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Selectmen's Minutes

March 17, 2020

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

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #6 (\$10,243.53).
4. The off-road contract is continuing to be worked on and will be signed on March 24, 2020.
5. The selectmen voted and agreed Chris Smith will be the new chair of the selectmen board.
6. The selectmen exchanged contact information.

7. Meeting adjourned.

March 24, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet, Dodi Thompson, Troy Bean

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The selectmen updated "The Who You Going To Call?" list (a list of town officials and contact numbers for town services).

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

March 24, 2020 (contd.)

4. The selectmen signed the off road plowing and shoveling contract for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 years.
5. The selectmen discussed a tree growth question. The tree growth paperwork has been filed.
6. The Selectmen completed the USDA forms necessary for the Vienna Fire Department loan for the fire truck. The USDA sends forms to the town every year for the length of the loan.
7. The selectmen received a new deed for 576 Tower Road, joining two adjoining lots.
8. The town of Vienna received two tax transfers from the State of Maine for properties which are changing ownership.
9. Meeting adjourned.

March 31, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet, Edson Bean

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Discussed a possible tax abatement with a resident.
4. The selectmen discussed and answered questions from the Newsletter Editor about the town newsletter.
5. Meeting adjourned.

April 7, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 7 (\$87,329.35).
4. The selectmen received a check from the MMA \$66.00 workers comp reimbursement check.
5. The town received a list of current customers from both DirectTV and DishTV.
6. The selectmen voted to accept the State of Maine updated general guidance for the COVID-19

emergency declared by Governor Mills.

7. Meeting adjourned.

April 14, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet, and Dodi Thompson.

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. The Selectmen discussed a complaint about a camper being parked on a lot on Davis Road. The concern is the sewer and what was being done with the waste. The resident informed us he has Harris septic is pumping the waste. The selectmen have requested a receipt.
4. The town received a letter from the Waste Management informing us of the price per ton for our trash/recyclables.
5. Dodi is working on some "clean up" work for the town. She will finish up tax transfers with Creston Gather.
6. The state has dropped the Town of Vienna down to an 88% tax. This means the town is only taxing property at 88% of the value. The town will plan to have the town accessed this upcoming year. This 88% will affect Homestead Exemption and Military Exemption.
7. The selectmen received the tax transfers for the 2019-2020 year.
8. Meeting adjourned.

April 21, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 8 (\$22,435.38).
4. The selectmen opened bids for the spring clean up and the yearly lawn mowing contract. The contract was awarded to Luke Olson for spring clean up and Devin Webster for the mowing contract. Smith will contact all and inform them as to the results.

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

April 21, 2020 (contd.)

Luke Olson:

Clean-up - \$485

Per mowing - \$350

Devin Webster:

Clean-up - \$1,250

Per mowing - \$225

Nystrom Lawn & Landscape:

Clean-up - \$1,805

Per mowing - \$365

6. The selectmen worked on updating property cards.
7. The selectmen reviewed an email from the Town Health Officer about non-residents not self-quarantining. The selectboard will post around the town to remind people to please, self-quarantine.
8. Meeting adjourned.

April 28, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet, Dodi Thompson, Devin Webster

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Dodi has been working on property card updates, tree growth updates and writing the contracts for the spring clean up and summer mowing contracts.
4. The selectmen signed a three year mowing contract with Devin Webster.
5. Meeting adjourned.

May 5, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet, Dodi Thompson, Devin Webster

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant # 9 (\$64,801.68).
4. The selectmen looked into off-road plowing payments.

5. The selectmen discussed the culvert issue at Parker Pond. The culvert gets clogged by beaver every year. This issue is being dealt with.
6. Meeting adjourned.

May 12, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Danny Goucher is starting to grade the dirt roads.
4. American Flags have been ordered for the local cemetery. Gordon Webber will be putting these out.
5. Meeting adjourned.

