

# Vienna Record

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## TAX NEWS!

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Office of the Selectmen  
Vienna Town House  
212 Town House Road  
Vienna, Me. 04360

POSTAL PATRON  
SATWSS  
P.O. Box or RR  
VIENNA, ME. 04360



**Town of Vienna 2000**

**Town Phone: 293**

Meetings: Selectmen: 1st & 3rd Tues of the Month. 6PM at the Town House  
 Workshops: 2nd Tues 6PM & 4th Sat 10AM at the Town House  
 Planning Board: 4th Wed 7PM at the Town House  
 Fire Department: 2nd Thurs Meeting 7PM; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs Training 6:30PM  
 Hours: Clerk & Tax Collector: Tues 6:30 PM - 8:30 P.M., Fri 12:30 PM  
 4:30 PM, Sat 8:30AM - 2:30 P.M. at her home at 84 Cumner Road.

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

Town Clerk & Tax Collector:  
 Rachel Meader 2970

Treasurer:  
 Debora Ryan 2136

Road Commissioner:  
 Danny Goucher 2833

Constable / Harbormaster:  
 Don Tibbetts 2915

Animal Control Officer  
 Don Tibbetts 2915

Game Warden 624-7000

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

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

Health Officer:  
 Dianne Black 2392

Winter Road Contractor:  
 Lenny Meader 9271

E911 Board: Laura Reville 3156

Life Star Ambulance Board:  
 Deborah Byrnes, Rep. 2706

Franklin Memorial Hospital 800-398-6031  
 Poison Control Center 800-442-6305  
 Maine General Medical Center Emergency 626-1206  
 Kennebec County Sheriff 623-3591

**Police-Fire-Ambulance Emergency 911**

Planning Board:  
 Waine Whittier, Chair 2072  
 Creston Gaither, Sec. 2909  
 Alan Williams 2620  
 Dianne Black 2392

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

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

Board of Assessment Review:  
 Stuart Rogers 2463  
 Glenn Meader 2339  
 Marti 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

Jay Recycling Center 897-5552  
 Riverside Disposal 623-2577

School Board Representative:  
 Alison Broome 3341  
 SAD#9: 778-6571  
 Cape Cod Hill School : 778-3031  
 Mt. Blue High School 778-3561

Vienna Town House: 2087  
 Vienna Community Center 4000  
 Vienna Post Office: 9332

Maine State Police Emergency 800-452-4664  
 Central Maine Power Emergency 800-696-1000



IMPORTANT! A BULLETIN ON TAX BILLS:

This year, our Tax Bills look different. Every bill has two payments. Two tax due dates are on each bill. To qualify for a tax discount, the first and second payments must both be made to the tax collector on or before the due dates on each bill.

On the lower left, the bill also shows how much of each tax goes to the MSAD school district, how much to the Town of Vienna, and how much to Kennebec County.

Last year our first bill was an estimate. It was one half the prior year's tax bill. The estimated bill was later subtracted from the final bill to calculate the amount of the second, adjusted bill. This year, the one bill is final.

We have bought new tax billing software. It cannot calculate an estimated bill. Instead, it calculates an accurate and final bill, divides it in two, then posts both payments to a single bill. It cannot post two separate bills in a single year. We chose this software for its proven accuracy.

This change, however, means that we must wait for our MSAD #9 school assessment, before we calculate the tax rate and commit the taxes. Our billing date, therefore, must follow the MSAD #9 annual district wide budget vote, which is usually taken in mid June.

It is important to understand this change. Our tax bill will be sent later in the year, but the date of Tax Commitment will be somewhat earlier than in the past. This is important, because it means that the final date on which a tax is due, the date on which a lien can be applied, and the final date for a tax abatement application, will be somewhat earlier in the year than in the past.

If you pay your taxes promptly, this will have no effect on you. If you find your property valuation is fair or reasonable, this will have no effect on you. But if there is any reason for you to be slow or disappointed, the day of tax reckoning will come earlier in the year from now on.

While this software is new to us, 180 other Maine communities, including Mount Vernon and Chesterville, have used it for years. It has proven accurate and reliable there, and we are pleased with the results we have seen from it so far.

A note, too, on our tax rate: This year the mil rate has gone up sharply from .0161 to .0195. We expected this because at Town Meeting last year we voted to take money from surplus to pay our operating expenses. This year, however, we voted to take money from surplus to pay our debts. It is interesting to note, however, how this year's tax rate compares with the rate of the year before last. It was a more usual Town Meeting; therefore it more fairly resembled this year.

The tax rate of the year before last was .0191. Our tax rate has climbed .0004 in two years, while we cleared our balance sheet of our debts. This rise does not seem out of line with expectations. We would like to do better to keep taxes down, but it must be clear from the rise and fall of rates in the last three years, that the final decisions on taxes are made at the annual Town Meeting in March. That is where we energetically and conclusively settle the issue of taxes for our Town.

