

# Vienna Record



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## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MARCH-MAY

### March 28, 2017

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Susan Burns, John Archard, Jim Craig.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Researched the amount of money raised to create and update the Town of Vienna Comprehensive plan. The selectmen looked in the past town reports 2004-2008 to see how much was raised and spent in each of these years on the comprehensive plan. The town voted to update and fund the comprehensive plan in 2004. The town raised \$12,869.00 over the four years and the remainder was funded by grants - totaling \$31,152.00.

### April 4, 2017

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff,

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 7 (\$78,511.30)
4. Selectmen discussed Building Ordinance issue. It was agreed to have a single question and four options, while making sure voters only vote yes on one option. Any ballot that has more than one option marked yes will be void. The selectmen will contact MMA and PretiFlaherty, the town's law firm, on the best way to word and present the ballot.
5. Selectmen worked on property cards. Pulled the cards for all properties that had been transferred in ownership from April 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017. Also pulled cards that

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had ongoing construction, which were flagged to recheck in 2017. John Sexton, assessing agent for the town, with assistance from Dodi, will work to update all the cards. They will then be given to Annie Tibbetts, tax collector, to enter into her system.

**April 11, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Gail Seamon, Cathy Horner, Charles Yates, Crystal Whittier, Sandra Wade.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Chuck Yates presented selectmen with two new Citizens Petitions: One pertaining to term limits of elected officials; one pertaining to a personnel issue. Mr. Yates found issue with an article written by the Ordinance Review Committee which was on the website in the April/May newsletter. The selectmen feel that the article in question did not recommend how to vote on the upcoming "run-off" election, but rather explained the reasoning behind the creation of the current Building Ordinance. Yates, Whittier and Wade strongly oppose the current building ordinance.
4. The Selectmen worked with a town resident on her property cards and tax maps.
5. The Selectmen agreed to contact MMA in reference to the two new citizens' petitions.
6. Charles Yates has agreed to be on the Ordinance Review committee. The Selectmen are in search of one more resident to join the committee. The next meeting is Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. Dodi reported that DownEast Energy came to clean the furnace for the town house. The service man discovered that it had a cracked heat exchange. Considering this and the age of the furnace, he recommended that the furnace be replaced before the next heating

season. The cleaning was cancelled. The Town House committee has been apprised of the situation.

8. Selectmen agreed to contact the town attorney concerning the two new Citizens' Petitions.



**April 18, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Charles Yates, Crystal Whittier, Sandra Wade.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #08 (\$22,367.77)
4. The selectmen reviewed and signed Bank Reconciliation report.
5. The Selectmen read a letter from PretiFlaherty advising them to refuse the two recently presented Citizens' Petitions. The selectmen reviewed this with the petitions' presenters; the petitions were refused.
6. There was a discussion on navigating the Town Website. All new postings appear on the home page, in the order they were posted.
7. Worked on property cards.

**April 26, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff,

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting
3. The selectmen signed the renewal contract with Waste Management in Norridgewock for the waste disposal.

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4. The town received a \$341.00 dollar refund from Maine Municipal Association, as a result of the 2016 Workers Compensation audit.

5. Discussed the upcoming Public Hearing, to be held Monday, May 1. Steve Hayes will moderate. Made copies for handouts at the meeting.

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**May 2, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Steve Linder, Cathy Horner, Gail Seamon, Creston Gaither, John Archard

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 09 (\$11,551.69).
4. Selectmen entered into a brief executive session John Archard, CEO pertaining to a code violation.
5. Discussion with a local resident concerning several properties, name changes among family members and acreage on each property.
6. Had lengthy discussion on town policies, elections, citizens' petitions, town meetings, and the upcoming election.

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**May 9, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Creston Gaither

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting
3. Marianne Archard has submitted her resignation from the Ordinance Review Committee, effective immediately.
4. Marianne has also resigned as editor of the *Vienna Record* newsletter to become effective after the June/July edition. The

Selectman agreed to offer the position to Katie Church, beginning with the August/September edition.

6. The Selectmen worked on the letter that will be mailed out Postal Patron to all Vienna residents (there are also a few residents with a Mt Vernon Post Office Box mailing address). The letter will outline the differences between the first two options on the ballot, and will give explanations for all four options to be voted on at the election on May 16, 2017. The selectmen are in hopes that this will help clarify the ballot for everyone.

