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# Vienna Record



*Flying Pond - Photo by Jill Sampson*

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## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES JUNE-JULY

### September 27, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff.

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

### October 4, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, John Archard, Allan Trask, Annie Tibbetts, Ernestine Emery

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

3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #19 (\$67,537.32)

4. John Archard, Code Enforcement Officer, informed us that Mr. Burt has moved his camp the required distance and improved the septic system. He will now finish hooking up the septic system. Mr. Burt will be planting trees and shrubs where the camp had been illegally built (too close to the stream).
5. Allan Trask discussed with the selectmen his desire to donate property (in the center of the village) to the town of Vienna. The land would be donated in his will. If the town accepts the land there would be some provisions. The selectmen



**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED**

asked Mr. Trask to put something into writing and it would be presented to the town for a vote at the March town meeting.

6. Two cemetery lots were sold; the two deeds were signed by selectmen and notarized by the town clerk.

7. Reviewed and signed Bank Reconciliation Report.

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**October 11, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Annie Tibbetts

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Signed a quit claim deed for a foreclosure sale. This was done for Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union. The property is 485 Tower Road, Map 005, and Lot 030-1 on the Vienna Tax Map.

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No minutes available for the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**October 25, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Troy Bean

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting

3. The selectmen received proof of liability insurance from Troy Bean, for the Off Road plowing/snow removal Contract.

6. One of the keys for the selectmen's office has been given to Mr. Demarco, Vocational Ed teacher at the Mt.Blue High School. He will try to make us copies with some of the new technology that is available. The selectmen have been trying for the last few

years to find someone that would make copies. This has been difficult due to the fact that the key is a large skeleton type key.

7. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has made a decision to not restrict the horse power on Kimball Pond. The letter came from commissioner Chandler Woodcock. This is the result of a petition from Vienna residents and a subsequent public hearing on the subject.

8. Received a CD dealing with hazard mitigation from Kennebec County Emergency Management. The selectmen signed paper work and returned it to KEMA.

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**November 1, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, Brian Church.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 21 (\$95,865.82).

4. Discussed the proposed addition to the fire station with Fire Chief Brian Church. Chief Church stated the addition is still in the planning stage. The Fire Department will be putting an article in the warrant for the town meeting.

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**November 8, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting

3. Selectmen worked on the 2016-2017 State of Maine Tree Growth Roster for the state.

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED**

4. Reviewed the town house committee minutes. The committee has moved the meetings to the second Monday of the month at three pm at the town house.

**November 15, 2016**

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, Dan Goucher.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #22(\$35,977.69).
4. The winter sand salt has been stock piled and ready for the upcoming winter. The policy regarding winter sand is the same as in past years. Two 5 gal buckets may be taken by residents as needed.
5. Selectmen discussed the light on the salt shed not working. Selectmen will get quotes from local electricians and make a decision.



*Open water on Parker Pond in Vienna with a pretty sunset in the distance. (Jane Naliboff photo)*

November 22, 2016

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen reviewed property map information for a financial institution.
4. Had a general discussion about the 2017 budget and articles for the March 11, 2017 Town Meeting Warrant.
5. Selectmen stated that they would all be seeking reelection in March.

**Get outside this winter!**

Skiers, snowshoers and hikers often use snowmobiles trails in Vienna and the surrounding towns but remember these trails are groomed and maintained by the *Vienna Mountaineers Snowmobile Club* in New Sharon, ME and many of the trails run through private property. Respect property owners and help out the snowmobile clubs by picking up fallen debris and making a monetary or volunteer time donation to the club.



Find hiking and skiing trails nearby by using Maine Trail finder at: <http://www.mainetrailfinder.com/> Here you can choose what type of activity you are interested in and where you want to go.. Interesting site!

**PLANNING BOARD NEWS****MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD  
HELD AUGUST 24, 2016**

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House on Town House Road. Regular Board members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Heath and Laura Dolloff.

