

Town of Vienna.

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Meetings: Selectmen: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM
 Workshop: 2nd Saturday at the Town House at 10AM
 Planning Board: 4th Tuesday at the Town House at 7PM
 Fire Department: 2nd Thursday at the Fire Station at 7PM
 Fire Department Auxiliary: Last Tuesday at the Fire Station at 7PM
 Hours: Treasurer: Wednesday at the Town House at 10AM-1PM

Board of Selectmen:
 Al Raedle 2527:
 Charlie Meader 2970
 Dodi Thompson 2670

Tax Collector:
 Rachel Meader 2970

Town Clerk /Collector of Excise Taxes:
 Jo-Ann Pillsbury 2334

Treasurer:
 Debora Ryan 2136

Road Commissioner:
 Lenny Meader 9271

Winter Roads Contract:
 Bruce Gurney 2492

Constable / Harbormaster:
 Linwood Meader Jr. 2270

Animal Control Officer
 Donald Tibbetts 2915

Fire Department:
 Steve Lilley, Chief 9308
 Jon Ljunggren, Dep. 2570
 Don Tibbetts, Asst. 2915
 Phil Pillsbury, Asst. 2334

Fire Auxiliary:
 Deby Ryan, Contact 2136

Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector:
 John Archard 2674
 Alt. Richard Marble 778-6968

Health Officer:
 Dianne Black 2392

Civil Emergency Officer:
 Lenny Meader 9271

Delta Ambulance Board:
 Peter Byrnes, Rep. 2706

Franklin Memorial Hospital 800-398-6031
Poison Control Center 800-442-6305

Planning Board:
 Waine Whittier, Chair 2072
 Creston Gaither, Sec. 2909
 Alan Williams 2620
 Harriet Perr 2162
 Robert Reich 2034

Merry Dumpsters (Recycling Board):
 Steve Richardson, Chair 2610
 Ann Gibbs 2610
 Diane Friese 2713
 Hillary Hutton 3686
 Muffy Floyd 2148
 Jim Floyd 2148

Recreational Land Committee:
 Dodi Thompson, Chair 2670
 Sue Burns 2790
 Marianne Archard 2674
 Larry Gross 2552

Board of Assessment Review:
 Stuart Rogers 2463
 Glenn Meader 2339
 Larry Gross 2552

Board of Appeals:
 Marie Kohtala 2534
 Jim Anderberg 2673
 Helen Wilkey 2351
 Ray Anderson 2679
 Jim Gajarski 2910

Assessor's Agents:
 Mike Austin, Donna Hays 729-9118

Vienna Town House: 2087

Vienna Post Office: 9332

School Board Representative:
 Ann Dodd Collins 3175

SAD#9: 778-6571
Cape Cod Hill School : 778-3031

Police-Fire-Ambulance Emergency 911

Maine State Police Emergency 800-452-1930
Central Maine Power Emergency 800-696-1000

This year, the Town will mail the results of town meetings, minutes of meetings, summaries of workshops, notices of importance to town residents. We will mail to non-residents too, if asked.

We will also run an article, if we find another like **Vienna Gets Bigger?**
The astonishing story of Vienna's unexpected growth, done for us by Creston Gaither.

We will also send reminders of meetings or events, dates, or notes of general interest. If we are told of a date or event or meeting, we will run it in the next issue if time permits.

We hope to give some voice to opinions, print complaints or congratulations, letters to the editors or selectmen, if of general interest, articulate, or wicked funny.

The first number starts with the results of the March Annual Town Meeting:

From New England Town Meeting, John Gould, 1940:

"When a man arises and cries, "Mr. Moderator" and is properly recognized, no man living is big enough to make him sit down. So long as he speaks on the subject, uses proper words, and obeys parliamentary procedure, he can say what he pleases. And every listening citizen in the hall knows that the same privilege will be extended in turn. The town meeting of the old days was a place of cussing and tobacco smoke, with sawdust on the floor. By the time the meeting was underway the air was so blue that the moderator recognized those in the rear only by voice.

