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Selectmen's Minutes

November 26, 2019

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet, Lenny Meader, Coleen Meader

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen discussed winter roads: Smaller trucks are being used on the dirt roads. Roads are not freezing up with the warmer weather we are having in the early fall and spring. Roads are soft and are being damaged and the trucks are being damaged from

traveling on the softer road. The future years we may need to mix sand with a lesser amount of salt to be used on the dirt roads.

4. Quickbooks and Staples: Felicia and Chris will be picking up Quickbooks Pro for the town treasurer's system. Staples will install the Quickbooks program into the towns new laptop.
5. Received the bill for lawn maintenance and cemetery care from Luke Olson.
6. Meeting Adjourned.

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

December 03, 2019

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. WARRANT #23 (\$106,250.51)
4. Meeting Adjourned.

December 10, 2019

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen did an abatement for a resident.
4. The front door lock has been put back in place and three new keys have been ordered. One will be given to the Fire Department to enter in case of an emergency.
5. Meeting Adjourned.

December 17, 2019

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet, Danny Goucher

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen discussed roads. The stream road had a wash out and the Road Commissioner replaced the culvert and repaired the damage.
4. Warrant #24 (\$ 14,345.88)
5. Meeting Adjourned.

December 24th and December 31st, 2019

No selectman meetings due to holidays.

January 7th, 2019

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Kenneth Kokernack, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from

the previous meeting.

3. The selectmen received and discussed the Contract with North Star Ambulance Service - \$10,197.00 for 2020.
4. Warrant #25 (\$59376.43)
5. Warrant #01
6. The three-year contract for Winter Roads Snow Removal has gone out to bid. The selectmen reserve the right to extend for an additional 2 years. Bids will be opened at 6:45 on February 25, 2020.
7. Town meeting will be on the 14th of March.
8. Election for town officials will be Friday, March 13th from 4:00 to 8:00. Laura Church is running for first selectman. Josh Robbins is running as a write-in candidate for RSU#9 school board representative.

January 14th, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet, Kirsten Heck, Devin Webster, Stan Webster

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The Selectmen received information that Gary Fuller will resign as code enforcement officer. The selectmen will be looking for a new code enforcement officer to take over his job.
3. The selectmen discussed the newsletter. Kirsten Heck has been appointed to the position of editor. First edition will be April 1st.
4. The town has been offered to purchase the property on route 41 (known as the salt shed lot) by the Maine Department of Transportation. The state wants \$25,000 for the property if the town wishes to continue to use the lot.
5. The selectmen worked with two residents to find owners of certain properties in town. The residents are hoping to put a recreational trail through the properties.
6. Stan Webster is the new president of the Franklin Cemetery. He is taking over from Harold Bean who managed the cemetery for many years

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

January 21st, 2019

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet, Paul Crogan, Joann Crogan, Gary Giberson

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen discussed the position of Code enforcement officer. The Town is currently looking for a Code Enforcement Officer
4. Warrant # 2 (\$10,319.42)
5. Talked with the Crogans about their family property.

January 28th, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen worked on the budget warrant for town meeting. Changes were made.

February 4th, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Warrant # 3 (\$89,566.34)
4. The selectmen continued to work on the articles for the 2020 town warrant.

February 11th, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet, Dan Goucher, Brian Church, Mike Rogers

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen worked on the articles for the 2020

town warrant.

4. Selectmen discussed Budgets with the road commissioner Dan Goucher and Fire Chief Brian Church.
5. Selectmen discussed the 2018 Audit being performed by Stephen Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins is requesting additional information and will be scheduling a visit.
6. Kirsten Heck will be putting out the next newsletter in April.
7. Mike Rogers from the Maine Revenue Office worked on the Sales Ration Analysis for Vienna.
8. Dodi will be finish up the town report this weekend. She will meet with the printer on Tuesday, the 18th - John Hagelin, Matrix Printing of Kents Hill.

February 8th, 2020

Meeting cancelled due to bad weather.

