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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

December 19, 2012

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Upcoming Meetings...

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Criminally Suspended License*—On Thursday, December 13th, a Hinesburg Community Police officer was on patrol when he made an enforcement stop on a vehicle displaying an equipment violation. The driver, a 28 year old male from Waltham, Vermont was determined to be driving on a criminally suspended license. He was taken into custody and processed for the arrest and released on a citation to appear in court.
- *Intoxicated Passenger*—On Friday, December 14th, at 3:00 a.m., the police were called out for an individual in a taxicab that would not wake up. Police met the cab driver in the village and the passenger was awoken and found to be very intoxicated. The taxicab was followed to the residence where the male passenger, a 22 year old Hinesburg resident was safely dropped off.
- *Family Dispute*—Also on Friday, December 14th, police responded to a residence on North Rd for a reported family fight. The argument centered on visitation rights for one of the parents and it was resolved without further problems.
- *Accidents*—On Monday, December 17th, police and fire responded to five separate accidents. One of the accidents that occurred on Charlotte Rd. and Baldwin Rd. resulted in a complete loss of power to the village. There was snow and the roads were icy. To be clear, snow and ice do not cause accidents. They are only secondary factors to people who drive too fast for conditions or their vehicles are not properly maintained for the winter.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *LEPC Meeting*—The Chief chaired the monthly LEPC meeting in Winooski.
- *Other Meetings*—Attended a Leadership meeting and a Selectboard meeting on December 10th, Vermont Communications Board meeting in Waterbury on December 12th, Public Safety Building meeting on December 13th, and a Vermont Communications Board Meeting in Williston on December 18th.

- *Call Activity*—As shown below, the Hinesburg Fire Department has been busy with calls.

12/6	Thursday	7:02 PM	Richmond Road	electrical fire in a residence	
12/8	Saturday	12:59 PM	RT 2A	medical chest pains	1 transported
12/10	Monday	8:23 AM	RT 116	Back Pain	1 transported
12/10	Monday	7:24 PM	Richmond Road	Person passed out	1 transported
12/10	Monday	9:21 PM	Ayers Road	CO detector	1 Transported
12/10	Monday	10:05 PM	Burritt Road	Asthma attack	unknown
12/11	Tuesday	3:08 pm	CVU Road	person passed out	1 transported
12/11	Tuesday	8:45 PM	Silver St.	Chest Pains	1 transported
12/12	Wednesday	9:45 AM	RT 116	Unknown Medical	unknown
12/12	Wednesday	5:24 PM	Kelly's Fields	Lift assist	No Transported
12/12	Wednesday	6:31 PM	Dynamite Hill	Structure Fire	
12/14	Friday	6:21 PM	RT 2A	Vehicle crash	1 Transported
12/15	Saturday	2:06 AM	Silver St.	Possible heart attack	1 Transported
12/16	Sunday	11:31 AM	RT 116	Vehicle crash	No Transport
12/17	Monday	7:55 AM	Silver St.	Vehicle crash	No Transport
12/17	Monday	8:21 AM	Charlotte Rd	Vehicle crash	No transport
12/17	Monday	8:40 AM	Texas Hill	Vehicle crash	No transport
12/17	Monday	5:30 PM	Pond Brook Rd	Vehicle crash	No transport
12/18	Tuesday	2:15 PM	HCS	false alarm	

Highway Department

- *Gravel Road Maintenance*—Spent most of the week hauling gravel on the roads. These warm spells have caused the gravel roads to thaw and make them a little muddy, causing rutting. We cover the worst spots with gravel, grade them, and then hopefully they will freeze and stay smooth for a while.
- *New Dump Truck*—We went to the body company to take a look at our new dump truck and ensure the controls and other items were located to our liking. A few minor changes need to be made and then hopefully the truck will be painted. Maybe we will have it for Christmas!
- *Road Foreman's Meeting*—Attended a Road Foreman's meeting in Orwell. We went over State Grants with Dick Hoskings from the Agency of Transportation.
- *Winter Storm Preparation*—Trucks and equipment were serviced and are ready to plow, salt, and sand.