"The nineteenth amendment (when women were given the vote) jarred these traditions. The men hung around outside scarcely daring to come in...the meeting lasted scarce an hour and a half and was heralded as a social failure. The years since have changed that and now some of the ladies use censurable language. They speak with confidence and logic. The women have been known to take meetings into their own hands and contribute outstanding civic improvements. They favor...better school conditions, police protection, and a variety of items the men never worried about..."

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Town Meeting Warrants

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. - **Chose Tim Smith**

Article 2: To elect the Town Officers for the ensuing year. -

<p><u>1st Selectman</u> Al Raedle - 127 Gordon Webber - 71 write-ins</p>	<p><u>Tax Collector</u> Rachel Meader - 192</p>
<p><u>2nd Selectman</u> Charlie Meader - 158 Richard Nystrom - 21 write-ins</p>	<p><u>Treasurer</u> Debora Ryan - 138 Belinda Lilley - 74</p>
<p><u>3rd Selectman</u> Dodi Thompson - 192</p>	<p><u>Town Clerk</u> Jo-Ann Pillsbury - 206</p>
	<p><u>Road Commissioner</u> Lenny Meader - 119 Mike Ryan - 94</p>

Article 3: To hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers. - **heard**

Article 4: To fix compensation for the services of the Road Commissioner. Me. DOT rate- **passed**

Article 5: To fix compensation for the Town Treasurer. Recommended: \$4000. **passed**

Article 6: To fix compensation for the Town Clerk. **passed as recommended.**

Article 7: To fix compensation for the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the poor. Recommended \$3000. Amended to \$2650.- **passed**

Article 8: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to send two tax bills. To see what conditions of discount and rates of discount the Town will authorize made upon taxes. 2% on 2 bills paid in 30 days - **passed**

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for tax discounts.- Amended to take from Surplus - **passed as amended.**

Article 10: To fix compensation for the Collector of Real Estate Taxes. \$5375+ fees Recommended.-**passed**

Article 11: Annual rate of interest the Town will authorize to be paid upon all abatements, 8%:- **passed**

Article 12: Annual rate of interest the Town will authorize to be collected on all unpaid taxes 30 days after the second billing. Amended (after the word, taxes) to "after Dec. 31, 1997" - **passed**

Article 13: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to receive prepayment of taxes. - **affirmed**

Article 14: To see if he town will authorize the Selectmen to spend 25% of the budget in each account from January 1, 1998 to the date of 1998 annual Town Meeting.- **passed**

Article 15: To see if the Town will raise \$2000 for assessing. - **passed**

Article 16: To see if the Town will join the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments at a cost of \$614. - **denied**

Article 17: To see if the Town will accept State Funds and Federal Funds in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1997. - **passed**

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Winter Road work. Recommended \$47,000 - **passed**

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Article 19: To see what sum the Town will carry forward from the winter Road Account. Recommended \$3000.- **passed**

Article 20: To see if the Town will eliminate the Brush Account and transfer the 1996 balance to the Road Maintenance Account. - **affirmed**

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Brush Account. Amended from \$1500 to \$0 - **passed**

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Road Maintenance Account. Recommended \$9500.- **passed**

Article 23: To see what sum the Town will transfer from the Local Road Assistance to the Paving Account. \$25, 956.- **passed**

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the Paving Account.\$10,000-**passed**

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Gravel Account. \$28,000-**passed**

Article 26: To see what sum the Town will carry forward from the Gravel Account. Recommended: \$2023 - **passed**

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Ditch Account. \$15,000 **passed**

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the Fire Department's basic operating expenses. Recommended \$9500. Amended to raise \$9146.23, carry forward \$353.77. - **passed**

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Fire Department Equipment Account. Recommended \$4000. Amended to raise \$3748.37, carry \$251.63 - **passed**

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Fire Department Building Account, formerly called the Addition Account. Recommended \$5000. - **passed**

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for debt service on the Town's fire truck. \$17,560 - **passed**

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will carry forward for the Dry Hydrant Account. Recommended \$723.44 - **passed**

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Hydrant Account. \$1000.**passed**

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will raise for ambulance Service. \$3351 - **passed**

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will Appropriate for Mt. Vernon Rescue. \$1200.-**passed**

Article 36: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to investigate alternatives to curbside trash and recycling pickup. - **denied**

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Waste Management Account. Recommended \$26,500 - **passed**.

