

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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February 20, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **PACE Public Meeting:** *Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Public Safety Facility Bond (Article 3):** *Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Domestic Assault* - On Thursday, February 14th, (Valentine's Day) Hinesburg Community Police responded to a residence on Silver St. for a reported domestic assault. Upon arrival, the officer determined that the female resident had been assaulted and her 52 year old husband who no longer lives at the address was taken into custody. The suspect was taken to the station, processed and then taken to court for arraignment. Due to the high level of intoxication, he was subsequently lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- *Theft / Medical* - On Saturday, February 16th, officers responded to a reported theft of pills on Hillview Terrace. The victim identified the possible suspects who lived on North Rd. When officers responded, there was no answer at the door. Upon looking in the window, the officer observed a male on the floor who appeared to be passed out. The officers entered the residence and determined the male was breathing but unresponsive. Hinesburg First Response was called. While conducting the investigation, the male's brother woke up and became combative with the officers. He was handcuffed and placed in the patrol car while medical personnel completed their assessment. The unresponsive male was transported to Fletcher Allen and his brother was taken to ACT 1 which declined intake so he was taken to the Chittenden County Correctional Center for detox. The theft investigation is continuing.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Chimney Fires* - The Hinesburg Fire Department has had a busy past few weeks. We have seen an increase in chimney fires which is no surprise with the

weather we've seen. A quick reminder to check your chimneys as they are more apt to plug up as the weather warms.

- *Project Review* - The Chief has been busy reviewing proposed building projects and working with the Division of Fire Safety to receive feedback regarding the projects. One of the major problems in reviewing projects centers around the designs. The Town Departments and Boards review conceptual plans before approving them. While this is great for planning purposes, it doesn't work for reviewing by the Fire Department. We need actual prints to know construction types; floor/roof/building lay outs. Our review needs to be done in conjunction with the Division of Fire Safety once final construction plans are submitted.
- *Trainings/Strategic Plan Review* - Our recent training's evolved around responding to fire calls, Haz-Mat training, and cold weather emergencies. We have also started our annual review of our strategic plan.
- *Engine 3* - Our Engine 3 has been out of service for about 3 weeks now. The Chief delivered it to the factory in Canada for warranty work on the modular pump system; hopefully it will be ready for pick up late this week.
- *Servicing of hydraulic extrication equipment* - We also had our hydraulic extrication equipment serviced Sunday by our vendor from New Hampshire. They make a swing up to our area annually to service Charlotte and Vergennes's hydraulics as well as ours.
- *Weekly Meetings* - Reminder we meet every Wednesday evening if you would like to stop by and see what we are all about.
- *Call Activity:*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Responders</u>	<u>Transport</u>
January 24	Thursday	5:02 p.m.	Pond Rd.	2 car crash	Fire & EMS	No
January 24	Thursday	10:28 p.m.	Silver St.	fall	EMS	Yes
January 25	Friday	6:19 a.m.	Lincoln Hill Rd	unconscious	EMS	Yes
January 25	Friday	1:24 p.m.	Spear St. (Charlotte)	2 car crash	Fire	Yes
January 26	Saturday	3:04 p.m.	Richmond Rd.	fire under mobile home	Fire & EMS	No
January 26	Saturday	4:24 p.m.	Richmond Rd.	smoke in mobile home	Fire & EMS	No
January 27	Sunday	9:18 a.m.	Richmond Rd.	medical	EMS	Yes
January 30	Wednesday	2:09 a.m.	North Rd.	1 car crash	Fire & EMS	Yes
January 31	Thursday	5:28 a.m.	Silver St.	transformer smoking	Fire	No
January 31	Thursday	11:52 a.m.	Piette Rd.	power line down	Fire	No
February 1	Friday	8:03 a.m.	Richmond Rd.	medical	EMS	Yes
February 2	Saturday	7:05 a.m.	Lincoln Hill Rd	medical	EMS	Yes
February 4	Monday	3:33 p.m.	Rte. 2A & Rte. 116	2 car crash	Fire & EMS	Yes
February 6	Wednesday	10:32 p.m.	Hollow Rd.	chimney fire	Fire & EMS	No
February 7	Thursday	5:46 p.m.	Richmond Rd.	medical	EMS	No
February 8	Friday	10:16 a.m.	Hollow Rd.	2 car crash	Fire & EMS	Yes
February 9	Saturday	3:55 p.m.	Lincoln Hill Rd	medical	EMS	Yes
February 9	Saturday	5:47 a.m.	Rte. 116/St. George	unknown fire	Fire & EMS	No
February 10	Sunday	10:44 a.m.	Rte. 116/ St. George	2 car crash	Fire & EMS	No
February 10	Sunday	1:54 p.m.	Richmond Rd.	medical	EMS	Yes
February 12	Tuesday	7:37 a.m.	Windrow Ln.	medical	EMS	Yes
February 14	Thursday	12:05 a.m.	O'Brien Meadow	fire alarm	Fire	No
February 14	Thursday	5:26 p.m.	Rte. 2A/St. George	chimney fire	Fire & EMS	No
February 16	Saturday	8:30 p.m.	North Road	medical	EMS	Yes