February 25th, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Warrant # 4 (\$17,513.90)
4. Opened Winter road bids. We had two bids for the three year contract:
Meador Construction - \$366,000
Troy Bean Trucking - \$324,337.50
5. The three-year Winter Road maintenance contract was awarded to Troy Bean Trucking.
6. Adjourned

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

March 3rd, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Warrant #5 (\$100,598.98)
4. The selectmen will meet Thursday to ready the Town Reports for mailing. They will go to the post office on Friday.
5. The selectmen voted unanimously to retain Creston Gaither for updating and maintaining the town maps for 2020 (not exceed \$1035).
6. Assessing Agent John Sexton will do the pick-up work for updating the property card changes for 2020.
7. Selectman worked on F.E.M.A. paperwork
8. Selectmen re-appointed Dan Onion as the town of Vienna's Health Officer for a three year term.
9. Felicia Audet was appointed as treasurer for one year.

March 10th, 2020

Present: Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Chris Smith, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.

2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Signed Winter Road Snow Removal contract with Troy Bean of Bean Trucking.
4. The selectmen discussed putting a three-year mowing contract out to bid. This is for the Town House, Community Building, and two cemeteries. Bids will be opened April 21, at 7:00 at the selectmen's meeting.
5. Adjourned

A brief synopsis of Town Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Stephen Hayes, moderator. Before formal business began, there was a brief presentation by Dr. Dan Onion, our community medical officer, regarding the current Covid-19 Pandemic. Next, Dodi Thompson was honored for her 24 years of faithful service as a selectman for the town of Vienna. Thank you, Dodi! We are grateful and we wish you all the best in your retirement!

The results of the election were announced. Laura Church was elected as 1st Selectman. Joshua Robbins was elected to the RSU9 Board of Directors. 53 articles were read, moved, seconded, and all passed. The budget for 2020 is \$596,211.00. The work was completed and the meeting adjourned quickly. Thank you to all who participated.

News from the Town Clerk



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

A Note from the Town Clerk:

Until further notice, I will not be open to the public during my regular hours. I will make appointments with anyone that needs something. I just ask that when you come, please stay in your vehicle and I will come to you. We have an extension to all of our re-registrations. They are not due until 30 days after the State of Emergency is lifted.

I hope everyone stays safe during this trying time.

Annie

New Editor

Hello to you, my neighbors!

Thank you for the warm welcome so many of you extended to me, both via email and in person, before we began exercising our social distancing skills. I'm excited to be more involved in our community through this new role, and look forward to seeing you all around town when the dust has settled.

In the meantime, please email with any suggestions or submissions for future issues.

Kirsten Heck

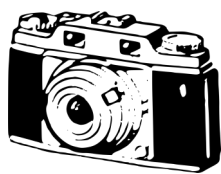


Natalie, Kirsten, Josh & Caroline Heck

Editors Notes

Send us your photos of Vienna!

If you have beautiful photographs of Vienna, Maine that you would like to share in the *Vienna Record*, please email them to: viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net



*Please note that not all submitted photographs will be used. Inclusion will depend on what fits in with content.

Email articles to me at: viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net

Or mail to: P.O.Box 147, Vienna, ME 04360

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Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the June/July issue of the *Vienna Record* by **May 25, 2020.**

Format

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

We want to hear from you!

Do you have an idea for a story you would like added to a future edition of the *Vienna Record*? Let us know! Send your ideas to: viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net



From the Health Officer

Protecting Your Family Against Corona Virus

Dan Onion, MD, MPH
Mt. Vernon/Vienna Health Officer
293-2076; dkonion@gmail.com
April 2020