Article 38: To fix compensation for the Animal Control Officer. \$1500 - **passed**

Article 39: To see if the town carry forward the 1996 balance from the Animal Control Account. - **passed**

Article 40: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Animal Control Account.\$1600.**passed**

Article 41: To see what the Town will raise for the Constable's Salary. \$2000 - **passed**

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Article 42: To see what sum the Town will raise for the Accounts: Street Lights, Franklin Cemetery, Dr. Shaw Library, Family Violence Project, Kennebec Valley Mental Health, Council on Alcoholism, Kennebec Land Trust, and Seavey Corner Cemetery.- Amended to carry forward balances - **passed as recommended.**

Article 43: To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the interest and loan account. Recommended \$1000. - **passed**

Article 44: To see what the Town will raise and appropriate for Legal Services. \$2000. - **passed**

Article 45: To see what sum the Town will raise to cover overdrafts in accounts. Amended to take from surplus - **passed**

Article 46: To see what sum the Town will raise for payroll taxes. \$3000. - **passed**

Article 47: To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise for Vienna's Bicentennial Celebration in 2002. - \$100. **passed**

Article 48: To see if the Town will appropriate the State Snowmobile Registration reimbursement to the Minnehonk Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club. **affirmed.**

Article 49: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of tax acquired Real Estate. - **affirmed**

Article 50: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell or dispose of surplus Town property. - **affirmed**

Article 51: To see what sum the Town will raise for uniforms for Vienna Little League players. Recommended. \$600 - **passed**

Article 52: To see if the Town will require the Town of Vienna to ask for a Request for Proposal for any sum over \$500 to be spent by the Town, and allow all local Contractors time to submit proposals. - **denied**

Article 53: To see what sum the Town will raise for the construction of a salt and sand shed. Recommended \$5000. - **passed**

Article 54: To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen to investigate the regionalization of services.- **affirmed**

Article 55: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to join the M.M.A.P and Casualty Pool Insurance Program.- **passed**

Article 56: To see if the Town will create the position of Harbormaster. **affirmed**

Article 57: To see if the Town will set three year terms for Selectmen . - **denied**

Article 58: To see if the Town will adopt and enact the Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Vienna.- **passed**

Article 59: To see if the Town will raise money for the New Sharon Recreation Committee for soccer and baseball fields used by Vienna youth. - **denied**

The bottom line: The Town voted to spend \$194,024 , the lowest expenditure in 7 years. Last year, the Town spent \$282,578 for SAD #9, a raise of almost \$200,000 in ten years. This year, we expect the school cost to go **up**. We get the school bill after its budget meeting. atr

VIENNA'S NEW, OLD TOWN LINE
by Creston Gaither

Vienna is no bigger than it ever was, but we've recently found that it's bigger than we thought it was--by about 37 acres, including some pond frontage.

A few months ago I got a call from a landowner in the Patten Realty subdivision on Parker Pond in Chesterville. I've been updating Vienna's tax maps since 1993, so he wanted to ask me why the Chesterville tax maps show the Lane Brook (see map, attached) as the town line but Vienna's maps show a straight line a good bit northerly of the brook. I checked the maps and he was right: a large portion of land was uncharted--a sort of "no town's land."

I imagine that the town lines shown on our tax maps were originally transposed from the U.S.G.S. topo map for this area, which shows the same straight line. As a land surveyor I know of a number of cases where the town lines shown on the topo maps are wrong. Luckily I knew where to find out for sure.

Town lines are not property lines; they limit jurisdiction, not ownership. So unlike private property lines, town lines can only be established--or changed--by the State legislature. In fact there have been cases where selectmen in adjoining towns, in order to resolve an uncertainty, agreed to a certain location for their common town line, only to learn later that their acts had no legal effect.

