

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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February 19, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

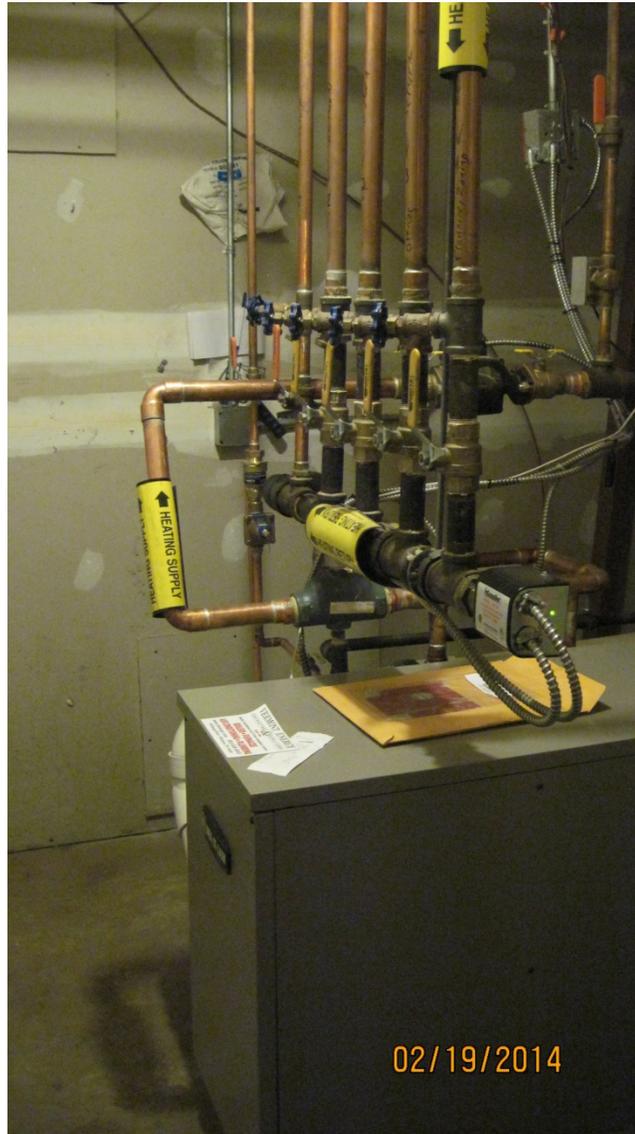
Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Criminal Driving With Suspended License* - On Wednesday, February 12th, an officer made an enforcement stop on a vehicle for an obstructed windshield. The driver, a 27 year old male from South Burlington, was determined to be operating with a criminally suspended license. He was arrested and brought to the station where he was processed and released on a citation.
- *Road Rage* - On Saturday, February 15th, an officer was flagged down in the police station parking lot by a driver that stated the vehicle in front of him kept slamming on his brakes. While on VT Route 116, the vehicle stopped and a male got out and acted like he wanted to fight. While the officer was talking to the man, a second vehicle pulled into the fire station parking lot. A male got out of the vehicle and started to yell at the man that contacted the officer. The male was ordered back into his vehicle and initially refused the order. The man eventually complied and subsequently stated that the other driver cut him off at an intersection in South Burlington. Both drivers were advised that their behavior was not appropriate and to go home.
- *Criminal Driving With Suspended License* - On Sunday, February 16th, an officer responded to Tyler Bridge Rd. for a citizen dispute. The dispute was between a male and a person attempting to repossess a vehicle. Prior to arrival, the officer came across a tow truck that flashed at the officer to stop. The tow driver stated that the person subject to the repossession was following behind. The officer turned to stop the vehicle and it appeared that the driver sped away up North Rd. The vehicle was stopped and it was determined that the 29 year old Hinesburg resident was criminally suspended. He was arrested and transported to the station for processing. He was then released on a citation to appear.

