

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Burglary* - On Friday, December 20th, the Hinesburg Community Police were notified of a burglary that took place on Gilman Rd. This is not the first burglary to residents on Gilman Rd. and several property owners are taking measures to prevent a reoccurrence.
- *DUI* - Also on Friday, December 20th, an officer responded to a reported DUI driver who left a Hinesburg business after being told by an employee not to drive. The vehicle was found southbound on Vermont Route 116 and then followed onto Hollow Rd. The vehicle was subsequently stopped and the 29 year old male driver from Huntington was arrested for suspicion of DUI. He was transported to Shelburne PD where he was processed, cited and released.
- *Family Fight* - On Friday, December 27th, officers responded to an address in the village for a reported assault. As they arrived, they observed a male walking south on Vermont Route 116. Another responding officer and an off duty officer contacted the male and determined that he was the brother of the alleged assault victim. The victim refused medical attention and no charges were filed. The brother remained away from the residence.
- *Under Age Drinking* - On Sunday, December 29th, an officer was on a DUI detail in Shelburne when he made an enforcement stop on a vehicle for speeding. The officer observed beer in the back seat and the driver was under 21 years old. The driver admitted to having one beer earlier but there was no measurable amount from a breath test. He was cited and released for being in possession of the alcohol.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Calls* - The past two weeks have been very busy with 27 calls of which 18 have been since 1/1/2014. Of the overall call count, 16 were EMS calls, 5 fire calls, 3 motor vehicle crashes and two were cars that had slid off the road (good intent calls). One of the fire calls was a structure fire of a detached garage that was well involved upon arrival - the cold temperatures made it challenging to keep equipment and personnel from freezing.
- *Officers Meeting* - The officers got back on schedule meeting Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. They worked on the training calendar for the next quarter.
- *Training* - The EMR class has finished up - they test this month. We are about half way through the training required to run with the new state EMS protocols. We need to finish this as a department by 3/31/2014.
- *Engine Issues* - Engine 1 has had some issues with its battery charging system. Engine 3 has an anti-freeze leak issue that we are working to resolve.

Recreation Department

- *Winter Program Offerings* - Happy New Year from the Rec. Dept.!! After a nice holiday break, the second semester for piano, guitar, and arts and crafts begins the week of 1/6/14. The Hinesburg Children's Choir directed by Andrea Haulenbeek will begin Tuesday, 1/7. New program Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple will begin the following Tuesday, 1/14/14. We are still looking for some more participants in this program. Please contact HRD if you are interested.
- *3/4 Girls Season Debut* - The Hinesburg 3/4 Girls "Knockouts" made their season debut at the CVU Women's game against BFA on Friday night, 1/3. They played at half time against a Shelburne team. Coaching by Ray Nails, Brenna Comeau, and Gabby Moreno, Knockouts players Jasmine Nails and Phoebe Dennison each scored a basketball in the 6 minute game. The fans went wild!! Refereed by the CVU JV girls, after the game the teams celebrated with pictures and a treat. What a great way to kick off the season!!



Hinesburg 3/4 Knockouts coached by Ray Nails pose at the CVU women's game after playing against Shelburne during halftime.

- *Youth Basketball Games Kickoff January 4th* - The Hinesburg Rec. Dept. kicked off its youth basketball games on Sat. 1/4. We hosted the 3/4 Starksboro girls at 11:00 am and the 5/6 South Burlington boys at 12:30 pm. Kevin Paskiet and Henry Moreno refereed both games. Both Hinesburg 3/4 Boys teams played at Christ the King School.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

Adult Programs:

- *Using Listen Up! Vermont - Presented by Virgil Fuller, Library Director, Chelsea Public Library and former Listen Up! Vermont Coordinator* - Are you looking for a free, convenient way to access library e-books? Join us for this workshop on Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. and learn how to download and use Listen Up! Vermont. The class will cover basic set-up and downloading to access library e-books through Listen Up! Vermont and Project Gutenberg via the Carpenter-Carse website. - For all types of devices. Bring your Kindle or Nook along! This is a free program with class size limited to 15. Call 482-2878 to register.
- *Writing a Memoir - Presented by Stewart Pierson, Saturday, January 11, 3-4 p.m.* - Stewart will read from his memoir, "Once a Little Brother..." and lead a workshop on how to write your own story. Please call the library to register for this free event: 482-2878

Youth Programs:

- *Toddler Story Time - January 17 - for children up to 3 years of age* - This half hour story time starts at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Walk-ins are welcome.
- *Preschool Story Time - January 17 - for children 3-5 years of age* - This hour long story time starts at 11:00 a.m. every Tuesday! Preschoolers can drop by for stories, songs, and games.

