

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Family Dispute* – On Tuesday, June 4th, an officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a possible family dispute. No action was needed and several ideas were presented to resolve the problem.
- *Vehicle Rollover* – On Wednesday, June 5th, officers responded to Baldwin Road and Drinkwater for an overturned vehicle. There was no one present and it was determined that there were no injuries to the driver. The teenage driver stated that she swerved to miss an animal and went off the road.
- *Family Dispute* – On Friday, June 7th, Hinesburg Community Police were requested to provide a civil stand-off of Pond Road for a home inspection where the son refused to allow entry. After some conversation, the inspection was allowed without further issues.

Highway Department

- *Rain Storms* - Hinesburg Highway has been busy with all the rain. We were saved by most of the big rain storms traveling north of us; we only had a few small washouts. We have had several trees come down mostly due to the ground being so soft.
- *Swamp Road* - A 600 foot section of Swamp Road has been dug down 18 inches, 500 feet of drainage pipe installed, road fabric added, and 12 inches of gravel put back. This section is typically the worst section of road during mud season.
- *Grading/Dust Control* - Most gravel roads had been graded and dust control added
- *Addison County Road Foreman's Meeting* - We hosted an Addison County Road Foreman's meeting. DMV was here to discuss changes to CDL's, trucks, road postings and hauling equipment

- *Silver Street* - Shoulder work and ditching took place on the south end of Silver Street.
- *Roadside Mowing* - Roadside mowing has begun. The paved roads are having two passes done this year during the first mowing, and then we will start mowing the same on the gravel roads.

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

- Adult golf lessons began on June 6th.
- Last Dog Obedience Class was held on June 6th.
- Working of July 4th details and prepping for Recreation Commission / July 4th Meeting on June 10th at 7:00 pm.
- 5th grade boys lacrosse team hosted a play-off game at Lyman Park on June 8th.
- 3/4 boys lacrosse team participated in the *Green Mountain Shoot-Out* in Middlebury on June 8th.
- Still space available in Track & Field, Hawks Cheer Camp, Golf Camp, Horseback Riding, and Arts & Crafts Camp. Go to www.hinesburg.org and click on Recreation.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Silent Auction to Benefit Carpenter-Carse Library* – The Library received four eclectic private collections from an anonymous library patron, to be sold by silent auction. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the library. The 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 figurines of mice by artist Dean Griff, and a collection of delicate figurines, pots and books associated with the art of bonsai.
- In addition to the aforementioned collections, select items made by Hinesburg crafters and artists, along with vintage books collected by the Library will also be displayed and will be fair game for bidding. We hope to see many of our neighbors at this one-stop shopping event... a fine opportunity to bid on a keepsake for yourself or to find a gift for a special occasion.
- The Silent Auction will be held at the Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg during the following hours:

- *Wednesday, June 12th, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.*
- *Thursday, June 13th, 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.*
- *Friday, June 14th, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.*
- *Saturday, June 15th, 9:00 – noon*
- The 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 adult fiction and nonfiction titles arrived last week and are now on our shelves. Another small shipment arrived today. Most of the books will be ready to lend this week. We also have ten new children’s books and another order on the way!
- Children’s Librarian Janet Soutiere led two story times last Tuesday, with an attendance of 22 children and 18 adults. This week’s Preschool Story hour brought in ten kids and five adults. On Tuesday, June 18th the 9:30 a.m. *Toddler Story Time* for babies and toddlers up to 3 yrs. of age will be followed by a *Preschool Story hour* @ 11:00 a.m., for 3-5 yr. olds.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.*

Town Administrator

- *CSWD/Town Garage* – In preparation for Chittenden County Solid Waste District’s appearance at the June 24th Selectboard meeting, the Town Administrator met with CSWD’s Executive Director and Engineer to discuss the future of the shared site off Beecher Hill Road. In preparation for preliminary planning for future new Town Garage, coordination and, potentially, a joint site planning effort will be needed if both parties would like to continue the relationship.
- *CCTA/ACTR* – Engaged in a meeting between the Town of Hinesburg, Chittenden County Transportation Authority, and Addison County Transit Resources, to begin conversations on the most appropriate way to share costs in an equitable manner for the Burlington-Hinesburg-Middlebury routes that are jointly run by ACTR and CCTA.
- *MTBE* – Buildings & Facilities Director, Rocky Martin, and I had a conference call with attorneys from the law firm of Baron & Budd, PC, regarding potential litigation against major oil companies for their role in the MTBE contamination found in Hinesburg’s water supply. The Selectboard will be asked to consider signing a Legal Services Agreement with Baron & Budd at the June 24th Selectboard meeting to have them represent the Town of Hinesburg. This firm has been successful in winning cases like Hinesburg’s, including two in Vermont. Hinesburg’s claim will not be against any local suppliers of petroleum products; the defendants will be large oil companies such as ExxonMobil, BP, etc. If the Selectboard agrees to sign the Legal Services Agreement on the 24th, we will begin the process of filing our claim in Federal District Court and building a ‘damage model’ in order to determine

compensation. Like any on-going litigation, the Town will not comment on this case more than to explain the process.

- *Water Source Feasibility Study* – The Selectboard commissioned a Water Source Feasibility Study for other potential water sources in Town (see above). At the March 18th Selectboard meeting, the engineering firm of Aldrich & Elliot presented their initial findings to the Selectboard and public. Their completed report is now available on our website: <http://www.hinesburg.org/waterworks/>
- *Employment* – The Town received 7 applications for the Wastewater/Water Operator position. We will now begin the process of application review and, hopefully, setting up interviews.
- *Champlain Housing Trust* – The Town Administrator was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Champlain Housing Trust.
- *Public Safety Facility* – Initial review by Hinesburg’s Development Review Board of the plans for the new police station and the master plan for Lot 1 will commence on June 18th. You’re invited to review the updated project information online: <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 (Town of Hinesburg) is requesting site plan approval for both the new police station and for additions to the fire station. The bond provides funding for design, permitting, and construction of the new police station, which the Town hopes to begin construction on this fall. Fire impact fees collected on new development since 2009 provide funding for design and permitting of the fire station additions. A timeline for construction of the fire station additions is still to be determined, and will depend on securing the necessary funding. The overall master plan includes additional important elements such as a Town Common, farmer’s market venue, additional parking, play area, and a new public transit stop. The master plan shows a conceptual design for these elements. A timeline for final design and construction of these elements is still to be determined, and will depend on securing the necessary funding. 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 18th DRB meeting.



The illuminated area represents the project area supported by the \$1,055,200 bond and the faded area represents the proposed future Lot 1 master plan.

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