Buildings & Facilities

- *New Boiler* – Last week the boiler at Town Hall had to be replaced suddenly and unexpectedly. Town Hall was without a working furnace last Thursday. The new boiler cost \$7,000; this was an unbudgeted expenditure.



- *Notice of Violation/Water Supply* – The State of Vermont issued Hinesburg a Notice of Violation due to the limited capacity of the Town's water system to carry additional users at this time. Over the past week or so Town staff has met with its engineers working on new water source development and has had various conference calls with representatives of the State of Vermont. The Water/Wastewater Department is now in the process of digging test wells at three (3) separate locations in Hinesburg Village.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *The ballots for Town and School District annual meetings are here!* - You can come in to the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours to vote early, or you can request the ballots be mailed to you by sending me an e-mail at mross@hinesburg.org. The last day to register to vote for this election, if you are not already on the checklist, is February 26th at 5 p.m. This is the first year that the Hinesburg Community School budget will be voted by Australian ballot.
- *Town/School Annual Meetings* - The Champlain Valley Union High School, Hinesburg Community School and Hinesburg Town Meetings will all take place on Monday, March 3rd with the CVUHS meeting at 5 p.m., the HCS meeting at 6 p.m. and the Town meeting at 7 p.m. The CVU & HCS meetings are informational only and do not include a vote on the budget. The Town meeting format will be the same as in past years where there is discussion and voting on the proposed Fiscal Year 15 budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 482-2281 ext. 223.
- *Tax Forms* - The Tax Department, as you may have already discovered, is not mailing out any tax booklets this year unless you request that they mail one to you. You can do this by calling them at (802) 828-2515 or by e-mailing them at taxforms@state.vt.us. You can also print your own forms by going to their website at www.tax.vermont.gov. If you need assistance with filing your taxes, you can contact the Volunteer income Tax Assistance program through the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity by calling 211, the State Assistance hotline. Don't forget that even if you are not required to file an income tax return due to limited earnings, you cannot qualify for property tax adjustment if you do not file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim. This is Form HS-122. Don't miss out on this important opportunity by failing to file. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 482-2281 ext. 223.
- *Dog Licenses Due April 1* - Please remember to come in to obtain your new license for 2014 sometime between now and April 1 if you haven't already done so. We need a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate if we don't already have one on file. If your dog got a new rabies shot anytime in 2013 you might need to bring it with you. Otherwise, we most likely have one on file. Feel free to give us a call if you are unsure if your dog needs another vaccination!
See you at Town Meeting!!

Recreation Department

- *Recreation Basketball Season Closes* - The Rec. Basketball season finished their season on Saturday, Feb. 15th. The 5/6 boys team played in the CVRA Tournament at Hunt Middle School. The 3/4 girls played in a tournament at Christ the King School in Burlington, and the 3/4 boys' teams faced off to play each other at HCS!!
- *Sign up for Spring Sports!!* - Tee Ball, Lacrosse, Farm League Baseball, Little League, and Softball. All forms and info at Rec. Dept., online at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation or e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

- *Literature and Arts* - Another session of Literature and Arts is available!! March 11 through April 15 from 2:45-4:15 pm in the Art Room at HCS - Cost is \$105. Register with Rec. Dept. at 482.2281 ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net
- *Family Swim at The Edge* - Family Swim this Sunday at The Edge in Williston. \$25 per family from 1:00-5:00 pm. Sign up with the Rec. Dept. by noon on Thursday. Pay at the Edge.
- *Smuggs Sunday* - Two more dates for Smuggs Sundays!! March 2 and 9 - \$25 adult lift tickets and \$20 child tickets. Sign up by noon on the Thursday before. All forms and information is at www.hinesburg.org or via e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Next Toddler Story Time ~ March 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! - Rescheduled for Wednesday, February 28th, 6 – 7 p.m.* No, you did not miss this super fun program.....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.

