

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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October 17, 2012



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Public Safety Facility/Lot 1 Master Planning:** *Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Wednesday, October 10th, police responded to a four vehicle accident on CVU Road near Vermont Route 116. Although there are not usually four vehicles involved, rear end collisions are the number one accident in Hinesburg. A driver needs to pay particular attention to maintaining a safe following distance and be ready for stopped vehicles near the intersections.
- On Thursday, October 11th, officers provided traffic control for a vehicle fire in front of Kinney Drugs. Hinesburg Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Call Activity*—This week the fire department responded to seven calls. As mentioned before, we are beginning to get many carbon monoxide detector calls. This week we received two. During one of the CO calls, our last CO meter failed so we had to scramble to purchase a new one. Along with our CO calls, we responded to two sole medical calls, a four car accident on CVU Road, a one car accident on Route 116 in Shelburne, a car fire at Kinney Drugs at which Engine 3's fire pump failed and a structure fire in Shelburne.
- *Engine 3*—The repairs to Engine 3 were simple; a hose clamp loosened allowing compressor oil to leak out. The larger problem was that there was no oil in Vermont for it. The oil has now arrived thanks to H & M Auto Parts.
- *Structure Fire*—The Shelburne structure fire was quite labor intensive with several fire departments being involved, including three Hinesburg trucks as well as manpower. Chief Barber was in charge initially until a Shelburne Chief arrived from out of town. He then was tasked with firefighting operations. The towers from South Burlington and Burlington were both called to the scene.

- *Assistance Provided*—During the Saturday incident at the Starksboro Jamboree in Bristol, two of our Hinesburg Firefighter/EMTs were mere feet from the incident and rendered immediate aid with one of them driving a Bristol ambulance to the hospital.

Highway Department

- *Shoulder Work*—Last week we got together with the Town of Monkton and the Town of Starksboro to install shoulders on North Road. We started in Monkton installing shoulders on the Bristol Road and Vergennes Road. Together we were able to do 9 miles of shoulder work in 2 days. Thank you Monkton and Starksboro!
- *Lincoln Hill Road*—Ditching and Rip-Rap were finished on Lincoln Hill Road. Also 100 feet of drainage pipe was installed in the steep section of the hill. This should take care of a very bad mud spot in the spring.
- *Winter Preparations*—Some minor repair work was performed on the trucks and equipment in preparation for winter
- *Budget prep*—work continued on budget preparation
- *Training*—attended a Back Injury Prevention Class

Recreation Department

- *Starksboro Jamboree*—Eleven soccer teams participated in the Starksboro Jamboree at Mt. Abe High School on Sat. October 13th. Unfortunately, a car crashed into a field with a game in progress, injuring 5 people. EMTs and medical personnel responded and transported the injured. Coaches and parents responded efficiently and compassionately to support children. All available information was shared with HCS principal prior to Monday morning. Anyone with thoughts/concerns should contact the Rec. Dept.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Voting Information*—Early & Absentee Voters are taking advantage of Vermont's statute allowing voters to fill out their ballots ahead of Election Day. We have had over 300 early and absentee voters thus far and expect to have well over 1000 by Election Day. You are free to come in any time during normal office hours to vote.
- *Property taxes*—due on November 15th, 2012. You can pay by either cash or check, though if you do pay cash, we ask that you bring exact change.

Buildings and Facilities

- *Rec Path Project*—work continued along Mechanicsville Rd-pouring curbing and sidewalk, topsoil seeding and mulch. Fencing along CVU Rd and part of Mechanicsville Rd started. Property owner meetings continue focusing on driveway access and landscaping details.

