

Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

December 4, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Joint HCS Board and Selectboard:** *Monday, December 9th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- **Vandalism** - On Monday, November 25th, an officer responded to Lyman Meadows for a report of vandalism to a residence. A front window and sliding glass door had been broken and garbage spilled all over.
- **DUI** - Also on Monday, November 25th, the officer that investigated the vandalism was patrolling the south end of the village when he observed the possible suspect enter Lyman Meadows. The officer contacted the 43 year old male from Hinesburg and determined that he had been drinking. The driver was subsequently arrested for DUI, Unlawful Mischief, Disturbing peace by use of electronic means, and Simple Assault.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- **Holiday Week** - There was no training or meetings for the Thanksgiving Holiday Week
- **Calls** - For the past two weeks, we've had 8 EMS related calls. In addition, the winter weather has also caught up; we have had 4 motor vehicle crashes over the past two weeks due to weather related issues. We've had two carbon dioxide and smoke detector calls that were good intent - older equipment or bad batteries were the root cause. We were on standby for Charlotte once as well.
- **Training** - The EMR class is still underway and going well - they finish up their class work this month. This Wednesday is our First Response training where we will review calls and continue with the back boarding module required by the State for the new protocols. We have a Hazmat refresher training on 12/12/2013.

- *Equipment* - we have had several manufacturers in house to demonstrate their new AED modules. We are preparing to choose a new model this week. It will replace one of our older models.
- *Officers' Meeting* - There is an Officers meeting this Thursday @ 8:00 p.m. where we will discuss trainings for the upcoming year.

Recreation Department

- *Basketball Season Prep Work* - Cleaned out, assessed, and blew up all the balls in the rec. closet at HCS on 11/25. Added pinnies, went through first aid kits, and stocked closet with various supplies.
- *T-shirts/Basketball Order* - Ordered basketball t-shirts and 6 more intermediate size 28.5 basketballs.
- *Basketball Coaches' Meeting* - Tuesday, 12/3 at 6:30 pm in the main room at Town Hall.
- *Youth Basketball* - Season begins Saturday, 12/7.
- *Free Youth Basketball Coaching Clinic* - CVU Women's Basketball Coach Ute Otley and her team will offer a free basketball clinic for boys and girls coaches on Sunday, December 8th at the CVU gym from 4-6 pm. First hour will focus on skill development appropriate for coaches of grades 1-8. The second hour will focus on team strategies (offenses and defenses) appropriate for coaches of grades 5-8. Handouts will be available, players will be present to demonstrate and coaches will be encouraged to ask questions. A worthwhile resource at the start of the season, right in town, with a tremendous coach - "this is worth your time!"
- *CVRA Scheduling Meeting* - CVRA basketball scheduling meeting is set for December 10th at SB Rec. Dept. Will create game schedules for the season for all the teams.
- *Lions Club Winter Farmer's Market* - The Lions Club will host another Winter Farmer's Market on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Produce, pottery, wreaths, knitted wear, maple syrup, handmade clothing, handmade knives, honey, beeswax candles, fresh prepared foods, jams, and jewelry. An eclectic array of fine artisans....perfect spot to start holiday shopping. Don't miss out!!
- *Still Openings in Afterschool Programs* - There are still openings for the following after-school offerings: piano (varied), guitar (varied), children's choir, literature and the arts, and arts & crafts. Currently, these programs will go up to the holiday break. All activities will begin again the first full week of January 6-10, 2014.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Quilts on Display in Community Room* - A fine assortment of colorful quilts is on display in the library's Community Room for the month of December. The quilts are all creations of crafter and Library Substitute Martha Keenan.
- *Holiday Card Making* - Friday December 6 adults and teens are invited to the library's Community Room for holiday card making, from 6 – 8 p.m. Art materials, refreshments and music will be provided.

- *Holiday Cookie Decorating* - On Saturday, December 7 Wendy Frink will lead a holiday cookie decorating session for ages five and up. All materials will be provided.
- *Preschool Story Hour* - There will be a Preschool Story Hour on Tuesday, December 10 from 11 a.m. – noon.
- *Book displays this month* – Chanukah and Christmas
- *Holiday Book Sale* - The library's (ongoing) holiday book sale is in full swing. Like-new books and DVD's are available at bargain prices. There are great savings to be found and library patrons will know their purchases provide income for new books! Shoppers should browse the sale table often, so as not to miss new titles that are added as items sell.
- *Vintage Bookshelf* - Our Vintage Bookshelf is full of interesting titles for sale, for those who like the "oldies but goodies."

Other News

- *Financial Gift To Benefit Library & Brown Dog Books & Gifts* - The library recently received an end of year financial gift from a Hinesburg family that wished to benefit two favorite local entities at the same time: the Carpenter-Carse Library and Brown Dog Books & Gifts. The generous donors (who wish to remain anonymous) stipulated that the library use their donation to purchase books only from Brown Dog, without the usual library discount, thus helping the bookstore to thrive. They hope that their idea catches on. Happily, we can say that the new books were purchased and are either checked out to library patrons or on the shelf ready to go! We thank these anonymous donors for their creativity and community spirit.
- *New Addition to Children's Section of Library* - A colorful computer is a brand new addition to the library's children's section. The AWE Early Learning Station for children 2 – 8 years old is loaded with over 50 program titles. Some are interactive; all are educational. The software will help children with school readiness and learning in many different areas: Reading, math, science, typing, geography, the human body, music and more. Children may enjoy this exciting new experience thanks to funding from Hinesburg's Friends of the Library, our own technology budget, and the Vermont Department of Libraries Many thanks to all who helped with this project.
- *Tales of the Almanac Trail* - On Friday, November 15th an audience of 27 people gathered at the library to learn of the history of Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie and others who toured the Rust Belt in the 1940's advocating for workers' rights. Rik Palieri performed wonderful songs of that time, and was joined by Rebecca Padula and members of the Ukulele Society. In the summer of 2013 Rik Palieri followed the Almanac Trail of the original singers and encountered some of the same labor issues as those that existed in the 40's. Library patrons joined in for a sing-along.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Health Insurance* – The Town Administrator continues to work through the health insurance 'mess'. We received notice on Monday that the Town of Hinesburg's

