

# Town of Hinesburg

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## Weekly Update

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### July 31, 2013



#### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Board of Civil Authority (BCA):** Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)
- **Town Forest Committee:** Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### Town Health Officer

- *Partridge Hill Road* – The Town Health Officer investigated a renter’s complaint of rodent infestation(s) and mold in their rental unit. The Town Health Officer took pictures, completed a report, and contacted the Fire Marshall because the mice chewed through the insulation.

##### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Animal Accidents* - In the last couple of weeks, we have had several accidents where the drivers swerved to miss animals that ran in front of their vehicles. One of the hardest instincts to resist is not to hit an animal and the driver has only a second to decide. If it’s not a moose or a horse running across the road, swerving to miss an animal can be costly and life threatening.
- *Agency Assist* - On Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police were notified by a local business that a person identified as a possible suspect by the Shelburne Police the day before had been to their business and turned in some material. The person was found at the bank attempting to cash the check. The person was detained by the Hinesburg Police and Shelburne PD was notified and responded to conduct the investigation.
- *Juvenile Problems* - On Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, an officer responded to Mountain View Mobile Home Park for a report of disorderly children. After contacting the complainant, it was determined that the juveniles are new residents to the park and not the first time police have dealt with them. Due to the previous problems, the department will monitor and if necessary, work with the Vermont Housing Authority to prevent it from escalating and the quality of life from being diminished.

- *Intoxicated Female* - On Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 4:00 a.m., an officer was called out for a possible intoxicated female walking on VT. Rt. 116 south of Shelburne Falls Rd. A check of 116 to the town line was negative so the officer checked Shelburne Falls Rd. This check was also negative to the town line but the officer continued and was going to turn at Dorset St. Before turning at Dorset, a vehicle was found off the road. Shelburne PD was called and the driver arrested for DUI. As it turned out, the driver was coming to Hinesburg to attempt to find the intoxicated female. She was later located safe at her residence.

### **Buildings & Facilities**

- *Rec Path Project* - Completed final walk through for Rec Path project, a few minor items on the punch list for S.D. Ireland to take care of; the project is virtually complete.
- *Monthly Wastewater Sampling* – The Wastewater Department completed monthly wastewater sampling duties as required by the State.
- *Blocked Transfer Pipe* – There is a blocked 6” transfer pipe between two (2) wastewater lagoons approximately 11 ft. underground. While the wastewater department has tried many different things in an attempt to loosen the blockage, nothing has been successful as of yet. The next option is to have a commercial diver, complete with full suit, helmet, air compressor, and communication – go down into the lagoon in an attempt to clear the pipe. The specialist from Watertown, NY will be in Hinesburg on August 1<sup>st</sup> to give it a try.
- *Brush Hogging* - Brush hogging at lagoons and Lyman Meadow.
- *Valve Replacement* – The Water/Wastewater Department replaced a valve along VT Route 116 (see picture below).



## **Highway Department**

- *Route 116 Paving Project Update* – To access up-to-date information on this State of Vermont project, please go to the Town website: [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)

## **Recreation Department**

- *Rec office Closed* – The Recreation Office will be closed July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- *Hart & Mead Concert in the Park* – Rick and the Ramblers will be performing TONIGHT (Wed., July 31<sup>st</sup>) at 6:30 p.m. behind Hinesburg Community School. Rain dates are Thursdays (same time/same place)

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### **Calendar**

- *Summer Reading Club Kids* – Don't forget to attend Week 6 this Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> if you have signed up for "Rockin' Ron, the Friendly Pirate!" 482-2878 - Most spaces are filled; please call to cancel if your child cannot attend. Children had loads of fun at the last session making furry critters and learning about animals that live in underground tunnels. Twenty-seven children and 2 adults attended the program.
- *Art Exhibit – "Illustrations" by Jenn Cullen - August 3 – September 14, 2013* - Jenn is a Hinesburg artist who currently works out of Shelburne Pond Studios. Visit the library during regular library hours to view this amazing collection of illustrations.
- *Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m. – Brown Dog Books & Gifts and Carpenter-Carse Library present: Sue Halpern, author of A Dog Walks into a Nursing Home: lessons in the good life from an unlikely teacher* - Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. Terry Tempest Williams, author of *Refuge, When Women were Birds* and other works: "A book about a dog that is ultimately a book about humanity..." Call the library to register for what promises to be a great program.

