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Vienna Record



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Selectmen's Minutes—October/November 2017

September 26, 2017

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff,
Allan Trask

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous selectmen meeting.
3. The selectmen worked on the tree growth report.
4. Allan Trask spoke to selectmen about one of his properties on Cemetery Road. He provided the selectmen with documentation of a transfer of a portion of that property to the Cemetery Association. This will be

included in the changes for 2018.

5. The selectmen will be voting on the 2017-2018 General Assistance Appendices at the next meeting, October 3rd. This is an annual that allows the town to meet state recommendations.
6. The selectmen are looking for a new E911 addressing officer. The person would be responsible for assigning house numbers to the new homes and the upkeep of the records. If you are interested in this position please contact one of the selectmen.

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

October 3, 2017

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Steve Young, Brian Church, Mike Church, Katie Church, Margaret Church, Annie Tibbetts, Roger Reville.

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous selectmen meeting.
3. The Vienna Fire Department received a grant for \$7,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. This money will be used to replace the outdated air pack bottles for the SCBAs.
4. Reviewed and signed warrant #19 (\$20,260.16)
5. The selectmen signed the warrant and notice of election for the RSU #9 Budget Referendum. This will be held on October 24th at the Community Center.
6. Discussed with a town resident the need to do ditching in front of his property to help prevent the washing out of the town road. The Selectmen will visit the location and come up with a plan; there was further discussion on the road crown and ditching of the road.
7. The selectmen reviewed and signed the bank reconciliation report.
8. The selectmen voted to except the recommended appendices for the 2017-2018 General Assistance Ordinance.
9. There is an Ordinance Review Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19th, 6:30pm at the Town House.

October 10, 2017

Present: Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Barry Emery

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

previous selectmen meeting.

3. Discussed the need to improve the road in the Municipal Cemetery across from the church on Tower Road.
4. The town received the state's estimated assessment of the town for 2018... \$68,600,000.
5. The selectmen discussed the guidelines for Bulky Pickup day. The collectors will not pick up building material or tires on rims. Complete guidelines can be found on the back of the Waste/Recycle Schedule that is inserted in the Town Report. Additional copies are available at the Town House.

October 17, 2017

Present: Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Marti Gross, Ernestine Emery, Steve Young

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous selectmen meeting.
3. Warrant #18 was reviewed and signed (\$107,568.43)
4. The Cumner Road has been paved and work has started on the Davis Road hill. The Road Commissioner has started the removal of the base of the road to replace with a better packing product. The road has always been a clay and rock base. The new base will be crushed stone that will be much better and more stable. This should help maintain the new pavement that will be applied later this month.
5. The selectmen reviewed the Bank Reconciliation Report.
6. The selectmen worked with a resident in reference to a foreclosure on his property.
7. The Cemetery Sexton sold four lots this week. Copies were made of the deeds.



**Did You
Know...**

**Vienna was
called "Goshen"
until it was
incorporated as
a town in 1802?**



Selectmen's Minutes Continued

October 24, 2017

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Charlie Baeder

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous selectmen meeting.
3. The selectmen met with Charlie Baeder, representative of Belgrade Regional Conservation about the Kennebec Highlands. They are looking into acquiring a Vienna property. There was a general discussion on the management plan of the Kennebec Highlands. Selectmen discussed the tax exemptions along with tree growth and that the state owned land is exempt from taxes. The discussion went into the abandonment of roads on the Kennebec Highland property. The roads were closed around 1992 to town maintenance but were left open to public access. It was noted that some of the road has been blocked and the selectmen requested that the road be re-opened. The selectmen will be having more meetings with the state before the management plan is updated. The Kennebec Highlands are looking to purchase more property within Vienna.
4. Dodi reported that she attended the Ordinance Review Committee meeting on the 19th. Also present were Sue Burns, Jim Anderberg, and Waine Whittier. It was agreed that the committee going forward will have five members including one from the Planning Board. The selectmen are looking to appoint two new members. It was also agreed that there would be no more meetings until a need is determined.

November 7, 2017

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

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous selectmen meeting.
3. Warrant #21 was reviewed and signed (\$34, 876.94).

No meeting was held on November 14th.

