

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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January 9, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Vermont Gas Open House:** *Wednesday, January 9th from 3 pm - 7pm (Main Hall)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Vermont Gas Public Meeting:** *Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Stop Signs* – It can be observed that stop signs only come in one size and color. They are not smaller or a different color if less important. If cited, both the stop sign at Richmond Rd and Pond Rd., as well as the stop sign at Farmall Dr. going to Kinney Drugs is \$156 and two points on a driving record. This is a reminder that traffic engineers have a tool called the Yield Sign for intersections that they believe do not warrant a complete stop. In lieu of that yield sign, it is suggested that motorists get in the habit of not guessing why an intersection has a stop sign and just accept it and come to a stop.
- *Family Dispute* – On Thursday, January 3rd, Hinesburg Community Police responded to a residence on Silver St. for a family fight. This is a repeat of several weeks ago where the intoxicated male was asked to leave and complied with the request without incident.
- *Neighbor Dispute* – On Friday, January 4th, an officer responded to Wile St. for a neighbor dispute over cats. The officer resolved the issue without any additional action needed.
- *Intoxicated Pedestrian* – On Saturday, January 5th, an officer responded to the area of Vermont Route 116 and Buck Hill Rd. for a reported intoxicated male stumbling in the road. The officer located the male and determined that he was highly intoxicated. The subject was transported to ACT1 in Burlington for detox.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Rec Path Project* – Attempting to finalize the latest SD Ireland invoice for the Rec Path project, several items are disputed and being discussed. Finalized grant Amendment #4 with VTRans for the project.
- *Sidewalk Plow* – Lots of snow plowing going on over the last couple of weeks. Along with that, the sidewalk snow blower broke down. A part needed to be replaced and the problem has now been repaired-ready for the next round.

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!

Recreation Department

- *Piano Lessons* – Piano schedules and billing were sent out to 34 students. Lessons begin January 7th through May 23rd.
- *Choir* – Updated and confirmed interest in this semester's group for Choir.
- *Program Invoicing* – Completed invoices for payment for December programs.
- *Youth Basketball* – First HRD basketball games of the season were played on January 5th.
- *Referees* – Confirmed referees for the season.

Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Town Administrator

- *Huntington Police Services Contract* – After meeting with Huntington Town Officials in December, we submitted to them a 'concept' contract outlining what an inter-municipal agreement, which would supply Huntington with a few hours of Hinesburg police services per week, might look like between our two Towns. No language in the 'concept' contract is binding nor is it considered a first offer. We will discuss this possibility at a future Selectboard meeting. Most likely at the January 28th meeting.
- *Vermont Gas* – An open house is scheduled for today (January 9th) from 3-7pm in Town Hall. A public meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday in Town Hall

at 7:30pm. The purposes of these events is to allow residents opportunities to learn more about the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline project which has been submitted to the Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good. Please review www.hinesburg.org for more information on this project and how it may impact Hinesburg.

- *Commissions, 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 Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Affordable Housing Committee

- *Grant Funding* – Our grant proposal to Vermont Energy Investment Corporation was funded. We also received a funding commitment for this project from HFI. This pilot project to increase energy efficiency in mobile homes will allow us to do 6 energy audits and then determine the most cost effective energy improvements. We will then prioritize and complete the improvements as funding allows.
- *Kelleys Field* – We noted that Kelleys Field, which includes 24 units of affordable senior housing, has been sold to Housing Vermont and we look forward to their future plans for the property.

Development Review Board

- *Aubuchon Realty Company, Inc.:* (Site Plan Review) – The applicant is requesting proposed changes (including reconfiguration of the parking lot, a proposed 500-gallon propane filling station, a proposed location for two dumpsters and two storage containers, as well as landscaping and screening, etc.) to the existing site plan. This site plan approval was last amended on February 7, 2001. This property is located at 22 Commerce Street in the Commercial Zoning District. – *Scheduled for the January 29th, 2013 DRB Hearing*
- *Chris Tebbetts:* (Revision to Final Plat) – The applicant is requesting a revision to the final plat for reconfiguration of the building envelope. This property is located at 662 Buck Hill Road West in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. *Scheduled for the January 29th, 2013 DRB Hearing*
- *Matt Baldwin:* (Subdivision Sketch Plan Review) – The applicant is requesting sketch plan review for a 2-lot subdivision in order to create a separate 2-acre lot for the existing house. The remaining 83 acres will continue to be open land. This 85-acre parcel is located at 1931 Baldwin Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. *Scheduled for the January 29th, 2013 DRB Hearing*
- *Bristol Bakery & Café LLC/Hinesburg Center LLC:* (Sign Review & Conditional Use Revision) – The applicants are requesting sign review and revisions to the conditional use approval (such as increasing the number of seating to 60, increasing hours of operation, slight increase to number of employees, and request for an outdoor patio or deck) granted on July 5th, 2012, for the purpose

of opening a restaurant/café on Lot 41 on the 1st floor of the new building next to Kinney Drugs. This property is located 10212 Route 116 in the Village Zoning District. *Scheduled for the February 5th, 2013 DRB Hearing*

Selectboard

- *FY2014 Budget Discussion* – The Selectboard spent the first hour of the meeting in a deliberative session regarding the proposed FY2014 budget. As a result of the meeting, the working budget is now balanced at \$3,005,965. This is an increase of \$38,544 from this current year budget and would result in an estimated 0.48¢ tax rate increase. The budget must be finalized by the January 28th meeting in preparation for Town Meeting. All updated budget information, including the most up-to-date line-item expenditure, revenue, and capital budgets are available at <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Agency Request Review Committee* – The Agency Request Review Committee submitted their budget recommendation to the Selectboard. The overall allocation request for the social service agencies is down \$206 from the current year. The total amount that will be included in the Warning for Town Meeting will be \$28,944. Agency budget allocations are voted on by a separate Article at Town Meeting.
- *Carpenter-Carse Library* – The Library Board of Trustees presented the Selectboard their proposed budget for FY2014. Their budget was proposed at \$194,793, an increase of \$2,368 over the current year. Like the social service requests above, the Library budget is voted on by separate Article at Town Meeting.
- *2012 Town Audit* – Don Murray of the auditing firm of Fothergill, Segale, and Valley, presented the draft 2012 Hinesburg Town audit to the Selectboard. The final audit will be available on the Town website as soon as the finishing touches are completed.
- *Public Safety Facility* – The Public Safety Facility Committee reported that the actual required bond amount will be closer to \$1,020,000 compared to the \$1,100,000 amount discussed at the December 17, 2012 Selectboard meeting. Project information is available at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>. More detailed project information will be sent out shortly and public meetings will be scheduled for February.
- *Commission, Boards, Committees* – The Selectboard appointed Mike Potvin to a vacant seat on the Town Forest Committee thru January 1, 2014; the Selectboard appointed Matt Sayer to an open seat on the Economic Development Committee thru January 1, 2016.

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