Recreation Department

- *Meetings Held* - Recreation Commission and July 4th Committee meetings on February 12th
- *Drivers Education* - Enrolling students for 3 summer Driver Education courses.
- *CVRA End-of-the-season Basketball tournaments* - held on February 15th & 16th for 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys to culminate season.
- *Final Rec Basketball Games* - On Saturday, February 16th, the 3/4 boys played their last game at Shelburne Community School and the 3/4 girls played their last game at Shelburne Town Gym.
- *Sign up for Spring Sports* - all information available on the Town website at www.hinesburg.org or at Rec. Dept.
- *Spring/ Summer Programming* - Finalizing spring/summer programming.
- *2013 Hart & Mead Concert in the Park Series* - Finalizing concert line-up for 2013 Hart & Mead Concert in the Park series.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Events

- Rebecca Freedner of Heartfire Henna shared the cultural history of India with nine enthusiastic women who attended her program at the library on Saturday. The attendees enjoyed the opportunity to get creative with henna designs.
- Twenty-two children and 15 adults attended story times on February 19th. “Our hearty thanks to staff member Judy Curtis, who took on the task of presenting both story times with aplomb; and we might add, with no preparation time. Great job, Judy!” Toddler story times for kids birth – 3 years of age are held @ 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The 3-5 year old (preschool) group meets at 11 o’clock every Tuesday. Next week’s Preschool Story Hour will be led by Francesca Arnoldy. Story times are a fun way to let young children socialize while encouraging a love of books and reading!

Other News

- Janet Soutiere, Youth Librarian is presently on medical leave. We hope to see her often and look forward to her return to her librarian position here. As much as possible, current C-C Library Staff will fill in for Janet. Rose Watts will share stories and fun at the February 26th Pajama Story Time from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sara Donegan is excited about participating in some of the Tuesday story times after March 11th. Good news: Janet will still be ordering new children’s books for the collection and working with Judy Curtis on plans for the 2013 summer reading program!
- The library’s Board of Trustees meet this evening @ 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at Carpenter-Carse and are open to the public.
- A Volunteer Program Committee is meeting today, February 20, 2013.
- A Staff meeting was held Monday afternoon, February 18th.
- 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

- *Planning Commission Meeting* – Staff attended the February 13th Planning Commission (PC) meeting to facilitate discussions about stormwater regulations as well as a consultation with regional planning staff. Keith Burke from the State of Vermont Stormwater Section gave a presentation to educate the PC about the State stormwater permitting process – including what projects require State review, and which projects do not. Regina Mahoney from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) discussed the regional planning commission’s review of Hinesburg’s Town Plan (gold stars all the way

around) as well as how the CCRPC can help us implement our plan. Regina Mahoney also reviewed the new combined regional plan (land use, transportation, economic) called the ECOS plan, which is being prepared for a final CCRPC public hearing in March.

- *CCRPC Committee Meeting* – Staff attended the CCRPC’s Long Range Planning Committee meeting on February 14th to help shape and draft the ECOS plan.
- *Selectboard Meeting* – Staff attended the February 18th Selectboard meeting to assist with several agenda items – Hannaford Act 250 impact questionnaire, Village Visualization project summary, affordable housing grant request.
- *VBSR Meeting* – Staff attended a VT Businesses for Social Responsibilities meeting on February 19th that was hosted by VT Smoke and Cure at the old Cheese Plant. Staff was there to briefly describe the community’s involvement in guiding the redevelopment of the Cheese Plant from the time of the fire and plant closure in 2008. Redevelopment of the Cheese Plant in 2012 was definitely the big community success story of last year!
- *Development Review Board Meeting* – Staff prepared for and attended the February 19th DRB meeting to assist with the review of several development applications – e.g., Tebbetts building envelope modification, Caron 3-lot subdivision, etc.

