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# Vienna Record



"Brett Trefethen slides closed the doors of a Vienna barn that he plans to raze to reclaim the boards. Trefethen believes the structure, originally a hotel, was utilized by guests in the 19th century who visited a nearby mineral spring. Photo by Andy Molloy"

See the complete article at <http://www.centralmaine.com/2015/11/22/vienna-barn-hides-old-mineral-spring-hotel/> From Maine Today - Jessica Lowell

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## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES - JANUARY - MARCH

### January 26, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Continued to work on the budget for the 2016 Warrant for Town Meeting.

### February 02, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous

meeting.

3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #3.
4. Discussed the Town's insurance coverage for Town employees and volunteers. Jeff will contact Kyes Insurance, with whom we have the majority of our coverage and MMA, with whom we have Worker's Comp, in reference to current insurance policies.
5. All gravel roads are being posted this week. This is necessary because of the higher than normal winter temperatures and abnormal weather patterns.
6. Selectmen were notified that the clearing of the cell tower lot is to begin this week. Their plan is to have construction of the tower completed by June of this year.

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED****February 9, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, John Archard

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Selectmen signed the new P.S.A.P. contract for dispatching services – July 2016 through June 2017.
4. John Archard turned in permit paperwork along with checks for fees.
5. Discussed a sand stock issue. Abuse of the town's resources by certain residents has been reported. Selectmen discussed possible ways of pursuing the issue and asking the residents to reimburse the town.
5. All the 2015 reports are in. Selectmen signed the final draft of the Warrant for Town Meeting. Dodi, town report editor, will have everything ready and delivered to the printer (Pettengill's in Leeds) on February 12.
6. Opened bid for Map 6, Lot 90 the land that went out for auction. The town received only one bid for \$100.00 (from Chris Smith). When the property was put out to bid in 2015 with a minimum bid required, no bids were received. This time there was no minimum and we only received the one bid. A quit claim deed will be issued.

**February 16, 2016**

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant
4. Fire Chief Church reported that the Fire Department received a quote to rebuild the pump on engine 82 - \$8,200. NNPA states

that the pump needs to be rebuilt; it is unable to produce volume. It will be retested this spring.

**February 23, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Extensive "housecleaning" work session going through files, and records stored in boxes. Pulled out a lot of the ones we no longer have to keep. We go by the State regulations for municipal records. Some files must be kept for one, two, or six years; some for thirty years, and many records, of course, must be kept permanently. As far as dispersing goes, some records can merely be thrown away (recycled) and those of a confidential nature must be destroyed.

**March 1, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, Colleen Meader

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #5 (\$85,447.38).
4. Discussed properties that are behind on paying property taxes. There are only two or three at this point that will go to foreclosure if the taxes are not paid by the end of March.
5. Dodi reported that the town reports will be delivered Thursday afternoon, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Selectmen will meet at the Town House at 5:00

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED

to label and sort them for bulk mailing on Friday.

### March 8, 2016

There are no minutes available for March 8, 2016

### March 15, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Jim Craig, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 6.
4. Selectmen voted Dodi Thompson as Chairperson of the board for another year. There was a discussion of the election and Town Meeting. All the incumbents were reelected. Town meeting went smoothly. The budget was accepted as presented; all articles passed, and the proposed Building Ordinance was adopted.
5. Discussed the theft of town materials from the sand/salt shed property. We have had a town resident take truck loads of sand over the winter; they also took stone/gravel to fix their driveway this spring. One of the selectmen caught them twice and gave them a warning and explained the salt/sand policy of the Town. The selectmen continued to explain to them the proof (including photos) he had gathered, as well as reports from other town residents. The selectmen agreed to send an official letter asking for reimbursement to the town for two loads of sand and two loads of gravel. If no payment is received by May 1, 2016, the proper law enforcement authorities will be notified.
5. Jim Craig requested a copy of the new Building Ordinance.

6. Chief Church requested a copy of the warrant to submit for reimbursement from a forestry grant.

### March 22, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Tim Bickford.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
4. Selectmen discussed a Poverty Abatement application. It was agreed to grant the abatement, which was then signed. (Executive Session was not required as no one but the selectmen were in the building at the time) Dodi will submit the abatement to Tax Collector, Annie Tibbetts tomorrow.
5. Tim Bickford stopped in for an abatement application.

