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1994 Town Officials

The following were elected as town officials at the March 5th Town Meeting:

First Selectperson: **Kathy Kelley** (293-2799), Second Selectperson: **Debbie Byrnes** (293-2706), Third Selectperson: **Jim Gajarski** (293-2910). Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM, with work sessions at 9:00 AM on Monday mornings.

Tax Collector (Real Estate): **Matt Hollingsworth** (293-2990), Clerk and Excise Tax Collector: **Jo-Ann Pillsbury** (293-2334), Treasurer: **Debora Ryan** (293-2136), Road Commissioner: **Lenny Meader** (293-9271).

The following officials have been selected to represent the Town's interests in their various capacities: Constable: **Linwood Meader, Jr.** (293-9271), Animal Control Officer: **George Meader** (293-2424), Plumbing Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer: **Ralph Goodwin** (778-2108), School Board Representative: **Ann Dodd Collins** (293-3175), Health Officer: **Diane Vandal** (293-2010).

The following individuals will guide the listed organizations or committees, so important to the continued social and physical health and safety of the Town:

Planning Board: Waine Whittier (Chairperson), Creston Gaither (Secretary), Alan Williams, Harriet Perr, Robert Reich. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM at the Town House. **Fire Department:** Jim Meader (Chief), Lenny Meader (Deputy Chief), Phil Pillsbury (Assistant Chief). Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month, at the Fire Station.

Board of Appeals: Frank Fiore, Jim Anderberg, Ray Anderson. **Board of Assessment Review:** Stuart Rogers, Glenn Meader, Larry Gross. **Recreational Land Development Committee:** Dodi Thompson (Chairperson), Sue Burns, Marianne Archard, Larry Gross, Edwin Kelley. **Recycling Committee** (The Merry Dumpsters): Diane Friese (Chairperson), Ann Gibbs, Steve Richardson, Virginia Rogers, Muffy Floyd, Jim Floyd. **Delta Ambulance Board:** Irene Goff (Representative), Steve Lilley (Alternate).

Historical Society Events

by Ellen Miller

The annual Flea Market will be held Saturday, July 9th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Mill Stream Grange. Tables are \$5.00 and are still available. Call Ellen Miller at 293-2350, or Laura Reville at 293-3156 to reserve your space. A luncheon plate will be provided by the Mill Stream Grange at a reasonable price. Rain date: Sunday, noon to 4:00.

Three Beverly Wight Smith plays will be performed this summer on Friday, August 5th at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School (7:30 PM) and Saturday, August 6th at the Vienna Union Hall (2:00 and 7:30 PM).

The three plays are: *Aunt Fan and the Fortune Teller*, *Burtie's Pen Pal* and *Lady Friend for Lyman*. Don't miss these comic glances into local life at the turn of the century!

REMINDER

Excise taxes are now paid to the Town Clerk, Jo-Ann Pillsbury. The Tax Collector, Matt Hollingsworth, only collects real estate taxes. Jo-Ann is now approved to dispense license plate stickers for vehicle re-registrations. Call her at 293-2334 to make an appointment when your registration is due.

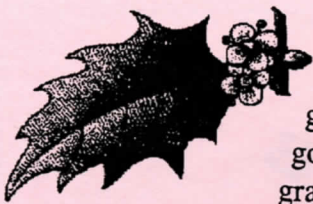
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GARDENING

A small, dedicated group of Vienna residents have gathered around the topic of gardening. Some have established gardens; some have plans for future gardens. Our first goal is to make some place in town more attractive through plantings. We have chosen the grassy bank on the corner of Route 41 and Kimball Pond Road. Everyone passing through town sees this corner. We plan to start preparing the soil Friday, July 15th at 7:00 AM. If we can raise some money, we'll begin to plant soon. We will have a table at the July 9th Flea Market—any donations would be appreciated.

We would love to have more people join our group and share our love of gardening. If you are interested, please call 293-2362.

WANTED— HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Do you know a family coping with terminal illness? Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area may be able to help. H.V.W.A. is a non-profit, community-based United Way Agency dedicated to providing non-medical support to individuals and their families during the last phases of life and to loved ones throughout the grieving process. A trained hospice volunteer can offer a family in crisis 2 to 4 hours each week...

...to provide respite visits while family members and other caregivers "take a break".

...to provide companionship visits to client and family.

...to listen with compassion.

...to assist with transportation and errands.

...to offer bereavement support for family and friends.

...to offer loans of medical equipment.

...to offer the Hospice library of printed and audiovisual materials.

Volunteers are needed in your town. Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area offers extensive training to potential volunteers twice each year.

If you would like more information about becoming a hospice volunteer in your community, please call Sue Hermann-McMorrow at 873-3615. Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area's office is located at 76 Silver Street in Waterville.

