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Christmas in Vienna



Santa Claus will be in the Vienna Grange from 2 PM to 4 PM on Saturday December 9th.



There is a benefit dinner for Jonathan Lawless at 5 PM to 6:30 PM on December 9th at the Community Center to help the Lawless family with medical expenses after Jon's recent accident. Adults \$5. Seniors & Children Under 12 \$3.00.



Northfield will be singing in the North Vienna Methodist Church on December 10th at 3 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Clerk's Notes



The 2001 Hunting, Fishing, and Dog Licenses are now available at the Clerk's Office.

There will be a special election to vote on funds for the new Junior High School in SAD 9 on February 6th from 9AM to 8 PM in the Community Center.

There is a Cookie Swap after service at the Vienna Baptist Church on December 11th at 11:30 AM.



There is a Blue Christmas service at the North Vienna Methodist Church on December 21st at 7PM. The service will celebrate the longest night of the year, a quiet service for those for whom Christmas is difficult



Vienna Bicentennial Afghans are still available from Helen Wilkie, call ahead to reserve one at 293 2351. \$29.95.



Nomination papers for Town Officers will be available at the Clerk's Office on December 18th. They must be returned by January 27th



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Where is our new cemetery?

The Town has bought the lot across the road from the North Vienna Methodist Church. We have begun the job of clearing the brush, roots, undesirable trees and shrubs. This job has gone slower than anticipated, but it goes on, and we expect it to be done this year. Meanwhile, at Selectmen's meetings, the Board has begun to discuss the plan it will bring to the Town Meeting in March.

We have agreed upon several forthright principles. First, that the Town's cemetery should be a facility in which the Town can take pride, that it will be a well-maintained green that will be an attractive place to inter the dead, as well as a place for privacy and comfort to visit in the years to follow.

Second, that the work of establishing a cemetery is rightfully the work of many generations. The new cemetery will serve the Town for a very long time, so we expect that the needs and demands for our cemetery will change over the span of many years. Therefore, it is necessary for this generation to do what it feels is most appropriate to its time, but not feel the necessity to complete the whole work of a large cemetery. We would rather leave to the future what can be done best as needs arise in our Town in a distant time.

What, then, do we feel is necessary to our time? We have bought the lot. We have cleared its upper four acres. We feel we ought to clean-up the last two acres of the lot. We have raised money for a first seeding of grass with mulch. We have a well placed access ramp from the Tower Road, a much less well placed exit ramp on the Cumner Road. We must layout the burial sites, perhaps an acre of them, perhaps less.

We do not feel the need for gates or fences; the site has natural barriers against vehicle entry from both roads. We have left trees on the site, so we do not feel the need to plant trees, or add furniture to the lot. We have made no decisions on roads at this time, but this may well be the key budget issue for the cemetery at Town Meeting.

We must also decide how to administer and support the cemetery. This is a complex issue, and it will be the focus of Board discussions between now and Town Meeting. At this stage, this seems a highly detailed financial and legal issue. Here we can use help. If anyone wants to get involved, do some research, offer up advice, then join us. We would like a group to advise us. This will all require very careful thought, so the Town will feel comfortable with its cemetery over the years.

All this having been said by us, we hope the Town will adopt its new cemetery. It belongs to us all in a unique and very personal way. Someone will want to plant a tree where it feels most appropriate to them, set out a row of perennials instead of build a fence, donate a bench or marker, so this too ought to be encouraged, as the work of a whole community, when it remembers and pays respect to its past.

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

August 1, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting were not yet available.

Al reported that he had a lengthy conversation with Suzanne Engelmann about the possibility of acquiring land from her, to expand Franklin Cemetery, either by sale or trading her land for other acreage owned by the town. Another option discussed was the possibility of acquiring land adjacent to Seavey Cemetery. The selectmen will continue to pursue the issue until we can come to a solution for the good of all concerned.