7. The meeting was adjourned until 6:30 Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, to copy, fold and seal the mailer. Dodi will mail them out on Thursday.

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**May 16, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, Mike Rogers, Steve Linder, Laura Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant 10 (\$19,294.77)
4. Chuck Yates has said he would like to be on the Ordinance Review Committee. Sue Burns and Jim Anderberg remain as members. Selectmen would like to have two more on the committee. Next meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. Tim Bickford has been asked to join the planning board. The planning board has been short one member for over a year since one of the members moved out of town.
6. Mike Rogers, from Maine Revenue, reviewed the cards of property sales during the last year in the town, comparing the

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valuation the town has on the properties and actual sale price. This sales ratio analysis determines the percentage we use when we commit the taxes, etc. The town is currently at 93%, which means we can still use 100% on exemptions, etc.

7. The Selectmen reviewed the Bank Reconciliation report. This is the report showing outstanding checks and transactions on the town's checking account.

8. RSU 9 has disclosed the proposed budget for 2017/2018. If the budget passes as is, Vienna's share will go up around \$40,000.00 from the 2016/2017 budget. The election for the school budget is June 13, 2017 in the Community Room (8:00 AM to 8:00 PM).

9. Town received copy of the contract with Waste Management.

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**May 22, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, Michael Church, Katie Church (and Margaret Church).

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting
3. The Selectmen received a letter of resignation from John Archard as Code Enforcement Officer. This will take effect June 2, 2017. John will remain on as Plumbing Inspector for the town. Gary Fuller, alternate CEO will be filling in until the town appoints a new CEO. Fuller's contact number is 441-5302.
4. The Selectmen talked with Katie Church about taking over as Editor for the Vienna Record. She was hired for the position and will begin with the August/September edition.

5. The selectmen had a discussion about the school budget. The projected town assessment for 2017-2018 for Vienna is \$739, 027.27. This is up \$39,268 from 2016/2017. The vote will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room.

6. The selectmen discussed the 2017 taxes and will be committing taxes on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The last batch of property changes (April 1, 2016 through April 1, 2017) will be completed by this Friday and entered by the Tax Collector into her database.

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**May 30, 2017**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Steve Linder

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting
3. Selectmen appointed Tim Bickford to the Planning Board and signed the appointment certificate.
4. The selectmen reviewed the figures needed for the 2017 Tax Commitment. One more figure is needed – the 2018 Kennebec County Tax– to be paid in 2017. Total municipal appropriations are \$579,211; state Revenue Sharing is \$30,351. Homestead exemption for 2017 is up to \$20,000. We have a projected mil rate of .01915 giving us an overlay of \$12,000 plus. The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow night at 6:30 to finalize the Commitment.



*Flying Pond Improvement Association*

**F.P.I.A.**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday July 8**

**7P.M.**

**VIENNA GRANGE HALL**

**FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Annie Tibbetts: 207-293-2915  
email: [ClerkTax@Viennamaine.org](mailto:ClerkTax@Viennamaine.org)  
346 Town House Rd. Vienna, Maine

**Hours**

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5 pm - 7 pm  
Wednesdays - 9 am -12 and 12:30-5 pm.  
On the last Saturday of the month 9-12  
(except for holidays)  
and by appointment.

**Clerk's Report**

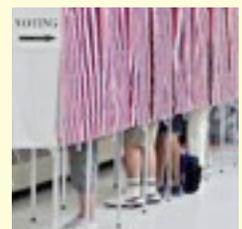
*Results for the Building Ordinance Election*

- Question #1 - 0 yes
- Question #2 - 0 yes
- Question #3 - 48 yes
- Question #4 - 148 yes

*I will be taking a vacation this year. I will be closed from July 28 to August 7.*

**Date to remember -June 13 - 8 am to 8pm**  
Statewide Referendum Election and RSU #9  
Validation Election

Thank you  
- Annie Tibbetts



**PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

[NO FORMAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2017 – see below]

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD  
Held March 22, 2017**

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Regular members present were Wayne Whittier, Ed Lawless, Alan Williams, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Tom Ferraro and Burt Whittier. Minutes of the January 25 meeting were read and accepted. Note that no formal meeting was held in February. Creston and Wayne met at the Town House on February 22 but, lacking a quorum, no formal business was conducted.

