

Vienna Record



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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES - FEBRUARY - MARCH

Minutes -Selectmen's Meetings

February 3, 2015

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross.

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #3 - \$26,821.28
4. Selectmen worked on the Warrant for the 2015 Town Meeting.
5. Selectmen worked on their report for the town report.

February 10, 2015

Present :Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Annie Tibbetts

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Finalized and signed the Warrant for Town Meeting.
4. Discussed items from her report with the Tax collector/Town Clerk.

February 17, 2015

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes form previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 4 - \$84,226.06
4. Discussed tentative dates to request proposals

SELECTMEN’S MINUTES CONTINUED

for the following in 2015:

- a. Off-road Snow Removal Contract
- b. Plow and Sand/Salt Winter Roads Contract
- c. Winter sand

5. Dodi reported that she delivered the town report to Pettingill Printing on Friday the 13th. The reports should be back in Vienna by Thursday, March 5th and mailed out on the 6th

Langsdorf of Preti-Flaherty will handle the case for the Town.

- 5. Selectmen reviewed the bank reconciliation report.
- 6. Selectmen will meet at the Town House at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 5th to label and sort the Town Reports for mailing.

February 24, 2015

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

- 1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
- 2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
- 3. Discussed the proposed timeline for putting several pieces of foreclosed properties up for sale to the public.
- 4. Reviewed and made minor changes to the Town Salt/Sand Pile Policy. Townspeople are allowed two (2) 5 gallons buckets for personal use as needed through the season.
- 5. Discussed getting property cards on a backup device. This would allow each selectman to have a copy with them at home. They can also be put on the town’s web site.

March 10, 2015

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

- 1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
- 2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
- 3. Selectmen discussed the pending court case. Dodi reported on a consultation with Atty. Langsdorf.
- 4. Discussed the upcoming Town Meeting on Saturday.

March 3, 2015

Present : Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross

- 1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
- 2. Read and accepted minutes from previous meeting.
- 3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #5 - \$79,121.71
- 4. Selectmen discussed a complaint that has been filed in the Superior Court – Jonathan Lawless, et.al. vs. Town of Vienna. They are asking that the Cell Tower set-back waiver (which was approved by the Vienna Board of Appeals) be overturned. Attorney Stephen

March 17, 2015

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, John Archard, Muffy Floyd.

- 1. Floyds turned in an application putting a portion of their property permanently in Open Space Land.
- 2. Reviewed and dispersed mail.
- 3. Read and accepted minutes.
- 4. Selectmen discussed and researched a complaint brought to the attention of the board. A resident had concerns that a selectman doing any work for the road commissioner was “a conflict of interest”. According to the MMA Selectmen’s Manual, “the Maine common law doctrine of incompatibility is limited to public “offices” for which one is sworn or takes an oath – it does not extend to employment positions.”
- 5. Reviewed the Bank Reconciliation report.
- 6. Selectmen will soon be requesting proposals

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED



for a 3 year contract to Plow and Salt/Sand Roads in the Town of Vienna.

7. Selectmen voted Dodi Thompson as Chairman of the Board.

MARCH TOWN MEETING WRAP-UP

All articles passed as presented and recommended, with the exception of the following two articles:

Article 27: To see what sum the Town will (raise and) appropriate for General Assistance. **Recommended: \$1500 (plus reimbursement from the state, based on actual receipts).** **Passed as amended.**

Article 41: To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Legal Services. **Recommended: \$4107 plus carry the 2014 balance (\$1893).** **Passed as amended.**

The Treasurer's Report has been posted to the town [website](#) due to a printing issue with account headings.

The A-Z 2014 Property Values List has been posted to the website because it contained the 2013 tax figures instead of 2014.

All incumbent town officers were re-elected.

Notice

The Town of Vienna is requesting proposals for Snow Removal and Salt/Sanding of the Town Roadways, from October 1, 2015 through May 30, 2018. Sealed proposals, marked "Roadway Snowplow Proposal", must be received no later than 6:30 P.M., April 28, 2015. **Along with the proposal, please include a letter or certificate of bondability (mandatory).**

Proposals will be opened at 6:45 P.M., April 28, 2015 during the Selectmen's meeting at the Vienna Town House.

