

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

1762-2012



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Agency Assist* – On Monday, May 5th, officers responded to Dubois Corners to assist Shelburne PD with someone attempting to sell a stolen road culvert. Despite not having a vehicle description, not all crimes require the fine honed skills of a detective. Traveling southbound on Vermont Route 116 was a Volvo Station Wagon. The law enforcement keen power of observation coupled with excellent deductive reasoning was utilized and an enforcement stop was conducted on the vehicle. The driver was subsequently arrested by Shelburne PD for theft.



Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (4/29/14 – 5/5/14)*
 - 4/29 - EMS - Abdominal pain
 - 5/01 - EMS - Neck pain
 - 5/01 - EMS - Seizure
 - 5/03 - EMS - Rapid heart rate
 - 5/03 - Fire - Illegal Brush Burn
 - 5/05 - EMS - Lift Assist
- *Training* - We have our EMS training on Wednesday 5/7.
- *Meetings* – We have a District 3 meeting scheduled for Thursday, 5/8 and an Officers meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 5/13
- *Community Yard Sale Day* - The station will be used for the Community Yard Sale Day this weekend.

Recreation Department

- *Dog Obedience* - Jim Warden's Dog Obedience class started on Thursday 5/1.
- *Spring sports are launched!!* - Everyone got at least one practice in last week and Hinesburg/Charlotte hosted TWO lacrosse Jamborees on Sat. and Sun. at Charlotte Central School. On Saturday, 5/3 we hosted 9 boys' games and on Sunday, 5/4 we hosted 14 girls' games!! We endured rain, wind, sun, and even a little sleet.
- *Driver Education* - Sent reminders to all Driver Education enrollees that registration forms and payment are due to HRD by 5/23/14. There are waiting lists for all 3 classes at this point.
- *Little Strikers Soccer* – Little Striker's Soccer was scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 5/6, but the Town Hall Field was too wet. We delayed the start to next week and will finish the program on 6/17.
- *Boys Lacrosse* - The 3/4 boys and 7/8 Boys lacrosse teams will host games at CCS on Wed. 5/7 at 6:00 pm.
- *Farm League* - The two Farm League baseball teams will have their first games on Sat. 5/10 at the Charlotte Berry Fields.
- *Lacrosse Jamborees* - The 3rd-8th grade boys and girls lacrosse teams will participate in away Jamborees on Saturday and Sunday respectively.
- *Pre-school Dance Recital* - Miss Jeanne's Pre-School Dance Recital will be set for Friday, 6/6 at 10:30 am to celebrate another successful year.

Planning & Zoning

- *Haystack Crossing Project Delay* – Black Rock Construction is still working on plan revisions in response to the DRB review on March 18th. They were unable to provide revised materials in time to allow review at the May 20th DRB meeting as originally planned. They plan to submit materials this week, and we will be recommending that the DRB take up this application again on June 3rd instead of May 20th. Revised application materials will be posted on the Town website after they are received, and we will do a Front Porch Forum post to alert everyone to the scheduling change at that time.

- *Green Street Project Redesign* – As reported several weeks ago, a developer (Chris Snyder) 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. If approved and built, this project should provide a good number (20+ units) of perpetually affordable rental homes that will eventually be owned and managed by the Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont. We have received conceptual plans for the project redesign, which the DRB will review at its May 20th meeting. If favorably received by the DRB, we anticipate one or more final review meetings this summer after final design and engineering is ready for DRB scrutiny.
- *Other Development Review* – The DRB schedule is busy through June with projects (large and small) to review. We use the Weekly Update to give information about all new applications received, but we tend to only delve into the details and do status reports of the larger projects (e.g., Haystack Crossing, Green Street, Hinesburg Center, etc.). Curious about the other small to mid-size projects being reviewed? Check out DRB meeting agendas and/or meeting minutes on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/drb.html>, or contact the Planning & Zoning office by email or phone.
- *New Planning Commission, New Town Plan* – Our newest Planning Commissioner (Neal Leitner) was appointed by the Selectboard on 5/5. Neal replaces Grace Ciffo who served on the PC since 2012. Thanks, Grace, and welcome aboard Neal! All told, five new PC members have been appointed in the last year (four in just the last six months). That means more than half of the 9-member Planning Commission has changed in the last year! Fresh eyes for a fresh look at where Hinesburg is and should be headed as we begin work on updating the Town Plan. Community surveys and other outreach are coming soon as part of this effort.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Cancellation of the Wednesday, May 7th Focus Group ~ Envisioning the Library's Future* - The Carpenter-Carse Library Strategic Planning Committee has cancelled the May 7th forum, as we want to take more time to plan one or two fun, productive sessions of idea sharing about future library services and trends. The recent library survey gave us excellent practical information to work with, and we appreciate the time participants took to answer questions thoughtfully. Now we look forward to getting together with some members of the public to explore possibilities of how the library may successfully adapt to best serve the community in the coming years.
- *Vermont Library Association Conference* - Several members of the library staff will be attending the Vermont Library Conference on Tuesday, May 20th. This year we are able to keep the library open that day. The VLA Conference theme is Story Time: Advocate, Celebrate & Be Heard!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Hungrytown - Friday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.* at the library - Don't miss the opportunity to hear this fabulous duo! Bring a friend or possibly your mother for an early celebration of Mother's Day. Hungrytown is the musical and married duo of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson. They have released two highly acclaimed CDs, Hungrytown (2008) and Any Forgotten Thing (2011), both of which continue to receive much airplay on folk and Americana stations worldwide. Rebecca and Ken tour full time; their adventures have taken them throughout the US, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. Their songs have been performed by many other artists, including Nashville songwriting legend David Olney and bluegrass veterans the Virginia Ramblers. Hungrytown's music has also appeared on several television shows, including the Independent Film Channel's hit series, Portlandia.