Tom Ferraro presented his application for a temporary dock on land his parents own which is depicted on tax map 11 as lot 45, on Parker Pond, including a Google Earth photo showing the proposed dock location. He was advised that Section C of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is the pertinent article. He has already obtained a Building Ordinance permit for a proposed structure on this parcel, and said that Code Enforcement Officer John Archard has determined that the structure site is at least 250 feet from the pond at high water mark. He presented a letter from the parcel’s owners (his parents) authorizing him to act as their agent in this matter. Given that the proposal is minimal and Creston and Alan have been to it a number of times the Board agreed to waive the usual site visit.

Based on Tom’s application and verbal representations and the Board’s knowledge of the site, the Board

concluded that this 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.

Tom said he expects Hammond Lumber Company to install the dock (though they are not yet formally committed)—he expects them to cart it from the house site to the installation site and was advised that cutting out a new path will not be permitted. And that a 6 foot wide meandering path would be permissible.

The Board voted 4 – 0 to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit by letter.

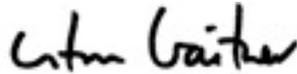
Burt Whittier inquired about regulations controlling a multi-unit building on a single parcel, i.e. a duplex with 2 units. He was advised that doing this on a relatively recent outconveyance could create third division that could trigger subdivision review requirements. He noted that it would be a

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commercial structure and was advised that Vienna has no ordinances specifically addressing commercial structures.

Prospective new Board members were informally discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Creston Gaither, secretary

**ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**May 18, 2017**

The Vienna Ordinance Review Committee met at 6:30 on Thursday evening, May 18th at the Town House. Susan Burns was the only committee member to attend. Dodi Thompson also attended.

There was not a quorum so no business was conducted. Susan and Dodi briefly discussed the resignation of Marianne Archard, the recent repeal of the Building Ordinance and reinstatement of the Notification of Construction, the possible enlargement of the committee, and the suspension of committee meetings through the summer until the third Thursday in September or October 2017 so the Board of Selectmen can recruit and appoint additional members.

The meeting ended at 7 pm.

-Susan Burns

Have you read *A History of Vienna, Maine* -  
by Ivy Woodcook ?

[Find it here on the Vienna Town website!](#)



**Early White Vienna**

**Kohlrabi**

*A very early sort, excellent quality, flesh white and tender. Mildly sweet, turnip flavor--nice raw or lightly cooked....and it has a great name!*

## MEET VIENNA'S NEW SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

On March 10, 2017 Lidie Whittier was voted in as the new school board representative for RSU 10 replacing long time representative Helen Wilkey who was ready to retire from the position. Lidie grew up in Vienna and attended the local schools. After high school Lidie attended college receiving a B.S. in environmental science from Mary Washington College in Virginia and a Master of Education (M.Ed.) from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Returning home to Maine she began her career as a National Park Service Ranger, delivering education programs for school groups and the public. She later worked as Education Director for two different nonprofit organizations and has been the Executive Director of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association since 2009.

Lidie believes that “a strong school system is a vital part of a thriving community. Today’s economy depends more than ever on a well-educated work force and we owe it to our children and our communities to prepare them to face today’s challenges. I’m a strong believer in experiential, place-based, and student-centered learning.”

She and her husband now live in Vienna and have a daughter who is just finishing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Mt. Blue Middle School. As a new school board member, Lidie will be looking for opportunities to use her skills and experience to advocate for our students, our teachers and our community.



To contact Lidie about school board concerns you may call at: 500-0124 or email [ldiew@hotmail.com](mailto:ldiew@hotmail.com).

**EDITOR'S NOTES**

This is the last issue of the *Vienna Record* by this editor.

-Marianne Archard

**New Editor**

The new editor of the *Vienna Record* is: Katie Church



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**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER**

***Arsenic in Our Water***

***The Vienna Kimball Pond Road Spring***

Dan Onion, MD, MPH  
Mt. Vernon/Vienna Health Officer  
293-2076; [dkonion@gmail.com](mailto:dkonion@gmail.com)  
June, 2017

Contaminants in our home water supplies are a perennial concern to health officials, especially here in Maine where fewer than half of our citizens use town water sources. The use of multiple, and often single-family wells and springs make it difficult to ensure everybody's water is safe. Of course, no one in Mt. Vernon or Vienna is on a public (town) water supply. And many use the old spring on Vienna's Kimball Pond Road as a drinking water source because it carries on a nearly 200-year-old local tradition -- and it tastes good.

