

Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 18, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Route 116 Corridor Meeting:** *Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Agency Assist* - On Thursday, September 12th, an officer monitored that a Williston PD unit was in pursuit of a motorcycle on Ayers Rd. approaching Oak Hill. The officer arrived after the motorcycle had ran off the road and the uninjured driver taken into custody.
- *Intoxicated Female* - On Thursday, September 12th, a VSP trooper driving on Silver Street came across an intoxicated female walking in the roadway. The female was brought to the station where she was given a ride to a residence on Hillview Terrace.
- *Motor Vehicle Complaint* - On Monday, September 16th, an officer responded to the intersection of Pond Rd and Pond Brook Rd where the trailer unit from an 18 wheeler moving truck had been left partially blocking the road. The tractor had been unhooked and left there while the driver and a passenger went to rent a U-Haul truck to unload the moving truck. A DMV Inspector was called and the truck was put out of service for a log book violation. The truck was allowed to move 100 feet up the road where it was no longer blocking the road and they proceeded to unload the truck.
- *Childbirth* - On Tuesday, September 17th at 4:58 am, Hinesburg First Response got called out for a woman in labor. No call of a woman in labor actually results in the baby being born at the house...Usually. Upon arrival of First Response, it was determined that the birth was going to happen and the mother was taken care of pending the arrival of St. Michaels Ambulance. When St. Michaels arrived, two female EMTs took charge and at 5:31 am, Henry was born. Mother, son (and

father) are doing well. It should be mentioned that one call like this makes up for hundreds of the other ones that do not have such a great ending.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *HFD Monthly Meeting* - HFD has our monthly meeting (TONIGHT) Wednesday. The Association meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m. and the Department meeting follows after.
- *Training* - We completed our quarterly CPR/AED/AutoPulse training at last week's drill.
- *New EMR Class* - The new EMR class has been approved and will be held in our station beginning Tuesday, October 15th. The course will be Tuesday and Friday evenings with an occasional Saturday through Mid-December.
- *Hose Test* - We had our annual hose test performed this week. When I spoke with them today they said the testing was going well.
- *Weekly Call Activity* - We responded to three EMS calls, stand by at the football game, fire alarm activation at Kelley's field.

Highway Department

- *Route 116* - The Route 116 paving project should be completed by today. Thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding during this project!
- *Grader* - The grader had to go to the shop last week and was therefore out of commission for the 2nd half of last week and the beginning of this week.

Buildings & Facilities

- *New Employee* - Craig Hinchman began his employment with the Town of Hinesburg as a Water/Wastewater Operator on Monday, September 16th.



Craig Hinchman - Our newest Town of Hinesburg Employee

Recreation Department

- *Afterschool Golf* - The Afterschool Golf program with Barry Churchill started on September 9th.
- *Afterschool Piano Lessons* - Andrea Haulenbeek began her afterschool piano lessons on September 9th.
- *Little Strikers* – Unfortunately, we had to cancel our first day of Little Strikers Soccer on Tuesday, September 10th due to rain and storms. We'll start on September 17th and have a record number of 19 children registered!!
- *Afterschool Horseback Riding* - The Tuesday and Friday Afterschool Horseback Riding program at Livery Stables began this week. There are 18 children participating in this popular program.
- *Youth Soccer Games* - Our 3/4 boys soccer teams travelled to Charlotte for their first games, while we hosted two 3/4 girls games against Charlotte here at the Town Hall Field. Our 5/6 girls team played Shelburne at the Field House.
- *Annual Fall Festival* - Don't forget the Fall Festival at Town Hall on Saturday, September 28th!! Outdoor Market, Art Show, Music, Food, Kids Activities, History Exhibit, A Puppet Show, and the Fall Festival Stone Soup Supper at NRG sponsored by the Land Trust!! Buy tickets at the Rec. Dept., Clerk's Office, and Brown Dog Books and Gifts. Adults are \$10, Children 5-12 years are \$5 and under 5 is free.



Kindergarten Soccer

Town Clerk's Office

- *Property Tax Adjustments* - The second download of property tax adjustments from the State Tax Department arrived on Monday, September 16th. Anyone who filed their income taxes after April 15th AND filed the Property Tax Adjustment Claim form will receive a "Revised" property tax bill this week. If you receive a revised bill and you have questions, please give me a call at 482-2281 ext.223.

- *Annual Audit* - Our annual audit is scheduled for September 24 and 25 and will be conducted by the firm of Fothergill, Segale and Valley. This is an important check and balance for the town to insure that all aspects of the town's financial record keeping are in line with federal standards and are accurately represented. Hinesburg is fortunate that the town has consistently approved funding for an audit.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *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. As of 9/17/13, we had room for four additional participants; class size is limited to 10.

- *Pajama Story Time* – The next Pajama Story Time with Janet is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Children ages 3-7 are welcome to join the fun!

