

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. (Lake Iroquois paddle- b.y.o. kayak/canoe)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, July 1st at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Vehicle Accident with Injuries* - On Wednesday, June 19th, Hinesburg Police, Fire and First Response responded to a reported one vehicle accident on Richmond Rd. Upon arrival, the 28 year old female driver from Hinesburg and her son were found in the vehicle which was up against the porch of a house. She and her son were transported to Fletcher Allen to be evaluated.
- *Retail Theft* - On Wednesday, June 19th, an officer responded to a local business for a reported retail theft. Still photos were taken from the video and provided to the local television stations. Within thirty minutes of the airing of the report on WCAX, three people called the station and identified the suspect. Within fifteen minutes of the officer calling the suspect's family member, a 41 year old male from Ferrisburg called and confessed to the theft. A citation to court will be issued.
- *Criminal DLS* - On Monday, June 24th, an officer on patrol made an enforcement stop for no front license plate. After the stop, it was determined that the 29 year old male from Huntington was criminally suspended, the license plate was not assigned to the vehicle, there was no insurance and the inspection sticker was falsified. The driver was arrested and taken to the station for processing.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

Hinesburg Fire - 6/17/13- 6/24/13

- *Call Activity* - Your Fire Department has been busy preparing for the 4th of July, the upcoming feast of BBQ chicken with trimmings (a modest fund-raiser for the department) and parade-related activities requiring old-fashioned spit and polish for home-town pride. Meanwhile... a motor vehicle into tree stump started the week

on Wednesday assisting EMS back-boarding the driver for spinal precautions, on Friday the FD helped PD with traffic control for another MVC (motor vehicle collision) for a not-too-busy week. Wednesday was our monthly business meeting at which members voted to have the Fireman's Association to purchase an inexpensive laptop (\$370) to be the "front end" of the new Interactive Projector (also purchased with Association, i.e. "donated" funds. Other business included our monthly "call-review", which is just that.

- *Calls this week: 2.*

Hinesburg First Response 6/17/13 - 6/24/13

- *Call Activity* - First Response started the week on Monday responding to a call in St George for a "severe toothache" with subsequent transport to the E.D. followed by the above-mentioned car-into-tree-stump, working with the FD to extricate the patient. Later that day, EMS was called to an elderly female suffering "severe dizziness" subsequently transported by Williston's ambulance. On Saturday HFR tended to a possible broken leg, splinting same and transporting with St Mikes. Sunday saw an individual with difficulty breathing treated on scene for possible heart problems and transported again with St Mikes, followed by a call on Monday dispatched as "child through glass table" which thankfully turned out to be "into table" (bad enough) not "through table". The resulting laceration merited a trip to the E.D. again with St Mikes.
- *Calls this week: 6*

Buildings & Facilities

- *Mechanicsville Road Paving* – Paving on Mechanicsville Road associated with the Recreation Path project is now pushed back to mid-July due to all of the rain.
- *Lighting Strike* – The Piette Road pump station was struck by lightning on 6/24. This caused extensive damage to the controls and one of the two pumps. The controls have been temporarily fixed and we are still in the process of restoring communication to and from the pump house. In the meantime, the water department operators will be checking the pump station manually.



- *Wastewater Plant* – Due to the influx of additional storm water (rain) this week, the capacity of the Town’s wastewater plan limits are being tested.

