

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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August 1, 2012



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, August 7th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 8th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Tuesday, July 24th, 116 Wine and Spirits was burglarized when a person entered the business after throwing a rock through the front door. After entering, the person took two bottles of liquor and immediately left the store. Although the investigation is ongoing, a suspect has been identified and he left Hinesburg the next morning. His whereabouts are currently unknown and it is expected that an arrest warrant will be issued.
- Besides the burglary, during the past week, the department had 31 cases ranging from motor vehicle complaints, citizens assists, family fights, bad checks and fraud.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- This week's calls show the diverse types of calls the Hinesburg Fire Department handles in the span of a week. While quiet this week on the fire side; the department was busy on the EMS side.
- HFD responded to the first call of the season at the Town Forest which was quite serious and lengthy. The patient suffered a fall from a horse resulting in possible shoulder, back and arm injuries. Because of the location and nature of the injuries, it took the rescue crew nearly two hours in total for the call. It also required calling in mutual aid responses from Huntington and involved over 30 people including Hinesburg Fire, Huntington Fire, St. Mike's Rescue, Essex Rescue paramedic team and local neighbors with 4 wheelers.

- The other calls that were dealt with were a fatal drug over dose, elderly fall and breathing difficulty.
- On the training scene, an annual mandatory drivers training was held.

Buildings and Facilities/Water & Wastewater

- Water main broken on CVU Rd Friday during new service installation, outage affected CVU Rd, Shelburne Falls Rd and 116 north customers from 9:00-1:00.
- Curb stop repaired on Mechanicsville Rd.
- Monthly Wastewater sampling underway. Met with Redstone and their engineer to discuss connections for new restaurant in building on 116.
- Rec Path Project- work continued on CVU Rd, concrete headwalls installed and backfilled at large culvert by CVU ball field in preparation for paving. Layout and erosion control work started on Mechanicsville Rd, one catch basin set in place. Section of Mechanicsville Rd closed until Friday Aug 3 to allow installation of stormwater catch basins and piping. Met with some property owners on Mechanicsville Rd.

Highway Department

- *Shelburne Falls Road* – Construction crews are installing a new precast concrete 4' x 14' x 40' box culvert to replace an aging and undersized corrugated metal road culvert on Shelburne Falls Road. The height of the culvert is actually 5' but 1' will be embedded below the stream to allow for more natural sediment transportation, more efficient debris and ice transport, and the passage of aquatic organisms. The site of the culvert is just west of Geprag's Park. Shelburne Falls Road will be closed during the replacement and should open again by Thursday evening (Aug 2) or Friday morning (Aug 3).
- Highway Foremen Mike Anthony and his wife are off to Montana on a three week motorcycle escapade.

Recreation Dept./Commission

- Weather cooperated for the third Wednesday in a row for the Hart & Mead Concert in the Park. *Concert series continues - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm behind HCS with Thursday as a rain date.* Food, snacks, desserts and cold drinks for sale.
- Wrapped up a successful Arts & Crafts camp with Chris Billis. Lots of creative projects and great drying weather.
- Finished morning tennis lessons with Frank Babbot for 7-10 year olds.
- Working to finish up Fall brochure and Youth Soccer registration which will be available on the website.
- *Sign up for Soccer!!* Registrations are available on the website or at the Rec. Office. Rec. Office has a "self-serve" option with forms and a drop box. Town Hall building is open M-F from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. For questions about

programs send an e-mail to hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or leave a message at 482-2281 ext. 230.

- *Looking ahead* - Vermont Voltage Soccer will host a camp in Hinesburg at Lyman Park 8/6-10. To register, visit www.vermontvoltage.com for an application, call 802-527-1077 or e-mail voltagecamps@gmail.com or pick up an application on the table outside of the Rec. Office.

Planning & Zoning

- Met with LaPlatte Watershed Partnership, Doug Nedde (Redstone principal – Old Cheese Factory landowner), and related engineers to discuss a possible joint project with the Town to assess a possible stormwater treatment facility in the undeveloped southwestern portion of the Old Cheese Factory property. Planning to approach Selectboard for authorization to apply for State river protection grant funds.
- Planning Commission met on July 25th. They decided to hold a public hearing on proposed rural area zoning revisions on September 12th. Finishing touches on proposal to be completed at August 8th meeting. Serious public outreach to be done in the month leading up to the public hearing.
- Attended a public meeting on Lake Iroquois issues (zoning, building buffers, water quality, etc.) organized by the Town of Williston on July 26.
- Met with consultant working on Village Visualization project. This project is just getting going – more public outreach and “buzz” to come. Planning to meet with the Village Steering Committee to discuss next steps at their next regular meeting (e.g., August 13).
- Light staffing this week with two out of three folks taking some vacation.

Listers Office

- On July 27th, the Lister’s office began the work of doing reappraisals for the three trailer parks in town—Mountain View, Triple L, and Sunset Villa.
- Freeda Powers was appointed to the empty Lister’s position by the Selectboard at their meeting on July 23rd. Freeda recently worked as a temp in the Planning & Zoning office and so her experience there will carry over nicely in this position—Welcome Freeda!
- Annual assessing service contract was awarded to NEMERC.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library.* Some of the on-going activities include: story times for toddler and pre-school aged children, as well as a pajama story hour for 5-7 year olds and a young-adult book group. You can check out their website for this information, updates on new programs, as well the list of the latest books and cd’s the library has added to their collection. http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Rte 116 Traffic* – As a result of continual prodding by Town staff, the State of Vermont implemented a new signal timing sequence for the lights on Rte 116 on Wednesday, July 25th. The new signal timing increased the light cycle length of 116 from 90secs to 95secs. As a result, the average travel time on 116 southbound from Commerce St. to Charlotte Rd was reduced by over 50secs during the evening peak. We will continue to monitor the traffic on 116 over the short and long-term. Feedback from the public is always welcome and encouraged. Town staff will continue to work with traffic engineers with the State and the Regional Planning Commission to find a way to synchronize the Lantman's and Charlotte Road lights – an improvement that would further decrease travel time on 116.
- *Unemployment Insurance Trust, Inc.* – Attended Board of Directors meeting in Montpelier that focused on preparations for the upcoming annual meeting in October and review of current claims. The VLCT Unemployment Board offers unemployment insurance to Vermont municipalities. The Board of Directors sets rates and oversees policy, budgeting, and capital purchasing decisions as recommended by staff.
- *Vermont City/Town Managers Association* – Attended Board of Directors meeting. Emphasis of the meeting was to plan membership conferences for October 2012 (Rutland) and April 2013 (Jay Peak). The focus of the October 2012 meeting will be on the creative economy and anticipated changes in the health insurance landscape. These conferences are aimed to bring Town Administrators and Managers from around the state together and address pressing issues impacting all municipalities.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Draft Town Forest Management Plan* – At the August 6th Selectboard meeting, the draft of the Town Forest Management Plan will be discussed by the Selectboard, Town Forest Committee, and General Public. Unless significant changes are needed as a result of that discussion, a Public Hearing will be held on September 10 at 7pm for final adoption of the plan. The draft management plan is available on the Town homepage: www.hinesburg.org.

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