

Vienna Record



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Members of Girl Scout Troop 2096 planted two lilac trees at the Vienna Town House on Saturday, April 22 to commemorate Earth Day. Where's Your Sign donated a plaque to mark the occasion.

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Selectmen's Minutes

Correction to Selectboard minutes from February 21, 2023:

Attendees included Sara Watson and Zack Aubin. They were incorrectly listed as Sarah Watson and Zack Braband

April 4, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #7 (\$108,329.07).
4. The selectboard worked on cleaning the office and setting up folders for new contract.
5. Opened lawn mowing bids for 2023. Only one bid was received:

- Homestead Handyman (Josh Heck) \$5,780.00 for mowing and \$1,750.00 for spring clean-up. Homestead Handyman was awarded the 3-year contract.

6. The selectboard discussed the invitation from Readfield to join them with the household hazardous waste collection clean-up day. Eric Dyer sent an email with the invite for the clean-up day that will take place on Sunday, July 9th, 2023 at the Readfield Transfer Station. The Selectmen discussed and agreed bulky pickup takes care of the same items.
7. Meeting adjourned.

Selectmen's Minutes (continued)

April 11, 2023

Present: Laura Church, Jeff Rackliff, Josh Heck

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen worked on updating property cards.
4. The selectmen marked all Property cards that have filed an intent to build permits.
5. The selectboard discussed the reevaluation that will start in July 2023.
6. Josh Heck talked with the selectboard about expectations for spring cleanup and summer mowing.
7. Meeting adjourned.

April 18, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Ed Lawless, Lisa Goucher

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #8 (\$39,877.81).
4. The selectmen voted to have the Vienna Broadband Authority with the Skowhegan Savings Bank. The selectmen voted to move \$300,000 into that account.
5. The Selectboard voted to move all accounts to Skowhegan Savings Bank.
6. The Selectboard talked with Lisa Goucher about her recent Spirit of America Award.
7. Meeting adjourned.

April 25, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen signed and sent a letter of thanks to the Girl Scout Troop 2096 for the 2 lilac trees they planted at the Town House.
4. The Selectmen discussed heat pump installations in the Townhouse and the community room.
5. The flower garden in front of the Townhouse has been started and all residents are encouraged to add flowers.
6. The selectmen voted to have the edge of the parking lot back filled to protect the pavement.

7. Selectboard worked on Tree Growth and Property cards.
8. The selectmen discussed the need for a Code Enforcement Officer and a new Plumbing inspector. The Board has a few candidates they will be contacting.
9. Meeting adjourned.

May 2, 2023

Present: Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #9 (\$71,180.58).
4. The selectmen looked over property cards 10-120 and 10-20 as a resident had questions over the two properties.
5. Meeting adjourned.

May 9, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Erin Quimby, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Selectmen interviewed Erin Quimby for the vacant Code Enforcement Officer position.
4. Selectmen discussed the progress on Broadband.
5. Selectmen discussed the property that is referred to as the Mill Pond.
6. Meeting adjourned.

May 16, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Dan Goucher

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #10 (\$125,611.75).
4. Road Commissioner, Mr. Goucher, discussed the recent road damage from the large storm.
5. Meeting adjourned.

Selectmen's Minutes (continued)

May 23, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Laura Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The Selectmen worked on property cards.
4. The Selectmen reviewed the progress of the broadband project. We are still waiting on the Government to finalize the contract.
5. The town will be meeting with FEMA on May 31 in hopes to get full reimbursement for the May storm damage.
6. Meeting adjourned.

Planning Board Minutes

March 22, 2023

The meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM. Regular members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Creston Gaither, and Ed Lawless. Also present was Andy Dunbar of Thayer Engineering in Farmingdale. Minutes of the February 22 meeting were read and accepted.

Andy is consulting with Greg and Carrie Schulze, owners of land at 568 Ithiel Gordon Road depicted on tax map 11 as lot 43-P. There is a 3 bedroom existing house, which is small and compact; the bedrooms are on the top floor which is reached by a very steep staircase. The Schulzes would like to build an apartment on the back end of the existing garage for their parents. This would be within the existing footprint of the structure. They have a septic system which has been upgraded to support 4 bedrooms. The proposed apartment would have a small bathroom but no kitchen. The existing structure lies within the Shoreland Zone. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) was briefly reviewed and Andy was advised that as long as the project stays within the existing footprint no new SZO permit is required.

It was agreed that the Mooring Ordinance which the Board has been discussing should probably wait until Winthrop has resolved the issues it is having with its Mooring Ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

April 26, 2023

At 6:20 PM Regular members Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Creston Gaither, Ed Lawless, and Tim Bickford met with Jeff Castonguay at his Flying Pond property shown on Tax Map 11 as Lot 60-H to consider his proposal to build a wooden staircase thereon between his house and the pond. The Board then briefly visited the neighboring Medina property regarding some trees the owners would like to remove. The regular meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM with the aforesaid members present; also present were Andy Dunbar of Thayer Engineering, and Lory Zamboni. Minutes of the February 22 meeting were read and accepted.