Recreation Department

- *Town Report Submission*—Completed Recreation Dept./Commission article for Town Report.
- *Grad Challenge*—Read and made comments on a draft of a Graduation Challenge paper for a CVU student.
- *Youth Basketball Season Prep*—Finished booking games and receiving coach contacts, directions, and finalizing rules for 3/4 boys and girls and 5/6 boys.
- *Basketball T-shirts*—Distributed basketball t-shirts with numbers screened on the back for 4 teams whose games begin on January 5th, 2013.
- *2013 Calendar*—Set 2013 Main Hall and Rec. Dept. calendar.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Petitions*—Petitions for local elected offices are due in the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28th. One must fill out the petition indicating the office that one is running for and then gather 30 signatures of registered voters. Please be sure that people print legibly so that their names can be verified. If you have any questions about running for local office, please contact me at 482-2281 Ext. 223 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the process for seeking election, what the functions of the various offices are, and which seats are open for election in this cycle.
- *Dog licenses*—Vermont law requires the registering of all dogs annually prior to April 1st. You can come in any time beginning January 2nd to obtain your new license. The fees are \$8.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$12.00 otherwise. Hope to see all of you dog owners soon!

Buildings & Facilities

- *Rec Path Project*—S.D. Ireland finished up their work for the winter last week. The sidewalk on Mechanicsville Rd is complete, retaining wall by cemetery is finished, some gravel installed on east side of Mechanicsville Rd for widening. They will return next spring to finish ditching and widening on east side, installation of a 28' wide pavement overlay from Commerce St to CVU Rd intersection, and some other miscellaneous items. Many thanks for your patience during this project with road closures and delays caused by traffic flow being reduced to one lane.
- *Public Safety Facility*—Meetings held for Public Safety Facility project, compiled project cost information.
- *Water Feasibility Study*—Attended meeting with engineers on water source feasibility study which is currently underway

Water/Wastewater Department

- *Vermont Rural Water*—Met with Brent from Vermont Rural Water.
- *Monthly Wastewater Sampling*—Completed monthly wastewater sampling.
- *Annual Water Sampling*—Prepared for annual water sampling.
- *Lagoons*—Completed several winterizing projects at the lagoons.

- *Hinesburgh Public House*—inspected water service installation, and turned service on to the *Hinesburgh Public House*.
- *Town Water System Upgrade*—Had discussions with Jon Champlin, from Champlin Associates, regarding ongoing issues with the automation upgrade, and created a plan for what needs to be done to resolve these issues.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library*—
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning Department

- *Rural Zoning Proposal*—Staff working with the Planning Commission to wrap up work on the rural zoning proposal. With the PC vote on December 12th to forward the proposal to the Selectboard, planning staff will shift/split gears – i.e., shift to working with the Selectboard on the rural zoning revisions, while beginning work on new projects with the Planning Commission. Next at bat: reviewing/improving Town-level stormwater regulation standards; updating allowed uses and development densities for the RR1 and Shoreline zoning districts; replacing current interim zoning on energy efficiency standards with permanent provisions.
- *Growth Center Designation*—Received good news on another impending project for 2013! The State of Vermont awarded Hinesburg a \$15,000 grant to help us apply for Growth Center Designation. This is a State designation program with a rigorous application process – hence the need for funds. If we are successful, the designation carries incentives for the Town, landowners, and developers to pursue well-planned and positive projects in Hinesburg’s village growth area. No guarantees on getting the designation, but the process should help us better plan for new development, future public infrastructure, and the related fiscal opportunities and challenges.
- *Town Report Submissions*—Spending some time summarizing the 2012 year in review for the Town Report – e.g., data crunching on number of permits reviewed/issued, considering work and progress on various initiatives and projects, etc.
- *DRB Applications*—Still shepherding a large slug of new development applications that came in earlier this fall. DRB meetings appear to be booked through January, and we are making progress getting applicants and landowners through the queue. Some of the more notable projects (i.e., larger and requiring more care and feeding) include: Norris 25-unit residential development on Route 116 at the Buck Hill Rd intersection (received sketch plan approval on 12/4); Fletcher Allen proposal to relocate Hinesburg Family Health to a new location and new building on Shelburne Falls Road, opposite the Jiffy Mart (reviewed 12/4 and review continued to 1/15/13); Kelleys Field expansion project to add 30 new units of senior housing (awaiting review after applicant requested more time); Aubuchon expansion and site plan revision (to be reviewed on 1/29/13).

Town Administrator

- *Vermont Gas*—We have set-up a public meeting with Vermont Gas and the Town of Hinesburg for Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 in the Main Hall of Town Hall. Selectboard member Phil Pouech and I will finalize the plans and agenda for this meeting and update the citizenry on Front Porch Forum and various other mediums leading up to this public meeting.
- *FY2014 Budget*—The Library and Agency Request Review Committee will make their budget presentation at the January 7, 2013 Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard has started the process of budget deliberations and will have the month of January to finalize the budget before setting the Warning for Town Meeting by January 28th. Budget information can be viewed at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *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:

Development Review Board

- *December 18th Meeting*—The last DRB meeting of 2012 was held on December 18th. The applicant for the proposed Kelleys Field expansion (to add another 30 units of senior housing) was scheduled for review at this meeting, but asked to be removed from the agenda. We are still waiting to hear more from them regarding their timetable for the project.
- *January Meeting Schedule*—No DRB meeting on January 1st, 2013. DRB meetings in January will be on January 15th and 29th.

