

# Town of Hinesburg

*Celebrating 250 years*

## *Weekly Update*

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### October 3, 2012



#### Upcoming Meetings...

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- The Drug Take Back on Saturday at Kinney Drugs was very successful as have been the previous collections. This is the most efficient and safe method for prescription drug disposal and it is hoped that the DEA continues the program,
- The week before last, a citizen had reported that her newspaper had been stolen most days for the entire summer. The Burlington Free Press carriers and supervisor had also reported the problem. While staking out the box, the carrier observed a man stop at the boxes and when confronted, denied the thefts. Police also had a talk with the Hinesburg resident. It is hoped that this stops the problem. Good job to the Burlington Free Press employees.
- On Friday, a female Bristol resident was arrested on a warrant and transported to Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- On Saturday, a theft occurred at the Aubuchon Hardware store and was discovered when the suspects returned the items to the Aubuchon Hardware store in Shelburne in an attempt to receive money back. There is good video footage and the investigation continues.

##### **Buildings and Facilities**

- *Rec Path Project*—Work along Mechanicsville Rd continued with curb and sidewalk prep work, additional curbing and sidewalk poured. Property owner meetings continue for the purpose of working out finish details of landscaping and fill for seeding.

## **Recreation Department**

- *7th Annual Fall Festival & Harvest Dinner*—was a great success, despite less than favorable weather. The dinner sold out and all walk-ins were accommodated. Total receipts and amount from dinner are still being calculated and proceeds will go to the Hinesburg Food Shelf.
- *Charlotte Soccer Jamboree*—eleven youth soccer teams participated in the annual Charlotte Soccer Jamboree.
- *After-School Dance Class*—9 students are enrolled in the after-school dance class scheduled to begin this week.
- *American Red Cross Babysitting Class*—still has slots available! The class is scheduled for Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:15 pm in the Spanish Room at HCS. Cost is \$85. Please contact the Rec. Dept. at 482-2281 ext. 230 or [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) to register.
- *AARP Driver Safety Class*—also still has rooms available! The class is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room of the Town Hall. Cost is \$12 for AARP members or \$14 for non-members. Please contact the Rec. Dept. at 482-2281 ext. 230 or [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) to register.

## **Highway Department**

- *Road Grading*—took place on Baldwin Road, Pond Brook Road and touch up grading on some short roads.
- *North Road Paving Project*—Driveways repaired along the newly paved portion of North Road.
- *Lincoln Hill Road*—Ditching and Rip-Rap work on Lincoln Hill Road
- *New Highway Dump Truck*—Took delivery of our new International 7500 4x4 dump truck. Then we delivered it to the body company to have the dump body and plow equipment installed.
- *Route 116 Paving Project*—Met with AOT to discuss next year's paving project on Route 116.

## **Town Clerk's Office**

- *Voting Information*—The General Election is closing in and the ballots are now in the office and available for early voting. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about your bill, please don't hesitate to call us at 482-2281 Ext. 223.

## **Planning & Zoning**

- *On-street Parking*—Attended the September 24<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting to assist with the discussion of potential new on-street parking along the north side of Farmall Drive as part of the ongoing development of the property near Kinney Drugs.

- *Hinesburg Land Trust*—Assisted the Hinesburg Land Trust with maps for potential trailhead parking (3 cars) to access a trail open to the public on their Lewis Creek Road property.
- *PC Meeting Prep*—Prepared for and staffed the September 26<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting to discuss possible revisions to the rural zoning proposal based on feedback from the September 12<sup>th</sup> public hearing.
- *Municipal Planning Grant Application*—Wrote and submitted a grant application in hopes of receiving a municipal planning grant for \$15,000 so that we can develop a Growth Center Designation application in 2013 for consideration by the VT Downtown Board. We will find out about the grant in December. This designation provides a number of benefits that would benefit development where we've planned for it (i.e., village growth area) – benefits accruing to landowners, developers, and the Town.
- *Weed Road Improvements*—Provided feedback to the Selectboard on recent improvements to Weed Road as it relates to a proposed subdivision at the end of that road.
- *New DRB Applications*—Received several new development applications, including a 25-unit project on the south side of the village on Route 116, and a new location for Hinesburg Family Health on the north side of the village (across from the Jiffy Mart) on Shelburne Falls Road.
- *DRB Meeting Prep*—Prepared for and staffed October 2<sup>nd</sup> Development Review Board meeting.
- *FY 2013-2014 Budget*—currently putting together the FY2013-2014 Planning & Zoning department budget.
- *Planning Workshop*—Alex continues to coordinate a fall planning workshop that will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup> by the VT Planners Association (statewide professional planners association). This workshop will focus on planning for large-scale renewable energy projects and various planning success stories from across the state