May 19, 2020

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Laura Church, Felicia Audet, Larry Bacon, Dan Goucher, Annie Tibbetts

1. Reviewed and dispersed the mail.
2. The selectmen read and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and signed Warrant #10 (\$28,076.88).
4. The selectmen discussed concerns of a resident. Ed McCarthy is concerned about people driving fast on Route 41 and other local roads. The selectmen will contact the Sheriff's Department to ask for additional patrol in Vienna. Ed McCarthy is also concerned with people not wearing masks and following other state mandates for corona. The mandates state if a person has medical conditions then they do not need to wear a mask. HIPAA states we are not able to ask a person if they have a medical condition and people have attended meetings without a mask but are maintaining social distance. His concerns about people not wearing masks at local businesses was shared even though those businesses are not in Vienna.

Selectmen's Minutes Continued

May 19, 2020 (contd.)

5. Mr. Bacon is interested in property/house in Vienna. The selectmen looked at property maps and cards.
6. Mike Stoddard called and is looking for information on map #10 lot 128. He would like to build a shed on the property. He was informed to call the Vienna Planning Board.
7. There is a sinkhole in front of the old Dam Shop. The owner is going to need to fix this because of the public safety issue of it being so close to the road. The selectmen talked with the Road Commissioner. Dan will be contacting Maine Drilling and Blasting to get estimates on blasting some ledge on the Tower Road and the Vienna Mountain Road. Dan has graded the Stream Road, Besse Road and the Davis Road. The town will not receive the normal amount of funding from the state.
8. Meeting adjourned

Mill Stream Grange: Honoring Our Veterans



Mill Stream Grange members met with Gordon Webber on May 19 to place flags on veterans' graves at the Franklin Cemetery in Vienna. Grangers (pictured left to right) Jill Sampson, Paul Lavender, Maggie Chadwick, Pat Onion and Lisa Goucher helped with this effort to honor U.S. military veterans.

Anyone visiting the cemetery who believes their family member should have received a flag, please contact Gordon Webber at 293-2275.

Planning Board Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA PLANNING BOARD FEBRUARY 26, 2020

The meeting convened at the Town House at 7:00 PM. Regular members present were Waine Whittier, Creston Gaither, Ed Lawless, and Tim Bickford. Minutes of the January 22 meeting were read and accepted.

Ed reported on the status of the broadband committee – it appears that the wireless option has been abandoned.

Creston will contact Shoreland Zoning applicant Matt Seigel, and advise him of the need for a SSWD permit or a letter from the Plumbing Inspector saying the Existing system is adequate, and will ask whether the access road is passable.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

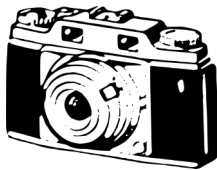


Creston Gaither, secretary

Editors Notes

Send us your photos!

We want your seasonal photos of Vienna! For consideration, please email photos 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

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Deadline

Please submit all items or articles for the August/September issue of the *Vienna Record* by **July 24, 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 to see in a future edition of the *Vienna Record*? Let us know!
Send your thoughts to: viennanewsletter@fairpoint.net



From the Health Officer

Protecting Your Family Against Corona Virus

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June 2020

OK folks, we did it! We flattened the “curve”, at least somewhat. The hospitals have more intensive care unit beds and ventilators than they know what to do with now. But we’re all going stir crazy with cabin fever, the economy is tanking, and everybody wants to get back to normal ASAP. But it ain’t over until it’s all over, and it ain’t yet, for sure. So, what’s the next step; where do we go from here? No one really knows, but here are some guestimates and tentative strategies for continuing to wend your way safely through this pandemic.

