

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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July 25, 2012



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Historical Society:** *Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates From Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Thursday, the department was notified of a possible suicidal male who was armed with a knife and had fled into the woods near Buck Hill Rd. East. On and off duty members of the Hinesburg Community Police, the Vermont State Police, Shelburne and Richmond Police responded to the scene. The State Police deployed a canine after contacting mental health for the availability of a crisis worker to respond to which no one was available. After searching for several hours, the search was called off at dark. Based on information provided by the parents, the male was located safe the next day.
- On Sunday, an officer was dispatched to Baldwin Road where a citizen's dispute resulted in several windows being broken out of a vehicle. The suspect left the scene prior to arrival but the Monkton resident was later cited into court for Simple Assault and Vandalism.
- On Monday night, the Selectboard approved Ed Waite as the town's Animal Control Officer. Ed is the town's Fire Warden and a Captain on the fire department. Had Ed not agreed to the job, the alternative was police officers transporting the animals to Colchester to a kennel used by several other police departments. The Old Fire Station will be used as a temporary kennel until Ed can get through the DRB process so he can use his private residence as a kennel. The Old Fire Station is climate controlled and any pet housed there will receive daily walks.
- The days of getting an unidentified dog back without charge is over. Residents will have to get a release from the Town Clerk after paying a \$25 dollar fee and a \$10 dollar a day boarding fee. Residents picking up dogs that are unlicensed will also have to post a \$50 dollar bond that will be returned upon licensing of the animal. Those dogs that have identification and are in compliance with

licensing will be returned to the owners without charge if picked up on the same day as they are found.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- It was a light week for the Hinesburg Fire Department. We responded to Huntington last week for a rolled over dump truck, had five medical calls, and a string of thunderstorms which brought us out to assist highway with opening roads and Green Mt. Power for some traffic control while they worked in some dangerous blind spots on the roads.
- During our operations meeting last Wednesday, the members of the department voted 17 to 3 in favor of pursuing the 3000 sq.ft addition to the station with retaining access to the old station for future use again.

Buildings and Facilities

- Kayhon responded to several power outage alarms at all Water/Wastewater pump stations during the night of 7/23 due to the big storms; no major issues were found.
- Yearly mowing at lagoons is ongoing, as well as brush hogging around the solar arrays, thanks to Charlie Fortin, our Highway Department mower.
- Scoping out a proposed change for chemical storage containment system at Wastewater plant for 55 gal drums.
- Water meter repair in Lyman Meadows.
- Rec Path Project- Second crew began work this week; they are starting from the Commerce St end of the project. *Mechanicsville Rd will be closed next week from Tuesday, July 31st through Friday August 3rd.* Work continued on CVU Rd, large culvert and cement head walls installed by CVU ball field, prep for paving and restoration work.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- The Primary Election is August 28th. Please spread the word that ballots are here! You are welcome to come in to vote anytime between now and August 28th, the actual day of the election, or to request that the ballots be mailed to you. Remember that in the primary election, you will be mailed all 3 ballots (Democrat, Republican and Progressive). You may vote on ONE BALLOT ONLY but you must return all 3 ballots in the envelopes provided. Be sure to follow the instructions on the envelope. The last day to register to vote is August 22nd at 5:00 p.m.
- We have had a busy week here on the first floor. Aaron Kimball came in to volunteer to stuff envelopes with tax bills, which was a big help to us! Thanks Aaron!
- Tax bills will be mailed out on Friday, July 27th. Please look for them and if you have not received one by August 15th, give us a call and we will print another one for you. Keep a copy for your records as you will need it for your income tax return.