Town Clerk Annie Tibbeetts was present briefly and swore in Waine, Alan, and Creston for new 3-year terms.

The Board reviewed the permitting history of the Dolloffs' Flying Pond lot (tax map 11 lot 13-H). Prior owner Austin Smith had built a structure under his 2007 permit but a microburst destroyed it. It had been on concrete blocks. The Dolloffs would like to build on the lot in the Spring and they presented a Building Ordinance application which they have submitted to Code Enforcement Officer John Archard; it includes evidence that wastewater permit # 2016 – 13 is in effect for the parcel.

The Board will visit the site at 6:30 PM prior to its September 28 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD  
HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

At 6:30 PM regular members Alan Williams, Ed Lawless, and Creston Gaither visited the

Dolloff site on South Herrin Woods Road and Flying Pond, it being depicted on tax map 11 as lot 13- H. Very steep slopes were noted.

The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Alan was elected Acting Chairman in Waine Whittier's absence.

The Board considered the Dolloffs' proposal to build a house and a driveway on the aforesaid lot; their Building Ordinance permit application was also reviewed.

Based on its site inspection and the information provided by the applicants, and assuming a favorable subsequent review of the pertinent FEMA flood map, which Creston agreed to examine, 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





erosion.

- (8) Is in conformance with the provisions of Section 15, Land Use Standards.

- 4). The applicants will obtain the necessary Building Permit from Code Enforcement Officer John Archard.

The Board then voted 3 – 0 to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit letter for this proposal, subject to these CONDITIONS:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary

- 1). Erosion control measures such as a properly installed silt fence or erosion control mulch shall be employed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with best management practices.
- 2). A stone apron must be placed beneath the new drip edges to control roof runoff.
- 3). Extra care shall be taken in constructing a driveway in order to prevent

### NOTICE

THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD has cancelled its regular meetings scheduled for late November and for Dec. 28 (in view of the holidays) and will hold a meeting on Wednesday December 14 at 7:00 PM at the Town House.

Creston Gaither,  
secretary, Vienna Planning Board

### FROM THE TOWN CLERK

#### 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

Dog registrations are now available.  
\$6.00 for altered dogs  
\$11.00 for un-altered dogs. To avoid a state mandated late fee, the dogs need to be registered by January 31, 2016.

*Nomination papers* for town officials will be available on December 15, 2016. The positions are Road Commissioner, RSU #9 School Board Member, 1st Selectman, 2nd Selectman, 3rd Selectman, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you can pick up the papers at my office. They are due back to my office by January 31, 2017 by 7:00 pm.

**Happy holidays!**



# BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER Food Mobile

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**

**10:30 a.m. to Noon**

Belgrade Regional Health Center parking lot  
**4 Clement Way**  
**Belgrade**  
(off Route 27)



**Anyone struggling  
to keep food on the  
table is welcome**

PARTNERING TO END HUNGER



**Good Shepherd**  
FOOD BANK OF MAINE

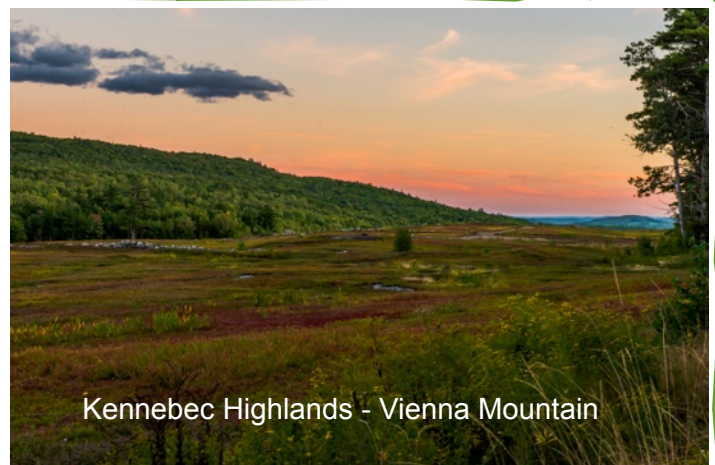
*Belgrade Regional Health Center is a part of*



