

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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May 8, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Civil Standby* – On Friday, May 3rd, Hinesburg Community Police were requested for a civil standby for a spouse to remove belongings from a residence. The standby went without incident.
- *Juvenile Problem* - On Friday, May 3rd, an officer responded to Richmond Rd. for a report of two young children walking on the road. The officer contacted several adults and the children in the Sunset Mobile Home Park. After locating the father, he was advised to be more attentive to where his children were.
- *Vandalism/Trespassing* - On Sunday, May 5th, an officer responded to a report of vandalism and trespassing at a residence having property in both Hinesburg and St. George. There was no evidence or witnesses to the crime.
- *Juvenile Problem* – On Monday, May 6th an officer responded to a report of an out of control female. An argument began between the daughter and her parents that resulted in the daughter being brought to the police station by the officer and a meeting with First Call was arranged.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Brush Fires* - HFD was light on fire-training this week, but got plenty of on-job practice anyway with a couple of brush-fires in St George, possibly of suspicious origin. In the current weather conditions of low humidity and sometimes gusty winds, the key is to get any brush or grass fire knocked down quickly before it can spread. Useful equipment includes the time-honored "Indian Pack", person-

portable sprayers, forest rakes and shovels to cut a line. When apparatus can be positioned close enough, both our front-line Engine 2 and our smaller, more maneuverable Engine 3 are equipped with "Compressed Air Foam" or "CAF", which does what it says: injects compressed air and foam into the water stream. This mixture has a "smothering" effect and is highly effective at knocking down both wild land and structure fires. Since the foam component is basically a detergent; it's safe on the environment.

- *Training* - Fire members participated in EMS training on Advanced Life Support (ALS), learning how to assist EMTs on-scene with fluid infusion via intravenous catheter and assisting respirations via an advanced airway.
- Fire Calls this week: (2) Brush fire in St George, (twice).
- *Administrative matters* - Chief Barber continues working with the Town and the Police Dept. on the new public safety facility for the P.D. Fire Officers meet this week on organizational changes and to consider upcoming training priorities.
- *Open House* – The Hinesburg Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Child Safety Seat inspections
 - Demonstration of Jaws of Life and Hydraulic Tools
 - See how quickly a room of furniture can burn

Hinesburg First Response

- *Training* - As mentioned in the Fire Report, this week's training was intended to familiarize Fire Members and basic level EMTs with advanced interventions requiring fluids, drugs or respiratory support. While we do, at times, practice starting IVs on each other, most of the time we use a synthetic "arm", a simulation device with skin, veins and plumbing for "fake blood". Since real people vary so much, the "arm" isn't that realistic, but it's a good "procedures" trainer. Likewise, we have an "airway" trainer, a manikin designed to accept "airway adjuncts", small pieces of plastic designed to keep the tongue from blocking the airway, and a more advanced device for securing respirations called a "King Airway". Our medical district requires us to practice with the advanced airways every three months, reflecting the critical nature of a call involving any kind of intubation, and the supervision of all rescue squads in our area by Fletcher Allen Emergency Department.
- *First Response Calls this Week: (6)* -- A hand-laceration, two lift-assists, and a several "altered mental status" calls made up an averagely busy week for First Response. People sometimes wonder if they should call 911 for a "minor" laceration and that's a tricky one. If the bleeding can be easily controlled with a dressing, and the victim has no other injuries, then a ride to the emergency department with a friend or family member might be completely appropriate. However, with any bleeding that doesn't stop, associated pain or light-headedness, folks should never think twice about calling 911. If an ambulance is not required, it can easily be cancelled and we'd far rather err on the side of caution. A couple of times in the last year, injured folks have turned up on our doorstep, one with a chain-saw injury, after realizing they needed help getting to the emergency department. When in doubt, call 911!

