

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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April, 23, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (3rd 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 26th 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.
- *Criminally Suspended License/Drugs* - On Monday, April 14th, an officer made an enforcement stop on a vehicle for speeding. After the stop, it was determined that the operator's license of the 28 year old female from Bolton was criminally suspended. The officer also observed numerous hypodermic needles strewn throughout the vehicle. Based on the results of a consent search, the female was also charged with possession of heroin. One of the occupational hazards of being a police officer is not just on the road. During the vehicle search, an officer was stuck by a needle. Although the female consented to a blood test, there is no way to tell who else might have used the needle. The officer will need to undergo several blood tests over a period of time as well as medication for the possibility of an infectious disease.
- *Counterfeit Money* - A local business was just notified that a bank deposit contained two \$20 dollar bills that were counterfeit. Although good copies, they can be recognized as counterfeit by using common security practices. This is a good time to remind employees to keep a watch out for this type of fraud.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (4/15/14 – 4/21/14)*
 - 4/15 - EMS - Stomach pain
 - 4/15 - Fire - Water over roadway (Lagoon Rd. and Charlotte Rd.)
 - 4/18 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 4/21 - EMS - Diabetic emergency

- 4/21 - EMS - Difficulty breathing
- *Meetings* - The officers met this Tuesday 4/22/2014 @ 7:00 pm.
- *Training Update* - We are conducting a team building exercise this Wednesday 4/23/2014.

Recreation Department

- *Space Available* - Still a few spots left in Little Strikers Soccer which starts on 5/10 and Dog Obedience Class starting 5/1.
- *Space Available* - Still room in June 16-20 Horseback Riding Camp, Beginner Golf Camp, 1 spot left in Junior Golf Camp, Tennis Lessons, Sailing, Art Camp, and Adult Golf lessons that start on 5/8. Register with HRD.
- *Baseball/Tee Ball* - Farm League Baseball season begins on 4/28 at HCS field and Tee Ball starts on 4/29 at CVU Field D. Team assignments were e-mailed to all participants on 4/21.
- *Boys and girls 3rd-8th Grade Lacrosse* - Season officially begins the week of 4/28 on CCS Field and Lyman Park - weather permitting.
- *K-1-2 Lacrosse* - Begins on Sat. 5/3 at 8:30 am running for 6 weeks on CVU Field D.
- *After-School Horseback Riding* - This program takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays beginning 4/29 and 5/2, running for 6 weeks.
- *Lacrosse Jamboree* - Hosting a 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade boys' lacrosse Jamboree on 5/3 and girls 5th/6th and 7th/8th on 5/4, weather-permitting.
- *Piano Recitals* - Mary Beth Bowman's students will perform on Tuesday, 5/20 at 5:30 pm and Andrea Haulenbeek's students will perform on Wednesday, 5/21 at 5:30 pm. Both recitals will be in the Flex Space at HCS.

Planning & Zoning

- *Hinesburg Center Saga Continues* – The Development Review Board (DRB) met with the developer of the Hinesburg Center project (Brett Grabowski, Milot Real Estate) on April 15 to further discuss necessary site plan revisions to bring the project into conformance with earlier DRB decisions and previously approved plans. We appear to be getting closer to receiving a final set of revised plans that will serve as a reference for future compliance checks and enforcement. We hired an independent engineer (cost to be covered by the applicant) to review the construction to date and the previously approved plans to help sort out any additional discrepancies. The review was continued to the June 3 meeting so that details can be added to the plans and certain errors corrected. On a related front, the Town Attorney continues to work through the VT Superior Court to collect fines for the developer's earlier zoning violations – related to occupancy of apartment units before project completion and before the required certificates of occupancy were issued.
- *DRB Site Visit Slog* – The DRB showed their metal ahead of the April 15 meeting by conducting a site visit in rather inclement weather conditions (pouring rain, flooding, sleet, mud) for a proposed minor subdivision on Butternut Lane (off of Magee Hill Road). Five of the seven DRB members showed up and braved the

elements to walk the property to better inform their discussion and deliberations at the meeting later that evening. A tow strap was needed for one Board member's vehicle on the way out, but everyone made it back to Town Hall in time for the regular meeting. Thank you DRB volunteers!

- *Town Plan Ideas* – Staff met with fellow town and regional planners last week to discuss ways to make the community's comprehensive plan (i.e., Town Plan) more readable and action-oriented. Town Plans are typically long documents containing hundreds of goals and recommendations on a wide range of issues. Our group discussed ways to shorten the document and focus on high priority action items to be addressed in a realistic implementation period. Interesting ideas discussed. Hopefully, some of which we can incorporate as the Planning Commission gets ready to update Hinesburg's Town Plan.
- *Route 116 Corridor Study* – Staff spent time reviewing the draft report prepared by the transportation consultant. Several pages of comments, corrections, and feedback was provided to the consultant to assist with preparation of the final report. The draft report was presented to the Selectboard on 4/21 for additional feedback and Q&A. Lots of data, conclusions, and recommendations in this report – most focused on ways to keep traffic flowing as efficiently (e.g., steady, slow, safe) as possible through the village area while prioritizing a safe bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation.

