



Vienna Voices

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Meet your candidates.....

Kathy Kelley

Kathy is running for the position of Second Selectperson. "I got my feet wet last year as 3rd Selectperson," says Kathy, "and can be more effective this year on the basis of that experience."

Kathy spent her early years on the east coast, from Maine to Virginia, as a "military brat." While living in Lisbon, ME she assisted the Town Clerk and the town highway department; she has worked 13 years for the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

She became a resident of Vienna in '88 and is active in the Grange and the Extension Service. She has served as vice president of the Androscoggin State Employees Association and lives on Route 41 with Harold and their four children.

Deborah Byrnes

Debbie is a candidate for the position of Third Selectperson. She has spent every summer in Vienna from age 2, and permanently moved here from New Jersey in '87.

She has been active in many organizations, most recently the Planning Board, Historical Society and the Grange. She is currently chairperson of the Vienna Extension.

"The unique aspects of the Tax Collector's position tend to interfere with family life," stated Debbie. "Our family has a busy year of events planned for '93. In all fairness to them and the town I have decided not to run for that position. After three years as Tax Collector and four years on the Planning Board, I have become very involved in town government. I feel I can continue to contribute some of this experience as a Selectperson."

Debbie, Pete and their two children live on the Kimball Pond Road.

Mathew Hollingsworth

Matt is running for the position of Tax Collector. He was born in Sommer's Point, NJ; moved to Farmington at age 5; then shortly after moved to Belgrade Lakes, where he spent most of his life. Matt graduated from Gardiner High School and has taken several courses at UMF. He has worked at Shop & Save for seven years, and has been night manager for the past four years.

Matt and his wife, Jill, moved to Vienna (on the Tower Road) in '91 because they fell in love with the area. They belong to the North Vienna Church and to the Grange.

Matt is a member of the Merchants' Bowling League and is an avid comic book and basketball card collector.

"Jill and I have lived in town for a year and I wanted an opportunity to get to know folks in town better through public service," says Matt.

Jo-Ann Pillsbury

Jo-Ann seeks re-election as Town Clerk after two successive terms. Born in Rumford, she moved to Vienna in '81. With experience in office and payroll work for Woolworth's, she also has experience in retail sales and the shoe industry.

She has served as chair and treasurer of the Vienna Extension and helped organize the Franklin County Family-Community Leadership Board.

"I've learned even more about the job and have started taking minutes at all meetings of the Board of Selectmen," said Jo-Ann. "This has helped the Board run town government more smoothly."

Jo-Ann lives on Route 41 with her husband, Phil, and two children.

Make sure you exercise your right to vote!

Write-in candidates.....

To make your write-in vote count, you must write in the person's full name and you **must** place an **X** or a **✓** in the box on the same line as the name of your write-in candidate. A name without an **X** or a **✓** **will not count**.

Warren Doe is a write-in candidate for the position of Treasurer. Born in Norwood, MA, he moved to Vienna in '73 after accepting a teaching position in Farmington. He has a B.S. degree in Elementary Education/Psychology and taught middle school classes for seven years.

In '82, he established Crosswinds Studio, off the Tower Road, and has been self-employed as an artist in pottery and sculpture since then.

Past civic involvements include: president of the Alna Fire Department, trustee of the Headtide Church Preservation, chair of the Kennebec County Camp Promotion Committee, vice-president of Upcountry Artists, and membership in United Bikers of Maine.

Warren ran for 3rd Selectman in '77 and was on the town's Government Study Committee in '90. "I was approached by numerous members of the community to run for Treasurer," he said, "because they felt I was qualified for the position

Lenny Meader

Lenny seeks re-election to the position of Road Commissioner. Born and raised in Vienna, he is captain of the Fire Department, in which he has been active for 16 years.

Before starting Meader's Construction Co., he worked as mechanic and parts manager for Augusta's Mercedes-Pontiac dealer. This past September, he bought the former Neal's Garage in Mt. Vernon and renamed it "Lenny's Garage."

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Deby Ryan, a write-in candidate for the position of Treasurer, was born in Lynn, MA. She moved to Vienna in '86 because of the beauty and climate she found here. She also didn't want to raise her children in a big city.

Deby graduated from high school with an emphasis in Business. Most of her jobs have involved dealing with money and record-keeping. She has her own sewing business in Vienna.

She belongs to Extension, volunteers at the Elementary School and is leader of two Girl Scout troops.

Deby lives with her husband, Michael, and 2 children on Route 41. "I enjoy keeping books and heard that the town needed some one to run," Deby stated.

Jim Gajarski

Jim is a candidate for First Selectman. Raised in Piscataway, NJ (named after Maine's Piscataway Indians), Jim and his family vacationed in Vienna every summer for the past 18 years, ever since his parents—Joe and Helen—moved to town. In '91, following his retirement, Jim, his wife Marie, and youngest son, Jimmy, built a home off Route 41 and settled here permanently.

While stationed in North Africa in the Air Force, Jim took extension courses through the University of Maryland and subsequent night courses in economics at the College of William and Mary, and Rutgers.

