

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* – The Hinesburg Community Police, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency will hold another drug take back on Saturday, April 26 at the Kinney Drugs in Hinesburg. More details to follow.
- *Civil Standby* – On Monday, March 24th, an officer accompanied the Williston Police Department on civil standby on Hollow Rd. There were no problems as a resident moved her property out of the residence.
- *Suspicious Circumstances* – On Wednesday, March 26th, a resident on Birchwood Drive called the police when she saw a vehicle unknown to her parked in a neighbor's driveway. She knew that they were away on vacation. Upon arrival, it turned out to be the house sitter that was driving another vehicle due to hers being broken down. Thank you to the observant neighbor.

Recreation Department

- *Babysitting class* - Still room in the Babysitting Class on Sat. 4/19 at the Town Hall from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm for \$85. Sign up with the Rec. Dept.
- *Tee Ball and Farm League Baseball* - There is still time to sign up for Tee Ball and Farm League Baseball. Cost is \$50. Deadline is 4/11/14. Don't delay - spring is on its way!!
- *April Break Riding Camp* - There is still room in the April Break Riding Camp at Livery Stables. M-F from 8:00-1:00 for \$225 or choose a day(s) for \$45 each. Register with Rec. Dept.

- *Dog Obedience Classes* - Sign up for Dog Obedience with Jim Warden. Thursdays from 6-7 pm starting 5/1 through 6/5. Residents pay \$70 and Non-residents pay \$75.
- *Full Classes* - Sorry, Easter Cookie Decorating Class and After-School Golf program are FULL.
- *Open Classes* - Still room in Little Strikers Soccer, Preschool Dance, Summer Golf with the Ultimate Golf School at Cedar Knoll, Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables, Art Camp, and Track & Field.
- *AARP Driver Safety Classes* - One spot left in the AARP Driver Safety Course set for Tuesday, 4/8 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the first floor conference room at Town Hall. AARP members pay \$15. Non-members pay \$20. Register with the Rec. Dept. 482-2281 ext.230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

Buildings & Facilities

- *Water Source Development* - The second well that was drilled at the Wainer property has proven to be extremely successful. Rob Frost (Vermont Well & Pump called on the afternoon of March 31st to report that they had hit incredible flow at about 595 feet-over 250 gallons per minute and probably 300. This well looks very promising; however, we won't know the final yield until the pump test is performed.



3/31/2014 - Well #2 at the Wainer property

Planning and Zoning

- *Energy Efficiency Standard for new homes* – Presented draft regulation updates at the 3/26 Planning Commission meeting regarding energy standards for new homes. Finally reached the end of an extended conversation that began at a 12/11/2013 PC public hearing. Proposed changes will be now be forwarded to the Selectboard for review, public hearing, and action. The Planning Commission decided to strike middle ground with a new home energy standard that is less stringent than the previous Energy Star standard but a bit more stringent than the statewide minimum standard. The PC decided to allow an opt-out for owner builders and a waiver option for unusual cases.
- *Stormwater Control Regulation Revisions* – Presented a revised draft of stormwater and erosion control regulations at the 3/26 Planning Commission meeting. The PC has been through several drafts, and is currently considering feedback from a technical review done by a stormwater engineer (someone who does design work for development projects). The draft language is close to done, but the PC needs more clarification on language proposed by the engineer. We hope to have the engineer attend the next meeting to clarify and help us get some closure, so that a public hearing can be scheduled.
- *Cell Towers, Review & Withdrawal* – On 3/26, the Planning Commission reviewed a wireless telecom tower proposal on Baldwin Road by VTel. Comments regarding access across steep slopes and stormwater control will be forwarded to VTel and the State Public Service Board. The AT&T proposal for a new wireless telecom tower in the northeastern corner of town was withdrawn after the photo simulations showed more visual impact than AT&T anticipated. AT&T is now looking for an alternate location in coordination with two other new towers planned in the town of Richmond in order to improve cell service primarily in Richmond. AT&T has also proposed modifications to their existing facility (currently the only wireless telecom facility in Hinesburg) on a silo on Leavensworth Road.
- *Preparation for 4/1 DRB meeting* – Prepared staff reports and draft decisions for six applications to be reviewed at the 4/1 DRB meeting. Four of these applications are related to the proposed Hannaford supermarket. All four have to do with associated off-site revisions to adjacent properties – e.g., boundary line adjustments, Aubuchon site plan changes (revised access and parking), Automotion site plan changes (parking and landscaping). The Board began discussing these four Hannaford-related applications in January, but several issues remain. Hoping to find closure on these four applications soon. FYI – The Hannaford site plan application was approved by the DRB on November 6, 2012. This approval was appealed to the VT Environmental Court, but that appeal is on hold awaiting a final decision on Hannaford’s State Act 250 permit application. The Act 250 application was submitted in March 2013. Act 250 hearings wrapped up in October 2013 with final submissions requested from all parties by November 15, 2013. Apparently, the Act 250 review is still ongoing because Hannaford has not yet secured a couple related State permits (e.g., stormwater permit, possible wetland impact permit).

