

# Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

## Weekly Update

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### April 24, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Commission:** *Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conf. room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- **Drug Take Back** - Please remember the Drug Take Back on Saturday 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. 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 April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Route 116 Construction** - It has been announced that road construction will begin soon on Vermont Route 116 that will last several months. Although it will certainly be an inconvenience, no one can argue that the road does not need the work. It will be important to remember that using the side roads as an expressway in lieu of good time management will not be a proper solution. We will be monitoring these roads to ensure the residents are safe and will certainly step up enforcement as needed.
- **Family Disturbance** - On Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police responded to a report of a family disturbance on Hillview Terrace. The argument was only verbal and no further action was required by the police.
- **Vandalism** On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, vandalism was reported on Vermont Route 116 near the St. George town line. Person(s) unknown had driven on a residence's lawn and damaged the lawn and the parking lot.

#### **Buildings & Facilities**

- **Water Main Flushing** – Currently under way through Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mains will be flushed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; expect discolored water, use care with laundry and run water until it clears after 4:00 p.m.
- **Quarterly Meter Readings** - Recently completed quarterly meter reading
- **Water Bills** - bills mailed out with Consumer Confidence Report, our annual report on water quality.

## **Town Clerk's Office**

- *Dog Licenses* - Please don't forget that dog licenses were due by April 1<sup>st</sup> and that you still need to obtain a license! The fee is now \$10.00 which includes the \$2.00 late fee. You will be receiving a notice in the mail in the next few days showing the expiration date(s) of the rabies certificate(s) we have on file. If yours is expired, please bring an updated rabies certificate with you. If you no longer have your pet, please give us a call at 482-2281 ext. 223 to let us know and we will remove the dog from our list. Thanks!
- *Special Meeting* - There will be a special school district meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Hinesburg Community School gym to discuss and vote on the following Articles:

Article I: Shall the voters of the Hinesburg Town School District adopt its school budget by Australian ballot?

Article II: Shall the Hinesburg Town School District hold its 2014 Annual Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot?

Only the registered voters who attend the meeting can vote on these Articles. You can register to vote up until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are not already a registered voter in Hinesburg. If Article I passes, beginning in March 2014, the HCS budget will be discussed at the meeting but voted on the following day by Australian ballot. Article II is simply to decide when to hold the HCS meeting. Please feel free to call if you have any questions!

## **Recreation Department**

- *Driver Education* - Driver Education enrollment continues. Kevin Browne's Session 1 is full and there is a wait list. There are a few spots left in Session 2. Dave Brautigam's class has 1 spot left. Final payment and registration is due May 24, 2013.
- *T-ball Coaches Meeting* - Hosted the Tee Ball coaches meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Met with coaches, went over rosters, schedules, and passed out equipment for upcoming season.
- *5/6 Girl's Lacrosse* - 5/6 lacrosse girls had their first practice on April 18<sup>th</sup> at CCS.
- *Vacation Horseback Riding Camp* - Vacation Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables filled.
- *Afterschool Programs* - There are still openings in After-School Golf, After-School Horseback Riding on Tuesdays, and Arts & Crafts - all 3 programs start next week April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact the Rec. Dept. for details.
- *Bissonette Family Recreation Area* - Donations for the Bissonette Family Recreation Area are arriving and are most appreciated!!

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### Events:

- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the musical group The Chick Peas entertained 30 people in the library's Community Room. The trio's melodic vocals were accompanied by violin,

piano, percussion and other small instruments. It was a fun evening! Cash donations and food items were collected for the local food shelf.

- The May 9<sup>th</sup> selection for the Carpenter-Carse book discussion group is *American Chica: two worlds, one childhood* by Marie Arana. The June 6<sup>th</sup> discussion features *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Meetings are held in readers' homes and are at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Please call Carol @ 482-3193 for meeting locations or for other information.

