

# Town of Hinesburg

*Celebrating 250 years*

## *Weekly Update*

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### March 6, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Vermont Gas Open House:** *Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- *Article 3* - First off, obviously THANK YOU! I cannot begin to thank all of the people who worked so hard for the success of Article 3. This was only the first step in the process and we will all work hard to use only the amount of money needed to complete the project.
- *Jewelry Theft* - On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police received a report of a burglary at a Richmond Rd. residence that resulted in the theft of jewelry. There are no suspects.
- *Catalytic Converter Thefts* - On February 27<sup>th</sup>, a theft of a catalytic converter was reported to police. The part was cut from a truck at a business located in the village. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, another local business reported the theft of two catalytic converters. This business had video surveillance that showed the vehicle driven by the suspects.
- *Charges for Possession of Stolen Property/Grand Larceny/Vandalism* - I take you back to the February 13<sup>th</sup> report on the arrest of a 26 year old Hinesburg resident for stolen scrap metal. This same individual was arrested on March 4<sup>th</sup> and charged with grand larceny and possession of stolen property. His mother and a friend were charged with possession of stolen property. After Hinesburg PD processing was completed, he was transported by Williston PD to their station where he was charged with Operating a Vehicle without owner's consent and possession of stolen property. This all occurred after he was arrested by the State Police for Criminal Driving while License Suspended and possession of

stolen property. Finally, he was charged again by Hinesburg for vandalism that occurred in Triple L Mobile Home Park.

- *Forced Entry* - On February 28<sup>th</sup>, a forced entry of a vacant residence on Vermont Route 116 was reported to the police.
- *Domestic Dispute* - On March 1<sup>st</sup>, police responded to the Sunset Villa Mobile Home Park for a domestic dispute between mother and daughter. The parties were separated and the daughter went to her father's residence.
- *DUI* - During the early hours of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, two officers were returning from a special detail out of town when they came across a vehicle off the road on Shelburne Falls Rd. It was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. He was taken into custody, processed and released to ACT I in Burlington for Detox.

### **Recreation Department**

- *Spring/Summer Brochure* - complete and posted online at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) and was mailed on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- *Spring Sport Sign-ups Continue* - Forms are available online or hard copies available at Recreation Office. Don't delay...sign up today!!
- *Smuggs* - One more Smuggs Sunday date left on March 10<sup>th</sup> - Sign up by noon on Thursday. Forms are available online or on table outside of Recreation Office.

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

- We thank the community of Hinesburg for supporting the Library with their vote on Monday. It takes a lot of hard work by library staff, trustees and volunteers throughout the year to bring library services to all. Best of all - when we hear the words "love" and "the library" in the same sentence; that makes it all worthwhile!
- A full staff meeting was held Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the library.
- A hearty thank you to Judy Curtis who rose to the occasion and led two February 19<sup>th</sup> storytimes handily, with 22 children and 15 adults attending. Awesome! Likewise, volunteer, Francesca Arnoldy presented two storytimes on March 5<sup>th</sup>, with 18 youngsters and 14 adults in attendance. Lots of fun was had by all. Sara Armstrong Donegan will present the Tuesday storytimes, starting March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Rose Watts, a Student Clerk at the Library, welcomed 11 children and 5 parents to the Pajama Storytime on February 26<sup>th</sup> sharing with the theme of nighttime and owls. Next Pajama Storytime: March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Two dozen+ new children's & young adult books were added to the collection since our last update; also 10 new dvd's! Additions to the adult collection: 30 books, 2 audiobooks and 16 dvd's
- The next monthly Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2013.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*  
[http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).

## **Town Clerk's Office**

- *Town Meeting* – was held at CVUHS auditorium on Monday evening. We had 210 registered voters attend Town Meeting to vote on a variety of Articles on the warning. All Budget articles were passed with the only amendment being an increase to Article 4. The motion was made to increase the stipends paid to Selectboard members. For the past 12 years, members have been paid \$750.00 per year with the Chair receiving \$1250.00. The increase was approved for the next fiscal year so that members will now receive \$1500.00 each and the Chair will be paid \$2150.00.
- *Australian Ballot Voting* - On Tuesday, March 5, town officers were elected by Australian ballot. We had 982 people vote which equates to a 28 percent turnout. This is fairly average for a town election. In our only contested race, Andrea Morgante defeated Shannon Emmons by a vote of 525 to 392 for a two-year seat on the Selectboard, while Jon Trefry was re-elected to a 3- year term. The bond vote for the new police station passed by a vote of 476 to 426. Ray Mainer was elected as a write-in candidate to a 3-year term on the CSSU Board of Directors, while Keith Roberts and William Baker were elected to the Hinesburg Community School Board for 3-year and 2-year terms, respectively.
- *Hinesburg Community School Annual Meeting* - will be held at the HCS gymnasium on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- *Dog Licenses* – Dog tags have arrived! Please come in at your earliest convenience (prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>) 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 1<sup>st</sup>, at which point they increase to \$10.00. Please remember that licensing is required annually between Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!

## **Town Administrator**

- *Vermont Gas* – We will host an open house on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Town Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to review the amended plans, as filed by Vermont Gas on February 28<sup>th</sup>, with included changes to the pipeline's route through Hinesburg. <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>
- *Vermont Gas II* – The first Public Hearing for the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline Project is scheduled for Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at Champlain Valley Union High School, starting at 7PM. [hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html](http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html)
- *Vermont Gas III* - The Public Service Board has set the following procedural schedule:
  - March 21 @ 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing (Champlain Valley Union High School)
  - 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>
- *FY2014 Town Budget* – Hinesburg’s Town Budget was approved at Town Meeting with total expenditures of \$3,029,860. \$3,900 was added to the budget, via amendment from the floor, to increase the stipends for Selectboard members; no other changes were made to the budget as presented. The estimated municipal tax rate for the FY2014 budget is \$0.4737; the actual tax-rate will be set by the Selectboard at their first meeting in July. Special thanks to all those who participated at Town Meeting night during the discussion and floor vote for the FY2014 budget.
- *Selectboard Re-Organizational Meeting* – At the March 18, 2013 Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard will elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year. This decision is made by internal vote of the members of the Selectboard. Other items that take place during the reorganizational meeting is the appointment of Town officials such as Fence Viewers, Weigher or Coal, Tree Warden, Fire Warden, etc.

## Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

### **Economic Development Commission**

- The Economic Development Commission held its initial meeting on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Future meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month at Town Hall. Initial tasks for the commission include rewriting the Mission Statement and Objectives; reviewing the Town Plan in anticipation of developing an Economic Development Plan for the 2016 Town Plan; and structuring the mechanism for managing the revolving loan fund. Two (2) seats are still available for those interested in service to the Town of Hinesburg on this Commission. Next meeting date: Thursday, March 28 at 7:00PM.



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