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

- A Preschool Story Hour was held @ 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Pajama Story Time, held the same evening, was a treat that brought 9 children and 11 adults to the library parking lot to climb on a real fire truck and enjoy a fun learning experience with special guest Eric Spivak from the Hinesburg Fire Department.
- Since September 18<sup>th</sup>, our Youth Services Librarian has prepared and submitted an order for 25 juvenile books and 6 (book/CD) read-along kits.
- Budgeting for 2013-14 continues.
- Library Director's work has begun on the *Annual Public Library Report & Minimum Standards Report* for the State of Vermont Dept. of Libraries.
- Library Staff arranged a new book display on the topic of *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*.
- A Board of Trustees meeting was held September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Thanks to local locksmith Leon Lestage, the library's exterior door locks are now in tip-top condition.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—[http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).*

### **Water/Wastewater Department**

- *Operation Challenge*—Water/Wastewater Superintendent Brian Mattison is participating in the Operation Challenge competition in New Orleans this week as part of a team from Vermont-Good Luck Brian!
- *Water/Wastewater Sampling*—Regular water and wastewater sampling and monthly reporting for both systems is underway.
- Water meter installation at home on Richmond Rd.
- Dealing with a pesky well control problem in Lyman Meadow water system.
- *Sludge Removal*—sludge removal at the lagoons is now almost complete.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Volunteers Needed!*—Many seats are still available on various Hinesburg Boards, Committees, and Commissions! The deadline has been extended! 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*—is now completed at Mountain View Mobile Home Park; 26 of 47 residents were surveyed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.

### **Selectboard**

- *Weed Road* – The Selectboard participated in a site visit on Weed Road in order to review the improvements completed to date by the Rowell family. The Rowell family is upgrading the road per requirements of the DRB prior to subdividing their land in order to build a new home.
- *Animal Control Ordinance* – A Public Hearing was held prior to amending Hinesburg's Animal Control Ordinance per recommendation by Chief Koss. The ordinance has been amended to address instances when a dog bites another domestic animal. The original ordinance only addressed instances when a dog had bitten a person.
- *Complete Streets & Line Striping* – The Selectboard OK'd the expenditure of additional funds to stripe the newly paved portion of North Road with fog lines in order to enhance driver safety and provide safer travel for walkers and bicyclists. The Town will also look at including an annual budget for line

striping in the next budget and put a greater emphasis on adhering to the Complete Streets legislation during all road paving projects.

- *Lake Iroquois Association* – The Lake Iroquois Association came back to the Selectboard to review the work the group has completed to date to mitigate storm water runoff and algae blooms in the lake. This year they built three stone catch basins with money from the Towns of Williston and Hinesburg. The Association is currently working to secure funding from grants and other sources to further mitigate erosion patterns. The Association indicated its intention to request money from the Hinesburg town budget in the upcoming budget to help with their efforts.
- *Public Safety Facility* – The Selectboard made a motion to move the public safety facility project to Phases 4 & 5 by allocating \$15,000 from impact fees for that purpose. With this funding the Town will receive conceptual designs and cost estimations for the public safety facility campus, including a new police station built next to the current fire house and additions to the fire station. However, it is understood that the project will be a phased project and the police station will go before the voters at Town Meeting. The police station will be designed so that half of the sallyport could be used to house fire apparatus so that the most immediate space needs of the fire department can be met while the most immediate building needs of the police department can be met in the most efficient manner. With the conceptual designs and cost estimation work, the Selectboard will have the information necessary to place a bond figure on the Town Meeting ballot for voters to weigh-in on. A schedule of public meetings and deliverable dates will be offered to the Selectboard at the next meeting.
- *Wine Tasting at Indoor Farmer’s Market* – The Selectboard agreed to allow for wine-tasting vendors at Hinesburg’s Indoor Farmer’s Market on October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup> at Hinesburg’s Town Hall. Currently, the stated policy of Town Hall is that the consumption of alcohol is not-allowed. The Selectboard did not amend that policy; they only allowed for wine-tasting for these 3 events.
- *Police Services to CVU* – The Selectboard signed a letter to the CVU Board indicating that the Town would not request funding from CVU at this point in time for police services the Town of Hinesburg offers faculty, staff, and students at CVU, many of whom come from outside of Hinesburg. The Chief of Police and Town Administrator reviewed the data and determined that the call volume and other community outreach efforts made by the Hinesburg Community Police Department did not support a request for funding at this time. Town officials will continue to monitor the data and may make a like request to the CVU Board in the future.

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