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THE VIENNA RECORD



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August/September 2009



MESSAGE FROM THE SELECTMEN

To the residents and friends of Vienna:

REMINDER TO VIENNA TAX PAYERS

Tax bills are due upon receipt. The town needs the tax money to pay bills, contracts and other obligations, like the monthly school district payment. If you are not able to pay the full amount now, please consider making installment payments. Thank you.

- Board of Selectmen, Vienna

Selectmen's Meetings

Selectmen's Meeting - June 2, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Marti Gross

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #11
2. Discussed pending tax abatements to correct our records.
3. Compared property values listed on property cards with 2009 changes to the 2009 Commitment book to make sure the changes had all been entered into the system.
4. Opened and distributed mail

The **June 9th Selectmen's Meeting** was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Selectmen's Meeting - June 16, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Linwood Meader, Jr., Dan McBride, Ron Lockwood, Peg

Lang, Beth Evans from KJ

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #12
2. Linwood reported that the paving project on Cumner Road had been completed by Pike Industries. The edges will be smoothed out after the pavement has had time to set up. This process takes longer

(See **Selectmen Meeting**, on page 2)

Notes from the Desk of the Town Clerk

I am still making appointments as well as keeping regular hours. However, I will be on vacation starting Friday, August 14 thru Monday, August 24. BELGRADE TOWN OFFICE has agreed to cover me for this week ONLY. This means they will NOT provide services any other time.

Belgrade's office hours are as follows:

- Mon-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
- They close for lunch every day from 11:00 - 11:30 am.
- The telephone number for Belgrade is 495-2258.

Saturday, August 29th (the last Saturday of the month) I have a family wedding to attend. I will be closed on that day, however, I will be open Thursday, August 27th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Starting Thursday, September 3rd, I will be adding evening hours to my schedule. I will be open from 4:45 pm - 7:45 pm.

September 15th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm the polls will be open for the SAD #9 referendum on the High School.

One last date to keep in mind is Thursday, September 24, I will not be available.

Thanks, for your patience and understanding.

Connie Smith

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with rainy weather.

3. Don McBride, of Flying Pond Association, came to present concerns on the condition of the Klir Beck Rd. The selectmen and Road Commissioner Meader assured him that we would be working there soon. He also raised the point that after grading, it only takes a very short time for it to get bad again. Chris, Linwood, and Mr. McBride had some further discussion on road building techniques.
4. Selectmen signed a contract with Dan Shurtleff to repair the granite foundation and steps at the Town House (planned and approved by the Town House Committee).
5. Ron Lockwood, representing Flying Pond Radio Broadcasting, came in to discuss the taxes on property owned by the organization. Ron is going to look into some options that we brought to his attention.
6. Peg Lang expressed her appreciation for the paving of the Cumner Rd.
7. Opened and distributed mail.
8. Worked on abatements and supplemental tax bills.

Selectman's Meeting - June 23, 2009

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Linwood Meader, Jr., Beth Evans from KJ

1. Linwood reported he has had to fill in a number of recent wash-outs on the roads.
2. The town received notification from the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection informing us that someone had dumped a refrigerator and a couple of old metal culverts in the town's old dump on Rt. 41 near the New Sharon town line. Chris will get someone to remove and dispose of these items.
3. Opened and dispersed mail.

Selectmen's Meeting - July 7, 2009

At the meeting: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Mark Holmes, Linwood Meader, Jr., Barry Emery, Beth Evans from KJ.

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #13

2. Mark Holmes, Assistant Fire Chief, reported that the Fire Department had been successful in their bid to purchase a used Forestry Pick-up Truck from the Jay Fire Department. The truck is a 1986 Ford F-250 4x4 equipped with a 250 gallon tank, pump, hose and lights. The cost was \$2000, half being paid out of the FD equipment account and half paid by Vienna Fire Company, Inc.
3. Selectmen discussed a July 2nd incident that left Rt. 41 blocked for an hour and a half. Chris said that a truck delivering a mobile home to Waugh Rd. failed to properly negotiate the turn onto the narrow camp road and ended up straddling Rt. 41 with wheels stuck in both ditches. Traffic was rerouted to Tower Rd. until Dan Goucher came upon the backup and assisted in freeing the over – sized load with one of his trucks. Dodi read a letter from the home's owners, Darlene and Greg Roe, thanking Dan for his help and apologizing to the town for the inconvenience. Chris said the mobile home will be delivered after to road has been modified to accommodate access.

There are no minutes available for the July 14th and July 21st meetings.

Selectmen's Meeting - July 28, 2009

At the meeting: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Brian Church, Marti Gross, Stephen Hopkins, Beth Evans from K.J.