## NEW BUILDING ORDINANCE

### Vienna Adopts New Building Ordinance

A new Building Ordinance was enacted at the March 12, 2016 town meeting. This ordinance replaces the notification of intent to build.

To obtain a copy of the ordinance you may go online to the town website at: <http://viennamaine.org/drupal/> or you may obtain a paper copy from the selectmen.

The **application form** for a new structure may be obtained on the town website, from the selectmen, planning board or code enforcement officer.

Click for a PDF of the [Building Ordinance](#)

Click for a PDF of the [Application for Building Permit](#)



## FROM THE TOWN CLERK

### Municipal town election results were:

*Road Commissioner* - Daniel Goucher 51 votes  
*First Selectman* - Doris (Dodi) Thompson 47 votes  
*Second Selectman* - Christopher Smith 43 votes  
*Third Selectman* - Jeffrey Rackliff 54 votes  
*Tax Collector* - Annie Tibbetts 53 votes  
*Town Clerk* - Annie Tibbetts 53 votes  
*Treasurer* - Martha Gross 49 votes  
All races were uncontested

I will be sending out 30 day notices for unpaid 2015 taxes in April.

On the last Saturday of the month in May, I will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend holiday. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### 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  
and by appointment.

## MILL STREAM GRANGE



Mill Stream Grange member Lois Hinckley shows students at Cape Cod Hill School in New Sharon how to use the new dictionaries presented to them by the Grange. "Words for Thirds" is a community service project of Mill Stream Grange in Vienna and the dictionaries are a gift to each student for use at school and at home

for years to come. A bookplate is inside each dictionary with a space for the student to sign his/her name. Grange members Lois Hinckley and Libby Harville participated in the presentation.



**PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD  
HELD JANUARY 27, 2016**

The meeting convened at the Town House at 7:05 PM. Regular members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Ed Lawless, and Creston Gaither. Also present were John and Marianne Archard.

The Board considered the Kellys' proposal to remove all the pine from the area near the pond on their Flying Pond parcel depicted on tax map 10 as lot 35 and to replant the disturbed area with hemlock. Alan presented this proposal and is involved with the project and thus recused himself from the Board's deliberations. The Board had visited the site on January 23, with licensed forester Harold Burnett present. The pines are concentrated in the center portion of the area. The timber harvest section of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) was reviewed. The area in question lies within the Limited Residential District of the Shoreland Zone. The Board voted 3 – 0 that this proposal should be reviewed under SZO Section O(2) and not Section P. Alan presented data from Harold Burnett indicating that 27% of the trees in the center portion of the area would be harvested. Less than 30% of the trees in the other portions would be harvested. It was agreed that the SZO's 40% limit applies to the entire area and not just to one portion. It thus appears that the 40% threshold would not be reached under the present proposal. The Board understands that the area to be most intensely harvested is to be replanted. A review of Table 1 in the SZO indicated that no permit is required for this project.

The Board moved on to a discussion of the proposed Building Ordinance, with John and

Marianne representing the Ordinance Review Committee, which drafted the ordinance. Proposed amendments to Draft 1 were discussed vigorously. It was agreed that a public hearing for the proposed ordinance should be held prior to its adoption; and that the ordinance should indicate that Planning Board approval as required by the SZO must be obtained prior to the issuance of a Building Ordinance permit for any project within the Shoreland Zone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary



**Vienna Historical Society...**

"because every day becomes history".

Meetings held 1st Sunday of each month, 1:00 at the Mill Stream Grange.

Yearly Dues: \$1.00

## EDITOR'S NOTES

### Send us your photos of Vienna!!

If you would like to see your photographs of Vienna, Maine published in *The Record* please email them to me as a .jpeg. Send them to:



[viennarecord@gmail.com](mailto:viennarecord@gmail.com)

I may not be able to include all the photos sent but will determine what fits and what works!

Thanks for your help.

Marianne Archard, editor

### Reach Out....

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### Deadline

All Item or articles for the June/July issue of the *Vienna Record* must be received by me by **May 25, 2016**.