Other News

- *New Youth Services Librarian* - We welcome Sara Armstrong Donegan to the position of Youth Services Librarian, after bidding Janet Soutiere a fond farewell. Janet is retiring after years of dedication to Carpenter-Carse; more on this in upcoming issues of the Hinesburg Record.
- *Library Budget Presentation* - Library Director Sue Barden and Library Board of Trustees Chair Katherine Kjelleren presented the 2014/15 Carpenter-Carse budget to the Hinesburg Selectboard on Monday, January 6. The budget will be included in the new Town Report.
- *Vintage Bookshelf* - Our Vintage Bookshelf is full of interesting titles for sale, for those who like the "oldies but goodies." Prices: \$3.00 up. The Holiday Book Sale netted \$287.90 to add to our book budget. Thank you to Jane Racer, who organizes this sale annually.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *FY2015 Budget* – The FY2015 budget development process, which started back in October, has now entered the homestretch. Selectboard deliberations will continue until January 27th when the budget will be set for the Town Meeting Warning and then go to vote Town Meeting night on March 3rd. The public is encouraged to follow along. All budget information is available online for review: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Highway Garage RFQ* – The Town issued a Request for Qualifications a few weeks ago seeking architectural, planning, and engineering services to help the Town of Hinesburg plan for – and ultimately construct – a new highway garage at 907 Beecher Hill Road. Not only is this 36 acre municipal owned facility the site of the current and future highway garage but it is also the site of the solid waste drop-off center, gravel pit, and observation area for the Vermont Astrological Association. Potentially there are other uses for this area too. Fifteen (15) proposals were received by last Friday’s deadline. The Town Administrator will put together an ad hoc committee to review the proposals and set up interviews for the top two or three firms. <http://hinesburg.org/rfp/hinesburg-hwy-garage-rfq-120313.pdf>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming application(s) for DRB Review:

- *Hannaford, Giroux Family Trust*: Subdivision Revision (boundary line revision, 0.32 acres) to Commerce Park and Giroux Subdivisions to make proposed Hannaford lot larger pursuant to 2012 Hannaford site plan approval. This property is located along Commerce Street & VT Route 116 in the Commercial & Village Zoning Districts. *This application is scheduled for the January 21st DRB meeting.*
- *Hannaford, Giroux Family Trust*: Subdivision Revision (boundary line revision, 0.13 acres) to Giroux subdivision in order to modify an internal lot (between Automotion use and Giroux Body Shop storage yard). This property is located on the east side of VT Route 116 in the Village Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the January 21st DRB meeting.*
- *Hannaford, Aubuchon Realty Company*: Site Plan Revision to Firehouse Plaza to relocate the Commerce Street access to the east pursuant to 2012 Hannaford site plan approval. This property is located at 20 Commerce Street in the Commercial Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the January 21st DRB meeting.*
- *Hannaford, Giroux Family Trust*: Site Plan Revision to the Automotion site in order to reconfigure parking areas given the related boundary line adjustment proposal. This property is located at 10390 VT Route 116 in the Village Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the January 21st DRB meeting.*
- *Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS)*: Site Plan/Conditional Use in order to replace existing natural turf fields with artificial turf fields, improve vehicular access and provide ADA parking near fields, install a bleacher system at one of the

fields, install protective fencing around fields, and plan for a future concession stand and bathrooms near the fields. This property is located at 369 CVU Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District.

This application is scheduled for the February 4th DRB meeting.

- *Daryl Miller: Revision to Final Plat - The applicant is requesting a revision to the final plat in order to make a boundary line adjustment between a lot where his residence is located and an adjoining lot that he owns that is undeveloped. The applicant would like to create a 5-acre house site for his current residence and transfer the remaining 8.86 acres of land to his adjoining property (currently 105.51-acres). This property is located at 492 Hayden Hill Road East in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. This application is scheduled for the February 4th DRB meeting.*
- *Rob Farley: Conditional Use for a Home Occupation & Accessory Structure – The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a dog sled tour business to be operated from his property. This property is located at 1088 Texas Hill Road in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. This application is scheduled for the February 4th DRB meeting.*
- *Haystack Crossing/Black Rock Construction: Subdivision Sketch Plan which includes 90+ lots, 245 dwelling units, 50,000+ sq. feet of commercial space. See more detailed information on the Town website at the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/planning/haystack-crossing/> This property is located on an 84-acre undeveloped property on the west side of VT Route 116 and the south side of Shelburne Falls Road in the Village Northwest and Agricultural Zoning Districts. This application is scheduled for the February 18th DRB meeting.*
- *Dennis Place/Dan Coolbeth: 3-lot Subdivision Final Plat – The applicants are requesting final plat approval for a 3-lot subdivision on a 10.4 acre parcel located on the north side of Place Road East in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. This application is scheduled for the February 18th DRB meeting.*
- *Akiko Balchiunas: 2-lot Subdivision Sketch Plan – The applicant is requesting sketch plan approval for a 2-lot subdivision located on a 22.5 acre parcel at 401 Butternut Lane in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. This application is scheduled for the March 4th DRB meeting.*

