

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Village Steering Committee:** *Thursday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. (Town Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Wednesday morning at 1:30 am, Hinesburg Police and Hinesburg First Response responded to the village for a reported 17 year old male that had taken several pills in an attempted suicide. The male was transported to Fletcher Allen.
- On Wednesday at 4:25 pm, Hinesburg Police responded to Burnetts to assist Winooski Police with possible stolen scrap metal. Two subjects were detained and identified for WPD.
- When the police respond to a 'leaving the scene of an accident' call and the suspect vehicle's front license plate is left at the scene, it's like a present. An equivalent to this is when a burglar attempts to break into a store using his Subway discount card to open the door and the card becomes lodged in the door and the burglar has to leave without the card. Although the card does not store a person's name, it does detail the last transaction and the store's security camera gives a picture of the person using the card. When that person is well known to police, the case is solved. This burglary just occurred at a small store in Addison County.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- 6 EMS calls this week and 1 Fire Call for downed power lines.
- Because our schedules are so tight, we have added a Saturday truck maintenance day in order to get our training in. This new schedule began last weekend.
- We will be having an Officer's meeting to discuss our critically low membership currently. During week days, we are down to 3 members responding, if we are

lucky, and only 16 active members. We will try to come up with some strategies to increase membership. It appears what the neighboring towns experienced in low membership over the last few years, has finally come to our town. Two months ago we had a medical call which no first responders responded to. The last time that happened was back in 2002.

Buildings and Facilities/Water & Wastewater

- *Water/Wastewater*- wastewater flow was shut off temporarily at the treatment plant for the purpose of installing a below grade sump for chemical storage.
- *Well #3 redevelopment*--Production from one of the two town wells in back of Town Hall has decreased over the past few years and hydrofracking would normally be an ideal strategy to attempt to get it back up. However, because of the MTBE problem, the State doesn't want to risk fracking and allowing more MTBE contamination in the well. Last spring, we tried a less aggressive method developed by Heindel and Noyes (environment engineers): a modified surge and block with high strength chlorine, in an effort to reduce blockages. This produced a marginal increase in production. Heindel and Noyes has come up with another proposal, similar to the first, but a bit more aggressive, by using hydrochloric acid to remove the built-up iron currently blocking the water from getting into the well. Well #3 will be off line for this process from Tuesday Aug 28th through Thursday Aug 30th. Hinesburg water system customers are requested to conserve water as much as possible. The State has agreed to pay for this from the Petroleum Clean Up Fund. We will report the results of the latest efforts next week.
- *Water connection*--New water service connection completed on Richmond Rd.
- *Rec Path Project*- Mechanicsville Rd is now one-way northbound from Commerce St to CVU Rd, Mon-Fri from 8am to 6pm. This will continue on into the Fall to allow for construction on the west side of the road. Work continues on Ballards Corner Rd-one more stormwater catch basin to go and then prep work for path paving along that section. When that section is complete both crews will be working along Mechanicsville Rd. Work continued on Mechanicsville Rd, all stormwater catch basins and piping is installed near the CVU/Richmond Rd intersection, crew is working closer to Commerce St on stormwater catch basins and piping. Thanks to everyone for using the detour and alternate routes around the construction site and for your patience with traffic delays.
- *Town Hall*—The Town Hall will be closed this weekend for wood floor refinishing.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Primary Election*--The Primary election was held on Tuesday, August 28th. We had a total of 466 voters participate in the Primary, or approximately 13.5 percent. This is above the average for the State as a whole, though not a high rate of participation. Primaries typically have low turnout, and the General Election will be much higher. The results are available on the town website. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to come in and vote!

Recreation Department

- *Rec Soccer*--Early-incentive Soccer Registration ended 8/24. Final registration deadline is 8/31. Youth Soccer Program begins 9/8. Please register your child for the Youth Soccer Program. Forms are available outside the Recreation Office or online at www.hinesburg.org
- *Fall Festival*--Hinesburg Fall Festival is looking for volunteers - Art Show, Farmer's Market, Harvest Dinner, Music/Entertainment. If you are interested, please contact the Rec. Dept. at 482-2281 ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net
- *Fall programs are available* - After-School Horseback Riding, Dance, Arts and Crafts, Children's Choir, Cake Decorating and an American Red Cross Babysitting Class. Pre-School Dance, Little Striker Soccer, Dog Obedience, and Zumba. Register at Rec. Office - drop or mail options. If you have questions, please call 482-2281 ext. 230 or by e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- A Preschool Story Hour was held @ 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday – led by Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere.
- New fire extinguishers were installed in the appropriate locations.
- Plans were set in motion for an additional bookshelf to be added in the YA area of the library.
- Forty more books, 11 magazines and 5 DVD's were catalogued, prepped and added to our collection August 21st – August 27th.
- A new magazine subscription: Teen Vogue
- Monthly statistics were compiled for July: Circulation of books and other materials = 4,354 checkouts, compared to 3,733 in July last year. This year's figure includes 37 eBooks. Figures for both years include item renewals.
- Board of Trustees monthly meeting was held Wednesday, August 22nd.
- Library Director attended the Hinesburg Senior Meal site with books and other media on August 17th.
- A travel program (Mongolia) was planned for October 17th.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Highway Department