(The Editors received this information from Ms. McMorrow with a letter, in which she said "We would very much like to spread the word of what we do to the greater Vienna area...Our next volunteer training will be starting in September, on Monday evenings.") (2)

SUMMER ROAD WORK SCHEDULE

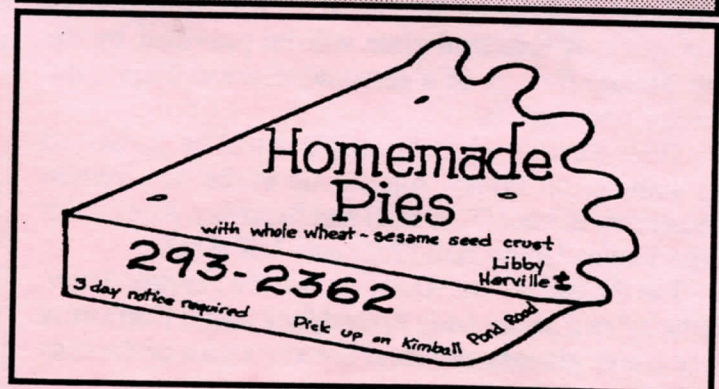
by Lenny R. Meader

Other than general road repairs, these are the major projects planned for 1994:

Done	Graveling Varney Road
Done	Graveling Mountain Road
Done	Graveling-ditching Mason Road
1/2 Done	Graveling Jessie Ladd Road
June	Ditching Ithiel Gordon Road
June	Graveling Egypt Pond Road
Early July	Graveling-ditching Anderson Road
July	Graveling Kimball Pond Road
July	Paving Kimball Pond
July	Paving Egypt Pond
August	Ditching Trask Road
August	Graveling Davis Road
Aug-Sep	Graveling-Ditching Stream Road

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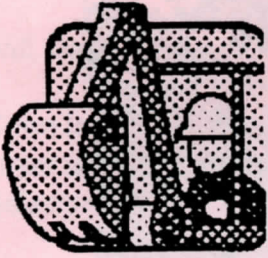
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MILL POND DAM REPORT

by Frank Fiore

For the past couple of years, folks in Vienna and on Flying Pond have been wondering whether the long-awaited repair of the Mill Pond Dam would actually happen. The dam developed a leak in 1992, the result of years of gradual deterioration of the concrete dam "face" and the erosion of its clay seal.



The repair, which is being funded by the Vienna Historical Society and the Maine Emergency Management Agency, involves the placement of a new concrete face and cap on the dam, along with the construction of a new gate. The project is intended to serve as a permanent repair—to the extent that any dam repairs can be considered permanent.

In addition, the Vienna Fire Department has offered to install a dry-hydrant as a part of the project, a step that will greatly improve the level of fire protection in the village area.

The Mill Pond Dam repair project is going forward this month, though not in quite the same form as originally envisioned. After a considerable amount of discussion the Selectmen decided that the most prudent course of action would be to forego the use of volunteer labor and use contracted labor, under the direction of the Road Commissioner. The work will include the construction of a cofferdam, excavation of the work area, placement of the new concrete for face and cap, and gate construction.

Originally it had been planned to make use of the many individuals who had volunteered their time and labor to construct the cofferdam. After being advised by the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Department of Labor of potential Town liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance problems, not to mention worker safety issues, the potential savings to the project by using volunteers did not appear to offset the potential risks to both the Town and individual volunteers involved in the project.



As of this writing, the dam is drawn down, thanks to the removal of planks from the gate. The still-continuing drop in the water level of the Mill Pond will simplify the construction of the cofferdam and keeping the excavated "work area" dry.

The project is expected to be underway in early July and should take 2 to 3 weeks to complete, although inclement weather could certainly cause delays.

(Editors' Note: **We'll all miss you, Frank!** Frank and his wife, Cheryl, are moving to New Mexico. Thank you, Frank, for all your help and contributions to Vienna on the Mill Pond Dam project, closing the dump, getting recycling started, serving on the Board of Appeals and the Fire Department. Good luck to you and Cheryl!)

Vienna Union Hall News

by Dodie Thompson

The Vienna Union Hall Association would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers (too numerous to name) who helped with the dry-walling project. Volunteer workers did the preparation work, insulation, plastic, etc. The expense was the cost of all the materials and the labor done by Nanou and Son Drywall (who did a fine job and gave us a good rate).

Another great volunteer crew did the cleanup on June 29th, and Vienna Electric donated the follow-up electrical work.

The Hall looks so much better already. Remaining projects include painting the walls, putting back the molding and shutters, and replacing broken windows.

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We need mowing done—any interested volunteers? We would also like to thank everyone who made pies for the Memorial Day Pie Sale.

