

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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February 13, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **PACE Public Meeting:** *Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Theft* - On Tuesday, February 5th, a Hinesburg Community Police officer was in Triple L Mobile Home Park investigating a vandalism report when he observed a pile of scrap metal behind another mobile home. He obtained the description of the material and sent a notice out to other law enforcement agencies to determine if it had been reported stolen. The next day, a Hinesburg business received an anonymous call that the metal had been stolen from them. Police and the owner did confirm the theft and went to Triple L for further investigation. Upon arrival, the scrap metal was gone but tracks in the snow indicated it had just been removed. Police responded to Burnett's and were informed that the suspect was not allowed there and to try the scrap metal dealer in Williston. The Williston Police Department were contacted and found the suspect and the scrap metal. The 26 year old Hinesburg resident was arrested by Williston Police Department for driving while criminally suspended. The subject was cited into court by Hinesburg for the stolen material and for driving a vehicle that was later determined to be stolen.

Recreation Department

- *Spring/Summer Programs & Events* - Continue to confirm spring/summer programming and community events.
- *Spring Sports Registration* - Spring Sport registrations continue. All forms, proposed dates and practice times are available at Rec. Office or on the website

www.hinesburg.org If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Department via email at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

- *CVRA Boys/Girls 5th-6th Grade Basketball Tournament* - Sent team information in for the annual "end of season" CVRA - Champlain Valley Recreation Association - 5th/6th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments for February 15th & 16th. Boys will play at the Miller Center in Burlington and girls will play at Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington.
- *Cookie Decorating Class* - held after-school on February 7th from 2:45-3:45 p.m. at HCS.
- *Annual Winter Carnival* - took place on Saturday, February 9th at HCS, dovetailing the HNS's Winter Waffle Breakfast and Silent Auction. For the hearty, there were dog sled rides, despite the frigid temperatures and wind. The majority of participants played games in the gym with CVU Key Club students, face paint, crafts, temporary tattoos and popcorn too!!
- *Smugg's Ski & Ride* - Sent a group of 30 to Smugg's on Sunday, February 10th for skiing, riding, rentals, and lessons.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Events

- **Heartfire Henna:** Last week's program by presenter Rebecca Freedner was postponed due to the snowstorm. The good news is that it is rescheduled for this Saturday, February 16, 3:00 – 5:00. Sign-up is required; as of February 12th, there is room for more participants. Create your own design and learn about the henna plant's rich history!
- On Saturday, Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere welcomed 15 children and 5 adults to a Valentine craft program. Children filled heart-shaped necklaces with multicolored layers of salt. Valentine cookies were served.
- Eighteen children and 14 adults attended "double" story times on February 5th. The next "double" is next week, February 19th. Toddler story time for kids birth– 3 yrs. is at 9:30 a.m. The 3-5 year old group meets at 11 o'clock. The Pajama Story Hour will be February 26th, in the evening. Story times are fun and help build a love of books and reading!

Other News

- The next library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at Carpenter-Carse and are open to the public.
- Our Volunteer Program Committee held a meeting on February 7th. Another meeting is scheduled for February 20th.
- A full staff meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18th at 3:15.
- The Library received rebates totaling \$1,830 from Efficiency Vermont, as a result of purchasing energy efficiency parts for our Fall 2012 HVAC project installing new rooftop units for heating/cooling.
- An order for 36 new adult books and audiobooks was submitted this week.

- Lost & Found: Are you missing a hat, an adult size vest, or an adult size winter jacket w/ hood? Give us a description and we'll tell you if what you are missing matches with what was left at the library.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Voting Clarification-* I thought it might be useful to clarify a couple of things for the upcoming Town Meeting and Hinesburg Community School Meeting. There are two methods of voting: voting from the floor at a warned meeting and voting by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day at the regular polling place. Most “articles” for Town Meeting and the Hinesburg Community School Annual Meeting are voted on the floor at their respective meetings. One cannot vote on these Articles unless one attends the actual meetings for both of these, which are scheduled for March 4th (Town Meeting) and March 11th (HCS Meeting). This is when Town and School District budgets are discussed and voted upon. You cannot request an absentee ballot for either of these votes. By contrast, the Champlain Valley Union High School budget is voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5th, along with the election of officers for both the Town of Hinesburg and Hinesburg Community School. This is when you vote for School Board, Selectboard, Library Trustees, etc. Absentee and early ballots are available at the town clerk's office. You can request an absentee ballot and we will mail one to you. You can also stop by the town clerk's office anytime between now and Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2013 to vote early. The last day to register to vote for the upcoming Town and School District is Wednesday, February 27th at 5:00 p.m. For more information: If you have any questions, please call the clerk's office at 482-2281 Ext. 223. And don't forget to vote! For more information: <http://www.hinesburg.org/elections/index.html>
- *Dog Licenses* – Dog tags have finally arrived! Please come in at your earliest convenience (prior to April 1st) to obtain your 2013 dog tags. If your pet's rabies certificate has expired, we will need you to bring a copy of the new one. Fees are \$8.00 per license until April 1st, at which point they increase to \$10.00. Please remember that licensing is required annually between Jan. 1st and April 1st. This law is to enhance rabies vaccinations to protect both your pet and the public, and to help us locate the owner of strays that may go out for a jaunt and get picked up by animal control. Thanks for helping us in this important public health effort!