Recreation Department

- *Lacrosse/Baseball Equipment* - Finishing up collecting lacrosse and baseball equipment from the end of the season. The equipment includes jerseys, pinnies, balls, bags, first aid kits, and now trying to find a place to store everything!
- *Spring Sports Season* - Thank you notes to coaches, mailing ribbons to participants, and overall housekeeping to finish up the spring sport season.
- *Horseback Riding Camp* - Kim Johansen's Horseback Riding Camp started on June 17th and ran through the week from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- *Recreation Track & Field* - program began on June 18th. There are 75 participants between Charlotte, Hinesburg, and Williston - 30 athletes from Hinesburg. Upcoming season includes 3 casual meets - Colchester, Essex, and MMU, the Hershey Track Meet at Essex H.S. on July 6th and the Vermont State Track Meet at St. Johnsbury Academy on July 20th. Athletes learn the basics of sprinting, middle-distance, hurdles, relays, long jump and throwing.
- On Saturday, July 22nd, the Charlotte/Hinesburg 7/8 boys’ lacrosse team participated in a post-season CSSU Jamboree with Shelburne and Williston. The goal was to host a friendly lacrosse game option with cold drinks and snacks afterward so that incoming freshman could connect as future teammates at CVU.
- Great Escape tickets are on sale at the Rec. Office (M-Th from 8-3) and in the Clerk's Office (M-F from 8-4 and until 6:00 p.m. on Wed.) \$35 - cash, please. NEW this season is a parking pass option for \$15 - save \$5 (parking onsite is \$20).
- *Space available in the following camps:*
 - Arts & Craft Camp 7/15 - 7/19 from 9-3 for \$225.
 - Sailing Camp 7-22 - 7/26 from 1:00-4:00 pm \$180.
 - Still room in Tennis Lessons for 7-10 year olds 7/22 through 7/26 for \$110.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- The silent auction held at the library the week of June 12 – 15th raised over \$600 to benefit our library. Proceeds will be spent on books. Visitors to the library had a great time enjoying the display of four eclectic collections from an anonymous patron donation, as well as handcrafted quilts and other creations by local artisans. Bids were competitive in some cases, and many people went home with treasures. Many thanks to the generous item donors, to bidders, and to Suzanne Richard for her invaluable help on this project. The auction would not have been possible without her hard work, and that of Jane Racer, Adult Services Librarian.

Other News

- Summer is a lively time for children and families at the library, and this year is no exception. Children’s Librarian Janet Soutiere offered six storytimes in June with the fun themes of wind, cookies, butterflies, owls and the moon. Attendance this month was 50 children and 37 adults. On Tuesday, July 2nd, there will be a 9:30

a.m. *Toddler Story Time* for babies and toddlers up to 3 yrs. of age and a *Preschool Story Hour* @ 11:00 a.m., for 3-5 yr. olds. On June 20th Matt Witten entertained 19 children and 9 adults with his delightful music and storytelling abilities. *Summer Reading Club* starts Wednesday, June 26; inquire at the library.

- Librarian Sue Barden is looking into replacing our broken water cooler (drinking fountain) with a new one for patron use. We are also working on sprucing up the appearance of the library grounds.
- Friends of the Library book and dvd donations will be accepted at the library through Friday, June 28. We are receiving many generous donations. Please keep in mind that we do not accept books that are moldy, musty, torn, stained (or chewed!) Guidelines for donations are always posted on our webpage [carpentercarse.org](http://www.carpentercarse.org) under the “About CCL” heading. We very much appreciate all the donations of items in great condition!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning

- *Planning Grant Closeout* – Submitted final requisition and grant documentation for the \$15,000 municipal planning grant that helped fund our Village Visualization project. The Town webmaster is working to put the final deliverables of this project up on the website. Once on the website, we will alert community members and seek more feedback with help of Village Steering Committee.
- *Shoreline Survey* – Continued to send reminders to Front Porch Forum encouraging everyone to complete the on-line shoreline survey. If you haven’t already, be sure to fill out the survey – available via the Town website.
- *Route 116 Corridor Project* – Notified the 9 members of the local project steering committee, and scheduled the first meeting with the consultant for June 26th at 4pm at the Town Office. Members of the public are welcome. Community forums to discuss Route 116 issues and possible solutions are planned for the fall.
- *Development Review Board* – Staff prepared for and attended the June 18th DRB meeting which focused on two applications. The Palmer, Thibodeau application for in-fill development in the Village (Charlotte Road) – i.e., adding a new two-unit apartment building to a lot with an existing single family home. The Town of Hinesburg application for the new Police Station and master planning for the overall 3.5-acre Town property (police station, fire station, future Town Common). Both projects required further submittals from the applicants and DRB discussion. Both were continued to the July 2nd DRB meeting.
- *Town Plan Revision, Regional Review* – Staff attended a Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission sub-committee meeting to get feedback from CCRPC staff and other municipal planning staff on the minor Town Plan revisions currently under review by the Selectboard (revisions to wildlife section of the plan). Feedback was positive, and the sub-committee recommended approval and confirmation by the full CCRPC if/when the Selectboard adopts the revisions.