enrollment into Vermont Health Connect has now been temporarily suspended and employees will now receive health insurance through our current plans. As of now we do not have a timeframe as to when health insurance will be transferred to Vermont Health Connect.

- *Thistle Hill* – On Tuesday, December 3rd the Town Administrator met with engineers to look at the status of the retaining wall at the end of Thistle Hill Road. This retaining wall is part of the proposed town take-over of roads and other infrastructure within the Thistle Hill Development. The Selectboard indicated at the public hearing held on November 18th that it would like more detail on the integrity of this retaining wall before moving forward with the takeover of infrastructure.
- *FY2015 Budget* – Those interested are encouraged to review all information related to the proposed FY2015 town budget. These documents are accessible on the town website. If you have specific questions you are encouraged to contact the Town Administrator directly. <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Bissonette Fields* – A benefit concert is scheduled for Friday, January 10th at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. *QUADRA*, a local band, will provide entertainment. More information on this benefit concert will be made available to the public shortly.
- *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

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Economic Development Committee

- *Economic Development Plan* – Committee members made substantial headway during their past two (2) meetings on drafting an economic development plan. They have identified five (5) working economic development goals as a group and are now prepared to meet with some key stakeholders before advertising these goals to the community at-large. The committee will continue working on the

economic development plan both during their meetings and also with the public at-large over the next 12-months. The goal is to handoff a draft economic development plan to the Planning Commission before January 1, 2015 so they can incorporate the economic development plan into their 2016 Town Plan re-write. <http://hinesburg.org/hedc/>

Selectboard

- *Lot 31* – The Selectboard passed a motion indicating its desire to move forward with the sale of Lot 31 to Kyle Bostwick. Lot 31 is a 5.36 acre parcel of land which abuts the Creekside development in Hinesburg Village. The Town Administrator will work directly with Kyle to draft a purchase and sale contract. The Selectboard will determine in January if it will engage in a direct sale to Kyle or if it will put this item on the ballot for Town Meeting for voter approval. If the Selectboard elects to engage in a direct sale, that sale would be contingent on a 30-day rescission period during which a citizen petition could force a town-wide vote.
- *FY2015 Highway Budget* – Along with the Highway Foreman, the Selectboard reviewed the proposed FY2015 highway department budget in detail. Some of the items discussed were the Foreman’s request for tablet computers for all highway employees, at what level should the Town budget for annual paving, how can the town address the need for a larger culvert placed under Shelburne Falls Road just to the west of Pleasant View Lane, how can the town best plan for road paving projects that also provide wide enough shoulders for bicycle and pedestrian transportation. FY2015 budget information is available at: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Town Garage RFQ* – A Motion was passed by the Selectboard authorizing the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for site planning, architectural services, and construction services for the 36 acre parcel of town land at 907 Beecher Hill Road. This site currently houses the town’s highway operations and the CSWD drop-off center. Town and CSWD officials met a few weeks ago and it appears, at this time, both parties would like to continue a shared use of the facility. Currently the town does not have any money set aside to go forward with any site planning work and the purpose of the RFQ is to find a consultant team that would be able to best assist the town as it begins the planning process. The proposed FY2015 budget has \$9,000 budgeted for town garage site planning work. RFQs will be due back to Town Hall on January 3, 2014. The Town will then vet each proposal and engage in an interview process to pick a consultant team. <http://hinesburg.org/rfp/>
- *Recreation Application* – Per the recommendation of the Recreation Director, the Selectboard approved a new volunteer coach application and supported a new policy that will require all youth volunteer coaches to have a background check completed as a prerequisite through the Vermont Criminal Information Center (VCIC).
- *MiniHydro* – The Selectboard passed a motion authorizing the use of up to \$4,000 from the town’s water fund balance to further investigate the potential of a mini-hydroelectric generation project at the Cemetery Pump House and to have Eco

Strategies, LLC conduct the initial feasibility study. If the project is deemed feasible, a small turbine would be installed in the water pump.

- *Recreation Path Project* – A motion was passed by the Selectboard to pay Requisition #7 to SD Ireland \$194,898.14 for the Recreation Path Project. This is the second to last invoice owed; the final invoice will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The Town of Hinesburg owes 10% of the total project cost and the town's share of the project will be roughly \$60,000 more than originally budgeted.
- *Piggy Back Contracts* – The Selectboard passed a Motion and signed documents recognizing 'Piggy Back' contracts for Dan and Matt Baldwin. These contracts are additional local tax incentives that are placed on parcels currently in current use.
- *Delinquent Tax Warrant* – The Selectboard passed a motion and signed documents approving the delinquent tax warrant for the Town of Hinesburg.

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