

# Town of Hinesburg

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## Weekly Update

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### March 26, 2014



### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Case Update* - In May of last year, the Norris family lost their son to a tragic ATV accident that involved underage drinking. During the investigation, Officer Brian Fox of the Hinesburg Community Police Department determined that there were two adults involved in the purchase and distribution of the alcohol. Both adults were arrested and cited into court. One adult subsequently pled guilty and the second adult pled not guilty and a trial was held. On 3/24/2014, Kent Richland, 27 years old of South Burlington was found guilty of enabling a minor to consume alcohol. It was shown that although Richland did not directly purchase the alcohol, his actions facilitated the purchase.

This case will have far reaching implications to any adult that thinks there can be no consequence to selling alcohol to minors.

- *Homeowner Assist* - On Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, police were contacted by a homeowner that could not get out of her house because of snow that fell blocking the doors. The garage door was also frozen to the ground preventing it from opening. Officers responded and were able to free the doors so the homeowner could get out.
- *Motor Vehicle Complaint* - On Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, police were contacted by a resident reporting that a vehicle had passed the school bus that had its red lights on and her daughter was about to cross the street to board. The bus driver honked his horn to alert the female who then saw the vehicle. The resident was able to find the vehicle in the CVU parking lot and obtain a license number. No

one saw the driver which could have resulted in a ticket costing \$249 dollars and five points on the driver's record. The seventeen year old male driver and his mother did get to meet the Police Chief to discuss the possible serious consequences of not paying full attention while driving a car.

- *Criminally Suspended License* - On Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, an officer made an enforcement stop on a vehicle for plates not matching the vehicle. The 30 year old female from Bristol was determined to be driving on a criminally suspended license. She was placed under arrest, brought to the station for processing and released with a citation to court.

### **Hinesburg Fire & First Response**

- Call Summary ( 3-18 – 3-24)
  - 3/18/14 EMS - Disoriented patient
  - 3/18/14 Fire/EMS - 1 car motor vehicle crash (MVC)
  - 3/19/14 EMS - Cut Finger
  - 3/19/14 Fire - Mutual Aid - Barn fire in Williston
  - 3/22/14 EMS - Foot Injury
  - 3/23/14 EMS - Possible broken leg
  - 3/24/14 EMS - Difficulty Breathing
  - 3/24/14 Fire/EMS - 2 car MVC
- *Training* - This week's training is our mandatory Blood Borne Pathogen training.

### **Buildings & Facilities**

- *Water Source Development* - On Tuesday morning, Rocky Martin, Joe Colangelo, Renae Marshall, and CJ Hinchman (Hinesburg Water Operator) met with the town's consulting engineer, hydrogeologist, well-driller, and a representative from the State of Vermont's Water Supply Division, to review the work completed to date on test wells drilled at the Norris Site (just south of the Village) and the Wainer Site (just north of the Village). At this point, the Wainer location will remain the focus and the Town will drill another test well this week. The Norris location is still a possibility and the Town may drill another test well at that location in the future.

### **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

- *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!

### **Recreation Department**

- *AARP Driver Safety Class* - There's still room in the AARP Driver Safety Class scheduled for Tuesday, 4/8 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. AARP members pay \$15 and non-members pay \$20. Sign up with Rec. Dept.

- *American Red Cross Babysitting Class* - There's still room in the American Red Cross Babysitting Class set for Saturday, 4/19 at the Hinesburg Town Hall from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$85. Register with Recreation Department at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Spring Sports Sign-up* - Sign up for Tee Ball, Farm League Baseball, or K-1-2 Lacrosse by 3/28 and pay \$40. Afterward, price increases to \$50 - final deadline is 4/11/14. Don't let all this snow and cold temperatures fool you...winter can't last forever!!
- *VASTA Youth SPARQ* - Don't miss out on VASTA Youth SPARQ (Speed, Power, Agility, Reaction, and Quickness) for middle school and high school students from 4:00 - 4:50 pm. Various sessions running in April and May. For more info or to sign up, contact HRD.
- *Horseback Riding at Livery Stables* - Space is still available during April break from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Try the week or an a la carte option. Register with HRD.
- *Spring/Summer programs* - For a complete list of Spring/Summer programs or Spring Sport Information, visit [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) and click on Recreation.

### **Carpenter-Carse Library**

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – [http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).