Town Administrator

- *FY2014 Budget* – Please review the proposed expenditures, revenues, and capital budget plan prior to Town Meeting Night (Monday, March 4 at 7:30PM at CVU): <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/index.html>
- *Town Meeting* – Town Meeting starts at 7:30PM at the CVU Auditorium on Monday, March 4, 2013. Participants at Town Meeting have the opportunity to consider approval of the FY2014 Town of Hinesburg Budget. Also at Town Meeting Night on Monday, March 4, voters will consider whether or not to designate Hinesburg as a Property Assessed Clean Energy District (PACE), and consider enacting a Resolution opposing the transmission of Tar Sands oil through Vermont. On Tuesday, March 5 between 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg voters have the opportunity to vote for local officials and consider Article 3: \$1,055,200 Bond for a New Police Station. Please go to our Elections page on our website to review the Town Meeting Warning: <http://www.hinesburg.org/elections/index.html>
- *Police Station Bond (Article 3)* – We will host a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30PM at Town Hall on the proposed \$1,055,200 Bond Ballot Item for final design and construction of a new police station. Consider watching this 15 minute video presentation so you can come to the meeting prepared to ask follow-up questions: <http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T01479&video=144170>
- *VT Gas Update* – The Town of Hinesburg filed a Motion to Intervene in the Public Service Board (PSB) proceedings. With this Motion, the Town has official ‘party’ status with the PSB throughout their deliberative process which will determine whether or not the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline receives a

Certificate of Public Good. You may view Hinesburg's Motion, and all other supporting documentation to date, at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>

- *VT Gas Update Continued* – The Public Service Board has set the following procedural schedule:
 - February 28 – Vermont Gas to submit revised petition;
 - March 21 @ 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing (Site to be determined)
 - March 29 – Deadline for filing motions to intervene;
 - April 5 – Date for filing responses to motions to intervene.
 - September 16 – Technical hearings to begin
 - You can view the Pre Conference Hearing's Memorandum and Scheduling to Order at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>
- *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 tonight - Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall (Main Hall).

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

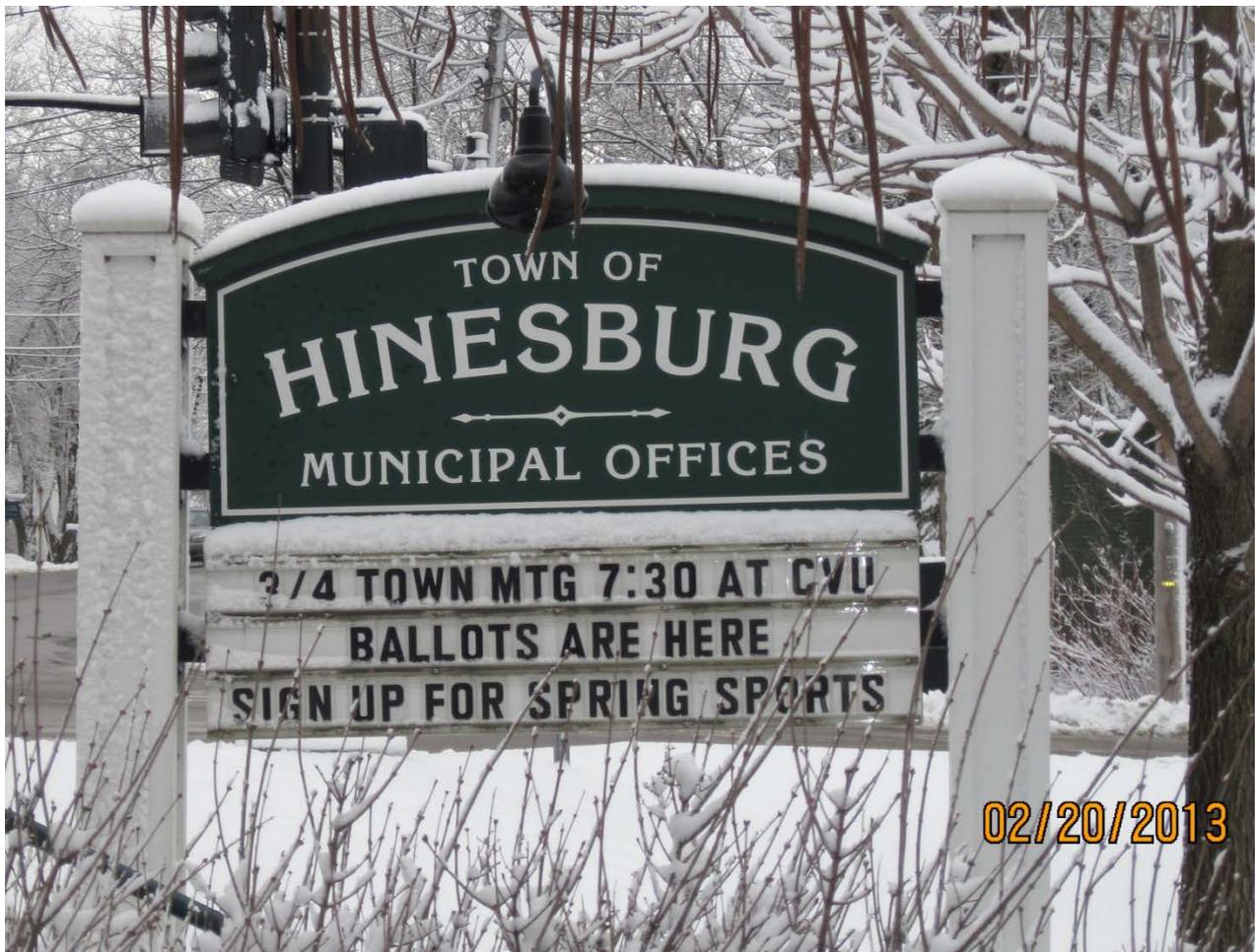
- *Late Homestead Filing* – A Motion was passed to refund the 8% late filing homestead declaration penalties for the 2012/2013 tax year. These penalties are the result of changes to the law by the Legislature last year; the Town is not obligated to assess these penalties and the Town Clerk recommended that those who were charged be reimbursed. The total reimbursable amount will be \$2,846. The Town did not budget for these revenues. The Selectboard also passed a Motion to abolish this penalty into the future.
- *Hannaford Local Permits* - The Selectboard approved Hannaford's Wastewater Allocation Request for 1,960 gallons per day with the associated Wastewater Allocation Fee of \$23,343.60 due when a building permit is issued. The Selectboard also approved Hannaford's Wastewater Extension Permit with the

