we are always looking for folks to join our board. Or, if you do not want to 'commit' as a member your help supplying refreshments and helping out at shows would be greatly appreciated. You can find us at www.viennaunionhall.org or on Facebook.

For more info call Alan Williams, President at 207 293 4321 or email viennaunionhall@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to 2026 with optimism and enthusiasm! Our season begins on Sunday May 3 @ 2PM with the trio of **Greg Boardman, Elsie Gawler & Steve Muise**.

Thanks to all those who made donations this year. Your generosity helped to keep our doors open.

Thanks again!

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2025 RSU 9 School Report

Our district schools continue to make good progress in many areas. Student absence from class became an increasingly disruptive problem following covid but after several years of concerted effort the trend has improved. Parents and guardians are a crucial component in ensuring that young students arrive at school ready to learn.

Mt. Blue has prepared for the financial crunch that we all suspected would be coming and we are faring better than many of our neighboring school districts. Neighboring district SAD 58 continues their process of splitting off towns which will result in a fair number of students coming to RSU 9 for instructions or Foster Tech learning. We have the ability to accept these extra students with little disruption and no need for additional teachers and will likely benefit from the additional payments from the towns for these students.

Foster Tech students from the forestry program at Mt. Blue Campus designed and implemented a tree cutting plan in May, helping to clear the way for the septic system replacement at Cape Cod Hill School. This was a wonderful hands on learning experience and a cost savings to the district for the urgent repairs to a failing septic field.

For more district news visit the mtbluersd.org and mtbluersd.org/cape-cod-hill websites to hear student broadcasts of school news and community announcements of activities.



30 Mile River Watershed Association

Vienna 2025 Snapshot:

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Watershed Impact in 2025:

Water Quality Monitoring

With the help of 35 volunteers, our staff monitored 13 lakes and ponds (including Flying, Kimball, Parker and Whittier), making 135 visits.

In response to algal blooms on Androscoggin, we completed a 4th season of intensified monitoring of the lake, held

a public forum, formed an Advisory Committee, and are in communication to hire lake science experts and engineers for further analysis.

Funding for Vienna Culverts

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Parker Pond Watershed Protection Project, Phase III

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First Line of Defense

Our paid staff and 43 volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) conducted 3,976 inspections in 2025. No invasives were found, but all it takes is one fragment to start a new infestation.

Managing Invasive Plants

Swollen bladderwort remains well-established in Tilton Pond in Fayette, upstream of Parker. Our 2025 efforts included maintaining fragment nets at the pond's outlet to reduce risk to downstream waters, consistently surveying on David Pond (none found), monitoring plant growth, and working with MEDEP and the Town of Fayette to assess and recommend additional containment strategies and control.

Since 2020, we've fought the infestation of invasive variable milfoil in Androscoggin Lake. Through consistent survey, removal, and control work, we've successfully prevented the plant's spread from the lone cove it's found in.

LakeSmart

30 Mile is a regional LakeSmart "HUB" support center for this statewide program. LakeSmart would not be possible without our partner lake associations – including Flying Pond and Parker Pond – and the 16 volunteer coordinators and evaluators doing the fieldwork. In 2025, 21 LakeSmart evaluations were completed in the 30 Mile region, delivering landowner education property-by-property and shore-by-shore to create a conservation ethic across the lake community.

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Beth Trehu is Vienna's representative on 30 Mile's Board.

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