

Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 11, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Police Station:** *Monday, September 16th at 6:15 p.m. (at site)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Firearm Discharge Ordinance Public Hearing:** *Monday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Criminal DLS/Civil Suspension* - A few people have asked what the difference is between a Criminal DLS and a Civil Suspension. An operator's license is civilly suspended for issues such as failure to appear for a civil violation or failure to pay the fine from a civil violation. When a person is convicted of five violations of operating under a Civil Suspension, the license status becomes Criminally Suspended. Any suspension after a DUI is also Criminally Suspended.
- *Criminal DLS* - On Thursday, September 5th, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for a broken taillight. The driver, a 39 year old female from Winooski was driving on a criminally suspended operator's license. She was arrested, taken to the station where she was processed and released on a citation to court.
- *Infant Unattended in Vehicle* - On Sunday, September 8th, an officer responded to the Lantman's parking lot for a reported infant left unattended in a vehicle. Upon arrival, the one year old infant was found asleep in the unlocked vehicle and no adult present. Several minutes later, the mother came out and was interviewed as to the circumstances of leaving the infant in the vehicle. She was released and a report was filed with DCF. There was nothing malicious and it is believed that it was a simple over sight. The mistake however could have had a catastrophic outcome.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Training* - We are holding our quarterly CPR/AED/Autopulse training this week. Last week we worked with St Mikes rescue to review usage of a 12 lead EKG - the

goal is to reduce the amount of time it takes to get a patient having a heart attack to the catheterization lab.

- *Calls* - We responded to a "car vs a tree" this week where the operator was not found with the vehicle. We responded to a "motorcycle vs car" crash at the intersection of 2A and RT 116 where there was thankfully no need for transport. We responded to a brush fire off of Pond Brook road and had four EMS calls in the past week.

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



New line paint on VT Route 116

Buildings & Facilities

- *Fluoride* – On Monday, September 16th at 8:30 p.m., the Selectboard meeting will have 30 minutes set aside for residents who want to address the Selectboard regarding their thoughts about fluoride being added to the Town water supply.

Recreation Department

- *Youth Soccer Coaches Meeting/Coaching Clinic* - Hosted a youth soccer coaches meeting and soccer clinic run by Malcom Wilson of VT Premier Soccer on September 4th at the Town Hall. Handed out rosters, equipment, coaches met and made a game plan for the first practice. We enjoyed the best attended and most informative coaches' clinic to date!! He supplied practice plans for ages 5 through 12, which was very helpful.
- *Mini Soccer Goals* - With soaring soccer numbers, I ordered two more sets of mini goals to be constructed by Giroux's Body Shop. Their goals are far superior to the ones that were purchased online in the past. Buy local!! (see photo from last week)

- *Dog Obedience Class* - Jim Warden's Dog Obedience class started on 9/5. There are 12 people registered for this class.
- *Preschool Dance* - Miss Jeanne Neu started a new session of Pre-School Dance on Friday 9/6.
- *Youth Soccer* - Youth Soccer started on Sat. 9/7 at 9:00 am!! 120+ players in 1st through 6th grade started utilizing the Town Hall Field and the United Church Field.
- *Kindergarten Soccer* - began on Sunday, 9/8 at 12:00 pm behind the Hinesburg Town Hall. We had 40 kids, 4 coaches, 9 players from the CVU soccer teams, 2 middle-school helpers, lots of cheering parents on the sidelines, and one jubilant Rec. Coordinator!! - Wow, what a week!!!!



Kindergarten Soccer began Sunday, September 8th behind Town Hall

- *Annual Fall Festival* – The Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28th. 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.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Art Exhibit* – “Illustrations” by Jenn Cullen (ends September 14, 2013) - Jenn's 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 this local artist, working out of Shelburne Pond Studios. Certain pieces available for purchase; please refer inquiries to a librarian on staff.

- *Special Fall Art Class at Carpenter-Carse Library* (Sundays, September 29th, 2-5 pm and October 6th, 2-5 pm) – Presented by talented local artist Laurel Clement Fulton “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. Please call the library to register: 482-2878. There are still some openings; class size is limited to 10.

