

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update August 21, 2013

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Hannaford Act 250 Hearing:** *Wednesday, August 21st from 8:00am-5:00pm (Main Hall)*
- **Selectboard:** *Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 28th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Vehicle Accident* - On Tuesday, August 13th, Hinesburg Community Police and Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to Vermont Route 116 at Riggs Rd., for a three car accident with a reported injury. One driver was transported to Fletcher Allen for neck and back pain. The driver who hit the rear vehicle was cited for Unsafe Speed for Conditions.
- *Warrant Arrest* - On Thursday, August 15th, an officer made an enforcement stop on a vehicle on Pond Rd.. The occupants were ran for wanted checks and it was determined that the passenger had warrants for his arrest. The 24 year old male from Barre City was arrested and lodged in jail for two separate warrants.
- *Felony DUI, Criminal Driving While Suspended and Violations of Release Orders* - On Friday, August 16th, an officer was called to a service station for a suspicious vehicle and driver. The reporting party stated that the vehicle came in the parking lot and the driver was just sitting there. The officer contacted the driver and noticed the keys in the ignition and an opened beer in the center console. The driver was given several field sobriety tests and it was determined that he had been driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was placed in custody and taken to Shelburne Police Department for processing. The 50 year old male from Isle La Motte had four previous DUI convictions making this arrest a felony. His license was also criminally suspended for life and he was out of jail on conditions that he not drive or consume alcohol. After processing, he was lodged in jail on \$2500 dollars bail.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Activity* - Our call volume is up 20% over the same two month period last year. In the past two weeks we've responded to 11 EMS calls, 2 fire calls, 2 motor vehicle crashes (MVC) at the intersection of RT 116 & Riggs Road and one other MVC. One of the EMS calls involved a person who fell off a horse and was 3/4 mile back in the woods and a civilian ATV type vehicle was utilized to extract the patient from the woods.
- *EMS Training* - HFD Officers met with the officers of St Michaels Rescue to discuss our partnership. We discussed training opportunities and heard about their pending changes. They will be replacing one of their ambulances with a new ambulance next year that will not have snow chains. They are also planning to pursue a paramedic level of care with the hire of a new Assistant Chief. Kate Soons, current Asst Chief of SMRS, suggested it would improve patient care if we were to obtain our own 12 lead EKG. This tool can cut down on what the hospital calls "ED to Balloon" time - it provides a trigger to alert the hospital staff of a critical patient having an Acute MI that requires cath lab treatment. In some cases the FAHC staff needs to be called in from home, so, the more time they have to prepare, the quicker our patients can get to the cath lab and save heart muscle. We also discussed some components of the new EMS protocols that are in draft form. These new protocols will require additional equipment to be purchased.
- *Fire Training* - HFD members went through quarterly SCBA training at the training house on Route 116 (owned by Vic Giroux). Members were sent in through a maze to find our rescue dummy (Rescue Randy) that weighs a good 175 pounds. Members had their face pieces covered so they were 100% in the dark.
- *Upcoming Meetings* - We have our officer's meeting this week on Tuesday. On Wednesday we have our Association meeting immediately followed by our Department business meeting.

Highway Department

- *Richmond Road* - Replaced culverts on Richmond Road between North Road and Pond Brook Road in preparation for the re-pavement of Richmond Road. The capital budget approved by voters at Town Meeting calls for repaving 2.3 miles of Richmond Road in this fiscal year. Most likely, the project will be completed in the spring (2014).
- *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

Buildings & Facilities

- *Richmond Road* - Completed a waterline dig and repair on Richmond Road just below Iroquois Manufacturing.

Recreation Department

- *Youth Soccer Registration* - Sign up for Youth Soccer by 8/23 and save \$10. Forms and program information are available at Rec. Office or online: <http://www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html>

- *Soccer Coaches Needed* - Still looking for youth soccer coaches. Please contact the Rec. Dept. if you are interested - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230
- *HRD Fall Brochure* – Now available on the website. Hard copies were mailed to each Hinesburg household last Friday 8/16. NEW this season....after-school guitar lessons and a third and fourth grade theater program.
- *3rd/4th Grade Theater Production* - It's not too late to sign up for the 3rd/4th grade theater production of "RATS!" A Musical Tale of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Tryouts and assessments will begin 9/9 and 9/10. Practices will be after-school at HCS 3 times per week and the show will debut on Friday, Oct. 25th. For more information/questions you can contact HRD or Joy O'Neil at joyoneil44@gmail.com
- *Fall Festival* - Annual Fall Festival date is Saturday, 9/28. Farmer's Market at Town Hall, fresh produce, homemade food, baked goods, art demonstrations, craft vendors, childrens' activities, art Show in Town Hall, live music, and the Hinesburg Land Trust will sponsor a Harvest Dinner.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Art Exhibit – “Illustrations” by Jenn Cullen (August 3 – September 14, 2013)* - This whimsical artwork will spark your imagination and bring a smile to your face. Visit the library during regular library hours to view an eclectic group of illustrations created by a local artist. Certain pieces are available for purchase; please refer inquiries to a librarian on staff. Jenn currently works out of Shelburne Pond Studios.
- *Author Event with Archer Mayor – October* - Watch for details about an exciting Vermont author event this fall, co-sponsored by Brown Dog Books and Carpenter-Carse Library.

