

# Town of Hinesburg

*Celebrating 250 years*

## *Weekly Update*

*1762-2012*

### August 22, 2012



#### Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- On Friday morning, Hinesburg Community Police, Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to North Rd. for a two car motor vehicle accident. This accident resulted in two patients being transported to Fletcher Allen. The accident occurred when a sixteen year old driver drifted from her lane to the opposing lane striking a vehicle driving the opposite direction.
- Monday morning at 12:30 am, Hinesburg Community Police were called out for a family fight at an apartment in the village. A female, temporarily staying at the apartment, got into an altercation with the resident. Both parties were separated and she subsequently moved out of the apartment.

##### **Hinesburg Fire Department**

- The Hinesburg Fire Department received a total of 9 EMS calls this past week.
- Chief Barber chaired the Chittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in Winooski and attended the State Emergency Response Commission representing the 14 LEPCs in Waterbury.

##### **Buildings and Facilities/Water & Wastewater**

- *Rec Path Project-* A 10 foot wide section along CVU Rd was paved last Friday. This portion of the path is already in use by walkers and bikers. Additional restoration work along the side of path, fencing, signage and striping will happen this week to complete this section and get out of the way when school starts next week. Work continues along Mechanicsville Rd; stormwater collection and piping near CVU Rd intersection and rough-in near Commerce St. Mechanicsville Rd will be closed to through traffic the rest of this week up until August 24. Beginning August 27, it will be one-way only traffic northbound from Commerce St to CVU Rd intersection during working hours.

### **Town Clerk's Office**

- *Primary Election*--Don't forget that the Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, August 28th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Though we don't anticipate traffic delays, it is always a good idea to allow extra time during commuting hours on Election Day. You can vote early up until the close of business on the day before the election.

### **Recreation Department**

- *Youth Soccer registration continues*--Register by August 24<sup>th</sup> and save \$10. Registration forms are available at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) or in a self-serve option outside of the Recreation Office. Secure drop box is available. The Town Hall building is open with access to register M-F from 8:00 am till 10:00 pm. If you are interested in coaching and/or if you have questions, contact the Rec. Dept. at 482-2281 ext. 230 or [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net).
- Fall Brochure available on website. Hard-copies available outside of Recreation Office.
- Final Hart & Mead Concert in the Park hosted *Prydein* - a Celtic rock band. Thank you to Hart and Mead for your generous contribution to sponsor this summer concert series.

### **Planning & Zoning**

- *Impact Fees*--Met with the consultant working on revisions to the Town's fire and police impact fees. Working to clarify and improve the way these fees are calculated. The Town is looking at ways to assess impact fees to more justly capture changes in value opposed to changes in square footage.
- *Hannaford Application*--Intensive work by Peter Erb drafting decision language for the DRB on the Hannaford application. DRB still deliberating – decision expected by August 31.
- *Rural Area Zoning*--Continued work finalizing rural area zoning proposal for Planning Commission. The complete proposal is now available on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz>

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

- Offered 2 Preschool Story Hours @ 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and 1 Toddler Storytime (9:30 a.m.)
- Sponsored and held a second Watercolor Class Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – a perfect evening of art and music! Special thanks to Nini Crane, Deb Runge & the Partnoy's.
- Worked on publicity and posted flyers for the September 21<sup>st</sup> program featuring Howard Frank Mosher and his book *The Great Northern Express: a writer's journey home*.
- Scheduled a Fire Pro-Tec visit re: fire extinguishers
- Moved more used books to storage.
- 23 more books, 9 magazines, 1 audiobook and 1 DVD were catalogued, prepped and added to our collection August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Board of Trustees monthly meeting: Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library--  
[http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).*