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## 2000 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

**BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT**

1. Local Taxable Real Estate Valuation . . . . . \$ 27,825,860
2. Local Taxable Personal Property Valuation . . \$ 0
3. Total Taxable Valuation (Line 1 plus line 2) . . . . . \$ 27,825,860
4. Total of Homestead Exemption Valuation . . \$ 1,211,000
5. Total Valuation Base (Line 3 plus line 4) . . . . . \$ 29,036,860
  
6. Municipal Fiscal Year = 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2000  
mo/day/yr mo/day/yr

**APPROPRIATIONS**

7. County Tax . . . . . \$ 32,097
8. Municipal Appropriation . . . . . \$ 249,184
9. TIF financing plan amount . . . . . \$ 0
10. School/Educational Appropriations . . . . . \$ 311,240  
(Adjusted to Municipal Fiscal Year)
11. Total Appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10) . . . . . \$ 592,521

**ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS**

12. State Municipal Revenue Sharing . . . . . \$ 32,841
  
13. Other Revenues (Revenues not accounted for in  
Municipal Appropriation that are to be used to reduce  
the commitment such as Trust Fund Income, etc.)  
(Do not deduct Homestead Reimbursement) . . . . . \$ 0
  
14. Total Deductions (Line 12 plus line 13) . . . . . \$ 32,841
  
15. Net to be Raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) . . . . . \$ 559,680
  
16. \$ 559,680 x 1.05 = \$ 587,664 Maximum Allowable Tax  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 15)
  
17. \$ 559,680 + \$ 29,036,860 = 0.0 193 Minimum Tax Rate  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 15) (AMOUNT FROM LINE 5)
  
18. \$ 587,664 + 29,036,860 = 0.0 202 Maximum Tax Rate  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 16) (AMOUNT FROM LINE 5)
  
19. \$ 27,825,860 x 0.0 195 = \$ 542,604 Tax for Commitment  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 3) (SELECTED RATE)
  
20. \$ 559,680 x .05 = \$ 27,984 Maximum Overlay  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 15)
  
21. \$ 1,211,000 x 0.0 195 = \$ 236,140 Homestead Reimbursement  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 4) (SELECTED RATE) (ENTER ON LINE 8, ASSESSMENT WARRANT)
  
22. \$ 566,218 - \$ 559,680 = \$ 6,538 Overlay  
(AMOUNT FROM LINE 19 + LINE 21) (AMOUNT FROM LINE 15) (ENTER ON LINE 5, ASSESSMENT WARRANT)

(If line 22 exceeds line 20, select a lower tax rate)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return

TOWN OF VIENNA  
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

APRIL 4, 2000

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Fire Chief Jon Ljunggren reported that the transmission work on firetruck#81 was completed along with other maintenance.

The selectmen discussed the job opening of summer maintenance of town property. The job will include mowing and brush clean-up at the Town House, the Fire Station/Community Building, Seavey Cemetery and the Town Park on Flying Pond. The request for proposal will be posted at the Post Office and Town Hall.

Road Commissioner Dan Goucher reported two bids on the Tower Road pavement reclaiming project. The prices for 1.1 mile were:

Pike Industries - \$60,000  
Blue Rock - \$69,500

The grinding (8" to 10") should be done sometime in May after the preliminary ditch work is completed. The paving should be done in the middle of June.

Dan reported washouts on all gravel roads during the last heavy rainstorms. So far the damage has cost over \$5000. Dan will talk to State Emergency Management to see if the town is eligible for any reimbursement.

The selectmen, treasurer and town clerk signed the papers for a \$95,000 Tax Anticipation Note from People's Heritage Bank at an interest rate of 4.73% .

Al Raedle reported that he had recently had a meeting with Rob Mohlar, Conservation Engineer for Lakes Programs, Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District. They rode up Kimball Pond Rd, Anderson Rd, Jesse Ladd Rd and Vienna Mountain and discussed ideas of how to prevent silt from going into the Mill Stream Pond.

Mr. Mohlar will submit a written report and find out if any grant money is available for such a project.

Al also met with Sylvanus Dougherty, an architect from Hallowell (recommended by the State Historic Preservation Office). He looked at the Town Hall and discussed ideas on what would be needed to add on a bathroom and improve the building for added office space.

Leona Bean has been appointed as Deputy Town clerk/ Tax Collector. There are currently openings for Deputy Treasurer and Civil Emergency Officer.

The town received a \$341 refund from the Maine Municipal Association's Workers Compensation Fund.