Development Review Board

Upcoming agenda items:

The next Development Review Board meeting will be held on May 6th. The agenda includes the following applications:

- *Lawrence & Cynthia Caron* - Preliminary Plat. The applicants are requesting Preliminary Plat approval for a 3-Lot PUD on their property located at 274 Richmond Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District.
- *Rob Farley* - Conditional Use/Home Occupation. The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a dog sled tour business to be operated from his property. This property is located at 1088 Texas Hill Road in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. ****Site Visit prior to the meeting, at 6:00pm. Public Welcome.**
- *Brian & Penny St. Cyr* - Two-Lot Subdivision Final Plat. The applicants are seeking Final Plat approval for a 2-Lot subdivision on a 9.85 acre parcel on the west side of Rte. 116 and the north side of Tyler Bridge Road. This property is located at 58 Tyler Bridge Road in the Agricultural Zoning District.

DRB Upcoming Applications:

- *Artie & Claire Weis* - Final Plat. Property located at 139 Raven Hill Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. The applicants are requesting Final Plat approval for a 2-Lot subdivision of their property. The subject parcel is approximately 10.1 acres, accessed by Raven Hill Road, which is on the eastern side of Silver Street. Sketch plan approval was granted on May 7th, 2013. *This application is scheduled for 5/20/14.*
- *Among The Trees, LLC* - Conditional Use/Camp Conversion, Expansion of a Non-Complying Structure, Development on a Private Right Of Way, Development in FEH

area, Expansion of a Non-Complying Structure. Property Location: 213 Wood Run in the Shoreline District. Owner, Nancy Wright. *This application is scheduled for 6/03/14.*

- *Enos* - Subdivision Sketch Plan review. Property location: South termination of Enos Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing a 3 Lot subdivision to create 2 new lots for development purposes. *This application has not yet been scheduled.*
- *Green Street* - Subdivision Revision to a previously approved project. Property location: Green Street, off Charlotte Road in the Village Zoning District. Proposal includes (4) 1 Bedroom units, (17) 2 Bedroom units, (2) 3 Bedroom units, (4) existing single family homes and a total of 42 parking spaces. *This application has not yet been scheduled.*

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Share Your Vision of the Library's Future -Wednesday, April 30th at 7 p.m. OR Wednesday, May 7th at 10 a.m.* - Come to the library on 4/30 or 5/7 for refreshments and daydreaming about our library's future role in the community. Have you heard of any emerging library trends? What do you envision? What paths would you *not* like us to take? Share your ideas with others who care about library services. The Carpenter-Carse Library Strategic Planning Committee wants to hear from you. Join us to explore the possibilities; you can help shape the library's future. Sign up at the library or by phone 482-2878.
- *Library Board of Trustees Meeting* – Tuesday, April 29th at 7 p.m.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Library Book Group* - Thursday, April 24th, 7 p.m. ~ The library's adult book discussion group meets monthly in readers' homes. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. This month's book selection is *Driftless* by David Rhodes. At the May 29th gathering, the group will discuss *Fun Home: a family tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel. Call Sue at 482-5095 for more information.
- *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. Seven children and 12 adults attended last week's session and enjoyed a springtime theme. This week Sara and 14 children, 6 adults celebrated Earth Day with stories and planting seeds.
- *Toddler Story Time* - May 6th and May 20th 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; try it out. ☺

Exhibits and Displays at the Library

- *In the Community Room - Hinesburg Community School Art ~ Grades K through 4* - A reception was held on Wednesday, April 16th. On that day, 260 people visited the library - It was the place to be! The exhibit continues. Don't miss this bright and beautiful collection of artwork created by Hinesburg's children. It will make you happy. ☺

- *In the Glass Case - 3rd Generation Tea Cup Collection, compliments of Suzanne Richard* - This pretty collection of varied teacup styles brings a welcome splash of color and whimsy to the library.
- *Book Displays:*
 - National Poetry Month
 - Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Books
 - Autism Awareness Month
- *Think Spring!* - Earth Day, Amphibians, Flower Gardens

OTHER NEWS

- *New Books* - Library staff are currently cataloging and prepping two boxes of new adult books that arrived this week. Some are already set to go. Another new box of children's books also arrived.
- *New DVD's* - Philomena; Mad Men (Season 6); The Triplets of Belleville, & The Wolf of Wall Street
- *Vermont Library Conference* - Library Staff are looking at the Vermont Library Conference agenda, Tuesday, May 20th. Soon we will announce whether the library will close on that date, or stay open. The Conference theme is *Story Time: Advocate, Celebrate & Be Heard!*

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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