Gail Seamon spoke to the selectmen and ACO Donald Tibbetts about an ongoing problem of barking dogs disturbing her sleep (and others in her area). She asked about the procedure of having an ordinance that would address the situation. She was advised that such an ordinance would have to be presented as part of the warrant at the March town meeting. The selectmen told her that in the meantime they could include something about the problem in the next newsletter in the hopes that the dog owners would voluntarily be considerate of others and control their barking dogs after 10:00 P.M.

It was reported that work is progressing on Tower Road – grinding and paving will be done sometime this month (August). Warrant #15 was prepared and signed. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charles Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Donald Tibbetts, Carolyn Raedle, Mark Flight.

August 15, 2000

Minutes of the last three meetings were read. One was approved as amended; two were approved as read.

There was a discussion of the cemetery. It was agreed to hold a public hearing on the matter. It was scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room.

Fire Chief Jon Ljunggren reported that Road Commissioner Dan Goucher had asked him about using a fire truck to clean culverts. John said that it has been against policy in past years and that there were professional services for this work. The selectmen agreed.

Chief Ljunggren got an estimate for \$800 to fix the drainage problem behind the Fire Station. He also reported that there would be no dry hydrant on Parker Pond.

The selectmen voted unanimously to set the 2000 mil rate at .0195. The certificates of assessments for the tax collector and treasurer were prepared and signed.

The board also answered a letter from Alternate Plumbing Inspector Richard Marble, concerning his duties and procedure. He had requested copies of his past disbursements, which Debora Ryan provided. The records were mailed to him.

Work was done on the newsletter, which will be mailed later this week. Warrant #16 was prepared and signed. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charles Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Carolyn Raedle, Donald Tibbetts, Deby Ryan, Gail Seamon, Gary Seamon, John Archard.

**Selectmen's Minutes
September 5, 2000**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Fire Chief Jon Ljunggren reported that Helen Wilkey has donated a Microwave to the Community Room in memory of Rita Brockway, a niece of George Lord's.

Gail Seamon brought in a draft for a Barking or Howling Dog Ordinance. The selectmen asked her to get 25 signatures and it would be placed on the warrant for March Town Meeting.

There was more discussion of the cemetery situation and the recent public hearing. Al reported that Valmore and Judy Dunn have offered to sell a six acre triangle of land at the corner of Tower Rd. and Cumner Rd., (across from the Methodist Church) to be used as a municipal cemetery. They offered the lot for \$4000, which is \$300 less than the assessed value.

Jere Hughes was in to apply for abatement for a small building that had been removed from his property in 1999. It was deleted from his property records, and the \$3500 value was abated.

Road Commissioner Dan Goucher reported that the grinding has been done on Tower Rd. The last of the culvert work will be done this week; the paving will follow.

There will be a volunteer clean-up at the Town Park on Sunday, October 8 from 12:00 to 3:00. Volunteers are asked to bring food, snippers, rakes, weed-eaters, etc. This is above and beyond the spring clean-up done by Ernestine Emery.

The selectmen prepared the notice to request proposals for winter sand. The contractor will be asked to deliver the sand and mix it with the salt at the town

pit. Bids will be opened at 6:00, September 19 at the regular selectmen's meeting.

Warrant #18 was prepared and signed. The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charles Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Carolyn Raedle, Gail Seamon.

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September 19, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The selectmen opened the three bids that were submitted for winter sand – 1700 yards delivered and mixed.

They were as follows:

1. Dan Goucher Construction, Vienna \$9350 (5.50 per yard)
2. Gurney Excavating, Vienna \$9180 (\$5.40 per yard)
3. Hickey Construction, West Gardiner \$9928 (5.84 per yard)

The job was awarded to Gurney Excavating. Bruce Gurney and the board of selectmen signed the contract. The sand will be put up the week of October 17.

There was a discussion of the clean-up of the Flanders house that was destroyed by fire. The partial structure which is still standing is considered to be a hazard. Mr. Flanders, who lives in Texas, has contracted with Dan Goucher to tear down the remains.

There was a discussion about the water run-off at the Community Center. It was agreed that the existing culvert would be replaced. Road Commissioner

October 17 continued.

