

# Town of Hinesburg

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## Weekly Update

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### August 28, 2013



#### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Suspicious Activity* - On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police responded to suspicious activity in two separate areas of Town. In one, two men came to a door and asked if anyone spoke Spanish. This ultimately turned out to be a religious group seeking Hispanic residents. The other case was two people coming to an elderly woman's residence selling insurance. The insurance sales people were referred by a family member so this was also not a problem. Citizens are encouraged to make a call to the police on anything they feel is suspicious. Calls like this take a minimal amount of time but could potentially prevent a crime from being committed.
- *Citizen Dispute* - On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, an officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a citizen dispute between two males. The verbal argument was finished before the officer arrived and after the two men were interviewed, no further action was necessary.
- *Agency Assist* - On Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, an officer responded to St. George to assist the State Police with a disturbance. No action was needed other than standing-by.
- *Suspicious Activity* - On Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, an officer responded to a residence on Leavensworth Rd. for activity that occurred at 2:30 am that morning. A house guest saw two individuals walk past the house and enter a shed. It was determined that the two individuals had been in a pond using inflatable rafts. This was private property and a dangerous situation can occur when a homeowner does not know whether or not someone can be a threat to their safety.

- *Stolen I Pad* - On Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, a report was taken from a resident on a stolen I Pad. On Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, the complainant called the department and advised that the locate feature on the I Pad was reporting a location in Middlebury. With the assistance of the Middlebury Police Department, the I Pad was recovered and a suspect identified.
- *Citizen Dispute* - On Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to the Sunset Mobile Home Park for a reported verbal altercation between two females. There was no altercation upon arrival but both females were talked to and no further action was necessary.

### **Hinesburg Fire & First Response**

- *Activity* - It's been a quieter week than usual - we had two EMS calls and two Fire calls in the past week. Members also represented our town in Richmond's 4th of July parade this past Saturday. We had our monthly business meeting this past Wednesday.
- *Training* - This week we are performing "Quick Attack" training - designed to quickly get water on an incident with minimal resources. While we work in groups, others that missed our previous SCBA quarterly training will have a make-up session. Members were also given the opportunity to sign up for a Fire Fighter I class (Shelburne) as well as a "rookie" class (St Mikes) for some of our newer members.
- *Officers* - The Officers met this week to discuss upcoming training. We discussed the need for quarterly SCBA training as mandated by VOSHA. There's no officer meeting this week.

### **Buildings & Facilities**

- *Wastewater/Water Operator* - Final interviews were conducted on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for three (3) applicants for the Water/Wastewater Operator position. Finalists will be required to take part in a ride-along with the Buildings & Facilities Director and Water/Wastewater Operator to visit the Town's systems, take a math test, and sit for a panel interview with the Buildings & Facilities Director, Town Administrator, and two (2) Selectboard members. The panel will recommend a top choice for the Selectboard to approve and offer a Letter of Employment to on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- *Flouride* - At the September 16<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting, time will be dedicated for public discussion around the issue of fluoridation of the Town water supply.
- *Richmond Road* - finished up exploratory excavation on Richmond Rd-suspected sewer line leak turned out to be heavy flow of ground water.
- *Route 116 Paving* - Worked with Pike to prepare for paving around manholes and water valve boxes, but they broke a new valve box and filled with paving anyway-on their punch list to repair.
- *Miscellaneous* - Tractor canopy repair and brush hogging at treatment plant. Monthly wastewater sampling. Day of annual wastewater manhole vactoring and line flushing.

- *Piette Road Pump Station* - Last weekend Piette Rd water pump station had many control problems, operated pumps manually for a time Sat morning, OK now but no rhyme or reason to control problems.