- *Haystack Crossing Project* – Spoke with Black Rock Construction, developer for the proposed Haystack Crossing project, regarding next steps. The second DRB meeting on the concept/sketch plan for the project was on March 18. The DRB indicated that revisions were necessary on several fronts, and continued the review to the May 20 meeting to give the applicant time to modify the plans and proposal. The developer is working on those revisions. Planning & Zoning staff is preparing a memo to summarize the areas of concern discussed at the 3/18 meeting.
- *Freeda Powers Returns!* – With Renae Marshall serving as Interim Town Administrator, the P&Z department is very fortunate to have Freeda Powers here to fill in for the 20 hours/week of administrative assistance that Renae normally provides. Freeda has been the recording secretary for the DRB and the PC for quite some time, and was actually the P&Z admin assistant prior to Renae. It's great to have someone with her previous experience and know-how helping us out temporarily until Renae can return once a new Town Administrator is hired. Stop by the office to say hello to Freeda – many of you will also recognize her as the “My Goodness” baker extraordinaire from the summer farmers markets.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Library Surveys* - This is the last week for individuals to share their ideas and opinions by filling out the Carpenter-Carse Library survey. An online survey link is available at our web site <http://www.carpentercarse.org> until April 7th. Paper copies of the survey are available at the library. Thank you to all who have taken a few minutes to complete the survey. Whether you use the library or not, we want to hear from you, as your views will help us plan for the library's future. If you value the library, tell us why; if you don't use the library, why not? If you currently use the library, what would make it better? What would your library services of the future look like? Let your voice be heard!

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Next Toddler Story Time ~ April 15th ~ 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! We have room for more toddlers at this story time. The theme of the March 18 story time was bears. Judy Curtis led story times for both age groups this week and did a super job with the sheep theme. She reports that the kids also had fun with a little bit of April foolishness!
- *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. March's theme was Winter Animals and Spring; great horned owl and frog crafts were fun for all. Judy's story time had group of 10 children.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *The Magnificent Ambersons ~ An Orson Welles Classic ~ showing Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:30 p.m.* - Come join the library's film discussion group for an evening of great free entertainment and a lively discussion!

OTHER NEWS

- *Mud Season Author Event* - Co-sponsored by Brown Dog Books - On Friday, March 28, fourteen people who ventured out in the cold rain were treated to the stories of Ellen Stimson, a lively speaker whose recent book *Mud Season* described her experiences relocating from St. Louis to Dorset, Vermont. At the library, Ellen discussed how difficult it was for her to try and run the local country store and to fit in, given the considerable differences in culture between the two locales. She described in hilarious detail many of the mistakes she made in Dorset. She had the audience laughing from the moment her talk began. Ellen signed copies of her book. If it is true that laughter is good medicine, program attendees left the event in great form, after an evening of good humor supplied by our wonderful guest! All were glad that Ellen made it to Hinesburg following her stop in Boston on her book tour.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Planning Commission Vacancy* - The Hinesburg Planning Commission currently has one (1) vacancy. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, please submit your application and letter of interest via email to rmarshall@hinesburg.org, by Wednesday, April 30th. The Selectboard will interview applicants at their meeting on May 5, 2014.

You may access an application form on the Town website at the following link:
http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf



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