**HealthReach**  
Community Health Centers

**207-495-3323**  
**BelgradeCHC.org**

Vienna Mountain is a 1,178 ft / 359 m mountain peak near Mount Vernon, Maine, United States. Based on peakery data, it ranks as the 779th highest mountain in Maine and the 55406th highest mountain in the United States. The nearest peaks are [Sanders Hill](#), [Round Top](#), [Roberts Hill](#), [Berry Hill](#), [French Mountain](#), and [John Brown Mountain](#). (from the Peakery: <http://peakery.com/vienna-mountain-maine-2/>)



Kennebec Highlands - Vienna Mountain

**MARANACOOK ADULT EDUCATION****Great Class Coming! - Snowmobile Safety!**

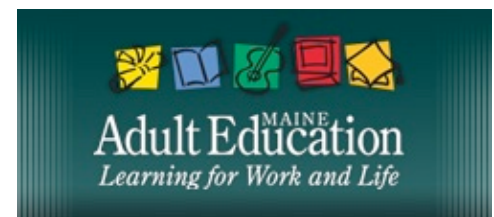
We have a fantastic new class coming up that we can't wait to tell you about.

Participating in a snowmobile education course will teach you or your child how to properly operate and maintain a snowmobile. It will also inform you or your child of the laws pertaining to snowmobiling in Maine.

This class is taught by Craig Gerry of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The class is just \$10 and is being held at the Professional Development Center on 75 North Road, Readfield, Maine.

This class is a must if you have a teenage that rides snowmobile. Please go to our website and sign up today.

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

**ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE****October 20, 2016**

The Ordinance Review Committee met Thursday, October 20th at the Town House at 6:30 pm. Three people attended, all members of the Committee, Jim Anderberg, Marianne Archard and Susan Burns.

Committee members agreed to invite the Planning Board to the November meeting to review and discuss proposed revisions to three ordinances: Building, Shoreland Zoning and Subdivision.

Discussion followed about developing draft language on consistent road setbacks in all three ordinances. The proposed changes would set a consistent 60-foot setback from public roads as currently required in the Building Ordinance and a 40-foot setback from private roads, establish measurement from the centerline of the existing traveled

way and delete measurement from the edge of the r-o-w in the Building Ordinance.

Susan agreed to draft the proposed revisions and send them to other members in late October so the draft could be reviewed and revised before the November meeting with the Planning Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**November 17, 2016**

The Ordinance Review Committee met Thursday, November 17th at the Town House at 6:30 pm. Eight people attended - three members of the VOR Committee, four members of the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer.

The meeting focused largely on the draft ordinance revisions establishing consistent



**ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

road setbacks in the Building, Shoreland Zoning and Subdivision ordinances. Much of the discussion pertained to the 60-foot setback from public roads and the purpose of the setback. Three of the PB members expressed concern that it was excessive, limiting building from too large an area of a lot. VORC members pointed out that on 4-rod (66' right-of-way) roads, a shorter 40-foot setback could result in buildings located only seven feet from the edge of the r-o-w. It was finally agreed to set the road setback distance at 50 feet, as currently required in the Subdivision Ordinance. It was also agreed to add proposed language addressing lots with both water and road frontage and setback requirements.

Discussion also covered considering the appropriate fees for building permits for temporary buildings as well as changes to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding mobile home parks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**NOTICE**

The Vienna Ordinance Review Committee will hold monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Vienna Town house at 6:30 PM.

