

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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March 5, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **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)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Police Budget* - I would like to thank those people attending the Town Meeting on Monday night. The police budget passed with a unanimous vote and with no questions raised. In the seven years I have been involved with the police department, I do not ever recall this happening. Part of my job as Chief is to never take for granted, the support this department receives in Hinesburg.
- *Suicide Attempt* - On February 26th, a woman called the office reporting that her husband had been missing for several days and she suspected that he might attempt suicide. Then while the officer was beginning the investigation, a friend called the woman and reported his vehicle in Starksboro. The officer responded to the location and it was determined that the State Police had contacted the man and had him transported for observation.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (2/10 – 3/4) –*
 - 2/10 - EMS - Fall on stairs – Transport
 - 2/12 FIRE - Alarm investigation
 - 2/13 FIRE/EMS 2 car MVC – Transport
 - 2/13 EMS - Arm pain – Transport
 - 2/15 EMS Dyspnea – Transport
 - 2/15 FIRE CO alarm, investigation
 - 2/15 EMS Seizure – Transport
 - 2/16 FIRE Electrical outlet

- 2/20 FIRE/EMS 3 car MVC - No Transport
- 2/20 FIRE Garage fire, working incident. Mutual aid called.
- 2/20 FIRE/EMS 2 car MVC - 2 patients transported. St Mikes/Williston
- 2/22 FIRE - Chimney (investigation?)
- 2/22 EMS Fall on ice – Transport
- 2/24 FIRE/EMS - MVC Transport
- 3/01 FIRE/EMS - MVC Transport
- 3/01 FIRE/EMS - MVC No Transport
- 3/02 FIRE - Smoke Detector - Good Intent
- *Town Meeting* - Members staffed tables at Town Meeting to display some of the tools of our trade.
- *Training* - We will be conducting EMS training this Wednesday 3/5/2014 where we will cover cold weather emergencies and finish up on our protocol transition. We will also have members from St Michaels rescue to meet with us.
- *State Protocol* - This state protocol transition will be complete by 3/31/2014.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Town Meeting Day* - Town Meeting Day has come and gone and here are some results! The Hinesburg Community School and Town Meetings were held on Monday, March 3rd beginning at 6 p.m. with the HCS informational meeting. The total attendance at the meetings was 187 registered voters. The town budgets were approved with no amendments. Article 13 asked if the town wanted to abolish the office of Lister in favor of a hired assessor. The Town has been using an assessor to appraise property for many years. Article 13 was voted on, as required, by paper ballot and the final tally was 132 in favor and 3 opposed. Therefore, Hinesburg will no longer rely on elected Listers to do appraisals. The other Article that generated some discussion was Article 14, which asked whether the voters of the Town of Hinesburg would exempt net-metered power systems from municipal taxes. Article 14 was approved on a voice vote.
- *Australian Ballot Voting* - Australian ballot voting took place on Tuesday, March 4 with the polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. All town and school district officers were elected by Australian ballot, as was the Hinesburg Community School budget for the first time. The Community School budget was passed by a vote of 396 in favor and 349 opposed. The Champlain Valley Union High School budget was also approved by the 4 member towns in the district. There were no contested races for elected office. Tom Ayer and Michael Bissonette were re-elected to 2-year terms and 3-year terms on the Selectboard, respectively. Joe Fallon was re-elected as Town Moderator, and I (Missy Ross) was re-elected to a 3-year term as Town Clerk & Treasurer and a 1-year term as delinquent tax collector. HCS Board member Kathy Beyer was re-elected to a 2-year term and newcomer Stacy Riley was elected to a 3-year term. Lia Cravedi was re-elected to a 3-year term on the CVU Board. For other results, please visit the Town website at hinesburg.org.
- *Thank you!* - Many thanks to Jiffy Mart and Kristi Brown for supplying the poll worker crew with a delicious tray of Subway sandwiches! We truly appreciated her thoughtfulness and enjoyed the food tremendously!! It is often difficult to find the

time to get food at the polls, let alone eat anything, and this was a huge help to staff and volunteers who work hard to make our elections successful.

- *Thank you Voters!* - Finally, thank you to all of the voters who made the effort to go to the Town and School meeting and to vote on Tuesday. It is always great to see everyone on Town Meeting Day!



Andrea Morgante & Holly Russell check registered voters in as they come to cast their vote on March 4th

Recreation Department

- *Smugg's Sunday* - One last Smugg's Sunday left on 3/9!! Sign up by noon on Thursday for \$25 adult lift tickets and \$20 youth lift tickets. Rentals \$25/\$20 and lessons an additional \$25/\$20. All forms available online, via e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or at the Rec. Office.
- *Sign up for Spring Sports* - deadline for 3rd-8th grade lacrosse is Friday, 3/7/14. Tee Ball and Farm League early incentive by 3/28/14.
- *Driver's Education* - New session of Driver Education begins Thursday, 3/6. Three summer Driver Education classes available - all information available on website, via e-mail, or at Rec. Office.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *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

- Pajama Storytime ~ Friday, March 14
Children ages 3 – 7 are invited to attend with an adult. Join Sara from 6 to 7 p.m.

OTHER NEWS

- *Thank You* - The Carpenter-Carse Library Staff and Trustees heartily thank community members for their support of the library! We will work hard to continue to deliver the service you need.
- *New movies* - *Nebraska*; *12 Years a Slave* (on the way) and *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*
- *Library Surveys* - We want to hear from members of the community - library users and non-users; please visit the library's website to fill out a brief online survey about the Carpenter-Carse Library. Paper copies of the survey are also available at the library. Survey results will help us with our strategic planning process. Help us shape the future!
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Town Meeting* – Voters approved the \$3,072,060 FY2015 budget as it was presented at Town Meeting Night on Monday, March 3rd. The budget in its entirety can be reviewed at: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Early Black Settlers Historical Marker* – Thankfully the Historical Marker commemorating an African American farming community in Hinesburg was returned to the Hinesburg Community Police Department. The marker did receive some damage but will be fixed by Giroux Body Shop and reinstalled shortly.



- *Town Administrator Leaving* – Last week Hinesburg's Town Administrator accepted the position of Town Manager for Shelburne and he will start in Shelburne on Monday, March 31. Joe Colangelo, Hinesburg's Town Administrator, started his tenure in Hinesburg April 2011.

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