As most people are already aware, the new (novel) corona virus pandemic around the world is shutting down our economies, overwhelming medical systems in most countries, and killing 1-4% of the population, country by country. The 1% rate is achieved in countries like South Korea where they have achieved extensive testing to make the diagnosis, to identify asymptomatic sufferers who are spreading it, and then isolating them and those they have exposed. Other countries, like Italy, are behind the 8-ball in implementing such aggressive testing and maneuvers, and thereby both flooding their medical services beyond capacity and suffering population mortality rates at or over 4%, including lots of young adults under 65. Children seem to be spared significant disease but can be asymptomatic spreaders. In the US, so far, 80% of those with the disease who've died are over 65 (see Figure). So, it's the real deal, not media exaggeration, as some falsely assert. The US is slowly improving its response to the danger. Many leaders and helpers are volunteering, like Mt Vernon's June Caldwell, who is leading a group of local seamstresses making surgical masks for our Rescue unit until Rescue can get them from their suppliers and federal stores. Too bad the N95 tight masks, for medical caregivers, also in very short supply, can't be homemade. Foodbanks and driving services are trying to figure out how to get their help to those in need without jeopardizing the health of volunteers, who tend to be older and thus at higher risk.

What can your family do to help? First, protect yourselves from getting the disease for as long as you can, in order to slow the spread, so the medical system doesn't get overwhelmed. Since this is an entirely new virus, no one has immunity from it. The more we can slow its transmission, the more time we have to find antibiotics that work and to develop a vaccine.

Soap and water energetic **hand washing** for 20 seconds (sing "happy birthday" twice), hand sanitizer with 60-70% ethanol, or bleach (Clorox) wipes are the core agents (for a complete list of options); homemade sanitizers, vodka (only 40% ethanol), and vinegar don't work. Outside your home and car, open doors with disinfectant wipes, stay 6 feet away from other people, don't pet others' dogs or cats, don't touch your face with your hands, and then repeat handwashing before you get back to your car and/or home.

Gloves, plastic or cloth, don't wash well, contaminate your hands as you take them off, and give a false sense of security; Maine and US CDCs say use wipes to open doors and other surfaces used by people outside immediate family, and hand wash before getting into your safe car and/or home. Don't pet others' dogs or cats. And don't touch your face, when out, until you hand wash after leaving a business and before getting back to your car or home.

Despite their extensive use, **masks** are also not recommended either because, besides their shortage, they are not felt to be worth the effort; better to **distance** yourselves by avoiding close contact (over 3 ft, over 6 ft is better) with others, certainly not longer than 15 minutes. Very brief is better. Masks can also contaminate your hands as you remove and/or re-use them within hours. However, if you are feeling sick (cough, fever, new shortness of breath) and may be coming down with the virus, then wearing a mask can diminish the risk of spreading it to others.

From the Health Officer Continued

Surfaces touched by others may retain potentially infectious Coronavirus for variable durations as this study shows, up to 72 hours for plastic and metal (copper is better), shorter times (24 hours) for paper and cloth. However, I heard Dr. Anthony Fauci, NIH virologist, publicly say these durations are undoubtedly overestimates because in real life very low viral concentrations, though measurable in the lab, are so low that infection is highly unlikely; his recommendations for these times is 24 hours for metal and plastic vs only 4-8 hours for cloth and cardboard. So, where do store packaged food, UPS boxes, newspapers, and mail envelopes fall? Probably mostly in the 4-8 hour range, wipe or let sit for that amount of time if feasible. Cook most vegetables, and, if you think fruits could have been handled within several hours of your picking them up, wipe those that allow it (not raspberries in a covered container) off with soapy water (apples, oranges, bananas).

