

# Town of Hinesburg

*Celebrating 250 years*

## *Weekly Update*

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### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Town Health Officer**

- *A brief introduction - I am the new Town Health Officer, appointed by the Select Board a few months back. When I took the appointment, I mentioned to the Select Board that along with usual duties, I would be interested in some "pro-active" efforts regarding health education in Hinesburg, an interest shared by Dr Ulager of the Hinesburg Family Health Clinic, soon to be re-born in a spiffy new building at Ballard's Corner. As soon as staff gets settled there, we will explore ways to partner with Fletcher-Allen and bring some of their resources into the community. Cigarette smoking avoidance for kids might be a good project, as an example. Lyme disease is a regional concern, and some kind of clinic on avoidance and detection could be worthwhile. The old "prevention better than cure" adage comes to mind for a variety of situations. Please note my new email address below and please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions. Thanks!*

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#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- *Suspicious Persons – On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, an officer responded to the area of Hidden Pasture Road for a report of three males with back packs in the area. The males were students from CVU with one of the males living in the area. Thanks to the caller for giving us the opportunity to verify that there was not a problem.*

- *Criminal DLS* – On Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, an officer made an enforcement stop on a vehicle and determined the driver was Criminal DLS. The 40 year old female from Hinesburg was arrested and taken to the station where she was cited and released.

### **Hinesburg Fire and First Response**

5/26/13 - 6/03/13 - A busy week for Fire and First response.

#### Fire

- *Calls* - Fire calls this week included "car in a ditch", gone on arrival (you have to wonder), mutual aid into Williston for a vehicle on fire -- we sent our Tanker (1W1), a two-car motor vehicle crash at 116 and 2A, a fire-alarm on Texas Hill and on Monday a car off the road and over an embankment. The driver of that vehicle was not wearing a seat-belt and was ejected. He was extremely lucky not to be seriously injured.
- *Calls this week* - 5
- *Training* - our last training was on pump operations. We took Engine 2 to the canal and practiced "drafting", i.e. suctioning water out of the canal and into the engine and then back into the canal under pressure, simulating a fire-fighting attack. Practice, practice!

#### First Response

- *Calls* - A typically busy week for First Response with calls covering the range of emergencies: a truck-crash on Charlotte Road and possible trauma, a "loss-of-consciousness" call and an "unresponsive" call the next day. Next to possible cardiac and stroke problems, these kinds of calls are greatly concerning since the cause can range from trivial (overslept) to a serious medical emergency, which is how they get treated until otherwise known. We also had a person with a serious GI problem and someone with a possible stroke, again a medical emergency. We ended up the week with an ejected motorist who was checked for trauma and transported, and a young person with a possibly dislocated knee. An "air-splint" was used to stabilize this during transport.
- *Calls this week* – 9
- *Training*: The EMS Transition class will be finishing up this weekend with an all-day training on Saturday. At the completion, along with EMTs from Hinesburg, a total of 25 people will have been "upgraded" to the new national standard. From then on, like providers at all levels, these EMTs will be receiving continuing education to keep their licenses.
- *Equipment issues* - The new interactive Epson projector is installed and working flawlessly. Again both Fire and First Response would like to thank all the people who've supported the Fireman's Association and made this and other equipment available.

### **Town Clerk's Office**

- *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**

- *Driver's Education* - More additions/cancellations and contacting students on the waiting list for Driver Education classes.
- *Weather Creates Havoc for Spring Sports* - Volatile and rapid weather changes keeps lacrosse and baseball practice/games in limbo. Thank you coaches for communicating the changes efficiently.
- *Lacrosse Jamboree* - Big Jam at Collins-Perley Arena in St. Albans hosted annual lacrosse jamboree on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> for grades 3-8.
- *Space Available in Summer Programs* - Still openings in Track & Field program that starts on 6/18, Hawks Cheer Camp 6/24 - 7/3 from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m., Arts & Crafts Camp 7/15-19 from 9-3, Tennis Lessons, Horseback Riding Camp 6/17-6/21, and one spot left in the Junior Golf Player Camp 12-3 pm 6/24-6/27. For more details go to [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) and look at Recreation for Spring/Summer brochure.
- *Adult Golf Lessons* - Still a few openings in Adult Golf lessons that start on Thursday, 6/6 and run through 6/20 from 5:30-7:00 pm for \$110. Contact HRD to register - [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *July 4<sup>th</sup>* - July 4th Theme is "Made in Vermont". No sign-ups are necessary to be in the July 4th Parade. Begin to assemble at bottom of Buck Hill Rd. West at 10:00 a.m. Judging is at 10:30 a.m. and parade starts at 11:00 a.m.

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

#### Calendar

- *Silent Auction to Benefit Carpenter-Carse Library* – Four eclectic private collections have been generously donated by an anonymous library patron, all to be sold by silent auction. 100% of proceeds are designated to benefit the library. The intriguing collections, compiled over a fifty year time period, consist of beautiful museum quality replicas and antique horses, and a selection of endearing fabric teddy bears of various sizes. There are also multiple charming figurines of mice by artist Dean Griff, and a collection of delicate figurines, pots and books associated with the fascinating art of bonsai.

Select items made by Hinesburg crafters and artists, along with vintage books collected by the Library, will also be on display and available for bidding. We hope to see many of our neighbors at this one-stop shopping event...It will be a fine opportunity to bid on a keepsake for yourself or for a gift on Father's Day or other occasion.

The Silent Auction will be held at the Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg during the following hours:

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – noon

The Silent Auction will close at noon on Saturday. The winners will be notified by phone at the end of bidding on Saturday, and expected to promptly pay and pick up items between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. Payment in cash or check will be accepted. For additional information, please call the library @ 482-2878.