Water/Wastewater

- *Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection*—Follow up state inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant was conducted by Jeff Fehrs. His primary focus was on the sludge that builds up in Lagoon #3B, but also inspected whole lagoon area including sludge holding lagoon (after sludge removal), contact tank, and effluent.
- *State Reporting*—State reports for both Water and Wastewater completed.
- *Well #3*—Met with Selectboard to give an update after completion of rehab work on Well #3.
- *Water Feasibility Study*—Requested approval from the Selectboard for a water feasibility study, to look at the future supply and demand for the Water System for the Town of Hinesburg. The feasibility study was approved. A&E will be conducting the study, and will be supplying us with options to move forward with increasing our supply to meet future demands.
- *Meter Readings*—Started quarterly meter readings. This quarter we are going to more aggressively identify "problem meters". As those meters are identified, customers will be provided a notice asking for them to contact us at the water department to schedule a time to inspect and repair their meter.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- A Preschool Story Hour was held on Tuesday, October 9th.
- On October 12th, the movie "Hunger Games" was shown in the Community Room.
- Learn about Mongolian culture and Susan and Bruce Isham's horseback adventure towards the mountains of Siberia to meet with nomadic reindeer herders on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- The public is invited to a genealogy program presented by Ed McGuire on Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 7:00 p.m. Ed will guide us through an intro to genealogy searches and beyond. Be sure to call the library to register: 482-2878. This program is free!
- Budgeting for 2013-14 continues.
- Work continues on the Annual Public Library Report and Minimum Standards Report for the State of Vermont Dept. of Libraries.
- A plan is in place for replacement of three HVAC rooftop units to be installed.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Town Administrator

- *Volunteers Needed!*—Many seats are still available on various Hinesburg Boards, Committees, and Commissions! The deadline has been extended! The Selectboard will begin interviewing applicants at their November 5th meeting. 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

- *Energy Fair*—preparations underway for Energy Fair at Mountain View Mobile Home Park October 27th. A local contractor has volunteered to demonstrate how an energy audit is done and teams will canvass the park to perform “mini audits”. Energy efficiency information will be available as handouts and we hope to have some products to pass out.

Development Review Board

New application received since October 10th:

- *Jan L. Blittersdorf Revocable Trust* (subdivision revision) – to create an additional lot for the existing tracker farm. This property is located at 110 Riggs Road—scheduled for the November 6th DRB meeting.

Planning Commission

- *Rural Area Zoning*—Continued rural zoning discussions, including substantial conversation with the Zoning Administrator about proposed expanded uses, definitions, and the intent behind certain language. This discussion will continue at the October 24th meeting.

Recreation Commission

- *Bissonette Recreation Field Project*—Met with Buccaneer Youth Football president and Iroquois Soccer Club delegate at Recreation Commission meeting on October 9th to discuss involvement and financial support with the Bissonette Recreation Field project. Both organizations are interested at this point and will be included in future meetings and negotiations.
- *July 4th Committee*—Two residents want to join the July 4th Committee and attended the October 9th Recreation Commission meeting - Shannon Emmons and Irene Kenyon. Both Shannon and Irene plan to attend the next July 4th Committee meeting on November 13th at 7:00 pm.

Selectboard

- *Committee Updates* – Met with the Hinesburg Community Resource Center and the Planning Commission for updates and information sharing.
- *Water Supply Alternatives* – Agreed to hire a consultant (Aldrich & Elliott) to evaluate the potential for alternative water supplies to address future demand for municipal water.
- *Russell Trails* – Agreed to have the Hinesburg Trails Committee take over management and maintenance of the public trails on the Russell Family property in the village.

Village Steering Committee

- *Memorial Park*—At the recent Village Steering Committee meeting there was continued discussion about the proposed improvements to Memorial Park in the Village. The Park is on Route 116 at Silver Street. Very preliminary sketch plan drawings have been developed during brainstorming sessions that call for improvements to the space as a whole, with an eye towards better presenting the memorials. Much more work is still to come.
- *Village Visualization Project*—Work continues on the Village Visualization project that began earlier this year. Meetings with principal stakeholders are being scheduled now and plans for a public hearing are proposed by the end of the year.



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