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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

November 14, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Committee:** *Monday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Food Drive*—On Saturday, November 3rd, the Hinesburg Community Police and Hinesburg Fire Department hosted a food drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. This successful event resulted in six pallets of food and over \$500 dollars collected.
- *Domestic Assault call*—Luckily we had some civilian volunteers to help during the Food Drive because nineteen minutes into the event, Police and Fire responded to a domestic assault that occurred at a residence on Lewis Creek Road. While First Response attended the victim, police began to look for the suspect. The suspect was subsequently stopped by Vermont State Police in New Haven. After resisting arrest and being taken into custody, he was picked up by the Hinesburg officer and transported to Shelburne Police Department where he could be safely held while the paperwork was completed. He was subsequently charged with felony aggravated assault and lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- *St. George School House*—On Wednesday, November 7th, the Hinesburg Community Police were able to assist in moving the old School House in St. George to its new location. Our department provided traffic control while two DMV officers actually escorted the move.

- *Hawk Lane Incident*—On Thursday, November 8th, Hinesburg Community Police officers responded to a residence on Hawk Ln. for an individual out of control. The person was talked into leaving the home without incident. The next night, police responded to the same residence for the same individual. This time, the individual was not cooperative and ended up getting arrested for Simple Assault, Assault on a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest. The subject was transported to Shelburne Police Department where he could be safely held while the paperwork was completed. He was transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- *Rear-end Accidents*—On Thursday the 8th, police responded to a four car rear end accident northbound on Vermont Route 116 near NRG. The next day at the same time of day at the same location, another rear end accident occurred involving two vehicles. It is imperative to be attentive to the vehicles ahead especially when approaching hills and curves.
- *Emergency Contact Information Request*—The Hinesburg Community Police department is in the process of contacting all the local businesses for emergency contact information. The requested information is voluntary but will assist us during an emergency to contact the necessary people. An officer will stop by and provide information on the program.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Call Activity*—In the past two weeks the Fire Department has responded to 13 EMS calls and 5 Fire calls including 1- two car crash and the following day a 4 car crash in the same location, same time of day just north of NRG on Rt.116
- *EMS Monthly Call Review*—The EMS branch did their monthly call review followed by a quick discussion of CPR procedures along with some scenarios.
- *Chittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee*—The Chief chaired the monthly meeting of the Chittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee in Winooski on Tuesday. At that meeting there was a review of the CSWD emergency response plan for the hazardous waste facility along with a presentation by Gabe Palazzi on the National Protect program.
- *Congratulations Jeremy Southwell*—This week we welcomed Jeremy Southwell in to the EMS branch as a First responder after successfully completing his EMR testing.
- *HFD 2013-2014 Proposed Budget Review*—Monday night the Chief reviewed the proposed Fire Department budget for the 2013-2014 year. While other members of the department were initially present, the room quickly emptied out as the EMS members responded to a medical call in St. George.

Highway Department

- *Road Grading*—Graded Texas Hill Rd., Bishop Rd., Hayden Hill Rd. East and West, Gilman Rd., Hines Rd., and Isham Road. Gravel was hauled to some of these roads as well.
- *Winter Prep*—Rearranged the storage shed for winter use. Received 5 loads of salt. Work continued on trucks and equipment in preparation for winter.

- *Repair & Maintenance*—Weekly repairs and maintenance on trucks and equipment.

Recreation Department

- *Youth Basketball Registration*—Early incentive Youth Basketball registration continues. Save \$10 per player by registering by November 15th, 2012.
- *Coaches Needed*—Coaches needed for Kindergarten and 3rd/4th grade boys for upcoming basketball season.
- *Winter Brochure*—Winter brochure is posted online. Hard copies will be mailed.
- *Louise Roomet Turkey Lane Turkey Trot*—Walkers and runners, mark your calendars for the Louise Roomet Turkey Lane Turkey Trot on Sunday, Nov. 25th at the intersection of Lewis Creek Road and Turkey Lane. Registration starts at 12:30 pm. Walkers start 12:45 pm and runners begin at 1:00 pm. No rain date. Proceeds to benefit the Hinesburg Land Trust.
- Reached a cool milestone by completing a reference letter for my first Graduation Challenge student to teach English in China.
- *Piano Lessons*—Arranged coverage for Thursday piano lessons due to instructor's absence.
- Began brainstorming an outline of usage and terms for future recreation fields at the Bissonette Recreation Fields.