By far, the most common contaminant in Maine wells and springs is fecal matter (poop) from humans, or more commonly, domestic animals. Fecal matter can cause various kinds of gastrointestinal illness. But in some areas, like our towns, arsenic contamination is also common. About 30% of Mt Vernon and 5% of Vienna wells, if tested, will show elevated, potentially dangerous levels of arsenic, a "heavy metal" element, closely related to lead, cadmium, mercury and chromium on the chemical periodic table.

Arsenic can interfere with cellular metabolism by blocking the burning of sugar in our subcellular engines, known as mitochondria. It has been recognized as a poison since ancient times, while today it is most commonly used to make herbicides and pesticides. Think of New Sweden Maine 20 years ago, where a potato farmer, apparently upset at his fellow parishioners, added an arsenic-

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based herbicide to their post-Sunday service coffee, killing a couple and sickening several others.

Over the past decade, new scientific findings have led to greater concern about arsenic in our drinking water. The research has shown that even lower levels of chronic arsenic exposure can cause disease. For this reason, in 2012, the definition of a “safe level” of arsenic was reduced from 50 parts per billion or micrograms/liter, to 10. Chronic use of water with above 10 levels, especially over 20, for many months and years, can cause fatigue, blood in urine and kidney damage (mostly in children), painful nerve irritation, rashes and white lines in the nails, increased cancer rates (in bladder, lung, kidney, and liver), and dementia. Exposure to levels over 50 parts per billion in drinking and cooking water, within a month of regular use, can cause acute symptoms, including vomiting, bloody diarrhea, blood in the urine and pain in the upper abdomen, heart failure and irregular pulse.



There are three ways to report arsenic levels in water: as milligrams/liter, as parts/billion, or as micrograms/liter. The upper limit of tolerable levels now is 0.010 milligram/liter, or 10 micrograms/liter (which, said another way, is parts/billion). The Maine state lab reports in micrograms/liter, whereas many private labs use milligrams/liter.

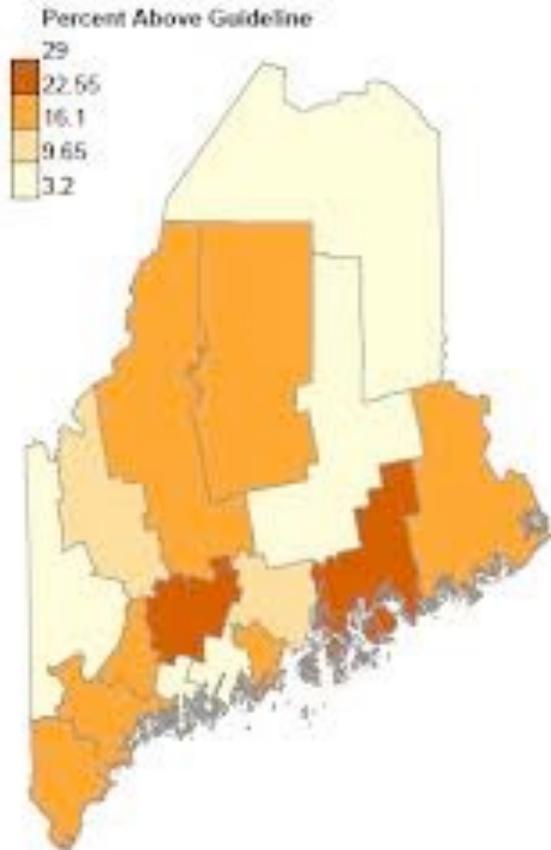
The Historical Society acquired the Kimball Pond Road spring many years ago and conscientiously maintains it with fencing, clean pipes and regular water testing most often for fecal contamination, done several times a year by Vienna’s Jim Gajarski. This year he tested again for arsenic and found the level to be 10.9 – up from 2011’s reading of 10, (not flagged because the tolerable maximum then was 50). I consulted with state toxicologist, Dr. Andrew Smith, in the water quality/environmental protection division of Maine Center of Disease Control. Smith recommended retesting every three months for a year since their cutoff for public water sources is an average of less than 10.5 on several readings, three months apart. If that is not achieved, then the water source is closed until fixed, if it can be.

In the meantime, at his suggestion, the Historical Society has posted these results at the spring and in the Vienna Post Office, with warnings that pregnant women and children may be particularly vulnerable. All users are advised to use it at their own risk. Jim plans to retest the water several times over this next year.

