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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

December 18, 2013

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Please note: Due to the holidays, the next Weekly Update won't go out until January 8th

~ Wishing all of you a safe & joyous holiday season! ~

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Phone Finds Itself* - On Monday, December 9th, a South Burlington resident contacted the department and advised that his wife dropped her phone in Essex and the phone was now reporting itself at an address on North Rd. The officer responded and the resident did advise he found a phone. The phone was returned to the owner.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Calls* - We had a mix of calls this week - one medical call, one motor vehicle crash, a kerosene leak, and several good intent calls (car off road, faulty smoke detector, faulty co-meter). Friday kept us busy with 3 calls within one hour.
- *Meetings* - Our monthly business meeting is this Wednesday. We attended the monthly EMS District 3 meeting on Thursday where we discussed options on the new protocols and how they relate to supplies we need to purchase.

Recreation Department

- *Recreation Budget* - Presented the Recreation Department budget to the Select Board on 12/9.
- *Recreation Commission* - Met on 12/10. Tom Ayer and Chris Boffa from the Buccs also attended to discuss the Quadra Benefit Concert sponsored by Lantman's

Market, set for 1/10/14 at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. The event will benefit the Bissonette Family Recreation Area. Tickets are on sale - available at HRD and with Tom Ayer. \$10 - checks are payable to Town of Hinesburg. \$15 at the door.

- *CVRA Scheduling Meeting* - Attended the CVRA (Champlain Valley Recreation Association) basketball scheduling meeting to create a game schedule for all the teams. We'll have games with Burlington, Charlotte, Colchester, Shelburne, So. Burlington, and Christ the King School.
- *Lion's Club Winter Farmers' Market* - Another successful Winter Market was held on Sat. 12/14 at the Town Hall sponsored by the Lions Club.



Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.*

Town Administrator

- *Planning Commission Vacancy – We are currently accepting applications for a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The vacant seat would be filled through 2018 for the appointed candidate. Applications are currently being accepted for this position and applications need to be received by the Town Administrator by Friday, January 17, 2014 at the latest. Please review and fill-out a Town CBC application. These can be viewed on our website at the following link: http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf. Interested candidates will be interviewed by the Selectboard during their January 20, 2014 meeting.*
- *Other CBC Vacancies – Besides the opening on the Planning Commission, we also have other open seats on a variety of volunteer boards. Please see our complete list and, if interested in service to the Town of Hinesburg, please fill-out an application form and submit it to the Town Administrator. <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>*

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Interim Zoning – After holding a mandatory public hearing, the Selectboard voted unanimously to extend the energy efficiency interim zoning for one (1) additional year. This interim zoning was originally adopted on December 19, 2011. The Planning Commission is currently working on permanent energy efficiency zoning and may propose a zoning revision to require the Energy Code Plus Standard rather than the Residential Building Energy Standard – which is what the interim zoning meets. The Selectboard asked the Energy Committee to work with the Planning Commission on this proposal.*
- *Village North Sidewalk – A mandatory public hearing was held to review the current plans for the Hinesburg Village North Sidewalk. This sidewalk will run along the east side of Rte 116 between Commerce Street and Riggs Road. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Selectboard voted unanimously to allow this project to move forward.*
- *Addison Natural Gas Pipeline – Representatives of Vermont Gas Systems (VGS) attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the proposed Addison Natural Gas Pipeline; specifically, they reviewed the pipeline as it will impact Geprags Park. VGS needs to acquire an easement across Geprags for the pipeline. Last year, when the pipeline project was first introduced to the Selectboard, the proposed pipeline was located adjacent to the existing VELCO right-of-way. The new proposal pushes the easement a few hundred feet to the west. The Selectboard will review the easement in executive session and, potentially, negotiate further with*

VGS. If the Selectboard is inclined to sign an agreement with VGS then the easement would become a public document.

- *Zoning Violations* – Alex Weinhagen, Hinesburg’s Town Planner, reviewed a memorandum he wrote to the Selectboard. That memorandum was similar to the Front Porch Forum post he made last week but included a few more details. Much of the conversation between Alex and the Selectboard centered around the need for the Planning & Zoning Department to potentially require developers to pay for more independent oversight on large scale or highly visible projects to ensure compliance with the DRB’s approval.
- *Planning Commission Update* – Joe Iadanza, Hinesburg’s Planning Commission Chair, attended the Selectboard meeting to review the work of the Planning Commission over the past year and discuss priorities for next year. <http://hinesburg.org/planningcomm.html>
- *Development Review Board Update* – Zoe Wainer, Hinesburg’s Development Review Board Chair, attended the Selectboard meeting to review the work of the DRB over the past year and discussed priorities and other issues to focus on this upcoming year. <http://hinesburg.org/drb.html>
- *FY2015 Planning Budget* – Alex Weinhagen, Hinesburg’s Director of Planning & Zoning, reviewed his proposed FY2015 budget with the Selectboard. Much of the conversation centered around the Planning Director’s request for additional staffing resources. In Alex’s original budget request to the Town Administrator, a 20hr/week professional planning position was included; the Town Administrator’s budget to the Selectboard reduced that line-item in half with a recommendation that professional planning assistance be purchased from the regional planning commission. Other items discussed were which Special Projects to fund in FY2015 and whether or not to fund the purchase of tablet computers for the DRB. <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Rural Area Zoning* – As a follow-up to a conversation started a few weeks ago, Selectboard member Tom Ayer discussed his recommended amendment to the recently adopted Rural Area Zoning Ordinance which would allow landowners to subdivide pieces of their property for the purpose of gifting that parcel to an immediate family member without (negatively) impacting the remaining density of the parcel for future subdivision potential. Members of the Selectboard, along with Joe Iadanza, Planning Commission Chair, discussed the merits and potential pitfalls of this proposal. Further dialogue is anticipated on this proposal along with the entire ordinance in the future.
- *Masons’ Building* – The Selectboard agreed to fund the replacement of the failing sewer-line extending from the “Mason Building” at an amount up to \$3,750. This building is owned by the Town of Hinesburg but leased to the Patriot Lodge (Masons). While the responsibility for maintenance of this utility infrastructure is somewhat blurry, the Selectboard felt it would be prudent to help pay for the needed fix.
- *Errors & Omissions* – The Selectboard unanimously passed a motion accepting changes to the 2014 grand list as proposed by Marie Gardner, Town Lister.

- *CBC Vacancy* – Johanna White’s resignation from the Planning Commission was accepted by the Selectboard. Johanna was reappointed to another four (4) year term on the Planning Commission this past fall but more recently decided not to re-up through 2018. She will continue to serve until a new Planning Commissioner can be appointed by the Selectboard. Applications for this position will be accepted until January 17, 2014 and the Selectboard will begin interviewing candidates on January 20, 2014 for immediate appointment to Johanna’s seat. Those interested in applying to this commission should fill out an application and submit it to the Town Administrator by 1/17/14.
<http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>



HRD Youth Basketball Practice at HCS

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