### Format

Please send items online as rich text format (.rtf) or as a word document (.doc) or as a .jpg. **Please no .pdf or other formats.**

Marianne Archard

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

### Getting the Lead out of Flint Michigan

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Mt. Vernon/Vienna Health Officer

293-2076; [dkonion@gmail.com](mailto:dkonion@gmail.com)

March, 2016

Michigan's city water has been getting a lot of press recently; and it should, because it is a classic public health issue, which affects a large number of people. Such cases are usually and most effectively prevented or fixed by city health departments. Alternatives, like every family drilling its own well, would be impractical in a city of 200,000. Most cities run their own water companies in this country, although a single private water company or multiple competing ones might work if the city government stipulates safety and service rules. So most towns, cities, and all states have public health departments to detect, monitor and fix problems with such municipal infrastructures that must be maintained to keep us safe, like city water. Let's look at how a public health officer or department goes about meeting those obligations to give us a safe water supply.

A general rule of thumb is that the greater the number of people potentially affected by a problem, the more involved governments should be in order to protect the general population. So a public water supply deserves high priority for money and staff to assure its safety, and public health officers should insist on such support. Many potential water contaminants need to be



## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER CONTINUED

monitored: fecal contamination, nitrate & nitrite, chloride, total hardness, calcium, magnesium, fluoride, sulfate, antimony, uranium, beryllium, nickel, copper, iron, manganese, zinc, arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, silver, selenium, sodium, thallium, radon, uranium, volatile organic compound/chemicals like dioxin, benzenes and carbon tetrachloride and lots of others stipulated by the national Environmental Protection Agency.

Flint should have been monitoring water lead levels regularly, along with rest of that long list. But they may have tested water before it went into the pipes, didn't monitor levels, or didn't follow up on high levels. Flint apparently has incredibly outdated plumbing for its public water supply. They still have lead pipes, which I thought had been systematically removed throughout the world 50 years ago. We now know that the lead contamination was markedly increased in 2014 by a cost-saving switch from Detroit Lake Huron water to water from the Flint River, which had higher chloride levels, which drag more lead out of the old pipes. And those lead pipes are still corroding and leaking more and more lead into the public water. So now they have to fix it and ASAP, along with trying to help all the kids permanently harmed.



It's a disturbing story and demonstrates, through its bad example, how urban governments, through their public health systems, must take responsibility for public services like water. When even one person is suspected of having been injured by a public water supply, others will likely be found to have been as well. One of the saddest parts of this story, is that children are most vulnerable to lead ingestion. They gradually suffer permanent brain damage from very low levels, especially under age 6. That damage is manifest by lower adult IQ scores and behavior disorders, like attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, which are worse the higher the blood lead level. That's why lead was removed from paint and gasoline nearly 50 years ago. And there isn't very good treatment available after the lead gets into the body. Taking iron by mouth can competitively interfere with lead wreaking its greatest damage, but only incompletely; and lead chelators (binders) work so imperfectly, they are usually not worth trying. The only effective treatment is to prevent it from happening. The trick with lead is identifying victims, figuring out how they came to eat/swallow it, and from where in their environment the lead came.

Interestingly, the Flint story of contaminated water, has many analogies to the first described public health intervention in history. The lead problem in Flint was first recognized by a pediatrician (Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH)<sup>(1)</sup>, who realized she was seeing many more children with high lead levels. She began documenting that and showed dramatically increased rates of poisoned children <sup>(2)</sup>. Interestingly, she also documented other contaminants in the new water supply, including coliform bacteria suggesting fecal contamination as well. She then fought to publicize the problem, but it took over a year for the public and authorities to hear and understand the threat. They have yet to fix it.

So too, John Snow, a London England physician in the 1850s, noticed that he was seeing increasing numbers of patients with cholera in his practice. He carefully mapped where they



## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER CONTINUED

lived and found most lived within walking distance of a public water source in his neighborhood, the Broad St. pump. Cholera is a bacterial gut infection, spread by fecal contamination of food or water, as happened in Haiti recently after their terrible earthquake. Back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, no one understood why or how bacteria caused disease. Nevertheless, Dr. Snow's solution, when no one would listen to him, was to remove the handle of the pump and then to demonstrate the disappearance of the disease over the subsequent weeks, since no one fortunately fixed the pump handle! His map of London neighborhood cholera cases looks strikingly like the map of Flint voting ward lead levels in water and children. Dr. Snow's drastic

action led to greater government supervision to keep public water clean and also eventually to a city sewer system to replace the open ditches beside the streets.



