

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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April 3, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Community Service Projects* - The Hinesburg Justice Board that handles minor criminal cases not processed with the State is looking for ideas for community service projects involving local non-profit organizations. Persons involved with the program are given community service time in lieu of criminal prosecution and a record. Anyone with ideas for volunteer service is requested to contact the police department.
- *Marijuana* - On Wednesday, March 27th, an officer on patrol came across two males smoking marijuana while parked in the town forest parking lot on Hayden Hill West. The two were transported back to the station and processed. They were released after receiving a citation.
- *Retail Theft* - On Thursday, March 28th, police responded to a local retailer for a reported retail theft. The 22 year old female from Bristol was identified from a video and issued a trespass notice by Bristol Police and information forwarded to the Addison County State's Attorney office for violations of conditions of release.
- *Suspicious Activity* - Friday, March 29th, police responded to a report of a person with a flashlight attempting to get into a house on Birchwood Lane. It turned out to be the homeowner locked out of the residence. To the neighbor who called, THANK YOU. Call anytime.
- *Failure to Stop for Emergency Vehicle* - On Saturday, March 30th, an officer attempted to stop a vehicle on North Rd. for speeding. When he made a U-turn and turned on his emergency lights, the vehicle sped off. The officer saw the brake lights come on and the vehicle went into a driveway. The 32 year old female from St. Albans who was driving was arrested for attempting to elude a police officer.

The 27 year old male from Brooklyn was detained. The vehicle was impounded and an investigation continues.

- *Stolen Vehicle* - On Monday, April 1st, a Baldwin Road resident came home from a weekend out of town to find a vehicle from New York parked at his house. The next morning when it was light, he discovered that one of his vehicles was missing. The vehicle from New York was reported as stolen. An investigation is ongoing with a suspect from the North Kingdom being identified.
- *Criminal Driving While Suspended* - On Monday, April 1st, an officer called in for registration check of a vehicle and it came back expired. The officer made a stop on the vehicle and determined that the driver was suspended. The 52 year old male driver from St. George was taken into custody, processed and released on a citation.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Call Activity* – Again this week, we have been very busy. Last Tuesday we responded to five calls for service, four of which were EMS calls, and one Mutual Aid Fire call to Huntington. The balance of the week brought seven more EMS calls and one more Mutual Aid call to Huntington for the school bus accident. Currently, we are 60 calls ahead of last year at this time.
- *Training* – We completed our annual Bloodborn Pathogen Training as well as refreshers on our Autopulse device, and automatic CPR compression device.

Recreation Department

- *Spring Sports Registrations* - Registration is still open for Tee Ball, Farm League, and K-1-2 Lacrosse. Final deadline is April 11th. Still looking for more 5th or 6th grade girl's lacrosse players. If you are interested, contact the Rec. Dept. as soon as possible!!
- *Afterschool Dance* - Another round of After-School Dance starts April 2nd and runs through May 28th.
- *Afterschool Arts & Crafts* - Another round of After-School Arts & Crafts begins May 3rd and runs through May 31st.
- *Horseback Riding Camp* - Still room in the April Break Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Attend M-F for \$225 or \$45 per day.
- *Afterschool Golf Program* - A few spots left in After-School Golf program that runs Mondays/Wednesdays from May 1st – May 31st at Cedar Knoll.
- *Afterschool Easter Cookie Decorating Class* - Ran a successful After-school Easter Cookie Decorating class on March 28th.
- *American Red Cross Babysitting Course* - Twelve middle school students took advantage of no school on March 29th and enrolled in a 6 hour American Red Cross babysitting course and received certification.
- *US Lacrosse Memberships* - Completed all US Lacrosse memberships for lacrosse players grade 3-8.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Events

- *Story Times* - Tuesday, March 26th Sara Armstrong-Donagan led the preschool storytime with 7 children and 4 adults in attendance. The same evening Rose Watts presented Pajama Story hour with 14 children and 2 adults. On April 2nd Sara entertained 10 children and 9 adults at the Toddler Story Time. The Preschool Story Hour was cancelled due to staffing issues. Toddler story times for kids birth – 3 yrs. 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.
- ***Vermont History Program***, co-sponsored with the Hinesburg Historical Society: *The Electrification of Rural Vermont* presented by Hinesburg resident Schuyler Jackson. Join us at the library for a look at farms, power and early days in Chittenden County, **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ***Celebrate Spring with the Chick Peas!*** This talented and harmonious trio includes Jody Albright, Darienne Oaks, and Linda Pervier. Join us for this special musical event. – It's free! There will be refreshments served! Please call 482-2878 for more information.