The town received a letter of complaint from a resident regarding damage done to his mailbox by the snowplow contractor during the "past couple of years". A copy of the letter was sent to Dan Goucher and Lenny Meader.

Warrant #7 was prepared and signed; the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charlie Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Carolyn Raedle, Debora Ryan, Rachel Meader, Dan Goucher, Darrel Varney.

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APRIL 18, 2000

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The selectmen worked on the job description for grounds maintenance. This will include the Town House, Community Building, Seavey Cemetery, and Town Park. The request for

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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

April 18<sup>th</sup> continued:

proposal will be posted at the town house and the post office. A special selectmen's meeting will be held Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at that time.

Creston Gaither of York Hill Surveying brought the newly updated 2000 Tax Maps to the selectmen. This year there were 57 changes to the town maps and/or property records.

The selectmen worked on the newsletter, which will include results of the town meeting. There will be another work session on Thursday, April 20 to finish copying and collating.

Warrant #8 was prepared and signed; meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charlie Meader, Dodi Thompson, Carolyn Raedle, Creston Gaither, Darrel Varney.

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APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2000

This was a special meeting to open bids for the summer grounds maintenance job. The bids were as follows:

Ernestine Emery - \$400

Darrel Varney- \$880

The job was awarded to Ernestine Emery. It was agreed that she would be paid \$100 on the second warrant of May, June, July and August.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charlie Meader, Dodi Thompson, Ernestine Emery, Darrel Varney, Carolyn Raedle.

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MAY 2, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting were not yet available.

Kathy Lawless reported on some unsightly paving debris beyond the ditch on Cumner Rd. between Bessey and Tower Rd. She requested that it be cleaned up if possible in the interest of "keeping Vienna beautiful". The selectmen will speak to Road Commissioner Dan Goucher about the issue.

Fire Chief Jon Ljunggren reported that the town boat was back at the fire station from winter storage. He also reported that six firefighters have passed the Firefighters I course.

The E911 Committee sent out a mailing this week, which included the new street addresses.

The Town of Vienna has been notified of a pending lawsuit by Lisa Severy and Eric Severy for minors Ethan and Hailey Severy vs Inhabitants of the Town of Vienna and Randolph Horne of Vienna. This is in reference to an incident on the Horne property involving a rabid raccoon. A game warden responded to the call. The town's insurance company will handle this matter.

Warrant #9 was prepared and signed; meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charlie Meader, Dodi Thompson, Carolyn Raedle, Jon Ljunggren, Kathy Lawless.

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TOWN OF VIENNA  
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

June 6<sup>th</sup> continued.

Ernestine Emery was doing maintaining the grounds at the Town House, Community Center, Seavey Cemetery and the Town Park.

Al and Road Commissioner Dan Goucher met with Jack Tupper from the DOT about the Stetson Stream Bridge on Tower Rd. There is a possibility that the state might classify it as an actual bridge and pay for a portion of its repair.

The town received a check from FEMA for \$8,184.08. This is 90% of the amount requested as reimbursement for roadwork due to the spring washouts. The remaining 10% will be paid by the state (MEMA).

Jon Ljunggren reported that Franklin Cemetery has sold the last burial plot available. Following a discussion, the board agreed to send a letter of inquiry to Suzanne Engelmann, whose property abuts the cemetery. It is hoped that Franklin Cemetery might acquire additional land from Ms. Engelmann.

Arline Waite, as secretary of Vienna Village Cemetery, requested the interest accrued on the Cemetery Bank Account. Since this was last done in 1994, the payment will be for the interest paid from 1995 through 1999.

A letter was read from Gloria Mitchell from Strong saying how much she appreciated the display of flags through Vienna on Memorial Day. She stated "It did your town and people proud."

Warrant #11 was prepared and signed; the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charlie Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Debora Ryan, Carolyn Raedle.

JUNE 20, 2000

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended.

Al read a state statute, which gives a town the right to acquire property as needed for a cemetery. The selectmen have not received an answer to their letter of inquiry to Suzanne Engelmann whose property abuts Franklin Cemetery. The town would only take land by eminent domain as a last resort.

Road Commissioner Dan Goucher met with E911 Addressing Officer Laura Reville about the new street signs that will be put up on town roads, which have a new name due to the new system. He will be installing the signs soon.

There was a discussion about the decision to put a gate at the salt and sandpit. Dan is getting estimates.

Al called DOT about the sand accumulation at the intersection of Mountain Rd. and Town House Rd. (Rt. 41). DOT workers will be coming on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to access the situation.

Dan reported that he is still doing the preparation work on Tower Rd. that has to be done before the paving project can begin. Pike Industries should be able to start the regrinding in sometime in July.

Marti Gross has been appointed Deputy Treasurer. It was reported that Leona Bean has resigned as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The town boat is at Clark's Marine for maintenance. Donald Tibbetts, Harbormaster will be putting the safety buoys out on Flying Pond this weekend.