November 17, 2017

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

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous selectmen meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #22 (\$154, 103.99).
4. Dodi reported that the Town House fire extinguishers were serviced earlier today. All town fire extinguishers have been inspected and serviced for the year. This was performed by Tri State Fire and Safety.
5. The selectmen discussed with the road commission about preparation for the winter road maintenance, recent paving and repairs to the roads after the recent heavy rain and wind activities. Mountain Road in particular was mentioned. It was reported that 2000 yards of sand and 265 tons of salt have been put up in prep for winter road maintenance. Selectmen Smith filled out Form 7 and applied for reimbursement from FEMA for money spent of repairs to the town road from the recent storm. The application was filed for approximately \$13,000.



**Did You
Know...**

**The Vienna
Historical
Society
became a non-
profit group on
November 30,
1981?**



Selectmen's Minutes Continued

November 17, 2017 cont.

6. Assisted Ms. Vickerson with reviewing property cards and tax maps.

7. Bank Reconciliation report was signed by the selectmen.

8. The Fire Department has purchased the new tank for the SCBA packs. The firefighters have taken photo along with a couple of firefighters in full turn out gear. The photo will be sent to the King Foundation with a note of thanks for their generous donation/grant.

A Winter Revels
December 16, 2017
7:00PM
Vienna Union Hall
Featuring Leland Faulkner, comedy & mime
Also local Music and Acts
\$8.00 Adults
\$4.00 10 and under
For tickets call:
Libby - 293-2362
Marianne - 293-2674
or email:
viennaunionhall@gmail.com

Union Hall News

A Winter Revels in Vienna

On Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 PM, the Vienna Union Hall Association will present the 5th annual Winter Revels. A wonderful homespun affair, the Revels brings together local and professional talent while offering a warm greeting to the winter solstice and the holiday season for family and friends.

This year's show, emceed by Tom Saviello, will offer several local acts for the first half of the show including musical trio Dan Simons, Stan Keach and Julie Davenport, local children and several other show stoppers. Long time performer, mime, master of the shadow theater and illusionist Leland Faulkner will complete a rounded evening of fun, food and community.



Leland Faulkner's performances are a feast for the heart and mind. He is a magician, a character actor, and a mime artist. His performances stir the imagination and bridge our differences by bonding us with creative spirit, humor, and mystery. He is famed for his Shadowgraphs and Chapeaugraphy, two lost arts that have been given a fresh breath of life under his care, yet he is more than that.

Leland Faulkner has been an actor, mime, and magician for over thirty years. Early in his career he worked with Affiliate Artists as a corporate arts liaison in communities throughout the United States. For many years he partnered, toured, and taught with master mime Tony Montanaro, and was the artistic director of Celebration Barn in South Paris, Maine. In the years following he has taught and performed at major venues, schools, colleges, theatre festivals, cultural exchange programs, international circuses, and in private workshops for professional performing artists. He has also created original content and special effects for both motion picture and stage productions.

His devised production Shadowplay brought him two Kennedy Center College Theatre Festival Accolades, one for Directing and one for Technical Innovation. He has toured his solo material to Turkey, Canada, China and Russia for international festivals.

From an early age, Leland was exposed to a wide range of ethnic cultures. He was born in Afghanistan to American Indian parents, he grew up there, and in Iran, one of his earliest memories is being placed on the foot of a gargoyles in the ruins of ancient Persepolis. As a young boy, he spent seven years on the coast of Tanzania, East Africa where he saw his first magician, John Calvert. Leland has toured and traveled to Asia and Europe, and credits his experiences around the globe with stimulating his love for theatre.

His theatre work has had him featured at Arts Carnival in Hong Kong, The Ojai Storytelling Festival in California, the Equitable Center in New York City, an extended tour of Japan for the Kageboushi Theatre Company, a month long, multi-city tour of China with the Wuqiao Circus Festival in 2011, and in Russia at the Ivhesk International Circus Festival in 2012, to name a few.

Union Hall News Cont.

A Winter Revels in Vienna cont.

Leland received a Bachelor of Arts degree in film making from the Brooks Institute, in Santa Barbara, California, and continues to create many award winning film and media projects. Most notably, he was an artist/consultant to the major motion picture, The Polar Express.

