

# Vienna Record



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*There's a new flag pole at the Franklin Cemetery! Gordon Webber donated the flag pole and flags last year. The flag pole was installed this spring. Gordon with his grandson Kohen Webber ran the flags up for the first time on May 20th. Thank you Gordon, for your service and your unwavering support for Veterans and this Cemetery.*

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## Selectmen's Minutes

April 2, 2024

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Johnathan Krause, James Krause

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #7 (\$126,363.37).
4. The Krauses inquired about the snow plow turn around located on the Varney Road. Currently, the snow is being
5. Meeting adjourned.

pushed in front of his barn/shed. This is causing them to not be able to get into the barn/shed. Mr. Krause plans to make this property his year-round residence and wants to work with the Town to have the snow pushed elsewhere. The selectboard, road commissioner, and winter road contractor will meet with the property owner early summer and look over the situation in order to work out a plan.

## Selectmen's Minutes (continued)

### April 9, 2024

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Josh Markham, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Josh Markham asked questions about property lines.
4. The selectmen and the Fire Chief reviewed hours used during the December 2023 Storm.
5. The selectmen discussed an email from Full Service.
6. Bruce, from Spirit America, has asked the selectmen to choose a public official for the award i.e., select person for the award.
7. The selectmen read and discussed an email from The 30 Mile Watershed Association in regards to additional grants for road improvements.
8. Meeting adjourned.

### April 16, 2024

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Ed Lawless, Jim Anderberg

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #08 (\$30,044.24).
4. The selectmen and the Broadband Committee reviewed the current updates on progress made and additional insurance being required by the CCI.
5. Meeting adjourned.

### April 23, 2024

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Dick Scott, Ed Lawless

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectboard worked with a resident on whether or not his properties are contiguous (adjoining).
4. The selectboard reviewed and approved signing the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Grant agreement contract for funds going toward the engineering of a couple of culverts.
5. Meeting adjourned.

### April 30, 2024

No Selectmen's meeting as it is the 5th Tuesday of the month.

### May 7, 2024

Present: Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Brian Church, Ed Lawless, Jim Anderberg

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #10 (\$10,649.68).
4. The Broadband Committee brought forth a request for a project manager to be hired for the broadband project. The money was included in the grant. The selectboard agreed to discuss this and get back to them with a decision. The selectboard was provided with a list of possible choices.
5. The selectboard will meet with the Broadband Committee, the Fire Chief and Mark Ouellette, from Axiom, to review the placement of the hub at the fire station.
6. Meeting adjourned.

### May 14, 2024

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, John Rodrigue

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectboard discussed having the Town House and ramp painted. This was tabled until the next meeting.
4. The selectboard discussed participating in the 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The selectboard has been contacted by a resident asking if they would coordinate the waste collection.
5. The selectboard discussed hiring a broadband project manager.
6. The selectmen worked on cleaning up property cards from the reassessment.
7. The selectmen talked with John Rodrigue about culvert engineering and will be discussing this with the company he works for.
8. Meeting adjourned.

## Selectmen's Minutes (continued)

**May 21, 2024**

Present: Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Brian Church, Ed Lawless, Jim Anderberg, Mark Ouellette, Michael Jones, Ed Lawless, Dan Goucher

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #11 (\$45,851.54).
4. The selectboard continued to discuss the need to have the Town House painted. The paint is starting to chip off.
5. The selectboard along with the Broadband Committee did a site visit at the Community Center in order to review the placement of the broadband hub. They discussed what a project manager would be able to do and how to help with the broadband project. They agreed a project manager is not yet needed, however the Town will contact a couple of managers and discuss the project to attain someone for the future.
6. The Road Commissioner, Dan Goucher, discussed the current road conditions.
7. The selectboard worked on property cards so the mill rate can be set next week.
8. Meeting adjourned.

**May 28, 2024**

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Kerry Casey, Whitney Baker, Beth Trehu, Brian Church

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.

2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectboard worked on setting the 2024 Mill Rate and was unable to set the Mill Rate as the State of Maine has not provided the Tree Growth information which is needed to do so.
4. The selectboard signed Broadband Warrant #1 (\$491,368.55).
5. Whitney Baker presented two new grants she feels the Town should apply for. #1) The Maine Stream Crossing application for up to \$200,000.00 per application in which a Town can submit up to 3 applications. #2) The Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund. A town can apply for up to \$4 million per application. A town can only have one application. The Infrastructure Adaptation could be more challenging as it has stricter regulations to meet and the Town may not meet those. Whitney will look into this Grant further and will get back to the selectboard. The selectboard agreed and will apply for the Stream Crossing Application for three stream crossings which are for the Jesse Ladd Road, the Trask Road, and the Kimball Pond Road.
6. Beth Trehu updated the selectboard on The 30 Mile Watershed Association and the Stream Crossing Grants the Town has applied for.
7. The Vienna Fire Chief, Chief Church, provided an update on the Fire Department's expenditures on the 2024 budget.
8. Meeting adjourned.

