

Town of Hinesburg
Weekly Update
October 24, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Police/Fire Departments:

- At the time of this report, the public safety department has been engaged in a response to an accident resulting in an investigation by the Vermont State Police and other local agencies. More information will be available as the investigation continues.

Highway Department

- *Leavensworth Road*—ditching and Rip-Rap on 800 feet of Leavensworth Road South.
- *Lincoln Hill Road*—received a call on Friday night from a resident on Lincoln Hill Road regarding a plugged culvert. After unplugging the culvert, the grader had to be brought further up the road to do repair work where the water had washed out some of the road. The plug was caused by dead limbs and many leaves.
- *North Road*—worked over the weekend applying fog lines along North Road.
- *Winter Preparation*—plow frames were installed on the trucks

Recreation Department

- *Driver's Safety Class*—Hosted a successful Driver Safety Class taught by Baird Morgan on Tuesday. Twelve people attended this worthwhile class.
- *Support Offering*—Hosted a gathering on Thursday evening at Town Hall to support those who witnessed the accident at the Starksboro Jamboree. Resident and parent Suzi Tanner is a licensed social worker who specializes in trauma, shared her expertise in coping with post-traumatic incidents and offered support.
- *Get well cards*—for the injured and driver were available to sign at the Rec. Dept.

- *Youth Basketball*—registration has begun. Register by November 15th and save \$10.
- *Youth Basketball Clinic*—offered by CVU Varsity Women's Coach Ute Otley on December 8th. Time TBA. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Rec. Dept.
- *Vermont Premier Soccer*—Committed to offering a soccer camp in Hinesburg run by Vermont Premier Soccer August 5-9, 2013.

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.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- A henna program for ages 10 and up is coming to the library this Friday, October 26th. Join Rebecca Freedner from Heartfire Henna of Vergennes, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for an overview of the henna plant's rich history and an opportunity to create your own henna design on paper and on yourself. Delve into this ancient art form using 100% natural henna, tea and pure essential oils. As of October 23rd, there are still spaces open at this fun and educational program. If you are interested in attending, please phone 482-2878 to register. Group size is limited and registration is required for this free program.
- 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. Free!
- On October 17th, local residents Susan and Bruce Isham presented a colorful library program about their "Mongolia by Horseback" trip. Twenty-nine library patrons were treated to an informative evening of photography chronicling the family's first-hand experiences with horses and the Mongolian lifestyle. The Isham's stories were rich in detail, humor and most of all, respect for Mongolia's people and culture.
- On Tuesday, October 16th, a Toddler Storytime and Preschool Story Hour were held, with an attendance of 16.
- The Library Director attended a Chittenden County Librarians' Meeting on October 22nd at Fletcher Free Library. The Carpenter-Carse librarians also held their own brief interlibrary loan meeting.

- 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.
- Avonda Air Systems will install three new HVAC rooftop units this fall.
- *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 17th:

- *Hinesburg Village Center, LLC* (Conditional Use/Site Plan Review) – requesting a conditional use permit as required for an office space of over 1000 sq. ft. and an updated site plan review. This property is located at 90 Mechanicsville Rd. in the Village District.

Planning Commission

- *Rural Area Zoning*—continuing 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 tonight’s (October 24th) meeting.

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