We see the hall as a community center and it's good to have so many members of the community "pitching in" to help make this project possible.

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Looking Forward — Looking Back

As the new Vienna Post Office (represented above from Postal Service model plans) rapidly takes on form and substance a short distance down the Kimball Pond Road from Route 41, it is interesting to look back at earlier times and activities. Here is a story of how the Allen family came to Vienna in 1792.

The family came from Martha's Vineyard, where father, mother and six children set sail on the *Speedwell* on September 11th. After twelve days of a very stormy voyage, they landed in Hallowell. There they picked up a 17-year old Indian boy to guide them over the trail to Vienna. They hired Seth Luce, of Readfield, to haul their furniture as far as he could with an ox team, for twenty dollars.

They made quite a procession, because besides the six family members, the Indian and Seth Luce, there were two horses, a cow, a heifer, six sheep and a hog.

Just out of Hallowell the hog took such a dislike to the journey that he took to the woods, headed back toward Martha's Vineyard. After a long delay, the animal was captured, but only because they came to a settler's cabin and were able to get some ears of corn so the hog could be enticed—an ear at a time—to go along with the travelers.

Following the ox team with the furniture came the father, on horseback, with a bed across the saddle, a bundle of blankets behind him and a two-year old child in his arms. Then came the mother, also on horseback, a five-year old daughter behind her and an infant in her arms.

The party spent the night in a log cabin where Readfield Depot now stands. The next day they journeyed over Kents Hill, where there were already two frame houses and a log cabin, continuing on to Wyman Plantation, their destination.

The men of the family slept in a shed with the animals; the women and children slept on the cabin floor of a neighbor until the Allens were able to put up their own cabin.

Besides the small villages at Vienna and North Vienna, there were several other hamlets whose names have now been nearly forgotten—Egypt, Frog Hollow and Vienna Mountain. Lonely cellar holes in out-of-the-way places and old stone walls are all that is left of many of the early settlements. Most of those first homes were made in the hills, where the builders felt safer from the Indians and freer from early frosts.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

by Debbie Byrnes

Kathy, Deb and Jim were re-elected in March. At the first Selectmen's meeting, Kathy was re-elected Chairperson.

Office Machine and Computer Service of Mt. Vernon was hired to modify the Town's computer software for easier use.

Maine Equalization Company has been hired to assess all new construction and work in progress. They will also be doing the sales ratio study for 1994.

Letters of Appreciation were presented to Gil Brown and Libby Harville. Gil's volunteer projects for the Town include snowplowing and shoveling at the Town House, lawn-mowing and helping to install the remaining street signs. Libby has spent immeasurable hours editing the Town Report for the past 2 years, educating the new Selectpersons on assessing methods and reclaiming the garden at the Town House.

Franklin Memorial Hospital has proposed acquiring the assets of Delta Ambulance. Preliminary figures indicate a possible substantial yearly savings for Vienna, if this should occur.

The Town won a civil action brought against it in Superior Court by Alden Gordon, Inc. The Court agreed with the Selectmen and the Board of Assessment Review that the Town's assessing methods for 1991 and 1992 were equitable.

The Town borrowed \$50,000 in anticipation of tax revenues this year; \$200,000 had been borrowed in previous years. This reduction is partially due to the success of the twice yearly billing system, together with an increase in the Surplus Account for 1993.

A check for \$2,670.00 was received from the Town's insurance company; a savings in premium earned as a result of the Town's new hiring practices.

MERRY DUMPSTERS REPORT

by Diane Friese

Along with gardening and lawn-mowing, it is time to think about building a compost pile. Grass clippings and food waste (greens) can be added to old leaves and small dry brush (browns) to get a pile started. If you would like more information on building a compost pile or a compost bin, please contact any of the Merry Dumpsters.

The following is a Recycling Numbers Quiz! Match a number on the right to each question on the left. (The correct answers may be found on the back page.)

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| 1. Percent of people currently recycling in Vienna | a. 1,000 |
| 2. Percent of all paper that is recycled in the United States | b. 350 |
| 3. Percent of all paper that is recycled in Japan | c. 26 |
| 4. Number of metal cans used each year by a family of five | d. 12 |
| 5. Number of glass bottles and jars used each year by a family of five | e. 2,000 |
| 6. Pounds of solid waste thrown away by a family of five in a year | f. 17 |
| 7. Number of plastic containers used by a family of five in a year | g. 50 |
| 8. Recycling one ton of paper saves how many trees | h. 400 |
| 9. Gallons of oil saved by recycling a ton of paper | i. 4,000 |
| 10. Energy saved by recycling one aluminum can could keep a light bulb on for this many hours. | j. 50 |



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