

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Act 250 Site Visit/Public Hearing:** *Wednesday, May 15th 6:00 p.m. site visit/7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. (Main Hall) Cont'd Rural Area Zoning Discussion*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall) Regular Agenda*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Family Dispute* – On Wednesday, May 8th, police responded to a report of a family disturbance on Birchwood Drive. The unwanted family members left when the police were called. No further action was needed.
- *Juvenile Problem* – On Friday, May 10th, a citizen called to report that her son had been shot in the face by a six year old with an air soft gun. An officer contacted the family to discuss the incident and warned them of the possible consequences regarding this unsafe act. According to other residents in the mobile home park, this is an ongoing problem that the department will be monitoring.
- *ATV Accident* – On Saturday, May 11th, Hinesburg Police, Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to Buck Hill Road West for a reported ATV accident. Upon arrival, Clinton Norris, 16 years of age from Hinesburg was found unconscious. He was treated at the scene and transported to Fletcher Allen where he later passed away. Hinesburg Police are conducting an investigation into the accident.
On behalf of all of the emergency responders, we wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the family.
- *Driving while Criminally Suspended / Drugs* – On Monday, May 13th, an officer on patrol on North Rd., recognized an operator as criminally suspended and a registration check indicated that the registration plates did not return to the vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and drug paraphernalia was observed in the vehicle. The 33 year old male driver from Williston was arrested and taken to the station where his probation officer was contacted. He was cited and released.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Fire and EMS trainings* – These trainings were combined this week to simulate rural search, treatment and recovery of one or more missing persons. This is a situation that presents at any time of year and requires lots of person-power and good organization. In this training, we used a "grid" system to search a large field with adjacent woods, each searcher 10 feet apart until the "victim" was found. EMS personnel assessed the patient and worked with Fire members to backboard and load the patient onto a "Stokes", a large basket with a wheel designed for rough-terrain extrication. A steady rain-fall made for realistic conditions!
- *Fire Calls this week:* (2) Brush fire and ATV crash.
- *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* - Starting next week, Hinesburg FD will be hosting important transition training from the previous EMT "Basic" (B) standard to the new National Registry "EMT". In all, some 26 EMT-Bs from Hinesburg and surround agencies will attend these trainings.
- *Calls this week:* (4)
- *ATV Crash* - FIRE, EMS and PD responded together early Saturday morning after being dispatched to a reported ATV crash with injury. On scene within minutes, Hinesburg First Response commenced assessing, treating and back boarding the driver, a teenage male, who was found breathing but unresponsive. Fire and EMS members worked together so that when the St. Mike's ambulance arrived the patient was assessed, treated and ready for "load and go" priority transport to the Emergency Department.

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

- *Little Strikers Soccer* - began on Tuesday, May 7th with 14 kiddos participating.
- *6th Grade Boys Lacrosse Game* - Hosted a 6th grade boy's lacrosse game at CCS on Thursday, May 9th against South Burlington.

- 7th/8th Boys Lacrosse Game - Hosted a 7th/8th boy's lacrosse game on Thursday, May 9th at Lyman Park against Williston.
- 3rd/4th Boys Lacrosse Jamboree - Hosted a 3rd/4th grade boy's lacrosse Jamboree between Charlotte Central School and Lyman Park on Saturday, May 11th. Teams from Burlington, St. Albans, and Williston attended.
- *Drivers Education Reminders* - Sent out reminders for students enrolled in 3 Driver Education classes for payment and registration deadlines.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Events:

- Two story times with Janet Soutiere are scheduled for next Tuesday:
Toddler Story Time @ 9:30 a.m. for babies and toddlers up to 3 yrs. of age and *Preschool Story hour @ 11:00 a.m.*, for 3-5 yr. olds. We regret that the May 14th story hour had to be cancelled. Several of our library staff attended the funeral of Dick Weston, whose wife Linda is a longtime Library employee.

Other News:

- Carpenter-Carse Library belongs to the Green Mountain Library Consortium, GMLC and is a member of VOKAL, the *Vermont Organization of Koha Automated Libraries*. This month we welcome Haston Library of Franklin to the VOKAL system. Haston is now using koha, the same open-source catalog and lending system we use, and is the 41st catalogued library in the VOKAL system. After 3.5+ years of operation, VOKAL has almost 400,000 marc records with over 830,000 items in the catalog, and more than 79,000 patron records. In April, 2013, monthly circulation approached 95,000!
- The latest information from the Carpenter-Carse Library Book Group: *June Meeting:* Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 PM @ Ann Carlsmith's home. - Book selection: *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. *July Meeting:* Wednesday, July 17th @ Shelli Goldsweig's home. - Book: *Please Look After Mom* by Kyung-Sook Shin. The *August book* is *The Hummingbird's Daughter* by Luis Alberto Urrea.
- We wish to thank those who made donations to the library in honor of Hinesburg resident Polly Quinn's recent birthday. We will purchase several new books with the gifts. One of Polly's many contributions to our town was her remarkable 45 years on the Library's Board of Trustees! Polly was a dedicated and highly esteemed member of the Board from 1945 to 1999.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning

- *Selectboard Meeting* – Staff attended the May 6th Selectboard meeting to assist with discussions on the rural zoning proposal and the Selectboard's comments on the Hannaford project Act 250 review. Hannaford comments were subsequently formatted and submitted to the Act 250 office on May 8th.
- *Development Review Board Meeting* – Staff attended the May 7th DRB meeting where two new applications were reviewed – Final review for Horton subdivision on

Place Road East; Conditional use review for Morgante accessory apartment above a new barn. Decisions on two previous applications were also discussed.