**RIO NEW YEAR'S EVE 2016  
AT THE VIENNA GRANGE.**

**Starts at 6:00pm. However,**  
**when you get there, the clock will**  
**say 9:00pm, Rio de Janeiro time.**

**6 pm (9 Rio time) - Appetizers +**  
**BYO**

**7 pm (10 Rio time) - Pot luck**  
**supper**

**8 pm (11 Rio time) - Dessert Activity**  
**(might be charades/pictionary game**  
**or dancing)**

**9 pm (midnight Rio time) - Bring in**  
**the new year with sparkling wine!!!!**

**Reservations must be made by Dec 20**  
**( 25 couple limit).**

**\$7.50 each (\$15.00/couple)**

**for midnight sparkling wine, main**  
**entree + decorations.**

**Call: Alan**

**293-4321 or Pat +**

**Linda 293-4082**

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**food you want to**  
**bring when you**  
**reserve.**





## 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

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**Deadline**

All Item or articles for the February/March issue of the *Vienna Record* must be received by me by **January 27, 2017**.

**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 - 2016

**Beaver Fever**

Dan Onion, MD, MPH

Mt. Vernon/Vienna Health Officer

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

October, 2016

Tom Ward, our local weatherman among many other things, called me with a story I could leave for spring to describe. But it is so interesting, I have to tell you about it now. He called because he'd learned that a local summer resident on Flying Pond, had one of her two Labrador retrievers diagnosed by her veterinarian with "beaver fever". Tom wondered if that could affect humans as well and if there were ways to eliminate such risk.

Tom told me that one of the two dogs habitually swam for long periods of time and drank Flying Pond water constantly while doing so. The other dog, not so much. Only the water-drinking dog got sick, with vomiting, chronic cramps and diarrhea. The vet presumably made the diagnosis by examining the stool, as we physicians would in a person as well, and finding Giardia cysts or antigens (diagnostic protein pieces of the parasite) there. Such stool samples in infected individuals are often negative much of the time, so multiple stool tests over several days may be necessary to diagnose it.

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER CONTINUED

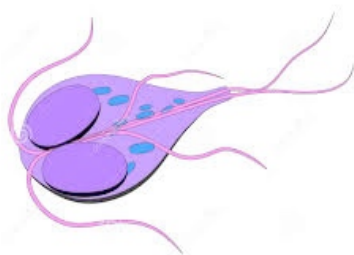
"Beaver fever" is caused by the single-celled animal, *Giardia lamblia*. It is a common parasite of beavers as well as muskrats, dogs often, and sometimes deer. It can't be eliminated from those wild populations without eliminating the carrier populations, an impractical solution. It is spread by ingestion of cysts found in infected individuals' feces. Many dogs, including ones I know, like to roll in animal poop; often they later lick themselves to clean up. So it is no surprise they can easily ingest the parasite. It is possible this dog got it from drinking surface water, in this case from the lake; that is the most common way people get it.

Even infected, many dogs and people have no or few symptoms, but those who do, get chronic nausea, vomiting and diarrhea often along with fatigue and weight loss. The onset of symptoms is often delayed by a week or two after ingestion. The parasite lives primarily in the duodenum, the uppermost portion of the small bowel, right after the stomach. There it causes fat malabsorption, which is the cause of the diarrhea and weight loss, and sometimes actual bowel obstruction, hence causing vomiting. It does not cause fever, so "beaver fever" is really a misnomer. The disease in dogs and humans is insidious in onset and can last months or longer, sometimes even if treated with oral antibiotics. People with immunosuppression from chemotherapy drugs, immunodeficiency diseases, or immunosuppression from human immunodeficiency virus infection (AIDS) all are made much sicker by *Giardia* than immuno-competent individuals.



So to Tom's question: "Is there a way to get it out of Flying Pond?" First of all, the dog may not have gotten it from the pond but rather from rolling in dog or beaver poop. But it would be very hard to prevent *Giardia* from being in pond water. Its cysts can tolerate cold and live in moist environments for months outside their hosts' bodies. The wild animal hosts can usually go where they want. Town water reservoirs have to avoid human and animal contamination,

micro-pore filter their water, and work to control beaver and muskrat populations in their reservoirs. People with springs as a water source also must work to protect them from fecal contamination. People and dogs shouldn't drink water from "pure mountain streams or lakes while swimming or not. The more lake water they drink, the greater their risk of ingesting *Giardia* cysts. Maybe that's why the non-drinker dog didn't get sick. *Giardia* is endemic in Maine and many northern regions, and probably will always be. So, "don't drink the water" from our lakes or streams.