First, the numbers briefly: at the end of last month, Maine cases were starting to ramp up, about 1000 cases and 50 deaths. Now, as of May 24th, we are at 2013 cases, and at least 77 deaths, both surely undercounts given the shortage of testing supplies. That shortage has, only this 3rd week in May, been remedied by the fortunate IDEXX contract with the State to triple our testing capacity. The best free tabulator of daily numbers remains, for me, the New York Times, but we are indeed still in the midst of this national corona virus epidemic. Unfortunately, much of the rest of the country is doing worse. Maine continues to be in the top 10 best states by total cases, and even when corrected for our smaller population, Maine is still in the lowest third of all states (also available at that NY Times URL), albeit near the top of that lower third. The U.S. has had almost 100,000 deaths and probably lots more (because of testing shortages), representing 30% of world-wide reported deaths.

Vaccinations will eventually provide the ultimate exit gate from continued social distancing and severe illness risks. Just this week, at least 3 research groups, allied with large drug manufacturers, have moved to human trials, including AstraZeneca with the Jenner Institute at Britain’s Oxford University, and a Cambridge Massachusetts startup research firm, Moderna, which has commissioned another large drug company to produce their novel messenger RNA vaccine for phase 2 and 3 trials beginning this summer. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the NIH leading virologist, thinks one of these vaccines could possibly be ready by December or January, but certainly not for sure. And those manufacturers are gearing up now to make millions of vaccine doses, if it is scientifically proven safe and effective by the Federal Drug Administration.

Medications to prevent (in high risk or exposed people) or treat active disease are also being studied intensively for safety and efficacy. Some of them may be found to work, but likely only partially. We should have a better idea of what helps by the fall from the many randomized antibiotic trials now being conducted.

From the Health Officer Continued

Since still only a few of us may be gaining immunity by having suffered this disease, the strategies shown to be effective slowing its transmission will remain the standbys to minimize infected droplet transmission for a year or more:

- Lots of handwashing/alcohol wipe cleaning as you leave and return to your home or car safety zones. Soap and water for 20 seconds (sing happy birthday through twice) is best, or, almost as good, handwashing with alcohol wipes or fluids (like “Purell”) many times a day when out and about. Follow up with hand cream to prevent dry skin rashes from such frequent washing. Gloves because you can’t frequently wash them, are less effective unless disposable and then worn and doffed carefully after each use, so bare hands don’t pick the germs up from used gloves surfaces.
- Distancing from outside-of-household people by 6 ft or more
- Wearing masks to protect others around an unknowing spreader; ironically the wearer is much less protected because air leaks around the mask when inhaling.
- Not shaking hands or hugging friends and relatives from other households; the hardest habits to break
- Minimize grocery and other store trips to weekly at most, and, when there, dodge quickly around close encounters with all, especially non-mask wearers.
- Don’t pet other households’ dogs or cats.
- Limit extended family encounters from 2 or more households to less than 10 people as much as possible, and, now that summer is here, to outside; windy days are best!
- Cautious shared food preparation and serving by well washed hands and paper plates.
- Spread out to eat, in open air if possible.
- Hope it all is enough to prevent you or your family from catching this disease.

What remains less clear, is if or how to minimize transmissions from fomites, objects with viral particles on them, spread by others’ imperfectly, infrequently washed hands. The CDC and Dr. Fauci are less concerned that such transmission amounts to much. Although the virus infects mostly by air born droplets from others, those droplets can contaminate surfaces we touch, like mail, packaging, shared surfaces at businesses or homes including doorknobs or handles. Although viral parts there can be identified for hours and even days after being left on an object, they dry out and lose infectivity within hours or maybe days; how long on what types of surfaces is unclear. Our family does the “dirty” letter opener, and “clean picker-outer” persons routine for the mail; we leave the magazines to sit on a car hood for several hours, not the kitchen table or countertop, which you touch frequently. With groceries, we are less rigorous, although our New York city daughter’s family wipe down all their grocery packages and rinse all fruit and vegetables with water and sometimes soap. Several hours of sitting will also decontaminate most. We are just saying a prayer over those, after putting groceries away and washing our hands again.

