

# Town of Hinesburg

## Weekly Update

### September 4, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **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)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Public Hearing(VT Smoke & Cure Grant Close-out):** *Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Public Hearing(Rural Area Zoning):** *Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- **Family Fight** - On Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a reported family fight. After the involved parties were separated, the investigation resulted in the arrest of a 25 year old male from Hinesburg for Domestic Assault and Interference with Access to Emergency Services. The male was processed and lodged on \$500 dollars bail.
- **Criminal Trespass** - On Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, an officer observed a vehicle pulling out from a local business. He recognized the driver as being suspended and another passenger that had been trespassed from the property. The 48 year old female of Hinesburg was cited for civil driving while suspended with a continuing investigation of criminal trespass. The 26 year old male passenger from Colchester was cited for criminal trespass and violations of conditions of release. An investigation is continuing for the possible source of the four catalytic converters that were sold to the business.
- **DUI** - On Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, an officer on patrol on Vermont Route 116 in the village observed a vehicle with a headlight out and also determined that the vehicle registration was expired. The 53 year old male of Hinesburg had been drinking and it was determined that he was driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and taken to Shelburne PD for processing and then cited and released.

- *DUI* - On Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, officers received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on North Rd. The officer observed the vehicle on Vermont Route 116 driving in an erratic manner. The vehicle was stopped and the 45 year old female of Hinesburg was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was processed at Shelburne PD and cited into court.
- *Citizen Dispute* - On August 30<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a report of a multiple person's citizen dispute occurring in Mountain View Mobile Home Park that involved a firearm. Officers from Hinesburg, Shelburne and the State Police responded to the park. Prior to arrival, the parties had dispersed and it was determined that three households were involved. Interviews were conducted and an investigation into possible disturbing the peace and reckless endangerment charges are continuing.
- *Criminal DLS* - On August 30, an officer working an out of town DUI checkpoint stopped a vehicle during the screening and it was determined that the driver was criminal DLS. The 24 year old male of Burlington was arrested and cited into court.

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

- *Training* - We are having pediatric emergency training on Wednesday. Our quarterly CPR/AED is the following Wednesday. SMRS's rookie class is scheduled 9/26 - 11/23. We are close to having an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) scheduled for the fall/winter as well, that will be held at HFD.
- *CVU Football Standby* - The football season is here again and we will be at the CVU Varsity and JV games with MED100 as EMS standby. The first game (rain dependent) will be tonight.
- *Calls* - We had a bicycle accident, a car crash (116&cvu), and six other EMS calls. There was one fire alarm at HCS when the power was lost on Monday. We also responded to a sink hole that had formed on 116 near the St George town line due to a culvert problem.

### **Buildings & Facilities**

- *Water Valve Boxes* - Checked water valve boxes after 116 paving, one almost completely filled with paving-passed on to VTrans to fix.
- *Water/Wastewater Operator* - Completed interviews, reference checks, and background check on the primary candidate. The new Operator will be recommended for hire to the entire Selectboard at the September 9, 2013 Selectboard. Assuming all goes smoothly, the new operator will start employment with the Town of Hinesburg on September 16, 2013. This will be the first time in seven (7) months the Water/Wastewater Department has been fully staffed.
- *Repair Work* - Repaired leaking air line at wastewater treatment plant. Met with contractor at Piette Rd pump station and CVU station to replace water control components.
- *Alarms* - Lots of alarms Friday evening and Saturday morning from malfunctioning control-back to the drawing board.
- *End-of-year Grant Reports* - Finished up multiple end of the year grant reports, met with accountant to go over everything.

- *BlackRock Construction* - Met with BlackRock development group to review master planning including water and wastewater issues at Haystack Crossing (Bissonette property).

### **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)



Route 116 paving is nearly complete. Center line striping (yellow) was completed and shoulder lines (white) will be completed soon.

### **Recreation Department**

- *Youth Soccer Begins* - Final soccer sign-ups were due 8/30. Season begins on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- *Soccer Season Prep Work* - Finished all equipment bags, ordered soccer t-shirts, and moved 4 sets of mini goals to the Town Hall & United Church fields for coed 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams.
- *Youth Soccer Coaches Still Needed!* - Continuing to recruit coaches as more are needed to cover each team.
- *Coaches Meeting/Clinic* - Soccer Coaches Meeting is set for (TONIGHT)Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The coaching clinic will be held at 7:00 pm hosted by VT Premier Soccer.
- *Afterschool Programs* - Enrolled students in various after-school programs such as Arts & Crafts, Piano, Guitar, Babysitting, Cookie Decorating, Horseback Riding and Theater Program.