Planning & Zoning

- *DRB Meetings* – Staff attended back to back DRB meetings on January 29th and February 5th. Post meeting work included finalizing approval of the Fletcher Allen Health Care project (approved by the DRB on February 5th), drafting Bristol Bakery & Café approval language for the DRB to consider on February 19th, drafting a new staff report on the revised Caron 3-lot subdivision on Richmond Road. Aubuchon Realty requested a second continuance on the

review of their site plan revisions. That application is now scheduled for March 5th.

- *Affordable Housing Consultation* – Staff had a pre-application meeting with the Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont regarding a possible 21-unit residential development as part of the next phase of development of the Lyman property (open fields behind Kinney Drugs).
- *Public Safety Facility* – Staff attended the February 6th informational meeting for the public safety facility bond to be voted on at Town Meeting.
- *Planning Commission Meeting Preparation* – Staff confirmed guest speakers and materials for the February 13th Planning Commission meeting, which will focus on two topics: 1) Understanding the State Stormwater permit system; 2) Consultation with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission on Town Plan improvements and implementation, as well as an update on the new ECOS plan (i.e., combined regional plan, transportation plan, and economic development strategy).
- *Village Visualization Presentation* – Staff worked with the project consultant and Village Steering Committee members to prepare for the February 11th presentation. All the public outreach effort paid off with a well-attended presentation – 50 audience members not including the organizers. The presentation was terrific, thanks in large part to the efforts by the Village Steering Committee and what must have been countless hours by our consultant team at T.J. Boyle Associates to create a 3-D build out model for the northwest portion of the village growth area. VT Community Access Media (VCAM) was there to record the show, as was our local Burlington Free Press correspondent. The VSC and I are absorbing the presentation materials, just like other attendees. We will be putting as much of this material on the Town website shortly, so that the larger community can have a look. Stay tuned. For more information: <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/village-visualization-project/index.html>

Town Administrator

- *FY2014 Budget* - Hinesburg voters have an opportunity to discuss, vote, and consider approving the proposed \$3,025,960 town budget during Town Meeting night. This proposed budget is 2% more than the current (FY2013) budget and adds \$58,039 to the Town's spending plan. A 0.37¢ property tax-rate increase is anticipated with this budget and the table below illustrates the outcome that increase would have on Hinesburg taxpayers. Further information available at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Town Meeting* – At Town Meeting night, on Monday, March 4, 2013, starting at 7:30PM in the CVU auditorium, attendees will consider the proposed general fund spending plan with a vote from the floor. The total Town budget is spread across 8 articles (Article 4 – Article 11) and each article is presented, discussed, and voted on independently. On Tuesday, March 5, between 7AM – 7PM at Town Hall, Hinesburg voters will have the opportunity to elect local officials and consider a \$1,055,200 bond for final design, construction, and site plan work

for a new police station. You can view the full Warning for Town Meeting and a sample ballot at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/elections/index.html>

- *Public Safety Facility* – One more public meeting is scheduled for community discussion and input of the proposed public safety building bond proposal on the ballot for Town Meeting. This public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Please review information on the town webpage in preparation for these meetings. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>
- *Hannaford Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire & Local Permit Applications* – The Selectboard will consider approval for a Water/Wastewater Allocation Permit, a Wastewater Connection Permit, a Buried Utility Permit, a Stormwater Utility Agreement, and the Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire for the Hannaford project. This is scheduled for Monday, February 18th but dependent on completed review of all documents and contracts by staff.
- *Town Report* – Hinesburg’s Town Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, is now at the printers and expected to be mailed out to each resident by February 23rd. A full version will also be available on-line.
- *Commissions, Boards, Committees* – There are 2 open seats on the Economic Development Commission and 2 seats open on the Agency Request Review Committee. If you are interested in service on either of these 2 groups, please contact the Town Administrator or submit an application to get on the Selectboard agenda for an interview ASAP. You can download an application form on the Town website at the following link: http://www.hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form_040212.pdf
- *PACE Financing* – The Selectboard agreed to place an article on the Town Meeting Warning asking voters to consider designating Hinesburg as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District. PACE allows residents the ability to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes and payback the cost of those upgrades via their property tax bill. Voters will have the opportunity to ‘designate’ the Town as a PACE district; ‘implementation’ would be a decision of the Selectboard at a later date, if voters approve to ‘designate’ Hinesburg. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (Main Hall).

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming applications for DRB Review:

- *Mike Charney:* (Conditional Use Review for an Accessory Apartment in an Accessory Structure) – The applicant is requesting conditional use review to build an accessory apartment above a detached garage on his property. This property is located at 84 Texas Brook Road in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District.

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