Other News

- *Volunteers* - Thank you to this week's volunteers: Kelly Winter for her excellent help with office tasks and shelving, and Steve Russell for trimming tree limbs on library property.
- *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 Update* – The Route 116 Corridor Study Steering Committee met with the project consultant on 8/15. Existing conditions and corridor issues were discussed. Community feedback on these issues will be garnered at a forum planned for late September (date TBD). The steering committee will meet shortly after that forum to discuss possible strategies for corridor improvements. One recommendation for the Selectboard did come out of the 8/15 meeting. The steering committee encourages the Selectboard to allocate funds to pay for final engineering and construction of the planned Route 116, Charlotte Road intersection improvements. They recommend the Selectboard do this sooner rather than later, in order to help address peak hour congestion on Route 116. The consultant pointed out that this intersection is the critical

bottleneck along the entire Route 116 corridor through the village area.

<http://hinesburg.org/route116-corridor-study/>

- *Hannaford Act 250 Update* - The first public hearing for the Hannaford Act 250 review was held at the Town Office on 8/14 from 8am-4:30pm. Both of the Town's expert witnesses (on traffic and on the Patrick Brook culvert) testified and were questioned. Alex represented the Selectboard, and questioned several witnesses on issues raised in the Selectboard's previously filed written concerns/testimony. Joe Iadanza was there to represent the Planning Commission, and had to wait the entire day in order to provide a brief summary of the PC's concerns related to the Official Map under criterion 10. The PC did engage an outside attorney from Stitzel, Page & Fletcher (with the help of the Town Attorney) to submit a legal argument in support of the use of the Official Map in the Act 250 review. This in response to earlier submissions by the Hannaford attorney that the Official Map not be considered. The Act 250 public hearing will continue (and hopefully conclude) on 8/21. Note – On 8/6, Hannaford revised their plan for Route 116 changes. Based on the new speed limit transition point, they feel they no longer need to widen the road over the Patrick Brook culvert. Their new plan shows no changes to the area around the culvert.

http://hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html#hannaford_decisions

Town Administrator

- *FEMA* – Attended a mandatory meeting on Thursday, August 15th in Waterbury to start the process of applying for and obtaining federal and state disaster assistance for the rain/flooding events of June 25 – July 11.
- *Water/Wastewater Operator Job* – Conducted interviews for the vacant Water/Wastewater Operator and plan to present a recommendation for hire to the Selectboard at their September 9th meeting.
- *Town/School Officials* – Set up a meeting between with the new principals at the Hinesburg Community School and Champlaign Valley Union High School for September. This is in an effort to start building a stronger line of communication and partnership between the Town and the two (2) schools.
- *Vermont Smoke & Cure Grant* – There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. 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).
- *Rural Area Zoning* – The second of the required two (2) Public Hearings is set for Monday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Town Hall.
<http://hinesburg.org/>
- *Vermont Gas* – A second Public Hearing is scheduled for September 10th for the Addison Natural Gas Project. The time and location are still unknown but should be set shortly. <http://hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/>

- *Shooting Ordinance Public Hearing* – The Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 16th at Town Hall (Main Hall) on a proposed Shooting Ordinance. This ordinance is available for review at: www.hinesburg.org
- *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.
http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Rural Area Zoning* – Starting at 7pm on Monday evening (August 19), the Selectboard Chair, Jon Trefry, opened a scheduled Public Hearing for the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. After a brief introduction by the Town Planner, Alex Weinhagen, the public was invited to address the Selectboard with comments on the proposed ordinance. Close to 60 people attended the hearing and 26 different people made comments and provided testimony to the Selectboard. Upon closing the Public Hearing, the Selectboard voted 3-2 to warn a second public hearing, as required by state statute, prior to potentially adopting the ordinance on September 9, 2013. The Selectboard will hold a special meeting Wednesday, August 21 at 7pm to discuss any potential revisions to the ordinance as proposed before publishing the official warning.
- *CBC Policy & Procedure* – The Selectboard voted unanimously to update the Committee, Board, and Commission Appointment Policy & Procedure. Along with a few minor updates to the document, the major focus of the update was to clarify how and when executive session could be utilized by the Selectboard during deliberations on potential appointees. The updated policy allows the Selectboard to go into executive session to discuss potential appointees but requires that an explanation is given by the board as to why it would be in the best interest of those involved for a deliberative session to take place in executive session.
- *FY2015 Budget Development* – The Selectboard adopted the FY2015 Budget Development Process. Information for the FY2015 budget will be available online shortly.
- *Interviews* – Selectboard members Michael Bissonette and Andrea Morgante were appointed to a committee charged with interviewing new police officer candidates along with Chief Koss, Chief Barber, and the Town Administrator. Selectboard members Tom Ayer and Phil Pouech were appointed to a committee charged with interviewing finalist for the water/wastewater operator position along with the Buildings & Facilities Director and the Town Administrator. All new hires (for any position) must be confirmed by the entire Selectboard.

- *Sidewalks* – The Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to look into acquiring engineering services for improving the sidewalk along 116 near Kelleys Fields.
- *Damage Reimbursement* – The Selectboard voted unanimously to reimburse a property owner for \$500 who sustained damage to their RV due to the Recreation Path Project.



Replacing culverts on Richmond Road on Tuesday, August 20th



Traffic backed up along Route 116 as final course of pavement is applied



Digging up a water line along Richmond Road



Applying final course of pavement on VT Route 116



Pavement work taking place at the intersection of VT Route 116 and Charlotte Road



National Bank of Middlebury (Hinesburg branch) 5 year Celebration



Lion's Club Farmer's Market held each Thursday through the summer from 3:00pm-7:00pm

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