#### Other News

- *New Books* - In late May we added two shipments of children's books to our youth collection. We are presently working on an adult fiction and nonfiction order; books should be shelf-ready sometime next week.
- *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).

#### **Town Administrator**

- *Economic Development Summit* – The Town Administrator attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual State of Vermont Economic Development Summit in Rutland on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendees included Governor Shumlin, Secretary of Commerce Lawrence Miller, and a number of business leaders from around the State.
- *Rte 116 Paving* – Please stay up with the latest on the Town's website: <http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-roadwork/>. If you are not included with Renae's mass email list, please contact her directly to receive our *Weekly Update* and daily paving updates: [rmarshall@hinesburg.org](mailto:rmarshall@hinesburg.org). Please remember that this is a State of Vermont project; the Town of Hinesburg is not responsible for the time of day or location of the paving.
- *Public Safety Facility* – The Town submitted its application to the Development Review Board for the new public safety facility; the DRB will review the application initially on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please review the project on the Town's webpage. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>

#### **Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

##### **Development Review Board**

*Upcoming applications for DRB review:*

- *Town of Hinesburg: (Site Plan Review)* – The applicant is requesting site plan approval for Phase 1 of the Public Safety Facility project which includes construction of the Police Department and associated site improvements. This project is proposed to take place in the area between the current Police Station

and the existing Fire Station. This property is located in the Village Zoning District.

*This application is scheduled to be reviewed at the June 18<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.*

### **Selectboard**

- *Fire Station Additions* – Along with finalizing design and engineering plans for the new public safety facility, the Town has moved forward with final design and engineering for additions to the fire station. These additions include a new public meeting/training wing and a new two bay addition. There has been some debate on the roof design of the new fire station apparatus bay between a ‘pitched roof’ and ‘flat roof’. At the Selectboard meeting on Monday night, the Selectboard voted unanimously to move forward with final design and engineering for a flat roof over the new apparatus bay addition. The flat roof only appears flat from the street level; in fact the roof is tilted and will shed water/snow towards the wastewater pump house towards the south. <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>
- *Addison Natural Gas* – Louise Porter, Attorney for the Department of Public Service, updated the Selectboard on the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline project. A second Public Hearing is scheduled for September 11, 2013 in Middlebury and, after that, the formal hearing process before the Public Service Board will commence. <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/>
- *DRB Appointment* – The Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Andrea Bayer to the Development Review Board as an Alternate.
- *Shooting Ordinance* – Members of the Town Forest Committee and Conservation Commission attended to further the discussion of a proposed ordinance aimed to prohibit erratic, haphazard shooting in the Hinesburg Town Forest and all Town property. The general consensus seemed to be to allow all types of hunting within the Hinesburg Town Forest but to limit hunting on other Town property, such as Geprags Park. An updated draft of the ordinance will be shared at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting.
- *Rte 116 Corridor Study* – Town Planner Alex Weinhausen updated the Selectboard on the status of the forthcoming Rte 116 Corridor Study. The Selectboard made a motion, passed unanimously, authorizing Alex, Joe Colangelo (Town Administrator) and Selectboard member Michael Bissonette the ability to appoint a seven (7) member steering committee to guide the corridor study. Those interested in serving on this committee should contact Alex Weinhausen at [hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net) before June 7<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-corridor-study/>
- *FY2014 W/WW Budgets* – The Selectboard adopted the FY2014 water/wastewater budget. The total spending plan for this budget is \$650,748, an increase of \$24,854 over the current years’ budget. Water rates are expected to hold flat and wastewater rates will, most likely, need to be increased when the Selectboard sets rates in early July. See all budget information at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>

- *Public Safety Facility Bond* – State Statute was recently amended to allow for 30yr term bonds. Until now, only bridge projects were eligible for 30yr term notes and all other municipal capital projects had to be issued as 20yr term bonds. The Selectboard voted unanimously to apply to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank for a 30 year bond for the \$1,055,200 public safety facility project. This will lower the average annual Town payment to the bond bank by roughly \$16,000 and reduce the tax payer burden by about 1/3 each year. One of the major factors pushing the Selectboard to the 30yr note was the fact that the capital improvement will last, as constructed, for longer than 30yrs.
- *FY2014 Dump/Plow Truck* – The Selectboard voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with Municipal Leasing Consultants out of Grand Isle, VT., for a seven (7) year lease to own contract for the dump/plow truck authorized by voters at Town Meeting in the FY2014 highway capital budget. Hinesburg’s first payment will come on July 1, 2014, and the annual payment will be approximately \$34,000. The highway department will sell the ‘old’ dump/plow truck and use the proceeds from that sale to offset the annual repayment responsibility.
- *Police Officer Pay* – Hinesburg’s newest police officer, Joshua Mesec, recently graduated from the Vermont Police Academy. At the request of the Chief of Police, the Selectboard voted unanimously to increase his hourly wage from \$19 to \$19.50 during his 10 week Field Training and, upon completion of FTO, his wage will be increased to \$20.00.
- *Rural Area Zoning* – The Selectboard discussed the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance with the Town Planner. More dialogue expected at the next Selectboard meeting. <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Next Selectboard meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>* – The next Selectboard meeting has been moved from its original date of June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Selectboard member schedules.

### **Trails Committee**

- *Nature Scavenger Hunt* – The Hinesburg Trails Committee hosted a Nature Scavenger Hunt in celebration of National Trails Day. This event was held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All participants met at the Russell Trailhead and were given a trail map along with a list of items to look for. Although this activity was geared towards children, all ages were welcome to join in the fun!



This photo was taken during the *Nature Scavenger Hunt* sponsored by the Hinesburg Trails Committee.



A picture of the State of Vermont – Agency of Transportation paving project on Route 116 courtesy of Aaron Kimball. For updated information related to this project, “like” us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/townofhinesburg>

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