## DR. SHAW LIBRARY NEWS

***"Libraries can definitely lead you astray, in the best possible way."***

Clare Jennings, from Ali Smith's Public Libraries and other stories

We are in the beginning stages of sharing information on energy efficiency and climate change, based on some brief conversations with community members, and on this New York Times article about a village in the UK that has been working together on energy issues for years: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/22/science/english-village-becomes-climate-leader-by-quietly-cleaning-up-its-own-patch.html> . We've put up an exhibit-in-progress of articles and ideas regarding what we might be able to do about energy efficiency on the wall in our main room. Please come take a look and add some of your own ideas to share. We will be talking more with people and hope to host a brainstorming session or two later this winter. Meanwhile, we have an entire issue of a library review journal devoted to sustainability, so we are paging through that and plan to update our collection with new resources on solar and alternative energies.

Alice will read a story at the annual Tree Lighting downtown Mt. Vernon, coming right up on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, at 6:30. Bring your kids down to the village to spend time with our town librarian and enjoy the rest of the festivities! Our holiday and winter picture books are already being checked out at a pretty good clip. We'll try to keep some on the table in the children's room for quick access, and for reading aloud to your kids while sitting in the comfy chairs right here at the library.



There is a local knit and crochet group which meets at the library every Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm. It is an informal, relaxed gathering of people with all levels of experience, and they welcome new people and are pleased to teach the crafts to any newcomers. If you have questions, please call Pat Rawson at 293-2597.

To support the burgeoning interest in knitting or crocheting, there was a nice blog piece recently on the health benefits of knitting: <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/01/25/the-health-benefits-of-knitting/> . Here is a small sampling of the knitting book selection we have in the 746 (textile arts) section of our collection:



Hatitude, Cathy Caron, 746.3 CAR

Sweater 101, Cheryl Brunette, 746.3 BRU

Love to Knit, Bronwyn Lowenthal, 746.43 LOW

Easy Knitted Accessories, Jeanette Trotman, 746.3 TRO

Fearless Knitting Workbook, Jennifer E. Seiffert, 746.3 SEI



## LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

We also have fiction that centers around knitting, mostly by Debbie Macomber and Kate Jacobs, which might be fun to try.



-Mary Ann Libby

I just started reading We Are Water, one of Wally Lamb's novels from a few years back. What are you reading, when you finally sit down by the fire with a cup of tea? And here is a small poem about December, to end this day:

"I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December  
A magical thing  
And sweet to remember.

'We are nearer to Spring  
Than we were in September,'  
I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December."

- Oliver Herford, *I Heard a Bird Sing*

## RECURRING COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

**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.

**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.

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

**Mt. Vernon Community Center Café** - Saturdays From 9:30-11:30 AM. Coffee, food and Conversation.

**Ordinance Review Committee** meetings - Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town House

**Planning Board** -meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town House

**Selectmen's Meetings** are the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town House

**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.

**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.



# H O M E T O W N N E W S

## Mount Vernon Community Center Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration



**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*please bring cookies to share*

*we'll have plenty of hot cocoa for everyone*

**Festivities begin at 6:30pm**

*We'll gather for a fun reading of the a festive storybook by Alice Olson.*

*The Community Center is again providing all families with a free new book!*

*Make your own Christmas wish list to give to Santa.....*

**Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:00pm**

*followed by a visit from Santa Claus*

**Free to All ~ Weather Permitting**





**SANTA**

**DEC. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**1-3 p.m.**

**VIENNA**

**COME AND ENJOY**

**Antique Lionel Train  
set up and running!**

**CRAFTS!**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Storm Date 17<sup>th</sup> if Necessary**

**FUN!**



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**30 MILE RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION NEWS**