### **Highway Department**

- *FEMA* - Toured damaged areas from the June/July rain events with representatives from FEMA and the State of Vermont. Because the State was declared a federal disaster area, the Town of Hinesburg will be eligible for both federal and state reimbursements for work performed and work still to be performed. We are calculating the total cost to the Town of Hinesburg and then FEMA and the State will combine to reimburse us 87.5% of eligible expenditures.
- *New Truck* – The Highway Department’s new dump/plow truck has arrived! The body still needs to be made and set; the truck should become part of the fleet soon! This truck was part of the approved highway capital budget presented to voters at Town Meeting last March. A seven (7) year lease purchase option was utilized to acquire the truck.
- *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)



The Highway Department’s new dump truck is parked up at the Town Garage awaiting the body to be custom built and attached prior to being put into use.

## **Recreation Department**

- *Youth Soccer Registration* - Sign up for Youth Soccer - final sign up deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms and program information is available at the Recreation office or online:  
<http://www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html>
- *Coaches Meeting/Clinic* - Soccer Coaches Meeting and Clinic is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the main room at Town Hall. Meeting is 6:30-7:00 pm and clinic starts at 7:00 pm. Clinic is being provided by VT Premier Soccer.
- *Youth Soccer Coaches Needed* - Still looking for youth soccer coaches at the 3/4 girls level. Please contact the Rec. Dept. if you are interested - [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230
- *Soccer Season Prep Work* - Overhauled all soccer bags, balls, pinnies, cones etc. on Friday 8/23. Blew up balls, washed pinnies, bags, and goalie gear, while assessing condition and supplementing with new.
- *Dog Obedience* - Still have openings in the Dog Obedience Class taught by Jim Warden. Thursdays, 9/5 through 10/10 from 6-7 pm. \$70 residents/\$75 non-residents.
- *HRD Fall Brochure* - Now available on the website. NEW this season....after-school guitar lessons and a third and fourth grade theater program.
- *3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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. 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information/questions you can contact HRD or Joy O'Neil at [joyoneil44@gmail.com](mailto:joyoneil44@gmail.com)
- *Annual Fall Festival* – The date is Saturday, 9/28 for the Annual Fall Festival. 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.
- *Special Fall Art Class at Carpenter-Carse Library – On Sundays, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 p.m., talented local artist Laurel Clement Fulton will present:*  
“Empowering Expression in Oil Painting”  
Part One: Accessing Source  
Part Two: Integrating Techniques  
This class will begin with guided meditation as a centering platform from which the oil painting techniques can be explored. The two disciplines have a beautiful

relationship when combined authentically: the meditation connects us to our deeper level of personal choice/freedom outside of our reactive/judgmental thinking (sympathetic nervous system), while the oil painting techniques will give added support to expressing this voice from a peaceful, clear and empowered place. This two part workshop is an opportunity to learn from an amazing artist. Painters and non-painters are welcome! We are thrilled to have Laurel share her creativity at our library. A \$10.00 donation for materials is requested. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket.

*To register for the 2 sessions, call the library: 482-2878. Class size is limited to 10.*

### Other News

- *Busy, Busy!* - The library has been “hopping busy” this first week of school. Monday morning we greeted 75 patrons! Families were mingling and sharing news, public computer stations were busy, and the Circulation Desk Staff and Librarians were much in demand.
- *Bookmobile* - The library has disposed of the Bookmobile, which was not in operating condition. We will look for new ways to provide library services to underserved members of our community. The former “Bookmobile” line item in our budget is now designated “Outreach.”
- *Preparing New Book Order* - Youth Services Librarian Janet Soutiere is preparing another book order!
- *New Books/Audiobooks* - We are adding 19 new books and 2 audiobooks for adults this week; most are already on display in the New Books area.
- *Donor Thank You's* - In this week's issue of the Hinesburg Record the library acknowledges lots of folks who made in-kind donations to Carpenter-Carse during the past year, and those who helped us out with the summer reading program. These donors saved money for local taxpayers, improved library services and generally made life easier and better for us all. Bravo! We will add to the list later this fall if we have inadvertently left names off the list.
- *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).

