

VIENNA RECORD



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

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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Mark these dates!

Town Election will be Friday, March 8th at the Community Building on the Kimball Pond Rd. Polls will be open from 4PM – 8PM.

Absentee ballots will be made available on February 4th. To request an absentee ballot, please contact Bonnie Slater at 293-3283.

A peak at the ballot

- 1st Selectman - Doris Thompson
- 2nd Selectman - Chris Smith
- 3rd Selectman - Jeff Rackliff
- Treasurer - Martha Gross,

- Road Commissioner: - Troy Bean, Danny Goucher, Alan Williams
- Town Clerk - Connie Smith, Annie Tibbetts
- Tax Collector, Connie Smith, Annie Tibbetts.

Thank you Jr. for all your hard work and dedication.

Town Meeting will be on Saturday, March 9th also at the Community Building. Meeting will begin at 9 AM.

Connie Smith
Vienna Town Clerk

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MINUTES FROM THE TOWN SELECTMEN MEETINGS

December 4, 2012

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Laura Church, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #23.
2. Brian reported the theft of a portable generator from the fire station. A report was filed with Kennebec Sheriff's office and he has talked with the insurance company.

3. Changes to the Timber Harvest Regulations from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry were reviewed and we are in compliance.
4. Opened and distributed mail.
5. Received and reviewed the new ambulance contract for July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014 with Northstar Ambulance.

December 11, 2012

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

1. Junior reported that the new ditches on Bessie Road were seeded. He patrolled the roads several times to remove branches and debris from recent storms. Junior stated that he will be retiring from

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MINUTES FROM SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (FROM FRONT PAGE)

the position of Road Commissioner after the March 2013 election.

2. Selectmen reviewed and dispersed mail.

December 18, 2012

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

1. Warrant #24 was reviewed and signed.
2. General discussion about the fiscal budget, etc. for the 2013 Town Meeting (which will be held on March 9, 2013) and the 2012 Town Report.
3. There will be no selectmen's meeting held during Christmas week. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2.

January 3, 2013

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

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #25 (2012) and Warrant #1 (2013).
2. Opened and distributed mail.
3. Received a note of thanks from the Mt. Vernon Food Bank for the town's annual contribution.
4. Linwood reported that a couple cars blocking plowing on Davis Rd. and Mountain Rd. had been moved. Two washouts on Mountain Rd. had been repaired. Three trees had come down on Besse Rd. and were removed.
5. Completed an MMA survey regarding the effect of potential legislation related to commercial vehicle excise taxes.

6. Worked on the Town Report.

January 8, 2013

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith

1. Began working on warrant for March Town Meeting.
2. Processed property abatement.
3. Discussed correspondence received from Crossroads Landfill/Waste Management of Norridgewock. Due to a new state law, effective January 1, 2013, there will be an additional \$1.00 per ton fee charged on all construction and demolition debris that is disposed of at a commercial, municipal, state-owned and regional landfills. On January 1, 2014 the additional fee will be \$2.00 per ton.
4. Discussed Governor Lepage's alleged proposal to ask for municipal vehicle excise tax to go to the state instead of staying in the town.

January 15, 2013

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Laura Church, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader, Brian Church, Jon Archard, Joe Salley

1. Joe Salley from the State Tax Division was present to do the sales ratio analysis to determine our Valuation percentage rate. We are currently at 100%.
2. Reviewed and signed Warrant #2.
3. Discussed Governor LePage's current proposals to take the following revenues away from towns: Tree Growth, Homestead Exemption, Revenue Sharing, & Excise Taxes. The effect on Vienna could be as much as \$147,000 in lost revenue.

4. Reviewed a report from Kennebec Sheriff's Office. They responded to 46 calls in Vienna during 2012.

5. Received and selected a picture for the cover of the Town Report from Jon Ljunggren.

6. Linwood reported two roads with sink holes due to the warm weather. The holes on the Davis Rd. have been fixed. The ones on the Mountain Rd. will be fixed at a later date as they are currently frozen over.

7. Jon Archard reported that his recertification as Code Enforcement Officer has been completed.

8. Brian Church requested that the Fire Department budget be held at last year's figures. He reported that an 18 inch Husqvarna Chainsaw was donated to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. They are in turn donating it to the Vienna Fire Department. The Selectmen accepted the donation.