Before Hungrytown, Rebecca made two well-received CDs under her own name (with help from Ken behind the scenes), Rebecca Hall Sings! (2000) and Sunday Afternoon (2002). Rebecca learned to sing in church as a child, and had developed into a skilled interpreter of jazz and blues standards by the time she was in her 20s. Her discovery of roots music coincided with the reissue of the Harry Smith Anthology of American Folk Music in 1997, and inspired her to write her own material. She soon developed a reputation for crafting classic, instantly memorable songs, weaving modern themes into traditional song structures. "Rebecca Hall is a true rarity: a new folk classicist." wrote Daniel Gewertz of the Boston Herald.

Ken is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist as well as a talented producer and arranger. He learned to play drums and keyboards as a child, and has since moved on to bass, guitar, mandolin, banjo and harmonica. He also has a remarkable gift for musical harmony, and is responsible for Hungrytown's luxuriant vocal styling. Having produced all of their recorded works, his artistry has been singled out for praise: "Anderson has a knack for crafting rich arrangements that don't clutter things up," writes Casey Rea of Seven Days (VT) magazine. When not touring with Rebecca, Ken is often hiding out in their home studio, Song Catcher Recording, working with other songwriters and instrumentalists.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *May 20th Story Times* - Call the library to confirm whether there will be story times on May 20th.
- *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 others for stories, songs, and games. Nine children and six adults attended last week's session with sea life stories and projects. This week Sara celebrated National Composting Week with 7 kids and 4 adults; the children had mixed reactions to the compost Sara brought in - with juicy worms, grubs, spiders and other wiggles!
- *Toddler Story Time 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. ☺ Four adults and 4 children enjoyed this week's wind theme, blowing bubbles, holding pinwheels and using a fan.

- *Library Book Group Thursday, May 29th, 7 p.m.* - The library's adult book discussion group meets monthly in readers' homes. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Next month's book selection is *Fun Home: a family tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel. The gathering will be on May 29th. Call Sue at 482-5095 for more information.

Exhibits and Displays at the Library

- *In the Community Room - Hinesburg Community School Art ~ Grades K through 4* - 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:*
 - Earth Day ~ Green Up!
 - National Poetry Month
 - Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Books
 - Think Spring! Flower Gardens

OTHER NEWS

- 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 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!*

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming agenda items:

The next Development Review Board meeting will be held on May 20th. The agenda includes the following applications:

- *Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS) - Site Plan/Conditional Use* - This property is located at 369 CVU Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. The applicant is requesting a continuance to later in 2014.
- *Haystack Crossing/Blackrock Construction* - Subdivision Sketch Plan for an 84-acre undeveloped parcel owned by Haystack Crossing LLC (Bissonette Family), located on the west side of Rte. 116; partially located in the Village NW District & the Agricultural District. Proposed is a subdivision of 90+ lots, 225 dwelling units, 50,000+ sq. ft. of commercial space, open/green space. Review continued from 3/18. **The applicant is requesting a continuance to 6/03/14.*
- *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.