The Kimball Pond spring arsenic levels are not high enough to cause acute poisoning. If regular users of the spring think they have any of the chronic symptoms, they should see their doctor to decide if they might need further testing. Blood levels can be confusing. We live in an area with lots of granite bedrock that contain inorganic type arsenic. That is in contrast to the organic type found in lobsters and other seafood. Arsenic poisoning by inorganic arsenic is a

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Percent of Wells that Exceed State Guideline for Arsenic of 10 ug/L by County, Maine



[catalogPage=pageTwo](#)) or by one of the several private water testing laboratories (<http://www.informe.org/het/>). It costs about \$20 to test just for arsenic, but for \$70, you can test for the full panel of potential contaminants here in Maine.

In the meantime, let's hope that further tests at Kimball Pond Road site show a decrease in arsenic so that people can continue to drink from the spring, as they have for centuries

cause of premature dementia (a condition that appears like Alzheimer's disease). Several times I've found an elevated total arsenic level in a patient only to find on further testing that it was the organic type from their diet, and not in their coffee water.

It is a little surprising that this spring has any levels of arsenic. Springs, in contrast to deep wells into the bedrock, usually do not. It may be that the greater amount of snow and rain we've had this year caused more water to well up through the granite. Another possible, though unlikely, explanation, Dr. Smith told me, is that a Civil War soldier might be buried above the spring. Civil War dead were heavily treated with an arsenic preservative before being shipped home for burial.

What can we conclude about all this? First, we should all get our own water tested every 3-5 years either by the state lab (<https://www.informe.org/cgi-bin/shopping/cart.pl?>



**CLASSICAL MEETS POP**

**7th Annual Classical Meets Pop Concert and Fireworks Display July 2nd**

The 7th Annual Classical Meets Pop Concert and fireworks display will be held at the Mt. Vernon Community Center on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hosted by Parker Pond Association Member Jerry Slavet and featuring award winning and internationally celebrated classical/pop musicians Charles Yang and Michael Thurber among other young performers and alumni from NPR's *From the Top*, this concert will once again bring a wonderful cultural opportunity to the Mt. Vernon community.

Violinist Charles Yang has been described by the Boston Globe as one who "plays classical violin with the charisma of a rock star." Yang has performed as a soloist with prominent orchestras at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center's Metropolitan Opera House, as well as being featured in Nick Romeo's book, *Driven* and on Discovery Channel's *Curiosity*. In 2016 Mr. Yang joined the crossover string-band, Time for Three. \_

Bassist Michael Thurber, a Julliard graduate and New York City-based composer and performer, has created scores for clients such as *Vanity Fair* and *BBC America* in addition to the music for the Royal Shakespeare Company's and the Public Theater of New York's production of *Antony and Cleopatra*. Michael is a co-founder and music-director of CDZA and most recently the bass player with Jon Batiste and his group Stay Human on Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

Funds from this 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebratory concert support lake conservation programs at both 30-Mile River Watershed Association and the Parker Pond Association.

The concert will begin at 7:30pm, followed by fireworks at dusk. Concert reservations are strongly recommended as indoor seating is limited. Guests may also bring blankets or

chairs and sit outside on the lawn to listen for free. Tickets will be available in advance at \$12/ adult and \$6/children under 18. To purchase tickets, go to [www.30mileriver.org/](http://www.30mileriver.org/)

Seventh Annual  
**Classical Meets Pop**  
Concert  
at the Mount Vernon Community Center

Featuring  
NPR's *From the Top* Alumni  
on violin, bass, vocals and piano

**SUNDAY**  
July 2, 2017  
7:30 PM

**Tickets: \$12 (\$6/child)**  
General Admission for indoor seating.  
Reservations strongly recommended; tickets  
available at [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org) or bring a chair  
and listen from the lawn for free.  
For more information:  
[www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org)



Proceeds to benefit the  
30 Mile River Watershed Association and the  
Parker Pond Association




**Fireworks following the concert!**

**DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS - JUNE 2017**

*"I take refuge in my books."* - Julia Ward Howe

Build a better world! Alice has been working diligently with teachers and parents and various other creative folks to put together a plan for our summer reading program. We might change things up a bit as we go, but the basic outline is in place. This year's theme is Build a Better World. The programs will be held Wednesday afternoons at 4pm, starting the first week of July. The schedule looks like this:



Wednesday, July 5, 4pm: Learn about the layers in a tropical rain forest and build your own rainforest in a box! This art project will include using an assortment of materials.