### **Other News**

- *Latest Shipment of Adult Books* - Patrons are enjoying the latest shipment of adult books now on the shelves; it will not be long before the next order goes out.
- *July Storytimes* - In July a total of 21 children attended Toddler Storytime on two Tuesdays, with 15 adults. Janet Soutiere also presented 5 Preschool Story Hours, with 53 children and 26 adults taking part. In addition, Janet Soutiere offered a Pajama Storytime on July 23<sup>rd</sup> with 3 children and 2 adults participating.
- *Improved Computer System* - To improve responsiveness for our patrons our library consortium services have been moved by our tech support company to a larger and faster computer system. Your searches of the library catalog should now be quicker and checking out or renewing items while at the library should see no delay.
- *Volunteers* - Our volunteers have given much appreciated help at the library of late: both adult members of our community and students from the CSSU Community Skills Program.
- *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**

- *Public Safety Facility* – The Town will issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) for General Contracting Services for the new police station on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proposals will be due to the Town Administrator's Office by August 23 at 3pm and the Public Safety Facility Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Selectboard for approval at a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The RFP will be available for review at: <http://hinesburg.org/rfp/>
- *Public Hearing: Shooting Ordinance* – A Public Hearing is set for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall on a proposed Shooting Ordinance. Basically, this ordinance would prohibit shooting except for hunting during hunting season(s) at the Hinesburg Town Forest and prohibit shooting of any kind at Geprags Park. The Ordinance will be available for review at: [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)
- *Public Hearing: Rural Area Zoning* – A Public Hearing is scheduled for the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall starting at 7pm. You can review all relevant documents online at: <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Vermont Smoke & Cure Grant* – There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to close out the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) \$550,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the Town acquired and then subsequently loaned (in full) to Vermont Smoke & Cure. Vermont Smoke and Cure has created and filled 16.5 new jobs or 2.5 more than the promised total of 14 in the grant application. Twelve of these are production jobs that are available to LMI (low to moderate income).
- *Committee, Boards, and Commission Openings* – In September the Town will advertise for a number of openings on the Town's various Commissions, Boards, and Committees. If you are interested in service to the Town as a volunteer CBC member, please take the time to fill-out the application form and prepare for an interview with the Selectboard in October.

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

### **Selectboard**

- *Public Hearing, Affordable Housing Project* – There was a Public Hearing at the August 29<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting for the Town to consider applying for a \$550,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Vermont Community Development Program. This is a similar grant to the one the Town successfully applied for and received as part of the Saputo Redevelopment efforts for Vermont Smoke & Cure. This particular public hearing was for to apply to the same program on behalf of the Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont in support of a 21 unit affordable housing project proposed for an area behind (the new) Kinney Drug. Upon close of the public hearing, the Selectboard voted (4-1) in support of the Town's application to the Vermont Community Development Program for the \$550,000 CDBG. The project developers still need to submit an application to the Town's Development Review Board and receive all necessary

state and local permits prior to construction. Interested residents are encouraged to look for this project's application to the DRB this fall.

- *Commission, Board, Committee Policies & Procedures* – The Selectboard reviewed proposed changes to the CBC Policies & Procedures. Most of the discussion centered on the concept of conducting interviews and engaging in dialogue on the merits of candidates for appointment in open or executive session. State Statute grants the Selectboard the authorization to conduct interviews and to deliberate about the interviews in either executive session or open session. The policy is anticipated to be updated at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting and will include language that would allow the Selectboard to enter into executive session if it desires.
- *Shooting Ordinance* – The Selectboard passed a motion to hold a public hearing on a proposed shooting ordinance. This ordinance would prohibit shooting at the Town Forest, except for hunting during prescribed hunting seasons, and prohibit all shooting at Geprags Park. The ordinance will be available for review at: [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)
- *Rural Area Zoning* – The Selectboard continued discussion on the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. Monday's conversation mostly focused on Objective #2 and PUD changes. There is a planned Public Hearing on the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm in Town Hall. More information available at: <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>



*Construction of the new Hinesburg Family Health Center (FAHC) off of Shelburne Falls Road, across from the Jiffy Mart, is moving quickly. The facility will open this Fall.*

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