

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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January 29, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Route 116 Committee:** *Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *New Police Station* - On Saturday, February 1st, with the help of volunteers from the Hinesburg Fire Department, police employees and several citizens who have also volunteered to help, we will be moving to the new station. With all the furniture moved over the weekend and the phone and computer hookup scheduled for Monday, February 3rd, we hope to be completely operational by Monday evening. There will be an official open house scheduled for the spring.
- *Disabled Truck* - On Thursday, January 23rd, an officer responded to VT Route 116 near the St. George town line for a trash truck blocking the road. Upon arrival, the vehicle was found unattended blocking the southbound lane. The officer did traffic control around the vehicle to help the northbound commute traffic.
- *Accident* - On Saturday, January 25th, Hinesburg Community Police officers and Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to a two car accident on VT Route 116 near North Rd. Traffic was re-routed around Beecher Hill which enabled the departments to take care of the injured and the vehicles without having the usual worry of getting run over by an inattentive driver. There was one person transported to Fletcher Allen for evaluation.
As a reminder, if there is an emergency vehicle in the road with red or blue lights, and an individual standing out in below zero temperature flashing a light at you, there is a reason. Do not pass that person until you are specifically directed.
- *Citizen Dispute* - On Sunday, January 26th, an officer responded to Sunset Mobile Home Park for a reported citizen dispute. The officer conducted a civil stand-by while personal items were removed from the residence.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Calls* - We responded to four EMS calls this week, a two-car motor vehicle crash and one-car rollover.
- *Training* - We are training with backboards/extrication this week. This will be an opportunity for non-EMS to practice their skills.
- *Meetings* - The officers meet next Tuesday (2/4)

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Glass Case Display* - See this fine collection through January - Intricate display models from kits: Bill Menning – military aircraft, Bill Moreau – cars, Frank Baehre – panhandling EOD robot, and Chris Graeter – military items. Some of these took 60 – 100 hours to build; come and see! Our thanks to Bill Menning and friends.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Next Toddler Story Time ~ February 4 ~ 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. Sara welcomes walk-ins!
- *Weekly Preschool Story Time ~ 11 a.m. ~ for children 3-5 years of age* - This hour long story time is offered every Tuesday! Preschoolers can join Sara for stories, songs, and games.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Come to our Superhero Storytime!* - Wednesday, February 5th, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Join new Children's Services Librarian Sara in saving the day! We will read books about superheroes and make masks for you to bring home. Snacks and materials will be provided.
- *Stave Off Cabin Fever ~ Film Discussion Group with Larry Parker, former associate of the Savoy Theater and Green Mountain Film Festival* - First meeting: Tuesday, February 11th 7 p.m. 482-2878 - Movie enthusiast Larry Parker invites you to join him at the library to lay the groundwork for the film group. This is a free program with great entertainment and thought provoking conversation. What better way to stave off "cabin fever?"

OTHER NEWS

- *Strategic Plan* - This week we begin work on a new strategic plan for the Carpenter-Carse Library.
- *Volunteers* - We thank volunteers Kelly Winter and Jacqueline Bartelsman for their help at the library.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Recreation Department

- *Preseason Lacrosse Coaches Meeting* - Co-hosted a pre-lacrosse season coaches meeting on Tuesday, 1/21 with Charlotte Rec. Coordinator Kristin Hartley. Attendees included coaches from Hinesburg and Charlotte for grades 3-8. Meeting included proposed schedules, reviewing new league mandates, equipment, numbers, training and safety for the upcoming season.

- *Youth Basketball Games Held* - We hosted a Shelburne 3/4 boys basketball team and the Colchester Bruins 5/6 basketball boys team on Sat. 1/25 at the HCS gym. The Hinesburg 3/4 Girls "Knockouts" traveled to Rick Marcotte's Central School in So. Burlington for a game.
- *Smugg's Sunday* - Despite cool temperatures, 16 brave skiers and riders braved the cold and participated in the first Smugg's Sunday program of the season! If you missed out, you can aim for Feb. 2nd, Feb. 9th, March 2nd and March 9th dates. Adult lift tickets for \$25 and youth tickets are \$20. Want to rent some equipment? Add another \$25 or \$20. A lesson is \$25/\$20 as well. Sign up with HRD by noon on Thursday. Pick up your tickets with Coordinator on Sunday between 8:30-9:30 am at the Bella Rigo Pizza Shop at Morse Mountain at Smuggs. All forms are on the website - www.hinesburg.org - under Recreation or can be e-mailed to you. Hard copies also available at Rec. Office. Contact HRD with questions - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Family Swim at the Edge* - First Family Swim at the Edge was Sunday, 1/26. Hinesburg families can swim at the Edge in Williston from 1:00-5:00 pm for \$25. Sign up for Feb. 23 and March 30. All I need is your name, contact info and number of people in your family by Friday morning.



