

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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August 15, 2012



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Selectboard:** *Monday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, August 21st at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Wednesday, a male, age 27 of Hinesburg, was arrested on a warrant and transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- On Thursday, Officers responded at approximately 10 am near the golf course to a report of someone trying to enter a home. The resident was home and heard someone trying a door knob. When the resident pulled back the curtain, a person ran off. A check of the area was made and no one was located.
- On Thursday, Chief Koss attended the Chittenden County Law Enforcement Executives meeting in Burlington. The meeting is attended by local police chiefs as well as the supervisors from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the US Marshall's, FBI and the Vermont State Police. The majority of the meeting dealt with discussing Vermont's growing drug problems. The Wednesday night news on WCAX had a story on the problems of heroin in Bristol.
- Right now, Hinesburg is like a little island in between a growing drug problem. We are not naïve enough however to believe that there are no drugs in Hinesburg or that we are immune from an increase in the problem. Our officers have made arrests and we have conducted some search warrants. We will continue to keep a close watch and do what is necessary to encourage the trade to be elsewhere.
- On Sunday evening, officers responded to Hawk Lane where a reported assault had taken place. A male, age 18 of Hinesburg, was taken into custody and lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- The Hinesburg Fire Department received a total of 24 calls in the past two weeks—some of these calls included: 2 carbon monoxide detector calls, 2 bee stings, a propane leak and an accident involving AOT dump truck and roller collision.

Buildings and Facilities/Water & Wastewater

- Water and Wastewater monthly reporting completed. Well #3 redevelopment hopefully will be next week; wells are keeping up with demand but redevelopment is needed to increase production.
- Aerated, fertilized, and reseeded soccer field in back of Town Hall to get ready for upcoming soccer season.
- New pickup put into service, cleaning out old one.
- *Rec Path Project-* work continued on CVU RD at the Rte.116 intersection, prep for path paving from 116 east to Pond Rd; scheduled for Friday August 17th. Work along Mechanicsville Rd proceeded, catch basin and stormwater piping installed in section from Patrick Brook to Pond Rd intersection. *This section of road is closed this week and will be closed again next week August 20-24. Thanks for your patience in dealing with the detour allowing work to go faster.*

Town Clerk's Office

- *The last day to register to vote for the August 28th Primary Election is Wednesday, August 22nd.* Early voting is available as the ballots are here and can be obtained either through the mail or by stopping by the clerk's office--*Spread the word!!* The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and are located at the Town Hall. Please park in the rear of the building as the front parking spaces are reserved for those voters with mobility issues
- *The Citizen* erroneously printed a due date of August 15th for property taxes. *Hinesburg's property taxes are due in one installment on November 15th, 2012,* though you are welcome to make payments at any time!
- On a related note, if your tax bill indicates your property is classified as non-residential and you did reside in your house on April 1st, 2012, it is not too late to file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment claim forms. The deadline is September 4th, 2012. If you have any questions about your bill, please call 482-2281 ext. 223.

Recreation Dept./Commission

- *Sign up for Youth Soccer!!* Registration forms and information are available on the table outside the Recreation Office or on the website. *Please sign up by August 31st.* We still need coaches—a soccer coaching clinic will be offered.
- *Fall Recreation Program is now available on-line.* Hard copies will be mailed this week.
- For questions regarding any Recreation program, please send an e-mail to hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or leave a message at 482-2281 ext. 230.

Planning & Zoning

- Attended meeting at Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission regarding the update to the regional plan as part of the larger ECOS project – Environment, Community, Opportunity, Sustainability. More info at <http://ecosproject.com>.
- Attended Village Steering Committee meeting with consultant to discuss Village Visualization project. Base map of village growth area complete. Researching development trends and styles from around the region. Key stakeholder meetings now planned for September with larger public forum likely in November.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- Added some new magazine subscriptions @ Carpenter-Carse: *Field & Stream*, *Northern Woodlands*, *Keyboard* [new in April] – More titles will be added over the next few weeks.
- Added a second Vermont State Parks pass to lend! Please note – The Library is not allowed to obtain more than one copy of most special passes.
- Met with an HVAC engineer to explore and review options for a fix or upgrade of our HVAC system. Also discussed related issues with an Efficiency Vermont representative.
- *Special program held for adults:* On August 8th, a watercolor class was offered by the Library. Nini Crane and Deb Runge paired up to teach the class “*Fun with Fruit*” to an enthusiastic group of learners. The resulting watercolor accomplishments of attendees were amazing! The second session will be held on August 15th...*Sorry, the class is full!* Kudos to Adult Services Librarian Jane Racer for arranging this super program.
- A Preschool Story Hour was held @ 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday – led by Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere.
- Began researching job scope/specs for a future project – a redo of the library’s parking lot.
- 19 more books, 12 magazines and 15 DVD’s were catalogued and added to our collection August 8 – August 14.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library--* http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Highway Department

- The highway department has been busy making its way around town with the grader in order to keep all the gravel roads in as good condition as possible.
- Repairing blacktop washouts, cutting back brush, ditching, and reseeding the sides of Town roads.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Affordable Housing Committee

- The Affordable Housing Committee is in the process of formulating a pilot project to assist mobile home residents with energy efficiency improvements in Mountain View Mobile Home Park. Meeting next week with stakeholders and a park resident committee to see how this all could work; potential grant funding through Efficiency Vermont.

Development Review Board

- *The Development Review Board met on August 7th.* Burnett Scrap Metal application was reviewed and continued again to the August 21st meeting. Hinesburg Center LLC project was also reviewed – approval pending for three residential buildings along Farmall Drive (each with three dwelling units). New on-street parking along initial segment of Farmall Drive is part of the plan, but will require Selectboard sign off. Hannaford deliberations continued in closed session – decision expected by August 31st.

Planning Commission

- *The Planning Commission met on August 8th.* Rural area zoning and Town Plan revisions “finalized” for September 12th public hearing. Materials to go up on the website shortly. Zoning Administrator reviewing proposed revisions to provide technical feedback.

Village Steering Committee

- The Village Steering Committee met this week to continue work on the Village Visualization Project. The goal of this project is to help develop a coherent physical plan for the village growth area. Discussions this week focused on the area from the former Saputo site to Ballards Corner. In the near future the committee will be reaching out to involved landowners and developers as we prepare for a public meeting later this year. More info about the project can be found at <http://hinesburg.org/planning/village-visualization-project/>

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