

Town of Hinesburg
Weekly Update
October 16, 2013

Celebrating 250 years

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Commission:** *Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* - On Saturday, October 26th, the Hinesburg Community Police in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency and Kinney Drugs will be hosting a drug take back. This is an opportunity to get rid of all the expired and no longer needed prescription medicine from your home. The hours will be from 9 am to 2 pm. You can call the police department with any questions.
- *Food Drive* - On Saturday November 2nd, the Hinesburg Community Police and the Hinesburg Fire Department will be sponsoring a food drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. The hours will be from 9 am to 2 pm and this will be the third year of this successful project.
- *Street Closure* - At the October 21st Selectboard meeting, the residents of Creekside will be requesting approval to close down Farmall Drive and Fredric Way from 6 pm to 8 pm on Halloween. This is due to the large number of children trick or treating in order to provide a safer environment for everyone.
- *Vehicle Fire* - On Thursday, October 10th, Hinesburg Community Police and Hinesburg Fire responded to Sherman Hollow Rd. for a report of a pickup truck on fire. Responding personnel found a completely engulfed vehicle fire that left the truck totaled. The registered owner, a former Hinesburg resident lives in Essex and subsequently reported the vehicle stolen to the Essex Police.
- *Domestic Assault* - On Saturday, October 12th, officers responded to a residence off of Pond Rd for a reported domestic dispute. Officers contacted a very intoxicated female who changed her stories multiple times and she ended up being taken for detox when attempts to get a family member to pick her up were unsuccessful. No other problems were found.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Calls* - in the past two weeks we have had 7 EMS, 4 Fire, and 2 MVC calls. One of the MVC (Motor Vehicle Crash) involved four cars.
- *Apparatus* - Engine 2 is currently out of service due to brake issues. Engine 1 is our primary engine.
- *Public Education* - Last Tuesday members spent the day at Hinesburg Community School teaching fire prevention to K-2 graders. The excited children were then given a tour of Engine 2 and Med-100.
- *Training* - The Emergency Responder (EMR) course starts tonight at the fire station. This is training that newer members are taking in addition to our normal training schedule. State EMS conference is October 26th and 27th up in Jay Peak. We will be sending one member that is available to go.
- *Protocols* - The new VT state EMS protocols have been released. We are reviewing the changes to see what impact it will have on our budget. There are many new changes which will require transition training for all of our EMR/EMT/AEMT members. We must complete this transition by 3/31/2014.
- *Meetings* - We held an Officer's meeting on Tuesday and will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday.

Buidlings & Facilities

- *Discolored Water* - Have been fielding a few discolored water concerns in the village area. Water mains are overdue for flushing and any pressure imbalance loosens iron deposits which cause brown water. Iron in water is an aesthetic concern, not a health concern. Water main flushing is scheduled for November 25, 26, and 27.
- *New Water Supply Source* - Our search for a new water supply source got an unexpected boost when UVM and VT Geology Society decided to study the three existing wells in Geprags Park; all free of charge. They have completed the study of two of the wells and are scheduled for the third 10/18. After they compile all the data, we will have a much better understanding of the possibilities of the wells. We continue to evaluate other sites as well as Geprags.
- *Quarterly Meter Readings* - Quarterly meter reading completed last week.
- *Lyman Meadow Control Building Repairs* - Repairs to Lyman Meadow control building underway- roof, insulation and new entrance door.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Special Election* - There will be a Special Election on November 5, 2013. The election was triggered by the circulation of a petition with the following Article: *Shall the changes to the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations approved on September 9, 2013, by the Hinesburg Select Board be repealed?* There will also be a second ballot from the Champlain Valley Union High School which is a bond vote for \$1,500,000 for improvements to the school's athletic fields. Both of these ballots are now available in the clerk's office for early voting. You can come in anytime between now and Election Day during regular office hours to obtain your ballots and either take them home with you or vote here in the office. You can also request that the ballots be mailed to you by calling the town clerk's office at 482-2281 ext.223 or by

e-mailing mross@hinesburg.org. If your request for the ballots is via e-mail, please be sure to include your mailing address so that we can send you the ballots. The last day to register to vote if you are not already a registered voter is Wednesday, Oct. 30th at 5 p.m. Thanks!