Wednesday, July 12, 4pm: Learn about a variety of common woodworking tools, and then make

your own structure using nails, screws, sandpaper, washers, hand drill, glue, and a variety of other materials – explore and create! Parents are encouraged to stay and assist with this hands-on activity.

Wednesday, July 19, 4pm: Teen volunteers Claire and Kusha will prepare and present an interactive puppet play of “The Three Little Pigs”. Children will then build a house using manipulative toys and also make and take their own cardboard house.

Wednesday, July 24, 4pm: Alice and Linda will assist children in two art projects – a dried flower collage which will make a lovely framed souvenir, and a skyline nightscape. We’ll try to find just the right accompanying story!

We hope you and your children can join us – it is always a fun, active afternoon of play and it’s a great chance to spend precious time with friends!

Also coming right up is the **Annual Bird Walk!** Dona Seegers will be ready to take us around Mt. Vernon village for some birdwatching on **Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. She’ll meet you in the **parking area at the library at 4pm**. Remember to bring a pair of binoculars if you have one, and wear comfortable shoes and clothing that will protect you from those pesky black flies and mosquitoes. We’ll have some of our bird identification guidebooks on display that week, if you want to refresh your memory a bit! And remember, you can spend some time on Cornell’s webpage about bird identification and birdsong, too: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Page.aspx?pid=1478> Hover over “All about birds” along the top, and click on “Bird Academy” in the dropdown box.

**DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED**

We're still plotting and scheming about other programming, and will let you know what we come up with next. The annual Community Poetry Reading will happen in early August as usual, and we'll set a definite date next month.

As we head towards summer, we'll have some of next year's KVBA and MSBA books on the mantel in the children's room so our younger patrons don't have to wait till the next school year to start on their reading list. One of Steve Jenkins' fantastic nonfiction animal books is on the list – he's a favorite author for many of us!

I tend to like somewhat calm and genteel books at the end of the day. I've been reading my way through the Miss Dimple cozy mystery series by Mignon F. Ballard. They are set in the small town of Elderberry, Georgia during WWII, and the mysteries are solved by a group of teachers (and their good friend, the town librarian!). I also just finished the latest novel by Roland Merullo (author of Breakfast With Buddha), entitled the Delight of Being Ordinary. The current pope and the Dalai Lama, and the pope's cousin Paolo – and his former wife Rosa, who manages to arrange for their needs – go on a four day road trip, incognito, to get away from their very public lives and to seek some spiritual guidance. Gentle shenanigans ensue, and their time together is funny, sweet, and thoughtful. What are you reading while the orchards are in bloom and the newly planted calendula seeds sprout green stems and tiny leaves up above the soil?  
-Mary Anne Libby

**RECURRING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Mt. Vernon Community Center Café** - Saturdays From 9:30-11:30 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"** - Third 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.



**UNION HALL NEWS - SWINGING WITH MARTIN IN VIENNA**

On Saturday, June 17, at 7:00PM the Vienna Union Hall Association brings long time singer and performer, Martin Swinger to town. Martin Swinger sings smart, story-infused songs people understand, enjoy and remember.

"Martin Swinger is one of those rare singer-songwriters who excels at everything: singing, songwriting, guitar-playing, and being so present with his humor, tenderness, and wild mind that his performances are also deep conversations, soul to soul and heart to heart, about the quirks, surprises, and love that brings us most alive. His songs, ranging from the little plastic parts that hold the world together, to what enlightenment comes from



Buddha and Betty Boop falling in love, are whimsically and wisely original and enduring." - Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg, Kansas Poet Laureate Emeritus

Performing 80+ gigs a year and sharing award-winning original songs, Martin offers a surprisingly eclectic mix of covers. Americana, swing & jazz, traditional, show tunes, klezmer, improvisational music... He's known for his sterling performance fluid voice and vocal range, brilliant songs delivered well with an engaging stage presence for adult and family audiences.

Music is an honored Swinger family tradition so Martin was singing solos in public by the first grade and writing songs by his teens. Early years in Georgia were spent playing piano, ukulele and guitar, making music with friends and family and singing in school and church choirs.

He formed his first band while in Junior High School, discovered poetry, Paul Simon and Harry Nilsson, then attended Valdosta State College in Georgia where he wrote music for several productions.