The public health lesson in both cases, is that government's highest priority should be to monitor regularly and prevent contamination of drinking water before it harms people, especially children! Rural populations like ours that can't rely on public water services, need to regularly test our own water supplies every 2-3 years. You never know when one of those dozens of potential contaminants will find its

way into your well, and the state makes it easy to check. (3)

1. A Flint medical residency program director, as I was in Augusta, I'm proud to say.
2. <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2015.303003>
3. <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/standard.htm>

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[drshawlibrary.org](http://drshawlibrary.org)



## DOROTHY WAUGH SCHOLARSHIP



Applications are now available for the third annual Dorothy Waugh Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Mill Stream Grange of Vienna. The scholarship will be awarded in June to an R.S.U. 9 Mt. Blue High School or Foster Tech graduating senior. Applicants will be considered who are pursuing a career in agriculture, horticulture or animal husbandry. Dorothy Waugh, a longtime resident of Vienna and member of Mill Stream Grange, was affectionately known as "the Egg Lady". She generously left a financial legacy to several organizations in Vienna, including the Grange, and this scholarship is in honor and recognition of her devotion to the community.

For more information about the application please contact the Mt. Blue High School guidance office at 207-778-3561.



## ADULT EDUCATION AT MARANACOOK



### Great Classes Coming!

We have fantastic classes coming up that we can't wait to tell you about. Beginning next week we are offering the following classes and there is still time to register.

**Aromatic Yoga Nidra** with Susan Coady on March 30th from 5 to 6:15pm. Come and enjoy deep relaxation combined with the sensory experience of essential oils.

**Readfield History** with local historian Dale Potter-Clark on March 30th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. You will learn about the old homes and buildings in and around Readfield Depot.

**Beginning Rug Braiding** with Bobbi Mahler beginning on March 31st and will run for 3 Thursdays from 10am to 4pm. This class will be at the Professional Development Center located on the North

## ADULT EDUCATION AT MARANACOOK CONTINUED

Road in Readfield. She will teach you the basics of rug braiding and you will take home a beautiful new rug.

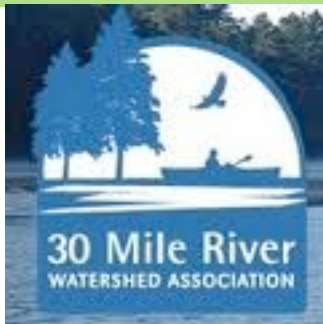
**Facebook for Grandparents** with David VanTwistern beginning on March 31st and will run for 2 Thursdays from 3 to 5pm. You will need to have a current Facebook account. David will teach you how to use your page safely. He will also teach how to download pictures, post them and how to message your friends.

Please go to our website and register for one of these wonderful classes that will enrich your life. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Maranacook Adult Education Staff

Questions? Contact us at [207-685-4923 x1065](tel:207-685-4923) or [adulthood@maranacook.org](mailto:adulthood@maranacook.org)

## NEWS FROM THE 30 MILE RIVER WATERSHED



*Thank you Vienna voters for your unanimous support of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association at this year's Town Meeting!*

**Summer Employment:** Still time to apply

*Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) inspect boats and trailers for invasive plant fragments and educate boaters about aquatic hitchhikers.*

*Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Crew Leader and Crew members perform erosion control projects for local landowners, reducing polluted runoff.*

*Water Quality Monitoring Intern will collect and analyze data as part of our newly expanded monitoring program. Open to college students and recent graduates.*

Full job descriptions and application materials can be found at [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

Priority deadline **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, but applications will be accepted until positions are filled.



## Mud Season and Camp Roads

*Contributed by Clyde Walton, 30MRWA Board Member and Landscape Architect*

Like black flies, mud season is an annual nuisance. It signals the end of winter and the presence of the flies begins the advent of summer. Mud season is a process of thawing frozen ground. The



## THE 30 MILE RIVER WATERSHED -CONTINUED

posting of some public roads serves as a reminder of temporary weight restrictions placed on heavy truck loads travelling over roads with dangerous frost and thawing conditions. Some gravel roads become impassable and accrue expensive repairs during this season.