The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all proposals. For more information (General Requirements) please call Chris Smith, 293-3383.



PLANNING BOARD NEWS

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD
HELD JANUARY 28, 2015**

The meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM.

Regular members present were Waine Whittier, Ed Lawless, Austin Harrell, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Jonathan Lawless and Chrissie Hudon. Minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting were read and accepted.

Creston had advertised tonight's meeting as a public hearing on prospective changes to the Shoreland Zoning and Wireless Facilities Siting Ordinances.

Waine said that in view of Bob Weingarten's request that the Board of Appeals reconsider its decision in the GTP "cell tower" matter, the Planning Board should perhaps ask the Selectmen whether we should issue a Notification of Construction permit for the tower. He noted that he never signed anything saying that only one issue needed review regarding the tower application.

At 7:25 the Public Hearing portion of tonight's meeting began. Waine presented proposed wording for an amendment to the cell tower ordinance to eliminate its provision for a waiver of setback requirements and by general consensus Waine's wording was approved. Wording for a proposed change to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to modify its sideline setback requirements was discussed and approved.

At 7:30 The Board's Annual Report was briefly reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.
Creston Gaither, secretary

No other reports from the planning board were received for this issue.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk

Annie Tibbetts: 207-293-2915
email: ClerkTax@Viennamaine.org
346 Town House Rd. Vienna, Maine

Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5 pm - 7 pm
Wednesdays - 9 am -12 and 12:30-5 pm.
On the last Saturday of the month 9-12
and by appointment.

Town Clerk's report

I want to thank everyone that came out to vote on March 13, 2015.

Here are the 2015 Election Results:

Road Commissioner:

Daniel Goucher - 114
Darrell Watson - 50

First Selectperson:

Doris (Dodi) Thompson - 149

Second Selectperson:

Steven Lilley Sr. - 57
Roger Pelton Jr. - 34
Christopher Smith - 71

Third Selectperson:

Jeffrey Rackliff - 158

Tax Collector:

Annie Tibbetts - 150

Town Clerk:

Annie Tibbetts - 150

Treasurer:

Martha Gross - 154

EDITOR'S NOTES

Articles

Email articles to me at: viennarecord@gmail.com
Or mail to: 197 Davis Rd. Vienna, ME 04360



Advertisements or Personal Announcements:

Fee Per Issue

1/8 page \$8.00 issue or \$45.00 year
1/4 page \$14.00 issue or \$80.00 year
1/2 page \$26.00 issue or \$150.00 year
Full page \$50.00 issue or \$290.00 year
Make check payable to the "Town of Vienna"

-Marianne Archard

Deadline

All Item or articles for the June/July issue of the *Vienna Record* must be received by me by **May 27, 2015**

Format

Please send items online as rich text format (.rtf) or as a word document (.doc) or as a .jpg. Please no .pdf or other formats.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

Bed bugs (*Cimex lectularius*) 3-25-15

My daughter's family accompanied her on a work trip to western New York State last spring. She always shops hard for good deals and found a cozy local country inn and had a pleasant weekend. She and her 3-year-old noticed mosquito-like bites when they got home; her husband had none. Because New York has been reporting bedbug infestations recently, she suspected that was the problem. Online she discovered that previous guests at that inn had had similar experiences. With a lot of effort (see below), she and her family avoided home infestation. But her experience is increasingly common, even here in Maine, and certainly for those who travel out-of-state now.

Bed bugs rarely transmit human blood-borne diseases but certainly can be a nuisance. They are small insects that feed on human blood and are active at night when people are sleeping. Unlike head lice, bed bugs do not live on a person. However, they can hitchhike from one place to another in backpacks, clothing, luggage, books and other items.

Adult bed bugs have flat, rusty-red-colored oval bodies. As bed bugs feed, their bodies swell and become brighter red. About the size of an apple seed, they are big enough to be easily seen, but often hide very successfully in cracks in mattress and box springs rim beading and other bedding, furniture, floors, or walls. Where you find one, you almost always find more; often they cluster together, probably to prevent the young bugs from drying out. They can live for months without feeding if they must, but prefer to feed nightly. They inject anticoagulants and anesthetics when they bite, so the victim rarely ever sees the bug and usually feels nothing while the bugs sip dinner for 10-15 minutes.