Planning Commission

- *Rural Area Zoning Proposal*—At their December 12th meeting, the PC finalized the rural zoning proposal and voted to forward it to the Selectboard for consideration. Alex will make the final modifications discussed at the meeting, and put together the package for delivery to the Selectboard in the next couple weeks – i.e., a nice way to ring in the new year! The PC proposal will go up on the Town website once it is delivered to the Selectboard. It is unlikely that the Selectboard will have time to take up the proposal until February at the earliest. They will take time (likely several meetings) to review it. The Selectboard can make revisions, and must hold at least two public hearings before considering adoption.
- *Thank you Carrie Fenn!*—The PC and staff wished Carrie Fenn a fond farewell after 13+ years of service on the Planning Commission. Carrie was always a solid advocate for natural resource protection and consideration. She was also an excellent listener and team player on the Commission – seeking compromise

on a 9-member board with diverse opinions. Carrie's efforts were critical in finding common ground on a variety of issues tackled by the Planning Commission over the years. In addition to attending two meetings a month for 13+ years, she worked outside the meetings to move the ball forward on many projects – including a complete re-write of the Energy section in the current Town Plan. Carrie's work is much appreciated. She will be missed.

- *Upcoming Meeting*—December 19th PC meeting cancelled. Next PC meeting is on January 9th, 2013.

Recreation Commission

- *Meeting*—Recreation Commission met on December 11th.
- *July 4th Committee*—Heard from July 4th Committee regarding progress in planning, fundraising, and questions about the fireworks contract.
- *Bissonette Recreation Field Project*—Discussion on Bissonette Recreation Field project and how to create a plan timeline with goals and deadlines.
- *Winter Carnival*—Winter Carnival planning is underway. Katie Martin met with a group of CVU Key Club students on December 18th to assist with activities.

Selectboard

- *FY2014 Budget*—The Selectboard spent 1 hour prior to the beginning of the regular Selectboard meeting discussing the budget proposals received from the Town Administrator and department heads. During this time, Selectboard members discussed their short and long term goals and each suggested recommended cuts to the budget as proposed. The recommended changes to the budget as proposed will be discussed with each department head affected before being finalized. Budget negotiations will continue at the January 7th, 2013 meeting. The Warning for Town Meeting will be set by the January 28th Selectboard meeting.
- *Delinquent Tax Policy*—Due to a citizen complaint, the Selectboard briefly discussed the delinquent tax penalty policy. The Town's policy is to charge a 1% penalty on the fraction of a month as if it were an entire month. In other words, a single day carries the same interest as 30 days. The policy is being properly enforced by staff and the Board will discuss the policy as written at a subsequent meeting.
- *ECOS Presentation*—The Executive Director and Assistant Director of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission presented the ECOS project (Environment. Community. Opportunity. Sustainability). The document was compiled via federal grant funding and serves as a vision document for the future of Chittenden County. More information is available at: www.ecosproject.com
- *Public Safety Facility*—The Selectboard approved pushing the Public Safety Facility Project forward as the following: 1) A ballot item on the Town Meeting Warning for a bond for the design and construction of a police station facility; 2) complete the fire station design work with the use of impact fees to prepare for future construction of fire station additions 3) investigate Town owned land to

sell to offset total project cost but NOT consider a portion of Lot 1 as a potential sellable lot; 4) review Lot 1 design work as part of a long-term vision. See <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>

- *Memorial Park Proposal*—The Village Steering Committee presented a plan to rehabilitate/beautify Memorial Park. The plan includes street trees and curbing along the Rte 116 bend across from the Silver Street intersection, a circular placement of benches and stone walls. The Selectboard endorsed the plan and asked the Village Steering Committee to tackle the project in phases as funding becomes available. Please visit www.hinesburg.org to see the plans.
- *Newtown, CT*—Before the start of the Selectboard meeting, a moment of silence was observed for the violence and tragedy that took place in Newtown, CT last week. The Town has sent a card and a framed painting of Hinesburg donated by a local artist to Newtown expressing our sympathies.

*Wishing all of you a safe & happy holiday
season!*

~The Town of Hinesburg

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