Economic Development Committee

- Economic Development Plan – Hinesburg’s Economic Development Committee spent its last meeting (December 19) polishing up its draft economic development goals. Committee members are now reaching out individually to community members to discuss these draft goals before publishing to the community at-large. The Committee is planning to ask the Selectboard to fund a community-wide workshop in May to work on the economic development goals and plan as a community. <http://hinesburg.org/hedc/>

Selectboard

- *FY2015 Budget – For the first half hour of Monday’s meeting the Selectboard deliberated on the proposed FY2015 budget. Selectboard members used this time to share with each other their thoughts on items in the budget. The Selectboard*

will reconvene on January 13th at 6pm to discuss the FY2015 budget again.

<http://hinesburg.org/budget/>

- *Lister's FY2015 Budget* – Marie Gardner, Hinesburg's Lister and Lister's Assistant, presented the proposed FY2015 budget and reviewed some long-term planning issues needed in the Lister's Department. Four (4) main topics were discussed. 1) Placing an article on the Town Meeting Warning asking voters to consider not taxing net metering systems; 2) Placing an article on the Town Meeting Warning to create the position of Assessor (and do away with the Lister position); 3) Placing an article on the Town Meeting Warning asking voters to purchase a piece of property on Sunset Lake from the Firemans Association; 4) Prepare for a town-wide reappraisal starting next July (2015). <http://hinesburg.org/listers.html>
- *Volunteer Recognition* - Cathy Ryan (Trails Committee), Jean Isham and Johanna White (Planning Commissioners) were recognized by the Selectboard for their service to the Town of Hinesburg on volunteer Committees.



Cathy Ryan (Trails Committee), Jean Isham (Planning Commission), Johanna White (Planning Commission)

- *FY2015 Carpenter-Carse Library Budget* – Sue Barden, Library Director, presented the Library Board of Trustees' FY2015 budget request. The Library Fy2015 budget is a 1.1% increase over FY2014; however, due to a budgeted reduction in 'Other Income' the net change in the Library's budget request from tax payers is proposed at a 2.8% increase, a change from \$194,793 to \$200,318. At the end of this agenda item the Selectboard passed a motion to place the requested amount of \$200,318 on the Town Meeting Warning. <http://www.carpentercarse.org/>
- *FY2015 CCTA (Chittenden County Transit Authority)* – Bill Watterson, Executive Director of CCTA, discussed the FY2015 CCTA assessment of Hinesburg and reviewed ridership data. The requested assessment figure of \$38,243 amounts to a 5.96% increase over FY2014's allocation of \$36,092. <http://cctaride.org/>

- *Agency Request Review Committee (ARRC) FY2015 Budget* – Hinesburg’s Agency Request Review Committee (ARRC) is an advisory committee charged with reviewing the annual social service agency funding requests to the Town of Hinesburg and recommending an amount for the Selectboard (and voters at Town Meeting) to support. The ARRC’s recommendation for FY2015 is \$29,400 (split up between 16 social service agencies). The total requested amount from the social service agencies was \$33,464 and the total allocation amount to social service agencies in this fiscal year is \$28,944. <http://hinesburg.org/arrc/>
- *New Police Cruisers* – Per the recommendation of Chief Frank Koss, the Selectboard passed a motion to purchase two (2) new Ford Interceptors to replace the 2006 and 2009 Chevy Tahoes. These new cruisers will be purchased on or just after July 1, 2014 and will be paid for with a three (3) year lease-financing plan. The 2006 and 2009 Tahoes will be put up for public sale and will be sold to the highest bidder.
- *Additional Funds for the New Police Station* – On a recommendation from the Public Safety Facility Committee, the Selectboard passed a motion authorizing the over-expenditure of up-to \$11,000 on the new police station for interior furniture. These funds will be taken from the general fund fund’s balance. The total overrun is 1% on the entire project; the new police station will be completed before February 1.
- *Vermont Gas/Executive Session* – The Selectboard entered into executive session with its Town Attorney and Town Administrator to discuss the easement agreement offered to the Town of Hinesburg by Vermont Gas for their needed utility line under Geprags Park as part of the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline project. No decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session. <http://addisonnaturalgas.com/>



Tom Ayer operating the sidewalk plow on Friday, January 3rd. It was -10 degrees outside.

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