

# Town of Hinesburg

## Weekly Update

### November 13, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Site Visit for Town Take-over of Thistle Hill Roads:** *Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. (Thistle Hill)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Criminal DLS* - On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police received a report of suspicious activity on Hollow Rd. While one unit responded to the scene, another officer was on North Rd. and was told by the other officer that a loud vehicle had passed him and it could be one of the vehicles involved in the suspicious activity. The officer followed the vehicle to Hillview Terrace where he contacted the driver and determined that the 27 year old male from Hinesburg was Criminal DLS. The male was arrested, taken to the station for processing and released on a citation to appear.
- *Domestic Assault* - On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the on call officer with a backup from another Hinesburg officer and a Shelburne officer responded to a residence on Jourdan St. for a reported domestic assault. Upon arrival, the parties were separated and the 62 year old male Hinesburg resident was arrested for Domestic Assault. He was transported to Shelburne PD for processing and then booked into the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

#### Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Activity* - We responded to 3 EMS calls, to assist in a search for a missing child, and an assist over to Williston on a horse rescue.
- *ISO Ratings/Grant Opportunities* - The officers met to discuss ISO ratings and have begun researching grant opportunities for Fire Education/Prevention.

- *Equipment* - We have researched different brands of defibrillators to replace several of our older/non-working units. We are considering units from Physio and Phillips. The newer units will save us money on batteries and have a simplified user interface.
- *Training* - A CPR refresher class was held Thursday. The EMR class is well underway. Students have had practicals in medical and trauma assessments.
- *Transition to New VT State EMS Protocol* – We have begun the necessary training modules to transition to the new VT EMS protocol.

### **Highway Department**

- *MaGee Hill Road* – This week Clark Excavating, contracted by the Town of Hinesburg, is changing out three 24” culverts with 36” culverts. This work is being completed with assistance of FEMA disaster funds as a result of the heavy rain storms we experienced this past summer. Portions of MaGee Hill Road are closed this week for this work.



- *Richmond Road* – Center line striping was completed this past week on the 2.3 mile stretch of Richmond Road paved as part of the Town’s FY2014 highway capital program. The initial 1” of pavement was placed down over the past few weeks and the top 1” will be placed down in the spring. Once the final paving is completed, the road will be striped with both center and shoulder fog lines. The fog-lines will create a 3’ paved shoulder which will offer better protection to bicyclists and act as a traffic calming measure.



## **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

- *TAXES DUE ON NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>* - Don't forget that property taxes are due Friday, 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 Recreation Office.
- *Youth Basketball Coaches Needed* - Still looking for coaches, specifically for 5/6 girls; also need assistants for Kindergarten, 1/2 coed, and 3/4 girls as well.
- *Basketball Coaching Clinic* - CVU Basketball Coaches will offer a Youth Basketball Coaches Clinic in early December. Date and time TBA.
- *Afterschool Horseback Riding* - There's still room in the After-School Horseback Riding Program at Livery Stables on Tuesdays or Fridays. Contact HRD if you're interested - [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *HRD Winter Guide 2013-14* - The HRD Winter Guide has been sent to the printers and will be mailed on 11/14. Look for a PDF copy on the town website.

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### Calendar

- *Tales from the Almanac Trail: a presentation of story and song by Rik Palieri* - Friday, November 15, 7pm at the library
- *Book Discussion Group: Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 7 p.m.* - The library's book discussion group meets in readers' homes. Members of the group are reading the classic *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, and will focus on it at next week's discussion. Interested readers may call Diane at 482-4455 for more information. There will be a change of pace at the December 12<sup>th</sup> gathering, when each person will bring a poem to read, and will share reasons for choosing their poem.

