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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 12, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **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)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- Our department began using a voice mail system for the main phone line. The phone rings in to the station and if no one is there to answer, the caller is directed to either leave a message in the general mail box or can leave a message for a specific employee. Callers requesting immediate emergency assistance are directed to call 911 and callers with non-emergency calls are directed to call the Shelburne Dispatch center at 985-8051. It is imperative that with any new program, any problems or concerns are directed to the Chief.
- A nineteen year old Hinesburg resident was cited into court for Unlawful Mischief, Disturbing the Peace and a Violation of Conditions after an incident where he damaged a vehicle by hitting the vehicle with his fist.
- The same nineteen year old male was later cited for Lewd and Lascivious Conduct for a completely separate and unrelated incident.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Call Activity*—this week we responded to 9 calls-- 7 EMS and 2 Fire calls. EMS also responded on fire calls. We also started the EMR basic EMS responder class this week at our station with classes last Wednesday, Saturday, and Monday.
- *Safety Testing*—this week all of our fire hoses were tested for safety by a company from New York. We faired pretty well only having about 500' of hose fail the test which was very good. Hose testing is part of our preparations for ISO rating.
- *Public Safety Facility*—we continued our committee work on the public safety facilities update meeting with the Selectboard for a phase 3 presentation.

- *Radio System Upgrades*—Chief Barber attended a VT Homeland Security grant meeting where over 2 million dollars was approved for first responders around the state for radio system upgrades.

Buildings and Facilities/Water & Wastewater

- *Water/Wastewater*—Well 3 redevelopment improved production, data collection underway to determine long term results. Preparing for annual State water facility inspection. Completed flushing of some manholes in wastewater system. Repaired leak in water service line on 116 across from town hall. Monthly State reporting for both systems completed.
- *Rec Path Project*—Work continued on Ballard’s Corner Rd, concrete headwall poured and curbing/paving prep is underway. Work on Mechanicsville Rd included final prep work to pour concrete sidewalks near Commerce St, driveway reconstruction, hydrant relocation and excavation to pour concrete headwall around large culvert near Mulberry Lane.

Recreation Department

- *Youth Soccer started on Sat. Sept. 8th*—there are 23 Kindergartners, 12 teams, 20 coaches, and 125 kids total playing in the recreation soccer program this season!
- *Afterschool Piano Lessons*—There are 30 students participating in afterschool piano lessons sponsored by the Rec. Dept.
- *Children’s Choir*—there are 15 students participating in the Children's Choir program sponsored by the Rec. Dept.
- *Afterschool Horseback Riding*—There are 18 students participating in After-School Horseback Riding at Livery Stables sponsored by the Rec. Dept.
- *Afterschool Golf Program*—There are 6 students participating in the After-School Golf program at Cedar Knoll, also sponsored by the Rec. Dept.
- *Pre-School Dance and Little Strikers Soccer* begin this week.
- *Fourth of July Committee*—met with Recreation Commission on September 11th.
- *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.

Highway Department

- Hauled gravel on Lincoln Hill, Texas Hill, Pond Brook, Birchwood Drive, Piette Meadow, Beecher Hill, Buck Hill West and Lavigne Hill roads; graded these roads and sprayed them for dust control.
- Minor ditching on Buck Hill West around the inlet and outlet of some culverts.
- Installed our new 2-way radios in the trucks and equipment. All of these radios were acquired through a Home Land Security Grant (\$ 12,678.00) with the help of Chief Al Barber.
- Sad to say, but on Friday, we started to prepare trucks, equipment and the gravel pit in order to start making winter sand next week.

Planning & Zoning

- *Public hearing tonight (Sept. 12th) for the Planning Commission's Rural Area Zoning Proposal—YOUR feedback is wanted!* There will be a brief overview presentation followed by public comments. Please come early for beverages and homemade desserts provided by our 9 volunteer Planning Commission members. Proposal details are available at the Planning & Zoning office as well as on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz>

Carpenter-Carse Library

- Morning story times were offered on September 4th: @9:00 for toddlers (great turnout!) and @11:00 for preschool children.
- Nini Crane's art exhibit is delighting many of our library patrons.
- 36 more books, 5 magazines, 1 audiobook and 7 DVD's (Jane Eyre & Ken Burns' Civil War series to replace the video collection) were catalogued, prepped and added to our collection September 4th–10th.
- An order for 24 adult books was submitted on September 10th; also an order for 2 in large print.
- An order for 15 juvenile books was prepared and submitted last week.
- One of our library's recent Reference acquisitions is a reliable source of medical information, The 2012 Johns Hopkins White Papers, covering these topics: Volume I: Arthritis* Back Pain & Osteoporosis* Coronary Heart Disease* Depression & Anxiety* Diabetes, and *Digestive Disorders. Volume II: Heart Attack Prevention* Hypertension & Stroke* Lung Disorders* Memory* Nutrition & Weight Control* Prostate Disorders* and *Vision
- Tree branches overhanging the library facility were sawed off a maple at the west end of the property, thanks to volunteer Steve Russell. Further trimming of limbs is planned...winter preparations!
- The annual budgeting process has begun.
- Continuing work on future projects: parking lot and HVAC
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.*

