

# Town of Hinesburg

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## Weekly Update

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### April 16, 2014



#### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Community Solar Forum:** *Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> at the Kinney Drugs in Hinesburg. The hours will be 10 am to 2 pm. Those residents unable to make it on that day can drop off medication to the police department.
- *Motor Vehicle Accident* – On Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police and Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to a four vehicle accident on Vermont Route 116 at NRG. A school bus southbound turned on its red lights to pick up a student and the vehicle behind failed to see the bus and stopped traffic. That vehicle hit the vehicle ahead which then was pushed into the vehicle ahead which was pushed into the vehicle in front. One driver was transported to the hospital.
- *Criminally Suspended License* - On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, officers were responding to a business at the south end of town for a suspicious vehicle. While en route, one officer radioed the other officer to advise the vehicle was heading towards him at a high rate of speed. The officer turned on the vehicle and it appeared the vehicle attempted to lose the officer by turning off the road. The 21 year old male from Starksboro was arrested and transported to the station for processing. He was released on a citation to appear in court.
- *Juvenile Problem* – On Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Hinesburg Community Police were notified that a student was overheard on a school bus to say that he was bringing a firearm to school. The school coordinated to intercept the student prior to getting

back on the school bus but questioning of the student determined that the threat was not credible.

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

- *Call Summary (4/8/14 – 4/14/14):*
  - 4/08 - EMS - Not feeling well
  - 4/09 - EMS
  - 4/09 - EMS - Difficulty breathing
  - 4/10 - EMS - Leg injury
  - 4/10 - Fire - Tree across road
  - 4/12 - EMS
  - 4/14 - Fire - Horse stuck in mud
- *Training Update* - This week is our Business meeting. Last week we trained with pumps. We attended the EMS District 3 CQI annual meeting at St Mike's last week. We reviewed some of the newer protocols and how they are helping patients out in the field. The meeting was followed by the district's annual meeting/elections.

### **Recreation Department**

- *Spring Sports Sign-up Deadline* - Final deadline for Tee Ball, Farm League, and K-1-2 Lacrosse was Friday, 4/11.
- *Spring Sports Begin* - Official start dates for outdoor spring sports are the week of 4/28. Any cancellations and updates will be communicated via e-mail.
- *Babysitting Class* - The Babysitting Class scheduled for Saturday, 4/19 has been cancelled due to low enrollment, a back order on supplies, and an instructor conflict. Will offer another class option in Oct. 2014.
- *Driver's Education Classes* - All three (3) Driver Education classes are full and there are waiting lists.
- *Full Programs* - Both After-School Horseback Riding dates, After-School Golf, and Easter Cookie Decorating are filled to capacity.
- *Space Available* – Space remains in April Break Horseback Riding Camp, Dog Obedience, Adult Golf, Little Strikers Soccer, both sessions of Horseback Riding camps this summer, Sailing Camp, Art Camp, Tennis Lessons, Beginner Golf Camp, and one spot left in Junior Golf Camp.

### **Planning & Zoning**

- *Green Street Project Rebirth* – We had a pre-application meeting with a developer (Chris Snyder) who is working with the current owners of the Green Street LLC project (in the village, off Charlotte Road) to redesign a portion of this project and then bring it to fruition. The Green Street project was originally approved in 2007, and included approximately 24 proposed dwelling units as well as a commercial building. To date, only two homes have been built. Chris Snyder is working with Champlain Housing Trust (CHT) and Housing Vermont (HV) to build 22-24 dwellings (most two bedroom, town-house style) as a “turnkey” project. In other words, the developer builds the homes, and once complete, the developer sells the entire project to CHT and HV. Most of the units will be perpetually

affordable, managed by CHT and HV as rental homes. The proposed Green Street project redesign will require DRB review and approval. We expect a formal application soon. Last year, CHT and HV were hoping to create similar affordable homes as part of the Hinesburg Center Phase Two project (to the west of Kinney Drugs). They are no longer pursuing that project, and are instead focused on the Green Street project.

- *Stormwater Regulation Improvements* – The Planning Commission’s work on improving our local stormwater regulations is taking shape, and may be ready for review and a formal public hearing later this spring. We’ve been getting assistance from a professional stormwater engineer in the drafting and fine tuning of these regulations. Jeff Zweber of Engineering Ventures attended the 4/9 PC meeting to help explain how potential impacts on downstream properties could be assessed, and to help us add specificity to the draft regulation.
- *GIS, Mapping Software Upgrade* – Began the process of upgrading our GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping software – i.e., ArcGIS software made by ESRI. We use this software on a daily basis to help landowners visualize their property, to make maps for various Town departments and committees, to aid in the development review process, etc. We’ve been getting by with an old version of this software for many years (some of it no longer supported by the manufacturer), so we’re both happy and a bit nervous about the upgrade. Training required once the new software is in place and working. Word of warning – our map making services will be somewhat reduced during the transition.

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

### **Energy Committee**

- *Community Solar Forum* - Please join us for an evening forum on Community Solar on Tuesday, April 22<sup>n</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Town Hall. As our towns and villages shift to renewable energy, homes that do not have good access to the sun and would like to use electricity produced from photovoltaic panels can participate in community solar. Nick Ziter, from SunFarms Community Solar will present along with Jeff Forward from Richmond who has installed a group net metered solar pv array on his property. We will also discuss financing options for these systems. Community solar has been demonstrated to be a very viable option for towns and this forum will explore how towns can get started installing their own systems.

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