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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 19, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Saturday, September 29th, 2012, the Hinesburg Community Police in cooperation with Kinney Drugs will be holding another drug take back. This event is sanctioned by the Drug Enforcement Agency and has been very successful each time it has been held. The collection hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Kinney Drug store at Vermont Route 116 and Farmall Dr. Any and all expired or no longer used drugs are welcome for turn in.
- A problem that is occasionally occurring is the traffic signal coming out of Lantman's is not turning green. Once hung up, the light will not trip for vehicles exiting the store. The problem usually happens when a vehicle fails to stop at the limit line and pulls forward into the crosswalk. The camera that senses a vehicle may miss the vehicle and not trip the light. Regardless of the number of vehicles behind, the camera will not sense any more vehicles. Besides the two big signs that say where to stop, this is one of the reasons why.
- On Wednesday, Chief Koss attended the first meeting of the school year for the Hinesburg Community School Safety Committee. These are monthly meetings that include emergency drills and discussions on issues related to safety and security.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Call Activity*—this week we responded to 5 EMS calls and one motorcycle/car crash on RT 116, North of Shelburne Pond Road.
- *Training*—we continued the EMR First Response training class. We also had 4 members attend a High Angle Rope Rescue class in Charlotte as well as covering CVU football game standbys.

- *Meeting cancellations*--Because of the EMR class practical's we will not have a business meeting this week. We also cancelled the Tuesday night Officer's meeting due to only 2 of 6 Officers being available to meet.

Buildings and Facilities

- *Rec Path Project*-- work continued on Ballard's Corner Rd- backfilling around the large culvert and preparations for paving. Work along Mechanicsville Rd included pouring concrete sidewalk and curbing near Commerce St , pouring concrete headwall at large culvert by Mulberry Lane and driveway reconstruction. Property owner meetings held to discuss landscaping installation.

Recreation Department

- *Lining Fields*--Tom Giroux and Jen McCuin lined the U12 and U10 soccer fields.
- *Youth Soccer Games*--started on Saturday. Hinesburg Rec. hosted Charlotte 3/4 girls and 5/6 girls.
- *7th Annual Fall Festival*--will be held Sat. Sept. 29th at the Town Hall. Art Show, Music, Farmer's Market, Kids Activities, Food, Crafts, and fun for all!!
- *Harvest Dinner at NRG* - Saturday Sept. 29th at 6:00 pm. Homemade, local ingredient soups, stews, salads, and desserts. Tickets on sale at Brown Dog Books, Town Clerk's Office, Rec. Dept. and during Fall Festival. Sponsored by the Hinesburg Land Trust, but benefits the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Highway Department

- The department made approx. 2000 yards of winter sand.
- North Road paving was done this week and a small section of Richmond Road had some shimming done to it.
- The sander controllers were installed in two of our trucks.
- Road foreman, Mike Anthony attended a foreman meeting in Bristol. The topic was vehicle maintenance and CDL law changes.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Voting Information*--The General Election is closing in and we should have the ballots in the office and available for early voting sometime next week. For those people who are new to Hinesburg, please come in to register to vote any time during our normal office hours of Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm except Wednesdays when we are open from 10 am to 6 pm. Don't lose out on your chance to vote in this important election! The deadline to register to vote is the Wednesday before the election.
- *Property Taxes*--due on November 15th. If you have any questions about your bill, please don't hesitate to call us at 482-2281 Ext. 223.

Planning & Zoning

- *PC Meeting Prep*--Staff (primarily Alex) spent a lot of time preparing for last week's Planning Commission rural zoning public hearing. Preparation included a concise presentation of a substantial proposal as well as a whole host of supporting information, charts, maps to have available for potential questions or for PC members to refer to. Presentation was made, but Murphy's Law kicked in and none of the supplementary materials were needed at the hearing--still better to be prepared.
- *DRB Meeting Prep*--Murphy's Law strikes again... Staff spent a good slug of last week preparing for the September 18th DRB meeting – reopening of Hannaford review, two other new applications, finalization of decisions for two other previously reviewed applications. Efforts not wasted, but closure postponed when the September 18th DRB meeting had to be cancelled due to no power at the Town Office on Tuesday evening.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- A Preschool Story Hour was held @ 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11th.
- Forty-six more books, 18 magazines and 5 DVD's were catalogued, prepped and added to our collection the week of September 11th – 17th.
- An order for 14 juvenile books was prepared and submitted on September 12th.
- Budgeting for 2013-14 continues.
- Book displays were prepared on the topics of *Apple Time in Vermont*, *DCF Books & Insects*.
- Electrician and Monte Stokes replaced several ballasts in the library's overhead lighting units...more to be done soon. Your volunteer work is much appreciated, Monte!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Water/Wastewater Department

- *Sanitary Survey*--VT DEC Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division conducted Sanitary Surveys for both the Hinesburg Water System and the Lyman Meadows water system. A Sanitary Survey includes inspection of Wells, treatment facilities, and all pumping stations, as well as checking records, logs, maintenance of equipment and facilities, and overall status of Water systems.
- *Water System Alarms*--responded to calls for Lyman meadow water system alarms.
- Repairs made to PRV at Cemetery pump station.
- *Well # 3*--Continued monitoring of Well #3 productivity after rehabilitation efforts.
- Monthly sampling of water system completed.
- Monthly reporting for Wastewater system completed.

Town Administrator

- *Impact Fee Ordinance*—Town staff members and Selectboard member Andrea Morgante met to review work completed to date on the reassessment of the Impact Fee Ordinance. Currently, the Town is looking at how to more appropriately charge impact fees on increases in value opposed to increases in square footage. Conversation centered around the trade-off between accurately assessing changes to value and the desire to keep the process simple to administer. The Town will continue working on reevaluating the Impact Fee Ordinance.
- *Public Safety Facility*—Conversation will continue at the September 24th Selectboard meeting on the proposed public safety facility. The preferred alternative is a public safety ‘campus’ in which a new police station would be built close to, but not adjoining, the current fire department. More information is available at <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

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.

Development Review Board

- *Meeting Cancellation*—a rather full DRB meeting on September 18th had to be cancelled due to a power failure at the Town Office. The lights went out just before the meeting started, and the meeting was called after about 25 minutes of everyone waiting in the dim light of emergency lighting. All applications were continued to the next DRB meeting on October 2nd – including the reopened Hannaford site plan review.

Planning Commission

- *Rural Area Zoning Public Hearing*—The Planning Commission held their much anticipated rural zoning public hearing on September 12th. Attendance was excellent with 75 in the audience (not counting PC members or staff). Lots of good feedback received including serious concerns, accolades, and some suggestions for compromise. Fewer questions and more specific comments at this hearing compared to previous public forums on this topic. Clearly, many of those who spoke had taken the time to read and understand the proposal. Very

encouraging and appreciated! The Commission will discuss possible revisions and how to proceed at their September 26th meeting.

Recreation Commission

- *July 4th Committee*—met with the Recreation Commission on September 11th. Still looking for a few more members for July 4th Committee. Discussed more fundraising and activity options for the 4th.
- *Bissonette Field Project*--Recreation Commission discussed land donation by Wayne and Barbara Bissonette for recreation fields/facility and funding options.

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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