Their bites usually cause small, itchy red skin "mosquito bites", often in a line, and most often on the face, neck, hands and arms,



Adult bed bug

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER CONTINUED

within a day or two, but can be delayed as long as a week. The bites result from both the small injury to the skin, but much more from allergic reactions in that injured skin to the bugs' saliva and/or feces. Some people (30%), like my son-in-law, don't react and hence get no visible bites. The bites, though itchy, should be scratched as little as possible and kept soap-and-water clean to prevent secondary skin infections.

Infestations are very difficult and expensive to control. The best strategy is to prevent exposure. First, beware garage sales, especially of bedding!! When traveling, check on-line bed bug reports (<http://www.bedbugregistry.com/>) when picking a place to stay; and when you get there, put your bags temporarily in the tub bath while you tear the bed apart a little to look for the buggers along the mattress beads and other tight corners. No hotel, no matter how fancy, can be guaranteed forever bed bug-free. If you find them, go somewhere else and report both to the hotel and the state Center for Disease Control. The big hotel chains do have generally better surveillance and prevention policies.

If you do bring them home, first try environmental measures such as laundering and drying bed linens at maximal temperature settings, vacuuming rooms, and cleaning as well as encasing mattresses and box springs in tight plastic covers. Because of their toxicity to humans and pets, insecticides should be applied by a professional exterminator if they are needed.

For more information, the Maine CDC has a good website (<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/bedbugs/>)



Recent reported cases of hotel/inn/bed-and-breakfast bed bugs from [bedbugregistry.com](http://www.bedbugregistry.com).

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DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS - APRIL 2015

“The America I love still exists at the front desks of our public libraries.” Kurt Vonnegut

We will host a program on Sunday, April 12 at 3pm on making Health Care Advance Directives, presented by Jackie Fournier, who is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Central Maine Medical Center. Join us here at the library to learn what you might need to know about sharing directions for your medical care with family, friends, and health workers, in the event that you cannot let your wishes be known. We also have a DVD of “Consider the Conversation: a Documentary on a Taboo Subject” on loan from Jackie. Please feel free to come in and borrow it. We also have Atul Gawande’s quiet and informative book entitled Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End.

As many of you know, we pay a subscription to the Maine State Library Downloadable Books project for our patrons. Use of this resource by our adult patrons has increased greatly this past year, and we want you to know that the project includes many juvenile and young adult titles which might appeal to the younger generation. Please let your kids know these are available for loan to download onto their Ipads, Kindles, Nooks, or other tablets and computers. To access the collection, go to the MSL website at www.state.me.us/msl/ and click on “Download Library for e-books and audiobooks” under Popular Services at the top of the page. To sign up, our patrons use their four digit library number that is handwritten on their library card, rather than the barcode that is attached to the card.

Cool website of the month: a nice one for searching and then downloading free images. Try Pixabay at www.pixabay.com and search for the image you might need for a flyer or card.



There are some beautiful physical books being published lately. They are a great pleasure to hold and study. It is a nice reminder that e-publishing and traditional hard copies are both important for building knowledge and life experience and memories. We have mentioned Christie’s novel, Gutenberg’s Apprentice, in a previous column -- such a beautiful book to hold as well as read. There are some children’s picture books being published in large format, beautifully illustrated, also. We have Jenny Bloom’s Animalium, which is chockfull of information, with classic illustrations on nicely textured paper. Steve Jenkins’ The Animal Book is also wonderful, as are the Eyewitness series of books. This winter we acquired the gorgeous new Historical Atlas of Maine, put together by UMaine – lucky for us, because the first printing sold out quickly.

Patrons enjoy taking it down from the mantel, laying it on the table, and paging through it. It is a unique presentation of Maine's history, and provides a strong sense of place.

I've been reading Etta and Otto and Russell and James by Emma Hooper – a beautiful story of an elder woman's journey across Canada, and the people she left behind, to take me into the start of mud season. What are you reading?