Town line descriptions, then, are buried in the records of the State legislature--in most cases, buried deeply long ago. Luckily for towns in Kennebec County an Augusta land surveyor, Henry F Hill Jr, dug out all these records and compiled them into a book (Kennebec County, 1971) on file at the State Library at Augusta. It's pretty dry reading but for me it reduced an hours-long search to one lasting a few minutes. Hill notes that in 1852 the legislature established a new town line for us:

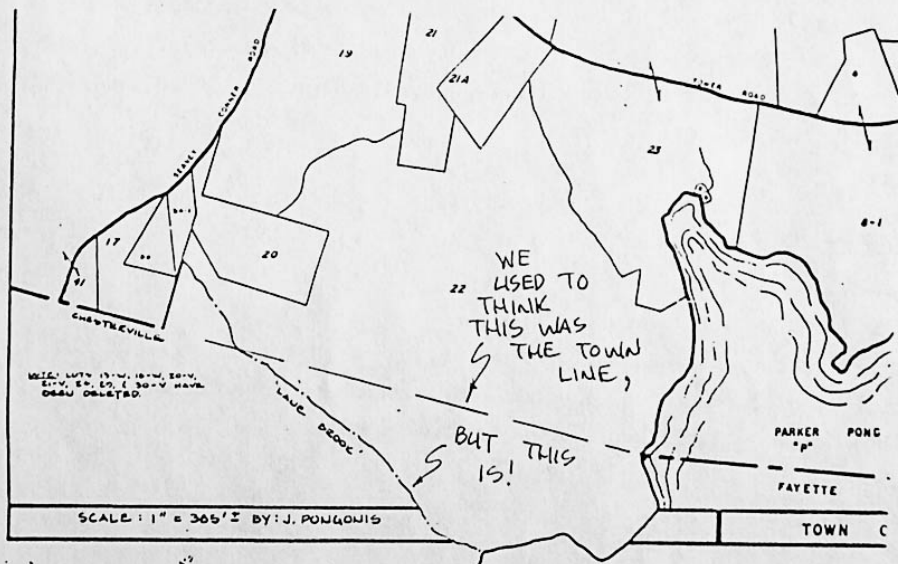
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"beginning at the westerly corner of lot number 27, in the town of Vienna; thence northeasterly on the northeasterly line of said lot, twenty-five rods, more or less, to Lane's brook (so called); thence southerly by said Lane's brook about two hundred rods to Parker's Pond."

("Lot 27" is one of the old lots in the checkerboard map which was created about 1790 to divide Vienna into marketable lots for settlers; a rod equals $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet).

So I've revised the Town's tax maps to show this "new," rather old town line. I've also contacted the U.S.G.S. and the flood map people to advise them of the change.

How did the mistake occur? The earliest map I've seen showing our town lines is the 1856 wall atlas at the Registry of Deeds at Augusta, which also shows the (erroneous) straight line. But this line was the town line before 1852. I can only guess that the 1856 map was based on data from before 1852, which at that time would not have been too old to use, especially by pre-Information Age standards; and that all of the maps since then have been based on the 1856 map and thus have perpetuated the error. The 1987 survey map for Chesterville's Patten subdivision correctly shows the Lane Brook as the town line, but we had no reason to look into another town's survey maps. Till now.



March 18, 1997

- Al Raedle was voted in as Chairman.
- The board agreed to hire someone to take minutes of the selectmen's meeting.
- There was a discussion of starting a newsletter for townspeople, which would include minutes of meetings, updates on work sessions, schedules, etc.
- Richard Nystrom asked for an apology from Donald Tibbetts from the last meeting. Mr. Tibbett's was not present, Mr. Nystrom stated he wanted no further contact with anyone in Vienna and left the meeting.
- It was recalled why the State would not take over the Tower Rd. Because it serves the same function as Rt. 41.
- The board agreed Lenny could get reimbursement for his personal truck if he is using it for roadwork only.
- Plans were made to repair the bridge on Stream Rd. Chesterville should share the cost since it belongs to both towns. Lenny will put up the guard railings.
- The current rate for mileage reimbursement should be 28 cents per mile.
- A discussion was held on the assessors, Maine Equalization of Brunswick. Can we do anything about our valuation?
- Also discussed getting a Tax Anticipation Note. How much should we get?
- Warrant #6 was prepared and signed