The Fire Department Hunter's Supper will be held there on Saturday, November 18 from 5:00 - 6:30.

It was reported that we continue to have a "beaver situation" on Tower Rd. by the Parker Pond Boat Launch. Beavers are already plugging up the new culverts. Al has met with Game Warden Bill White on site to discuss the problem. Al and Mr. White will meet with Road Commissioner Dan Goucher to unplug the culverts and build a new cage around the ends.

It was reported that the board of selectmen, the tax collector and the constable had a meeting with Attorney Michael Saucier (who represents the town's insurance companies) to discuss the Richard Nystrom, Jr. legal action against the Town of Vienna, et al. Bob Lesso stopped by to look at the town tax maps.

The Maine Revenue Services has projected the 2001 State Valuation for the Town of Vienna at \$30,450,000. Dodi reported that Pat Rawson of the Mt. Vernon Rescue Squad has said that they would like to extend their annual "Giving Tree" program into the community of Vienna. Warrant #20 was prepared and signed. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charles Meader, Dodi Thompson, Jon Ljunggren, Rachel Meader, Alan Williams, Bob Lesso.

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November 8, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting were not yet available.

It was reported that the closing for the cemetery property was held in Atty. Stephen Hayes off in Augusta. Al Raedle signed the papers as the town representative and a check for \$4000 was given to Valmore and Judy Dunn.

There was a discussion on how to proceed with the planning of the new cemetery. Lew Caldwell, Jr, is doing the basic clearing of at least four acres. He has contracted to do the work for \$2000. He will be given \$500 now and the remaining \$1500 upon completion of the job.

Al handed out copies of the rules and regulations of the Augusta Cemetery Association as a guideline for things to consider. The selectmen will get estimates on each portion of work needed to turn the land into a fully functional cemetery. They will be presented in the warrant of the March town meeting in several articles or one itemized article.

There was further discussion on whether we should set up a cemetery association on whether the town should be in charge with an appointed sexton as a paid position. This will also be addressed at March town meeting. Warrant #21 was prepared and signed. The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charles Meader, Dodi Thompson, Carolyn Raedle, Phil Gregory.

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November 21, 2000

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Lewie Caldwell, Jr. gave the selectmen a progress report on the work he has been doing to clear the new cemetery. He requested another payment on the work to cover his expenses. The selectmen agreed to revise his contract and give him \$1000 on tonight's warrant. He will receive the remaining \$500 when the job is completed.

The selectmen agreed that they would prepare and send the next newsletter before Christmas.

The board reviewed several faxes from Maine Equalization regarding four property owners, abatement requests, and other issues of assessment. Warrant #22 was prepared and signed. The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

At the meeting: Al Raedle, Charles Meader, Dodi Thompson, Carolyn Raedle, Danny Raedle, Lew Caldwell, Jr.

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A Special Town Meeting was held on October 10, 2000 with the following result:

Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. Jon Ljunggren

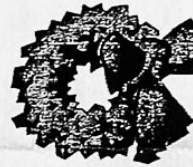
Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to take \$4000 out of the Surplus Account to purchase the Valmore and Judy Dunn property on the corner of the Tower and Cumner Roads, across from the North Vienna Methodist Church, as the site of a new Municipal Cemetery for the Town of Vienna. Article passed.

Article 3: To see how much money the Town will vote to take out of the Surplus Account to pay for the preliminary Fall site work on the new Municipal Cemetery.

Recommended: \$2000.

Article was amended to say that we must have a contract that at least four acres will be cleared, and also raise an additional \$500 for seeding and haying. Amended article passed.

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**SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
WORKS TO KEEP VIENNA GOING!
FROM PAID OFFICIALS TO
CONTRACT LABOR TO ALL OF YOU
WHO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME
AND ENERGY TO HELP OUR TOWN
(THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
PLANNING BOARD, MERRY
DUMPSTERS, AND ALL THE OTHER
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES).
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK
YOU.**