Tickets for the Revels are \$8.00 for adults \$4.00 children 10 and under. They may be purchased in advance by calling 293-2674, 293-2362 or emailing viennaunionhall@gmail.com Seating for the Revels is limited and it is often sold out so get tickets early.

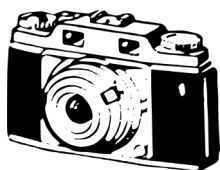


Editors Notes

Send us your photos of Vienna!

If you have beautiful photographs of Vienna, Maine that you would like to share in the *Vienna Record*, please email them to:

kachurch2@gmail.com



*Please note that not all submitted photographs will be used. Inclusion will depend on what fits in with content.

Email articles to me at: viennanews1802@gmail.com

Or mail to: P.O.Box 147, Vienna, ME 04360

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Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the October/November issue of the *Vienna Record* by **January 22, 2018**.

Format

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

We want to hear from you!

Do you have an idea for a story you would like added to a future edition of the *Vienna Record*? Let us know! Send your ideas to: kachurch2@gmail.com



News from the Town Clerk

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



Notes from the Town Clerk

Hours:

Tuesday/Thursday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
 Wednesday: 9:00am-12:00pm and 12:30pm-5:00pm
 Last Saturday of the month: 9:00am-12:00pm
 unless it is a holiday weekend.

- * 2018 Dog registration tags are available now. Altered dogs are \$6 and unaltered dogs are \$11.
- * Nomination papers are available as of December 14, 2017:
 - * 3rd Selectmen—3 Year Term
 - * Tax Collector—3 Year Term
 - * Town Clerk—3 Year Term
 - * Treasurer—3 Year Term
 - * Road Commissioner—3 Year Term

Planning Board News

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

- At 6:15 PM Regular members Ed Lawless, Alan Williams and Creston Gaither met with contractor Jim Meader on the Thomas and Dorothy Moore site on Flying Pond, depicted on tax map 10 as lot 42; the owners would like Jim to install a foundation beneath the existing camp, which is currently on posts. The camp is currently about 50 feet from the pond. Some trees to the west and east of the camp would have to come down to allow equipment and to move the camp during construction. The rules regarding expansion of non-conforming structures in the Shoreland Zone were informally reviewed and discussed. The Board advised Jim that going up on the structure, as the owners would also like to do, would not be allowable. No plumbing is involved. Jim has written authorization to act as the owners' agent.
- At 7:00 PM the Board's regular meeting convened at the Town House with the aforesaid members present, along with Jim Meader. Minutes of the August 23 meeting were read and corrected and accepted. Alan was elected Acting Chairman in Waine Whittier's absence.
- The Moores' proposal, as outlined above, was discussed. It was agreed that the usual silt fence and erosion control measures will be required. And that the earthwork is to be done by a contractor certified for Shoreland Zone work. Any excavated material is to be removed from the Shoreland Zone entirely. Jim will provide the written authorization from the owners to allow him to act as their agent. Creston will check the flood hazard maps for this parcel.

Planning Board News Cont.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA
PLANNING BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

Cont.

- Based on its site visit and Jim's representations and a presumption that the flood maps will indicate no flood management issue, the Board then found that the proposal:
 - will maintain safe and healthful conditions;
 - will not result in water pollution, erosion, or sedimentation to surface waters;
 - will adequately provide for the disposal of all wastewater;
 - will not have an adverse impact on spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird or other wild-life habitat;
 - will conserve shore cover and visual, as well as actual, points of access to inland waters;
 - will protect archaeological and historic resources as designated in the comprehensive plan;
 - will avoid problems associated with floodplain development and use; and
 - is in conformance with the provisions of Section 15, Land Use Standards.
- The Board then voted 3 - 0 to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit by letter for the project.
- Copies of a proposed Moratorium Ordinance regarding Recreational Marijuana were distributed and discussed informally. The Board took no position on the matter at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.



Creston Gaither, secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA
PLANNING BOARD HELD OCTOBER 25, 2017

- The meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM; members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Creston Gaither, and Tim Bickford. Also present were Bruce and Pam Feathers and Mark Rains.
- The Featherses were issued a Notification of Construction permit for a storage shed and an existing canopy shed; the property is shown on tax map 5 as lot 19.
- Minutes of the Sept. 27 meeting were read and accepted.