Other News

- *New Members* - Thirty-eight new members joined the library this summer. We welcome you and hope you all have a great library experience!
- *New Books & DVD's* - Youth Services Librarian Janet Soutiere added 15 new dvd's last week and will be adding 11 new books to the collection this week. Adult books are on order.
- *August Storytimes* - Janet offered 8 programs for children in August. Storytimes (7) were attended by 39 children and 25 adults. Themes for August included colors, frogs, marsupials, fireflies and “back to school.”
- *September Storytimes* - Attendance is healthy this month, with 11 o'clock preschool storytimes being the most popular so far! Next week 9/17 is “double storytime” day.
- *eBooks* - We saw a whopping 89% increase in eBook downloads via Carpenter-Cares Library between 7/1/11 & 7/1/2013. The total number of 643 downloads last year, however, compared with a circulation figure of 42,436 for all other formats combined (books, magazines, audiobooks, movies, music, museum passes etc.) Soon we will be able to publish the statistics comparing eBook downloads and print book lending.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning

- *Senior Housing Possibilities* – Staff met with the Director of Development for Cathedral Square Corporation (Cynthia Reid) to discuss how to provide more senior housing options here in Hinesburg – particularly, independent senior apartments or condominiums. Cathedral Square specializes in developing and managing senior housing (both assisted and independent living), and is one of the largest providers of independent senior living options in northwestern Vermont. They have projects of all sizes in communities across Chittenden County, including Richmond, Shelburne, Williston, Jericho, Essex, Colchester, St. Albans,

Burlington, South Burlington. Staff explained the need and opportunity here in Hinesburg. Cyndi indicated that Cathedral Square is very interested in doing a project here in Hinesburg; however, timing will depend on other projects they have in their pipeline (e.g., new Shelburne village project). She indicated a likely time horizon of 2-3 years before they could pursue a Hinesburg project.

- *Staff Evaluations & Work Load* – Completed annual evaluations. We have been trying out some changes in staff responsibilities to better manage our department work load. We are trying to increase efficiency given the always expanding stream of work and responsibilities. A request for additional staffing may be coming in the next budget cycle.
- *DRB Support* – Staff prepared for and attended the September 3 DRB meeting where the primary discussion item was the Hinesburg Center Phase Two project. Lots more members of the public attended and spoke up at this meeting, which was much appreciated! The developer (Brett Grabowski of Milot Real Estate) agreed with staff recommendations that a previous flood study needs to be revised so that the DRB can make an informed decision about the developer's request to place fill and development in a flood hazard area. The developer asked for and was granted a continuance to the October 17 meeting to allow time for this analysis.
- *CVU Presentations* – CVU teachers Laurel Billingsley and Heather Morley invited staff to talk to their Natural Resource & Ecology Science classes. Staff gave presentations in three different classes on 9/9 and 9/10, with a focus on how and what natural resources are factored into land use planning. Great questions from the students on what a community planner does, how does zoning work, and how the development review process functions. Also some good questions on specifics – e.g., do people need a permit for everything; what's going on with the Hannaford project; will the CVU turf fields need a permit.
- *Rural Zoning Decision* – Staff attended the Selectboard's September 9 meeting to assist with the final public hearing on the rural zoning proposal. It was a pretty contentious hearing with heartfelt comments on both sides from the public and from the Selectboard. There appeared to be few concerns about 2/3 of the proposal, but real debate about how objective #3 of the proposal deals with future subdivision and maximum development potential. After the close of the hearing, the Selectboard adopted the proposal by a vote of 3-2. Citizens interested in bringing this to a town-wide vote now have 20 days to submit a petition with signatures from at least 5% of the voter checklist. Without such a petition, the new zoning and subdivision regulations will go into effect on September 30.
- *Stormwater Control* – Staff prepared draft stormwater control regulations for the Planning Commission to consider at their September 11 meeting. The PC has been discussing ways to improve stormwater and erosion control since the beginning of 2013. They would like the Town to take a 3-prong approach on this issue – 1) Education and outreach; 2) Clearer regulations for development review; 3) Town-sponsored improvement projects. We got good news on the third prong of that approach this week! A State grant was awarded to the Lewis Creek Association to work with the Town to install a substantial stormwater treatment system at the corner of Route 116 and Silver Street. The grant will also pay to research and

design a stormwater detention area on Mechanicsville Road to help with runoff from the Town cemetery.