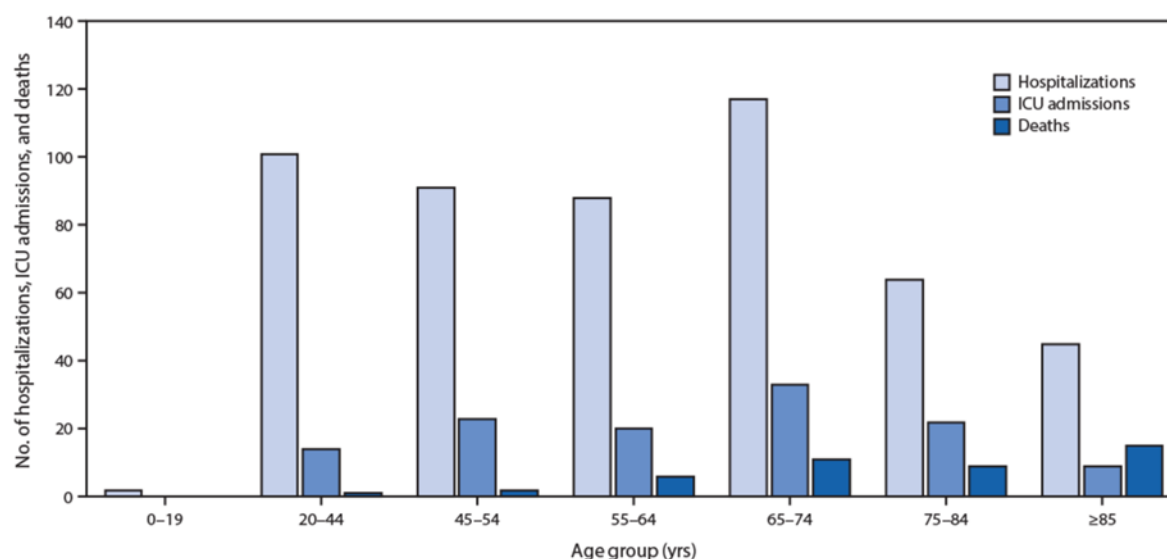
My wife wants me to tell you that I'm "unusually irritating"! Yesterday she stopped to help a hunched over elderly man tie a plastic bag to his walker; she should have washed her hands after handling walker and bag. Today she and I went to the Mt. Vernon Country Store for a take-out pizza. I made her get out a wipe to open the store door. We picked up the pizza, which I carried with my shirt sleeves. Forgetting the rules, she placed her hands on the well-worn cash register table, as many people obviously have recently while waiting for their turn, paid with cash using a penny from the penny tray, and got a \$10 bill in change. We pushed the door out open with our shoulders and got in the car before we washed our hands, she with a Clorox wipe, I with Purell. We erred in all the underlined stuff! She should have kept hands off the counter, not picked the penny from the penny pool, and we both should have wiped the bill clean and washed our hands **before** opening the car door. IT'S HARD!!! Hope we can improve in time to live a little longer. Please help too.

I plan to provide lots more advice like this at my now weekly, Saturdays, 10 A.M., Zoom and conference call question and answer sessions. If you live in Mt. Vernon, Vienna or Fayette and would like to be on my list of invitees, email me your name, town, and phone number (cell preferred).

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2004973>

FIGURE 2. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) hospitalizations,* intensive care unit (ICU) admissions,† and deaths,‡ by age group — United States, February 12– March 16, 2020



Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News



“...and where if not a library could I go to understand the unknown, to expand my world?”

R. Eric Thomas, Here For It

With just about every library in the country closed to the public, we all struggle to provide services. This has been a quickly changing & sometimes frantic process, though it certainly keeps the creative juices flowing. As of this writing, we are providing a weekly “curbside” (a table either in the upper parking lot, or on the old front porch, depending on weather) service to try to get library materials to patrons. Currently, to request items, you can call and leave a message on our phone at 293-2565, or email us at DrShaw@shaw.lib.me.us any time of the week before 9AM Wednesday morning. On Wednesday morning, we will check our messages, assemble the items you requested (some might not be available), and then we will have them sorted and waiting for you for pickup on Saturday morning between 9-11AM. This may change quickly, depending on recommendations from the CDC and the Maine State Library, so please visit our website at <https://drshawlibrary.org/> (we’ll post any updates on the service on the front page there), or our Dr. Shaw Memorial Library page on Facebook.

We are posting resources that might be helpful on the home page of our website; and on our Facebook page we post some lists of resources for learning and fun, including story times and readings by various authors and public figures. A video of Patrick Stewart reading one of old Bill Shakespeare’s sonnets has been popular!