## From the Town Clerk



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

Tuesday 5-7pm

Thursday 10am-1pm

Wednesday 9am-12pm and 12:30-5pm

Last Saturday of the month 9am-12pm

## Planning Board Minutes

### March 27, 2024

At 6:40 PM Regular members Wayne Whittier, Creston Gaither, Ed Lawless, and Tim Bickford met with Renee Rhoads on her Kimball Pond Road site depicted on Tax Map 10 as Lot 77 to discuss her proposal to place a shed on the parcel.

At 7:00 PM said members and Ms. Rhoads convened the Board's regular meeting at the Town House. Minutes of the February 28 meeting were read and accepted.

The Rhoads proposal was then considered. FEMA's Floodplain Map Panel 115D was reviewed but was not clear as to whether the proposed shed would lie in the floodplain. Creston had taken a GPS shot on the shed's proposed location during the site visit. He will place this on a floodplain GIS layer FEMA has provided the Town and see if this question can be resolved. The application was temporarily set aside.

Wayne has received a call from one Josh Chase regarding trees that blew down during a recent storm near Flying Pond. Wayne advised him that no Town permit is required for dealing with them but that DEP may require something and that DEP generally prefers that blowdowns remain in place. Wayne said that 30 Mile River Watershed Association has an article about this in their recent newsletter.

The Board resumed consideration of the Rhoads proposal. Based on its observations on site and on Ms. Rhoads' verbal representations, and on a site sketch she presented, the Board made Findings of Fact Pursuant to Section 16.D. of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and voted 4 - 0 to authorize Creston to issue a permit for the project contingent on a favorable finding when he plots the GPS shot outlined above.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

### April 24, 2024

The meeting began at 7:00 PM at the Town House. Regular members present were Wayne Whittier, Creston Gaither, Alan Williams, and Tim Bickford. Minutes of the March 27 meeting were read and accepted. In response to an email inquiry from Jon Fitch regarding construction of a large culvert or bridge on land on Town House Road shown on tax map 2 as lot 13E it was agreed that the Board will make a site visit just prior to its May meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Fitch should be advised to check with DEP regarding their requirements.

Regarding the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) permit recently issued to Renee Rhoads (see March minutes), it was noted that Creston had taken a GPS shot at the proposed shed site and later plotted it onto Google Earth along with a GIS layer depicting the floodplain which FEMA has provided the Town; it was very clear from this process that the shed site lies outside of the floodplain.

Prospective new Board members were informally discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Creston Gaither, secretary

## Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News

“Had I the power, I would scatter libraries over the whole land, as the sower sows his wheat-field.”

Horace Mann

**We will extend our hours during the months of July and August.** Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through the end of August, our hours will be:

Monday 2-6PM, Wednesday 9AM-1PM & 3-7PM and Saturday 9AM-3PM.

### Summer programming:

**Summer Reading Program** for our young patrons: We are beginning our summer reading with some music! **Rob Duquette and Amanda Panda, wonderful musicians and co-founders of the Maine group KindKids Music, will come perform for us all at the Mt. Vernon Community Center on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3PM!**

There will be some time for sing-along songs, as well as their own performance. This will be a great start to the summer for us all! This musical performance is generously supported by the Eleanor Philbrick Arts Fund. If you want to know more about KindKids Music, here is their website: <https://kindkidsmusic.com/> Then, starting the week after July 4, **Alice will offer 4 weekly storytime & craft programs at the library, on Wednesdays at 4PM.** The theme this year is “Adventure Begins at the Library”! The dates scheduled are: July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31.

Young patrons can keep track of their summer reading by setting a goal of number of books or number of times they read (or listen to someone reading to them). In August, they can hand in their reading log to receive a prize.

### Author talks:

We are hosting two author talks this summer, both are well received across Maine and beyond:

**Nick Fuller Googins will be with us at the library on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00PM.** Nick is the author of *The Great Transition* (we have his book), which has received much national recognition and is on various book awards lists. He also has close connections to our town! This will be a wonderful talk.

Then, Maine mystery writer **Matt Cost will be with us on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 3PM.** Matt’s mystery series have become quite popular with our readers! He has been receiving various awards for his novels. Join us for his friendly talk and maybe we can ask about his next book!

### Ongoing activities:

\***Drop-in Tech Help**, Wednesday mornings 9-Noon. Bring your questions & your device, and Remi will try to help.

\***Yarn Group Crafternoons**, the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 1-3PM. Bring a crafting project, ask for help about a tricky knitting or crocheting issue, and enjoy the company.

\***Book Bingo**: our Book Bingo game is ongoing through December. Come in and grab a bingo sheet and take a look at the sample books for some of the categories that we’ve displayed – and otherwise, if those don’t appeal, just explore our collection and choose a book that might fit a category! If you finish the entire grid, or one line of categories, you can enter your name in a raffle to win a gift card at a local business at the end of the year! A nice low key personal reading challenge to try.

I just finished Monica Wood’s newest novel, **How to Read a Book**. What are you reading as you can up the last batch of rhubarb jam and tend to the garden plants?

## Community News

### Fire Department News



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

### Neighbors Driving Neighbors July Events

Saturday, July 20, 9–11 am

#### Annual Community Breakfast

Mount Vernon Community Center

Come by for a delicious breakfast buffet and to catch up with your neighbors!