- *Selectboard & Rural Zoning* – Staff attended the 6/24 Selectboard meeting to continue providing assistance as the SB considers the Planning Commission’s rural zoning revision proposal.
- *Planning Commission* – Staff and PC members rustled up canoes and kayaks for the 6/26 PC meeting, which will consist of a Lake Iroquois paddle to give PC members more direct exposure to the lake in support of their research into possible shoreline zoning revisions.
- *Building Energy Standards* – Received word that Governor Shumlin signed a new law that requires all municipalities with zoning to do what Hinesburg has been doing for the last few years with regard to building energy standards. Beginning July 1, 2013, Zoning Administrators across Vermont will have to provide information about statewide building energy code requirements for new residential and commercial construction – both new buildings AND additions to existing buildings. The RBES (Residential Building Energy Standard) and CBES (Commercial Building Energy Standard) requirements have been in place for many years, but with limited outreach and next to no enforcement. Beginning July 1, 2013, builders will have to file a certificate indicating compliance with the RBES or CBES code BEFORE a Zoning Administrator can grant the final certificate of occupancy – i.e., the OK to use/occupy the new or expanded structure.

Town Administrator

- *FY 2013/FY 2014* – Fiscal Year 2013 will close this Friday. Although I hate to jinx anything, initial indications point to the Town ending up the fiscal year in a strong financial position. I feel that FY2013 was overall highly successful for the Town as a whole. We accomplished a lot as a community and as a staff over the past 12 months. I look forward to another successful year with Fiscal Year 2014 starting on Monday, July 1.
- *Website* – Keep up with all the most current information on the Town’s website: www.Hinesburg.org
- *Facebook* – ‘Like’ the Town of Hinesburg on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/townofhinesburg>

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Chittenden Solid Waste District* – Executive Director Tom Moreau and Hinesburg Board Representative presented the proposed FY2014 CSWD budget to the Hinesburg Selectboard. Representatives of CSWD and the Selectboard also spent time discussing the future of the Town owned land on Beecher Hill Road that shares the Town Garage and CSWD drop-off center and the possibility of engaging in a joint site planning exercise for the future of the location. The Selectboard passed a Motion in support of CSWDs FY2014 budget as presented.
- *“Old” Police Station* – A letter to the Selectboard signed by a half-dozen citizens requesting the ability to look at potential reuses of the old/current police station.

The Selectboard discussed the possibility of looking into possible reuses/new uses with a few members of the public. The outcome of the discussion was the understanding that a citizen group would explore possible new uses and then report back to the Selectboard at a later date with that information.

- *4th of July* – The July 4th committee presented the schedule of events for Hinesburg’s July 4th celebration. This is the first year that this sub-committee of the Recreation Commission has been charged with 4th of July activities and will plan to debrief amongst themselves and the Selectboard after this years’ celebration.
- *MTBE* – The Selectboard agreed to sign a Legal Services Agreement with the firms of Baron & Budd, and Luxemburg for legal services with respect to damages, compensation and other relief to which the Town of Hinesburg may be entitled to as a result of an action to be filed against manufacturers, distributors, and/or sellers of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), tert-butyl alcohol (TBA) and its related or breakdown products.
- *Bissonette Rec Fields* – The Selectboard approved a letter to the Zoning Administrator allowing a sewer connection to the proposed Bissonette Recreation Fields which is outside the sewer service area.
<http://hinesburg.org/bissonette-rec-facility-project/>
- *Rural Area Zoning* – Discussion continued on the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. A special Selectboard meeting was scheduled for July 8th to focus specifically on the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance.
<http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Act 250/Hannaford Review* – Traffic engineering consultants from RSG presented their findings to the Selectboard. Discussion focused on traffic distribution (traffic from north vs. traffic from the south), 116 turn lane storage length, and the truck turning radius at the 116/Commerce Street intersection. The consultants will revise/finalize the memorandum and it will be available for public view on the Town’s webpage.
- *Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission* – The Selectboard re-appointed Andrea Morgante to a two year term on the CCRPC and appointed Joe Colangelo to a two year term on the CCRPC’s Traffic Advisory Committee.



Highway crew replacing a culvert at the intersection of Buck Hill Road West and Rte 116



Highway crew replacing the culvert on O'Neil Road earlier this week

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