For the past 35 years, Jim has been a salesperson for stainless steel to the petrochemical industry; has also owned and operated a bridal shop for 5 years, and was corporate president of a garage door opener company for 15 years.

He is now working to establish an overhead garage door business here in town, and plans to begin a cellular telephone business as well.

Jim was producer of an amateur theater group for 14 years, has been active in Scouting, captain of a bowling league and a pistol club, organized a

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SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Every year questions arise at Town Meeting regarding what is a fair amount to pay our town officials, with the traditional debate attempting to balance the concepts of "fair pay for work done" vs. "honorariums for civic duty."

As a result of last year's discussion, the Selectmen established a committee to discuss and research the subject. Diane Vandal, Jim Gajarski and Ed Collins called numerous towns similar in size to Vienna and made the following recommendations.

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1993

First, Second and Third Selectman - \$2,100.00 each, with an additional \$500.00 to whom ever is elected chairperson at the first meeting of the new Board.

Town Clerk - \$1,500.00 plus \$50.00 for serving as Registrar of Voters, plus fees for Licenses, Vehicle Registrations and Excise Taxes. (In 1992 these fees were approximately \$1,200.00, but will be less in '93.)

Tax Collector (Property Taxes only) - \$5,200.00

Treasurer - \$1,800.00

Road Commissioner - State Foreman rate, as has been the practice for the past several years. The 1992 rate was \$10.40 per hour. The committee also recommends that it, or another group, be empowered at this time to examine the compensation of the Road Commissioner with input from present and past Road Commissioners. This committee should be instructed to report their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen no later than August 1, 1993.

Fire Department - Realizing that the Town could not begin to compensate the Fire Department personnel at a level approaching their worth, the committee recommends that the Department remain a purely volunteer unit with reimbursement of personal expenses only, as authorized by the Board of Selectmen. This is in keeping with past and present ideas that Fire Chief Jon Ljunggren has suggested.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1994

The committee recommends that the offices of Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector be combined into one elected position for 1994, with a three-year term of office. The salary and working conditions should be recommended by this or another salary committee. These recommendations should be given to the Board of Selectmen no later than August 1, 1993.

Along with this combined office, a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer-Tax Collector could be appointed by that elected official, to serve in their absence.

THANK YOU SUBSCRIBERS!

As we prepare this issue of *Vienna Voices*, we have 58 subscribers. We will be searching for more during elections on March 6th, distributing a few complimentary copies to persons who probably meant to subscribe but just haven't gotten around to it. Maybe we should distribute Round Toits!

Remember, a mere \$2.50 guarantees you at least four issues delivered to your door during the coming year. Libby Harville is Subscription Manager, but Ed Hinckley will be happy to accept your money too. Checks should be made payable to *Vienna Voices*.

(Lenny Meader, continued)

Lenny and Colleen live on Route 41, with their son, Adam. Colleen says, "Lenny has been Road Commissioner for three years now, and has enjoyed the job, the people, and working in his home town."

Frank Berry

Frank is running for the position of Road Commissioner. Frank was born and raised in Vienna; then spent 30 years working in Connecticut as an over-the-road driver. He is a lifetime member of the Teamster's Union.

Frank moved back to Vienna in '82 and started B&S Enterprises. He served as Vienna's Road Commissioner from '84 to '89, was a volunteer fireman for 5 years, and is a member of the Grange.

Frank and Kathy live on Route 41. Frank says, "I believe I can get more work done for less money, if I am elected."

REUSE Tip of the Week

When you use the drive-up window at your bank and the teller returns your money and/or receipt in a small paper envelope, return it to the teller—after you empty it, of course.

These envelopes can be reused many times, instead of being a one-time 5-10 second transaction and then discarded in your car's trash bag.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH DEVELOPING INCENTIVES TO RECYCLE, COMPOST AND REDUCE TRASH IN VIENNA, PLEASE CONTACT DIANE FRIESE AT 293-2713

(Jim Gajarski, continued)

a golf league, served as treasurer of a credit union, and as secretary-treasurer of an Emergency Preparedness group.

"I feel my background lends itself to this position, and I think I can help the town run more efficiently and—hopefully—save tax dollars."

Ann Collins

Ann is a candidate for the position of School Board Director of SAD # 9. Born in Indianapolis, Ann fell in love with Maine while driving through to visit her brother in New Brunswick.

She moved to Maine in '74 and to Vienna in '77, when her husband, Ed, took a job nearby. Ann has a B.S. degree in History from Indiana University and a Master's of Science and Library Science from the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in libraries throughout her life, including the Auburn Public Library, the SAD # 36 school library and—for the past 10 years—the Maine State Library.

She attends the North Vienna Church, was co-chair of the building committee for Cape Cod Hill School and is a member of the Maine Educational Media Association.

Ann and Ed live at Kimball Corners with their two children. "I found from working on the Cape Cod Hill School Building Committee that I cared passionately about our children and their education, so when I was asked to complete the School Board Director's term last year, I was willing. Now I want to continue that work."

SPOTTED PONY FINALLY SPOTTED

The famous spotted horse, who lives in and around Chocorua, NH, has finally been seen—and photographed—in Vienna!