Martin began to take his personal songwriting more seriously in his 20's when his first "adult" song, "Look Who's Cryin' Now" earned a 'Certificate of Merit' from The American Song Festival. Martin moved to Berea, Kentucky where, for 8 years he toured with Mitch Barrett as a duo called MANDALA and gained fans in the Virginia/D.C. Circuit. After moving to Norfolk, Virginia he collaborated with Mike Munden and Brent Gable in a band called JUST PLAIN FOLK and then 15 years ago, moved to Maine where he currently lives, writes, performs, teaches and gardens.

Currently, Martin Swinger is an atypical 50-something who can't stop exploring music, songwriting and singing. Socially conscious, thought provoking and surprisingly entertaining. He's recorded 5 CD's, won local and national songwriting awards, is a repeat performer at Kerrville Folk Festival and counts among his fans Pete Seeger, Peter Yarrow, Paul Stookey, Billy Jonas, Ezra Idlet, Vance Gilbert and John

**VIENNA UNION HALL CONTINUED**

Waters. He was a Kerrville New Folk Finalist and Festival performer and led workshops and performances at Boston Folk Festival. He was featured on the "Kerrville 2000" and "2001" and other compilation CD's. Martin performed at the "Big Taboo" Festival in Provincetown and is featured in a recent book, FOLK MELLINEUM by Dr. Tom Gruening. Martin celebrated nine years as host and producer of an original cable television show, "ALIVE! From Johnson Hall", a popular concert series featuring Maine musicians, which continues to broadcast to 120,000 homes across Maine.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Martin Swinger in Vienna. He connects with his audience. He's a performer you'll be glad you experienced live. His talent is evident from the moment he walks onstage. He is simply an astounding musician with a comfortable presence, a powerful voice and creative guitar skills.

Tickets are \$10.00. For more information or advance sales email [viennaunionhall@gmail.com](mailto:viennaunionhall@gmail.com) or call 293-2674.

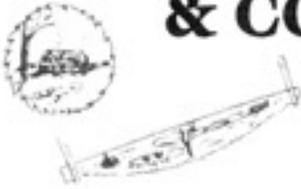
**COMMUNITY SWAP AND SHOP**



Find items here that Vienna residents want to sell, swap or barter. Send a description of your item to the new editor.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- ✓ **June 13 - Vienna Community Center**  
8AM- 8PM -Statewide referendum and RSU #9 Validation Election
- ✓ **June 17 - Vienna Union Hall - 7:00 PM -**  
Martin Swinger
- ✓ **July 2 - Mt. Vernon Community Center -**  
7:30 PM - "From the Top" concert & fireworks.
- ✓ **July 8 - Mt. Vernon Community Center -**  
Mt Vernon Arts and Crafts Fair
- ✓ **July 8 - Vienna Grange - 7:00 PM -** Flying  
Pond Improvement Assoc. Annual Meeting

- ✓ **July 16 - Vienna Union Hall - 7:00 PM**  
Village Harmony
- ✓ **July 22 - Mt Vernon Home and Garden**  
Tour -10:00 - 4:00
- ✓ **July 27-29 - Vienna Union Hall -**  
Historical Society Plays
- ✓ **July 29 - Minnehonk Lake - 9th annual**  
Paddle Trek
- ✓ **July 30 - Vienna Fire Department -**  
11:30-1:30 - Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

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VIENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, July 30, 2017

11:30am-1:30pm

Adults \$8.00

Children 12 and under \$4.00

Come join us for food and fun. Music will be provided by the Skowhegan Community Band!

The 2017 Spirit of America recipient, Dr. Dan Onion (on right) with Vienna First Selectwoman Dodie Thompson and Sen. Tom Saviello.

Dr. Onion was presented the certificate by Ms. Thompson in recognition of his many years of service and contributions to the community.

Sen. Saviello read a Legislative sentiment honoring Dan's hard work and dedication. Congratulations Dan!



Mt. Vernon Home and Garden Tour

Saturday, July 22nd, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tickets will be on sale soon - \$15 (Luncheon will be provided at the Mt. Vernon Community Center for \$10-by reservation).

Watch for posters later in June!

**MILL STREAM GRANGE**



Members of Mill Stream Grange attended services at the Vienna Baptist Church April 23. April is National Grange Month and each year one Sunday during the month is designated "Grange Sunday".

The Vienna Baptist Church graciously hosted a lovely lunch following the service.