Town Administrator

- *Bissonette Field Project* – Town staff members met with an attorney to start the process of acquiring approximately 11 acres of land from Mr. Wayne Bissonette for the purpose of developing recreational fields. Before accepting the land, the Town will need to go through the subdivision process with the DRB in order to create the parcel of land to be gifted.
- *FY2014 Budget Process and Schedule* – The initial presentation of the FY2014 budget will take place at the November 5th Selectboard meeting. At that time, the budget will be presented as a whole. Starting on November 12th, the Selectboard will go back thru the budget and review each section with the appropriate department head. The process will be complete by January 28th when the Town Meeting Warning will be set by the Selectboard.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Paperless Selectboard Meetings* –Starting September 10, the Selectboard started using iPads to access and review all information before and during the Selectboard meeting. Benefits include the elimination of waste – paper, toner, staff time and effort – used to compile paper Selectboard packets. Another benefit is the ability to access helpful information in real time such as meeting minutes, the Town website, and Selectboard packets from the past.
- *Public Safety Facility Project* – The Selectboard received a presentation from the Town’s consultant architect, Ashar Nelson of Vermont Integrated Architecture, on the master planning efforts completed to date for the public safety facility. Design and cost estimates were prepared for the following alternatives: 1) A co-located police and fire station at the site of the current fire station; 2)A new stand-alone police station; 3a) Fire Station improvements (only) at the site of the current fire station; 4)Rehabilitation and improvement to current police station.
- The consultant architect also unveiled the ‘preferred alternative’ at the Selectboard meeting. The preferred alternative creates a public safety facility ‘campus’ by positioning the new police station next to the existing fire station without it being actually connected physically. The connection between the buildings is created by sidewalks and a shared greenspace/courtyard. This strategy maintains all of the benefits of options 1, 2, and 2a and also allows more flexibility to complete the project all at once or to develop the project in phases over time. With this option there is an opportunity to do the entire project; to do just the police facility; to do the police facility + new support space for the fire department; or to do the police facility + the new apparatus space for the fire department. Furthermore, the resulting buildings are smaller in scale than a single co-located facility and will fit the surroundings better in the heart of Hinesburg Village; it will have roof forms consistent with Town Planning; and it will resolve snow and water issues better. The functionality desired of co-locating the public safety functions under one roof will not be diminished by the lack of physical connectivity in this ‘campus’ alternative.
- Selectboard members and members of the public who were present at the meeting gave initial affirmation to the preferred alternative. Discussion will continue at the September 24th Selectboard meeting. The goal will be for the Selectboard to officially adopt a motion to move forward with the preferred alternative and then to decide which phases of the project might be completed initially and which phases, if any, may be completed at some time in the future.
- *Geprag’s Park and Proposed VT Gas Line* – The Selectboard will seek an opinion from an attorney as to whether or not VT Gas is able to use Geprag’s Park to expand their natural gas pipeline from Burlington down to Middlebury. One local resident brought up the possibility that the pipeline conflicts with the idea

that the property 'shall be used only as a public park or school or for public recreation or educational purposes'.

- *Master Planning for Town Gravel Pit Site* – The Selectboard approved applying for ECOS (Environment. Community. Opportunity. Sustainability.) grant funding to develop a master plan for the Hinesburg town gravel pit site which includes the Town highway garage, the solid waste district, and the Town gravel pit area. The grant application is due towards the end of September.
- *Return to Work Policy and Designated Medical Provider Policy* – The Selectboard adopted a Return to Work Policy and Designated Medical Provider Policy. The goal of these related policies is to assist in the physical recovery of any Town staff member injured on the job and out on worker's compensation insurance.

Affordable Housing Committee

- With the help of Efficiency VT, UVM Community Development and Applied Economics professors and grad students, CVOEO Mobile Home Project and Weatherization Program, HFI, owner/manager of Mountain View Mobile Home Park, we are preparing to do a survey of park residents in advance of a potential project to assist residents in reducing energy costs. The door-to-door survey will be conducted Sept 22nd -23rd; results of the survey will be used in applying for grant funding through Efficiency VT and other resources.

Conservation Commission

- The Conservation Commission strongly urges all residents who want to preserve "the rural character" of Hinesburg to study the proposed rural zoning changes on the town website and to attend the public hearing tonight (Sept. 12th) at Town Hall to voice their support (and criticisms) to the Planning Commission.

Town Forest Committee

- The Forest Committee has completed their work on the Management Plan for the Hayden Hill Town Forest. The Selectboard will be holding a final Public Hearing on the Plan on Monday, September 24th at 8:00 pm and hopefully will be voting on its acceptance.

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