

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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October 2, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Public Hearing - Firearm Discharge Ordinance:** *Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Sexual Assault* - On Tuesday, September 24th, Hinesburg Community Police received a report of a sexual assault involving a 15 year old female and a 34 year old male. The assault occurred somewhere on the Interstate in New York. Chittenden County Unit for Special Investigation would not take the case or the New York State Police due to the unknown location. The assigned officer was able to get the FBI to take the case since it appeared the suspect took the victim out of state specifically to commit the crime.
- *Theft* - On Wednesday, September 25th, a theft occurred at the Needham Farm. Taken from the farm stand was cash as well as farm produce. Anyone that has any information is encouraged to contact our department.
- *Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol* - On Saturday, September 28th an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle on Mechanicsville Rd. for driving 42 miles per hour in the 30 mile per hour zone. After stopping the vehicle, he determined that the driver had been drinking. The 26 year old male from Hinesburg was subsequently arrested for DUI. He was processed in Shelburne and released on a citation to appear.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Alarms* - It's been a busy two weeks. We've responded to 12 EMS calls, 3 motor vehicle crashes, 3 fire alarms and have stood by at one CVU football game.

- *Officers* - the officers have been meeting weekly to work on our budget as well as updates to our strategic plan. We are looking at the updated state EMS protocols to see how it will affect our budget as it requires additional tools.
- *Training* - last week we reviewed apartment apparatus and equipment. This Wednesday, October 2, 2013, we will have training on Medical Emergencies. The VT EMS Annual Conference is being held this year up at Jay Peak October 22-27th.
- *EMR Course* - We are hosting an Emergency Medical Responder course that begins on 10/15. As a pre-requisite they must have a CPR card and we are having a CPR class for them on 10/12 to accommodate.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Boil Water Notice* - The Water/Wastewater Department had to issue a boil water notice on Friday, September 27th for Lyman Meadows. A routine monthly coliform testing came up positive. This affects the Lyman Meadows water system only-90 condo units. We have started chlorination and will flush distribution lines and take repeat samples next week and hopefully be able to lift the boil water notice. At this time I don't know how long the boil water requirement will be in effect. If you have questions please contact Rocky Martin at hinesburgpw@gmavt.net

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Staff In-service/Training* - The library will be closed for Staff In-service/Training on Thursday, October 10th. No public business will be conducted in the library or by phone that day. Regular hours will resume Friday, October 11th.
- *Youth Book Discussion* - A Youth Book Discussion at the library will take place on Thursday, October 17th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come join us to discuss a terrifically spooky book recommended for readers from 4th Grade to adulthood; it's a book about the value of friendship and individuality, but with a twist. If you like books with an eerie setting and a creepy atmosphere, with disappearances and a nightmare of an institution, you will want to give this book a try. It may remind you of *Coraline*. It will be fun to see how this novel affects different readers.
- *Book Discussion Group* - The October 17th Book Discussion Group focuses on the novel: *Canada* by Richard Ford. All are welcome! The November selection is: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.

Other News

- *Volunteers* - We thank volunteers Steve Russell who did some more tree pruning on our lot, and Kelly Winter, whose general office/library help makes a real difference.
- *Donation* - Thank you also to Barbara Schumacher, whose recent generous donation to the library will pay for large print books for the Carpenter-Carse collection.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Recreation Department

- *Mt. Abe Jamfest* - HRD sent 11 soccer teams to participate in Jamfest at Mt. Abe High School on Saturday, September 28th.
- *8th Annual Hinesburg Fall Festival* - We celebrated the 8th Annual Hinesburg Fall Festival on Saturday, September 28th at Town Hall!! Weather was amazing. Vendors, music, art, a puppet show, brought people in for a perfect day. The Fall Festival Stone Soup Supper was held at NRG at 6:00 pm sponsored by the Hinesburg Land Trust with proceeds benefitting the Hinesburg Food Shelf. It's always incredible to see our town come alive with a festival or celebration. It is also incredible to see how many talented musicians and artists live in Hinesburg.
- *Afterschool Guitar Lessons* - After-School Guitar Lessons with Tennessee Jed began on Tuesday, 9/24 and Thursday, 9/26.
- *Annual VT Governor's Conference in Recreation* - Attended the Annual VT Governor's Conference in Recreation at Lake Morey on Wed. and Thurs. It's always invigorating to meet with other Parks & Recreation professionals to get ideas and feedback. A very busy time of year to attend, but it is ultimately very worthwhile in the end.



Afterschool Guitar lessons with Tennessee Jed

Planning & Zoning

- *Route 116 Public Forum* – We had 25 people in attendance for the first community forum on the Route 116 Corridor Study project. This number includes three staff and seven project steering committee members. Regardless of the modest turn out, helpful comments were made about issues that need to be addressed to improve the Route 116 corridor through the village area. Many thanks to those that spoke up. Anyone else interested in chiming in can email Alex Weinhagen at hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. More information, including meeting notes are available on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-corridor-study>. The steering committee met on 9/30 to discuss the feedback, and review ideas for possible improvement options with the project consultant. Possible

improvement options will be presented to the community at another forum (likely in early December).