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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

June 20<sup>th</sup> continued.

Al went up Mountain Rd with Mike Austin and Donna Hays of Maine Equalization to locate the Metcalf camp. It will now be added to the property record.

Warrant #12 was prepared and signed; the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charlie Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Dan Goucher, Carolyn Raedle.

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JULY 5, 2000

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

It was reported that the safety buoys were installed on Flying Pond.

DOT has responded to our request for a review of speed limits on Tower Rd., Stream Rd., and Kimball Pond Rd. They will be sending their recommendations in writing.

DOT has cleaned up the excess sand at the corner of Mountain Rd. and Town House Rd. (Rt. 41). It was reported that Mountain Rd. was damaged in the process.

Varney Road was heavily damaged during the recent rainstorms. It has since been repaired.

The town has received the 2000-2001 SAD #9 Budget figures. Vienna's portion is \$312,539. This is up 2,599 from last year's figure. We will pay \$26,044.92 on the first warrant of each month.

The selectmen were given a copy of an agreement between the town and New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. DBA Bell Atlantic. They will supply the town with a printout of Vienna phone numbers to be used for E911 addressing purposes only.

The town has received State Revenue Share figures: Actual for 2000 is 36,930. Projected figure for 2001 is \$31,259.

Kyes Insurance Co. has notified the town that in addition to the Tax Collector and Treasurer being bonded, we also need to have bond insurance on the Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator, Town Clerk, Constable and all Deputies of any position.

Maine Equalization, our assessing agents have completed their pick-up work for this year. This includes all property owners who have applied for building permits in the last year.

Warrant #13 was prepared and signed; the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Dodi Thompson, Carolyn Raedle.

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JULY 18, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting were not yet available.

Road Commissioner Dan Goucher reported on the effects of a recent storm on town roads. A large tree was knocked over across Mountain Road near the Union Hall.



**Town of Vienna**

**Notice of a Public Meeting**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Meeting to discuss the Cemeteries in the Town of Vienna.

There are no plots left in the Franklin Cemetery on the Tower Road. We will need to find a new burial ground.

The issue to be discussed at the public meeting is where to locate a new cemetery in the Town of Vienna.

The Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 29, 2000 at 7PM in the Community Center.



We have dogs barking late at night, when neighbors, who must go to work in the morning, are trying to sleep. Please respect the night hours. Keep dogs quiet after dark

Final notices for dog licenses will be filed with the Kennebec County Sheriffs Office next week. Thereafter, any dog owners without a license for their pet will be subject to late fees, a summons and fine.



SELECTMEN...

(no formal meetings held in January or February)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD  
HELD MARCH 22, 2000

On January 26 Waine Whittier and Creston Gaither met briefly at the Town House; as no quorum was present, no formal business was conducted. Recent mail was reviewed. Waine will complete a census report on recent construction.

On February 23 Waine and Creston and Fred Webber met briefly at the Town House. As no quorum was present, no formal business was conducted. Fred said that he wishes to put electricity on "Webber Island" in Flying Pond and presented sketches and profiles of the project. He will return at a future meeting with details from CMP Co regarding quantities, the extent of proposed excavation, its impact on the pond, erosion control, etc. He hopes to proceed in May. Recent mail was reviewed.

The March 22 meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Members present were Waine, Alan Williams, and Creston. Also present was Fred Webber. Minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted.

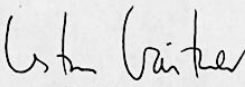
Fred presented a profile of the trench for the aforesaid proposed electrical cable. Excavation will be by small excavator (a jackhammer will be used if ledge is encountered); the trench will be backfilled with rocks. Fred estimates the trench will run approximately 25 lineal feet from the water to the proposed transformer, then about 200 feet to the structure to be served. He expects a "permit by rule" from DEP in about 2 weeks and expects no requirements or specifications from them. After some discussion it was decided that there is no need to contact MMA or CMP Co. Findings of fact as per p.19 of the Town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) were made. It was voted to issue the permit with the following conditions: 1). the shore near the cut is to be stabilized with mulch or riprap as soon as is feasible; 2). the cable is to be protected with conduit to a sufficient depth to protect it from motorcraft etc. Creston was authorized to issue the usual permit by letter. Both the Notification of Construction Ordinance (NoC) and the SZO were reviewed and it was agreed that the proposed transformer is not a "structure" and that no NoC permit is required.

Recent mail was reviewed.

A State Planning Office survey was completed.

The Dept of Conservation has been notified of proposed timber harvests on the Whittier and Vandal parcels (see recent Timber Harvest Ordinance permits).

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

  
Creston Gaither, secretary