

# Town of Hinesburg

*Celebrating 250 years*

## *Weekly Update*

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### April 10, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- *Drug Take Back* - On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Hinesburg Community Police in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency and Kinney Drugs, will be holding a drug take back. The location will be at Kinney Drugs in the village from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to get rid of expired or no longer needed medications. This successful program ensures that the prescription drugs stay out of the underground water sources and the hands of persons not prescribed the medicine. If you are unable to make the Saturday event, you can call the office to make arrangements to bring the medicine to our office before the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- *Theft* - On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, police responded to Baldwin Rd. for a report of the theft of gasoline from a vehicle. The victim noticed that the fuel door was open and the gas cap was off. The vehicle had been full of fuel and when she checked it, the fuel level was below one quarter.
- *Theft* - On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, police were contacted by a local business because they received three catalytic converters that were possibly stolen. The person who had the converters was one of the previous persons arrested for similar thefts.

#### **Town Clerk's Office**

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

## **Recreation Department**

- *Spring Sports Registrations* - Last chance to register for Tee Ball, Farm League, and K-1-2 Lacrosse. Final deadline is 4/11. Still looking for Tee Ball and Farm League baseball coaches...if you're interested, please contact the Rec. Dept.
- *After-school Arts & Crafts* - Another round of After-School Arts & Crafts begins May 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- *April Break Horseback Riding Camp* - Still room in the April Break Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Attend M-F for \$225 or \$45 per day.
- *Afterschool Golf Program* - 3 spots available in the After-School Golf program that runs Mondays/Wednesdays from May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> at Cedar Knoll.
- *US Lacrosse Memberships* - Completed last minute US Lacrosse memberships for lacrosse players in grades 3-8 for final NVTYLL registration.
- *5/6 Boys Lacrosse Parent Meeting* - Attended parent meeting for 5/6 boys lacrosse team on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- *Lacrosse Equipment* - Distributed lacrosse equipment to coaches.
- *Hawks Lacrosse Hats* - available at Rec. Dept. - \$10.
- *Indoor Lacrosse Practice* - First session of indoor practice time for 5/6 and 7/8 boys began on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### **Events**

- *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 on *Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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 April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for this special musical event. – It's free!* There will be refreshments served! Please call 482-2878 for more information.
- *Story Times* - Next week both Toddler Story Time and Preschool Story Hour will be offered on Tuesday morning.
- *Hinesburg Community School Art Show Reception* – *takes place April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Carpenter-Carse library.*

### **Other News**

- *A Library Board of Trustees meeting* - scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. Monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday unless otherwise warned and are open to the public; notices may appear on posters at multiple locations, in the Hinesburg Record News and/or in the *Weekly Update* for the Town of Hinesburg.
- *A new shipment of children's and YA books* - has arrived and they are being catalogued and prepped for the collection this week. Many are already on the shelves. Our next task is to make shelf-ready the 29 new adult books and one audiobook that arrived on Tuesday of this week.

- *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 Administrator**

- *Public Safety Facility* – Two (2) residents were appointed to the Public Safety Facility Committee – John Kiedaisch & Aaron Kimball – and other community members are encouraged to become part of the final design and construction process. If you are interested please contact: [jcolangelo@hinesburg.org](mailto:jcolangelo@hinesburg.org). The Committee is currently working to solidify a timeline for this summer’s work; you can track the efforts to bring the project to completion by reading the minutes posted online. The Selectboard will be asked to approve a Bond Anticipation Note in the near future to finance expenditures between April and July (2013) and approve a contract for geotechnical services (soil analysis). Long-term financing will be secured in late summer via the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank or like institution. The Selectboard will approve plans, including the site plan, for application to the Town’s Development Review Board at the May 6<sup>th</sup> and/or May 20<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>
- *Bissonette Family Recreation Area* – Fundraising efforts for the recreation facility are in full-swing and a number of generous in-kind and cash donations have come through the door already. Preliminary Plat Approval with conditions to be met for final approval from the DRB is anticipated in the near future and the Town will go back to the DRB for final approval mid-summer (if not before). If you are interested in donating to this project, (100% tax deductible) please review our flyer and consider a donation to the Bissonette Family Recreation Area c/o the Town of Hinesburg. <http://www.hinesburg.org/bissonette-rec-facility-project/bissonette-family-recreation-area-fundraising-flyer.pdf>
- *Hannaford Act 250 Review* – A site visit and pre-conference hearing before the Act 250 Board for the Hannaford project is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15. Site visit (on location) at 6pm followed by the hearing (Town Hall) at 7pm. [http://www.hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html#hannaford\\_decisions](http://www.hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html#hannaford_decisions)
- *Rural Area Zoning Ordinance* – Deliberations will continue at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting (and most likely at the May 6 and 20<sup>th</sup> meetings too) on the Planning Commission’s proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. Information on the ordinance is available on the Town website:  
<http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/index.html>  
If you have questions, contact Alex Weinhagen, Town Planner:  
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- *University of Vermont* – Thanks to an invitation from a Hinesburg resident, the Town Administrator met with the staff of UVM’s Continuing Education department last Thursday. The purpose was to examine ways the University and Hinesburg (and other local governments in Vermont) can better interact and expand internship/research opportunities for students, staff, and faculty, while providing important services and resources. It was a very positive conversation and both parties plan to continue these efforts.

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

### Selectboard

- *Selectboard Retreat* – On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> the Selectboard held a retreat. The purpose of the retreat was for the Selectboard and Town Administrator to participate in an exercise geared towards big-picture planning and goal setting. While no official motions or actions were made during the retreat, the Selectboard discussed ways to improve the Selectboard meeting process, developing Core Values, move towards becoming a Visionary/Leadership Board, set priorities for capital projects, and how to better empower the many community volunteers. Notes from this retreat will be available on-line and the Selectboard will review the meeting in more detail at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Town Forest Committee

- *Bat houses* - The Town Forest Committee approved the placement of six (6) bat houses in the Town Forest for a local Eagle Scout project. The houses will be built to the specs of Bat Conservation International.
- *Hayden Hill West Parking Area* – At the request of the Town Administrator and Chief of Police, the TFC considered the possibility of closing the Hayden Hill West parking area to the Town Forest between 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. in an effort to help neighbors in the area reduce undesirable loitering. This issue will be discussed with the Selectboard on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Shooting Concerns* – Also at the request of the Town Administrator and Chief of Police, the TFC considered whether or not to support an ordinance for Selectboard consideration to prohibit shooting in the Town Forest except for the purposes of hunting during hunting season. TFC was generally supportive of this idea as it would provide local law enforcement the ability to enforce what is stated in the recently adopted Town Forest Management Plan. Discussion will begin with the Selectboard on April 15<sup>th</sup>.



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