### **Highway Department**

- *Downtown Improvement*—Completed line striping for all crosswalk areas in the Village Center.
- *Charlotte Road*—Filled in washed out shoulder along Charlotte Rd. near intersection of Rte. 116. Due to the incorrectly installed stormwater catch basin (State of Vermont) at the intersection of Rte. 116 and Charlotte Rd., we have been experiencing significant wash-outs along the Charlotte Rd. shoulder. The Highway crew will continue to monitor this section of roadway.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Hinesburg Village North Sidewalk* – A grant application was submitted to the 2012 Bicycle & Pedestrian program thru the Vermont Agency of Transportation to construct a sidewalk on the east side of Rte. 116 from Commerce Street to CVU Road. This proposed sidewalk would connect to the recreation path project (currently under construction) and finalize nearly 6 miles of contiguous paved walkways around Hinesburg Village. If the project does receive grant funding, NRG has agreed to pay the 10% local cash match.

## **Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

### **Development Review Board**

- *DRB Meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>*--Burnett Scrap Metal application to build a new 13,000 square foot building continued from previous meetings, and hopefully concluded at this meeting. Fournier application for a home occupation at 308 Pond Road. Hannaford deliberations in closed session – decision expected by August 31.

### **Planning Commission**

- *Planning Commission meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>*--Reviewing feedback from the Zoning Administrator on the rural area zoning proposal. Planning Commission public hearing on rural area zoning will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recreation Commission**

- *July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks*--At the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Recreation Commission decided to merge Recreation Commission July 4<sup>th</sup> duties and former Fireworks Committee fundraising to create a new July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee. Two new community members attended the meeting and will assist in this role. We are currently soliciting additional members for input and assistance with this new sub-committee of the Recreation Commission. Anyone interested, should

contact the Rec. Dept. at 482-2281 ext. 230 or by e-mail at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net)

### **Selectboard**

- *VT Gas Expansion* – As part of VT Gas’s exploration of their proposed natural gas line extension from Burlington to Middlebury along the VELCO right of way, they are conducting field survey, environmental, and preliminary engineering evaluations including archaeological, wetland, soil, and geotechnical surveys and wildlife assessments for the analysis and design of the gas line. The proposed gas line will cut through Hinesburg and will impact one piece of Town owned land – Geprag’s Park. The Selectboard approved VT Gas’s request for entry and gave them permission to survey that parcel. A full report from VT Gas on the survey work should be available between 6 and 18 months.
- *The Publik House Wastewater Allocation Request* – The Selectboard approved the wastewater allocation request for the soon to be open new restaurant at the site of the former Saputo facility. Their request for 2,928 gal/day was approved along with a payment to the Town for \$15,000. The Town’s Wastewater Allocation Ordinance needs to be reviewed and potentially updated to deal more properly with a restaurant like *The Publik House*. The Selectboard has committed itself to reviewing and updating the Wastewater Request Ordinance by the end of the fiscal year.
- *Town Forest Management Plan* – The Selectboard agreed to hold a public hearing for the adoption of the Town Forest Management Plan on September 24, 2012. The final version of that plan will be available on the Town website shortly.
- *Animal Control Officer* – The Selectboard adopted the new job description for Hinesburg’s Animal Control Officer.
- *Recreation Path Project/Mechanicsville Road* – The Selectboard agreed to allow the Town to make Mechanicsville Road one-way between Commerce Street and CVU road while construction crews continue to work on the recreation path project. The road will be one-way in the southbound direction during the work day and then will be open to two-way traffic during off-hours.

### **Trails Committee**

- *\$500 mini-grant* – The Trails Committee has been awarded a \$500 mini-grant from the VT Recreation Trails Fund to purchase trail blazes, tools, and materials.
- *LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest* – A focused, high-intensity wind storm in July blew down many trees along the trail network in the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest ("New" Town Forest) and on adjoining properties. The trails are largely impassable unless hikers are willing to scramble up and over, or detour around the blow downs. The Trails Committee is working with the Town Forest Committee, County Forester, landowners, and easement holders to determine how best to clear the trails and possibly salvage some lumber. Volunteers

should not attempt to clear the trails as it is hazardous work and may reduce the market value of the downed trees.

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