Preschool Dance Class with Miss Jeanne

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Petitions* - Petitions for elected Town & School District offices were due on Monday by 5 p.m. We have several incumbents running for re-election including Michael Bissonette and Tom Ayer for Selectboard, Kathy Beyer for Hinesburg Community

School Director, and myself (Missy Ross) for Clerk & Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector. Lisa Falcone has stepped down as an HCS board member, and Stacy Riley came forward to run for that vacant seat. Lia Cravedi is running for re-election to the CVU Board. Susan Abell, Katherine Kjelleren and Paul Lamberson are running for the 3 seats available on the Carpenter-Carse Library Board. Gill Coates has opted for another term as a Peck Estate Trustee; E.M. "Bud" Allen for Town Agent and Grand Juror; Glenn Place for Cemetery Trustee; and our well-seasoned Moderator Joseph D. Fallon has come forward to serve for another term. The last day to register to vote for town meeting is Wednesday, February 26th at 5 p.m.

- *Dog licenses are due on or before April 1st* - The fee is \$8.00 and if we already have your rabies certificate on file, you needn't bring anything with you other than payment for the fee and your dog for a visit! We have dog biscuits! We love dogs! Actually, bringing your dog in to get the license is optional. We just enjoy seeing them!

Town Administrator

- *FY2015 Budget* – Now that the Selectboard has adopted a budget for voter consideration on March 3, 2014 (Town Meeting Night), all final budget documents for review will be available shortly on the Town's website: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Town Report* – Hinesburg's Annual Town Report needs to be finalized and submitted to the printers by the end of the week. Renae Marshall has done almost all of the heavy lifting to pull that document together and now that budget information has been finalized and the Town Meeting Warning set, we will plan to finish the document this week.
- *Grant Application* – Last Friday, the Town Administrator submitted a grant application to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) for consideration in their Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This grant would leverage additional monies for master planning at the Town Highway Garage site at 907 Beecher Hill Road. Included in the proposed FY2015 budget is \$10,000 for this work. The Town recently received 14 applications from a Request for Qualifications and will review the proposals soon. <http://hinesburg.org/rfp/>
- *Injuries at Police Academy* – The Town Administrator met with a few legislators, representatives from VLCT-PACIF (our insurance carrier), and the executive director of the Police Academy at the State House this past Friday to discuss the issue of municipal police officer injuries sustained at the Police Academy. The meeting was productive and potentially some positive outcomes may result from the discussion.
- *Planning Commission Vacancy* – One (1) seat is still open on the Planning Commission. Applications for that vacant seat are due by February 14th and the Selectboard will hold interviews and make an appointment at the February 17th Selectboard meeting. Those interested in this position are encouraged to fill-out an application and submit it to the Town Administrator. <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Economic Development Committee

- *Economic Development Goals* – The Economic Development Committee spent time during its January 23rd meeting reviewing the five (5) draft economic development goals it developed after receiving some feedback from a number of key stakeholders.
- *Economic Development Workshop* – With the approval of the use of \$3,000 from the Selectboard, the committee began preliminary planning to host a community-wide workshop to further develop the economic development goals. The Committee hopes to host the workshop in early-mid April. It will be a three (3) hour workshop on a weekday evening and the entire town will be invited (and encouraged) to participate.

Economic Development Committee – <http://hinesburg.org/hedc/>

Selectboard

- *Streetlights* – During Non-Agenda Items, a Hinesburg resident approached the Selectboard with questions regarding streetlights. This resident was concerned with the total number and total hours of operation of our village streetlights. Town staff will look into this further and bring information back to the Selectboard at a later date.
- *Addison Natural Gas Pipeline/Geprags Park* – The Selectboard held a public comment period for those interested in the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline as it may impact Geprags Park. Vermont Gas Systems has handed the Selectboard an agreement for an easement under/through Geprags; before moving forward with any negotiations, the Selectboard wanted to allow for public comment. Representatives of Vermont Gas Systems presented the plans related to Geprags and community members had an opportunity to respond with comments and questions. The Selectboard entered executive session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the proposed easement agreement from Vermont Gas. <http://hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/>
- *Town Meeting Warning* – The Selectboard set the Town Meeting Warning for March 3, 2014. Shortly, that warning will be available for review on the Town webpage and at various locations around Hinesburg. The proposed FY2015 general fund budget for Town Meeting voters to consider was set at \$3,072,060. Total expenditures, compared to the current fiscal year, are up \$42,200, approximately 1.4%.
- *Corridor Sidewalk Project* – On a 4-1 vote, the Selectboard agreed to sign an agreement with the State of Vermont to fund the \$300,000 sidewalk project along the west side of Route 116 from Charlotte Road to the Hinesburg Community School. Some concerns have been raised regarding the safety of the crosswalk at the Route 116/Silver Street intersection and the HCS Board has recently requested the project be modified before moving forward. The Town originally applied for this grant in 2007 and a substantial amount of engineering work has been completed

to-date. With the Selectboard's action, the project will go out to bid shortly and should be constructed this summer.

- *Town Administrator's Job Description* – The Selectboard continued discussion on how to best modify the Town Administrator's job description and authorities. Goals expressed by the Selectboard are to remove itself from the day-to-day management of municipal affairs and focus more energy on leadership duties on behalf of the town. Conversation will continue at the February 17th Selectboard meeting.
- *Lot 31* – The Selectboard entered Executive Session to review the proposed deed language for the transfer of Lot 31 to an association of private owners



The Hinesburg Community Police Department will begin moving into their new building this weekend. These pictures were taken today 1/29/2014.



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