Doctor and dental offices are opening back up. Do get regular care; some of it can be virtual with phone or on computers. And do keep up with vaccinations, especially for kids. It would be a shame to contract a preventable illness because you’ve forgotten the routine stuff.

We have discussions like these, every week, Saturdays at 10 am, for townsfolk on zoom. If you’d like to participate, send me an email with your name, town, phone and email so I can send you an email invitation each week. You can participate by computer with video or just phone.

So, we’ve all got to hang in there, find help if we can get it from friends and family, unemployment insurance and/or food banks, keep working if we can, and cross our fingers, and pray it all works eventually. Good luck!

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/maine-coronavirus-cases.html?searchResultPosition=2>

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News



“The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for
our senses to grow sharper.”

W. B. Yeats

We have worked closely with the Maine State Library & libraries across the state regarding safe partial reopening for our public library buildings. Because the materials we provide are shared and recirculated, safe procedures for carefully handling materials is crucial. Of course there may be changes in services that happen quickly, based on the Maine CDC, new research & information, and developments regarding the pandemic. We'll let you know as we move along if we need to change plans again, but right now we are so happy to start providing some services to our wonderful patrons again.

We plan to open for “curbside” service beginning Saturday, June 6th, from 9AM – 12Noon. For Saturday pick-up, patrons will need to have emailed or called us at the library with requests for materials by the previous Wednesday, before 10AM, so that we have time to process and prepare orders.

You can browse our online catalog to find books or movies you might want, by visiting our Dr. Shaw Memorial Library website at: <https://drshawlibrary.org/> Just click on “Catalog” along the top, and you will be able to start searching. You can search our collection by author, title, or subject, to find just the right materials.

Once you know what materials you want, please email us at DrShaw@shaw.lib.me.us and include the following information in your email: your name, phone number, and list of books or materials by author and title. If you want us to help select books, let us know what you are interested in or what other authors you like, and we'll try to accommodate you. If you are requesting for children, let us know if you want picture books, or juvenile (elementary and middle school) level. You can also call us at 293-2565 and leave a message with this same information. Again, we will need your request by 10AM on the Wednesday previous to Saturday pick-up.

Items will be ready for pick-up unless we notify you otherwise. We will keep a reserve list for items that are in circulation or quarantine at the time of your request. We are not able to borrow books from other libraries at this time.

On Saturday morning, all orders will be outside by the main entrance, or on the side porch in case of rain. They will be in a bag and labeled with your name. Materials will also be there for you to browse, with specific instructions on how to handle them and check them out.

Anyone who is not currently a patron but wishes to use our services, please call or email us and we will get back to you to sign you up.

Please practice social distancing and only send one person to pick up materials for your household. People will not be allowed in the building.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library News Continued

As always, materials are checked out for two weeks and can be returned anytime in our book drop by the main entrance.

If you need someone to pick up or deliver books to you, let us know. We are working with Neighbors Driving Neighbors to provide this service during our Saturday curbside hours and we will make the arrangements for you.

We look forward to serving you!

Remember to check our library Facebook page for fun or educational resources we've been posting in recent months. We've been loving some of the read-alouds by Maine children's author Lynn Plourde! Please also visit our website now and then – when the next new book order comes in, we'll post a few quick reviews of some of the titles, so you can put them on your wish list for future curbside delivery. Again, our website is: <https://drshawlibrary.org/>

Be well, everyone. We hope you get outside to garden or walk, and that you stay in contact with loved ones via phone, zoom, email, facebook, or other means. I just started reading John Irving's Cider House Rules. What are you reading while you wait for the dragonflies to come grace the yard with their quiet presence?

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



VIENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

**Sunday, July 26, 2020
11:30am-1:30pm**

**Adults \$8.00
Children 12 & Under \$4.00**

**We will start accepting take-out orders the day of the BBQ
beginning at 11:00am (call 207-293-2727).**

You can also order at the door and pick up at the window.

**There will be a small handful of well-spaced picnic tables
for outside dining.**

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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