Planning Board News Continued

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA
PLANNING BOARD HELD OCTOBER 25, 2017

- Mark asked about Town requirements for a bed and breakfast. It was noted that only a small portion of Mark's house lies within the Shoreland Zone. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) was briefly reviewed in this regard. The Board advised Mark that nothing in the SZO would appear to preclude the operation of a bed and breakfast, and that State Plumbing Code requirements would be the most important limitation, especially as additional bedrooms would be involved. The definition of "home occupations" in the SZO was briefly reviewed. It was not clear whether it would apply to a bed and breakfast. It was suggested that the safest option would be for Mark to obtain a SZO permit. He did not make formal application and the Board thus took no formal action in this matter.
- Recent correspondence was reviewed.
- Waine reported that the Ordinance Review Committee met last week and decided to suspend the committee until a pertinent issue requires it to convene. They would like to have a 5-member committee and would like to have a Planning Board member involved. The Board agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. Waine advised them of some changes to the SZO the Board may recommend for adoption at the March town meeting.
- The November and December Board meeting dates were discussed. All present said they could attend the November meeting at its usual date. The Board's suggested ordinance changes should be considered at that meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.



Creston Gaither, secretary



Community Swap and Shop

Find items here that Vienna residents want to sell, swap, or barter. Send a description of your item to kachurch2@gmail.com. Posting is free. Also post it on the Vienna website by emailing to the Vienna webmaster: webmaster@viennamaine.org



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From the Health Officer

Medical Probabilities Exemplified in Influenza and Car Crashes

Dan Onion, MD, MPH
Mt. Vernon/Vienna Health Officer
293-2076; dkonion@gmail.com
November, 2017

A relative told me last week that she was not going to immunize her daughter because she had read on the internet that the immunization didn't always work and had complications. Her husband, my nephew, is an anthropologist and so trained in scientific probabilities. It astounded me that he could tolerate such oversimplification of the probabilities involved here. I thought of these issues again yesterday as I got my annual influenza shot. What if I asked the medical assistant if it would work and what the complications were; what would she likely say?

Medicine, especially public health, and life for that matter, are all about probabilities carefully measured. Their accurate measurement by scientific methods are the core charge of medical research; and part of that method is the replication of results by multiple different researchers to see if those results agree consistently.

If challenged, the medical assistant giving me my flu shot (technically an influenza shot) might have answered that, yes, it would help prevent the flu, or if in a hurry, perhaps just yes. The "help prevent the flu" is the more honest answer, which at least alludes to the probabilities behind the full answer. That full answer is that a flu shot reduces the likelihood of my having a major complication of flu, especially hospitalization, secondary pneumonia, or death, not to 0% but perhaps to half or 1/4 the risk I would run had I not had the shot. Medical treatment and prevention actions are never 100% effective, but if they prevent, ameliorate or cure disease even about 10% of the time, they are usually considered worth it. In my case, I have an increased risk of flu complication because of my age (as do kids over 6 months but under 5), and so am a particularly important target for flu immunization programs. So the crucial questions, when someone tells you that they had had the shot "but still got the flu", are: "was it really the flu, not just a cold?", and most importantly, "did the flu kill you?", because half the immunized people exposed to someone with the flu still get it, but in a much milder form.

And both I and a 2-year old have special types of vaccine just for us; in the case of the 2-year old, it is a 2-shot series with split viral particles to enhance the "take" to produce more antibody; and in my case it is a 4-virus (quadrivalent with two types of A, and two types of B influenza) in contrast to the usual trivalent version, and at a double concentration because people my age respond more sluggishly to the standard dose. More than you wanted to know, but the strategy is to tailor the vaccines to the age groups to get the biggest bang for the buck.

