

# Mount Vernon Community Partnership Corp. (CPC)



## At the Heart of the CPC

### Grant Writing and Fiscal Sponsorship

The CPC can assist community organizations with *grant writing*, having successfully submitted several grant applications including a \$300,000 Maine Department of Economic Development Community Development Housing Block Grant to rehabilitate unhealthy and unsafe housing in Mount Vernon, and several others (see over). The block grant allowed 17 of our citizens to rehabilitate their homes, which not only improved their lives and safety, but also improved the overall housing stock in our town. The CPC acts as a *fiscal sponsor* for Mount Vernon organizations without a non-profit designation so they may also accept donations and win grant awards.

### Community Education & Outreach

CPC has been a community leader, organizing *public forums* to garner input from citizens about what is important to its residents, such as transportation for people who don't drive, aging in place, parking in the village, invasive aquatic plants, watersheds, and other environmental concerns - or any subject that comes to our attention that needs to be addressed. CPC *disseminates information* about projects that need to be completed and organizes townspeople to accomplish tasks that enhance the betterment of Mount Vernon.

The CPC has published a *business directory* every five years featuring businesses in Mount Vernon and Vienna. The newest one was published in 2018. The directory has a distribution of 1,000, and is free to the businesses and residents. Check out the list of local businesses in the Business Directory on the town's website ([www.mtvernonme.org](http://www.mtvernonme.org)).

## What is the CPC?

- CPC was founded in 1999 and received its 501(c)(3) designation in 2002.
- The CPC's purpose is to promote economic and community development for the benefit of the citizens of Mount Vernon.
- CPC is operated exclusively for charitable, educational and beneficent public purposes.
- Its members are volunteers who love Mount Vernon and work to keep what is great about the town and to improve what needs improvement.
- CPC works in partnership with the Town of Mount Vernon's Board of Selectmen and other organizations that share our mission.



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\* Recipient of the 2005 Governor's Good Service Award

# Join the CPC Today!

## Who Are Our Members?

CPC members are local volunteers of all ages and backgrounds from the towns of Mount Vernon. All of our members have a common interest- making our communities a better place to live today and in the future.

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## Current Members

### Officers

Sandy Wright ~ *President and Secretary*

Christine Merchant ~ *Vice President*

Brad Jackson ~ *Treasurer*

### Members

Clyde Dyar

Melani Darrell

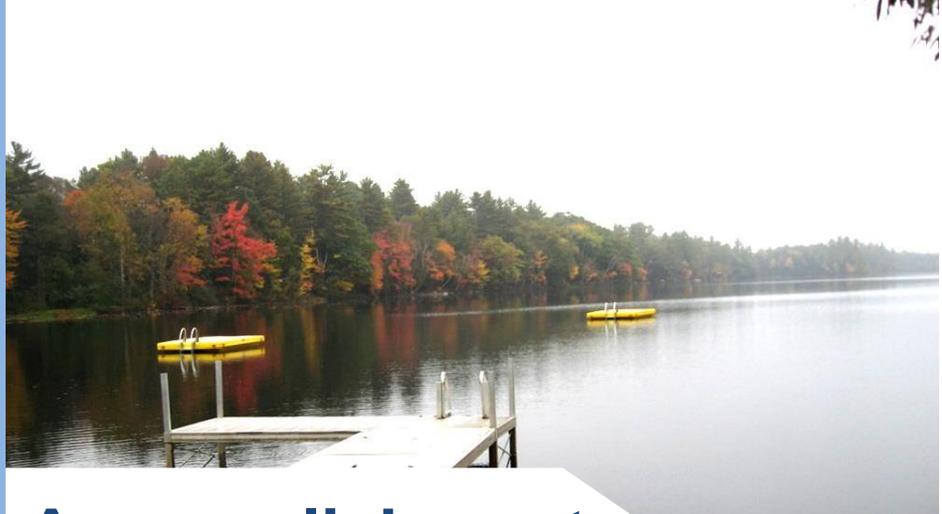
Sherene Gilman

Heather Roberts

Jane Rogers

Jo Tibby

Tom Ward



## Accomplishments

### Awarded the 2005 Governor's Good Service Award

- ★ Implemented a \$300,000 Maine Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Housing grant in 2003 to **rehabilitate unhealthy and unsafe housing** in Mount Vernon received the "Governor's Good Neighbor Award."
- ★ Published **1,000 Business Directories** in 2008 and 2013 and 2018, featuring local businesses in Mount Vernon and Vienna.
- ★ Started a **Fuel Assistance Fund** in 2008 to keep eligible families warm during the winter.
- ★ Organized three annual meetings from 2010-2012 to discuss long-term protection strategies for Minnehonk Lake; helped implement two **lakefront buffer plantings** on Minnehonk Lake.
- ★ Received a \$7,000 grant to conduct the **Minnehonk and Hopkins Pond watershed survey** in 2012. Received \$6,975 in grants to **stabilize the rope swing site** on Minnehonk Lake in 2015 and maintains the site annually.
- ★ Worked with the Maine DOT and the town **to improve the storm drainage in the village**. In 2014 MDOT provided \$100,000 to install new catch basins, with a \$20,000 match from the town.
- ★ Received \$10,000 in grants in 2014-2015 as fiscal sponsor for "**Neighbors Driving Neighbors,**" a program that provides **transportation for those who cannot drive** in Mount Vernon, Fayette, Vienna, Rome and Belgrade.

## Current projects

### Making Mount Vernon a Great Place to Live

- ★ In association with the Greater Minnehonk Lake Association, **organized the annual "Loon Lap"**, a 5K walk around Minnehonk and Hopkins Pond in August 2014 - 2017. The 2018 Loon Lap is planned for August 5.
- ★ Working with the Select Board and property owners **to restore a wetland** adjacent to the Fire Department and Minnehonk Lake.
- ★ Worked with the Select Board and Greater Minnehonk Lake Assn. to improve the town beach and boat launch in 2017 (Phase 1) with a grant from the state. Phase 2 is planned for 2018.



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