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The new fairy house
on Kimball Pond
Road.
Photo by Bev Olson

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Selectmen's Minutes

The Board of Selectmen will be hosting an informational meeting on Tuesday, **August 29** at **7 PM** at the community room at the Vienna fire station.

The purpose of this meeting is to update the community on the progress of the broadband project.

Mark Oullette from Axiom will be in attendance to answer questions.

June 6, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Harald Bredesen, Dan Goucher, Kerry Casey

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #11 \$107, 433.79).
4. The selectboard worked on The Winter Road Contract.
5. The selectboard signed The Public Safety Contract.
6. The town and Harald Bredesen, Make Maine Works (Maine Community Resilience Partnership), applied for funding on projects that are climate related. Funding can be up to \$50,000.00 per project. Examples: heating/cooling huts, resilience plan. The town can apply once a year and the project needs to be finished within 2 years.
7. The 2023 Mill Rate is set at .0205.
8. Dan Goucher discussed the progress on road repairs and FEMA funding.
9. Meeting adjourned.

Selectmen's Minutes (continued)

June 13, 2023

Present: Laura Church, Jeff Rackliff, Troy Bean, Landen Bean, Erin Quimby

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Erin Quimby updated the selectmen on state certificates and presented information in regards to different laws pertaining to code enforcement.
4. Troy Bean signed a 2 year extension on The Winter Road Contract.
5. Meeting adjourned.

June 20, 2023

Present: Laura Church, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Ed Lawless, Jim Anderberg, Stan Webster, Wayne Renyolds

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #12 (\$26,003.41).
4. The selectboard met with the Broadband Committee to discuss progress.
5. Meeting adjourned.

June 27, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Ronald Goff, Creston Gaither

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen talked with Ron Goff to discuss his concerns with the culvert on the Trask Road. Ron presented photos of recent damage to the area which was caused by the recent rains.
4. Meeting adjourned.

July 4, 2023

No meeting - Independence Day

July 11, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Ed Lawless, Stan Webster, Jim Anderberg, Wayne Reynolds

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #13 (\$86,561.52).
4. The Broadband Committee and selectmen discussed the Maine Connectivity Contract.
5. Selectmen contacted the Code Enforcement Officer to look into a shore line issue.
6. The selectmen discussed and agreed to have an ADA porta potty put at the Town House.
7. Meeting adjourned.

July 18, 2023

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #14 (\$9,730.55).
4. Meeting adjourned.

July 25, 2023

Present: Laura Church, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Erin Quimby

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The Selectmen reviewed and discussed an email from a resident with concerns about the broadband progress. The Selectmen plan to have an informational meeting towards the end of August 2023.
4. Laura worked on getting property cards ready for the reappraisal.
5. Meeting adjourned.

Planning Board Minutes

May 24, 2023

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Regular members present were Alan Williams, Creston Gaither, and Ed Lawless. Lory Zamboni was also present. Alan was elected Acting Chairman in Waine Whittier's absence. Minutes of the April 26 meeting were read and accepted.

As Lory would like to build a house on one of the Kohtala Subdivision lots this year, the Notification of Construction (NoC) permitting process was discussed with her. She will obtain a SSWD permit, which will enable any Board member to issue her a NoC permit.

Evidently Erin Quimby has been appointed Licensed Plumbing Inspector for Vienna, and may become Code Enforcement Officer.

The trees on the Medina lot, which the Board visited April 26, were briefly discussed, and a letter from their forester was reviewed; it recommends that a number of trees should be removed. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance seems to indicate that a management plan may be required for this.

Chairman Waine Whittier arrived at 7:55 and took over as chairman. At this point the Board reviewed Lory's application for a subdivision of the Kohtala Family Trust land depicted on tax map 8 as lot 15. A receipt for a complete application has been issued.

M.R.S.A. Title 30-A Sect. 4404 was reviewed; based on its site visit and data contained in Lory's application and in the Soils Report received, the Board made findings of fact pursuant to said Section 4404 and voted 3 - 0 (Creston recusing himself) to approve the subdivision, and a recordable copy of the final plan was signed.

Several recent permits were informally reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

From the Town Clerk



Annie Tibbetts: 207-293-2915
 Email: ClerkTax@Viennamaine.org
 346 Townhouse Road, Vienna, Maine

Tuesday 5-7pm Wednesday 9am-12pm and 12:30-5pm
 Thursday 10am-1pm Last Saturday of the month 9am-12pm

I will be closed August 1.

Reminder:

The second due date for taxes is **September 30**.

