

Celebrating 250 years

# Town of Hinesburg

## Weekly Update

### November 21, 2012

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### Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*

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

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- *Attended Conference*—On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Chief attended an all-day conference in Montpelier on mental health issues involving law enforcement. This is the third conference attended since the state hospital was closed and it still appears that there are unresolved issues when law enforcement officers interact with persons of mental disabilities. There is a goal to provide statewide training by March to address the issues and clarify guidelines that can help officers deal with the problems encountered.
- *Head-on Collision*—On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, The Hinesburg Community Police and the Hinesburg Fire Department responded to a head on collision on the North Rd. extension off Richmond Rd. A male Hinesburg resident coming off of Richmond Rd. exited off Richmond Rd. in the wrong lane and struck another vehicle head on. There were no injuries and the one driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was taken to Shelburne Police Department where he was processed.
- *Winter Parking Ban*—A reminder that the no parking ban came into effect on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any vehicle parked on the roadway is subject to being towed. It is important not to second guess the weather regarding if it will or will not snow.

#### **Highway Department**

- *Road Grading*—Grading took place on all of the short roads around town. Gravel was hauled to some of these roads as well.
- *Winter Prep*—Cleaned out the garage in preparation for winter.

- *Repair & Maintenance*—Liquid systems were calibrated on two of our trucks. Replaced the pump on one of the trucks.
- *Stolen street signs*—Ordered new street signs to replace ones that have been stolen.

### **Recreation Department**

- *Louise Roomet Turkey Lane Turkey Trot*—Walkers and runners, mark your calendars for the Louise Roomet Turkey Lane Turkey Trot this Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- *Coaching clinic*—A Basketball Coaches Clinic will be held at CVU on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 pm for 5th/6th grade coaches and 2:30-4:00 pm for 3rd/4th and 1st/2nd grade coaches.

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

- As of November 14<sup>th</sup>, our three new rooftop heating units were up and running. The work was done by Avonda Air Systems.
- Special Events: The Very Merry Theatre presented *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* (a play) at the library on Wednesday. Attendance at the show was 50+. We thank Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere for planning this super-duper theater presentation. The Very Merry Theatre is much loved in Hinesburg!
- Art Exhibit: *Naturally Vermont: Watercolors* by Deb Runge... Don't miss this free exhibit open to the public during Carpenter-Carse Library's regular business hours through December 28, 2012.
- Fourteen children and twelve parents attended the November 6<sup>th</sup> story times.
- Budgeting for 2013-14 continues.
- Work on the Annual Public Library Report and Minimum Standards Report for the State of Vermont Dept. of Libraries was completed by Library Director Sue Barden on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. A sample of statistics (July 2011 – June 2012) compiled for the reports: Circulation of all reading and audiovisual materials at the library was up 9.7% over the previous year. Since the 2009/10 fiscal year, lending has increased by 13.9%. The e-book reading habits of Hinesburg library patrons have not yet resulted in a reduction in numbers of more traditional formats being used by readers, listeners and viewers. Also, there was a 33.9% increase in library program attendance over the previous year, in spite of many times when our Community Room was unavailable due to planning for carpeting and painting projects.
- *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**

- *Lyman Meadows*—Met with Rob Frost of Vermont Well & Pump to discuss the Lyman Meadow pump control issues. We are hoping this will be resolved within the next week.

- *Fluoride levels*—Responded to several customer calls concerning level of fluoride in water, at dentists’ request.
- *Water System*—Responded to other customer questions about water system.
- *Water Feasibility Study*—Scheduled meeting with engineers and hydrologist to discuss findings so far with feasibility study.
- *Water Main Flushing*—Started water main flushing.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Public Safety Facility*—Final cost estimates were received for the Public Safety Facility project and 20-year bond payback schedules were developed with the assistance of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank for the three components of the public safety facility: 1) new police facility; 2) new bay addition for the fire station; 3) new training/common space for the fire station. The Public Safety Facility Committee will have a chance to review these cost estimates and financial models and then present them to the Selectboard and public on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The architect is still developing final cost estimates for improvements to Lot 1; this cost estimate will be ready for December 3<sup>rd</sup> as well.
- *Bissonette Field Project*—The Town is slated to go before the DRB for sketch plan review to subdivide approximately 11 acres from land currently owned by the Bissonette Family on the southwest corner of Rte 116 and Shelburne Falls Road for use as a recreation facility. Concurrently, deed language is being ironed out between the Town and the Bissonette Family for the transfer of ownership of the proposed parcel and Selectboard member Tom Ayer is working with the Recreation Commission to start the process of private fundraising to construct the fields. The Selectboard will be asked on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to sign a contract amendment with the engineering firm of Lamoureux & Dickinson to complete final engineering work and obtain all necessary state permits for the fields. The funds to do this work were approved by voters at Town Meeting in the Recreation Department budget.
- *Economic Development Commission*—We have appointed our first person to the Economic Development Commission and we hope more will step forward for this exciting new Commission. The Commission will have two major focuses: 1) Develop an Economic Development Plan for the Town; 2) manage and coordinate the Town’s Revolving Loan Fund. Other tasks and activities will be decided upon by the new commission members. If you are interested in serving on this Commission, please contact the Town Administrator for more details.

## Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

### **Recreation Commission**

- *Bissonette Recreation Field Project*—Recreation Commission meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> brought updates and discussion on the Bissonette Recreation Field project. At this point, the project is on the DRB agenda for a sketch plan review on November 20<sup>th</sup>, attorneys for the Town and Bissonette family are working out deed language, there is an initiative and plan for private fundraising that would include the Youth Buccaneer Football program, Iroquois Soccer Club, and various private donors.
- *Tax Deductible Donations*—A line item has been created to accept tax deductible donations on behalf of the Recreation Dept. budget for the Bissonette Recreation Field project.
- *The 4th of July Committee*—met on November 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss upcoming fundraising strategies and details for the celebrations.
- *Tax Deductible Donations*— A line item has also been created to accept tax deductible donation on behalf of the Hinesburg 4th of July Fund.

### **Selectboard**

- *Walnut Conference Table*—The Selectboard appropriated \$2,800 to have a conference table for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall (Planning & Zoning Offices) made from a walnut tree that had to be removed from the Town right of way for the construction of a sidewalk down Charlotte Road. The funds for this table will come from the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration line-item and the table will include a dedication placard.
- *Commission, Boards, Committees Appointments*—The following appointments were made to various CBC's: Andrew Frost was appointed to a 3-yr term on the Economic Development Commission; Chris Haviland was appointed to a 3-yr term on the Town Forest Committee; Shannon Emmons was appointed to a 3-yr term on the Recreation Commission; Grace Ciffo was appointed to a 4-yr term on the Planning Commission; Ray Mainer was appointed to a 4-yr term on the Trails Committee; Jeff French was appointed to a 2-yr term on the Village Steering Committee.
- *FY2014 Budget*—The Selectboard continued the process of budget review in preparation for Town Meeting in March. This past week they reviewed the Buildings & Facilities budget and the Recreation Department's budget. Budget discussion will continue on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with review of the Highway Budget. All information to date is available for the public to review and comment on at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>

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