1. Stephen Hopkins, C.P.A. and auditor for the Town of Vienna came in to go over the 2008 town audit. Mr. Hopkins had recommendations on wording of town meeting articles for better clarity. He recommended that we have a written policy for seeking bids for any larger expenditure over a certain amount. It was also recommended that we budget by sub account in accounts such as Administration, Road Accounts and Fire Department; and that we list expected "other revenue" by dollar amount at town meeting.
2. Further discussion with the auditor addressed the fact that as of now, the cash flow for the town is very poor. This is mainly due to the fact that though the 2009 property taxes are currently

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD MAY 27, 2009

The board did not hold a formal meeting in April for lack of a quorum. Regular members Creston Gaither and Wayne Whittier met at the Town House at 7:00 PM and informally reviewed work in progress on proposed revisions to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) and map. Creston agreed to 1). continue work on the map; 2). ask MMA whether a formal town meeting is required for SZO adoption; 3). advertise the next meeting as a public hearing on the SZO revisions; and 4). notify landowners who own proposed new Resource Protection Districts (RPDs).

At 6:15 on May 27 the board met with Neal Schultz at the Kirchner site on Flying Pond (tax map 10 lot VA); see details below. The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Members present were Wayne Whittier, Alan Williams, Nanou Laliberte, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Peg Lang and Kevin and Jackie Hill. Minutes of the March 25 meeting were read and accepted.

Creston had advertised this meeting as a public hearing for the aforesaid SZO and map revisions. The draft map was discussed. Creston will check the RPD shown on the northwest corner of Parker Pond as Wayne says a wet area lies near that area but farther west. Peg asked whether the Comprehensive Plan maps had been used and Creston said that they had not as the State's GIS layers offer more recent data and are explicitly required by the SZO for mapping new RPDs for waterfowl habitat areas. Following the discussion the public hearing was suspended.

The Hills outlined their wish to reconfigure two contiguous lots which they own in Whittier Pond Overlook subdivision (recently merged on tax map 11as lot 6-5). Deed restrictions allow only 1 house per lot unless the planning board approves more. It was noted that this subdivision was approved more than 5 years ago and that formal subdivision approval is thus probably not required for this change. However, as said deed restrictions and others shown on the subdivision plan seem to require board approval for the proposed reconfiguration, the board advised them to obtain a revised version of the plan and present it to the board. No formal action was taken at this time.

The public hearing then resumed. Wayne outlined proposed changes to the SZO itself that Rich Baker of DEP has recommended. References to rivers were eliminated as Vienna has none. Mr. Baker believes that DEP would allow a proposed change allowing lots previously approved for residential use to have one residential structure within an RPD when there is no alternative. It was noted that the current SZO requires a "scaled sketch on a form provided by the Town;" it was agreed to revise this wording to require a written application along with a sketch or site plan. With Wayne recusing himself as a directly affected landowner, it was agreed to amend the SZO definition of "stream" to include Lane's Brook, which has heretofore not met this definition though the board chose to include its southerly portion in the Stream Protection District under previous SZO versions. Creston will revise the draft map to this effect.

It was agreed that Creston can make minor changes to the map if so advised by DEP but that the board will hold a special meeting if major changes are thus advised; and that Wayne will ask the selectmen to set the date of the board's next scheduled meeting, June 24, as the date of the town meeting required for adoption of the revised SZO and map.

The board reviewed the Kirchners' application to build an addition and deck (see site visit details above), made findings of fact as per page 27 of the current SZO, found the proposal conforming, and, subject to the usual condition requiring a silt fence, soil stabilization, etc., voted to authorize Creston to issue the required permit upon receipt of a written statement from the landowners authorizing Neal Schultz to act as their agent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD JUNE 24, 2009

At 7:00 PM at a town meeting at the Community Center the proposed revisions to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) and map were unanimously adopted. The planning board's regular meeting convened at 7:20 PM at the Town House. Members present were Wayne Whittier, Nanou Laliberte, and

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Creston Gaither. Also present were Kevin and Jackie Hill. Minutes of the May 27 meeting were read and accepted.

Bob Bassett has resigned from the board. Creston will ask Norma Wing to advertise the vacancy in the Vienna newsletter and on the Town website. The age and gender of the current members was noted.

The Hills presented a plan showing the proposed configuration of their land in Whittier Pond Overlook subdivision (see May minutes). It was agreed that the formal subdivision approval process is not required as the reconfiguration does not constitute a subdivision as currently defined by statute. The board understands that existing conditions and restrictions on both lots 5 and 6 are to carry over to the reconfigured lots and, with the Hills' approval, added this as a condition to the approval block on the plan. The board then voted to approve the reconfiguration and signed the mylar and paper copies.

