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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

December 12, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- On Tuesday, December 4th, Hinesburg Community Police officers responded to a residence on Silver St. for a reported family fight. It was determined to be only a verbal altercation and police remained on scene until one of the parties left the residence.
- On Wednesday, December 5th, officers were called to a residence on Pond Rd. for a reported passed out individual. A motorist driving by observed a male slumped over in a chair outside the residence. When the Good Samaritan was unable to awake the individual, he notified the police. The individual was awakened and determined to be highly intoxicated (.301). The temperature was below freezing and he was dressed in pajama bottoms, slippers and a coat. He was transported to ACT 1 in Burlington for detox.
- On Wednesday, December 5th at 11:30 pm, an officer on call out responded to the village for a reported family fight. It was determined that a physical altercation had occurred and the male suspect had fled on foot. While the officer was parked watching the front of the residence, the male returned and was arrested for assault. He was subsequently processed and booked into the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- On Friday, December 7th, an officer made a stop on a vehicle for an obscured license plate. The vehicle contained three males and a routine check on the occupants indicated one of the males had a Department of Corrections warrant for escape. The male was taken into custody and transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

- On Monday, December 10th, officers responded to a business for an out of control customer. The customer had left prior to the officer's arrival and she was contacted at her residence and issued a no trespass notice at the request of the business.

Highway Department

- *Winter maintenance*—Plowing, sanding and salting during the few small storms we have had. Made Salt Brine to apply for the next storm
- *Sign Installation*—Installed more signs around town.
- *New Employee*— Training our newest employee, Nick Campagna. Showed him around town as he rode along while doing the plow and sanding routes. Welcome Nick!
- *Tree Work*—Cut and chipped downed trees around town
- *Budget Review with Selectboard*—Attended Select board meeting to go over the Highway Budget.
- *Vehicle Maintenance* - Washing, grease and repair work performed on vehicles. Under coated one of the tandem dump trucks and took a slide-in sander apart to install a wear plate in the bottom of it

Recreation Department

- *CVRA Meeting*—Attended CVRA (Champlain Valley Recreation Association) meeting on December 4th to schedule 3rd-6th grade basketball games and to discuss rules.
- *Practice Schedules*—Created and confirmed schedules for 3/4 boys & girls, and 5/6 boys
- *Coaches Clinic*—Youth Basketball Coaches Clinic run by CVU Women's Varsity coach Ute Otley, was held on December 8th at CVU.
- *Youth Basketball Shirts*—Assembled basketball t-shirts for numbers to be screened on the back.
- *Basketballs*—Cleaned out the rec. closet at HCS again, to replace with 24 youth Gopher basketballs size 4 which are better suited for ages K-2.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- The Gingerbread Cookie Decorating program scheduled for Saturday, December 15th is full with a waiting list. *Reminder: If you have signed up, don't miss a good time! ☺ 482-2878 if you need to cancel.*
- Our Holiday String Quartet with Eileen O'Grady, Gabe Mantegna, Gawain Usher & Noah Marconi was attended by 35 people. A festive crowd enjoyed the concert by these talented young musicians.
- Outreach: On December 5th, Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere offered a story time about hibernating bears at the Hinesburg Community Play Group, with 30 in attendance. Also, Library Director Sue Barden will attend the December 21st Area Agency on Aging meal site for seniors, with boxes of large print books, movies and music to lend. Sue finds it very rewarding to serve the seniors at "Friendly Folks" meal site once a month at the Osborne Parish Hall.

- *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 28th, 2012.
- The monthly Board of Trustees December meeting will be held at Chris Boerner's home on December 12th @ 7:00 p.m., with a holiday gathering to follow. For further information, call the library.
- December is a lively month for book sales at the library. During regular open hours, visitors may browse our (annual) Holiday Book Shelves for books in like-new condition – all items \$5.00 and under. Books make great gifts! The Vintage Book Shelves have interesting titles from bygone days; some folks have been very happy to find quirky or elusive treasures there; prices vary - \$3.00 & up. Finally, our regular year-round book sale shelves continue to be stocked full of items @ the lowest prices.
- Budgeting for 2013-14 will be completed in December.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Water/Wastewater Department

- *Hydrants*—Performed hydrant maintenance & winterization
- *Monthly Water Sampling*—Conducted monthly water sampling for both the Town and Lyman Meadow systems.
- *Monthly Reports*—Completed monthly reports for both water systems and the wastewater system.
- *Wastewater Sampling*—Completed first round of wastewater sampling.
- *Lyman Meadow*—Access road to the Lyman Meadow water tank was repaired by Greg Lyman.
- *Water Feasibility Study*—Met with Joe Duncan, Cindy Sprague, Jon Trefry, Joe Colangelo, and Rocky Martin to discuss the status of the Water Feasibility Study.
- *Wastewater/Sludge*—Answered request from neighboring town to provide information on wastewater/sludge.
- *Water Meter Programming*—Met with EJP to reprogram a water meter on site as it had already been installed.
- *Hinesburgh Public House*—Met with Mike Foster from Malone Properties regarding a sewer connection for the Hinesburgh Public House.

Town Administrator

- *Commission, Board, Committees*—There are still seats available on the Conservation Commission and the Economic Development Commission. Please contact the Town Administrator for more information.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *FY2014 Budget*—The Selectboard wrapped up budget meetings with department heads on Monday night after meeting with the Town Planner, Town Clerk, Lister, and Town Administrator on their specific budgets. Now the Selectboard will begin discussions on what to leave in, add, or delete from the FY2014 budget proposal before it goes to Town Meeting. The Warning for Town Meeting must be set at the January 28th, 2013 Selectboard meeting; therefore, the Selectboard has between now and then to deliberate. The public is welcome to view the budget proposal at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Public Safety Facility*—The cost estimates for the proposed Public Safety Facility were presented to the Selectboard Monday night. Cost estimates were broken into three (3) parts in coordination with the three (3) phases of the project: new police station, new fire department apparatus bays, new fire department training area. The estimated cost of a new police station, including building costs, site work, and engineering/design costs comes to 1M, fire apparatus bay addition roughly 675K; fire training space 445K. The cost estimate for Lot 1/Town Green was not presented but will be available soon. Discussions will continue next week. Complete information is available at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>
- *Fire Department Electronic Sign*—The Fireman’s Association asked the Selectboard to support erecting an electronic message sign, similar to the one in front of CVU, at the fire station. The purpose of the sign would be to inform the public with public safety messages and other information pertinent to the fire department and public safety. The Selectboard’s initial feedback was that it did not support the idea of an electronic sign like that in the Village for aesthetic reasons and therefore was not ready to support an application for the placement of one before the DRB. Discussion may continue in the future.
- *Town Forest Budget Request*—The Town Forest Committee petitioned the Selectboard to budget \$2,000 additional in the FY2014 budget for signage and another \$5,000 for maintenance along the Eagles Trail. The Selectboard will discuss this request as part of its deliberations of the entire FY2014 budget proposal.
- *Copp/Welch II Parcel*—The Selectboard supported a Motion to sign a license agreement granting the Town use of a portion of the Lewis Creek Stream Bank property for trail maintenance. This property is currently owned by VT Fish & Wildlife.
- *New Police Officer*—The Selectboard extended an offer of employment to Mr. Joshua Mesec to become a police officer for the Hinesburg Community Police Department. Josh grew up just outside of Plattsburg, NY (in a similar sized community as Hinesburg) and is currently an Intelligence Officer for the Army. He will begin the Police Academy in February.

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