Town Clerk's Office

- *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- the big retaining wall by Patrick Brook-approximately half finished. Some curbing poured in this section. Paving completed for path near Merchants Bank and base course along Mechanicsville Rd. We are working out details to get project finished for this year, most likely finish course of paving will be completed next spring. Finished submittal to VTrans for project reimbursement.
- *Misc*—Cleaned up after Election Day voting at Town Hall. Moved sidewalk plow equipment to temporary new home at Cheese Plant. In the words of the Stark Family on Game of Thrones- “Winter is Coming”—although it didn't feel like it Monday when it was 68 degrees!

Carpenter-Carse Library

- The installation of a new heating system will be completed by Thursday, November 15th, 2012. The work was rescheduled due to inclement weather. We regret any inconvenience caused by the closure but are happy to get new efficient heating units! The library will be open Wednesday evening and Thursday.
- *Special Events:* The Very Merry Theatre is coming to the library on Tuesday, November 20th, at 4:00 p.m. to present *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* (a

play.) This whimsical reinvention of Shakespeare's tragic love story, told in Dr. Seuss style, is happy with a lot of rhyme, energy and fun. It is about 45 minutes in length and suitable for all ages. Registration is encouraged, 482-2878. Free Program.

- *Art Exhibit: Naturally Vermont: Watercolors by Deb Runge...* The exhibit is free and open to the public during Carpenter-Carse Library's regular business hours from November 12th through December 28th, 2012.
- Fourteen children and twelve parents attended the November 6th story times.
- 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.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Water/Wastewater

- *Mechanicsville Road*—Completed installation of hydrant extensions on Mechanicsville Rd to bring them up to grade.
- *Lyman Meadows*—Vermont Well & Pump came to Lyman Meadow to look at the pump control issues we have been experiencing. We will still be controlling them manually until the issue is resolved.
- *Water Feasibility Study*—Communications continued with Cynthia Sprague, the hydrologist working with A&E as well as Joe Duncan of A&E for the Water feasibility study.
- *Wastewater Sampling*—began monthly wastewater sampling
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Town Administrator

- *Volunteers Needed!*—Many seats are still available on various Hinesburg Boards, Committees, and Commissions! The deadline has been extended! The Selectboard will continue interviewing applicants at their November 19th meeting. The application form, information, and seats available can be found at the following link: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>
- *Health Insurance*—A kick-off meeting was held to review the anticipated changes in the health insurance landscape on January 1st, 2014. These changes are a result of the Affordable Health Care Act coupled with Vermont's move to a single payer system.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

New application received since November 7th:

- *Steve Rowell: (Subdivision Sketch Plan Review)*—Applicant is requesting sketch plan review for a 2-lot subdivision in order to create one additional lot. This

application had received prior sketch plan approval on October 18th, 2011 which has now expired. This property is located at 516 Weed Road in the Agricultural District.—Scheduled for the December 4th DRB hearing

Selectboard

- *Vermont Gas*—A representative from Vermont Gas attended the Selectboard meeting to give an update on their plans to construct a natural gas pipeline from Chittenden County down to Middlebury and beyond. You can view the proposed route and supporting information at: www.hinesburg.org
- *Commissions, Boards, and Commissions*—The Selectboard interviewed applicants for the vacant Planning Commission seat, a vacant Recreation Commission seat, Village Steering Committee, Town Forest Committee, and Trails Committee. The Selectboard will make appointments at their next meeting on November 19th.
- *Village North Sidewalk*—The Selectboard passed a Motion accepting the terms of the Vermont 2012 Bicycle/Pedestrian grant for \$235,000 to design and construct a sidewalk on the east side of Route 116 from Commerce Street to Riggs Road, once a MOU has been developed and agreed upon between NRG and the Town of Hinesburg. NRG has agreed to pay the 10% local match as required by the grant. The original grant proposal was for a sidewalk from Commerce Street to CVU Road. The State awarded ½ of the project and we will now look at alternative sources of funding to complete the sidewalk project.
- *FY2014 Budget*—The Selectboard reviewed the proposed FY2014 Police and Fire department budgets with Chief Koss (Police) and Chief Barber (Fire). Review of the FY2014 budget will continue on November 19th with review of the Recreation and Buildings & Facilities budget(s). All information to date is available for the public to review and comment on at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>

The schedule moving forward is as follows:

November 19th-----Recreation and Buildings and Facilities
December 3rd-----Highway
December 10th-----General Government
December 17th-----Work Session
January 7th-----Library/Agency Request Review Committee
January 14th-----Work Session
January 21st-----Work Session
January 28th-----Finalize Budget
February 18th-----Budget Hearing
March 4th-----Town Meeting

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