### Planning & Zoning

- *Rural Area Zoning Hearings* – The Selectboard held its first formal public hearing on the rural area zoning proposal on August 19. This public hearing was held after extensive discussions took place at 10 Selectboard meetings earlier this year. P&Z staff was on hand to give a brief overview of the proposal and to answer questions. It was a well-attended hearing (60+ people), especially for mid-August, with a wide variety of comments both in support and opposed to the proposal. The SB then held a special meeting on August 21 to make final revisions to the proposal based on community feedback and recent input from the Planning Commission. The proposal was finalized and put up on the Town website on August 22 (thanks to a quick turnaround from our webmaster, Aaron Kimball). The Selectboard holds its second and final public hearing on the proposal on September 9, and may take action to approve or reject the proposal at that meeting.

- *Hannaford Act 250 Hearings* – The VT Act 250 District Commission conducted hearings on August 14 and 21 on the Hannaford supermarket’s application. This project was approved by the DRB in 2012. In Vermont, larger projects (typically those with potential regional impacts) also require review under the State’s Act 250 review process in which 10 specific criteria are assessed. P&Z staff was there representing the Town of Hinesburg Selectboard. Unfortunately, testimony from all parties was not complete after two full days of hearings. A third hearing day is now being scheduled – likely in October.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Shooting Ordinance* – A public hearing will be held on September 16 at 7:00PM prior to the Selectboard’s consideration of adopting an ordinance that would regulate the discharge of firearms at Geprags Park and the Town Forest. If adopted, discharging fire arms (and bow and arrows) at Geprags Park would be completely prohibited and the discharge of fire arms at the Hinesburg Town Forest would be prohibited except for hunting during hunting seasons. For more Information on the ordinance, go to:  
<http://hinesburg.org/announcements/firearms-ordinance-public-hearing-warning-091613.pdf>
- *Smoke & Cure Grant* – Last year, the Town of Hinesburg secured a \$550,000 Community Development Block Grant. These funds assisted Vermont Smoke & Cure’s relocation to the former Saputo Cheese facility in Hinesburg Village and provided the financing necessary for the company to hire 14 new employees. As part of the federal requirements of this grant, a close-out public hearing will take place on September 9, 2013 at 7pm at the Hinesburg Town hall.
- *Rural Area Zoning* – The 2<sup>nd</sup> and final public hearing prior to the Selectboard’s consideration of adoption of the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance will take place at 7:30PM on September 9, 2013 at the Hinesburg Town Hall. Information on this ordinance is available at: <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Vacancies on Town Committee, Boards, Committees* – In September, the Town of Hinesburg will begin advertising for open seats on the Town’s various Committees, Boards and Commissions. Those who are interested in service may want to take a look at the numerous opportunities available for civic service to the Town of Hinesburg. <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>

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

#### **Development Review Board**

- *Hinesburg Center LLC* - At the August 20 meeting, the DRB reviewed several minor applications and one rather large application. As previously reported, phase two of the Hinesburg Center project proposes to complete much of the master plan for the Lyman property – approximately 46 acres in the village area, the fields behind Kinney Drugs and the Bristol Bakery. This initial sketch plan application (1<sup>st</sup> step of a 3-step review) proposes 17 single family dwelling lots, 21 units of affordable

apartments, and 7 additional buildings with a variety of uses to be determined in the future. The proposal is also for the remaining infrastructure – e.g., connecting roads, sidewalks, stormwater treatment, etc. Several issues were discussed at the meeting, and the developer (Brett Grabowski of Hinesburg Center LLC) indicated his willingness to be flexible in redesigning the conceptual plans. The DRB continued the project review to the September 3 meeting.

## Selectboard

- *Rural Area Zoning Ordinance* – The Selectboard held a Special Selectboard Meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> to finalize language for the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance prior to the September 9<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. A couple of changes were approved by the Selectboard and a draft copy of these minutes will be available for review at: <http://hinesburg.org/select.html>
- *Public Safety Facility* – On Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at a Special Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard will be asked to approve a contract for General Contracting Services with Millbrook Construction for the new police station for \$899,450. Three (3) bids were received; Millbrook was the lowest and deemed highly capable by the Public Safety Facility Committee. Construction is slated to commence mid-September and the station would be completed an functional by the end of January (landscaping would be completed in the spring). <http://hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>

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