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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 26, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- Final reminder that on Saturday, September 29th, 2012, the Hinesburg Community Police in cooperation with Kinney Drugs will be holding another prescription drug take back. 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.
- On Thursday, a house off of Gilman Road was burglarized. A possible description of a suspect vehicle was given by a neighbor. There are some possible leads that are being investigated.
- On Sunday night, the on-call officer was notified of a disturbance on Hillview Terrace. It was quiet upon arrival of the officer and several people were contacted and there was no reoccurrence of the problem.

Buildings and Facilities

- *Rec Path Project*—Work continued on Ballard's Corner Rd and Shelburne Falls Rd, all prep work for paving is completed. Once paving is finished, a little touch up will be needed with topsoil, seed, and mulch. Work along Mechanicsville Rd continued with backfill on both sides of headwall. Across stream near Mulberry Lane, additional curb and sidewalk prep work, some more curbing poured and curbing backfill. Property owner meetings continue for the purpose of working out finish details of landscaping and fill for seeding.

Recreation Department

- *After-School Arts and Crafts class*—began on September 21st.
- *American Red Cross Babysitting Class*—still has slots available! The class is scheduled for Oct. 10th and 11th from 3:00-6:15 pm in the Spanish Room at HCS. Cost is \$85.
- *After-School Dance Class*—also has slots available! This class runs from Oct. 2nd through Dec. 18th (10 classes) for \$100. Register with HRD - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *7th Annual Fall Festival*—will be held this Saturday, Sept. 29th from 10:00-4:00 at the Town Hall. Art Show, Music, Farmer's Market, Kids Activities, Food, Crafts, and fun for all!! There will be a puppet show by *No Strings Marionettes- "The Treasure Hunt"* at 10:15 am at the Osborne Parish Hall in the United Church.
- *Harvest Dinner at NRG* - Saturday Sept. 29th at 6:00 pm. Homemade local ingredient soups, stews, salads, and desserts. Tickets are still available at Brown Dog Books, Town Clerk's Office, Rec. Dept. and during Fall Festival. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and 2 years and under are free. Sponsored by the Hinesburg Land Trust, but benefits the Hinesburg Food Shelf.
- *50/50 Raffle*—the July 4th Committee will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the Fall Festival.

Highway Department

- *Winter sand*—screening of winter sand was completed this week. A total of 4,300 yards were screened and stock piled.
- *Storm clean-up*—some small trees were removed from roadways after Tuesday's storm and a few wash outs were repaired.
- *North Road Paving project*--started building shoulders and repairing driveways along North Road's new pavement.
- *Sediment ponds*—built on Pond Road at two locations to help prevent erosion and sediment entering Lake Iroquois.

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 soon. 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.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- A wonderful event featuring author Howard Frank Mosher was held Friday evening at the library, with 49 adults in attendance. Howard shared slides and read from his latest memoir *The Great Northern Express: a writer's journey home*. He graciously engaged in conversation with everyone before and after his presentation. This program already has become one of our fondest memories!
- Story times were well attended on Tuesday, 9/18: Ten children @ the one for babies and toddlers and five @ the one for 3 – 5 yr. olds.
- Outreach: Sue Barden shared large print books and DVD's with her friends at the Area Agency on Aging Senior Meal Site in Hinesburg on Friday, September 21st. This library outreach is a monthly service to seniors. Sue brings an assortment of books and other media, takes special requests for specific titles and enjoys a meal with the group.
- CSSU Community Skills Program students Dani DeMag and Nicole Akiki lent a hand @ the library on September 18th & 24th. Thanks, Dani & Nicole! The girls' accomplishments at the library are much appreciated, as are the able guidance of Community Skills Program Staff and the spirit of cooperation embodied in library employee Judy Curtis. The students gain experience in a working environment once/week.
- Kelly Winter's regular Monday and Thursday help as a volunteer was invaluable.
- Twenty-six more books, 6 magazines, 2 audiobooks and 3 DVD's were catalogued, prepped and added to our collection September 18th – 24th.
- Budgeting for 2013-14 continues.
- Staff meeting held on September 24th.
- Board of Trustee meeting scheduled for September 26th at 7:30.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.*

Water/Wastewater Department

- *Water Feasibility Study*—Met with an engineer to gather information on doing a Water Feasibility Study.
- *Wastewater Sampling*—Monthly Wastewater sampling conducted.
- *Pump Failure at Lyman Meadows*—Responded to Lyman Meadows for a pump failure which impacted all of Lyman Meadow residents with either low pressure, or no water. Subsequently responded to numerous calls, and emails from residents concerning this incident.
- *Route 116 Paving Project*—Met with Rocky and VTrans to discuss the Route 116 paving project and the impacts on the water and sewer infrastructure.
- *Sludge Removal*—Sludge removal at the Lagoons has started and is expected to continue over the next week or so.

Town Administrator

- *Volunteers Needed!*—Many seats are still available on various Hinesburg Boards, Committees, and Commissions! The deadline to apply is rapidly approaching! The application form, information, and seats available can be found on the Town website at the following link: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Affordable Housing Committee

- *Energy Efficiency Survey*—the Affordable Housing Committee started an energy efficiency survey of Mountain View Mobile Home Park on Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd. A total of 23 out of 47 residents were surveyed. Additional survey times are set for Wednesday September 26th and Thursday, September 27th in the afternoon. We plan on leaving information with contact info for those folks not at home. UVM grad students are assisting with our survey and have proven to be a huge help.

Conservation Commission

- Current focus is on finishing latest draft of the Greenspace Plan for submission to Alex Weinhagen, Town Planner.

Selectboard

- *Rte 116 Paving* – Representatives from VTRANS gave a presentation on the planned paving of Rte 116 next summer thru Hinesburg. Their plan is to begin paving in early May and complete by the end of September. Discussion centered around the poor condition of the northbound lane on the south end of town, the painting of the crosswalk near the United Methodist Church, the stormwater catch basin at the intersection of Charlotte Rd and Rte 116; the improvement and synchronization of the Lantman’s traffic light.
- *Village Steering Committee Annual Update* – The Village Steering Committee informed the Selectboard of their on-going Village Visualization Project (expected to be complete in November); attempts to work with Village landowners on beautification issues; possible ideas for the improvement of Memorial Park; efforts to have a master plan for benches and streetlights; gains made to the Town’s sidewalk infrastructure.
- *Town Forest Management Plan* – The Selectboard formally adopted the Town Forest Management Plan.
- *LaPlatte Headwater Town Forest Management Plan* – The Selectboard amended a section of the LHTFMP to suspend biking and horseback riding until the trail can be brought up to proper standards to allow for those uses once again. The Selectboard will discuss funding/budget issues associated with the rehabilitation of said trail during budget season.

- *Public Safety Facility* – The Selectboard formally adopted the public safety ‘campus’ as the preferred alternative moving forward. The public safety campus consists of a new police facility built near but not adjoining the current fire station. The master plan shows for additions to the current fire station too. There will be further discussion regarding the phasing of the master plan at the next Selectboard meeting.
- *Village Growth Center Designation* – The Selectboard endorsed the submission of a grant application for Growth Center Designation from the State Municipal Planning Grant Program.
- *On-street Parking on Farmall Drive* – The Selectboard endorsed the concept of on-street parking along the north side of Farmall Drive as proposed by the developer of Hinesburg Center.

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