- *Dog Obedience has openings* - Still a few spots left in the Dog Obedience Class with Jim Warden that starts September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Class runs each Thursday from 6-7 pm through October 10<sup>th</sup>. First class is without dog and held in the third floor conference room at Town Hall. Cost is \$70 per resident and \$75 for non-residents.
- *Annual Fall Festival* – The Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Farmer's Market at Town Hall - fresh produce, homemade food, baked goods, art demonstrations, craft vendors, children's activities, art Show in Town Hall, live music, and the Hinesburg Land Trust will sponsor a Harvest Dinner.



Giroux's Body Shop in Hinesburg Village makes custom-made mini soccer goals for Hinesburg's youth soccer program. This year's program has become so large that 2 more sets of goals have been ordered.

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

- *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**

- *VLCT Fiscal Committee* – As part of the Town Administrator's work on the Unemployment and Health Trust Boards, he sits on the Joint-Fiscal Committee which is responsible for properly investing funds from the Unemployment, Health,

and PACIF (property, casualty, workers compensation) Trusts. On Thursday and Friday of last week, the Joint-Fiscal Committee met with its investment team in Stowe to review the performance of the portfolios and to take part in a training session. The continued wellbeing of these three (3) trusts safeguards a sound future for municipalities around the State of Vermont including Hinesburg.

- *Bissonette Recreation Fields* – Along with the Director of Buildings & Facilities, met with the development group interested in pursuing the development of the Bissonette land at the corner of Route 116 and Shelburne Falls Road. This development group – BlackRock Construction– approached Town officials on how to best overlay their masterplan (which is still in flux) with the work already completed to date on the proposed new town recreation fields. After the meeting, I authorized our engineer to send BlackRock’s engineer our plans so they could consider how to fit their plans together with ours. If all goes well, the Town could recognize significant savings if the developers are able to help with some of the infrastructure costs (such as roads) to the recreation facilities. <http://hinesburg.org/bissonette-rec-facility-project/>
- *Audit Preparation* – Worked with our accounting assistant to prepare for the FY2013 audit.
- *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* – The following seats are currently open: <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>

Agency Request Review Committee: (2) 3-year term

Conservation Commission: (6) 4-year term

Energy Committee: (7) 3-year term

Planning Commission: (1) 4-year term

Recreation Commission: (1) 3-year term

Town Forest Committee: (1) 3-year term

Village Steering Committee: (2) 2-year term

Applications are available on the Town website or can be picked up in the Town Administrator's office. **All applicants must submit a completed application to Renae Marshall or Joe Colangelo by Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

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The Selectboard will begin interviewing candidates on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Renae Marshall at 482-2281 ext. 227 or Joe Colangelo at 482-2281 ext. 221. Application forms can be found at:

[http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf)

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

### Development Review Board

*Upcoming applications for DRB Review:*

- *Hinesburg Center LLC (Conditional Use Revision):* The applicant is requesting a revision (related to the hours of operation for Kinney Drugs) to the conditional use approval that was granted September 7, 2010. The purpose of this revision is to modify the original approval to align with the hours that Kinney Drugs have been operating since opening. This property is located at 10212 VT Route 116 in the Village Zoning District.

*This application will be reviewed at the September 17<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.*

- *Matt & Judy Laberge (Appeal of Notice of Violation):* The applicants are appealing a noise violation that was issued under section 5.12.1 of the Hinesburg Zoning Regulations. This property is located at 852 Hayden Hill West in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District.

*This application will be reviewed at the September 17<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.*

- *Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Conditional Use Review):* The applicant is requesting a retroactive conditional use approval for the removal of a structure that was built prior to 1940 (as required by 5.22.3(1) of the Hinesburg Zoning Regulations). This barn was removed, at the instruction of the bank that currently had ownership of the property, due to safety concerns as the property was prepared for sale. This property is located at 32 Silver Street in the Village Zoning District.

