

# Town of Hinesburg

## Weekly Update

### November 6, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **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)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Call Activity* - Since we do not work on commission, I am happy to report that we did not find any DUI drivers, go to any domestic fights or serious accidents. We had 22 calls for the week of which three were medical assists to Hinesburg First Response.
- *Route 116/NRG* - I cannot emphasize enough that when going northbound on Vermont Route 116 passing NRG, use caution for stopped traffic when cresting the hill towards Shelburne Falls Rd. We continue to have rear end collisions and they are one of the most preventable accidents just by paying attention to your surroundings.
- *Food Drive* - The food drive on Saturday hosted by Hinesburg Police and Fire resulted in over 2,000 pounds of food and over \$400 dollars in cash going to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. We cannot thank the public enough for their generous contributions and to all the workers at the Food Shelf for volunteering their time.

#### Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Activity* - It's been another busy couple of weeks with calls. Especially during "rush hour" we are seeing an increase in the number of motor vehicle crashes. We've had two separate 3 car collisions in the past two weeks. Overall EMS: 10, MVC: 3, Fire: 3 and we stood by at the CVU football game.
- *Training* - We held our annual exertion test last week which is mandatory for our interior certified personnel. EMS was also on hand to get practice assessing vitals.

This week is EMS training - we will be training on Cold Weather (Hypothermia) Emergencies. There is a CPR refresher Thursday morning for several members that were not able to attend the spring recertification.

- *Transition to New VT State EMS Protocol* - We are starting to plan out the transition to the new VT state EMS protocol which goes in effect 1/1/2014. All members must be transitioned in the squad before any one member can use the new protocols. Everyone must be transitioned by 3/31/2014 when the new protocol is mandatory. I think they've done a great job in the material, skills, and organization of the new protocols. If interested they are available to the public here:

[http://healthvermont.gov/hc/ems/documents/FinalProtocolsfor2013Oct81600LOCKED\\_000.pdf](http://healthvermont.gov/hc/ems/documents/FinalProtocolsfor2013Oct81600LOCKED_000.pdf).

### **Highway Department**

- *Richmond Road Paving* – Crews put down the first 1” of pavement on a 2.3 mile stretch of Richmond Road this week. The final 1” will be put down in the spring. This paving is part of the Town’s capital re-pavement schedule which was approved as part of the budget at Town Meeting. The Town’s goal is to pave 2.3miles of roadway each year.
- *MaGee Hill Road* – Clark Excavating started work on MaGee Hill to upsize culverts from 24” to 36”. The original 18” culverts were changed to 24” culverts back in July due to the heavy rainstorms this area experienced as an attempt to mitigate flooding problems along that road. The Town commissioned an engineering study to determine the best long-term solution for the system of culverts. Ditching work started today; portions of MaGee Hill Road will need to be closed for at least a day early next week so crews can replace the culverts.

### **Buildings & Facilities**

- *Gravel for Lagoons* - A contractor spread gravel at lagoons we received from Rec Path project staging area (free) - much needed improvement to drive and sections around lagoons.
- *Monthly Sampling* - Completed second round of monthly sampling.
- *Winter Prep/Maintenance* - As part of our button up for winter process, we pulled chemical feed lines and insulated with pipe insulation and reinstalled into chlorine contact chamber; hopefully to cure a nagging winter problem of sodium bisulfite line (for de-chlorination before discharge to Laplatte) freezing or crystalizing and causing a blockage in 3/8 tubing.
- *Mini-Hydro Project* - Selectboard reviewed and approved looking into mini-hydro project for water system; generating electricity by a turbine at cemetery pump station on Mechanicsville Rd.

### **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

- *Voting Results* - Voting took place on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>; the polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The issues to be decided were 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 results were as follows:

Town of Hinesburg – ARTICLE I– (Zoning & Subdivision Regulations)

- In Favor of Repealing the Changes - 533
- Opposed to Repealing the Changes - 626

Champlain Valley High School – ARTICLE I– ("Turf Field")