Other News:

- Library Treasurer Darcelene Lewis/Wedge and Director Sue Barden are reviewing balances of expenditure & income 7/1/2012 – 3/31/2013 before passing reports on to the library's accountant, David Lavallee. This review is done quarterly, to insure the accuracy of our records.
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we welcomed back Janet Soutiere, who was on medical leave for two months. It is great to have our Youth Librarian back in action @ Carpenter-Carse!
- Visitors to the Carpenter-Carse Library are reminded of the new public access computer use policy (summary): Effective April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. Complete computer use terms and policy are available at the library.
- The library has received a Performers Grant through the VT Department of Libraries which will be used for the Summer Reading Club Kick-off Program with Matthew Witten.
- *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).*

### **Planning & Zoning**

- *Selectboard Meeting* – Staff attended the April 15<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting to assist with the board's review of the rural area zoning revision proposal.
- *Development Review Board Meeting* – Staff prepared for and attended the April 16<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting where a 2-lot subdivision on Raven Hill Road was discussed, along with an application from Jolley (Mobil Station) to replace their gas price sign with one that shows a single price via LED lights. The preliminary plat subdivision approval of the Haystack Crossing (Bissonette Family) property was also finalized. This subdivision is to create the lot for the Town Recreation Field project. Next stop – final plat review for the subdivision, along with site plan review for the planned improvements, and related conditional use reviews for a stream crossing and minor flood hazard area impacts.
- *Hannaford CCRPC Meeting* – Staff met with Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission staff and Hannaford representatives on April 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss Hannaford's Act 250 application. The regional planning commission is a statutory party to Act 250 proceedings, and has a policy to comment on all Act 250 applications that go to a hearing. Staff reiterated issues raised and conditions included in the DRB approval. Staff also noted issues and opportunities with

Hannaford's new proposal to lengthen the Patrick Brook box culvert in order to widen Route 116 north of this stream crossing.

- *CCRPC Meeting* – Staff attended the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> where the Town of Shelburne's draft comprehensive plan was reviewed, and suggestions made for improvements.
- *Trail Maps* – Staff continues to work with Lenore Budd of the Trails Committee to create and update public trail maps for the Town website. New trail maps have been developed for the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest (and surrounding public lands), Russell Family Property (and surrounding Thistle Hill trails), and the Hinesburg Town Forest. Next up is an update to the Geprags Park trail map.
- *Rural Zoning Town-wide Mailing* – Staff produced and sent out a town-wide mailing regarding the pending rural area zoning revision proposal. A saturation mailing went out to all 2000 residential mail boxes in Hinesburg. This was followed up by a mailing to approximately 240 landowners with non-Hinesburg addresses. Printing, folding, sorting, and addressing done in-house (rather than using a commercial print/mail company) to save money. Many thanks to Renae Marshall for coordinating, and to Missy and Cheryl in the Town Clerk's office for helping out!
- *Rural Subdivision Discussions* – Staff has been working with about 10 landowners thus far who have contacted us to discuss subdivision potential based on the need to make decisions given the pending rural area zoning revision proposal. We anticipate assisting more landowners now that the rural zoning mailing has gone out.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Health Insurance* – Attended seminarsponsored by the Vermont League of Cities & Towns, in Rutland that reiewed the federal Affordable Care Act and VHC. Plan design, employee choice, and federal tax credits in VHC were addressed, as well as state mandates, regulations and assessments. Following the overview, there was a review of collective bargaining rights and obligations in general and in relation to municipal health benefits.
- *CCTA* – Met with CCTA, representatives from Milton, and the State of Vermont regarding local funding for commuter bus routes. Future conversations will be scheduled between CCTA, Hinesburg, and ACTR (Addison County Transportation Resource) on the same topic; in particular, Hinesburg's future local funding responsibilities.
- *116 Paving* – Communicated with some local land owners, representatives of the State, and Pike Construction on the upcoming 116 paving. Information on this project and how it will impact commuters will be available on the Town's webpage all summer:  
<http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-roadwork/index.html>
- *Public Safety Facility* – Prepared application to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, met with other private banking institutions regarding potential financing proposals, and put together the agenda for the Public Safety Facility Committee's Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting – 7:30am at Town Hall (the

public is welcome at these meetings). Knight Construction, a Geotechnical contractor, took soil samples from the construction site on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>; the analysis of the soil will assist the civil engineers with their work.

<http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/index.html>

- *Green Up Day* – Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Green Up bags will be available beginning Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ppouech@gmavt.net)

*Hinesburg’s thoughts are with the people of West, Texas;  
Watertown and Boston.*



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