

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **HCS –Special Meeting:** *TONIGHT Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. (HCS Gym)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Town Health Officer

- *Lyme Disease* – With the summer season upon us, please take necessary precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones from Lyme disease. Incidents of Lyme disease have increased in Vermont in recent years. With proper planning, you can enjoy the Vermont outdoors and stay safe.
http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme/lyme_disease.aspx
- *Lyme Disease II* - On Front Porch Forum Rachel Nevitt offered some good additional information and pointed out, accurately, that the world of Lyme is extremely controversial. There are two very distinct schools of thought on the subject. She offered the following link as additional information. Thank you, Rachel!
http://www.ilads.org/lyme_disease/about_lyme.html

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Police Academy Graduation* – On Friday, May 24th, Chief Koss, Sergeant Casco and Deb, our Admin Assistant, attended the graduation of our new officer, Joshua Mesec, from the Vermont Police Academy. Aside from the accomplishment of making it through the sixteen week academy, Joshua received the Director's Award for dedication to the ideals of the Academy and for providing inspiration to his classmates. Joshua still has several more weeks of training and several months of Field Training with another officer before being released to work solo. Congratulations to Joshua for a job well done!
- *Family Fight* – On Tuesday, May 21st, officers responded to the Sunset Mobile Home Park for a reported family fight. The parties were separated prior to arrival

and it was determined that there was no physical confrontation. After talking to both people, they were able to stay together with no further problems.

- *Family Fight* – On Friday, May 24th, officers responded to the Sunset Mobile Home Park for a reported family fight (not the same residence). After talking with both parties, it was decided that the male would leave for the night. The officer remained on scene until the male left.
- *Citizen Dispute* – On Tuesday, May 28th, an officer responded to a business in the village for a reported dispute between two employees. One of the employees left before police arrived and the investigation is continuing.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Rec Path Project* - SD Ireland returned May 28th to finish work on Rec Path project. The majority of the work remaining will take place on Mechanicsville Road. A bench was installed next to the sidewalk at the corner of Commerce Street and Mechanicsville Road.
- *Public Safety Facility* - Committee work continues on the Public Safety Facility. Some of the work and/or discussion items center around having the stormwater tie into the Creekside detention pond, review of the geotechnical report received, and roof design issues.
- *Monthly Sampling* - Completed water and wastewater monthly sampling.
- *Budget* – Completed work on FY 13-14 budget.

Town Clerk's Office

- *Special Meeting* - Don't forget the special Hinesburg Community School District Meeting to be held at the HCS gymnasium TONIGHT (Wednesday, May 29th) at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting is to decide whether or not to vote on the annual budget for the Hinesburg Community School at the annual meeting, or to switch to an Australian ballot and vote on Town Meeting day. You must attend the meeting in order to vote on this decision.
- *Beach Passes* - Lake Iroquois beach passes are here! They are \$25.00 for Hinesburg residents, and you have the option of purchasing a second vehicle pass for the same family for \$14.00. The beach is open weekends beginning on Memorial Day weekend and daily once the school year is completed. Seniors 62 and over may purchase a pass for \$12.00. Out of town residents may purchase a pass for \$50.00.
- *Green Mountain Passports* - are once again available in the clerk's office for those folks 62 and over. These passes enable you to visit the State Park day use areas for free. The cost of the Passport is \$2.00 and it is good for life!

Recreation Department

- *Mary Beth Bowman's Piano Recital* – The recital was held May 21st at 5:30 p.m. at HCS. Seventeen students performed and entertained an appreciative crowd. Mary Beth's famous punch and goodies concluded the performance.

- *Andrea Haulenbeek's Piano Recital* – The recital took place on May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at HCS. Fourteen students performed and showcased a year's worth of piano lessons.
- *Andrea Haulenbeek's Children's Choir* – They performed an end-of-the-year musical program on May 22nd at 1:40 p.m. for HCS students and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. for parents and relatives. Twenty-one students performed, singing an Old English Round, a French folk song, a Latin American folk song, and several contemporary songs.
- *Lacrosse* - Both home lacrosse games were cancelled due to weather.
- *Grad Challenge* - Attended CVU's Graduation Challenge on May 24th.
- *Driver's Education* - Final registration and payment due for Kevin Browne's Session 1 and Dave Brautigam's Driver Education classes on May 24, 2013.