Highway Department

- Replaced culvert on Leavensworth Road
- Preparing North Road for culvert replacements. A portion of North Road will be closed the week of July 23-26 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Closure between 1884 North Road on south to Hayden Hill West. Culverts are being replaced now in preparation for North Road to be paved in September.
- Shelburne Falls culvert located just east of O'Neil Road is scheduled to be replaced July 31-Aug 2. Shelburne Falls Rd will be closed to thru traffic during that time.
- Ditching, brush clearing, grading, and dust control on multiple Town roads
- Clearing trees from storms and repairing minor wash outs

Recreation Dept./Commission

- Another successful Hart & Mead Concert in the Park - Garrett J. Brown and Company. Food vendors and neighbors galore enjoyed great music, the playground, soccer goals, tennis courts, and the baseball diamond at HCS. *Don't miss our next concert on 7/25 - Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson of Hungrytown.*
- Eighteen athletes in the Charlotte, Hinesburg & Williston Track & Field program competed in the Vermont State Track & Field Meet on Sat. 7/21 - Justin Clark, Cole Glover, Miles Glover, Annaliese Kramer, Anna Morton, Luke Morton, Olivia Morton, Sierra Morton, Lily Margolis, Cole Otley, Mason Otley, Devin Rogers, Gregory Seraus, Tawn Tomasi, and Tiago Tomasi.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Hinesburg resident Sierra Morton for winning the 400 m for 13 years olds and breaking the State record!! Tawn Tomasi of Williston also won and set a new record in the 100 m and 200 m boys age 13 division. Way to go, Champlain Valley Track & Field program!
- Arts & Crafts Camp and Youth Tennis Lessons begin on 7/23.

Planning & Zoning

- DRB begins closed deliberations on the Hannaford supermarket application on 7/24. The public hearings closed on 7/17, and the DRB has until August 31 to issue a written decision.
- Reviewed new/upcoming website design with Aaron Kimball.
- Met with transportation planners at the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission to discuss Route 116 traffic tie ups, and how to accomplish improvements to the Route 116, Charlotte Road intersection. Discussed short term solutions, VTrans process, finding funding, as well as planning for longer term solutions.
- Completed performance appraisals for department.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- CCTA Bus Service – The new executive director of CCTA attended the Selectboard meeting and reported on the status of Hinesburg bus service. Approximately 50% of riders on the route are from Hinesburg; 25% from Burlington and 25% from Middlebury. Currently the route averages around 48 per day, which was the goal for the first year. The three year goal for the route is to have 60 riders per day by 2015. CCTA hopes to expand the Hinesburg service with more daily rides.
- Animal Control Officer – Ed Waite was appointed Animal Control Officer, effective immediately.
- North Road Paving – The Selectboard awarded the contract to pave approximately 2.3 miles of North Road to SD Ireland at the price of \$69.20 per ton. The total cost of the project will be \$250,000. 90% of the total cost will be paid for by the State of Vermont with a paving grant. The paving of North Road will take place late August or in September.
- Lake Iroquois Association Sediment Loss – The Selectboard agreed to allocate up to \$5000 to hire a contractor to do the excavating work for three stone catch basins on Pond Road as part of a stormwater abatement project the Lake Iroquois Association is taking on to help mitigate sediment loss into Lake Iroquois.
- Charlotte Road/Rte 116 Catch Basin – Town will write a letter to VTRANS requesting that the catch basin at the intersection of 116 and Charlotte Rd be replaced immediately and to have the storm water infrastructure along Charlotte Road maintained properly
- Sidewalk Grant – The Town will submit a grant application for the 2012 Vermont Bike & Pedestrian Program for a proposed sidewalk project on the east side of Rte 116 from Commerce to CVU Road. NRG will complete all grant application work and provide the 10% local matching funds for the project.
- Listers/Assessing Office – Annual assessing service contract awarded to NEMRC; mobile homes will be reappraised; Freeda Powers appointed to the empty Lister position. She will have to run for election in March if she would like to continue in the position.
- Paperless Selectboard – The Selectboard will become paperless on September 10, 2012. All information will be made available electronically only. Selectboard members will be expected to use iPad's at Selectboard meetings.

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