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**News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association****A Record Year for Invasive Plant Patrols**

Each year, volunteers play a critical role in keeping invasive plants out of our lakes. Organized by lake teams, Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPPs) are trained through the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) to survey for invasives such as variable leaf milfoil and hydrilla. Together with Courtesy Boat Inspectors, who prevent invasive plants from enter our lakes in the first place, IPPs have helped keep our watershed **completely free** of invasive plants. This year, **69** dedicated volunteers on **6** lakes spent **246 hours** searching for invasive plants, and thankfully, they didn't find any! An enormous "Thank you!" to all

involved for their hard work.

**Education Programming for our Watershed**

Education is an imperative component of conservation, as it prepares current and future generations to make thoughtful and informed decisions regarding human impacts on the natural environment. This fall, we've been busy bringing watershed education to our local schools, including Leavitt High School (LHS) in Turner, Cape Cod Hill School (CCHS) in New Sharon, and Mount Blue High School (MBHS) in Farmington. We also joined forces this spring with two neighboring watershed associations – the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed – to form the *Watershed Education Collaborative for Central Maine*. This alliance formed in response to the need for widespread, organized watershed education in schools and the opportunity to work collaboratively for greater impact. Our watersheds form a contiguous region with several shared school districts, and together we have the potential to deliver programming to 18,000 students. We recently received a \$12,000 grant from the Onion Foundation to support our work. We are grateful for the opportunity the Onion Foundation has given us and excited to launch into this new partnership.

**Call for Office Volunteers**

While we certainly need as many volunteers as possible out on the lakes in the summer, office volunteers are a great help as well! If you would like to learn more about becoming an office volunteer, please contact [katie@30mileriver.org](mailto:katie@30mileriver.org) or call us at 860-4043.

**Annual Giving**

All of our lake protection programs would not be possible without donations from individuals like you. We've raised \$38,000 so far towards our \$60,000 Annual Fund goal and need to raise another \$22,000 by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Will you help us reach it?

For more news and information, or to make a donation, please visit our website at [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).



## CHASE AWAY THE WINTER BLUES IN VIENNA

Chase away the cold and darkness this year with an evening surrounded by family and friends, including local fun, inspiring entertainment, hot mulled cider and snacks. The fourth annual Winter Revels will take place at the Vienna Union Hall on Saturday, December 17 at 7:00PM.

The lineup this year, introduced by “Master of the Revels”, Dan Simons, includes but is not limited to a wonderful Solstice Play written, adapted and directed by Clair Dorr- Holman and the return of the wild and crazy “little people” elfing around.

Finally, Maine’s premier Celtic duo, Castlebay, will “drive cold winter away” with joyous and mysterious seasonal songs and tunes from Ireland, Scotland and the British Isles as well as their native New England. The lilting sound of Irish flute, Celtic harp, fiddle and guitar will mingle revelry and lusty wassails with vibrant songs of mystery and wonder. Julia Lane and Fred Gosbe unite to form Castlebay.

Julia Lane, vocalist, harper, songwriter and folklorist has loved, sung, researched and created folk music since childhood. Growing up in New England, she studied music theory and took guitar lessons from a lutenist specializing in Elizabethan songs and flamenco. She became active in madrigal and Renaissance music groups, played as a soloist and provided music for a children's theater group.



After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy, her interest in English and Scottish folk music and lore led her to study in Oxford, England. She continues to conduct in-depth research into the social history and folkways of the Celtic lands and her native New England. Utilizing the power of music in conveying a story, she has created multimedia programs of history and myth with both traditional and original music.

Fred Gosbee is a vocalist and storyteller. He plays the 12-string guitar, fiddle, viola, Irish flute and the penny-whistle. He has collected and performed folk music for over thirty years. As a child in Central Maine, he heard his older relatives singing the old woodsmen's songs and playing fiddle and accordion. At the University of Maine, he was inspired by the folk music he heard in a college folklore class with Dr. Sandy Ives who became Fred's advisor. Dr. Ives became influential in Fred's awareness and appreciation for his own heritage of folk music.