The board reviewed a letter from Kristen Gottlieb and Carey Bor. They have an ice cream truck and want permission to serve Vienna. Creston will advise them that the planning board is unaware of any municipal permits required for the operation they describe.

Creston outlined the recent e-mail from Rich Baker regarding the SZO map and Limited Residential Districts on Crowell, Boody, and Kidder Ponds. Waine will address this question when he sends DEP the SZO and map as adopted. The discrepancy between the "iwwh" and "shorezone" GIS layers was also briefly discussed. Creston said that the revised maps resolve this in favor of the "iwwh" version and thus include an additional Resource Protection District within the Kennebec Highlands area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary



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due upon receipt, there is no penalty if paid by December 31st. Since the tax bills went out in May, we have only collected about 20%, so we currently have a significant cash flow problem. A lengthy and serious discussion followed regarding solutions to this problem.

Possible solutions include:

- change the tax bills to have 1/2 due 30 days from billing with the balance due within 90 days.
- change our fiscal year from its current calendar year of January 1st - December 31st to a new fiscal year of July 1st - June 30th.

The selectmen will begin considering possible solutions and changes. (Changes in the present tax billing format or fiscal year must be approved by town meeting vote.)

THE CURRENT ISSUE HOWEVER REMAINS – POOR CASH FLOW RESULTING FROM UNCOLLECTED TAXES. The selectmen have had to put a hold on all road repairs and currently are unable to purchase salt and sand for winter roads which is usually done in September. All other spending is being curtailed pending receipt of tax revenue.



Curbside Recycling Expands

Submitted by Hillary Hutton

PLASTICS:

- Household plastic containers
- Milk & Water jugs
- Soda & Juice bottles
- Shampoo & Soap containers
- Vitamin bottles
- Yogurt, Deli, To-go containers

NO: plastic bags, film wrap, styrofoam, pipe, tarps, sheeting, furniture, pools, toys, hangers or other non-container parts.

GLASS:

- Food & Beverage glass clear and colored

NO: lightbulbs, ceramic dishes or stemware, no window or mirror glass.

MIXED PAPER:

- Clean Milk cartons
- Clean Drink boxes
- Clean Frozen food packaging

NO: plastic lined cartons, straws or pop tops, liquids or food waste

ELECTRONIC WASTE EXPANDS!

- Desktop printers
- Video game consoles
- Digital picture frames

These can be added to bulky waste pickup day (July 20 & Oct 12)

Update on Legislation SP 131, LD 367 - An Act To Reduce the Amount of Plastic Introduced into the Waste Stream

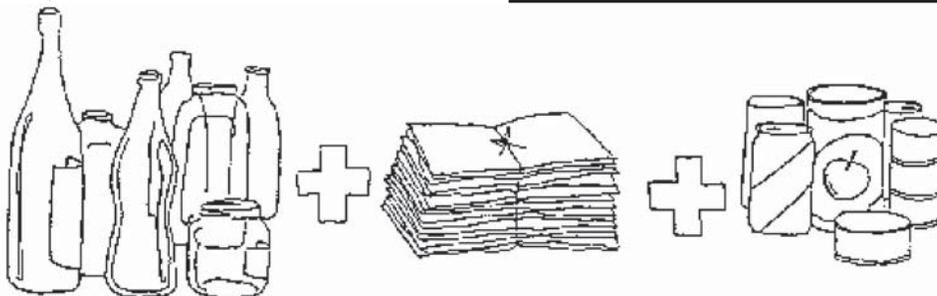
In a previous issue of the Vienna Record, I reported about the proposed bill that could require retailers to charge a fee for every plastic bag used by customers. At that time, no action had been taken. Since then the Legislature changed the proposed bill to the following "resolve":

Resolve, To Convene a Work Group To Design and Implement a Statewide Disposable Checkout Bag Reduction Campaign, with Benchmarks

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve requires the Executive Department, State Planning Office to establish a work group consisting of agencies, organizations and businesses for the purpose of reducing the distribution of disposable checkout bags. The work group is charged with assessing recycling infrastructure capacities, developing language for a memorandum of understanding with goals and benchmarks for reducing the use of disposable checkout bags, designing a statewide promotional campaign and identifying funding sources. The work group is directed to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation relating to the report. (Note: this report is due by 1/15/2010).

- Muffy Floyd





Ongoing

Saturdays, **Mt. Vernon Community Center Cafe** from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Coffee, food and conversation!

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

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, **McGaffey Mountain Wood Carvers** from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Vienna Community Center. New & experienced carvers welcome. For more information about the meetings, please call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach 685-4779.

August 2009

Saturday, August 1 at 11:00 am, **Auction** at the Mount Vernon Community Center. Preview at 10:00 AM (*see ad on page 9*)

Saturday, August 8 at 5:30 pm a **Dinner - International Menu** at the Mount Vernon Community Center.