OTHER NEWS

- *Volunteers* - We thank volunteers Kelly Winter, Jacqueline Bartelsman and Dani Demag for their help at the library. Been thinking of volunteering? Our sidewalks often need clearing!
- *New Books* - Many new 2014 children's and adults' titles are now on the shelves!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *FY2015 Budget* – All pertinent information regarding the proposed FY2015 Hinesburg Town budget is now available on our webpage, including a detailed narrative explanation. FY2015's Town budget represents a \$42,000 increase over the current year and will require an estimated increase of 0.85¢ on the property tax rate. For a homestead valued at \$300,000, the increase to the property tax rate would equate to approximately \$27 higher tax bill in FY2015. <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Water Source Development* – Rocky Martin, Director of Buildings & Facilities, reviewed the Notice of Violation Hinesburg received from the State of Vermont regarding our public water public drinking water system. Hinesburg’s public water system is near maximum capacity and additional users will not be allowed to hook onto the system until a new water source can be developed. Rocky reviewed the completed to date on the water source feasibility study with the Selectboard. Nearly a dozen possible sites have been examined; three (3) appear to be the most promising: the Norris Lot just south of Hinesburg Village along Rte 116, a site behind the Wainer residence on Shelburne Falls Road, and Geprags Park. The Selectboard passed a motion authorizing the drilling of test wells at those locations. Previously, the Selectboard authorized up to \$15,000 from the Water Reserve Fund for the purpose of well development.
- *Leavensworth Road Culverts* – Upon a request from a local farmer, the Selectboard discussed whether or not to install additional cross-culverts under Leavensworth Road to mitigate flooding concerns. While no final decision was made, the Selectboard reviewed a 2007 study, funded by the Lewis Creek Association, which argued against the installation of culverts. That study (see page 36) is available here: <http://www.lewiscreek.org/laplatte-corridor-plan-2007-hinesburg-without-cover>
- *Village North Sidewalk* – During the Public Hearing back in December (2013) for the Village North Sidewalk, the idea of making the sidewalk a boardwalk was brought up as a possibility. The Village North Sidewalk is a walkway link roughly 1100’ running between Commerce Street and Riggs Road (NRG) along the east side of Rte 116. The Selectboard passed a motion to move forward with the project as a sidewalk project; not as a boardwalk project.
- *Town Administrator Job Description* – The Selectboard spent additional time talking about how the Town Administrator job should function in the future. Monday night’s conversation focused mostly on possible edits to the Town’s personnel policy needed if changes to the Town Administrator’s job description were made. While no final decision was made Monday evening, the general direction is to give the Town Administrator more authority over personnel decisions and, potentially, more authority over finances.
- *Planning Commission Appointment* – Russell Fox was appointed to the Planning Commission seat recently vacated by Bob Linck. The Selectboard appointed Russell to a seat on the Planning Commission through January 1, 2017. <http://hinesburg.org/planningcomm.html>
- *Weed Road* – The Selectboard passed a motion confirming that the Town of Hinesburg recognizes Weed Road as a Class IV Town Road from the intersection of Shelburne Falls Road to 516 Weed Road and recognizes that a Town Right of Way continues past 516 Weed Road to the eastern boundary of the Brakeley Property.

- *Selectboard Work Plan* – Selectboard members discussed topics they would like to focus on over the course of the next year (starting after Town Meeting). Highlighted projects included: Bissonette Recreation Fields, water development, defining fire department relationship with the Town, capital planning and how it may relate to possible development projects, professional development and assistance for CBC volunteers, highway garage planning. The Selectboard will look to adopt a work plan during its reorganizational meeting after Town Meeting.
- *Connecting Youth Grant* – The Selectboard voted unanimously to support Connecting Youth with a grant application to implement healthy community design and complete street strategies. <http://www.seewhy.info/>
- *Personnel* – After coming out of Executive Session, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Lee Fortin from the Highway Department.

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