July 1–31

#### Online Auction Fundraiser



<https://new.biddingowl.com/NeighborsDrivingNeighbors>

This is your chance to bid on a homemade treat, work of art, fun lesson or experience of a lifetime!

Neighbors Driving Neighbors | 207-860-0677 | [neighborsdrivingneighbors.org](http://neighborsdrivingneighbors.org)



### "Back by popular demand!"

The Vienna Mill Stream Grange opens its Tool Library starting:

Saturday, May 11, 8a.m. – 12

Location: Mill Stream Grange Hall, Town House Rd, Vienna, Maine

Garden and home tools available, additional tools added since last season.

Call during hours we are open with any questions, 293-3262.

(We will be posting an updated list soon.)



### Editor's Notes

#### Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the August/September issue of the *Vienna Record* by July 25, 2024.

#### Format

Submit all items via email as a word document (.doc) or as a .jpg. [viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net](mailto:viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net)

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

**Men's Breakfast** - Wednesdays at 6:45am at Scapes Cafe.

**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](mailto:viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net)

## Community Center Projects



Some of you have asked about the Community Center donations and repairs. In addition to purchasing our usual supplies of coffee, tea, etc. we've been making improvements to the building. Here's an update:

### Projects Completed:

- Handicapped ramp repairs
- LED lighting installed
- Drainage work on the front and beach sides of the building to collect water and divert it away from the building and the lake
- Spread crushed rock in the basement
- Foundation and chimney repairs
- Installed a generator, providing electricity during power outages due to storms
- Heat Pumps were installed, reducing heating costs
- Complied with current insurance requirements
- Power washed the exterior of the building
- Building assessment by a structural engineer to identify current and future needed repairs
- Temporary roof repair due to recent wind storm
- Investing in recycling – compostable utensils and trash bags, new trash/recycling bin

### Projects Planned:

***We are requesting grant money for the following projects:***

- Further weatherization and improvements in the basement. Recommended improvements include leveling out the crushed rock in the basement floor and installing an EPDM vapor barrier (rubber roofing) on the floor. This will help keep ground moisture and radon from coming up into the building. It will also help with keeping wooden floor joists and framing from rotting further due to moisture.
- Some of the exterior sheathing is damp and rotting and will need to be replaced
- We want to have the lower portion of the rock foundation wrapped with a heavy duty poly vapor barrier and tucked under the EPDM.
- Basement repairs to the floor joists are needed to stabilize the first floor. The floor joists are supported by wood support beams with a mortise and tenon connection between the two. In several locations there is a gap between the joists and the beam. In addition, some of the wood support posts are deteriorating and need to be replaced.
- We plan to have the foundation walls spray foamed.

***We are requesting FEMA money for a new roof.*** During the last storm, several of the metal roof panels were blown off. Repairs have been made, but the Community Center needs a new roof.



Come enjoy breakfast with us at

## The Community Café

Mt. Vernon Community Center

2 Main St., Mount Vernon, ME

Saturday, June 1st, 9-11am

*Donations to help maintain and operate the  
Community Center are welcome.*





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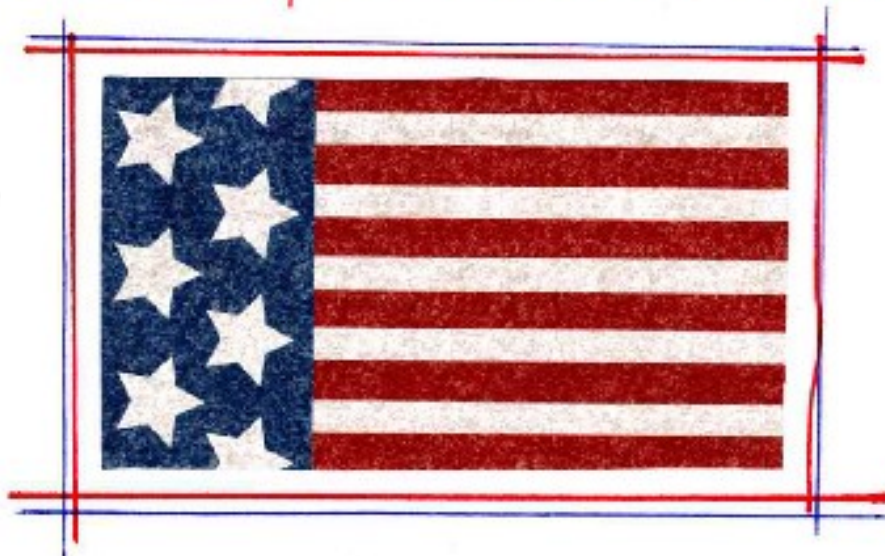
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Saturday, July 6th, 9-11am

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**VIENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S**  
**ANNUAL CHICKEN**  
**BBQ**

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**11:30 am- 1:30 pm**

**Adults \$9.00**

**Children 12 & Under \$4.00**

**Place your order at the door, pick up at the window, and feel free to enjoy your meal at the picnic tables outside.**

## 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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### Office of the Selectmen

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