Other News

- *New Books* – Since last week we have added a dozen+ new adult books to the collection.
- *New Audio Book* - For fans of Sue Halpern and her wonderful book *A Dog Walks into a Nursing Home: lessons in the good life from an unlikely teacher*, and especially for those who attended the recent Carpenter-Carse program with Bill McKibben and therapy dog Pransky – the library now has the book in audio format as well as print.
- *Board of Trustees Meeting* – The monthly Carpenter-Carse Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the library on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- *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 Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall. 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/>

Town Administrator

- *Public Safety Facility* – This past Monday the contract with the general contractor was signed. This contract – in the amount of \$873,015 – represents the lion’s share of the project cost. When you add the \$873,015 to the contract for architectural services and owner’s cost items, the total project cost is under the \$1,055,200 bond (and budget) amount. While the budget is very tight, it is on track to be delivered on-time and on-budget. Work commenced on Monday, September 16th and a nice groundbreaking ceremony topped off an exciting day. It’s anticipated that the building will be complete before February (2014) and the police department will be able to move in and continue operations seamlessly.
- *Selectboard Retreat* – During a half-day retreat on Friday, September 13th, the Selectboard worked on a draft Strategic Plan which will accompany the FY2015 budget. For this Strategic Plan, the Selectboard produced draft versions of a Vision Statement, Strategic Goals, and Strategies (used to achieve the strategic goals). The Selectboard also discussed their goals and visions for the FY2015 budget.
- *Shooting Ordinance* – The Public Hearing for the Shooting Ordinance was continued for October 7th. The Public Hearing will start again at 7pm. <http://hinesburg.org/announcements/firearms-ordinance-public-hearing-warning-091613.pdf>
- *Richmond* – The Town Planner and Town Administrator met with officials from the Town of Richmond and The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission last week. Richmond, in their on-going attempt to redevelop a brownsfield site in their village, invited us to discuss Hinesburg’s redevelopment of the former Saputo facility.
- *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

- *Lot Prices* - Lots currently sell for \$300.00 with discounts given for additional purchases - example one lot \$300.00, two lots \$500.00, three lots \$700.00. We have increased the price per lot to \$600.00 each and for any additional lot. This increase is after comparing with other towns. We will allow up to four cremations in a single lot. We also plan to allow 4'X4' lots around the flag pole in the Village Cemetery. These lots will be for cremations only and two per lot will be allowed, all stones in this area will be flush and no flowers or shrubs will be allowed, flowers may be planted around the rocks that surround the flag pole. The price of the flag pole lots will be \$200.00 each.
- *Bissonette Cemetery* - We have also designated the name "Bissonette Cemetery" to the Gilman Road location.

Selectboard

- *Firearm Discharge Ordinance* – The Selectboard held the scheduled Public Hearing for the proposed Firearm Discharge Ordinance. Dialogue revolved around the ability to continue recreational shooting in the Hinesburg Town Forest. A number of commentators were especially vocal explaining their desire for the Town to allow for the continued ability to 'sight' rifles in the Town Forest. Because the agenda Monday evening was busy, discussion had to be cutoff after 20 minutes. The Public Hearing will be continued at the October 7th Selectboard meeting at 7pm.
- *Cemetery Commission Requests* – The Selectboard supported recommendations by the Cemetery Commission. See Cemetery Commission Report below.
- *MaGee Hill Road* – During the rain events of late June/early July, portions of MaGee Hill Road required temporary mitigation efforts. These efforts included upsizing a few undersized culverts. The Selectboard authorized monies for a more complete engineering study of the area a few weeks ago and the consultant engineer attended the Selectboard meeting, along with the Highway Foreman, to review his recommendations. The total estimated cost for the upgrades is approximately \$36,000; thankfully, Hinesburg is eligible for reimbursement from FEMA and the State due to a county wide emergency declaration and will only be responsible for 10% of the total cost of the original temporary fix, the engineering

study, and the permanent fix. The Selectboard authorized the Town Administrator and Highway Foreman move forward to hire a contractor to do the work.

- *Charlotte Road Catch Basin* – The Selectboard directed the Town Administrator and Highway Foreman to find a temporary solution to the unsafe condition caused by a below grade catch-basin along Charlotte Road. This area has been a known safety hazard for some time now, but a solution has been held up because it is unknown who is responsible for the infrastructure (Town or State). It was the general consensus of the Selectboard that the public safety issue outweighs the need to unravel the ownership issue and would like to see the Town move forward with a temporary solution.
- *Water Feasibility Study* – \$15,000 was allocated by the Selectboard to look for additional sources of wells at Geprags Park. This recommendation stems from a water feasibility study which was commissioned by the Selectboard last winter. Current build-out models of the village would require more water than current supply. <http://hinesburg.org/waterworks/>
- *Fluoridation Issue* – Input was received from a number of Town residents regarding the issue of fluoride added to the Town public drinking supply. Local residents on both sides of the coin had the opportunity to address the Selectboard as did local experts from the Vermont Department of Health, the Director of Buildings & Facilities, and a few local dentists and health care providers. The Selectboard will continue conversation on this topic later this fall.
- *Municipal Planning Grant* – The Selectboard approved the Town Planner’s Municipal Planning Grant application for money to go towards an engineering study to design stormwater infrastructure to help treat and control stormwater in Hinesburg’s village area. The total estimated cost of the project is in the \$26,000 range; the maximum grant allowed through this grant program is \$20,000. Therefore, if the Town is awarded the grant \$6,000 would need to be budgeted in the FY2015 Town Budget.
- *Rural Area Zoning* – In anticipation of a petition submitted to the Town Clerk by the September 29 deadline to force a vote of the recently adopted (by the Selectboard) Rural Area Zoning Ordinance, the Selectboard decided to hold its next Selectboard meeting on September 30, 2013 (originally, the next scheduled meeting was set for October 7). By holding a meeting on September 30, the Selectboard, in the event a petition is submitted, would be able to Warn a Town vote (via Australian Ballot) for November 5th - Election Day. The other item expected on the ballot will be a vote on a bond for new athletic fields for Champlain Valley Union High School. <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>



Members of the Public Safety Committee at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Police Station



Hinesburg Community Police Department



Ground Breaking Ceremony for New Police Station held Monday, September 16th at 6:15 p.m.



Open House for New Location of FAHC - Hinesburg Family Health Center held September 17th

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