Planning Board Minutes (continued)

Andy is consulting with Greg and Carrie Schulze, owners of land at 568 Ithiel Gordon Road depicted on tax map 11 as lot 43-P. He attended the Board's March meeting regarding this parcel. The Schulzes would like to amend their previous proposal to include a storage building on a slab with a frost wall, being basically a garage with storage room overhead. Andy presented a fairly detailed site plan of which he will send Creston a copy. He said that no plumbing is involved and was told a Notification of Construction permit will be required. Estimated total cost for the project is \$25,000. It was noted that the usual erosion control measures etc. will be required.

Based on its on-site observations and Andy's site plan and verbal representations, and a subsequent examination of the pertinent flood hazard map, the Board determined that the project as outlined above:

- (1) Will maintain safe and healthful conditions;
- (2) Will not result in water pollution, erosion, or sedimentation to surface waters;
- (3) Will adequately provide for the disposal of all wastewater;
- (4) Will not have an adverse impact on spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird or other wildlife habitat;
- (5) Will conserve shore cover and visual, as well as actual, points of access to inland waters;
- (6) Will protect archaeological and historic resources as designated in the comprehensive plan;
- (7) Will avoid problems associated with floodplain development and use; and
- (8) Is in conformance with the provisions of Section 15, Land Use Standards.

The Board voted 5-0 to authorize Creston to issue the requisite permits.

Lory Zamboni presented a preliminary plan of the proposed Kohtala Trust land subdivision. Creston said a written application has been drawn up and he will bring it to the next meeting. It was agreed that a dated receipt for a complete application can be issued once the soil test boring locations have been added to the preliminary plan. Creston will get these locations from the site evaluator and revise the plan to show the borings.

It was noted that the Subdivision Ordinance prohibits construction in a subdivision prior to subdivision approval. Section 6A of the Ordinance was reviewed; it appears that the Board can waive the construction prohibition if circumstances warrant. It was agreed that a Notification of Construction permit for the house Lory is planning could be issued; the Board voted 4 - 0 to allow this; with Creston recused from the vote.

The Castonguay proposal was discussed. Alan said that any post holes needed will be hand dug, and that no trees are to be cut.

It was agreed that portions of the existing footpath which remain uncovered are to be stabilized with mulch or crushed stone. The usual findings of fact were made; it was voted 4 - 0 to authorize Creston to issue the requisite permits.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM



Creston Gaither, secretary

From the Town Clerk



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

Tuesday 5-7pm Wednesday 9am-12pm and 12:30-5pm
 Thursday 10am-1pm Last Saturday of the month 9am-12pm

Tuesday June 13 - RSU #9 School Budget Validation Election

2pm - 8pm at the Fire Station/Community Room

Absentee Ballots now available. I will be closed for business that night for the election.

I will be closed for business from June 30 to July 6 for vacation.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News

Submitted by Alice Olson

We are increasing our hours during July and August! Our summer hours, beginning July 1 and ending Aug 30 are: Mon: 2-6, Wed: 9-1, 3-7, Sat: 9-3. We are opening an hour earlier on Monday and Saturday, and staying open an hour later on Wednesday mornings.

Tech help is available at the library Wednesday mornings, 9-12. Do you want to learn how to download a book, establish a new email account, learn how to connect to zoom or set up your portal to communicate with your physician? Maybe something else! Recently our tech helpers have restored someone's email, helped get a person connected to the internet, assisted with removing unwanted icons and arranging the desk top in a manageable system for the patron, and showed a patron how to get pictures from their phone to the computer. If there is a specific skill you would like to learn, or something that is getting in your way as you navigate through daily digital tasks, please call the library for an appointment (293-2565). Soon we will offer a drop-in time for help as well.

The National Digital Equity Center (NDEC), which is located in Wiscasset, offers hundreds of classes, all free to Maine citizens. Live instructors teach classes over zoom. Each class is an hour, but several classes require two or three sessions. I recently took the Windows 11 class, which ran three consecutive days. When you register, you have several options as to when you can sign up. This class was a basic class. The instructor began by explaining hardware, software, icons, operating systems, notifications, etc and then went through a variety of topics and skills that included the various settings and options, and how to change these settings, how to get on the internet at other available locations, how to create files, down load attachments and explain locations where they can be saved, etc. This and so much more! Although I have basic knowledge of it, there were new tips and pieces of information in every category to learn. I happened to be the only person taking this Windows 11 class, so I had the instructor all to myself to pace each topic to my level of need. I would highly recommend this as a class that can simply move someone forward building skills, gaining confidence, and getting tips that allow you to navigate with greater ease and comfort. Just changing the size of the font and the brightness of the screen can do wonders! I plan to take the Google Docs and Internet Safety Classes next. Check out the catalog on the NDEC website. If you need help signing up, let us know. Also, please share your experiences with us! <https://digitalequitycenter.org/join-us/partner-onsite-classes-program/>