Why do seasonal roads have fewer ground thawing problems than those used year around? Answer: Seasonal roads require no snow plowing. Therefore, the snow cover remains undisturbed and insulates the ground from excessive frost penetration while having a shorter thawing time period. An early snow cover in November and no "January thaw" are ideal for minimal road damage.

What causes the variety of mud season damages that occur on year round gravel roads? Answer: Snowmelt and rainfall that cannot penetrate frozen soil. Instead, it puddles against snowbanks and overflows across the hard, frozen ground surface in downhill directions. This is called *storm water runoff*. Depending on the duration and intensity of runoff, numerous rills and gullies cut into the ground to create concentrated runoff flow and soil displacement. The transported soil moves long distances in water/soil slurry that ultimately reaches lakes, streams and other water resources. The slurry contains soil particles laden with phosphorus, a major pollutant nutrient that enhances unwanted algal blooms in lakes and waterways. When left unattended, the problem only gets worse. So do the mosquitoes!

How can we fix the mud season problem? Answer: 1) photograph the damaged site immediately; 2) as the thawing process permits, redirect the runoff off the road travel way and into the roadside ditches; 3) keep culverts and ditches free of debris; 4) trim back roadside tree branches to let in more winter sunlight/heat; 5) add more culverts and ditch turnouts to better apportion runoff flow; and 6) upgrade the gravel road surface with a coarse gravel blanket and crown graded shape. Utilize professional help where needed.

For more information on how 30MRWA can help with your camp road management, as well as other organization news, visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

### Get to Know Vienna

Vienna Woods Conservation Area: encompasses 71 acres of fields, woods, and streams that are now protected by a conservation easement. Straddling a prominent ridge line in Vienna the property provides scenic views of the Kennebec Highlands and Flying Pond to the east. Trask Road, Vienna.



View from "The Pinnacle"; Jane Davis



**DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS - APRIL 2016**

**“A library is a place vibrating with ideas.” - Nancy Kunhardt Lodge**

We are planning our upcoming summer reading program. The theme this year is: “On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!” It is designed to support and promote the passion for play – and reading is always an important part of imaginative play. We’re thinking: dance or yoga and games, hula hoops, movement of all kinds. Maybe some music, gardening. And of course – plenty of stories and books!

It looks like the annual Bird Walk will be back on the docket. We are talking with our two lead birders, and once we come up with a definite date, we’ll let you know more.

Thank you to our wonderful tax gurus for once again helping so many of us in the surrounding community with our income tax paperwork! Yet again we had quite a waiting list, and David found a way to fit in a few extra people here and there. This is such a wonderful service offered to our citizens.



We (and by “we”, I mean mostly Alice and Marianne Archard and Jim Anderberg) are constructing a website for the library! Lots of editing happening at this point, a few more things to add, and we’ll be up and running. We’ll let you know more about the site soon. It is looking pretty cool at this point! Try it at: [drshawlibrary.org](http://drshawlibrary.org)

With all of the emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning for young people, we have been looking at our collection lately, taking stock of our science-related resources for all ages. What we look for in literature having to do with science for our youngest readers are topical books that also tell a good, engaging story through narrative, cool information, and – always – remarkable artwork. Our picture book collection includes books that introduce physics (Darlene Stille’s [Air Outside, Inside, and All Around](#); and [Motion: Push and Pull, Fast and Slow](#)); biology and nature (Stockland’s [Sandy, Leaf, or Coral Reef: a Book About Animal Habitats](#); [I Am Water](#), by Jean Marzolo); earth systems (Rosinsky’s [Rocks: Hard, Soft, Smooth, and Rough](#)); and applied science ([The Day-Glo Brothers](#), by Chris Barton). Top authors to keep in mind are Gail Gibbons, Jim Arnosky, and Joanna Cole (we have her Magic School Bus series of books, as well as videos). There are so many more titles and authors that bear mentioning, but we’ll stop there for now.