- *Equipment Considerations* - The humble tourniquet has probably been around for as long as people have been getting badly injured, and its design and use has been refined in recent years, mainly because of wartime experience. HFR, like all rescue squads in our area, is waiting for revised protocols, and one of these is likely to move the tourniquet up the list of interventions to stem uncontrolled bleeding. It was always in the toolkit, but is now going to be used sooner than before. We are expecting other changes to our protocols and we will report them here as they happen.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Special Meeting* - Don't forget the special Hinesburg Community School District Meeting to be held at the HCS gymnasium on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is being held to discuss and vote on the question as to whether or not the HSC budget should be voted on by Australian ballot on Town Meeting day as opposed to voting on the budget at the annual meeting. This is an important question so please make every effort to attend this meeting. You must be a registered voter in the town of Hinesburg in order to participate. You can register to vote up until Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Department

It was a BIG week for the Rec. Dept.!!

- *Farm League* - 22 Farm League Baseball players and 2 coaches began their season on Monday, April 29th
- *Tee Ball* - 28 Tee Ball players and 5 coaches began their season on Tuesday, April 30th
- *After-School Horseback Riding* - began this week on Tuesdays & Fridays with 14 children participating.
- *After-School Golf* on Wednesdays & Fridays began this week with 8 children participating.
- *Dog Obedience Class* - A six-week long Dog Obedience class started on Thursday, May 2nd.
- *Bissonette Recreation Field Meeting* - Attended a meeting to review the preliminary plat approval findings for the subdivision and site plan for the Bissonette plan.
- *Lacrosse* - 18 K-1-2 Lacrosse players and 4 coaches began their season on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30 am.
- *Boys Lacrosse Jamboree* - HRD and Charlotte Rec. hosted a 5th/6th and 7th/8th boys lacrosse Jamboree on Saturday, May 4th at Lyman Park and CVU. There were 8 games played against So. Burlington and Middlebury teams from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
- *Girls Lacrosse Jamboree* - HRD and Charlotte Rec. hosted a 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade girls lacrosse Jamboree on Sunday, May 5th at Charlotte Central School and CVU from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Teams from MMU, Williston, Middlebury, Stowe, Shelburne and Charlotte/Hinesburg played 2 games each.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Events:

- The next two meetings of the Carpenter-Carse Library Book Discussion Group are scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at Diane Telford's home and June 6th at the home of Ann Carlsmith. The book selections are, respectively, *American Chica: two worlds, one childhood* by Marie Arana and *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Refreshments will be served. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. Please call Shelli @482-2269 for more information. All are welcome.
- As part of a senior project at Waldorf School, Elora Buscher will lead a special pajama story time, on Wednesday, May 9th from 6 -7 p.m. at the library. Elora has chosen a cat theme for the evening, and will offer a craft project to accompany her stories. Children ages 3 – 7 are invited.
- The Welcome Baby Brunch at the Town Hall on Sunday was a happy occasion for all. Forty-one parents and children attended the celebration. Pretty pink and white bouquets and a luscious spread of food added to the festive atmosphere. The best part of the event is always the opportunity for young families to connect with each other, and to see the new library books dedicated to each child. Kudos to Heather Purinton and her great team @ Friends of Families, HCRC, as well as Carpenter-Carse Youth Librarian, Janet Soutiere and her helper, Judy Curtis. Welcome, Babies!

Other News:

- We are adding 2 new large print books this week: *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout and *The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society* by Darien Gee.
- The library gained fourteen new members in April! We are always excited to greet new members. (We now have 2,976 members.)
- The library's summer hours begin on Saturday, May 25th (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) All other library hours remain the same.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Vermont Gas Update* – The last correspondence with representatives of Vermont Gas suggests that changes to the submitted plans might be anticipated. Phil Pouech and I plan to meet with VGS soon to review any proposed changes and if they will impact Hinesburg. <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/>
- *Rte 116 Paving* – Paving of Rte. 116 began this week(May 6th). Keep up with the latest developments all summer via the Town's webpage. <http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-roadwork/>
- *Development Review Board Alternate Vacancy* – There is one (1) vacant seat available as an alternate on the Development Review Board. Please submit an application to the Town Administrator. http://www.hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Conservation Commission