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News

Other happenings at the library include:

1. The Knitting, Crocheting and Crafting Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1-3pm. Bring a yarn project, or you can also just come to work on a puzzle, do a crossword, or socialize if you prefer! This group will continue through at least July.
2. Kids Create! happens every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4-5:15. Children (and their parent) gather and play, build, color, do board games or create with playdoh – whatever they feel like doing. This program will take a break at the end of June.
3. Kelly O'Neil, the Outreach Coordinator for the Aging in Place committee, will be at the library each Wednesday morning from 9:00-12:00 from May through July to visit with anyone who'd like to share their ideas, thoughts or concerns for sustainably & comfortably aging in place.
4. The theme of this year's **summer reading program** is **All Together Now**. Children are invited to track their reading and bring their reading charts to the library once they have achieved their personal reading goals and exchange them for a Gifford's Ice Cream Cone certificate. Programs will be held at the library at **4 PM on Wednesdays, beginning June 28, with the exception of July 5 because we have a special event planned on July 7, when Mr Drew and his Animals are coming**. Stories, crafts and refreshments are part of each program.

*Wed June 28 at 4 PM at the library. Kirsten Heck will teach children about pollinators.

*Friday July 7 Mr Drew and His Animals are coming to Mt Vernon! This event will be held at 4 PM at the Mt Vernon Community Center. Mr Drew will bring an array of rescued, rehabilitated exotic animals that we can learn about. Maybe we can even touch or hold one! This family-oriented event is free.

*Wed July 12 4 PM Design/symmetry project using earth materials

*Wed July 19 4PM Tissue Paper Sun Catcher

*Wed July 26 4PM Make and decorate a box

5. The library has recently subscribed for free passes for our patrons to the Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, through the summer till October. Patrons can get two adult passes and any number of passes free for children under the age of 18 by signing up with us. We can only give out one set of passes on any given day, so please have an alternate date in mind when requesting passes. Also, we need to know the time you plan to go to the gardens. Call or email us and we will set up your passes! 293-2565, librarian@drshawlibrary.org

6. Sarah Carlson, local poet, will share her book *In the Currents of Quiet* with us on Sunday, July 23 at 3PM at the Mt Vernon Community Center. Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars! We hope to see you at any of these events and activities. It will be a busy and fun summer!

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library
293-2565
librarian@drshawlibrary.org

Community News

Fire Department News (continued)



Vienna Fire Department, Inc. meets every Thursday at 6:30PM but the following Thursdays are specifically designated as written:

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of *every month*

Training: 3rd Thursday of *every month*

Save the date for our Annual Chicken BBQ Sunday, July 30th!!
We can't wait to cook for you!

Editor's Notes

Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the August/September issue of the *Vienna Record* by July 25, 2023.

Format

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

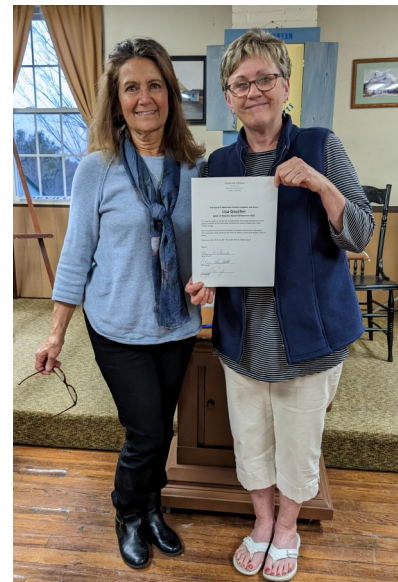
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Mill Stream Grange



LEFT: Mill Stream Grange members (l-r) Ingrid Grenon, Debbie Lavender, Jill Sampson and Wendy Leighton (plus Paul Lavender taking photo) placed American flags on Veterans graves at three cemeteries on the Tower Road in Vienna. If anyone visits the cemeteries and your loved one did not get a flag, please call 293-4960.

RIGHT: Lisa Goucher (r) receives the Vienna, Maine Spirit of America Award at a recent Grange meeting by Secretary Jill Sampson on behalf of the Vienna Selectmen. Lisa's hard work helping elderly community members, and any neighbor in need, was recognized and praised by the Spirit of America Foundation.



Community Breakfast - First Saturday of the month, 9-11am at the Mount Vernon Community Center

Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays at 7:00 AM at the Mount Vernon Community Center. No Breakfast on July 4.