9. Brian also reported that he has completed an inventory of all Fire Department gear and equipment, etc. He will meet with Dick Scott of Kyes Insurance to review our insurance coverage.

January 22, 2012

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

1. Linwood reported that he'd received a call from Pat Onion regarding speed and visibility at the corner of Klir Beck Rd. and Tower Rd. This will be discussed at the January 29th meeting.

2. Opened and distributed mail.

3. Worked on the Town Report.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER:**DO HEALTHY BEHAVIORS AND RISK FACTOR REDUCTIONS REALLY HELP? A LOCAL EXAMPLE**

We hear constant claims that various behaviors and treatments can prevent disease, on TV, in the newspapers, from neighbors and friends, as well as from doctors and other clinicians. The scientific proof of these claims can come only from large, population-based, long-term studies. Not many such studies have found significant (odds of helping better than just chance) benefits for most proposed interventions, but some have. The National Institutes of Health began funding such population studies in Framingham, Massachusetts, in the early 1960s. They found and continue to find poorer health outcomes in people who smoke, have uncontrolled high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and are obese. By the early 1970s, related studies were clearly showing that high blood pressure control and smoking cessation reduced the incidence of heart attacks and strokes. And by the early 1980s, other studies clearly demonstrated further reductions in heart disease and stroke with cholesterol and obesity reductions. They show gradual but persistent improvements in cardiovascular mortality rates from nearly 400 deaths per 100 000 people annually down to now less than 150/100 000 nationally, in Maine overall and in most Maine counties.

I practiced, supported, and saw the benefits to my patients of several such risk reduction programs in Farmington in the 1970s and 80s, and am now a member of a group there, that includes Dr. Jay Naliboff from Vienna, to analyze Franklin County against national and Maine averages since 1970. We are finding that Franklin, led by Dr. Burgess Record, was ahead of the curve in improving the detection, treatment and control of high blood pressure and later of high cholesterol. Some of those programs were implemented

through doctors' offices, but most took place in the communities and workplaces. By the late 1970s, Franklin County went from only 1/3 of people with hypertension detected and only 1/3 of those controlled on medicines, to the inverse of that with 2/3 detected and controlled. Within less than 5 years, Franklin County heart attack rates and mortality dropped from well above, to 15% below, Maine averages, and even more dramatically below adjacent Somerset and Oxford counties, which have similar socio-economic profiles. Gradually the rest of Maine caught up to Franklin County. Then, when public screening and more aggressive cholesterol treatments were shown to clearly help and were implemented in Franklin, another improvement in Franklin rates occurred decades before other adjacent counties gradually caught up. Other Franklin public programs to promote exercise, reduce obesity, eat more healthily also likely contributed. Early improvements in the medical treatment of heart disease, like the use of aspirin and balloon opening of heart arteries, contributed to the improved survival too, though to a much lesser extent.

Another major contributor to these cardiovascular mortality results was the dramatic drop in Franklin County smoking rates from area-wide intensive efforts to curb them. Predictably, other smoking-related mortalities, from lung and head and neck cancers, asthma, and chronic lung disease dropped below state and adjacent county rates as well. Again, rates in Maine and nationally, have been dropping for decades, but Franklin led the way in restricting smoking in public places, starting with the hospital. And it now has the lowest rate of teen smoking in the state. Public/

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FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARDMINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA
PLANNING BOARD HELD NOVEMBER 28,2012

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House; regular members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Ed Lawless, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Minutes of the Oct. 24 meeting were read and accepted. Also present was contractor Neal Schultz and A T & T consultant Blaine Hopkins.

The Board discussed Mr. Schultz's proposal concerning the Schulze property on Parker Pond (tax map 11 lot 43-P). The Board had met on site with Neal and the architect on November 25. The Schulzes would like Neal to jack up the existing structure by no more than 3 feet, and install a foundation under the structure. and to shorten the existing deck so that the proposal will not further decrease the non-conformance of the deck ; it was agreed that the following conditions must be met:

- 1). If any excavation becomes necessary, soil erosion and runoff are to be minimized by the workmanlike installation of a silt fence or equally effective measure(s);
- 2). any excess material shall be transported outside of the shoreland zone.
- 3). Crushed stone is to be placed beneath drip edges of the eaves.

The Board agreed that this proposal does not constitute an "expansion" as defined in SZO Sect. 12C1 (b). The Board made findings of fact as per Section 16.D. of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO), found this proposal conforming, and voted to authorize Creston to issue a SZO permit for this work , subject to the aforesaid conditions.