This picture, taken in low light conditions from a moving car, is irrefutable proof of the creature's existence and should satisfy the most skeptical reader of *Vienna Voices*.

Applications for the position of Town Animal Control Officer have doubled since the spotting.



1992 BUDGET & 1993 PROPOSALS COMPARED

<u>ARTICLE</u> (Number)	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>
Overdrafts (#15)	\$3,496.00	\$7,920.00
Ambulance Service (#16)	\$4,780.00	\$4,961.00
Mt. Vernon Rescue (#17)	\$650.00	\$650.00
Fire Dept.—Operating Expenses (#19)	\$7,787.00	\$9,208.00
Fire Dept.—Equipment (Repair) (#20)	\$8,748.00	\$5,006.00
Fire Dept.—Debt Service (#21)	\$11,000.00	\$17,542.00
Fire Dept.—Vaccination Program (#22)	0	\$1,200.00
Winter Road Work (#23)	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00
Brush Cutting (Flail) (#24)	\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00
Paving (Patch & Shim) (#25)	\$20,000.00 (DOT)	\$10,000.00 (DOT)
Ditch (#27)	\$20,000.00	\$20,000 + \$10,000.00 DOT
Culvert (Ditches & Culverts) (#28)	\$45,000.00	\$10,500.00
Gravel (Major Road Rebuilding) (#26)	\$9,600.00	\$25,000.00
Road Maintenance (Highways & Bridges) (#29)	\$8,000.00 + DOT	\$6,000.00 + DOT
Dump (#30)	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00
Waste Management (#32 & #33)	0	\$25,000.00 (30,720)
Administration (#34)	\$4,000.00 + Excise	\$4,000.00 + Excise
Legal Fees (#35)	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00
Data Processing Services (#36)	0	\$500.00
Street Lights (#37-1)	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
Animal Control (#37-2)	\$250.00	\$400.00
Franklin Cemetery (#37-3)	\$100.00	\$200.00
Dr. Shaw Library (#37-4)	\$700.00	\$700.00
Family Violence Project (#37-5)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Kennebec Valley Land Trust (#37-6)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Kennebec Valley Mental Health (#37-7)	0	\$396.00
Council on Alcoholism (#37-8)	0	\$417.00
General Assistance (#38)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Interest and Loans (#39)	\$2,000.00	
Archiving Old Records (#43)	\$2,000.00 (Surplus)	
Repair of Town House (#44)	\$2,500.00 (Surplus)	\$1,000.00
Land Development (#45 & #46)	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Payroll Taxes (#47)	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00
Personnel		
1st Selectman (#8)	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00
2nd & 3rd Selectmen (each) (#8)	\$1,800.00	\$2,100.00
Tax Collector (#10)	\$5,200.00 + fees	\$5,200.00
Treasurer (#6)	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Clerk (#7)	\$1,500.00 + fees	\$1,500.00 + fees
Deputy Assessors	\$1,000.00	0
Road Commissioner (# 5)	DOT	DOT
MSAD # 9	\$190,100.00	?
Kennebec County	\$25,365.00	?

RECYCLING AND TRASH UPDATE

by Diane Friese

I recently met with Rhoda Irish, the new manager of the Jay Recycling and Transfer Station, which handles Vienna's trash and recyclables. She recently compiled a statistical analysis for the towns that used the facility during 1992. Following are the figures she provided.

<u>For Vienna</u>		<u>Cost/Ton</u>	<u>Total 1992 Cost</u>
Total solid waste tonnage	92 tons	\$ 68.00	\$ 6,256.00
Total recyclable tonnage	10 tons	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
			<u>\$ 6,506.00</u>

Percentage of Recyclables in Total Town Solid Waste

Jay	50%	Livermore Falls	15%
Fayette	28%	Wayne	15%
Mt. Vernon	28%	Vienna	11%

From these figures we can see that Vienna needs to take a more aggressive approach to recycling, since disposal of trash costs us **170% more** than the cost of disposal of recyclables! If Vienna were able to recycle as much of its total solid waste as Mt. Vernon, we could have **saved \$1,376.00** during this past year!

One area that can help us reduce our solid waste disposal costs is the composting of more food and yard wastes. According to the Maine Waste Management Agency, the second largest component of municipal solid waste in Maine is food waste, at 14.7%. (The leading component is paper, at 35.7%.)

I hope that anyone interested in becoming involved in developing incentives for composting and reducing trash/increasing recycling—or in learning more about these topics—will give me a call at 293-2713.

DID VIENNA HAVE A CHARTER?

In recent years, there has been some talk about a "missing" charter of the Town of Vienna. The Maine Secretary of State's office has reported it has no knowledge of such a document and that only a few towns in Maine have ever adopted a formal charter. The Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that—on February 20, 1802—authorized the incorporation of "the Plantation called Goshen, or Wyman's Plantation, in the County of Kennebeck, into a Town by the Name of Vienna," and authorized Jedediah Prescott to call the first town meeting and choose all such officers as required by law, makes no mention of a charter.

Anyone having any information on this topic is encouraged to communicate it to *Vienna Voices*.

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