November 7 is the date for election this year. Absentee ballots will be available as of **October 9**.

Planning Board Minutes (continued)

June 28, 2023

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Regular members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Creston Gaither, and Ed Lawless. Minutes of the May 24 meeting were read and accepted.

The selectmen have advised Waine that they have received a complaint about cutting on the Harpine lot, shown on tax map 10 as lot 42-F. Photos of the alleged overcutting were reviewed; it appears that the lot is in fact owned by LT & D, LLC; Several Board members remembered visiting the lot and authorizing a permit for work on it; Creston will look for a copy of this and send it to Waine. The selectmen have asked about the permit.

The proposed tree removal on the Medina lot, depicted on tax map 11 as lot 14-H was discussed. Alan has been hired to remove the trees. He has a statement from a forester about the project; he will bring it to the Board's next meeting. Alan says that much less than 40% of the trees within 100 feet of the pond are to be removed.

Julie Hanlon's recent email was reviewed. Because 30 Mile River Watershed Assoc. is involved Waine recused himself from this discussion. Item 8 in Table 1 "Land Uses" in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) allows soil and water conservation practices without a permit. It was agreed that she needs both a SZO and a Notification of Construction permit for the shed she mentioned in her email.

A similar email from Samantha Bassett was reviewed. It appears that no SZO permit is required because of the same Item 8 cited above. Evidently no structure is involved.

Creston will respond to both Hanlon and Bassett.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Creston Gaither, secretary

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News

“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered, for there, in a book, you may have your questions answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times.”

E.B. White

Our **extended summer hours will continue through the month of August:** Mondays 2-6, Wednesdays 9-1 & 3-7, and Saturdays 9-3. Then in September, our regular hours will resume: Mondays 3-6, Wednesdays 9-12 & 3-7, and Saturdays 10-3.

Our young patrons who signed up for summer reading **should bring in their reading records anytime in August** to get a Gifford’s ice cream cone certificate and choose something from our prize box. We all had lots of fun working together on learning about pollinators, creating sun catchers and symmetrical patterns, and making & decorating boxes to take home. We hope you have all enjoyed some relaxed reading time throughout the summer!

Thanks to Sarah Carlson, local poet, for sharing her reflections on her recent book, [In The Currents of Quiet](#), at our recent author talk. We hope to put together a few more talks this fall and winter. It is great to meet and support our local authors!

We will continue offering free **passes to the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay through October**. Our patrons can request up to 2 adult tickets, along with a small group of children under the age of 18. Just call or email us and ask for a date you would like (and an alternative date, in case the first choice is already booked), as well as number of adults and children, and the time of day you would like. We’ll reserve the spaces and either email you the tickets, or print them out at the library for you to pick up. People have enjoyed their visits!

We continue to offer **Drop-In Tech Help from 9-12 on Wednesday mornings**. This has become a popular service, and Remi provides some much-needed assistance for folks who need to learn more about how to use their devices in all sorts of ways. Bring your device, ask some questions, and learn about programs, apps, or challenging tasks that you need to negotiate on your computer or phone. You can also work with Remi on our public access computers during those hours.

Alice sends out a **weekly “Events” email** about all of the community activities coming up in our local area. Folks are finding it a handy way to keep track of what is happening, and to plan their schedule of activities. Please email the library if you would like to sign up to receive this email, and put the word “events” in the subject line. Our email is librarian@drshawlibrary.org

I just started Sujata Massey’s latest novel in her Perveen mystery series, [The Mistress of Bhatia House](#). I do enjoy this series. What are you reading as you pop the first few cherry tomatoes from your garden into your mouth and pause to take in the fragrance of the basil as you weed and harvest?

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library
293-2565
librarian@drshawlibrary.org

Community News

Fire Department News (continued)



Vienna Fire Department, Inc. meets every Thursday at 6:30PM but the following Thursdays are specifically designated as written:

Business Meetings: 2nd Thursday of *every month*
 Training: 3rd Thursday of *every month*

Editor's Notes

Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the October/November issue of the *Vienna Record* by **September 25, 2023**.

Format

Submit all items via email as a word document (.doc) or as a .jpg. Please no .pdf or other formats.

Viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net

Mill Stream Grange

Mill Stream Grange announces the start of a Tool Lending Library located on the grounds of the Hall in downtown Vienna. It will be open Saturday mornings from 8 until noon.

Have a project and need a tool, especially for gardening? Come on by and see if we have it before spending the money to buy it. Inventory includes shovels, rakes, hand tools, some power tools, and even two Have-a-Heart traps. Get that project done!