At the meeting: D. Thompson, Chas. Meader, A. Raedle, R. Reville, M. Ryan, R. Meader, Col. Meader, L. Meader, J. Pillsbury, D. Ryan, M. Meader, C. Raedle, R. Horne, B. Gurney, R. Nystrom.
Later: S. Lilley, D. Tibbetts.

April 1, 1997

- Ed Collins declared his taxes
- Colleen Meader requested signs and post for roads that were in need of them.
- 2nd Selectman Charlie Meader requested sand on the Cumner Road to fix pot holes.
- Fire Chief Steve Lilley discussed the two truck fires that occurred within the past week. Steve also suggested buying foam to keep on the fire trucks for cases like the two truck fires.
- Selectman signed appointed papers for committee members.
- There was a discussion on Property Tax Reform Legislation and School Funding, which Al Raedle recently attended meetings on.
- The Selectman will invite the Assessors' Agents to the next board meetings.
- Omitted Jim Gajarski from the Board of Assessment Review to make it an uneven number.
- Al Raedle sent out bids to banks for tax anticipation loans.
 - ♦ Transfers and Abatements scheduled for entry on the computer at April 12 Workshop to get tax bills out.
 - ♦ Warrant #7 was prepared and signed

At the meeting: Chas. Meader, A. Raedle, D. Thompson, D. Ryan, M. Ryan, Col. Meader, G. Webber, B. Gurney, C. Raedle, E. Collins, R. Marble, J. Gajarski, S. Lilley, D. Tibbetts, R. Reville, L. Gross

April 15, 1997

Harbor Master - Ben Garron, the Harbormaster from Naples, will share his experiences at a future Selectmen's meeting.

Peoples Heritage - won the bid for \$150,000 TAN at 3.99%.

Property tax reform discussion on proposals from MMA. Literature available at town hall.

Mike Austin and Donna Hays, Maine Equalization Consultants from Brunswick, ME., discussed property tax assessment at length with Selectman and Town's people.

Selectmen agree to rehire Maine Equalization Consultants as their agents. List of persons to be reviewed kept at town house

Deby Ryan reports "1994" liens due to mature, need to send out notices for foreclosure.

Warrant #8 was signed and the meeting was adjourned.

At the meeting: A. Raedle, Chas. Meader, D. Thompson, Col. Meader, G. Webber, H. Kelley, E. Kelley, R. Meader, M. Meader, A. Williams, A.S. Tibbetts, B. Lilley, C. Raedle, M. Ryan, C. Volpini, D. Ryan, D. Tibbetts

May 6, 1997

Belinda Lilley resigned from taking minutes, etc.

MMA has MinNet available for towns who are on-line. Immediate access for legal advice, etc.

Stu Rogers discussed a taxpayer's request for review of a denied abatement. A meeting with the Board of Assessment Review was scheduled for May 13, at 7:00.

Lenny Meader, road commissioner, reported that dirt roads had been graded and many pot holes had been filled.

It was voted that the Mountain Rd. from Siegler's to Hall's be added to the Snowplow Contract to make spring maintenance easier. This would save money in the long run. The board will discuss it with Bruce Gurney.

The TAN forms were signed by the selectmen, town clerk, and treasurer. Deby will send them to the bank.

There was a discussion about the 1994 tax liens which are about to mature. Should we send an "un-official" letter before the Treasurer sends her official letter?

Warrant #9 was signed and the meeting was adjourned.

At the meeting: A. Raedle, Chas Meader, D. Thompson, C. Raedle, E. Kelley, R. Meader, L. Meader, Col. Meader, D. S. Ryan, M. Ryan, J. Pillsbury, P. Hughes, A. Williams

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SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION - SATURDAY, APRIL 12

In attendance: A. Raedle, Chas. Meader, D. Thompson, C. Raedle, R. Meader, M. Meader.