- In Favor of the Proposition - 1856
- Opposed to the Proposition - 1969

- *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**

- *Youth Basketball Registration* - Sign up for Youth Basketball!! Forms and schedule available at <http://www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html> or at Rec. Office
- *Youth Basketball Coaches Needed* - Still looking for coaches, specifically for 3/4 girls. Also need assistants for Kindergarten and 1/2 coed age groups as well.
- *Basketball Coaching Clinic* - CVU Basketball Coaches will offer a Youth Basketball Coaches Clinic in early December. Date and time TBA.
- *AARP Driver Safety Course* - HRD hosted an AARP Driver Safety Course on Tuesday, 10/29 at Town Hall.
- *Creepy Creature Cupcake Decorating* - HRD hosted Creepy Creature Cupcake Decorating on Wednesday, 10/30 with Wendy Frink. See photo below.
- *Afterschool Horseback Riding* - After a successful six week session of After-School Horseback Riding on Tuesdays and Fridays at Livery Stables, we will offer another 6 week option. Contact HRD if you're interested - [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230



Veteran cupcake decorators Chloe Landers, Jordan Holmes, Morgan Kittell, and Bella Durochia show us how it's done!!

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### Calendar

- *Spray Paint Tee-shirts* - Children age six and up – Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. and plan on joining the fun at the library where you can create a festive fall t-shirt using spray bottles and Rit dye. Space is limited, so children should sign up soon for this fun event by calling 482-2878. Be sure to bring a white or light-colored shirt on Saturday. We will provide shapes from nature to use for designs: leaves, grasses, pumpkins and twigs. Plan on attending and “spritz” your way to a colorful creation!
- *Tales from the Almanac Trail ~ Friday, November 15 at 7:00pm - Library ~*  
*A Presentation of Story and Song by Rik Palieri* - In the summer of 1941, a musical group of labor activists known as “The Almanac Singers” climbed into a midnight blue Buick and blazed a trail across the USA, spreading the gospel of unionism and bringing folk music back to the people. The group, with members Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Lee Hays & Mill Lampell, created a new kind of topical music, using old folk melodies to tell the stories of the times. Some seventy years later, with the guidance of Pete Seeger and The Woody Guthrie Archives, two modern-day troubadours followed in the footsteps of the old Almanacs. With banjos and guitars, Rik Palieri and George Mann traveled cross country, singing in the same places as the original tour.  
Come hear the stories and sing along! 482-2878

### Other News

- *Library Budget/Annual Report* - We are making good progress on the library’s budget for 2014/15. Sue Barden continues to work on this year’s annual reports for the Vermont 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).

## **Town Administrator**

- *FY2015 Budget* – The initial FY2015 Hinesburg Town budget, to be voted on and approved at Town Meeting in March, will be handed to the Selectboard on November 18. After that initial presentation, the Selectboard will go through the budget with each department head for a more in-depth discussion before making final decisions as a Board on what to include and what to leave out. That process will go from November 18 – the end of January.
- *FEMA* – Working with the Highway Foreman, FEMA representatives, and the Vermont Agency of Transportation to submit all necessary documentation from the late June/early July rain storms. Eligible work will be reimbursed up to 87.5% from federal and state emergency management sources.
- *Hinesburg Village North Sidewalk* – Currently working with the consultant engineer on initial engineering of the Hinesburg Village North sidewalk project. This project will connect Commerce Street with Riggs Road via a sidewalk on the western side of Rte 116. Construction will most likely commence the summer of 2015.
- *Public Safety Facility* – The Public Safety Facility Committee is currently meeting each Tuesday morning with our building team to review work to date and plan for

the following week of construction. The new police station is moving along at a healthy clip; we are also working to finish final designs of the two (2) proposed additions to the Fire Station. Those plans, along with a cost proposal, should be available to the Selectboard and public before the end of 2013.

- *Vermont Health Connect* – The governor recently announced that Vermonters, preparing to purchase health insurance via Vermont Health Connect, could continue their current health insurance plans through March 2014 due to problems associated with the health exchange’s website. As of now, the Town of Hinesburg is planning to offer health insurance through the exchange rather than continue with the current plan(s) offered to employees but we will monitor the situation closely and may have to change plans.

