

# Town of Hinesburg

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## Weekly Update

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### October 30, 2013



#### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Selectboard:** *Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### Hinesburg Community Police

- **Winter Parking Ban** - On November 1, 2013, the Winter Parking Ban begins in Hinesburg. This means that any vehicle left parked on the roadway is subject to being towed. In reality, the police do not tow vehicles on sunny days and dry pavement. The problem occurs when vehicles are left parked overnight and the road crew comes along for snow removal. They have a strict schedule and do not have time to deal with vehicles left on the roadway. Do not try to second guess the weather. Don't forget to remind overnight guests of the parking ban.
- **Drug Take Back** - The Drug Take Back in Hinesburg took in sixty pounds of expired and unneeded medication. When you think about how little a pill bottle weighs, it is a great achievement. There were over 3,000 pounds total for Chittenden County.
- **Food Drive** - This is the final reminder that on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. There will also be a collection set up at Lantman's.
- **Vehicle Burglaries** - On Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, an officer found three vehicles in a driveway on Lavigne Hill Rd. with the driver's side door open. A check with the resident resulted in a theft report for items taken from the unlocked vehicles. The same day, another report of a vehicle burglary occurred on Lincoln Hill. On Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a theft report was taken as the result of a vehicle burglary on Hayden Hill West and Gardner Circle.

## **Highway Department**

- *Richmond Road Paving* – Paving is scheduled to commence on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 2.3 miles of Richmond Road will get new surface treatment. This fall, the initial 1” will be put down; in the spring an additional 1” will be added.

## **Buildings & Facilities**

- *Renovations to Lyman Meadows Storage Tank Control Building* - Finishing up renovations to Lyman Meadows water storage tank control building - new roof rafters, sheathing, roofing, insulation and entrance door.
- *Garage Clean-up at Wastewater Treatment Plant* - Big clean up at wastewater treatment plant garage, recycled scrap metal and put everything away for winter.
- *Piette Road Intersection* – Replaced two water valve box covers at Piette Rd intersection.
- *Inspection/Cleaning of Water Storage Tanks* - Divers completed inspection/cleaning of both water storage tanks at Piette Rd and Lyman Meadows.

## **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

- *VOTE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>* - This is the final reminder to cast your vote on November 5, 2013. The issues to be decided are whether or not to repeal the changes to the rural zoning ordinance that were approved by the Selectboard and whether to support a bond for Champlain Valley Union High School to install 2 turf playing fields, bleachers and lights as improvements to the athletic facilities. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and are located at Town Hall. Early voting is available through Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- *TAXES DUE ON NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>* - Don't forget that property taxes are due on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be open until 5 p.m. that day. If you have any questions about your tax bill, please give me a call at 802-482-2281 Ext. 223. Thanks!

## **Recreation Department**

- *RATS!* - This musical made its debut as an afternoon matinee and evening performance on Friday, 10/25 in the HCS Gym. An outstanding performance in which you needed to remind yourself these children are in third and fourth grade - way to go!!
- *Youth Basketball Registration* - Register for Youth Basketball that begins 12/7. Registration forms and information is available at the Rec. Dept., on the website or by [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net)
- *AARP Driver Safety Course* - LAST CALL for the AARP Driver Safety Course set for Tuesday, 10/29 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the first floor conference room at Town Hall. Contact HRD if you're interested. Next class offered will be April 2014.
- *Guitar lessons with Tennessee Jed* - New students are still joining Guitar Lessons with Tennessee Jed. Grades 1-4 on Tuesdays and Grades 5-8 on Thursdays. Call or e-mail if you're interested.

- *Winter Program Brochure* - I am currently working on the Winter Program Brochure. Look for this on the website by mid-November with a hard copy mailed to each residence by Thanksgiving.
- *Youth Basketball Coaches Needed* - Still looking for coaches for our Youth Basketball program - Interested? Contact Rec. Dept. at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 2230.

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### Calendar

- *Board of Trustees Meeting* - The Carpenter-Carse Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the library.

### Other News

- *Archer Mayor* - On Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> the library and Brown Dog Books sponsored an author event at Carpenter-Carse featuring Archer Mayor. Archer discussed his experiences as a detective working on actual Vermont cases. He related tales of interviews in the field which have provided inspiration for his story lines. He also shared information about his writing techniques and touched on plot development, working with editors etc. An articulate speaker, Archer entertained an audience of 45 guests, with high energy and colorful stories. Following the talk, Mr. Mayor's books were available for signing and purchase from Brown Dog Books & Gifts, who were on site.
- *Cove Base Installed* - The new cove base installed on 10/25/2013 in the library's Community Room the sets off green carpet tiles nicely. ☺
- *September Youth Program Attendance* - Fifty children and thirty-four adults attended Youth Programs at the library in September.
- *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](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).

