

Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

February 26, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 26th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Meeting:** *Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (CVU Auditorium)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Town Reports should have arrived in your mailbox by now. Please let us know if you didn't receive your copy. Many thanks to Jean Masseau for allowing us to display her beautiful artwork on the cover of this year's Town Report!

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Theft* - On the weekend of February 8th, the historical marker at the bottom of Lincoln Hill was stolen. The person(s) who took the sign should sleep tight knowing that unlike a stop sign or street sign, this is a one of a kind sign and easily identifiable. The \$1800 dollar value makes the theft or possession of the sign, a felony. It would be very disappointing if any scrap metal company would purchase such an obviously stolen item. The display of the sign would only take one acquaintance with a conscience to call the police. The obvious course of action would be to leave the sign somewhere and make an anonymous call. Our goal is the return of sign.
- *Criminal Driving With Suspended License* - On Wednesday, February 19th, an officer was patrolling on Richmond Rd. when he came across a vehicle that appeared to be stuck in a turnout. The female operator stated that she lived nearby and did not need any assistance. When the officer asked for her operator's license, it was discovered that she was criminally suspended. The 25 year old female who is a Hinesburg resident was arrested and taken to the police station for processing. She was released on a citation to appear.
- *DUI* - On Saturday, February 22nd, officers responded to a vehicle off the road on Shelburne Rd. at O'Neil Rd. The 22 year old female operator from Shelburne was

not injured but it was determined that she had been drinking. Based on several field sobriety tests, she was arrested and brought to the Hinesburg Police station for processing. After processing, she was cited and released to another adult.

To those who are unaware of the significance of the highlighted “Hinesburg Police”, with the new station and the new Datamaster (breath testing machine), this is the first time an officer did not have to leave town to process a DUI.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Water Source Development* – Hinesburg’s Water/Wastewater Department started the process of drilling test wells this week. The Selectboard approved test well drilling near the Norris Subdivision just south of the Village on Route 116, at the Wainer residence near the corner of Shelburne Falls Road/Rte 116, and at Geprags Park. Ideally we will discover an adequate well source over the next few months and provide the Selectboard with necessary information to take to voters for a potential bond vote in November (2014).



Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *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

- *Sign up for Spring Sports!!* - Tee Ball, Farm League, Little League Baseball, Softball, and Lacrosse. All forms and information on website and at HRD. For any questions, please contact hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. Deadline for many of the programs is 3/7/14 so don't delay!!
- *Spring/Summer Program Guide* - Working to complete the Spring/Summer Program Guide. Look for it online later this week.
- *Smugg's Sundays* - Two more Smugg's Sunday dates - March 2nd and March 9th. Enjoy \$25 adult / \$20 youth lift tickets, rentals, and lessons. Sign up by noon on Thursdays. All forms available at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation, at Rec. Office or via e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net Don't miss out!!

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Library Board of Trustees Meeting* - Today (2/26/14) ~ Library Board of Trustees meeting ~ The Board meets monthly at 7p.m. at the library. Open to the public.
- *Town Meeting March 3rd* - The library budget is a separate article decided by voice vote. Please attend. **There will be handouts at the meeting with information about a new library survey and more!**

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Next Toddler Story Time* ~ March 4th ~ 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

- *Superhero Storytime* - It's finally here! Superhero Storytime ~ Wednesday, February 28th, 6 – 7 p.m. - Be a super reader and 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

- *Movie alert!* - We have new DVD's to borrow: Dallas Buyers Club, Captain Phillips, Game of Thrones/Season 3. More new films will arrive next week!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *FY2015 Proposed Budget* – Attendees at Town Meeting – Monday, March 3 at 7pm at CVU Auditorium – will have the opportunity to weigh-in on the proposed \$3,072,060 proposed FY2015 Hinesburg Town Budget. The budget is voted on via floor vote; therefore, you must attend Town Meeting Night in order to vote on Hinesburg's budget. A 0.85¢ property tax-rate increase would be required if the budget is passed as presented. <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *FY2013 Audit* – The completed and finalized FY2013 Hinesburg Town Audit is now available for review on the Town's webpage. If you have specific questions about the audit or the Town's financial situation, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. <http://hinesburg.org/budget/budget-fy2015/hinesburg-audit-report-financial-statements-063013.pdf>
- *Highway Garage RFQ* – An ad hoc committee interviewed four (4) consultant firms this past Thursday afternoon for the Hinesburg Town Highway Garage/36 – acre Municipal Facility at 907 Beecher Hill Road. If the \$10,000 line-item in the proposed budget (see Expenditure Line #198) is approved by voters on Town Meeting Night, the Town will have some resources to move forward on site planning for a new highway garage and CSWD drop-off center. <http://hinesburg.org/rfp/hinesburg-hwy-garage-rfq-120313.pdf>
- *Town Report* – Hinesburg residents should receive their annual Town Report in the mail early this week. Necessary information for Town Meeting preparation can be found in the Annual Town Report. Review the budget documentation for FY2015 and come to Town Meeting ready to discuss your municipal budget.
- *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/>

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