A few resources we’ve posted on our website include:

1. MaineCDC~COVID-19:<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>
2. PBS Learning Media: <https://mainepublic.pbslearningmedia.org/>
3. Free Audible stories for kids: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
4. How to use Maine State Library Cloudlibrary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLn-FyzYhks&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2zU41oHYK0C5JpRiOgLFo1snUnEEEvwZSqhgQ-xEaE1vZmQzrU6JB9Ew>
5. Open Culture educational resources for all ages: <http://www.openculture.com/>

We will also be glad to try to help you with informational questions on Wednesday mornings between 9-11AM, while we are working on book orders.

Meanwhile, if anyone is looking for a project to keep themselves busy and active, **we could use a new picnic table at the library!** Let us know if you could help build one, or donate one, whatever works! Be well, everybody. Check on your neighbors (via text, email, or phone), take walks, explore some of the resources we’ve listed on our sites. Start a tiny garden. So many members of our community are working hard to try to help in any way they can, it is so heartening. In spite of our current stresses, it is often a “beautiful day in the neighborhood”.

Submitted by Mary Anne Libby

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*

The Department is always looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the Vienna Fire Department, come down to the station on any Thursday to learn more.



Recurring Community Events



*Many of these recurring events are on hold until further notice. For more information, please reach out to the individuals listed below.

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.

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.

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

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

Who You Gonna Call?

Tear out this page and post it near your phone.

Board of Selectmen:

Laura Church	293-3892
Chris Smith	860-8574
Jeff Rackliff	491-1621

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Annie Tibbetts	293-2915
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Treasurer:

Felicia Audet	860-8681
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Road Commissioner:

Dan Goucher	293-2833
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Animal Control Officer:

Donald Tibbetts	293-2915
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Game Warden:

624-7000

Vienna Fire Department:

Brian Church, Chief	293-3892
Paul LeBlond, Deputy	491-6738
Michael Church, Assistant	242-7955

Code Enforcement Officer:

Gary Fuller	441-5302
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Plumbing Inspector:

John Archard	293-2674
Gary Fuller, Alternate.	441-5302

Health Officer:

Daniel K. Onion	293-2076
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Winter Road Contractor:

Lenny Meader (thru 5/31/20)	491-6083
Troy Bean (10/1/20 -5/31/23)	491-5798

Addressing Officer:

Tim Bickford	215-6004
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School Board Representative:

Josh Robbins	578-1318
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Planning Board:

Waine Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Creston Gaither, Sec.	293-2909
Alan Williams	293-4321
Ed Lawless	293-2635
Tim Bickford	215-6004

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Board of Appeals

Tom Carey, Chair	215-5595
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Merry Dumpsters (Recycling Board):

Call a selectman

Town House Committee:

Millie Whittier, Chair	293-2072
Norma Wing, Vice Chair	293-3725
Barbara Gilman, Treasurer	293-2271

Assessing Agent, John Sexton

Call a selectman

Municipal Cemetery Sexton:

Ernestine Emery	293-2332
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Norridgewock Landfill:

634-2714

Riverside Disposal

623-2577

Vienna Town House:

293-2087

Vienna Community Building:

293-4000

Vienna Post Office:

293-9332

RSU #9:

Cape Cod Hill School	778-6571
Mt. Blue High School	778-3031
	778-3561

Poison Control Center

800-442-6305

Central Maine Power

Emergency

800-696-1000

Franklin Memorial Hospital

800-398-6031

Maine General Medical Center

626-1206

Maine State Police

Emergency

800-452-4664

Kennebec County Sheriff

623-3591

Police-Fire-Emergency

911

TOWN OF VIENNA

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

Laura Church, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

Treasurer - Felicia Audet

Town Clerk and Tax Collector - Annie Tibbetts

Road Commissioner - Dan Goucher

Fire Chief and Warden - Brian Church

Health Officer - Daniel K. Onion

Animal Control Officer - Donald Tibbetts

Code Enforcement Officer and Alternate Plumbing Inspector - Gary Fuller

Plumbing Inspector - John Archard

Addressing Officer - Tim Bickford

RSU#9 Representative - Josh Robbins



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