Other News

- Youth Librarian Janet Soutiere is presently on medical leave; she anticipates returning to her librarian position at Carpenter-Carse later this month, and looks forward to seeing lots of her story time pals, and to helping families find great reading material and information for the children. Meanwhile, subs are doing a fantastic job sharing their love of books and reading at story times. Also, Janet and Judy Curtis are working hard on plans for the 2013 Summer Reading Program!
- A Library Board of Trustees meeting was held March 27th at the library. Meetings are held monthly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.
- We are preparing for our next adult book order next week. Stay tuned!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning

- *Planning Commission Meeting* – Staff organized a panel discussion on stormwater issues and regulations at the March 27th Planning Commission meeting. Five speakers attended including a representative from the VT League of Cities and Towns, the stormwater utility director from the City of South Burlington, the director of the Lewis Creek Association (a watershed protection group), a stormwater engineer from Engineering Ventures, and a residential developer (Bart Frisbee from Sterling Construction). A very good discussion on the ins and outs of stormwater management, water quality, permitting and regulation pros and cons, and the need for public education and outreach. The PC will continue wrapping up the “education” phase regarding stormwater management, and will begin discussing non-regulatory and regulatory options at their next meeting on April 10th.

- *Regional Plan via ECOS project* – Staff attended a Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission meeting to review public comments on the ECOS plan, which combines the regional plan, transportation plan, and economic development plan for the county. The Long Range Planning Committee is reviewing final edits to the ECOS plan in advance of a second public hearing on June 19th prior to adoption.
- *Police Station Project* – Staff met with the project team to discuss next steps on what is a very tight planning, permitting, and design timeline for this spring and summer. Staff followed up with the State Act 250 district coordinator and VTrans permitting staff regarding necessary permits for this municipal project.
- *Selectboard & Rural Zoning* – Staff drafted responses and background information to questions from several Selectboard members on the Rural Area Zoning proposal. Staff attended the April 1st Selectboard meeting to provide further clarification and help the Board discuss the proposal. The Selectboard completed initial discussion of Objective #1 from the proposal, and will move on to Objective #2 at the April 15th meeting.
- *Development Review Board Meeting* – Staff prepared for and attended the April 2nd DRB meeting where several minor applications (two subdivisions and a development on a private right of way application) were discussed and approved. Extremely efficient meeting that only took 33 minutes!

Town Clerk's Office

- *Dog Licenses* – Dog licenses are still due and we won't begin charging late fees until April 15th, so come on in to see us!
- *Homestead Declaration* – Don't forget to file your HS-122 or Homestead Declaration by April 15th even if you are filing for an extension on your income tax return.
- *Meter Readings* – Water & Sewer meter readings will take place over the next couple of weeks. Bills will be mailed around April 15th.

Town Administrator

- *Bissonette Family Recreation Area* – Donations have started coming in for the Bissonette Family Recreation Area. All donations to this project are 100% tax deductible and will go directly to constructing the new fields on the land just off the intersection of Rte 116 and Shelburne Falls Road. The Town Administrator submitted a grant application to the State for \$25,000; Selectboard member Tom Ayer has been spearheading the fundraising efforts and will continue to do so into the future. <http://www.hinesburg.org/bissonette-rec-facility-project/bissonette-family-recreation-area-fundraising-flyer.pdf>
- *Public Safety Facility* – After the successful bond vote at Town Meeting, the Public Safety Facility Committee had their first planning meeting for the design, permitting, and construction phase of the project. Two (2) Hinesburg residents – Aaron Kimball and John Kiedaisch – joined the group; other Hinesburg residents are encouraged to become part of the construction phase of the project as well (please send an email to jcolangelo@hinesburg.org if you would like to attend these meetings). At this first meeting, the group discussed responsibilities, tasks, and

timelines moving forward. Agendas and minutes of these meetings are available online: <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>