*This application will be reviewed at the October 1<sup>st</sup> DRB meeting.*

### Selectboard

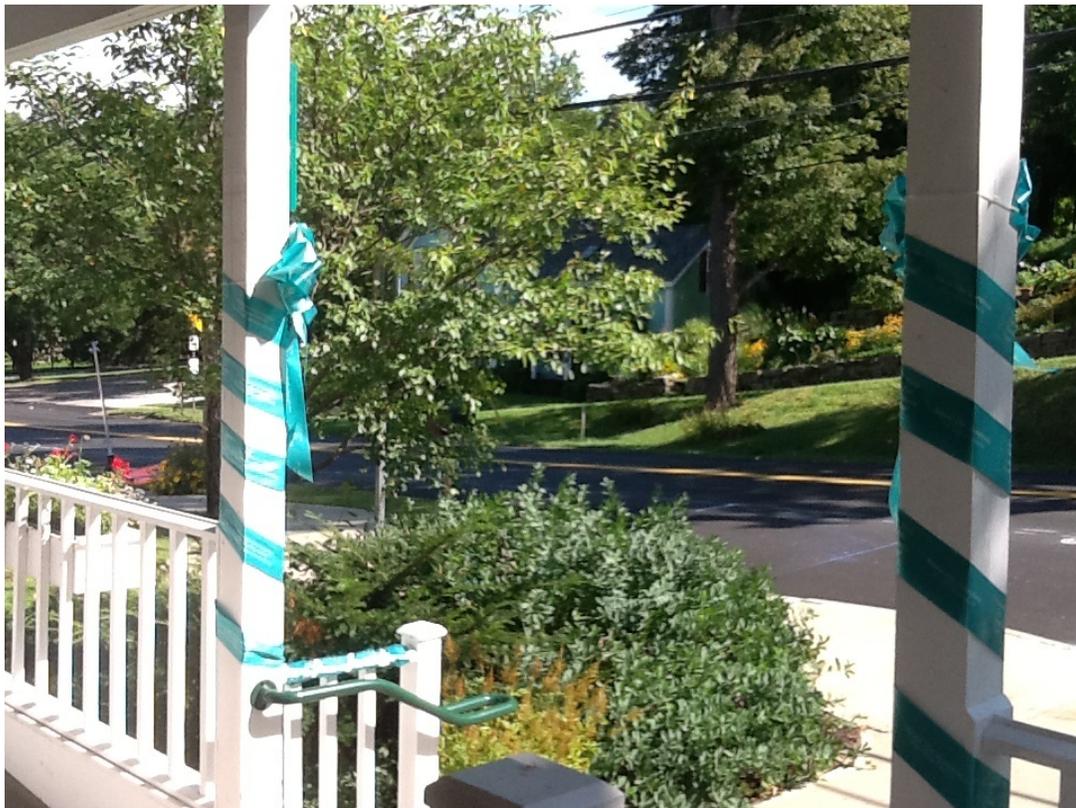
- *Public Safety Facility* – At a Special Selectboard Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, the Selectboard authorized a contract be signed between the Town of Hinesburg and Millbrook Building & Remodeling for General Contracting Services for the new Hinesburg police station. The contract is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$899,450, but may come down after subsequent meetings with sub-contractors.

However, even at the \$899,450, the project is still under budget. Construction may start as soon as September 16<sup>th</sup> and be completed before February of 2014.

<http://hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>

### **Trails Committee**

- *Kiosks* – Informational kiosks have been fully installed at the Russell Trail entrance. It now needs maps and notices and installation of plastic coverings. The replacement kiosk at Hayden Hill West has also been installed and committee members will put posts for one at Hayden Hill East on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- *Erosion Abatement* – Plans for an erosion abatement project on the Russell Trails is still on hold until all parties can get together for a meeting.
- *Fall Activities* – Committee members discussed fall activities. An October foliage walk on Passing the Horizon Trail and a scavenger hunt for Hinesburg Community School kids on the Russell Trail are two ideas. Getting work parties together to continue clean-up from summer storms and organizing a hike for new families (to Hinesburg) are other ideas being considered.
- *More Information* - <http://hinesburg.org/trailscomm.html>



Thanks to some local residents for 'turning the Town teal' for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week

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