Having had wide experience with community theater, both onstage and in production, Fred combined his theatrical experience with his knowledge of folk music when he arranged, composed, and performed new incidental music for a production of A Spoon River

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Anthology. The resulting sound tapestry included 56 pieces of music performed live for each show.

Fred has continued to write original songs in the traditional style, celebrating the humor and humanity of ordinary people. His works have since been recorded by other artists and have garnered him invitations to international music festivals.

The Vienna Winter Revels is a family friendly affair that will be sure to leave you warm and smiling. Tickets for the Revels go on sale on December 1. Make sure to get tickets early since they have sold out in previous years. Purchase prepaid tickets by calling Dodi 293-2670, Marianne 293-2674 or emailing [viennaunionhall@gmail.com](mailto:viennaunionhall@gmail.com)

\$8.00 Adults - \$4.00 children 10 and under. Babes in arms are free.

**SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

✓ **December 3 - Mt. Vernon Community Center-** 6:30 Festivities and Tree lighting.

✓ **December 6 - Belgrade Regional Health Center** - 10:30-Noon - Food Mobile sponsored by the Good Shepherd Food Bank. BYO bags.

✓ **December 10 - Mill Stream Grange-** 1:00-3:00 PM Santa & Antique Train (storm date Dec 17)

✓ **December 17 - Vienna Union Hall** - 7:00 PM - A Winter Revels

✓ **January 1 - Vienna Mill Stream Grange** - New Year's Rio - 6:00PM

**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

**COMMUNITY SWAP AND SHOP**

Find items here that Vienna residents want to sell, swap or barter. Send a description of your item to [viennarecord@gmail.com](mailto:viennarecord@gmail.com).

Posting is free. Also post it on the Vienna website by emailing to the Vienna webmaster: [webmaster@viennamaine.org](mailto:webmaster@viennamaine.org)



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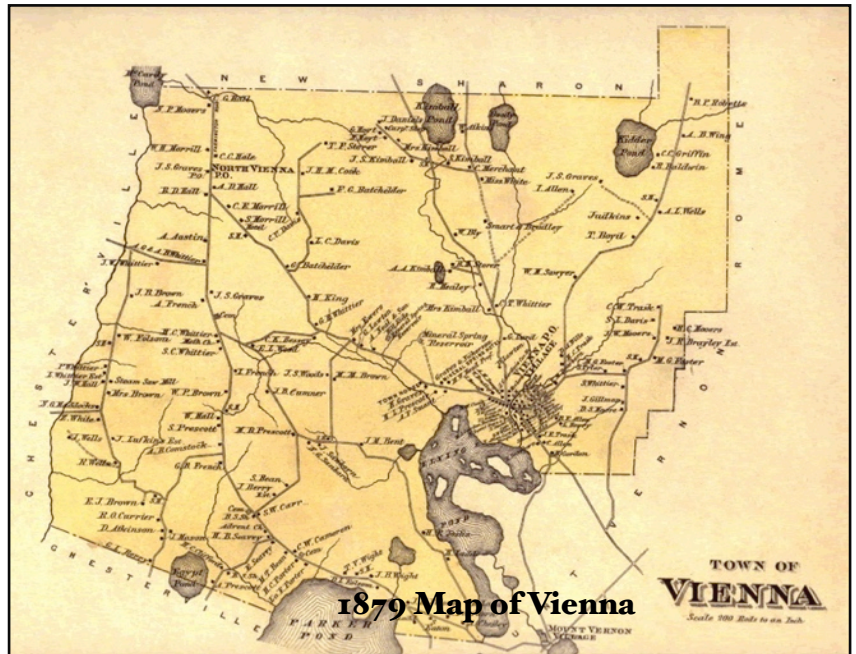
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