

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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April 17, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* - On Saturday, April 27th, 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 27th.
- *Burglary* - On Wednesday, April 10th, Hinesburg Community Police responded to Hidden Pasture Road for a reported residential burglary. The burglary occurred during the day while the homeowner was away. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the department. As mentioned before, it is as important to report unknown vehicles in a neighborhood at 12 noon as it is 12 midnight.
- *Family Dispute* - On Thursday, April 11th, a report was received of a family dispute in the village. Officers responded and after speaking to both parties, the dispute was settled without additional action needed.
- *Verbal Argument* - On Tuesday, April 15th, police responded to a reported verbal argument in the CVU parking lot. The two parties were spoken to and no further action was necessary.

Recreation Department

- *AARP Driver's Safety Class* - Hosted an AARP Driver Safety class for 12 participants on April 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- *Meetings Held* - Recreation Commission meeting and July 4th Committee met on April 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- *Spring Sports* - Final deadline for spring sport sign-ups was April 11th.

- *Farm League/Tee Ball* - Have 4 Tee Ball teams with coaches and 2 Farm League teams with coaches. All start the week of April 29th.
- *Equipment Order* - Ordered hats and supplies for season.
- *K-1-2 Lacrosse* - begins Saturday, May 4th.
- *U.S. Lacrosse Memberships* - Compiled and submitted all US lacrosse membership numbers to NVTYLL (Northern VT Youth Lacrosse League)
- *Lacrosse Equipment* - Delivered jerseys and remaining lacrosse supplies to coaches.
- *Referee Clinic* - Had several students attend a lacrosse referee clinic at UVM on April 14th at 11:30 a.m.
- *7/8 boys Lacrosse Team* - played a game at 1:00 p.m. on April 14th at UVM's field for newly certified referees to practice.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Events

- Many thanks to Schuyler Jackson for his “Rural Electrification of Vermont” presentation at the library last Tuesday: This excellent Vermont History Program was researched and presented by Mr. Jackson, a Hinesburg resident, and co-sponsored by the Hinesburg Historical Society. Thanks also to Ann Thomas and Jean Miner
- *Join us April 19th at 7:00 p.m. for a special musical event featuring the Chick Peas!* This talented and harmonious trio includes Jody Albright, Darienne Oaks, and Linda Pervier. Free entertainment and refreshments served! Please call 482-2878 for more information.
- Last week’s story hour for preschool children was attended by 7 adults and 16 children. This week both Toddler Story Time and Preschool Story Hour were offered on Tuesday morning. Combined attendance was 6 children and 6 adults. Families will want to welcome Youth Librarian, Janet Soutiere back to the April 23rd Preschool Storyhour at 11:00 a.m. She will also be eager to meet with babies, toddlers and their families to the Tuesday, May 7th Toddler Story time at 9:30 a.m.

Other News

- A Library Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the library.
- About the Carpenter-Carse Library’s new public access computer use policy: Effective April 15th, all library computer users need to sign in **and** get a unique one-use PIN at the circulation desk before gaining computer access. Access will be available in one hour increments, after the user reads usage terms and agrees to them. This is just a summary; complete computer use terms and policy are available at the library.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Public Safety Facility Project* – The Public Safety Facility Committee met again last Friday morning with the architect, landscape architect (SE Group), and civil engineering firm (Otter Creek Engineering). Significant time was spent reviewing

and making some minor changes to the organization of the interior space of the police and fire stations. These changes amounted to enlarging some rooms or offices and reducing others. Furthermore, the Town Planner reported on his meeting with officials from VTRANS regarding the curb-cut for the current police station and the curb-cut needed for the new building. At this point, VTRANS has indicated they will not allow the old curb-cut to stay in operation. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 26 at 7:30am (Town Hall). All are invited to attend these meetings. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>