caveat that any modifications of said plan will trigger a resubmission of the Wastewater Extension Permit. The Selectboard did not take action on the Municipal Act 250 Questionnaire on Monday night. They asked to see Hannaford's complete State application (to Act 250) and to review a completed Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire at the next Selectboard meeting. Town staff is still in the process of reviewing Hannaford's Buried Utility Permit and Stormwater Agreement with Town counsel.

- *Fletcher Allen Wastewater Permit* – The Selectboard approved FACH's Wastewater Allocation Request for their new 5,500 sq ft facility on Lot #1 of the Bissonette Subdivision of Shelburne Falls Road.
- *Consecutive Water Agreement* – Approval was granted for a Consecutive Water Agreement between the Town of Hinesburg and Sunset Lake Villa Mobile Home Park. By entering into this Agreement, Sunset Lake Villa will be able to keep rental rates down in its mobile home park because the Town will do necessary testing and send out the annual consumer confidence report each year. Sunset Lake will remain responsible for their infrastructure and water quality.
- *Affordable Housing Grant (Hinesburg Village Housing)* – Preliminary approval was granted to Housing Vermont and Champlain Housing Trust to put together a grant application to the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) on behalf of the Town of Hinesburg for \$300,000. The proposed location for this project is behind the new Kinney as part of an expansion of the Creekside neighborhood. This project was recommended for approval by Hinesburg's Affordable Housing Committee. With the VCDP grant program, the Town of Hinesburg must apply for the funds and then turnaround and re-grant the funds to the Hinesburg Village Housing project, if funding is approved by the State of Vermont. A Public Hearing for this project will be scheduled at the April 1, 2013 Selectboard meeting. At that time, the Selectboard will decide whether or not to approve an application to the State of Vermont for this project. Applications are due on April 9th and funds will be awarded in early summer. Last year, the Town of Hinesburg was awarded \$550,000 from this same grant program for the Vermont Smoke & Cure project. If you would like more information contact the Town Administrator or Rocky Martin, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Committee (rmartin@hinesburg.org)
- *Bissonette Field Project* – The Selectboard approved a contract with Trudell Consulting for the necessary survey work to sub-divide the proposed 11 acre parcel from the Bissonette land on the corner of 116 and Shelburne Falls Road. Other survey work will include the right-of-way for the temporary roadway that will connect Shelburne Falls Road to the fields and the water and sewer lines. The Selectboard also approved the Town Administrator to submit an application to the 2012 Regional Economic Development Program for \$25,000 to support this project. See: <http://www.hinesburg.org/bissonette-rec-facility-project/index.html> for more information on this project.
- *Police Services Contract with Huntington* – Chief Frank Koss and the Town Administrator reported on a 'concept' contract that was developed and submitted to the Town of Huntington outlining what an Inter-Municipal

Agreement between the two communities might look like if Hinesburg granted 6 hours per week of traffic control to Huntington. The result of the contract would be approximately \$20,000 in additional revenue to the police department to offset the total cost of the department on the Hinesburg property tax payer. At this point, nothing about this 'concept' contract is binding in anyway and more conversation is necessary on both sides. If you have questions about this you could contact the Town Administrator or Chief of Police.

- *Haystack Road* – The Selectboard voted to name the new road off of Shelburne Falls Road, created from the curb-cut for the new Fletcher Allen Health Care Facility, Haystack Road.



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