The Juvenile 500s (science) collection covers chemistry, physics, magnetism and electricity, science experiments, water & earth, sea life, animals & insects. Our go-to authors are Seymour Simon and Steve Jenkins – they give us great information and narrative coupled with gorgeous illustration. The Eyewitness book series is always popular, no matter what topic. Don’t forget to check our 500s in the adult nonfiction, too. There’s plenty to pique your interest. Besides a wide array of field guides, there is lots of fascinating narrative, creative

## DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS - CONTINUED

writing by beloved authors like Rachel Carson, Dean Bennet (local nature writer), Diane Ackerman, and Stephen Hawking.

Meanwhile, to “depart the text”, we have a new Maine Poet Laureate, Stuart Kestenbaum. Stuart came to do a reading at Vienna Union Hall last year, to quite an appreciative crowd.

We have three of his books in our collection. This week, I lent out my own copy of Mary Oliver’s most recent book of poetry, Felicity, to a dear friend; and I’ve been paging through an old favorite book, birch Stream and Other Poems by Maine

poet Anna Boynton Averill. All of it keeps me in mind of a phrase written by our young patrons who leave encouraging and thoughtful notes for us to find around the library. They spoke, in a recent note, of living “deep, like a poet”. This seems to be a wise and beautiful way to shape a life, don’t you think? Something to aspire to. What are you reading during the slow turning towards spring?

*by Mary Anne Libby*

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## 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 Historical Society** - Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at the Mill Stream Grange Hall at 1:00.

**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.





### COMMUNITY SWAP AND SHOP

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### UNION HALL KICKS OFF FOURTH FULL SEASON

The Vienna Union Hall Association is kicking off the 2016 performance season at **7:00 PM on Saturday, April 23rd** with a local group called *Bad Little Falls*.

*Bad Little Falls* is a musical collaboration that incorporates elements of classic blues, soul, jazz and Americana into a unique formula that showcases the breathtaking vocals of Jan Schmidt and the soulful guitar of Dave Richardson.



"Bad Little Falls" is a reference to Machias, Maine where Dave was born and raised. Machias roughly translates in Passamaquoddy as "bad little falls." Dave has performed in blues, rock and

soul bands over the last 20 years in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maine. He has a distinctive style reminiscent of his early blues oriented influences (Stevie Ray Vaughn, BB King). Dave's vocals reflect his appreciation for classic soul, Bill Withers and Van Morrison.

Jan Schmidt, originally from Rhode Island, has toured worldwide as a vocal performer with 35 years of stage experience. Her influences include Billie Holiday, Eva Cassidy and Etta James. It has been said that her passionate performances are often reminiscent of Janis Joplin.

*Bad Little Falls* provides a unique musical experience that is both nostalgic and refreshing.

Tickets for this event are \$8.00 advance-prepaid or \$10.00 at the door. To purchase advance tickets call 293-2674 or email: [viennaunionhall@gmail.com](mailto:viennaunionhall@gmail.com)



**FROM THE DESK OF TOM SAVIELLO**

**Legislature Passes Tax Conformity,  
Education Funding**



Senate Republican leaders at the State House applauded the passage of two separate pieces of legislation to

address important needs for Maine businesses and schools. The conformity legislation makes permanent several measures that bring Maine into line with federal tax code, including a deduction for teachers who use their own money for classroom supplies. It also keeps the Maine Capital Investment Credit in place, a benefit for over 4,000 small business filers and 300 large businesses, which Democrats had previously tried to eliminate. The education legislation both increases state funding for education by \$15 million and creates a Blue Ribbon Commission to study cost drivers in education.

Both bills passed the Senate on a vote of 33-0. As emergency legislation, both go into effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor.

**Maine Sees 31% Jump in Overdose Deaths**

Maine has recorded another grim record due to drug overdose deaths. 272 people died in Maine in 2015 due to drug overdose, a 31% increase over 2014, which saw a record 208 overdose deaths. The final analysis of drug overdose deaths exceeded initial estimates largely due to an increase in deaths caused by heroin and/or fentanyl in the second half of the year.

In 2015, 157 deaths were caused by heroin and/or non-pharmaceutical fentanyl and 111 were caused by pharmaceutical opioids. Overdose deaths in 2015 caused by illicit drugs exceeded overdose deaths due to pharmaceutical opioids for the first time, even though the number of deaths caused by pharmaceutical opioids increased slightly as well. Nearly all deaths were in combination with other intoxicants.