## **Planning & Zoning**

- *Planning Commission Rural Zoning Mailer* – The Planning Commission spent a full meeting finalizing the wording of a town-wide mailer to alert the community about the November 5 rural zoning vote. A lot of time spent to make sure that the mailer was informative but strictly factual. Staff finalized, printed, packaged, and delivered the mailer to the Post Office on Tuesday (10/29).
- *Hinesburg Center Act 250 Hearing* – Staff attended and participated in a State Act 250 hearing for the Hinesburg Center project (e.g., Kinney Drugs, Bristol Bakery area) on 10/25. The developer is seeking Act 250 approval for two different items. One is to allow residential uses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of two buildings that have or will have commercial uses on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. This change was already approved at the local level by the Hinesburg DRB. The other request is for a substantial amount of fill related to a development proposal for lands to the west, including fill in portions of the flood hazard area. This request for fill is also being reviewed at the local level by the DRB – to be discussed again at the 11/19 DRB meeting.

- *RBES & CBES Training* – Staff attended a training on the State’s residential building energy standard (RBES) and commercial building energy standards (CBES). New statutory language passed by the VT Legislature in 2013 requires that Town Zoning Administrators receive a RBES or CBES certification form prior to issuing a certificate of occupancy for new construction. Interestingly, Vermont’s only statewide “building code” relates to energy efficiency – i.e., there are no statewide building codes for other facets of construction (e.g., electrical, plumbing, etc.).
- *Hinesburg Center Violations & Revisions* – The Zoning Administrator and the Town Attorney are working with the Hinesburg Center developer (Brett Grabowski of Milot Real Estate) on a zoning violation stemming from occupancy of buildings still under construction prior to receiving the necessary certificate of occupancy. The new construction is wrapping up, but the ZA has also noted discrepancies between what was built and the approved plans. It should be noted, despite the fact that the project engineer previously stipulated in writing that the project was built per the approved plans. It appears this developer will be headed back to the DRB seeking after-the-fact revisions to the previous approvals.
- *Rural Zoning Informational Meeting* – Staff attended the 10/28 informational meeting to present information and answer questions about the rural zoning approved by the Selectboard in September. This meeting was held to provide information ahead of the November 5<sup>th</sup> town-wide vote on whether or not to repeal the rural zoning approved by the Selectboard. Approximately 19 community members attended the meeting, along with the five Selectboard members and three Town staff.
- *Trail Map* – Staff finalized a poster-size trail map for the recently installed Russell Family Farm trailhead kiosk near Lyman Park. This map also includes connecting public trails to the Thistle Hill neighborhood and to the end of Lavigne Hill Road. A similar version of this trail map is available in a smaller format on the Town website ([click here](#)) for viewing/printing. Staff is also working with the Trails Committee for a similar poster-size trail map for the trailhead kiosk at the Hinesburg Town Forest.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Vermont Health Connect* – On Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, two Vermont Health Connect Navigators were at Town Hall assisting town employees and their families with enrollment into Vermont Health Connect. Because the Town of Hinesburg is an organization of fewer than 50 employees, we are mandated to offer insurance through Vermont Health Connect – Vermont’s Health Insurance Exchange. On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, one Vermont Health Connect Navigator was stationed at Town Hall to assist Hinesburg residents with their enrollment into Vermont Health Connect. 10 residents signed-up and additional drop-ins are anticipated.
- *FY2015 Budget* – The Town Administrator and Selectboard member Phil Pouech finished meeting with all department heads on their proposed FY2015 budget. The Town Administrator will present the Selectboard with an initial budget on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Development Review Board**

*Upcoming applications for DRB review:*

- Hinesburg Center LLC: (Subdivision Revision) – The applicant is requesting a revision to the Hinesburg Center subdivision to account for differences between actual versus approved building setbacks from property lines. This represents an after-the-fact application as the buildings in question have already been built. Side yard setbacks of as little as two feet were approved in some cases, but certain buildings were constructed with setbacks of less than one foot from interior property lines. The subdivision was originally approved on 9/7/2010, and was last revised on 6/18/2013. The Hinesburg Center subdivision includes 9 lots and 9 buildings (6 of which have been built) including commercial (e.g., Kinney Drugs), mixed-use (e.g., Bristol Bakery and apartments), and residential buildings. The developed portion is located on approximately 4 acres at the intersection of VT Route 116 and Farmall Drive in the Village Zoning District.

*This application is scheduled to be reviewed at the November 5, 2013 DRB meeting.*

### **Selectboard**

- *Rural Zoning Ordinance* – On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> a mandatory Public Information session was hosted at Town Hall for discussion of Article 1 on the Special Town Meeting Ballot. Article 1 will be voted on at Town Hall on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Polls are open between 7am – 7pm. Article 1 asks: “Shall the changes to the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations approved on September 9, 2013, by the Hinesburg Select Board be repealed?” Early voting ballots are available at the Town Clerk’s Office so if you are unable to vote on November 5<sup>th</sup> please consider contacting the Clerk’s Office for an early voting ballot. <http://hinesburg.org/>



Construction Progress on New Police Station as of 10/29/13

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