- The Highway crew applied new gravel and graded Texas Hill, Pond Brook, and Sherman Hollow. They also hydro-seeded along new ditch work from the past few weeks.

Town Administrator

- *Bissonette Field Project* – Money was voted into the budget this year to pay for the necessary legal and permitting work to turn approximately 10 acres of land currently owned by Mr. Wayne Bissonette into a Town recreation field facility.

Mr. Bissonette has offered to gift the land to the Town. The funds in the budget are to pay for the legal costs associated with the land transfer and acquiring all the necessary permits so the land is ready for the construction of 2 soccer fields and 1 little league baseball field. Town staff met with Mr. Bissonette to review over the final report completed by Lamoureux & Dickinson and discussed how to best proceed with the legal transfer of the land. Both parties hope to have the land transfer completed before the beginning of October. Once the land transfer is complete and the permits acquired, the Town will have to decide how to best move forward with the construction of the fields. Public financing and private fundraising are both being explored as ways to raise the necessary funding to develop the fields for the good of Hinesburg. The proposed recreation facility is located just off of Shelburne Falls Road, near the intersection of Shelburne Falls Road and Rte 116.

- *FY2013-2014 Budget Preparation* – The Town Administrator met with Selectboard member Phil Pouech in order to set a schedule and process for the development of the FY2013-2014 municipal budget. The budget will be compiled and put together by Town staff between September and October and presented to the Selectboard/public at the first Selectboard meeting in November. The budget will then be deliberated by the Selectboard from November until the Warning for Town Meeting is set at the end of January. All budget information will be available to the general public before the end of November.
- *Public Safety Facility Building* – Staff members met with the consulting architect in order to review the final draft of Phase 3 work. The Selectboard appropriated funds earlier in the summer to study & analyze three possible alternatives: 1) Co-locate police and fire station at the site of the current fire station; 2) a new stand-alone police station; 3) the rehabilitation of the current police station. The findings from from the Phase 3 work will be presented at the Selectboard meeting on September 10th and a preferred alternative will be recommended to go to final design. All information from Phase 3, including design work with the associated costs, will be available to the public (on the Town webpage) by the end of the day on September 7th. An exact date for a public bond vote has not been set for this project; however, Town Meeting in March (2013) is a good bet. Feedback and questions are welcomed and encouraged.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

- *Hannaford Application*-- The Hinesburg Development Review Board (DRB) closed the public hearing on the Hannaford supermarket project on July 17, 2012. After several weeks of closed deliberations, the DRB decided to reopen the site plan review public hearing in order to obtain clarification of evidence important to rendering a decision. Specifically, the DRB needs clarification on the

proposed Farmers Market easement provisions as these relate to the project's required accommodation of the future community facility shown on the Official Map. The DRB will reopen the public hearing for the site plan review at their September 18, 2012 meeting. The DRB intends to limit the scope of the reopened hearing to the general issue noted above. For more information, contact Alex Weinhagen (Director of Planning & Zoning) at 482-2281 ext 225 or hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net.

- *Why, you ask?* --The DRB is trying to issue a comprehensive decision with clear findings based on unambiguous evidence. They respect the time and effort all parties have put into this review, and they want to get the decision right. Check out the May 15 (page 6) and July 17 (pages 2-3) DRB meeting minutes, which summarize some of the specific issues raised by the DRB regarding the written Farmers Market easement provisions proposed by Hannaford. These can be found on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/drb.html>. You can also view the actual recording of these meetings (start at the 15:00 point in the July 17 meeting recording) at the VCAM website at <http://www.vermontcam.org/>. Hannaford's proposed Farmers Market easement provisions (see revised, 5/25/12 version) can be found on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html>.

Planning Commission

- *Rural Area Zoning Proposal*--Staff and commissioners now preparing for the September 12th public hearing on the rural area zoning proposal. Staff preparing presentation materials and doing public outreach to garner interest and raise awareness. DRB planning to review the proposal at their September 4th meeting in order to provide feedback to the PC. The complete proposal is available on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz>.

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