Mr. Hopkins spoke regarding a cell tower permit for a parcel on the Besse Road. He was uncertain that the site will allow the requisite setbacks to be met. Proposed height is 190 feet. He said AT & T's goal is to upgrade its network. and that 171 sites in the State are planned; and that Vienna's terrain is an obstacle to good digital transmission and that Vienna only needs one tower. He said the proposed site would be near Besse Road and that a 190 foot height is proposed. He has reviewed Vienna's "Wireless Communications Facilities Siting Ordinance." and noted that it emphasizes co-location and believes that this part of the ordinance is somewhat dated. Global Tower Partners of Boca Raton, Florida is a partner. If the Town needed space on the tower it would be available free of charge. He said the Ordinance setback requirements tie up over 3 acres of land. He noted that Sect. E 1(a). suggests that the Planning Board can waive this requirement. This would be a free-standing tower without guy wires and designed to withstand 85 mph winds with 120 mph gusts. He would like the board to identify any areas where the scenic impact of the tower would be of concern.

He said that engineers have determined Besse Road is the area of interest but have not chosen a spe-

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NOTICE:

Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund
“Circuitbreaker” Applications may be downloaded
from the Maine Revenue Services website at:

www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/homepage.html

You may also get an application by calling 207-624-7894
and leave your name and mailing address.

The state is currently taking apps for 2011 taxes.

MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CORP. (CPC)

THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY IS BEING UPDATED

The Community Partnership is updating the Mount Vernon and Vienna **BUSINESS DIRECTORY**, which we published in 2008. More than 100 businesses were listed in that directory, and we want to be sure every business in our two towns is listed in the new directory. If you have a business in either town, please give us the following information:

The category of your business (for instance, ARTIST, AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, ETC.).

The name of your business.

A brief description describing your business with any special information (such as hours open, season open, etc.).

Your name and town location.

Your phone number, email address, and web address (if you have either).

Give the information to Val Hoff by calling her at 293-3132 or emailing her at:

mainebonecarving@yahoo.com.

We hope to publish the directory in the fall.

*WE CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT ABOUT ALL THE GREAT BUSINESSES IN
MOUNT VERNON AND VIENNA!*

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PLANNING BOARD (FROM PAGE 4)

cific site yet.

They will be co-locating with the Old Bluff Hill Chesterville tower and the York Hill Tower in New Sharon and a proposed tower on Blake Hill Road in Mount Vernon.

He was advised that Vienna has no formal application form but that tonight's meeting will constitute the required pre-application meeting and that he must submit the application in the form of a letter.

The Ordinance requires the Board to retain a Communications Expert; Mr. Hopkins was asked to provide a list of such experts.

Waine advised him that he will want to see evidence that the old tower site on Tower Road is inadequate.

It was agreed that the required notification of abutters could wait until the time of the required public hearing (as the site is currently uncertain).

Mr. Hopkins will send the required information to Waine. Mr. Hopkins' cell phone number is 671-7821 and his mailing address is P.O. Box 573 Greenville, Maine).

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Creston Gaither, Secretary

HEALTH OFFICER (FROM PAGE 3)

community expectations have shifted and support such changes in behaviors. Most of this change has been effected by public education.

So the lessons of this experience are that we should focus our limited energies and resources on decreasing the prevalence of those risk factors scientifically known to be susceptible to proven community-wide interventions. When we do, we can expect to be able to see within a few years. Continued measurement of outcomes, especially mortality, strengthens the case for continuing; people can, in fact live longer, more productive lives if we set up and support community-wide adoptions of healthy behaviors and reductions of significant risk factors.

Dan Onion, MD
Vienna Health Officer
dkonion@gmail.com
293-2076



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.
- **Creation Station**, a faith-based, arts-based after school program of the North Vienna UMC meets every Wednesday during the school year and is open to all children grades K-6. For more info call Laura Church at 293-3892
- **The Youth Group at North Vienna United Methodist Church** meets most Sunday afternoons during the school year. It is open to youth grade 6 and up. For more info call Laura Church at 293-3892.
- **Free Potluck Dinner** open to the public! - Last Sunday of every month - 11:30 am, right after Sunday Service - For more info contact Ken Wright Sr. 293-2189.



Mark your calendars!