### **Town Administrator**

- *Interim Town Administrator* – Renae Marshall, Hinesburg's Interim Town Administrator, has already transferred (literally and figuratively) to the Town Administrator's office. Joe Colangelo and Renae have been working together over the past few weeks so the transition will be seamless and easy for all involved. Renae will assume the full authority and responsibilities of the position (with the job description and personnel policy updates) for however long she holds the position.
- *Former Town Administrator* – This week will be the last for Joe Colangelo. He has been Hinesburg's Town Administrator for the past three years; next week he will start his new position as Town Manager for Shelburne. Joe will continue to assist Renae on an as needed basis. Thank you Joe for all you have done for Hinesburg!
- *Water/Wastewater Budget* – Interim Town Administrator Renae Marshall started the process of FY2015 Water/Wastewater budget compilation. The Selectboard will review the budget(s) for the first time in May and will adopt the budgets for FY2015 on or before their June 16<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting.
- *Employee Health Insurance* – Starting April 1 (next week) Hinesburg employees will transfer to Vermont Health Connect eligible health insurance plans.
- *Lot 31* – The 5.36 acres of land on the western edge of Creekside was officially transferred to a group of abutting landowners. This closing took place on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The covenants in the Deed require that the land is forever conserved and will remain as open space with public trail easements.
- *Public Safety Facility* – We met with Ashar Nelson (Vermont Integrated Architecture) to discuss where we are in the process and how it relates to a new Town contact person with this transition. We went through the punch list items remaining for

the new Police station (most of which are landscaping issues to be addressed late spring/summer). We also reviewed what needs to be finalized with regard to the planning for the new additions to the fire station prior to submitting an application to the Development Review Board.

- *Rain Garden* – We met with representatives from Lewis Creek Association and Milone & MacBroom to discuss the installation of a rain garden along the eastern side of Silver Street and to the west of the Mason’s building.

## **Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

### **Selectboard**

- *Old Police Station* – The future of the old Police station was discussed Monday night at the Selectboard meeting. Representatives of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center (HCRC) presented a potential plan to reuse the facility as a thrift store, other community members discussed their desire to have the building saved and redeveloped as light commercial space, and other comments from the public included a general consensus not to spend tax funds on the facility. Rocky Martin, Hinesburg’s Director of Buildings & Facilities, gave a brief presentation on the status of the building. At the end of the Selectboard meeting, during ‘Selectboard Forum’ the Selectboard passed a motion instructing Town staff to start the process of permitting the demolition of the facility and requiring that any proposal to save/reuse the facility must be presented to the Selectboard for consideration by September 1, 2014.
- *Village North Sidewalk* – Doug Henson, project engineer, for the Village North Sidewalk Project – a sidewalk that will connect Riggs Road to Commerce Street along the east side of Route 116 – presented the Selectboard with a new route alternative to consider. Doug’s new recommended design pushes the sidewalk closer to Route 116; the new alignment has the sidewalk roughly 5’ from the edge of Route 116 rather than between 15’-20’. On a 4-1 vote, the Selectboard approved the new alternative as presented by Doug and instructed him to proceed using the updated plans.
- *Town Forest / Fellowship of the Wheel* – Hinesburg’s Town Forest Committee has been working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fellowship of the Wheel to help better define duties and responsibilities with some trail maintenance within the Town Forest, especially those trails used by mountain bikers. The Selectboard voted unanimously in support of the MOU and instructed Mike Potvin, Town Forest Committee Chair, to sign the MOU on behalf of the Town of Hinesburg.
- *Affordable Housing Grant* – The Selectboard held a Public Hearing before deciding whether or not to support the Town of Hinesburg’s grant application to the Vermont Community Development Program for a \$650,000 Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont for a 24 unit affordable housing project at Green Street. Green Street is a subdivision project just opposite Hinesburg’s Town Hall on Charlotte Road. After a presentation from Champlain Housing Trust and some general questions and

comments from members of the Selectboard and the public, the Selectboard voted 4 – 1 in favor of applying for the \$650,000 Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Champlain Housing Trust. It's important to note that this project will still need to go through the Development Review Board process, and, if the grant is awarded, the Selectboard will still need to review and accept the terms and conditions of the grant before the project moves forward.

- *Town Administrator Search Committee* – The Town Administrator Search Committee will be made up of staff, Selectboard members, and public at-large. Staff members: Renae Marshall, Missy Ross, Chief Frank Koss, Marie Gardner; Public members: Dawn Francis, Bob Rusten, Ann Janda, Mary Hurlie, Aaron Kimball; Selectboard: Mike Bissonette, Phil Pouech. Phil Pouech will serve as committee chair. The Selectboard charged the committee with vetting all applicants for the position of Town Administrator and narrowing the field to 3 finalists for Selectboard consideration. The committee will work under a June 1, 2014 deadline to have 3 finalists to the Selectboard for consideration.
- *Personnel Policy Updates* – The Selectboard voted unanimously to update the Town of Hinesburg's Personnel Policy. These updates compliment the updated job description the Selectboard adopted last week for the Town Administrator position. The new personnel policy better define the role of the Town Administrator in the area of staff supervision and, in effect, makes the Town Administrator very similar to that of a Town Manager.

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