

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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March 13, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

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

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Leaving the Scene of an Accident/Driving with Criminally Suspended License -* On March 6th, Police and First Response responded to the Hinesburg Community School for a reported vehicle versus pedestrian accident. The eight year old male was in the crosswalk and after walking between stopped traffic northbound was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound. That vehicle failed to stop and the investigation, thanks to witnesses, has led to a 41 year old male from Starksboro being charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving while criminally suspended.
- *Theft Attempt on Texas Hill Road -* On March 9th, a Texas Hill resident reported that it appeared that someone had been in his garage and attempted to remove a saw but possibly because of the size, gave up and dragged it back in the garage.
- *Shoplifting -* On March 11th, police responded to a local business for a report of an alleged shoplifter being detained by a customer. Upon our arrival, the subject had two bottles of beer hidden in his coat. This subject was taken to the police station where he was processed and cited for Retail Theft. This is one of the subjects involved in the thefts of catalytic converters and scrap metals reported in several of the last weekly reports. This individual and his two counterparts are credited with giving more material for the weekly report than anyone else in Hinesburg. If this was the old west, they would be asked to leave town by sundown.

Recreation Department

- *Annual Northern VT Girl Lacrosse Meeting* – attended on March 6th for upcoming season.
- *Buccaneers Youth Football Meeting* – attended on March 7th for Bissonette Family Recreation Area project.
- *Lacrosse* - Deadline to register for lacrosse grades 3rd-8th was March 8th.
- *Spring Sports* - Other spring sport registrations are still ongoing through April 11th.
- *Smuggs* - Last Smuggs group took advantage of discounted lift tickets, rentals, and lessons on March 10th.
- *Driver's Education* - Sent reminders to upcoming Driver Education students for new class that started March 11th.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- Staff member Sara Armstrong Donegan chose “maple sugaring” for her Preschool Story Hour theme this Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. Sara has first-hand experience with the sugaring tradition, and shared picture books, conversation and a drink of sap with 15 children and 10 adults attending. Perfectly sweet choice, Sara!
- Next Tuesday morning, March 19th there will be a 9:30 a.m. Toddler Story Time and an 11:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour.
- This week we are adding 21 new books and 1 new audiobook to the library's adult collection. We will also be adding three new large print books this week.
- *American Angler, Field & Stream and Country Living* (England) are now part of the periodical collection.
- A Special Equine Collection: Visitors to the library in March and early April will want to stop at the glass case to view a stunning collection of horse figurines and sculptures generously loaned to the Library by a private collector. Don't miss this lovely exhibit!
- We had lots of help from volunteers since our last update: Many thanks for work done by Kelly Winter, Monte Stokes, Dani Demag and Nicole Akiki. You are appreciated!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Town Clerk's Office

- *The Hinesburg Community School Meeting* - was held on Monday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. There were 206 voters who checked in at the meeting, a record number for the past decade where attendance has ranged from a low of 34 in 2005 to a previous high of 101. It was great to see such an interest from the community! The school budget vote this year was a 2-tiered vote because of the increase in the budget, as mandated by the State of Vermont. The first vote was for \$8,146,586. It passed after a lengthy question and answer session, using paper ballots as called for by a voter, by a count of 120 in favor to 82 opposed. The second tier, or Part B of Article III, was for

\$404,832 and also passed with the count conducted by paper ballot by a vote of 109 in favor and 87 opposed. All other Articles at the meeting were passed on a voice vote. Thank you to all those voters who took time out of their busy lives to attend the meeting and make your voices heard. Thank you also to the HCS School Board for the hours of preparation that go into the making of the school budget. Goodbye to Paul Lamberson who served on the Board for many years, and hello to Bill Baker who was newly elected on Town Meeting Day!

- *Dog Licenses* - Don't forget about dog licenses, which are due annually on or before April 1st. We look forward to seeing you soon. Dogs are welcome to come in with their owners for a biscuit to go with their new license!

Planning & Zoning

- *DRB Meeting* – Renae single-handedly provided staff support at the March 5th DRB meeting. Thankfully this was a brief, single application meeting to review and approve a new accessory apartment on Texas Brook Road (Mike Charney property). More significantly, Tom McGlenn (our longtime DRB chairperson) announced that he would be resigning after the March 19 DRB meeting after more than 30 years of service on the DRB and the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to the creation of the DRB. Tom has essentially been the chairperson of these two boards (in succession) for nearly his entire 30 years of service. Amazing dedication, community service, and a mind boggling number of evening meetings. Thanks, Tom!
- *Bissonette Recreation Field Project* – Staff met with a Green Mountain Power representative, and the landowner and other project team members, to discuss future utility service to the proposed recreation fields northwest of the village. Staff also assembled materials (survey, engineering, draft legal language, etc.) so that the preliminary plat review of the subdivision process (2nd step of a 3-step review) could happen at the March 19 DRB meeting.
- *Route 116 Corridor Study* – Staff met with Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) staff to discuss the goals for an upcoming corridor planning study for the busy portion of Route 116 – i.e., through the village growth area from Shelburne Falls Road to Buck Hill Road. CCRPC will hire a transportation consultant to work with us on three objectives: 1) update 2004 corridor study including new traffic counts, existing conditions, etc.; 2) explore alternatives to solve the existing traffic delays during the rush hour; 3) look at long term traffic projections given planned growth (in Hinesburg and south of Hinesburg) and suggest long term solutions to deal with future traffic, bike/ped access, etc.
- *Planning Commission Meeting Preparation* – Staff prepared for the March 13th Planning Commission meeting (assembling information, sending out packets to PC members, etc.), which will continue the discussion on possible changes to the Shoreline Zoning District. The focus for the March 13th meeting will be to review possible shoreline development design standards to better address water quality and erosion that impacts Lake Iroquois and Sunset Lake. Staff also

lined up panelists for a discussion about stormwater regulations at the March 27th PC meeting.

- *Hannaford Project & Route 116* – Staff went to Montpelier on March 12th to meet with VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) staff to discuss the Route 116 modifications proposed as part of the Hannaford project. The purpose of the meeting was to alert VTrans to the concerns and conditions outlined in the Development Review Board’s approval of the Hannaford project, so that all parties are on the same page ahead of the Act 250 review of the project. VTrans staff noted that Hannaford has not yet submitted an application for the proposed Route 116 modifications.

Town Administrator

- *Vermont Gas* – We will host an open house TONIGHT - Wednesday, March 13th, 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 28th, which 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 21st, 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>
- *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.
- *Rural Area Zoning* – The Selectboard will begin deliberating the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Commission, on March 18th with an introduction of the Ordinance by the Planning Director. During the April 1st and April 15th Selectboard meetings, the community will be invited to provide input to the Board on the Ordinance as proposed. Additional information on this ordinance is available at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/index.html>

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