New Members Needed – The Conservation Commission is in need of filling some vacancies. For information about the Conservation Commission, please visit: <http://www.hinesburg.org/conservationcomm.html>

Selectboard

- *Special Selectboard Meeting* – There will be a Special Selectboard Meeting held on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will focus solely on the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *CVU Girls Basketball Team* – The Selectboard welcomed the State Championship CVU Girls Basketball Team at the beginning of the meeting and honored the team for their outstanding achievement this past year.
- *Rural Area Zoning* – Town Planner, Alex Weinhagen, led the Selectboard through discussion on Objective #3 (Development Density) of the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. A Special Selectboard meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. focused specifically on the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Hannaford Act 250* – The Selectboard passed a motion authorizing the Town Planner, Alex Weinhagen, to solicit quotes and enter into an agreement for independent contracting services for further study of the proposed culvert for Patrick Brook under Rte. 116. The Selectboard also approved the written comments, as presented by Town Planner Alex Weinhagen, to be submitted on behalf of the Selectboard to the Act 250 District Commission regarding Hannaford. http://www.hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html#hannaford_decisions
- *Rte. 116/Silver Street Flashing Beacon* – A proposed “flashing beacon” for safe pedestrian crossing across Silver Street at the Silver Street/116 intersection was discussed with Town staff, the Selectboard, and the Safe Routes to School Coordinator. A sidewalk on the west side of 116 from Charlotte Road to Silver Street will be built soon; the flashing beacon, in theory, was to provide a ‘safe’ mode of crossing to the Hinesburg Community School. Staff and members of the Selectboard expressed concern that the Silver Street/116 intersection is just not an ideal place to have children (or adults) cross the street. VTRANS regulations also do not allow for a flashing beacon to be placed at road intersections; rather, they are supposed to be placed in the middle of a road/street. The Selectboard expressed the desire to move forward on the 116 sidewalk project and think about better alternatives to get pedestrians to HCS before committing to a plan of attack.
- *FY2014 Water/Wastewater Budgets* – The FY2014 water/wastewater budget was introduced to the Selectboard Monday evening. Some of the major issues to consider before approving are the following: 1) the proposed re-organization of the department with the Buildings & Facilities Director taking over the day-to-day management of the department. 2) (Temporarily) Eliminating the position of Superintendent and the creation of a second operator position. 3) Shifting more

compensation of the Town Administrator and Special Projects Coordinator's from general fund to water/wastewater fund to better reflect the time spent engaged in activities for the water/wastewater department. 4) Including money in the capital budget of the water department for the water feasibility study and connected water source capital upgrade in the future. 5) Including monies to upgrade/beautify the wastewater house next to the fire station to go along with the new police station and proposed fire station additions. 6) Purchase – via lease financing – of a new truck to replace the 2005 Ford Ranger. The FY2014 water/wastewater budget is available for review online:

<http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>

- *Parker Trail Easement* – The Selectboard agreed to accept a trails easement from Bruce and Judythe Parker. This 20-foot wide corridor begins on the southerly sideline of Pond Brook Road and runs southwesterly along the easterly a distance of 1,920 feet.
- *Architectural Services Contract* – The Selectboard agreed to enter into a contract with Vermont Integrated Architecture, PC, for architectural services for the public safety facility project.
- *Village North Sidewalk* – Joe Colangelo, Town Administrator, was appointed Municipal Project Manager for the Village North Sidewalk which will connect Commerce Street to Riggs Road with a sidewalk on the east side of Rte 116.
- *Annual Town Meeting Minutes* – The Minutes of the March 4, 2013, Annual Town Meeting were approved.
- *Tar Sands Resolution* – A motion was passed (3-2 vote) to approve and sign a Resolution, passed by voice vote at Town Meeting, expressing the Town's opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont.
- *GMO Labeling* – A letter was approved, per vote at Town Meeting, expressing the Selectboard's support for a state-based mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food.

Thanks go to Aaron Kimball for 5 years of service on the Village Steering Committee. Aaron is now continuing service to the Town of Hinesburg as a new member of the Planning Commission.



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