Recreation Department

- *Another Youth Soccer Season Complete* - Last day of youth soccer was held on Sat. 10/12 for 1-2 coeds, 3/4 boys, 3/4 girls, and 5/6 girls teams!! The 1/2 coeds scrimmaged and celebrated with ribbons and treats. All the 3/4 boys and girls teams played games/round robins at Dorset Park in So. Burlington. 5/6 girls finished with a fun practice. The weather was incredible for this past soccer season. We didn't have to cancel one practice the entire season due to poor weather. Incredible!!
- *Kindergarten Soccer Finale* - Last day of Kindergarten Soccer on Sunday, 10/13 was also another gorgeous warm day. We had a huge CVU soccer team turnout for helpers and the kids got to play their favorite game of the season - see photos. Afterward, the kids scrimmaged and finished with a group picture with all the coaches, ribbons, and a prize from the treasure box. It was incredible to see how much progress these 5 and 6 year olds make with their skills. Our coaches were incredible - Scott Lamothe, John Paul Arnoldy, Ben and Carly Epstein, Gabriela Moreno, Lucy Mathews and the CVU Men's and Women's Soccer Teams. Wow, what a successful season!!
- *Get certified to babysit!!* - There are still a few spots left in the Babysitting Course scheduled for Friday, 10/18 from 9-3 at HCS in the French Room. Cost is \$85. Register with Rec. Dept. 428-2281 ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net
- "RATS" - Tickets for the 3rd/4th grade Theater Program's production of "RATS!" A Musical Tale of the Pied Piper of Hamelin are on sale at the Rec. Dept. and Brown Dog Books & Gifts. Show is Friday, 10/25 at 6:30 pm in the HCS Gym. Adults are \$5 and Children are \$3. Don't miss out on this wonderful production!!
- *AARP Driver Safety Class* - There are still 4 spots left in the AARP Driver Safety Class hosted by HRD. Tuesday, 10/29 from 9-2 in the first floor conference room at Town Hall. AARP members pay \$12 and non-members pay \$14. Register with Rec. Dept.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *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.

- *The Book Discussion Group for Adults* - Meets this Thursday, October 17th and features the novel: *Canada* by Richard Ford. All are welcome! The November selection is: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.
- *Pajama Story Time* - Children's Librarian Janet Soutiere will offer a Pajama Storytime next Tuesday, October 22 from 6 – 7 p.m. The October programs are among Janet's favorites!
- *Archer Mayor* - Renowned Vermont author Archer Mayor will speak at the library on October 23rd at 7 p.m. Mr. Mayor's Vermont-based police procedurals have won him nationwide fans and much acclaim. His latest novel is "*Three Can Keep a Secret.*" Call the library at 482-2878 to register. This special evening is sponsored by Carpenter-Carse Library and Brown Dog Books and Gifts. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Other News

- *New Books* - New books for adults and children on the shelf by the end of the week
- *Staff In-Service/Training* - The library was closed for Staff In-Service/Training on Thursday, October 10th. Focused meetings and training sessions were held for Librarians, Circulation Supervisor, Clerks, and Student Clerks. The uninterrupted discussions and training were very worthwhile.
- *Library Budget/Annual Report* - The library's budgeting process continues, as does work on this year's annual reports for the VT Department of Libraries.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *FY2015 Budget* – Department budgets were submitted to the Town Administrator for the FY2015 general fund budget proposal. These department level budgets will be compiled by the Town Administrator into a Town budget and presented to the Selectboard on November 4th. During the week of October 21 – 25, department heads will meet with the Town Administrator and Selectboard member Phil Pouech to review their budget requests.
- *Meet with Vermont Health Connect Navigators* – In preparation for the changes in the health insurance landscape, three (3) Vermont Health Connect Navigators will be at Town Hall on October 29 and 30. On October 29, these Navigators will be assigned specifically to help Town employees and their families. On October 30, Hinesburg residents at-large will be able to come to Town Hall and meet with the Navigators. If you would like to meet with a Navigator on October 30, please contact me immediately.
<https://portal.healthconnect.vermont.gov/VTHBELand/welcome.action>
- *Hinesburg Village North Sidewalk* – On Monday, October 14th, we hosted a kick-off meeting with our engineer and representative of the State's Local Transportation Facilities Program. This kick-off meeting was a requirement of the grant and we are now preparing to move forward with survey work. This sidewalk project will connect Commerce Street and Riggs Road with a sidewalk on the east side of Route 116.