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013 EVENTS

- **Chili/Chowder Supper** - Saturday, February 23, 5:00 - 6:30 PM at the Vienna Community Building - Menu: Chilis, chowders, beef stew, salad, dessert, drinks. - Proceeds to benefit Vienna Union Hall Association
- **Vienna Town Election** will be Friday, March 8th at the Community Building on the Kimball Pond Rd. Polls will be open from 4PM – 8PM.
- **Vienna Town Meeting** will be on Saturday, March 9th at the Community Building. Meeting will begin at 9 AM.

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**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
CAME OUT TO
SUPPORT THE
CABIN FEVER
SUPPER!**



**FROM YOUR
VIENNA
VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPT.**

Anyone that would like to see what the Vienna Baptist Church sermons are, and weekly and upcoming events can go online in Facebook and type in Vienna Baptist Church. I try to Keep this current and anyone wanting more Information can contact me at 293-2189.

*Sincerely, Ken Wright
and Thank You.*



Dodi Thompson
Chris Smith
Laura Church

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SELECTMEN MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Town House



Vienna Town House - Rte. 41, Vienna, ME

WORK SESSIONS:

*2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
5th Tuesday at 6:30 pm (as needed)*

**Vienna
Planning Board
MEETINGS**

The Vienna Planning Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Vienna Town House Route 41, Vienna, Maine

For more information, call Waine Whittier, Chair at 293-2072 or Creston Gaither, Secretary at 293-2909

www.viennamaine.org

NOTICE:

A new market combining Mt Vernon and Vienna is being organized and will start operating June 29 through the summer!
The site is being generously offered by Matt Dunn.

THE VILLAGES MARKET
Farmers * Producers * Artisans
In the Field next to Flying Pond Store
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine
Opening date: June 29th

Calling upon people who want to sell their produce or artifacts or present their local businesses to our communities. If you have a handful of cabbages or onions or a knitted pair of socks you would like to sell but don't want to be at the market all day we can take care of you with a "drop-off sales" policy. We have about 10 vendors of a variety of meats, cheese, veggies, ice cream, alpaca, maple syrup, jellies, eggs and pottery already interested with room for more.

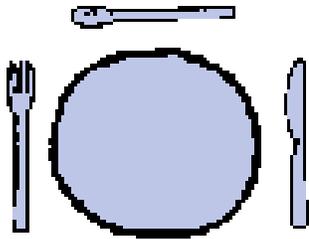
For more info please contact: sharihamilton@gmail.com

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.

dishwasher for sale - Amana with a blackface - excellent condition - \$50.00 - contact Tammy Williams at wmshomestead@gmail.com

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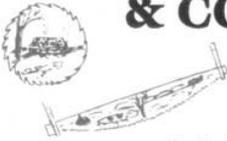
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FROM THE EDITOR

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

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 April/May 2013 issue of the Vienna Record need to be e-mailed by March 24th. Please send items as a word document (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or .jpg. Do not send newsletter articles or pictures as a .pdf or other format.

Laura Church



My name is Reba Clement. I live in Vienna and am a sophomore at Mt. Blue High School. This year I was offered the opportunity to become a Student Ambassador with People to People and travel to Scotland, Ireland, and England to learn more about their cultures. In June I will be traveling with a group of 40 students from Maine.

During the three week trip we will take part in community service and meet with Government officials to learn about their wonderful countries. Part of my experience in Ireland will be to stay with an Irish family while they teach us about their unique ways of life and dine on traditional foods. In Scotland we will spend an evening learning all about the Scottish way of life from a highlander. While visiting England we will meet with members of Parliament. This will truly be a life changing experience and will help me pursue my other goals such as going to college.

I have been raising money by taking part in community yard sales, going on bottle drives, and walking dogs after school. I have planned several more events, but I still need help reaching my goal. To date I have raised \$1,200 of the \$7,500 needed for the trip. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

If you want to learn more about the People to People program or visit their web site at <http://peopletopeople.com>. If you are interested in the specific tour I will attend, visit <http://peopletopeople.com/find/all/eu/celtic-cultures> and click on the Celtic Cultures Tour link on the upper left hand portion of the web page.

You can also ask my Mom, Julie, any questions you may have. She loves to talk about the trip and can often be found working in the Mount Vernon and Vienna Post Offices or passing through the local stores in Mount Vernon.

Thank you so much for your time.

Reba Clement

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