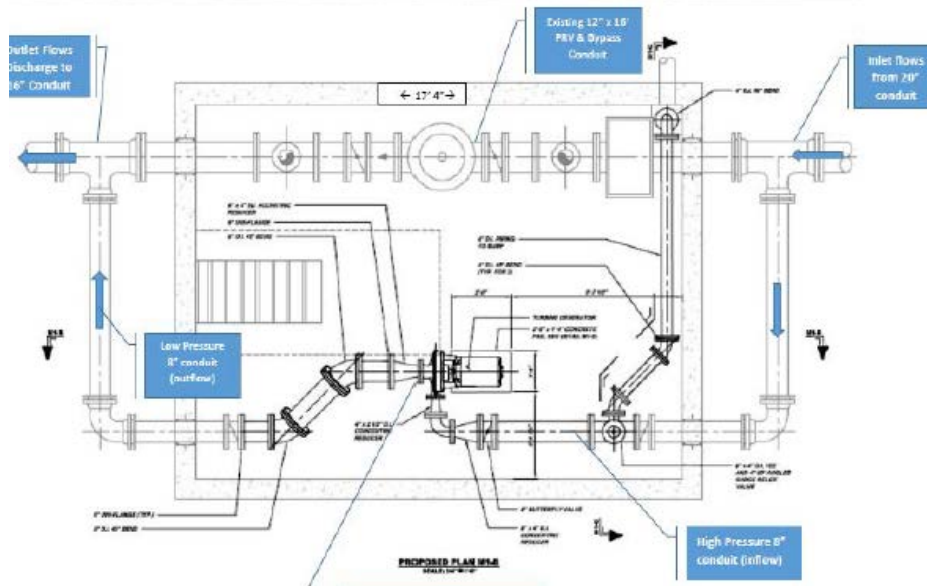
## **Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

### **Selectboard**

- *Dona Walker* – The Selectboard recognized Dona Walker’s service to the Village Steering Committee. Some notable accomplishments spearheaded by Dona have been the increased number of benches along the sidewalk network in Hinesburg Village and beautification of Memorial Park.
- *Conservation Commission* – Bill Marks, Alison Lesure, and Meg Handler – Hinesburg’s Conservation Commissioners – updated the Selectboard on their work ongoing and goals for the coming year. Their main goals for the next 12 months are to increase membership numbers of the commission and complete the Green Space Plan. For those interested in service to the Commission, six (6) seats are currently open. <http://hinesburg.org/conservationcomm.html>
- *Lake Iroquois Association* – Meg Handler, representing the Lake Iroquois Association, reported on the activities of that Association, particularly in regards to how the Town of Hinesburg’s \$5,000 allocation to the association was used. Phase two of the hillside/stream restoration project between Pond Road and Lake Iroquois was completed last month and as a result the depositing of considerable amounts of dirt, stone and sediment into the lake will be reduced by their efforts to create a delta at the shoreline. This is just part of a larger project currently being undertaken by LIA to increase the overall health of Lake Iroquois. The project is being funded through association dues, grant funds, and public funds. <http://www.lakeiroquois.org/>
- *Hydro Electric Generation* – The Selectboard passed a motion, unanimously, in support of an initiative from the Director of Buildings & Facilities to look at a cost-benefit proposal, for further consideration by the Selectboard at a later date, on the possibility of replacing a pressure reducing valve at the Cemetery Pump House with an electricity generating turbine. The electricity produced could then be net-metered and sold back to the grid with a credit to the Water Department. The Town of Hinesburg currently has a similar set-up with solar trackers at the sewer lagoons. The Selectboard will review this proposal again sometime this December.



**IN VIEW—Powerhouse PRV & New Turbine Generator – Barre, VT – 17 kW Hydropower Turbine System**



*Hannaford Act 250* – The Selectboard passed a motion, unanimously, authorizing Hinesburg’s Town Planner to send a letter to the Act 250 Commission in support of Hinesburg’s Development Review Boards’ decision.

[http://hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html#hannaford\\_decisions](http://hinesburg.org/lot15/hannaford.html#hannaford_decisions)

*CBC Appointments* – Both on 5-0 votes, Amelia Norris was appointed to a three year term on Hinesburg’s Affordable Housing Commission, and Hannah Jackson was appointed to a two year term on Hinesburg’s Energy Committee.

*Interim Zoning/Energy Efficiency* – The Selectboard Warned for a Public Hearing on December 16, 2013 to consider extending the energy efficiency interim zoning provision for one (1) more year. <http://hinesburg.org/planning.html>



*Thank you Dona Walker  
for 8 years of service on the  
Village Steering Committee!*



View off of VT Route 116 - 11/4/2013



Placing New Sidewalks - 11/4/2013



Smoothing, shaping, and seeding of dirt Pile behind Fire Station. This is the fill necessary for future fire station additions. - 11/5/2013



Richmond Road Paving - 11/4/2013



Richmond Road After Paving - 11/6/2013



Ditching & Prep Work for Magee Hill Culvert Upgrade Project - 11/6/2013





*Halloween 2013*

*Creekside*



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