- *Rural Area Zoning Informational Session* – Prior to the scheduled town-wide vote to consider repealing the Selectboard’s decision to adopt the Rural Area Zoning Ordinance on November 5 (between 7am – 7pm), an informational session is scheduled for Monday, October 28 at 7pm. <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Firearm Discharge Ordinance* – The Public Hearing for the proposed Firearm Discharge Ordinance was held on October 7th. After much input from the public and Selectboard, there was no final resolution and the conversation will be continued at a later date.
- *Village Steering Committee Annual Update* – Dona Walker, Chair of the Committee, reported to the Selectboard on their annual work. Highlights included finalizing the Village Visualization Project <http://hinesburg.org/planning/village-visualization-project/> and then focusing attention on Memorial Park. They aim to make the monuments more visible and better honor the names on those monuments. This past July, they trimmed some of the trees, erected a new wooden fence, and filled some potholes along Memorial Park. In the future, the VSC plans to plant five (5) trees between the sidewalk and the boundary line (the State’s ROW) this fall. After planting the trees, the Committee would like to turn attention to benches. The Committee also placed three (3) benches along the village sidewalk network this past summer and is looking to place more benches next year. The issue of installing dog waste bag dispensaries was discussed during the meeting to help those walking dogs help pick up dog waste.
- *Police Department Grant Application* –The Police Chief’s request to apply for a federal grant to purchase radios, an electronic fingerprint device, and a license plate reader was discussed with the Board. Additional information was requested by the Selectboard. This item will be back on the Selectboard agenda at an upcoming meeting for final approval.
- *Consideration of New Town Road Policy* – This policy, which constitutes whether or not a private roadway should be accepted by the Town, was updated so to require that title insurance be required for all roads proposed to be dedicated to the Town. The Selectboard approved this update.
- *New Appointments to Committee, Boards, and Committees* – Kathy Newton and Susan Marino were appointed to three (3) year terms on the Agency Request Review Committee; George Dameron was appointed to a three (3) year term on the Trails Committee; Carrie Fenn, Ray Keller, Chuck Reiss, and Katie Emerson were appointed to a three (3) year seat on the Energy Committee.
- *Zoning Administrator Reappointment* – Pursuant to State Statute (Title 24, Chapter 117, Section 4448) Peter Erb was reappointed to a three (3) year term, per the

recommendation of the Planning Commission, as the Town's Zoning Administrator.

Town Forest Committee

- *Trail Signage* – In consultation with the Trails Committee, the TFC is prepared to move forward with erecting new signs for the Maiden, International, Passing the Horizon, and Eagles Trail.
- *Hollis Parcel* – The Hollis Parcel is part of the Hinesburg Town Forest located on the 'other side' of Hayden Hill. Years ago the Fellowship of the Wheel blazed some trails in that parcel. More recently the Town Forest Committee decided to close those trails. The County Forester visited the location and basically agreed with the Committee's recommendation to close those trails and thought it was a good location for dispersed recreational activities – like hunting. Hunting may also prove to be an effective way to mitigate the invasion of buckthorn and honeysuckle. It was also thought that parts of the road could use some work like installing water bars to prevent the accumulation of water on the road.

<http://hinesburg.org/townforestcomm.html>

Trails Committee

- *Kiosks* – Plexiglas brochure holders have been placed at the Russell Trail kiosk and all the maps placed in them original have been used (a good thing). The kiosk installed at the LaPlatte Headwater Gilman Road entrance did some damage to an electric fence of an abutting property. The Trails Committee agreed it should reimburse the owner for necessary repairs.
- *Russell Trails Work* – On September 28th the Trails Committee met to discuss erosion abatement projects on the Russell Trails. The Trails Committee will continue to work with all property owners before taking final action.
- *October Foliage Walk* – The October foliage walk was scheduled for Sunday, October 13th on the Passing the Horizon trail.

<http://hinesburg.org/trailscomm.html>



Police Station Construction Progress as of 10/11/13



Progress on the new police station as of 10/16/13





Kindergarten Soccer

Finale

10/13/13



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