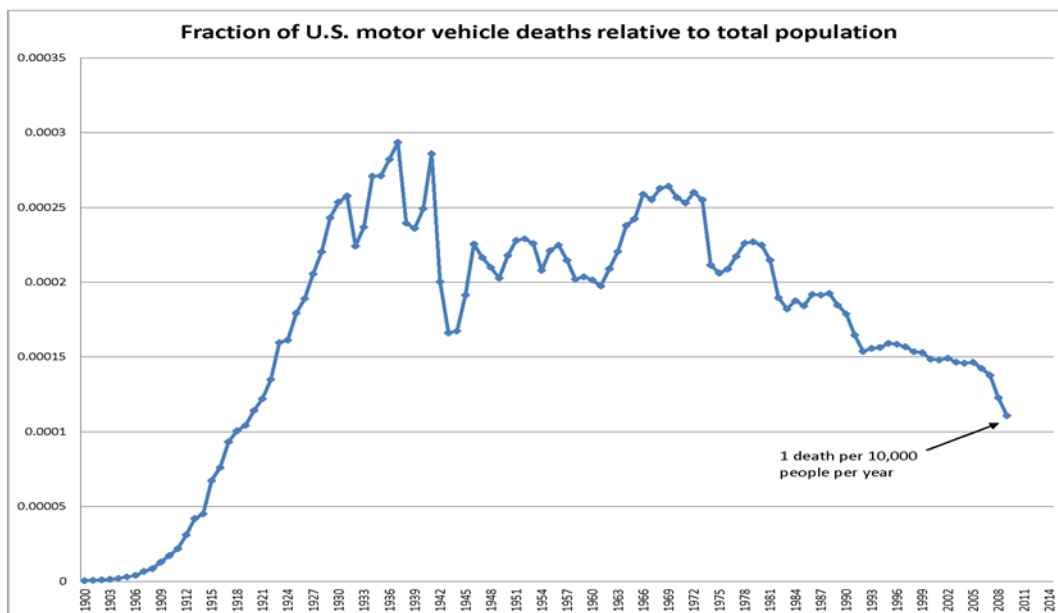
From the Health Officer Continued

And what about my nephew's wife's concerned about complications and adverse effects? Well, like the benefits, they are always there as a possibility. What matters is what they are and at what probability. In the case of the flu shot, the benefits are pretty good, from my perspective, if my chances of dying when I get the flu are reduced by 50% from 10% to 5% with similar reductions in the disease severity and other complications. The only real side effect is a sore arm (in about 20%) from the double dose of flu shot, which is a pretty mild downside. It is harder on patients with a rare previous neurologic infection called Guillain-Barré Syndrome. But that ain't me. So I got the shot. Other vaccines have some very rare side effects, but beware of extremist internet sites, especially those concerning the childhood vaccines, like measles, mumps, rubella, polio, chickenpox, etc. I remember all those diseases (see my "Vaccination Ruminations" piece in the newsletter, Oct-Nov, 2014); they aren't pretty, and they are dangerous.

Yet another factor in deciding about flu shots or other infectious disease immunization, is the community. If you don't get the flu (most flu shot regimens prevent flu with at least a 50% success), then you are decreasing the likelihood of spreading it to your family and friends. That's why all medical personnel are required to get the flu shot every year; they will kick me out of the hospital if I don't.

So what about the car crashes mentioned in my title? Well, look at the graph below. It shows deaths from car crashes in this country from 1900 to the present. Guess why the dramatic drop from the 1930s to now. The reduction reflects improved car and road engineering as cars evolved from wagons with motors to safety pods that travel on much safer roads at 2-3 times the speed of those early vehicles. The graph for influenza and other communicable diseases looks almost exactly the same.

Improving vaccines and motor safety methods improve outcomes, not by 100%, but by a lot, if done scientifically. It all depends on the balance between the probabilities of benefits vs the harms and the costs.



Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News



"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer but a citizen instead."

-Caitlin Moran

Thank you, to the workers constructing our addition, who cheerfully work through the cold (and sometimes rainy) days. They are capable and communicative and kind. Thank you, to the volunteers who have been scurrying to help us move materials out of the back rooms and relocate them in creative ways. And thank you, dear patrons, for your patience regarding parking and our slightly crowded library while we make our way through the building project.

While the project is ongoing, we cannot accept book donations for our former sale room. You can take your used books to the swap shop at the transfer station, or to Goodwill for the time being. We'll let you know when we are set up again for donations. Thank you!

Our youngest patrons love seeing the mighty workers and their machinery. Consequently, our picture books on construction equipment have become very popular! We still have a few left on the table in the children's room, please feel free to come check them out. For adults, I would recommend My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith – a romp through Italy while the main character tries to meet a deadline for writing a book, and instead of the rental car he thought he had scheduled, he winds up driving a bulldozer around the countryside to reach his destination.

