

# Town of Hinesburg

## Weekly Update

### December 11, 2013



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Lion's Club Winter Farmer's Market:** *Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm (Main Hall)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### **Hinesburg Community Police**

- *Family Fight* – On Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, officers responded to Hollow Rd. for a family fight. This was a verbal argument only between a father and his son and no action was taken.
- *Theft* – On Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Hinesburg Community Police was contacted regarding a theft that occurred on Gilman Rd. The officer that responded determined that multiple suspects took several thousand dollars' worth of tools from an out building.
- *Runaway Juveniles* – On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:50 pm, the officer just coming on shift received a report about a possible runaway juvenile female. As he looked further, it was determined that there were two juvenile females that were missing. The initial investigation indicated they could be in Richmond and before Richmond PD could respond, they took off hitchhiking to Waterbury, then Montpelier. For the next nine hours, the officer coordinated with Montpelier PD and the Vermont State Police and the females were located by Montpelier PD after midnight. A Hinesburg Officer responded to Waterbury where he met up with Montpelier PD and the females were returned to Chittenden County.

#### **Hinesburg Fire & First Response**

- *Calls* – we've handled 3 EMS calls, one lift assist and two motor vehicle crashes in the past week. Both of the car crashes occurred on Monday with the wintry mix of

weather. One of the crashes was a car into a pole on Silver Street and the other was a two car crash on RT 116 near Dubois Corner.

- *Officers' Meeting* – Officers will meet Tuesday, 12/10/2013 @ 7:00 p.m. to discuss budget and training.
- *Chittenden County Mutual Aid Meeting* – Last Thursday Chief Barber attended the annual Chittenden County Mutual aid meeting in Williston. In attendance were other Chiefs from our surrounding departments. We discussed ISO ratings, how there have been changes made to their system, and how it impacts a community. Members shared their tips on what they did to achieve a better rating. We are trying to get an ISO meeting in the County to help governments and fire departments alike understand the new process.
- *Vermont EMS District 3* – The Vermont EMS district 3 meets this week on Thursday. We expect to get further clarification on protocol changes/implementation and requirements.
- *Training* – last week we completed the advanced spinal assessment protocol. Our EMR students are nearing completion and are preparing to take their exams. This Wednesday we are having our Hazmat refresher.

### **Recreation Department**

- *Basketball Coaches Meeting* – Hosted a Basketball Coaches meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Out of 19 coaches, only one was unable to attend due to a work commitment. We have an incredible group of coaches this season!! Barb Galgon, Ben Epstein, Carly Epstein, Scott Horton, Kyle Bostwick, Aubrey Gardner, Ed Gordon, Doug Thorburn, Tim Bortnick, Jake Bortnick, Chris Walker, Jack Frost, Sam Lewis, Ray Nails, Brenna Comeau, Gabby Moreno, Chris Applin, Sam Crawford, and Dan Opton. We completed paperwork that included a new volunteer application that was newly approved by the Select Board, covered schedules, rosters, equipment, and logistics at HCS. Coaches were able to break into groups and formulate plans for the season.
- *Youth Basketball Season Underway* – The Youth Basketball season began on Saturday, 12/7!! A minor technical difficulty occurred at 7:50 am when the motion sensor lights didn't activate in the HCS gym. Luckily, the custodian on duty was able to fix this; otherwise it would have been basketball by flashlight! Apparently there was a middle school dance the night before, which changed the settings. Despite a minor hiccup, there were 95 children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 19 coaches who hit the ground running – or dribbling. Within our coaching staff this season, we have two CVU juniors who will assist with the  $\frac{3}{4}$  boys program and three HCS middle school students who will assist with the  $\frac{3}{4}$  girls and boys team. Kudos to Jack Frost, Sam Lewis, Brenna Comeau, Jake Bortnick, and Gabby Moreno for giving back to their community!
- *5/6 Girls* – Unfortunately, we were unable to have a 5/6 girls team this season due to low numbers and schedule differences. Both Charlotte and Shelburne Recreation Departments offered to have Hinesburg players sign up in their respective departments.

- *Coaching Clinic Held* – CVU Women’s Coach Ute Otley and Team hosted a boys and girls youth coaches clinic on Sunday, 12/8 from 4-6 pm at CVU. We appreciate the generous support that benefits our coaches and players.