We held a brief executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The purpose of the work session was to get caught up on miscellaneous paperwork, disburse mail, go over bills for the warrant, file papers. We discussed what needs to be done before the first tax bills are sent. Some computer entries were made on property transfers, name and address changes. A dinner break of corn chowder with all the trimmings was served by Rachel and Molly Meader. Thank you!

SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION - SATURDAY, APRIL 19

In attendance: A. Raedle, C. Raedle, E. Collins, D. Thompson, Chas. Meader, R. Meader, M. Meader. Alan Williams and Mike Ryan stopped by.

MORNING SESSION: Ed Collins loaded Windows '95 and MS Office 95 Professional on the town computer. He also added 16 MB Ram memory.

AFTERNOON SESSION: Show and tell with Ed on the computer, with the selectmen and tax collector taking turns practicing the new Windows 95 menu form.

SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION - THURSDAY, APRIL 24-6:00PM

In attendance: A. Raedle, Chas. Meader, D. Thompson, C. Raedle, Jim Gajarski stopped by.

The purpose of the meeting was to complete computer changes regarding property transfers, name and address changes, abatements, tree growth changes, etc. for tax bills. Dodi had attended an MMA Workshop for municipal officers on April 23 and related the topics covered. We also went through the mail, bills, filed, etc. We did a brief run-through of the mailed TAN forms.

SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION-SATURDAY, MAY 10

In attendance: A. Raedle, Chas. Meader, D. Thompson, C. Raedle, Ed Collins, Rachel Meader, Molly Meader, Justin Tibbetts and Edward Collins came by.

Started by going through a stack of mail. The upcoming meeting of the Board of Assessment Review was discussed. Appropriations and carry-over amounts voted on at Town Meeting were entered into the computer account files. Ed Collins was called to help with some computer questions and procedures.

First copies for the newsletter were done. Another great dinner break was brought by Rachel and Molly Meader and Justin Tibbetts-Thank you again!

SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION-MAY 12

In attendance: A. Raedle, Chas. Meader, C. Raedle, and E. Collins

Al and Ed worked on the software to print an interim financial report. Charlie and Carolyn made copies for the newsletter.

SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION-MAY 13

In attendance: A. Raedle, Chas. Meader, D. Thompson, C. Raedle, and R. Meader,

Stayed after Board of Assessment Review and worked on finishing copies for newsletter.

Authorized the Animal Control Officer to take rabies shots after contact with a rabid bat.

APPRECIATION: Thanks to Ed Collins for three very long Saturdays and odd hours on the town computer wrangling with its old software and installing its new at no cost to the town.

Thanks to Creston Gaither for finding the 37 never taxed acres with over a thousand feet of pond frontage on Parker Pond.



Reminders

The Hawks Little League Baseball.

Evin Fellman
Jonathan Gaither
Amanda Jenson
Matt Picard
Tristan Ridlen
Bryan Stebbins
Justin Tibbetts
Nicholas Tibbetts
Mick Webster



Coach: Don Tibbetts
Ass't Coach: Paul Picard

Tues May 20 **Yanks**
Thurs May 29 **Giants**
Sat June 7 Red Sox

Thurs May 22 **Cubs**
Sat May 31 **Braves**
Tues June 10 Cubs

Tues May 27 Giants
Tues June 3 Yanks
PLAYOFFS START

At Home = Bold

Come to a Game and Support our Little League Hawks Ball Team.
For more information, contact Coach Donald Tibbetts at 293 - 2915

NOTICE: Rachel Meader, Property Tax Collector, will be at the Town House Wednesday evenings from 6PM to 8PM until further notice.
On Wed. May 28, substitute Thurs May 29.

REMINDER: Please help us keep our roadsides clean. Trash belongs in trash barrels with lids.

The Board of Selectmen are looking for volunteers, if you have some time you can spare, please give one of the Selectmen a call.