We've started putting out some picture books about winter, including one of our favorite books of all time – Ezra Jack Keats' The Snowy Day. The US Postal Service has just released a postage stamp with the image of the front cover from this book – run to the post office and grab some, they're great!

Do you love cartography (and who doesn't)? Try this website: www.oshermaps.org. This is sponsored by the Osher Map Library at USM. If your kids love maps, look at "mapPlay" under "Teacher Resources" on the site. There are some fun and informational activities there. They also host an annual map making contest! For those of you who prefer paper, we have University of Maine's beautiful large volume from 2015, entitled Historical Atlas of Maine. And, to steer you off course a bit, you might be interested in David Cook's Above the Gravel Bar, a study of the native canoe routes in Maine, along with how those intersected with geological developments and prehistoric native culture. No maps, but definitely of interest to cartographers and geographers and historians.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News Cont.

I've been reading Isabel Allende's latest novel, In the Midst of Winter, a quiet consideration of how three characters, over the course of their difficult lives, come to the place where they are today. I just finished a beautiful juvenile novel, Zinnia and the Bees, by Danielle Davis. It is new to our collection, come check it out. We've been putting out a few holiday books on the table in the children's room, and they are flying out of the building! What are you reading as we draw closer to the longest night, and then the slow return to light?



Recurring Community Events



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

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

Women's Breakfast "JULIET" - Third Tuesday of each month at the Mill Stream Grange 8-9 AM. Pot luck breakfast plus \$2.00 per person.

McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Vienna Community Center. New and experienced carvers welcome. For more information call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach at 685-4779.

Creation Station - Faith-based, arts-based after school program of the North Vienna UMC. Meets Thursday during the school year. Open to all children grades K-6. For more information call Laura Church at 293-3892.

The Youth Group at North Vienna United Methodist Church - Most Sunday afternoons during the school year. Open to youth grades 6 and up. For more information call Laura Church 293-3892.



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

Mt. Vernon Play Group - Every Tuesday 9-11 at the Mt. Vernon Community center and follow the preschool calendar. It is open to children, infant to age 5, with parents and/or caregivers. We have free play, arts and crafts, stories and music.

Community News

Fire Department News

Vienna Fire Department, Inc. meets every Thursday at 6:30PM but the following Thursdays are specifically designated as written:
Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of *every month*
Training: 3rd Thursday of *every month*

The Department is always looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the Vienna Fire Department, come down to the station on any Thursday to learn more.



Left: The Vienna Fire Department was awarded a \$7,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The funds were used to purchase air tanks for each firefighter's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Below: Air-pack training at the Vienna Fire Department. Blindfolds were used to simulate limited vision in a smoke-filled environment and firefighters were expected to work together to get from the truck bay to the Community Room exit.



Happy Holidays from all of us at Vienna Fire Department, Inc.!

Mill Stream Grange



Paul Lavender, Master of Mill Stream Grange, with the Grange booth at the Mt. Vernon craft fair on Nov. 26. Information about the Grange was shared with the public, a 50/50 raffle was held and candy canes given to kids, young and old. Members Jill Sampson and Debbie Lavender also helped at the booth. Mill Stream Grange invites all interested community members to visit the Grange in downtown Vienna on 1st and 3rd Friday evenings at 6:00 for a potluck supper and program. Come and see what we are all about!

Mark Your Calendars for these Special Events

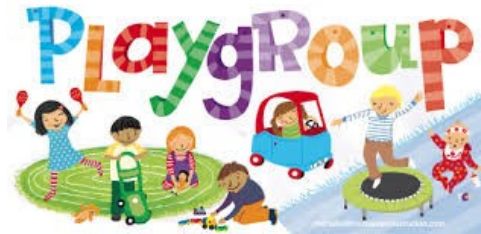
- ✓ December 10th: "Santa Store" at the North Vienna United Methodist Church, 2pm-4pm, open to all children in the community, all items \$0.50.
- ✓ December 16th: A Winter Revels, 7:00pm, Vienna Union Hall, \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 10 and under.
- ✓ December 24th: Christmas Eve Service at the North Vienna United Methodist Church, 7pm



Mount Vernon Play Group

The Mt. Vernon Playgroup at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Meets every Tuesday 9-11 and follows the preschool calendar. It is open to children, infant to age 5, with parents and/or caregivers. We have free play, arts and crafts, stories and music.