Saturday, August 15 **Lobster or Prime Rib Dinner**, there will be two seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 pm at The North Vienna United Methodist Church to benefit its building fund. Single lobster or prime rib dinners are \$18.00 and a double lobster dinner is \$25.00. This will include a garden salad, corn on the cob, homemade bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets are by Advance Sale Only, and will be sold until August 8. For tickets and information call Kathy Meader 293-2335, Laura Church 293-3892, Debbie Roe 293-4220 or Tricia LaVallee 293-4324.

Wednesday Night Series presented by Bearnstow Camp at 7:30 pm at Mount Vernon Community Center

- Aug 5 - Recitative Creation
- Aug 12 - Meet internationally known choreographers
- Aug 19 - Slow Technique
- Aug 26 - Meet with Bebe Miller
- August 28, Friday, Performance - TBA

Maranacook Summer 2009 Youth Programs for more information, contact Sue Gadberry, Program Assistant, Maranacook Adult & Community Education 685-4923 x303

- Art Fundamentals (grades 1-3), Aug. 3-7
- Art Fundamentals (grades 4-6), Aug. 10-14
- Theater Camp (grades 2-4), Aug. 10-14
- Soccer Camp, Aug. 17-20
- Little Kickers Soccer, Aug. 17-20
- Gymnastics Camp, Aug. 17-21

Offerings from Maranacook Adult Education

GED in a Week

The GED tests cover five subject areas: reading, writing, math social studies, and science. If it has been a

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while since you attended high school, you may be rusty in some subjects. Our one-week program is structured to help you with specific skills on the GED exam as well as test-taking strategies. An initial meeting is required before taking the class.

Monday-Thursday, 6-9pm

Begins: August 17-20

Cost \$15 material fee

Accuplacer Prep

The Accuplacer assessment measures your knowledge in arithmetic, elementary algebra, reading comprehension and sentence skills. This 12-hour accuplacer prep class is for students who are rusty in their math and English skills or failed the accuplacer by a few points.

Tuesday and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

Begins August 25, 2009

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Begins: October 6, 2009

4 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8pm

Begins: October 6, 2009

Registration: \$99 for one prep subject or \$185 for both subjects.

Textbook \$17 due at registration.

Location: MCHS

For more information, please contact RSU 38 Maranacook Adult & Community Education by phone 685-4923 x303 or by email: adulted@maranacook.org



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. It will be like a classified page of things people in Vienna may want to sell or swap or barter. Just email a description of your item along with contact information to normawing@fairpoint.net.

General Merchandise

From Devil's Backbone Farm:

Maple Syrup (2008 and 2009 seasons): Your choice of light or dark;

16 oz. jar: \$8.00

24 oz. jar: \$12.00

Contact Betsy or Wayne at 293-4503 or bcorning@fairpoint.net.

Ladies Figure Skates, size 10, used 3 times. Blade covers included. \$45.00. laureng@fairpoint.net or 293-3294

A fairly decent **Clamshell-type Lavatory ...** when we redid the bathroom took that out. Would like \$10 or best offer. **Some Flushes.** Free. Odds and ends of **Vinyl Siding** that could be used on a shed. Free. Contact Harold Bean 293-2536



COME JOIN US!



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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

New Board Member Needed

The Vienna Planning Board is seeking one full member and one or two alternate members. Ideal volunteers would be able to attend at least one meeting per month (currently held Wednesday evenings) and occasional site visits and be willing to become familiar with state and local land use regulations. Availability by e-mail is also a plus. For more information contact chairman Waine Whittier at 293-2072 or by e-mail at wpwhittier@aol.com; or secretary Creston Gaither at 293-2909 or by e-mail at crestong@yahoo.com.



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Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?'
Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?'
Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But,
conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?'
And there comes a time when one must take
a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor
popular but one must take it because one's
conscience tells one that it is right.

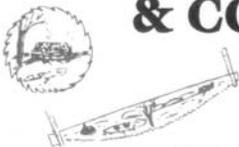
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- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Mount Vernon Community Center



Auction

Saturday, August 1st
Lakeside in the Village
11AM, Rain or Shine
preview 10AM
Lunch available during the auction

Household goods, furniture, vintage records, sporting goods, gift certificates for local businesses, the list of donations keeps growing!

Donations accepted Saturday mornings 9:30-11:30 or July 30 & 31 from 5:30 to 7:30. Pickup available.
For More Information or to donate, call Dee at 293-2358 or Beth at 293-3773

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August 15 - Mike Kahn Jazz Quartet
August 29 - Dylan Oakley & Josh Fuson
September 12 - John Archard

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