

Town of Hinesburg
Weekly Update
September 5, 2012

Celebrating 250 years

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conf. room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Thursday, a Hinesburg resident was arrested on a warrant and transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- On Monday, a female was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay fines from a Hinesburg case. She was located just over the town line on Charlotte Rd.
- On Monday, Hinesburg Community Police, Hinesburg Fire and Hinesburg First Response responded to a single motorcycle accident on Vermont Route 116 just north of North Rd. The female driver struck the guardrail and subsequently went over the rail and down the embankment approximately ten feet. She sustained major injuries and was transported to Fletcher Allen Hospital.
- On Tuesday morning, the Hinesburg Community Police responded to Richmond Rd. for a reported theft of tools from a job site. Sometime during the weekend, a person(s) broke into a trailer and took several thousand dollars in power tools.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Call Activity*--This past week's activity was few in numbers but serious in nature. The calls received included: possible stroke, bee sting reaction, EMS standby at a CVU football game, lift assist, a field fire and a serious motorcycle accident.

- *Meetings/Classes*—we began our EMS First Responder class at the fire station, held an Officer's meeting and an EMS regular training on Wednesday.

Buildings and Facilities/Water & Wastewater

- *Water/Wastewater*--Well #3 was offline for redevelopment last Tuesday-Thursday. The procedure went well and it was back online by Thursday evening. It is too soon to tell the long term results but initially we are seeing some improvement in well production. Completed water line repairs on Rte. 116 north of Place Road. New chemical storage system put into service at wastewater plant, huge improvement in handling chemical drums.
- *Rec Path Project*--work continued on Ballards Corner Rd with culvert extension, prep for culvert headwall, storm water drainage piping and paving prep. Work continued on Mechanicsville Rd with fill/prep, stone on steep slope, and retaining walls around trees.
- *Mechanicsville Rd*--will be one-way north bound from Commerce St to CVU Rd Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- *Town Hall Flooring*--Hardwood floors in Town Hall were cleaned and sealed with two coats of oil finish over the labor day weekend, lots of moving stuff out of the way and then moving it back

Recreation Department

- *Youth Soccer*--begins on September 8th!!
- *Soccer Coaches' meeting and clinic*--held on September 4th at 6:00 pm.
- *Town Hall Field*--The Town Hall Field is back in commission and will be used for the Youth Soccer program, along with Dog Obedience on Thursday evenings. The Town spent roughly \$24,000 to improve the field. It was out of service for one year.
- *Dog Obedience*--class begins on September 6th.
- *Pre-school Dance*--class begins on September 7th at 10:30 am at the Town Hall.
- *Harvest Dinner tickets*—on sale now at the Rec. Dept. 482-2281 ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net
- *Fall Festival*--If you are interested in a table for the Farmer's Market at the Fall Festival, please call Wendy Ordway at 482-3848.

Planning & Zoning

- *Hannaford*--Staff worked with DRB members and legal counsel to properly reopen the site plan review for the Hannaford project. Site plan will be reopened at the DRB's September 18th meeting to get clarification and take additional evidence on a single topic (proposed Farmers Market venue easement provisions). Peter finalized two other decisions related to the overall Hannaford site plan review. One decision issued for proposed signs – building mounted sign approved, freestanding sign near road was denied. One decision (approval) issued for extended hours after 10pm for cleaning staff, stocking, and inventory. Renae is currently working on getting a mailing out to over 100 interested parties regarding these decisions.

- *Impact Fees*--Peter is working with Marie Gardner (Lister assistant) and a consultant on ways to improve the calculation of fire and police impact fees. They are trying to fine tune these fees to better reflect the true magnitude of a project – e.g., addition of living space versus building a barn or shed.
- *Rural Area Zoning Proposal*--Staff also doing public relations work to spread the word about the Planning Commission’s rural area zoning proposal and the September 12th public hearing. Alex doing outreach to interest groups, individuals, and the community at large (e.g., FPF postings). Also providing information to the media via press releases and interviews. Alex did an interview on Tuesday (September 4th) with a WCAX reporter.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- A Preschool Story Hour was held @ 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday. The monthly Pajama Story Time led by Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere was also held on August 28th; theme: starting school.
- The Nini Crane art exhibit was set up..... A delight!
- Jerry DeGraff installed a new bookshelf unit he built for the Young Adult area. Nice work!
- Fifteen more books, 14 magazines, 2 audio books and 2 DVD’s were catalogued, prepped and added to our collection August 28th – September 3rd.
- An order for 19 adult books and 2 audio books was submitted August 29th.
- An order for 15 juvenile books were prepared and submitted August 22nd.
- New magazine subscription: *This Old House* donated by a library staff member.
- Library news for the Hinesburg Record was submitted August 29th.
- We had some of the pine shelving in the Juvenile Non-fiction area shored up, to better accommodate the weight of the books.
- Book displays were prepared on the topics of “back to school”; also “Howard Frank Mosher” (in advance of the author program September 21st.)
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Town Administrator

- *VLCT Joint-Fiscal Committee* – The Town Administrator attended a meeting for the Joint Fiscal Committee. This committee is responsible for setting policy and reviewing the performance of the investment portfolio for Vermont League of Cities and Town’s three trusts: Health, Property/Casualty (PACIF), and Unemployment. The Town of Hinesburg is a member of all three trusts and purchases insurance accordingly.
- *Vacancies on Town of Hinesburg Committees, Boards, and Commissions*—The following seats are currently open:

Affordable Housing Committee: (1) 3-year term

Agency Review Committee: (1) 3-year term

Conservation Commission: (3) 3-year terms

Economic Development Committee: (2) 1-year terms, (2) 2-year terms, (2) 3-year terms

Planning Commission: (1) 4-year term
Recreation Commission: (1) 3-year term
Town Forest Committee: (1) 3-year term
Village Steering Committee: (1) 3-year term

Applications are available on the Town website or can be picked up in the Town Administrator's office. **All applicants must submit a completed application to the Town Administrator's Office by October 1st, 2012.** The Selectboard will begin interviewing candidates during the month of October. Newly appointed members will begin their service on October 31st. For more information, please contact Renae Marshall at 482-2281 ext. 227 or by e-mail at rmarshall@hinesburg.org.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

- *DRB Meeting/Sept. 4th*--DRB held a meeting on September 4th. Discussed Planning Commission's rural area zoning proposal.
- *Burnett Scrap Metal*--continuing to work on the decision for Burnett Scrap Metal application.
- *New Applications*--New applications recently received include: Subdivision revision on Upper Access Road (Lisa & Steve Carlson property) – proposal to reduce planned road width; Conditional Use for a home occupation at 607 Birchwood Drive (Ed Waite property) – proposal for animal control officer to temporarily house lost/problem dogs; 2-lot Subdivision at 11093 Route 116 (Thibault Farms & Spillane property) – final review for proposal to put two existing multi-family residential buildings on their own lots (no new units proposed).

Planning Commission

- *Rural Area Zoning Proposal*--Next meeting will be the September 12th public hearing on the Rural Area Zoning Proposal. The complete proposal is available on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz>.

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