- Mary Anne Libby



RECURRING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mt. Vernon Community Center Café - Saturdays From 9:30-11:30 AM. Coffee, food and Conversation.

Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Small donation appreciated.

Women's Breakfast "JULIET" - Third Tuesday of each month at the Mill Stream Grange 8-9 AM. Pot luck breakfast plus \$2.00 per person.

McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Vienna Community Center. New and experienced carvers welcome. For more information call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach at 685-4779.

Creation Station - Faith-based, arts-based after school program of the North Vienna UMC. Meets Thursday during the school year. Open to all children grades K-6. For more information call Laura Church at 293-3892.

The Youth Group at North Vienna United Methodist Church - Most Sunday afternoons during the school year. Open to youth grades 6 and up. For more information call Laura Church 293-3892.





Job Opportunities

for the 2015 summer season

Do you:

- ⇒ Enjoy working outdoors ?
- ⇒ Have an interest in water quality issues and education?
- ⇒ Possess excellent communication skills?
- ⇒ Enjoy giving back to your community?
- ⇒ Exhibit a positive attitude and the ability to work hard as a team member?

For more information

and to apply to these positions, please visit:
www.30mileriver.org

30 Mile River Watershed Association is seeking:

Courtesy Boat Inspectors

- Duties:**
- Act as the “first line of defense” against invasive aquatic plants, preventing plant fragments found hitchhiking on boats and trailers from entering our lakes.
 - Work at public boat launches on Androscoggin Lake, Flying Pond and Parker Pond.
 - Talk with boaters and inspect their watercraft as they launch and remove their boats.

Youth Conservation Corps Members

- Duties:**
- Protect and improve water quality in our lakes through completing projects that reduce erosion and sources of polluted stormwater runoff.
 - Perform physically demanding outdoor labor on a daily basis.
 - Complete projects such as planting vegetation buffers, ditching roadsides, seeding and mulching.

YCC and CBI positions may be combined for full-time work.
Applications received by April 15th will receive priority consideration

COMMUNITY SWAP AND SHOP

Find items here that Vienna residents want to sell, swap or barter. Send a description of your item to

viennarecord@gmail.com.

Posting is free. Also post it on the Vienna website by emailing to the Vienna webmaster:

webmaster@viennamaine.org



RENTAL Wanted:

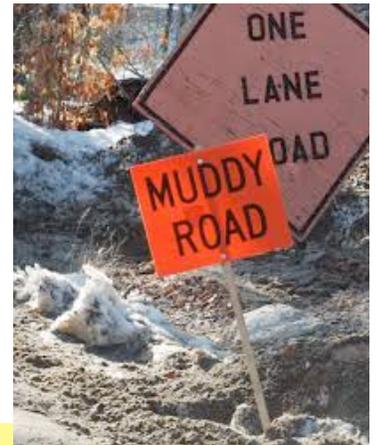
Looking for a quiet apartment, trailer, house, in-law apartment. I am very quiet, responsible woman who doesn't smoke, drink, or do drugs. I have a well-behaved older Golden Retriever. Ideal place would be \$400-500 including utilities. Long time area resident with references. 485-2642.

Mud Season is on the way

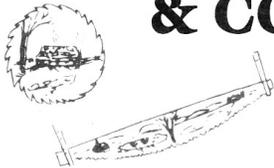
According to all forecasts and a look out the window as winter snow begins to melt away, the 2015 mud season in Maine will be a big, deep one. Roads will become greasy, mud boots coated and streams dark with muddy runoff. All this and yet it means new life and the start of the season to plant. Thank you to our road commissioner for keeping our roads passible during tis time.

"This year, [mud season] might stretch into the middle of May because of a brutal winter that froze the soil and left heavy snow on top of it, forecasters said."

Read more about it [here](#).



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SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR

✓ **April 6 (Monday) - Mt. Vernon Community Center** -The Natural Resources Council of Maine is sponsoring a Constituent Forum with Rep Gary Hilliard - Monday April 6 from 6:30-8:00PM. Open to the public.

✓ **April 10 (Friday) - Vienna Union Hall** - The return of the Vienna Variety Show 7:00 - 9:00. Only \$5.00. Great Local Artists!