***Flags Placed***

On May 16, Mill Stream Grange members (l to r) Pat Rawson, Jill Sampson, Lisa Goucher and Carole O'Connell helped Gordon Webber (far right) place flags on veteran's graves at the Franklin Cemetery in Vienna as a community service project. Note: If any family member or friend notices that their loved one who served was missed, please contact Gordon at 293-2275 or Jill 293-4960 and they will place the flag and add the name to the list for the future.



## 30 MILE RIVER WATERSHED



## News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

### Youth Conservation Corps

Property evaluations for prospective Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) projects have begun, so get your site visit requests in fast! Our YCC provides erosion control landscaping for lakefront property owners. If your property has a sloped driveway, patches of bare soil, or an eroding pathway, then you likely qualify for a **reduced cost** project. 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 the website.

We are also **searching for a truck** to use this summer to transport YCC tools to work sites. If you have a working truck you would like to donate or lend for a week or two (M-W) this season, please contact [programs@30mileriver.org](mailto:programs@30mileriver.org).

### Water Quality Monitoring

We are back on the lakes! Water quality monitoring season has already begun, and we will continue sampling into October. Tracking factors over time such as clarity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, and chlorophyll (for algae) will help us better understand and manage our lakes. With the help of numerous dedicated volunteers, we sample twice a month on six lakes in the watershed. If you're interested in learning more about our monitoring, check out our water quality page on the website, where you can view near real time data we've collected.



### Summer Volunteers Needed

Each summer, volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs), Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPPs), and water quality monitors play critical roles in protecting our lakes. CBIs inspect boats at launches for invasive plant fragments and serve as friendly educators to the boating community, while IPPs survey lake sections for invasive plants. Water quality monitors test lakes for factors such as clarity, temperature, and oxygen levels, which help indicate the health of a lake. Training is provided for all these positions. Other volunteers provide transport on the lakes for 30MRWA water quality staff. If you are interested in giving back to your lakes in fun, flexible ways with little time commitment, contact [kchurch@30mileriver.org](mailto:kchurch@30mileriver.org) or (207) 860-4043.

### 30 MRWA Welcomes New Staff and Board Members

The 30 Mile River Watershed Association is pleased to welcome two new staff and two new board members to the team! Sebastien Dumont is our new Program Coordinator, overseeing both the Water Quality Monitoring and Youth Conservation Corps programs. Katie Church has stepped in as Program Assistant to coordinate the Courtesy Boat Inspection program and provide administrative support. Greg Cauldwell of Mt. Vernon and Andy Tolman of Readfield joined the Board of Directors in May. To learn more about our staff and directors, check out our website.

### Essay Contest Winners Announced

The first-ever 30 MWRA Essay Contest was a success with 17 local high school students writing essays about why we should protect Maine's lakes. Cash prizes were awarded for the top three essays:

### 30 MILE RIVER WATERSHED CONTINUED

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jessie Lee Hutchinson, Mt. Blue High School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Katie Sprague, Kent's Hill School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elysia Roorbach, Mt. Blue High School

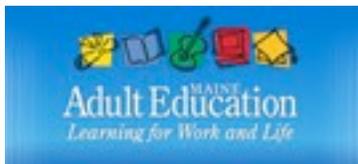
To read the winning essays, please check out the "Get Involved" page on our [website](#). Thank you to all who participated!

#### Paddle Trek 2017

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle Trek is coming up! The Trek will take place on **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, (rain date 7/30). Participants are welcome to join for just a portion of the trip, or enjoy the whole 15-mile guided paddle. Beginning on Minnehonk Lake in Mt. Vernon and ending at Wayne Village, the Paddle Trek is something we look forward to every year. To register and learn more about this fun event, visit our [website](#).

For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

### MARANACOOK ADULT EDUCATION



#### ***Kids' summer sports' camps starting soon!!***

Boys' Basketball Camp (Grades 4-8) June 26 thru 29

Lakers Track Club (Boys & Girls Ages 6-15) June 26 thru August 12

Boys & Girls Soccer Camp (Grades 3-8) July 10 thru July 14



For more details or to register online, go to:

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for mo

Hope to see you this summer!!!

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## Doctor's orders

Written by  
Cheryl Herr-Rains



## MAKING JOSIE JEALOUS

Written by  
Beverly Wight Smith

Thursday, July 27 & Friday, July 28 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 29 – 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Union Hall – Vienna

Admission \$6

# Town of Vienna,

## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

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**Animal Control Officer** - Donald Tibbetts

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1879 Map of Vienna

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