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning

- *Route 116 Corridor Study – Volunteers Wanted* - Believe it or not, there are bigger Route 116 issues than this summer's repaving project. Wonder how to fix the traffic congestion on Route 116 during rush hour? Should the Town take over the village portion of Route 116? How walkable will the village be after 20 more years of growth and development?

With the help of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, the Town has hired a traffic consultant to help us answer these and other questions about the Route 116 corridor. It has been nearly 15 years since our last 116 corridor study, and a lot has changed since then. The project will run through this summer and fall, with a final report to the Selectboard anticipated in December. We are seeking volunteers to serve on a 7-member steering committee to give information and perspective to the consultant, to provide a reality check ahead of planned public meetings, and to review and confirm recommendations prior to delivery of the final report. More information will be posted to the Town website shortly - <http://www.hinesburg.org>.

If you're interested in serving on the steering committee, please contact Alex Weinhagen (Director of Planning & Zoning) by June 7th. Email is best at hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. You can also reach Alex in person at the Town Office, or by phone at 482-2281 x225. Alex Weinhagen, Joe Colangelo (Town Administrator), and a Selectboard member will then assemble the steering committee ahead of our planned first meeting in late June.

Town Administrator

- *Selectboard Meeting Agenda* – Please review the Selectboard June 3rd meeting's agenda - and corresponding informational packet – on the Town webpage. All information available to the Selectboard is also available to the public except for

any documents that might be discussed in Executive Session under 1 VSA 313.

http://www.hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/

- *Addison Natural Gas Pipeline* – Louise Porter, staff attorney for the Department of Public Service, will visit with the Selectboard at their June 3rd meeting and give an update on the process to expect with the hearings before the Public Service Board.
<http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/>
- *Employment Opportunity* – The Town is seeking applications for a Water/Wastewater Operator. The first review of applications will take place after the May 31st deadline. If a qualified candidate is not selected, the Town will keep the position open until filled and accept applications on a rolling basis. This job is an exciting opportunity for a highly motivated individual and provides a potential for advancement in a few years. <http://www.hinesburg.org/employment.html>
- *Commission, Board, Committee (CBC)* – Opportunities for community involvement exist currently on the Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, and Development Review Board (alternate). If you are interested in service, please fill-out an application form and contact the Town Administrator to be scheduled for a Selectboard interview. Recently, the Williston Observer ran an article on the growing number of young people (high school and college aged) that serve on various boards and committees in Williston. Young people in Hinesburg are strongly encouraged to apply! <http://www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>
- *Rte. 116 Paving* – Renae Marshall will continue to send-out updates as they become available regarding the work on 116. We appreciate everyone’s good humor and tolerance during this paving year.
<http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-roadwork/>

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Economic Development Commission

- *Revolving Loan Fund* – Martin Hahn, Executive Director, Community Capital of Vermont, presented to the Commission. He explained how Community Capital works and how they could help service Hinesburg’s revolving loan fund. Community Capital provides loans to ‘micro-enterprises’ (4 or fewer employees) and typically to lower income start-up borrowers (80% median and below) at interest rates of 7-9%; value added agriculture start-ups eligible for 5-7%. Capital would offer Hinesburg the benefit of a ‘known quantity’ vehicle that could manage Hinesburg’s revolving loan fund. However, Hinesburg would lose ‘local control’ with Community Capital. Commission members agreed that the Community Capital option is a great back-up plan; members wants to continue to pursue options for a mechanism that would grant the Town local control over the fund.
- *Economic Development Plan* – Commission members tentatively agreed on an outline for the 5-yr Plan and will start drafting a document for review.
- *Website/Information* – <http://www.hinesburg.org/hedc/>



Joshua Mesec, our newest officer with the Hinesburg Community Police Department, graduated on May 24th from the Vermont Police Academy (see Hinesburg Community Police report on pg. 1). *Congratulations Joshua!*



This photo was taken by Drew Lepple at a youth soccer game at the soccer fields behind Town Hall.

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