✓ **April 25 (Saturday)- Mt. Vernon Community Center** - Antique Show and Flea Market - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

✓ **May 2 (Saturday) -Vienna Union Hall** -The Third Annual - Night of a cappella Featuring: Flipsides and Good Time Sound 7:00 PM. \$8.00 in advance \$10.00 at the door.

✓ **May 9 (Saturday) Peter Miller Woodland** - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Basic Chainsaw Safety with John Cullen of the KLT.

NEWS FROM THE MERRY DUMPSTERS

Are you interested in participating in a Household Hazardous Waste drop off event?

Household Hazardous Waste would include items such as paint, cleaning chemicals, petroleum products and fertilizer or pesticides. It could cost the town an additional 1500.00 to be included in one of these events. There are two drop offs a year sponsored by the KVCOG (Kennebec Valley Council of Governments), Augusta in the Spring and Waterville in the Fall. Please, go to the Vienna Website and log your preference if this is something you would like the Merry Dumpsters to pursue.



- 1. Would you participate in a Hazardous Waste drop off day?

If so which would be your preference?

- 2. Spring Hazardous waste drop off in Augusta.
- 3. Fall Hazardous waste drop off in Waterville.

Please go to the Vienna website and vote for your choice at this link: [Click Here](#)

Thank-you,
Merry Dumpsters

Might you be a D.A.R.?

Special Program Coming This Summer

Vienna Historical Society

Happy Mud Season!

NEWS FROM SENATOR TOM SAVIELLO

Maine marks 195 Years as an Independent State

On March 15, Maine marked 195 years as one of the United States of America.

The federal notification of Maine’s “Act of Admission” into the union is part of the holdings at the Maine State Archives. Congress passed the Act on March 3, 1820, and President James Monroe signed it that same day.

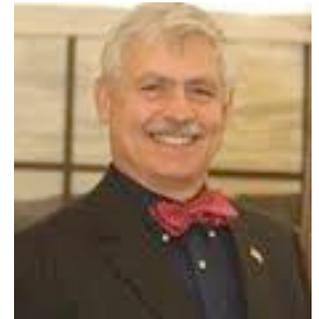
The Act of Admission designates Maine as a “separate and independent state.” U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, who would later be elected president of the United States in 1824, sent the Act to the State of Maine.

Before becoming a state, Maine was a district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Maine brought pressure to become independent from Massachusetts and sought admission to the United States as a “free” state that rejected slavery. Southern states objected, contending that admitting Maine would upset the political balance between free



states and states that allowed slavery. Congress ultimately proposed admitting Maine as a free state and Missouri as a slave state. Although many Maine politicians objected, Congress approved the Missouri Compromise.

The resulting Act of Admission states that, as of March 15, 1820, “the State of Maine is hereby declared to be one of the United States of America, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, in all respects whatever.



Task Force Calls for Changes in Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against the Elderly

The Maine Attorney General’s Task Force on Financial Crimes Against the Elderly is calling for changes in state law to protect Maine’s seniors.

The United States Department of Justice estimates that one in nine people over the age of 60 will be abused or exploited this year, or an estimated 33,000 victims of elder abuse in Maine alone.

The Task Force identified a number of barriers to prosecution, including a perception among criminal justice professionals that financial exploitation is a family or civil issue; a lack of training in handling financial crimes against the elderly; and an inadequate legal framework for prosecuting elder financial exploitation.

The Task Force is making a number of recommendations to improve the prosecution of crimes against the elderly, including statutory changes, changes in judicial case management, changes in staffing, and specialized training for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors and the judiciary.

Maranacook Adult Education

RSU 38 • 2250 Millard Harrison Drive • Readfield, ME 04355
adulthood@maranacook.org • 207-685-4923 x1065 • Fax: 207-685-9597

Upcoming Classes & Events – Maranacook Adult Education - Readfield

For details or to register, please visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>. For more information, email us at adulthood@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, x1065.

April - May 2015

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round

Adult CPR/AED, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1.

Hula Hooping, 2 Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., begins April 7.

Digital Camera Basics, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, April 11.

