

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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March 20, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Public Hearing of the Public Service Board:** *Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. (CVU)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Criminally Suspended License* - On Thursday, March 14th, a vehicle was observed neglecting to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Mechanicsville Rd. and Vermont Route 116. During the enforcement stop, it was determined that the 29 year old male from Williamstown was driving while his license was criminally suspended. The driver was arrested, taken to the station where he was cited and released. The vehicle was released to his fully licensed passenger.
- *Theft* - On Monday, March 18th, police responded to the bus garage at CVU for the reported theft of catalytic converters. CVU employees found five buses that had been tampered with. Each bus has two catalytic converters for a total of ten stolen. Later in the day, the owner of another vehicle that had been parked in the CVU parking lot, reported their catalytic converter was stolen as well. The cost to taxpayers and school insurance is \$5,500 dollars. This does not include the fact that the buses were unavailable on Monday morning for their scheduled routes.
- *Stolen Vehicle* - On Monday, March 18th after hours, police were called out for a vehicle that was off the road on Silver St. The vehicle was found with no one around and a call to the owner indicated that he thought his vehicle was in his driveway in Bristol. He further stated that he left the keys in the vehicle.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *CPR Training* - We completed our annual CPR training. Because all Fire & EMS are CPR certified; we need to use the training room, exercise room and truck bays to accommodate the space needed to complete the practical's.
- *Meth Lab Training* - Along with Shelburne Fire we co-hosted a Meth Lab training

that was open to all of Chittenden & Addison County Fire and EMS Departments, about 125 folks attended.

- *Planning Meeting* - On March 5th, the Chief attended a planning meeting at the state fire academy in preparation for the March 24, 2014 statewide emergency exercise.
- *Chittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee* – On March 12th, the Chief Chaired the Chittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee in Winooski
- *HCS Safety Committee Meeting* – On March 13th the Chief attended the monthly Hinesburg Community School Safety Committee meeting

Highway Department

- *Winter Plowing* – The Highway crew has been busy keeping our roads cleared from the recent snowstorms. Despite the fact that the calendar says it is the first day of spring, winter continues to make its presence known.

Recreation Department

- *Recreation Commission Meeting* – attended on March 12th.
- *Babysitting Class* - Still room in Babysitting Class on March 29th from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm in the French Room at HCS. Cost is \$85. Sign up with HRD!!
- *Afterschool Arts & Crafts* - Another session of After-School Arts & Crafts – April 19th –May 31st (6 classes) for \$95
- *Afterschool Dance* - Another session of After-School Dance is available – April 2nd –May 28th for \$80.
- *Afterschool Golf* - Think spring and sign up for After-School Golf at Cedar Knoll. This program runs Wednesdays & Fridays from May 1st –May 31st. Cost is \$140.
- *Spring/Summer Offerings* - For a complete view of all Spring and Summer offerings, go to www.hinesburg.org under Recreation and view the Spring/Summer Brochure.
- *Spring Sports Registrations* - Still accepting registrations for Tee Ball, Farm League and K-1-2 Lacrosse through April 11th.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Water/Wastewater Sampling* - Completed monthly water and wastewater sampling.
- *Water Source Feasibility Study* - Met with representatives from Aldrich & Elliot (A&E) Engineering to review the Water Source Feasibility Study draft report and suggest changes to the report. A&E presented this report to the Selectboard on March 18th.
- *Water line Repair* - Assisted Kelley's Field property management company with water line repair between buildings; water had been leaking for a long time undetected, flowing into a storm drain.
- *Fletcher Allen Health Care* - Met with Fletcher Allen group about numerous construction items.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Library Board of Trustees Meeting* – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Clerk's Office

- *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

- *Planning Commission Meeting* – Staff attended the March 13th Planning Commission meeting where possible changes to the shoreline zoning district were discussed – continued from February 27th meeting. Shoreline and water quality protection are on the minds of State legislators as well, as the House committee on Fish, Wildlife, Water Resources is working on a shoreline protection bill (H.223).
- *Town Forest & Trail Maps* – Staff worked with the Trail Committee on creating a new trail map for the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest. A map that also will include the adjacent public or conserved lands and trails.
- *Rural Area Zoning Presentation* – Staff gave a brief overview presentation to the Selectboard (March 18th meeting) on the Planning Commission's rural area zoning proposal, which includes proposed improvements to the Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and minor changes to the Town Plan.
- *DRB Meeting* – Staff prepared for and attended the March 19th DRB meeting where three applications were discussed, including the subdivision of the Bissonette Family property to create a lot for the planned municipal recreation area project.