For more information call Reene 293-2478 or Donna 293-4321



News from the North Vienna United Methodist Church

Make this the year. Make this the year for a return to the heart of Christmas. North Vienna United Methodist Church at 572 Tower Road invites you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. with Sunday School for children beginning at 9:15. During the Sundays of December we will prepare for Christmas with music, prayer, scripture, and stories. On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., there will be a service of carols and candles designed for all ages.

In addition, the Youth Group of NVUMC will host a "Santa Store" on Sunday, December 10th from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children can come and shop for small gifts for their families – parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. Parents will be invited to wait in the sanctuary while the Youth Group members help the children shop and gifts will be wrapped by members of the congregation and taken home for Christmas surprises! All children in the community are welcome. And everything costs just 50 cents!

Lastly, NVUMC has offered a very special service each year on December 21st. This service on the longest, darkest night of the year is called a "Blue Christmas Service." It is a simple, brief service beginning at 7 p.m. and is filled with music for listening, prayers, scripture, and the opportunity to light candles in a dark and quiet room as prayers of hope or remembrance or just because....for yourself, for someone else, or for the world. It is especially for those who find the season difficult for so many reasons – loss, death, fear, sadness, weariness. For many it is simply a time to be still in the chaos of the season. All are welcome.



The people of The United Methodist Church

The people of North Vienna United Methodist Church wish you a blessed Christmas.

30 Mile River Watershed Association



News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

Housing Needed for AmeriCorps Member

We've been selected to host an AmeriCorps member through the Maine Conservation Corps program and will be welcoming them to our team in January. The individual selected will play an important role in collecting water quality data and leading our YCC crew. We are now looking for a place for them to live. Because this individual will be working out of our Farmington office and traveling to the various lakes and ponds in our watershed, housing in communities relatively close to Farmington (Vienna/Mt. Vernon) would be ideal. If you know of any housing available for all or part of the January to November timeframe, in exchange for nominal rent or light chores, please contact kchurch@30mileriver.org or (207)860-4043.

Another Successful Invasive Plant Patrol Season

Each year, volunteers play a pivotal role in keeping invasive plants, such as variable leaf milfoil and hydrilla, out of our lakes and ponds. Invasive plant patrollers are trained volunteers who survey our lakes for invasive aquatic plants. If an invasive plant does get introduced into one of our lakes, catching the infestation early is critical. Thank you to the many volunteers who collectively surveyed 11 lakes in our watershed during the 2017 season. Staff and volunteers collaborated for a total of **230 hours** on the water. **No invasive aquatic plants were found.** We look forward to continuing to patrol our lakes and ponds next season.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Invasive Plant Patroller, email kchurch@30mileriver.org or check out the IPP page on our [website](http://www.30mileriver.org).

Annual Campaign



Our lake protection programs would not be possible without the generous support of individuals like you. We've raised \$25,500 towards our Annual Fund Goal of \$52,000 and need to raise another \$26,500 by December 31st. Will you join us? No gift is too small and we truly appreciate your commitment to the lakes and ponds in our watershed.

To make your tax-deductible donation, go to 30mileriver.org to or send a check to:

30 Mile River Watershed Association
PO Box 132
Mount Vernon, ME 04352

Send us your pictures!

Do you like to take pictures at your home or camp? Do you spend time in the 30 Mile River Watershed? We are looking for more pictures to add to our library! We would love to showcase your photos in our newsletter and on our website and Facebook page. To share your photos, please email Katie at kchurch@30mileriver.org.

Happy Holidays from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association!

For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, visit www.30mileriver.org.

TOWN OF VIENNA

Town of Vienna Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor -
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Town Clerk and Tax Collector - Annie Tibbetts

Road Commissioner - Dan Goucher

Fire Chief and Warden - Brian Church

Health Officer - Dan Onion

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Code Enforcement Officer and Alternate Plumbing Inspector - Gary Fuller

Plumbing Inspector - John Archard

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