Readfield History: Living, Working and Socializing in 19th Century Readfield, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 15.

Gymnastics for Children, 6 Fridays, ages 3-4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; ages 5-7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; ages 8 & up, 7:30-8:30 p.m., begins May 1.

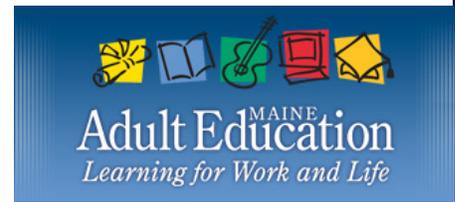
Digital Camera Intermediate, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 2.

Reiki Level Two, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5.

Vision Boarding, 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14.

Readfield History: Early Religion and Preachers, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20.

The 8th Chakra, 6 -8 p.m., Thursday, May 21.



Kennebec Land Trust

Peter Miller Woodland

This woodland donated to the KLT by the Miller family is listed on the Land Trust website as follows: This 60-acre property protects important wildlife habitat and wetlands, and will be used for outdoor recreation and nature and conservation education programs. Several programs have been held on the woodland throughout 2013-2014. The latest program coming up on Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM will be *Basic Chainsaw Safety*. Instructor John Cullen will spend the day teaching techniques for operating a chainsaw safely. For more information on this wonderful Vienna property and events check out the [KLT website](#).

Vienna Spring Listed in National Database

FindaSpring.com is a community and user created database of natural springs around the world. It is composed of people who are choosing to drink the cleanest, healthiest, most natural water available in our world! [Click Here](#) to check out the database.

Town of Vienna,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Doris Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

Treasurer - Marti Gross

Town Clerk - Annie Tibbetts

Tax Collector - Annie Tibbetts

Road Commissioner - Danny Goucher

Fire Chief & Warden - Brian Church

Health Office - Dan Onion

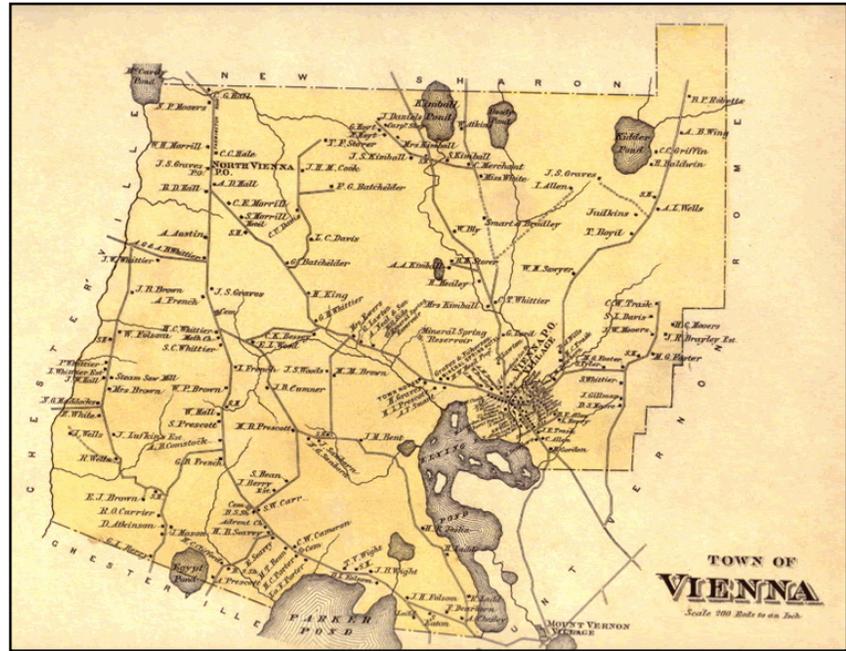
Animal Control Officer - Donald Tibbetts

Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Office - John Archard

Alternate Plumbing Inspector - Gary Fuller

Addressing Officer - Laura Reville/Roger Reville

RSU #9 Representative - Helen Wilkey



1879 Map of Vienna

Office of the Selectmen

Vienna Town House

P.O. Box 38

212 Townhouse Road

Vienna, ME 04360

Postal Patron

SATWSS

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Vienna, ME 04360