### Other News

- *New Books* - Library Staff have added more than 50 new books within the past week; ½ for the youth collection and ½ for the adult collection. They are ready to go!
- *Holiday Book Sale* - It's time for our holiday book sale. Library patrons look forward to purchasing like-new books and dvd's at very reasonable prices. Patrons will find great savings and will know their purchases provide income for new books! Kudos to Librarian Jane Racer for pulling this seasonal ongoing mini-sale together each year. Shoppers should browse the sale shelves/table often, so as not to miss new titles that will be added as items sell. We also have a shelf of vintage books for sale.
- *Book Displays* - Current displays at the library focus on: National Diabetes Awareness Month, Children's classics, sports books for children, Thanksgiving and fall food traditions
- *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**

- *Rural Zoning Changes* – With voter approval of the rural zoning changes on November 5, now comes the task of updating the actual regulatory documents, and more importantly, providing training to the Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator. Document updates first. Training planned for December 3 DRB meeting.
- *DRB Meeting* – The November 5 DRB meeting was a long one with substantial and sometimes contentious discussion on two applications as well as completion of deliberations on a motorcycle noise issue on Hayden Hill Road that first surfaced in 2007, and resurfaced this summer. Applications included a request for revisions to the Hinesburg Center project on Farmall Drive due to errors in building placement, and the preliminary review (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3-step review process) for the 24-dwelling unit Norris project proposed for the south end of the village area (field on west side of Route 116, across from Buck Hill Road). On the motorcycle noise front, the Board decided to overturn a notice of violation issued by the Zoning Administrator.
- *Route 116 Corridor Study* – Staff organized the project steering committee’s fourth meeting on November 6. The committee reviewed possible ways to improve the corridor, and decided more work was needed before holding a second community forum. The committee will meet again in December, and the second community forum will be pushed to January. Preliminary short-term recommendations with potential budget implications will still be highlighted for the Selectboard at their December 16 meeting.
- *Energy Efficiency Hearings* – A Selectboard hearing was warned for December 16, regarding a proposal to extend energy efficiency interim zoning for one more year in order to give the Planning Commission time to complete its work, and to allow the newly formed Energy Committee to assist. A Planning Commission hearing was warned for December 11, regarding a “permanent” solution to the energy efficiency regulations. The issue has to do with whether to hold new residential construction to a higher energy efficiency standard than the statewide mandatory-minimum. The details are now available on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/regulations.html> - scroll down to “Proposed Revisions – Energy Efficiency Zoning Regulations”.

## **Town Administrator**

- *Health Insurance* – Currently we are still trying to figure out where the Town is headed come January 1, 2014. As of now we are still anticipating full participation with Vermont Health Connect; however, we continue to monitor the situation statewide and nationally and may be required to modify our plans.
- *FY2015 Budget* – The final touches on the proposed FY2015 budget are being completed this week. On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> the Town Administrator will unveil the initial FY2015 budget proposal to the Selectboard. After the initial presentation is made, the Selectboard will begin the process of reviewing each department’s budget between November 18 and January 6<sup>th</sup>. Then between January 6<sup>th</sup> and the end of January, the Selectboard will have the opportunity to

deliberate and make final decisions before setting a budget for voter consideration at Town Meeting at the end of January. FY2015 budget information will be available to the public to review after the initial budget is presented to the Selectboard on Monday evening. Go to: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>

- *Thistle Hill Roads* – A site visit is scheduled for this Friday morning at 7:30am. The Selectboard, staff, and any interested residents, will walk through Thistle Hill and review the infrastructure proposed for take-over by the Town of Hinesburg. Participants will meet on location at the intersection of Mechanicsville Road and Thorn Bush Road.
- *Village North Sidewalk* – A Public Hearing is set for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for community review and input on the proposed Village North Sidewalk project. This grant funded project, with local matching support from NRG and Jolly Mobil, will create a sidewalk along the east side of Rte 116 between Commerce Street and Riggs Road. This is the first phase in a two-phased plan to extend a sidewalk from Commerce Street to the new recreation path on CVU Road. Some initial engineering work has been completed and, potentially, if all goes well, construction could commence as early as next summer (2014).



Location of Future Village North Sidewalk

- *CBC seats still available* – Are you looking for a way to become more invested in your community? ....

Volunteer to be on the various Town of Hinesburg Boards, Committees, or Commissions!

The following seats are still open: <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>

Conservation Commission: (6) 4-year term

Energy Committee: (2) 3-year term

Recreation Commission: (1) 3-year term

Town Forest Committee: (1) 3-year term

Village Steering Committee: (2) 2-year term

The Selectboard will continue interviewing candidates until all seats are filled. 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](http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf)



Construction Progress as of 11/11/13 - Installation of Metal Roof



Interior View of Sallyport



Landscaped Dirt Pile in Preparation of Lot 1 Site Plan & Future Fire Department Expansion

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