- *Planning Commission Work Plan* – At their 9/25 meeting, the Planning Commission discussed their work plan for the next couple of years in order to provide a framework for the upcoming budget season. The plan is to spend the rest of this fiscal year (through June 30, 2014) completing current projects to improve shoreline zoning, rural residential 1 district zoning, and stormwater regulations. Community outreach in support of a comprehensive look at the Town Plan should also begin in 2014. This Town Plan revision effort will then become the primary work item for the Commission in the next fiscal year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015).
- *Stormwater Grant* – Staff completed and submitted an application for State municipal planning grant to find a suitable site in the existing village core area, and design a stormwater system to help control and treat runoff from areas that lack this infrastructure. Much of Hinesburg’s designated village center area was developed long before people understood the need for stormwater treatment and control. Unlike new projects, where the developer is responsible for designing adequate stormwater control systems, in areas of existing and historic development, it is the Town that needs to provide leadership and create public/private partnerships to help clean up our waterways and deal with stormwater control. If we’re awarded this State grant, we’ll be able to do a bit more of that.
- *Development Review Board Support* – Staff prepared for and attended the 10/1 DRB meeting to assist with: 1) review of a recurring noise issue on Hayden Hill Road related to a family’s use of a motorcycle track; 2) review of the removal of a small historic barn in the village (32 Silver Street). Unfortunately, this is an after-the-fact review as the landowner (a bank) removed the barn without getting the necessary review/permit.

Town Administrator

- *Health Insurance* – Emphasis and time this week has been placed on preparing the Town of Hinesburg and its employees for the (anticipated) mandates set-forth by the Affordable Care Act and the transition to Vermont Health Connect: Vermont’s health insurance marketplace. Small business in Vermont with less than 50 employees, as of January 1, 2014, will be required to offer insurance via Vermont Health Connect; the Town of Hinesburg falls within that framework. This Thursday, the Town Administrator will meet with a ‘Navigator’ in Killington, Vt. to sign the Town of Hinesburg up for Vermont Health Connect. Once the Town is uploaded into the system, Town employees will be able to log onto Vermont Health Connect and select health insurance plans. We are in the process of arraigining time for a Navigator to come to Town Hall for a day (or a part of a day) to assist employees and their families sign-up for health insurance with Vermont Health Connect.
- *Health Insurance 2* – On September 16th, the Selectboard made a Motion to offer Town of Hinesburg employees an allowance equal to 90% of the monthly premium of a ‘Platinum’ plan found on Vermont Health Connect. Town employees, when

they log onto Vermont Health Connect and make a health plan choice, will be able to use this allowance to off-set the monthly premium cost. For example, if an employee chooses a Platinum plan, 90% of the monthly cost would be covered by this allowance and then the employee would owe the remaining 10% monthly premium. If an employee chooses a less expensive plan, then their monthly allowance from the Town of Hinesburg might cover the entire premium expense leaving the employee no additional responsibility. Eligible Town of Hinesburg employees will be able to select any plan they wish offered via Vermont Health Connect and their health insurance selection and the availability of options will no longer be the responsibility of the Town of Hinesburg.

- Health Insurance 3 - On October 30th, three (3) Vermont Health Connect Navigators will be at Town Hall to assist any Hinesburg resident with their enrollment into Vermont Health Connect. Please contact Joe Colangelo if you would like to sign-up to meet with a Navigator: jcolangelo@hinesburg.org
- *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:

Selectboard

- *Rural Area Zoning/Special Town Meeting* – A properly submitted petition was received calling for a Special Town Meeting to vote on an Article which, if passed by voters via Australian ballot, would repeal the zoning & sub-division regulations adopted by the Selectboard on September 9, 2013. This vote will take place on Election Day: Tuesday, November 5. Polls will be open between 7am – 7pm. Also, the Selectboard will host an informational meeting on October 28, 2013 at 7:00PM

at Hinesburg's Town Hall on this warned ballot item.
<http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>

- *MaGee Hill Road Upgrades* – The Selectboard approved a contract with Gary Clark Excavating at the not-to-exceed amount of \$36,670 for the recommended upgrade work for MaGee Hill Road. This work is a result of the flooding experienced over the summer. Since Chittenden County was declared a disaster area FEMA and the State's emergency fund will pay for 87.5% of the costs. The MaGee Hill Road work will be completed by the end of November (2013).
- *Richmond Road Paving* – On the recommendation of the Highway Foreman and per the FY2014 highway paving budget and plan, the Selectboard approved a \$271,000 contract with Pike to pave 2.3 miles of Richmond Road. The work will be split between this fall and next spring. The project will give Richmond Road 9-foot travel lanes and 3-foot shoulders. The Highway Foreman and Selectboard placed special emphasis on ensuring a 3-foot shoulder (on both sides of the road) so to best comply with the Complete Streets Legislation. Complete Streets basically asks that all forms of transportation: vehicular, bike, pedestrian, etc. be considered during pavement projects. By including 3-foot shoulders, the higher density areas on Richmond Road will be better connected to the new Recreation Path and the entire network of sidewalks in the Village.
- *Village North Sidewalk* – Lameroeaux and Dickinson was awarded a contract at the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,600 for engineering services on the Hinesburg Village North Sidewalk. This sidewalk project will link Commerce Street with Riggs Road along the east side of Rte 116.
- *New Town Employee* – The Selectboard offered a Letter of Employment to Lee Fortin. Lee will join the Highway Department as a Highway Maintainer – first day of work will be October 1.

Lee Fortin – New Highway Maintainer for Town Highway Department was introduced at Selectboard Meeting on September 30th





8th Annual Hinesburg Fall Festival - Saturday, September 28, 2013



John Penoyar and Kim Provost - Vocal duo with guitar and bass



Acrobat performing in the Town Hall parking lot for the Annual Hinesburg Fall Festival

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