Two-thirds of the decedents in 2015 from a drug overdose were men. The ages of decedents ranged from 18 to 89, though most deaths were of those under the age of 60. The average age of a decedent was 42 (the average age of a Maine resident is 43).

While all counties recorded at least one overdose death, approximately 78% of the overdose deaths occurred in Maine's five most populous counties, which account for 65% of Maine's population. Cumberland County recorded 32% (86) of the statewide total. The City of Portland recorded 46 deaths, followed by Lewiston with 15 deaths and Bangor with 13 deaths.

Comparing the 2014 and 2015 death rate per 100,000 of population for the five largest counties, Cumberland County's rate increased from 15.3 to 30.5, an increase of 100%, Kennebec County increased 65%, Penobscot County increased 30%, Androscoggin County increased 4%, and York County increased 3%.

In 2015 there were 107 deaths attributable to heroin; 94 of which included at least one other drug or alcohol mentioned on the death certificate. Of the 87 deaths attributable to fentanyl or acetyl fentanyl, 68 included at least one other drug or alcohol mentioned on the death certificate. There were 34 deaths in



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cocaine was involved in 2015, up from 24 in 2014.

The drug overdose death analysis was conducted for the Attorney General, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner by Marcella Sorg, PhD, D-ABFA of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine.

The Maine Legislature passed a treatment, enforcement, and education funding measure in January, and has several bills still under consideration that address parts of the drug crisis. Among them are Senator David Burns' proposal to create a drug interdiction unit, Senator David Woodsome's proposal to increase funding for certain treatment programs, and Senator Scott Cyrway's proposal to increase sentences for criminals who import illegal drugs into Maine.

### Governor Announces Judicial Nominees

Governor LePage has announced judicial nominations of three lawyers to serve as judges in Maine Superior and District Courts and three Active Retired Judges for the Maine Superior and District Courts.

Governor LePage has nominated attorney Harold Stewart II to serve as a Maine Superior Court Justice and Attorneys Deborah Cashman and Patrick Larson to serve as Judges in Maine District Court.

The Hon. Allen Hunter is nominated to serve as an Active Retired Justice in Maine Superior Court and Hon. E. Paul Eggert and Hon. Keith Powers are nominated to serve as Active Retired Judges in District Court.

The Judiciary Committee of the 127th Legislature will hear all Gubernatorial Judicial nominations, and the Committee will schedule public hearings.

## TUMBLEDOWN

*"Tumbledown"* a recently released film starring Jason Sudeikis and Rebecca Hall directed by Sean Mewshaw, was written by *Vienna native* and Mt.Blue High School graduate, Desi Van Til. It premiered last month in Maine to sold out houses all over the state including the Narrow Gauge Cinema.

The Maine International Film Festival had it's first ever sold out showing at the Waterville Opera house when it premiered *Tumbledown*. See the story of [MIFF here](#).

Although the film was made for the most part in Massachusetts there were plenty of quick shots of Farmington, Weld and many references to growing up in this area. If you have not seen the film and would like to view it now it can be seen online at: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2338424/>

Read an interview with Desi by Amber Kapiloff on the Bulldog at <http://www.dailybulldog.com/db/arts/twelve-questions-for-desi-van-til/>.



Desi Van TIl with Tumbledown in the background



## Who You Gonna Call?

Tear out this page and post it near your phone.

### Board of Selectmen:

Dodi Thompson	293-2670
Chris Smith	293-3383
Jeff Rackliff	293-2056

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Annie Tibbetts	293-2915
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### Treasurer:

Marti Gross	485-4415
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### Road Commissioner:

Dan Goucher	293-2833
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### Animal Control Officer:

Donald Tibbetts	293-2915
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### Game Warden:

624-7000
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### Vienna Fire Department:

Brian Church, Chief	293-3892
Paul LeBlond, Deputy	491-6738
Mark Holmes, Asst.	293-3572

### Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector:

John Archard	293-2674
Gary Fuller, Alternate.	441-5302

### Health Officer:

Daniel K. Onion	293-2076
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### Winter Road Contractor:

Lenny Meader	778-3022
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### Addressing Officer:

Roger Reville/ Laura Reville	293-3156
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### School Board Representative:

Helen Wilkey	293-2351
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### Planning Board:

Waine Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Creston Gaither, Sec.	293-2909
Alan Williams	293-4321
Ed Lawless	293-2635

### Newsletter Editor

Marianne Archard	293-2674
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### Webmaster ( viennamaine.org )

Jim Anderberg	293-2673
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### Board of Appeals

Tom Carey, Chair	215-5595
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### Merry Dumpsters (Recycling Board):

Hillary Hutton, Chair	293-3686
Steve Richardson/Ann Gibbs	293-2610
Muffy & Jim Floyd	293-2148

### Town House Committee:

Millie Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Norma Wing, Vice Chair	293-3725
Barbara Gilman, Treasurer	293-2271
Muffy Floyd, Secretary	293-2148

### Assessing Agent, John Sexton

441-7052
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### Municipal Cemetery Sexton:

Ernestine Emery	293-2332
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### Norridgewock Landfill:

634-2714
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### Disposal Riverside:

623-2577
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### Jay Recycling Center

897-5552
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### Vienna Town House:

293-2087
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### Vienna Community Building:

293-4000
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### Vienna Post Office:

293-9332
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### SAD #9:

Cape Cod Hill School	778-6571
Mt. Blue High School	778-3031
	778-3561

### Poison Control Center

800-442-6305
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### Central Maine Power

#### Emergency

800-696-1000
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### Franklin Memorial Hospital

800-398-6031
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### Maine General Medical Center

626-1206
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### Maine State Police

#### Emergency

800-452-4664
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### Kennebec County Sheriff

623-3591
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### Police-Fire-Emergency

911
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# Town of Vienna,

## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Doris Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

**Treasurer** - Marti Gross

**Town Clerk** - Annie Tibbetts

**Tax Collector** - Annie Tibbetts

**Road Commissioner** - Danny Goucher

**Fire Chief & Warden** - Brian Church

**Health Office** - Dan Onion

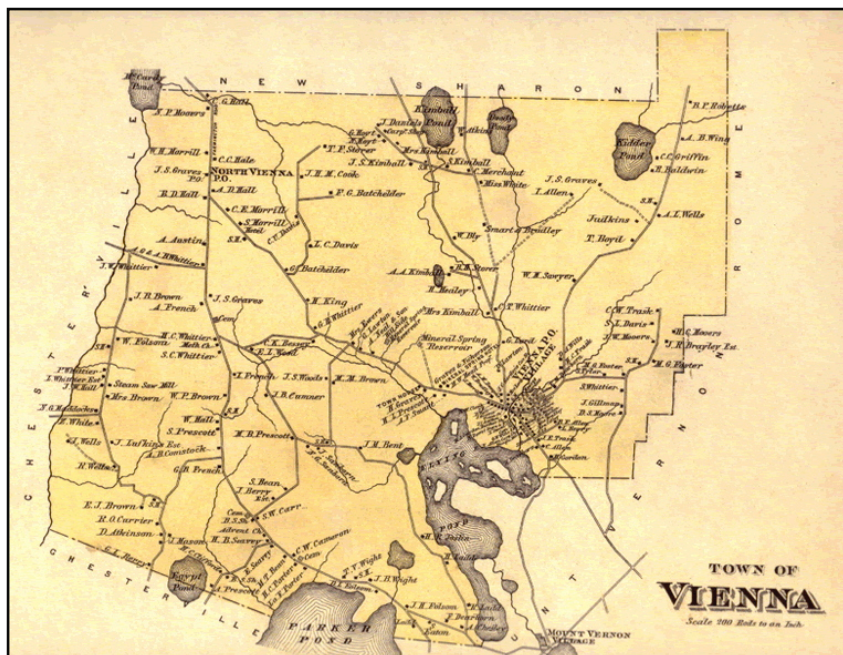
**Animal Control Officer** - Donald Tibbetts

**Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Office** - John Archard

**Alternate Plumbing Inspector** - Gary Fuller

**Addressing Officer** - Laura Reville/Roger Reville

**RSU #9 Representative** - Helen Wilkey



1879 Map of Vienna

## Office of the Selectmen

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