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### Calendar

- *Quilts on Display in Community Room* – Colorful quilts are on display in the library’s Community Room for the month of December, the creations of local resident Martha Keenan.
- *Vintage Match Box Vehicle Display* – In our glass display case this month: Vintage Matchbox Vehicles, 1906 – 1928 models, complements of Henry Frost.
- *December Book Display* – Book displays this month: Chanukah and Christmas
- *Winter Book Sale* – (ongoing during the library’s open hours) Bargain prices with proceeds used for new books.
- *Vintage Bookshelf* – Our Vintage Bookshelf is full of interesting titles for sale, for those who like the “oldies but goodies.”
- *Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Discussion* – Children grades 4 – 7 are invited to join a lively book discussion on Thursday, December 19 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We have chosen one of the nominees from the 2013-2014 DCF list entitled *Summer of the Gypsy Moths* by Sara Pennypacker. A foster child named Angel and twelve-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella’s great-aunt Louise at the Linger Longer Cottage Colony on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system. Books can be picked up at the Carpenter-Carse Library beginning November 27. Sign up soon and start reading this sweet book where you will find desperation, hope, adventure, self-reliance and a poignant friendship between two girls who are complete opposites. Pizza and a refreshing beverage will be served.
- *Toddler Storytime* – A Toddler Storytime is offered on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:30 a.m.
- *Preschool Story Hour* – A Preschool Story Hour for children 3 – 5 is offered on Tuesday, December 17 at 11 a.m.

### Other News

- *New Books* – More than 30 new adult books have been added in December. Youth books added: 25.
- *New Movies* – New movies added: *Miracle on Thirty-fourth Street*
- *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**

- *Fire Safety* – Please help keep your family, neighbors, and the entire community safe this winter by keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. If you live near a fire hydrant please make the effort to shovel the area around the hydrant so the Hinesburg Volunteer Fire Department can easily locate it in the event of an incident. Your efforts would be very much appreciated.

- *Bissonette Fields* – A benefit concert is scheduled for Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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: (1) 3-year term

Planning Commission: (1) 4-year term

Recreation Commission: (1) 3-year term

Town Forest Committee: (2) 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)

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

### **Selectboard**

- *Joint HCS-SB Meeting* – For the first hour of the December 9<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting, the Hinesburg Selectboard and Hinesburg Community School (HCS) Board held a joint meeting. The goal of the meeting was to foster communication between these two publicly elected bodies. Topics discussed included the general direction of each board's FY2015 budget, preparations for Town Meeting which will include both the school and town annual meeting on the same night, discussion of the proposed sidewalk along the west side of Rte 116 between Charlotte Road and HCS, storage capacity and needs, and school drop-off times as it relates to traffic congestion in the mornings along Rte 116. (see photo on pg. 5)
- *Connecting Youth* – A Motion was passed by the Selectboard in support of a \$10,000 VT Department of Health Community Prevention grant secured by Connecting Youth on Behalf of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. The Town of Hinesburg will act as a conduit for this pass-through grant. Connecting Youth: <http://www.seewhy.info/>; Hinesburg Community Resource Center: <http://hinesburg.org/hcrc.html>
- *Mason's Building* – Members of the Patriot Lodge, along with a representative of the nursery school, attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the responsibility of a failed sewer-line at the Mason's building. This building is owned by the Town of Hinesburg and leased by the Masons. The estimated cost of repair is in the

\$10,000 range. The Selectboard asked staff to do more legal research before next Monday's meeting before the Selectboard would decide on whether or not to authorize the use of town wastewater funds for this repair.

- *Buildings & Facilities FY2015 Budget* – Rocky Martin, Director of Buildings & Facilities, attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the Buildings & Facilities FY2015 budget with the Selectboard. Much of the discussion centered around the following budget items: \$2,500 in the capital budget for Memorial Park upgrades; how to best track volunteer committee invoices and hours; whether or not to budget for a storage shed (shared expense between BF and Recreation); and how to budget for the additional \$60,000 local share needed for the Recreation Path Project. FY2015 Budget Info: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Recreation FY2015 Budget* – Jen McCuin, Recreation Director, attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the recreation budget proposed for FY2015. Items discussed in detail included the need for a storage shed and the future of the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show. FY2015 Budget Info: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/> ; Recreation Department Info: <http://hinesburg.org/recreation.html>
- *CBC Interviews* – The Selectboard appointed John Pacht to the Energy Committee for a two (2) year term ending January 1, 2016. <http://hinesburg.org/energy-committee/>
- *Letter to Rep. Lippert* – The Selectboard signed a letter to Representative Bill Lippert asking him to work with his colleagues in the legislature on the issue of police officer injuries sustained at the Vermont Police Academy. The motivation for this letter was the understanding that Hinesburg's 2014 worker's compensation premium increased 40% for 2014 – mostly due to an injury one of our officer sustained while at the Academy.



Joint HCS/Selectboard Meeting - December 9, 2013

# 2013-2014 Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball Season Begins!





Police Station Progress as of 12/10/13



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