- *Planning Commission Meeting* – Staff attended the May 8th PC meeting to assist with the creation of a community survey on shoreline areas and shoreline protection regulations. Survey questions fleshed out, final survey to be reviewed at May 22nd meeting, for distribution to community shortly thereafter.
- *Public Safety Facility Meeting* – Staff attended the public safety facility project meeting on May 10th. Good progress on design plans with presentation to the Selectboard on May 20th, and subsequent application to the DRB by the end of May.
- *Landowner Meetings/Assistance* – Staff continues to meet with landowners interested in exploring subdivision potential of smaller parcels (less than 12 acres) ahead of any rural zoning changes.
- *Selectboard Rural Zoning Meeting* – Staff attended the special May 13th Selectboard meeting to assist with the discussion on the rural zoning proposal. Lots of good Q&A, both with Selectboard members and via public feedback. Selectboard appears ready to move the proposal forward, but only after making a few adjustments. Another special meeting scheduled to flesh out the specific changes desired from 6pm-7pm on May 20th – ahead of the regular 5/20 meeting.
- *Zoning Enforcement & Neighbor Negotiations* – Staff spent considerable time this week ensuring that the new Fletcher Allen Construction project complied with its permit regarding underground power. Staff spent even more time with a group of neighbors near Lake Iroquois to ensure that planned road improvements would be addressed per recent and past DRB decisions.

Town Administrator

- *Public Safety Facility* – The Selectboard will be asked to approve the application to the Development Review Board for the new police station at the May 20, 2013, Selectboard meeting. If the application is approved as presented, DRB review will begin in June with a goal of final approval granted before September. Work has commenced on the project. The architectural firm of Vermont Integrated Architecture is working with the Town's Public Safety Facility Committee to finalize the site plan, complete final designs for the police and fire station additions. Knight Construction completed their geotechnical report on the soil quality of the site. Members of the public are invited to attend any meeting of the Public Safety Facility Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 24 at 7:30am in Town Hall. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>
- *Health Insurance* – The Town Administrator now sits on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Health Insurance Trust Board of Directors and is preparing for the Town's (mandatory) participation in the Health Exchange. Since the Town has less than 50 employees Town employees will only be able to purchase health insurance, starting January 1, 2014, through the Exchange. Rates and plans are expected to be set within the next two (2) months.
- *Village North Sidewalk* – Request For Qualification's has been advertised for engineering, permitting, and design consulting services for the proposed sidewalk

on the east side of Rte 116 from Commerce Street to Riggs Road. This project is being funded by a State grant. The local match necessary for the project is being funded by SB Collins and WindNRG; Hinesburg property tax payers will have no financial responsibility for the initial installation of the sidewalk.
<http://www.hinesburg.org/rfp/>

- *Wastewater/Water FY2014 Budget* – Please feel free to review the proposed Water/Wastewater budget for FY2014. The Selectboard will continue discussion on these budgets on May 20th and will be asked to approve a budget in June prior to rate setting for FY2014 in July. These documents are available on the budget page of the Town website. <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *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 has begun. 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
- *Employment Opportunity* – The Town is now advertising for a job opening in the Department of Buildings & Facilities, Wastewater/Water Division. We are accepting applications for the position of Operator and will review the first wave of applicants on May 31st. The position will remain open until filled by a qualified candidate. <http://www.hinesburg.org/employment.html>

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>

Development Review Board

Upcoming applications for DRB review:

- *Valerie Thibodeau/Travis Palmer*. (Site Plan Review) – The applicants are requesting site plan approval in order to construct a (2-unit) multi-family dwelling on their 0.75 acre lot with their existing house. This property is located at 62 Charlotte Road in the Village Zoning District.

This application is scheduled to be reviewed at the May 21st DRB meeting.

- *Rob Bast/Laura Carlsmith: (Land Transfer-Boundary Line Adjustment)* – The applicants are requesting a land transfer for the purpose of making a boundary line adjustment for two adjoining properties that are owned by the applicants. The applicants currently have two 10-acre lots and they are proposing to adjust the boundary lines of those lots to create a 13-acre lot and a 7-acre lot. The applicants' current house is on the proposed 7-acre lot and there is no development proposed for the 13-acre lot. This property is located on a 20.15 acre parcel off of Windrow Lane in the Agricultural Zoning District.
- *Hinesburg Center LLC: (Subdivision Revision)* – The applicant is requesting subdivision revision for the purpose of eliminating 2,500 square feet of office space and creating 3 residential units on the second floor of the building currently under construction at the Hinesburg Center Project. This property is Lot 47 of the Hinesburg Center Project.

This application has not been scheduled as of yet.

*Thank you Katie Martin for your 2 ½ years of service to
the Recreation Commission!*



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