For more information or inquiries, please call 293-3262 during the Library's open hours.



Community Breakfast - First Saturday of the month, 9-11am at the Mount Vernon Community Center

Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays at 7:00 AM at the Mount Vernon Community Center.

Women's "Juliet" Breakfast - Second Tuesday of each month at the Mill Stream Grange 8:30-9:30 AM. Potluck breakfast plus \$2.00 per person.

Vienna Union Hall Association - Second Wednesday of each month. 7:00 at the Vienna Community Center (Nov.- March.) or at the Union Hall (April - Oct.) Welcome new members.

To submit a recurring event for future inclusion, please email details to viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net

THANK YOU!

What a fun and successful BBQ! We are grateful for your support.



Save the Date for next year: July 28, 2024

Come join us
for a delicious gathering of food and
friends of all ages.

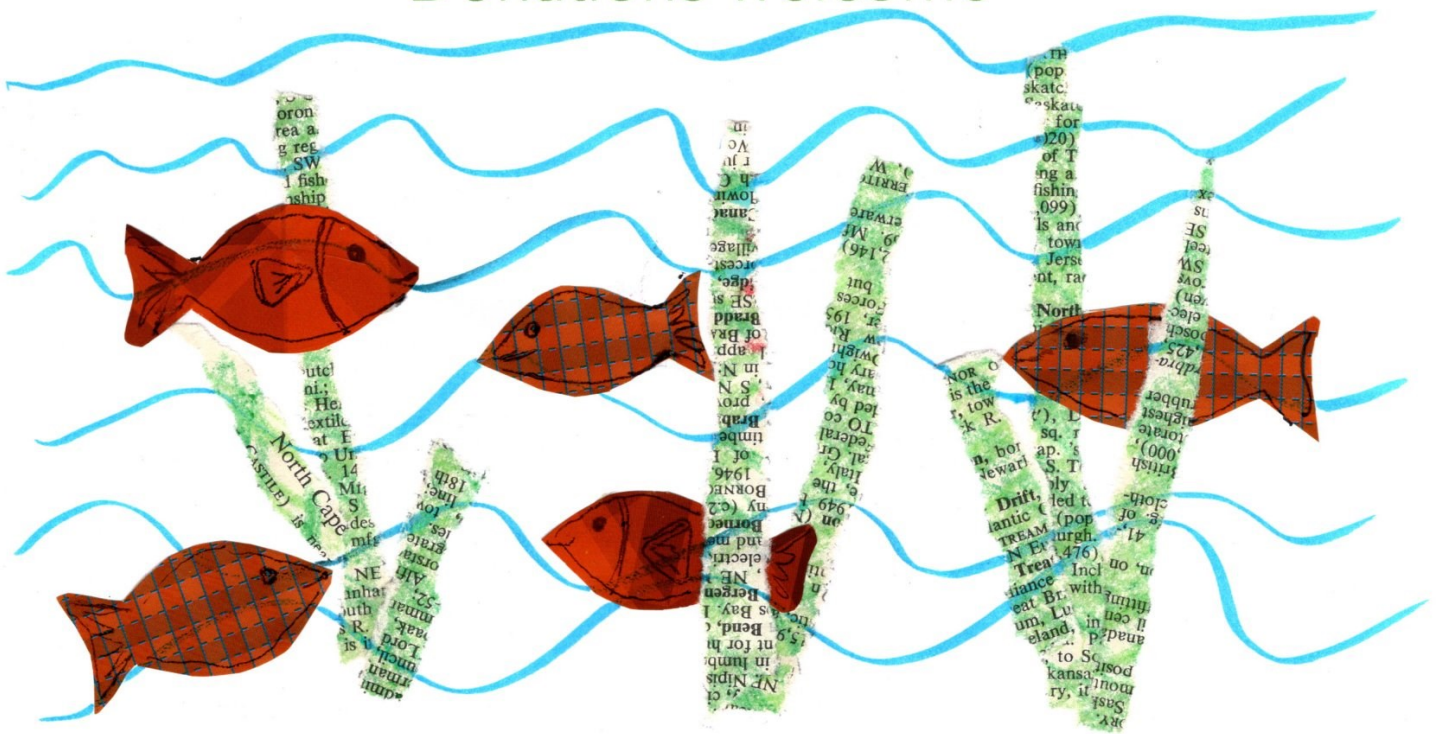
Community Café

Mount Vernon

Community Center

Saturday, August 5th from 9-11am

Donations welcome



Vienna/Mount Vernon Community

Antique Fair and Flea Market



Saturday, August 26, 8 am to 2 pm
At the Vienna Historical Society Grounds

Hwy 41 in Vienna

Antiques, Collectibles and Junque
Lots of Treasures – Lots of Parking

FOOD

FREE SPACE FOR SELLERS!!!