- *Development Review Board Alternate Vacancy* – There is 1 vacant seat available as an alternate on the Development Review Board. Applications are due by the end of the day on Friday, May 3rd to the Town Administrator. Interviews will be scheduled on May 6th with the Selectboard.
http://www.hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form_040212.pdf
- *Rural Area Zoning Ordinance* – The Selectboard will again spend significant time at the April 15th Selectboard meeting discussing the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. This meeting is intended for open dialogue between members of the Selectboard, the Town Planner, and the public. If you are interested in this proposed ordinance consider attending this Selectboard meeting.
<http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/index.html>

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming application(s) for DRB Review:

- Jolley (Mobil): (Sign Review) – The applicant is requesting sign review for replacement of the existing gas sign at their Mobil location with an LED sign of equivalent size. This property is located at 21 Commerce Street in the Commercial Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the April 16th DRB meeting.*

Economic Development Committee

- *Mission Statement Review* – The Committee reviewed the mission statement and, after some discussion, the Committee agreed to consider amending the mission statement to read as follows: “The mission of the Hinesburg Economic Development Committee is to enhance social, environmental, and economic capital by promoting healthy, inclusive, and sustainable enterprises.” The committee will consider adopting this mission statement at the next meeting.
- *5-yr Economic Development Plan* – An early draft of the 5-yr economic development plan, for inclusion with the 2016 Town Plan, will be completed by early 2014, with the goal to finalize the plan and submit to the Planning Commission by the end of 2014.
- *Revolving Loan Fund* – The Committee discussed a number of options for the structure of the revolving loan fund. The Committee will look into creating a non-profit entity to manage the revolving loan fund that can also attract ‘localvestors’ to contribute to the fund. Committee members discussed the importance of microlending and have that as a primary function for the revolving loan fund.
- *Future Meetings* – The Committee will meet the last Thursday of each month. Next meeting is scheduled for April 25th at 7:00 p.m. <http://www.hinesburg.org/hedc/>

Selectboard

- *Commission, Board, Committee Appointments* – The Selectboard appointed Sarah Murphy to a seat on the Development Review Board effective through January 1, 2014; The Selectboard appointed Aaron Kimball to a seat on the Planning Commission effective through January 1, 2017; The Selectboard appointed Stephen Gladstone to a seat on the Economic Development Commission effective through January 1, 2015.
- *Hannaford* – The Selectboard approved submitting the Municipal Act 250 Questionnaire, with accompanying letter, to the Natural Resource Board. Town Planner, Alex Weinhagen, was directed to draft a letter explaining the Town's position and to ensure interests of the Town are protected and the DRB's decision is upheld during the Act 250 proceedings.
- *Highway Department Capital Purchase* – Per recommendation of the Highway Foreman, the Selectboard approved a motion to purchase a new Mack truck with Viking body, paid for via 7-yr lease payments, as the new highway truck for purchase in FY2014. The 2004 dump/plow truck will be sold via open bid to offset the cost of the 2014 purchase.
- *Rural Area Zoning Ordinance* – With the assistance of the Town Planner, the Selectboard discussed the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. Deliberations will continue at the next meeting on April 15th.
<http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/index.html>
- *Selectboard Retreat* – The Selectboard will have a retreat this Friday at Noon. At the retreat, the Selectboard will have a chance to talk, in a more informal setting, and set goals for the upcoming year. The retreat will take place at the Hinesburgh Public House.

April Fool's Mike!



The Town Administrator's April Fool's prank on the Road Foreman was presenting this 80 horsepower truck (2WD, powered by vegetable oil) option at the April 1st Selectboard meeting as the recommended purchase for the new dump/plow truck in the Highway Department, rather than the more typical 400 horsepower truck used for plowing and hauling gravel. Payback is expected, someday.... 😊

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