Women's "Juliet" Breakfast - Second Tuesday of each month at the Mill Stream Grange 8:30-9:30 AM.

Potluck breakfast plus \$2.00 per person.

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

To submit a recurring event for future inclusion, please email details to viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net



Come join us for this month's
Community Café:

Summer Vacation

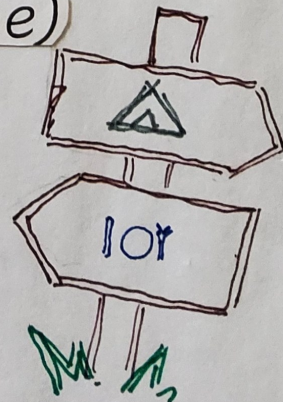
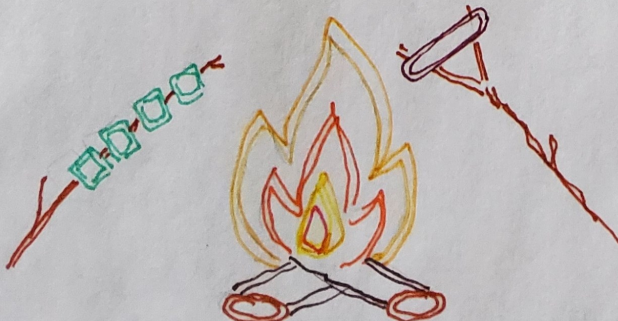
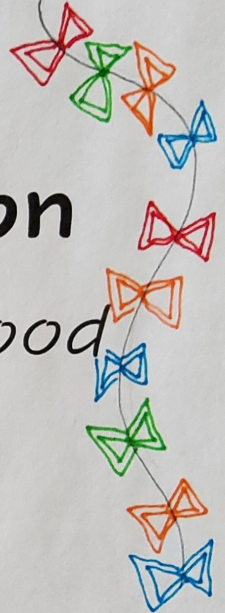
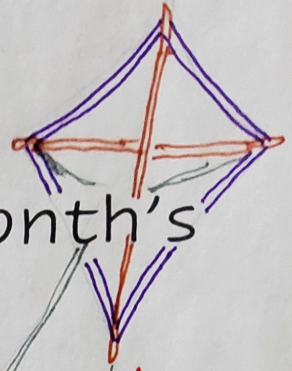
Breakfast Celebration

*A delicious gathering of food
and friends of all ages.*

Saturday, June 3rd from 9-11

At the Mount Vernon
Community Center

(Donations welcome)





You're
invited to
the

Neighbors Driving Neighbors Readfield Launch

**Sunday, June 25, 2—4 pm
Readfield Town Office**

Please join us to celebrate NDN's expansion to include Readfield in our service area. Stop by to learn about NDN's mission, how to become a volunteer driver or how to register as a rider.

Light refreshments will be served.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Neighbors Driving Neighbors | 207-860-0677 | neighborsdrivingneighbors.org



Neighbors Driving Neighbors Save the Dates!

Sunday, June 25, 2-4 pm

Readfield Launch Party

Readfield Town Hall

Join us for an informal “welcome” party as NDN celebrates the expansion of services to Readfield. Light refreshments will be served.



Saturday, July 22, 9-11 am

Annual Community Breakfast

Mount Vernon Community Center

Come by for a delicious breakfast buffet and to catch up with your neighbors!



July 1-28

Online Auction Fundraiser

biddingowl.com (auction is not live yet)

This is your chance to bid on a homemade treat, work of art, fun lesson or experience of a lifetime!



Neighbors Driving Neighbors | 207-860-0677 | neighborsdrivingneighbors.org





Saturday
July 15th
9am—2pm
(rain date Sunday,
July 16th)

Mount Vernon

2023 Summer Craft Fair

Join us at the Mount Vernon Town Beach and Community Center for a craft fair to benefit the Community Center's building fund.

\$30 for a 10' space. Tables \$5 or bring your own.

For more information or to reserve a space

Contact Leslie at lwg929@gmail.com





VIENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, July 30, 2023

11:30am-1:30pm

Adults \$9.00

Children 12 & Under \$4.00

**Place your order at the door, pick up at the window,
and feel free to enjoy your meal at the picnic tables
outside.**

TOWN OF VIENNA

Town of Vienna Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor -

Laura Church, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

Treasurer - Kerry Casey

Town Clerk and Tax Collector - Annie Tibbetts

Road Commissioner - Dan Goucher

Fire Chief and Warden - Brian Church

Health Officer - vacant

Animal Control Officer - Donald Tibbetts

Code Enforcement Officer - vacant

Plumbing Inspector - Erin Quimby

Alternate Plumbing Inspector - Andy Marble

Addressing Officer - Tim Bickford

RSU#9 Representative - Josh Robbins



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