- *Green Street, LLC*. - Subdivision Revision/Final Plat Review - Property located off of Charlotte Rd in the Village Zoning District. The applicants are requesting to revise the 12.3 acre Green Street subdivision. 17 previously approved single family residences and a condo containing 5 units would be replaced by one lot containing 7 structures containing 23 single family units. Four previously approved single family units would remain on their own footprint lots. ****Site Visit @ 7pm****

DRB Upcoming Applications:

- *Hinesburg Center, LLC* - Site Plan Revision. The applicant is requesting site plan revision to show what has been approved to date as well as any proposed revisions to address site plan discrepancies noted in the Findings of Fact #2 and Conclusion #6 and to ensure that all discrepancies have been addressed so there is a definitive and accurate site plan approved and on record. This application has been continued from 4/15 & will be on the June 3rd agenda.
- *Gardner/Erdman* - Subdivision Review/Revision to Final Plat to modify an internal boundary. The applicant is requesting boundary line adjustment between Lot 3 and Lot H to accommodate future plans for a horse farm to house 6 horses. The land will be kept in its current use as hay field and pasture land. ****This application is not yet complete and is therefore unscheduled at this time.**

Selectboard

- *CSWD Reappointments* – The terms for our representative and alternate member, representing Hinesburg on the Chittenden Solid Waste District Board of Commissioners, ends on May 31, 2014. The Selectboard reappointed both Lynn Gardner as representative and Doug Taff as alternate member for another two (2) year term, ending May 31, 2016.
- *CSWD FY15 Proposed Budget Presentation* – Tom Moreau, CSWD General Manager, was present to introduce the CSWD FY2015 Proposed Budget. According to section 4(b) of the CSWD Charter, within 45 days of the approval of the budget by the CSWD Board of Commissioners, the legislative body of each member municipality shall act to approve or disapprove the budget. After reviewing the budget and having an opportunity to ask questions, the Selectboard made a Motion to approve the CSWD FY2015 Proposed Budget. You may view the proposed budget in the May 5th Selectboard meeting packet on the Town website. http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/14-0505/
- *Planning Commission Appointment* – The Selectboard unanimously voted to appoint Neal Leitner to finish out a four (4) year term on the Planning Commission. Neal is a Hinesburg resident who currently serves as the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Richmond. Neal will be finishing out the term of Grace Ciffo who has recently resigned due to new job obligations. This term will expire on January 1, 2017.
- *Vehicle Leasing Proposal* – The Selectboard authorized a lease purchase of two (2) 2015 Ford Interceptors and necessary equipment for the Police Department and

one (1) 2014 F-150 Regular Cab 4x4 for the Water/Wastewater Department. The approved capital budget called for the replacement of the current vehicles in this fiscal year (FY14). For the Police Department, it will keep the Town on track with a six (6) year replacement schedule for the cruisers in order to prevent increased maintenance costs as these vehicles age and have higher mileage. The Water/Wastewater Department's 2005 Ford Ranger was also scheduled to be replaced this year as it is in very poor condition. By combining all three (3) of these vehicles into one lease, we will exceed the \$100,000 threshold which will qualify us for a lower interest rate.

- *State Water Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Application* – The Town of Hinesburg staff has been working diligently to identify a new water supply source to provide additional capacity for the system. To date, Aldrich & Elliot has assisted the Town in reviewing and exploring potential well sites. This has resulted in the identification of a potential well site in the Shelburne Falls Road area. Two (2) test wells have been drilled at this site and the next steps are to drill the wells and, if they are deemed adequate, develop them into production wells. This next step requires significant expenditures which are estimated around \$200,000. The Selectboard made a Motion to apply for a State of Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Fund planning loan to assist in funding the costs for these next steps.
- *Quinn Well Disconnection* – Rocky Martin, Director of Buildings & Facilities, was present to discuss one of the conditions of the Town of Hinesburg's Water System Permit to Operate, issued 1/30/14, was to properly abandon Well 2, the well located on the Quinn property on the east side of Mechanicsville Rd. This well has not been used since 1999 and accordingly must be abandoned per Water Supply Rules. Upon review with the Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division staff, they have indicated that this condition can be satisfied by disconnecting the supply line from the well where it ties into the 6-inch main line along Mechanicsville Rd. This will involve excavating along the east side of Mechanicsville Rd., near Hawk Lane. This work will be completed by May 15th to satisfy the requirements of this permit.
- *Summer Meeting Schedule* – The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. Beginning in June, the Selectboard will be adjusting their meeting nights and times, in some cases. The Selectboard will return to their normal Monday meeting schedule in September. The schedule beginning in June is as follows:

June

- Wednesday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m.

July

- Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m.

August

- Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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