- *Water & Wastewater Budgets* – Sometimes it’s easy to forget that budget work is not complete after the Town Meeting vote. Only the general fund Town budget receives approval at Town Meeting; the Water & Sewer Department budgets get approved by the Selectboard (not by a town-wide vote) at a later date. The Selectboard’s first look at the proposed FY2014 budget will take place on May 6th. Like information for the general fund budget, all information for the proposed FY2014 Water/Wastewater budget will be made available to the public on the Town’s webpage.
- *Health Insurance Changes* – Impending changes to health insurance are fast approaching. The Town Administrator will be investing a significant amount of time preparing the Town and town staff members for these changes. Between now and the end of summer the Town will need to evaluate how it will provide and pay for health insurance for Town employees on the new health insurance exchange. By October 1st the Town of Hinesburg will need to be listed as an employer on the exchange and by the end of November all Town employees will need to go onto the exchange and select an appropriate plan.
- *Green Up Day* – Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4th. Green Up bags will be available beginning Thursday, April 25th at both the Town Hall (Clerk’s Office) and Carpenter-Carse Library. When you pick up your bags, please mark down which road you will be doing on the sign-out sheets. The Town Hall will be open any time after 8:00 a.m. on Green Up Day for folks looking for road assignments or to join in with an existing work group. Bags can be brought to the Town recycling center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Green Up Day. If you prefer to leave bags securely along the roadside, just note it on the sign-out sheets. Please join us for our annual community lunch/barbeque at noon at the Town Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Pouech at 482-2060 or via email at ppouech@gmavt.net

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Rural Area Zoning* – Deliberations on the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance continued Monday evening and will continue on May 6 and May 20. Depending on the progress made, an extra Selectboard meeting may be necessary to focus on the

document in preparation for a Warning the two (2) necessary public hearings prior to (potential) adoption. Questions and comments on the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance should be directed to Hinesburg Town Planner Alex Weinlagen: hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. All pertinent information regarding rural area zoning can be found on the Town website:

<http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/index.html>

- *Rte 116 Paving* – Representatives of the State’s Agency of Transportation discussed plans for the re-pavement of the Starksboro and Hinesburg portions of Vermont Route 116. Paving will start May 6th and last all summer. We will do our best to keep Hinesburg informed of all summer paving plans.
- *New Health Officer* – Joe Gannon, Hinesburg’s recently appointed Health Officer, met with the Selectboard to review the position. The local health officer, along with the Selectboard, makes up a town’s local Board of Health and takes actions accordingly to enforce state statute. Joe’s background as a member of Hinesburg’s Fire and First Response Department – both as a fire fighter and trained EMT – is appropriate for his work in this capacity. Joe can be reached by dialing the Town Clerk’s office at 482-2281x223 or emailing jgannon@hinesburg.org.
- *Town Forest/Parking Area Issue* – Chief of Police, Frank Koss, and the Town Administrator met with the Town Forest Committee last week to discuss issues with loitering at the Hayden Hill West parking area entrance to the Town Forest. In an effort to mitigate concerns from the neighbors of the area, the Police Chief and Town Administrator recommended prohibiting parking in that lot between 10pm – 5am. The Selectboard would like to solicit additional community feedback, input from the Town Forest Committee, and discuss further before committing to an action plan.
- *Town Forest/Shooting Concerns* – The Police Chief and Town Administrator met with the Town Forest Committee (same meeting as above) to discuss issues with apparent haphazard and random shooting in and around the Town Forest. While the recently adopted Town Forest Management Plan prohibits shooting, except for hunting purposes, local law enforcement are unable to enforce this provision of the Management Plan without an ordinance. Discussion will continue; Chief Koss and Hinesburg’s Town Administrator, Joe Colangelo, will work with the Town Forest Committee to draft possible ordinance language.
- *Bristol Bakery & Café Wastewater Allocation* – Approval was granted to the Bristol Bakery for their Wastewater Allocation Request of 3,024 gallons per day with the associated one time charge of \$12,398.40
- *CPA Contract* – The Selectboard approved a one year contract for the annual Town audit (FY2013) for Fothergill, Segal, & Valley for \$16,750.
- *Public Safety Facility, Interim Financing* – While the \$1,055,200 bond passed for final design and construction of the public safety facility project, long-term financing will not be available until August from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank; therefore, the Town must secure interim financing to cover expenses between now and early August. The Town solicited quotes from private banks but due to the fact that the Town has health finances and the anticipated spending between now and August is relatively small (estimated around \$150,000), the

Selectboard approved a measure to 'borrow from ourselves' and repay any amount spent from the proceeds of the bond issuance.

- *Public Safety Facility, Geotechnical Services* – The Selectboard approved a contract with Knight Construction for geotechnical services on the public safety facility at a not to exceed amount of \$8,490. Geotechnical services amount to testing soils and advising the structural engineer on foundation design.
- *Bissonette Family Recreation Area, Curb Cut* – The Selectboard approved widening the Haystack Road curb-cut as part of the Bissonette Family Recreation Area project for \$29,987; approximately \$21,000 will come from the recreation field project budget and the remaining portion will come from the water/wastewater capital fund.



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