Town Administrator

- *Hinesburg Village Housing* – The Champlain Housing Trust has informed the Town that they will withdraw their application to the Community Development Block Grant program for this round of funding and apply for a later round of funding. They decided to withdraw their application because some site issues still need to be ironed out with the DRB and the developer. <http://hinesburg.org/planning/hinesburg-village-housing/hinesburg-village-common-application-updated-072213-for-vcdp.pdf>
- *Public Safety Facility* – We are on track to start construction on Monday, September 16th. We anticipate obtaining the last permits from the State this week and signing the contract with Millbrook Buildings & Remodeling before the week is out. A groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for 6:15pm on Monday, September 16th on location of the new police station. The community is invited to attend. <http://hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>
- *Firearms Discharge Ordinance* – A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 7pm for the proposed Firearms Discharge Ordinance. If adopted, the discharge of firearms and bow & arrows would be prohibited at the Hinesburg Town Forest except for hunting as prescribed by Vermont Fish & Wildlife, and completely prohibit the discharge of firearms and bow & arrows at Geprags Park. <http://hinesburg.org/announcements/firearms-ordinance-public-hearing-warning-091613.pdf>
- *Hinesburg Village North Sidewalk* – Upon review of the eight (8) submitted qualification proposals, a committee made up of a representative of the State, the Director of Buildings & Facilities, and the Town Administrator, selected a top choice. Per the requirements of the grant program, we will receive a cost proposal from the number 1 choice, and, potentially, negotiate to obtain a price to best fit the budget. This project will be engineered and constructed with a 90% state grant and the local share will be paid for by NRG and SB Collins, Inc.
- *Selectboard Retreat* – The Town Administrator and the Selectboard will take part in a ‘retreat’ this Friday starting at 12:30pm. The purpose of this retreat will be to discuss the Selectboard’s vision and goals prior to FY2015 budget development and to develop a Strategic Plan to help accomplish the mission, vision, and values of the FY2015 budget.
- *Vacancies on Town Committee, Boards, Committees* – The following seats are currently open: <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>
Affordable Housing Committee: (1) 3-year term
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
Trails 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 4th, 2013.

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The Selectboard will begin interviewing candidates on Monday, October 7th. 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

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Cemetery Commission

- *Changes to Lot Prices* – At the September 16th Selectboard meeting, the Cemetery Commission will ask the Selectboard to adopt a new pricing plan. Currently, lots sell for \$300 with discounts given for additional purchases: 1 lot - \$300; 2 lots - \$500; 3 lots - \$700. The request of the Commission is to increase the price per lot to \$600.
- *New Fencing* – The Commission will ask the Selectboard to add new fencing to the Bissonette Cemetery on Gilman Road. This would include a barb wire fence on three sides and a chain link across the front. Total cost approximately \$6,000.
- *Bissonette Cemetery* – Commissioners will ask the Selectboard to officially name the cemetery on Gilman Road the 'Bissonette Cemetery' and will discuss requirements and covenants of this cemetery with the Selectboard.
- *Signs* – Small granite signs for each cemetery are being priced-out by the Commission for identification purposes.
- *Additional Information* – <http://hinesburg.org/cemetery-commission/>

Development Review Board

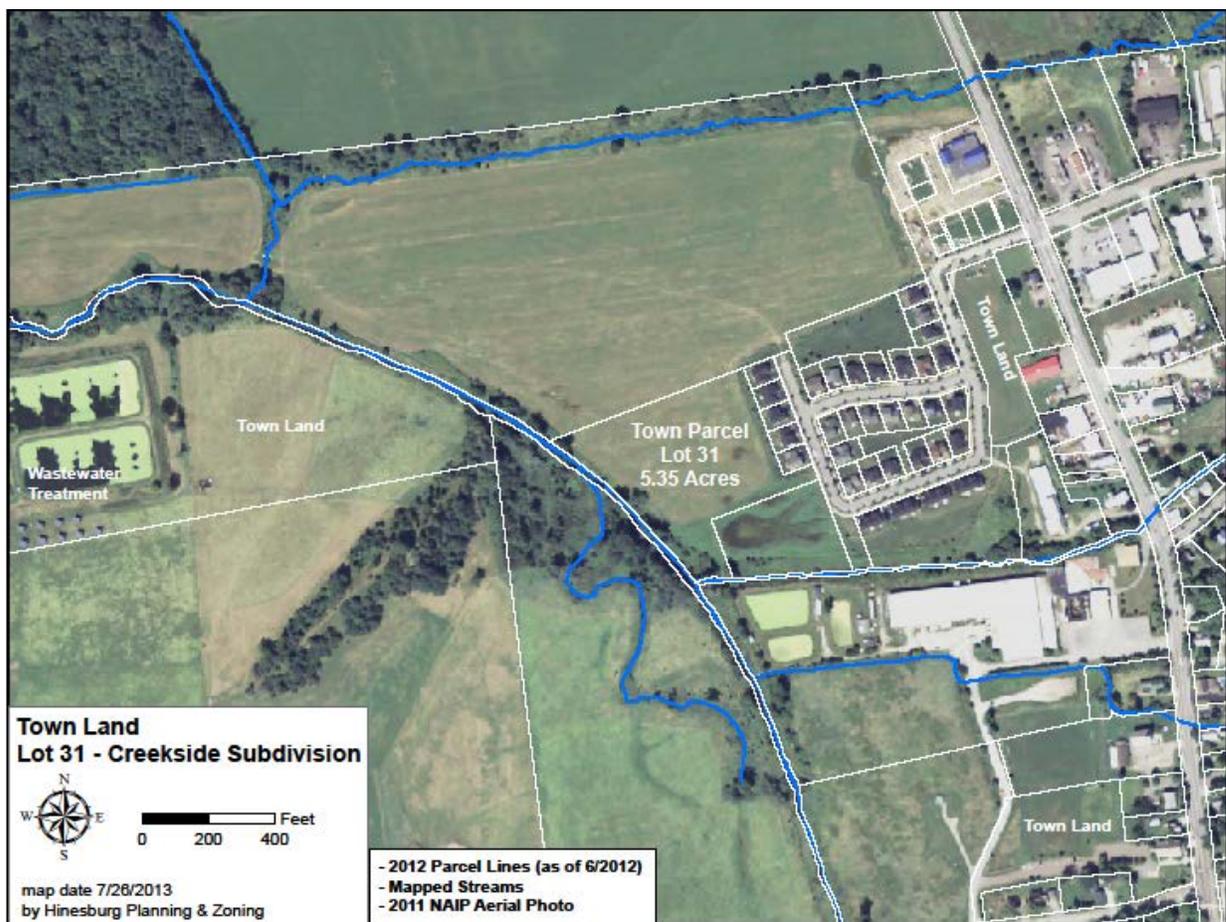
Upcoming applications for DRB Review:

- *William & Colleen Mackinnon: (2-lot subdivision sketch plan)* – The applicants are requesting sketch plan approval for a 2-lot subdivision. This property is located at 99 Black Dog Lane in the Agricultural Zoning District.
This application is scheduled to be reviewed at the October 15th DRB meeting.

Selectboard

- *Rural Area Zoning* – On a 3-2 vote (Jon Trefry, Andrea Morgante, and Phil Pouch voting YES; Tom Ayer and Michael Bissonette voting NO) the Selectboard passed motions approving Town Plan revisions and revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Thus, the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance was passed and adopted by the Town of Hinesburg. <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>

- *Vermont Smoke & Cure* – The Selectboard passed a motion officially closing out the Community Development Block Grant the Town of Hinesburg obtained and then subsequently loaned out to Vermont Smoke & Cure to assist their efforts in relocating from Barre to Hinesburg. Chris Bailey, CEO of Vermont Smoke & Cure, was in attendance to share the progress the company has made in the past few years since moving to Hinesburg.
- *Sale of Town Land* – Hinesburg resident Kyle Bostwick approached the Selectboard with the desire to purchase Lot 31 – a 5+ acre lot directly to the west of the Creekside. This 5 acre plot of land abuts Mr. Bostwick’s land. Through discussion with the Selectboard, there appeared to be interest on both sides to move forward with a transaction, provided mutually agreed to covenants could be ironed-out. The Town Administrator will work directly with Mr. Bostwick to bring an offer to the Selectboard for consideration at a later date.



Lot 31 is a 5.35 acre parcel of land directly to the west of the Creekside Development. Local resident Kyle Bostwick approached the Selectboard with an interest in purchasing this land from the Town.

- *New Employee* – The Selectboard offered Mr. Craig Hinchman the position of Operator in the Water/Wastewater Department. Craig was recommended to the Board by an interview team – consisting of the Director of Buildings & Facilities, the Town Administrator, and two (2) Selectboard members – and will begin work for the Town of Hinesburg on Monday, September 16th.

- *CBC Reappointments* – The following people were reappointed by the Selectboard for another term of service to their specified CBC:

Affordable Housing Committee

(3-year term)

Carl Bohlen – term expires 1/01/17
 Andrea Brainard – term expires 1/01/17
 Rocky Martin – term expires 1/01/17
 Julie Pierson – term expires 1/01/17
 Dale Wernhoff – term expires 1/01/17
 Bruce Wheeler – term expires 1/01/17

Conservation Commission

(4-year term)

Bill Marks – term expires 1/01/18

Development Review Board

(3-year term)

Richard Jordan – term expires 1/01/17
 Sarah Murphy – term expires 1/01/17
 Ted Bloomhardt – term expires 1/01/17

Planning Commission

(4-year term)

Johanna White – term expires 1/01/18

Town Forest Committee

(3-year term)

Mike Potvin – term expires 1/01/17

Trails Committee

(3-year term)

Lenore Budd – term expires 1/01/17

Village Steering Committee

(2-year term)

Catherine Goldsmith – term expires 1/01/16

- *FY2013 Reserves* – Per requirement of our audit preparation for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2013, the Selectboard passed a motion accepting the FY2013 reserves to be carried over to subsequent fiscal years.



Mark Saturday, September 28th on your calendars
 Hinesburg's Annual Fall Festival

~ In memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001 ~

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