Town Administrator

- *Committee, Boards, and Commissions* – Tom McGlenn stepped down from the DRB and Ray Mainer, recently elected CVU School Board member, is stepping down from the Planning Commission. Therefore, the Town is now accepting applications for those seats. Please fill-out an application form and submit it to the Town Administrator by March 29th. The Selectboard will begin interviews for these positions at the April 1st Selectboard meeting.
<http://www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>
- *Vermont Gas* – The Public Service Board's first Public Hearing is scheduled for this Thursday (March 21) at 7pm in the CVU Auditorium. This is a statewide public hearing. <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Selectboard Annual Organization* – Jon Trefry was elected Selectboard Chair and Michael Bissonette was elected Vice Chair for the year (March 2013 – March 2014). The Chair and Vice Chair are elected by vote of the Selectboard members.
- *Tom McGlenn* – Tom McGlenn was honored by the Selectboard for his 32 + years of service on the DRB (formerly known as the Zoning Board of Adjustment). Tom has been chair of the DRB for 31 of his 32 years of service. He will officially step down from the DRB on March 19th.
- *Pond Road Trails Easement* – Bruce and Judythe Parker have offered a 20’ wide trails easement to the Town of Hinesburg along the boundary of their property on Pond Road. The Selectboard signaled their desire to accept the easement upon final review by Town counsel.
- *Water Source Feasibility Study* – Joe Duncan of Aldrich & Elliot Engineering and Cindy Sprague of Sprague GeoServices presented the Selectboard with an initial feasibility study on potential new water sources for the Town of Hinesburg. This study was commissioned by the Selectboard last October because of the fact the current build-out projections for Hinesburg would exceed the current public water supply generated from town wellheads. Joe and Cindy worked with Town staff and identified four potential solutions. 1) connect to the Champlain Water District; 2) site a well at CVU; 3) site a well(s) at Geprag Park; 4) site a well on the Munson property along Rte 116 just south of the Village. The pros and cons of each of these solutions were discussed. The full report will be available in a few weeks. The presentation from the Selectboard meeting is available at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/waterworks/>. The Selectboard will discuss and decide whether or not to spend more money (from the water fund) for further study over the next few months.
- *Rural Area Zoning* – Alex Weinhagen presented the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission to the Selectboard. The Planning Commission’s proposal is now in the hands of the Selectboard and will be vetted over the next few months. Public deliberations are scheduled for April 1st and April 15th; depending on the progress made on April 15th, the Selectboard will either continue public deliberations, Warn for public hearings in advance of adoption, or kick the Ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further review. You may review pertinent documents at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/index.html>
- *Hannaford Act 250* – Conversation Monday night centered on the Municipal Act 250 Questionnaire regarding the Town’s current ability to supply fire protection services to Hannaford without an undue burden on the Town (the fire department). The Fire Chief has suggested a letter accompany the Town’s Act 250 Questionnaire stating clearly that the Town is unable to provide fire suppression services if an aerial apparatus is needed. Other local items – the

Buried Utility Permit and the Stormwater Agreement – are on hold until the Hannaford Act 250 application to the State is available for review, on the recommendation of legal counsel. The Selectboard appointed Hinesburg Town Planner Alex Weinlagen as the Town’s manager and point-person for the Selectboard regarding the Hannaford state permitting process.

- *Vt Gas* – Vermont Gas’s amended filing (February 28th) shows the proposed pipeline relocated out of the Baldwin Road Town road right of way to the VELCO right of way, except in a few areas south of Charlotte Road in Hinesburg. The Selectboard will continue to track the project now that the Public Service Board process is starting. The first public hearing of the Public Service Board is scheduled for this Thursday evening at CVU (7pm start). For more information please go to: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>
- *Bissonette Recreation Field Project* – Tom Ayer announced he will print and send-out tri-fold fliers to Hinesburg residents to encourage donations to the Bissonette Recreation Field Project. The Town is on the March 19th Hinesburg Development Review Board agenda for Preliminary Plat Approval. <http://www.hinesburg.org/bissonette-rec-facility-project/index.html>
- *Town Meeting Recap* – Overall sentiment was that Town Meeting was a successful event. It was noted that the thorough budget process - which started back in August - was a team effort between Town staff and the Selectboard. Other items noted: 1) \$3,900 increase to the general government budget for increases to the Selectboard’s stipends; 2) The ‘Tar Sands’ resolution passed and a letter should be drafted as such and sent to appropriate agencies and governments. Also noted was the wording for Article 15 (Tar Sands) was not sufficient and a better effort needs to be made next year to insure all warned Articles are clear; 3)The PACE enabling legislation passed and now work is needed to prepare Hinesburg for enacting/implementing PACE; 4) A Motion was passed during ‘Other Business’ asking the Town to submit a letter in support of a state-based mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food in order to make informed choices for their families; 5) Article 3 (police bond) passed and work will commence on next steps ASAP; 6) Town staff will begin the process of getting quotes for the new dump/plow truck and two police cruisers approved as part of the capital budget and prepare those purchases for lease financing; 7) Town Meeting will begin at 7PM next year (instead of 7:30pm).



Tom McGlen was honored by the Selectboard at their meeting on March 18th for his 32+ years of service on the Development Review Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment (before the Development Review Board was established). Tom has served as Chair for 31 of those years. Tom officially stepped down from the DRB on March 19th.

Thank you Tom for the time and energy you have devoted to Hinesburg for so many years!!

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