CFMI 293-4815



Come enjoy breakfast with us
at the

Community Café

Mount Vernon

Community Center

Saturday, September 2nd, 9-11am

Donations welcome





Friendship Squares Dancing Club

Free New Dancers Adult Ed Square Dancing Class

And Ice Cream Social

September 12, 2023

Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Cape Cod Hill School

516 Cape Cod Hill Rd., New Sharon, ME

Dance with Mike Dusoe calling

Please come and enjoy good calling and great fellowship too!! Try square dancing out and find out how much fun folks are having !!!

Hope to see you there!!

Free Ice Cream and refreshments served

Live Lively -



Square Dance

For more information call

or Milt and Charlotte Sinclair, 207-712-1312

or email miltwspfu@hotmail.com

Vienna Union Hall Summer and Fall Schedule

We're half way through our 2023 season at the Vienna Union Hall. It's been a rousing success so far with concerts celebrating the musical life of Jenny Hinkley and performances by groups; The Gawler Family Band, The Katahdin Valley Boys, and Greg Boardman with Elsie Gawler and Steve Muise. We began July with The Oshima Brothers and hosted The Vienna Historical Society Plays. Besides incredible musicianship, we also enjoyed the spirit of fellowship as people gathered and renewed friendships. Join us for a quintessential, small-town Americana experience that celebrates the best of community life. Your ticket purchase creates three values - an intimate evening of fine-arts performance for you, providing for talented artists to continue their work, and supporting the Vienna Union Hall to continue for years to come. A great deal!

Here's the line-up for our second half.

August 4th, 7 PM. **Matt Davis and Kyle Knuppel.** Returning for their 4th concert at the Vienna Union Hall. Their musical genre covers a diverse mix of Americana, folk, and jazz. Welcome them back for another heartwarming evening.

August 10-12th, **The Vienna Woods Players** produce Noel Coward's acclaimed comedy, *Blithe Spirit*. "A smash comedy hit on London and Broadway stages, this much-revived classic from the playwright of *Private Lives* offers wit, conflict and big laughs as a fussy, cantankerous novelist finds himself haunted by the ghost of his late first wife." 4 shows at 7 PM and a matinee on the 12th at 2 PM.

August 25th, 7 PM. **The Porch Party Mama's.** These established Boston area musicians and singer/songwriters decided to combine their individual talents and create their own brand of Urban Folk, Country and Blues. It'll be a hot time in the old town Hall this night!

August 26th. 7 PM. **Bearnstow on Parker Pond**, our own local fine-arts camp returns for their annual evening celebrating Life through interpretive dance ensembles.

September 16th, 3 PM. **The Pihcintu Multinational Girls Chorus.** "War-torn villages, bloodshed, refugee camps, famine, and political turmoil were devastating realities for many of these young singers before being embraced by the warmth, companionship and harmony that Pihcintu provides." Join us and show your support for their courage and determination.

October 14th, 3 PM. **David Mallett.** "With the sensibilities of a storyteller and the passions of a poet, Mallett crafts imagery that evokes a past of Main Streets and summer dances, rambling farmhouses and the families who lived and loved there." A perennial favorite of the Vienna Union Hall.

October 28th, 7 PM **Halloween costume party with The Ice-Out Band** featuring our local musicians; Jay Naliboff, Steve Richardson, John Whitney along with Mike Sayward and Dick Hoisington. This is a fund-raising party to support the Vienna Union Hall. Dress to the nines and come out for a spirited good time!

December 9th, TBD - **The Winter Revels** returns. This community celebration is under construction, so stay tuned for updates on this holiday season classic.

TOWN OF VIENNA

Town of Vienna Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor -

Laura Church, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

Treasurer - Kerry Casey

Town Clerk and Tax Collector - Annie Tibbetts

Road Commissioner - Dan Goucher

Fire Chief and Warden - Brian Church

Health Officer - vacant

Animal Control Officer - Donald Tibbetts

Code Enforcement Officer - vacant

Plumbing Inspector - Erin Quimby

Alternate Plumbing Inspector - Andy Marble

Addressing Officer - Tim Bickford

RSU#9 Representative - Josh Robbins



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