

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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May 21, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Hands Free Cell Phones* – A new law that passed effective October 1, 2014 will prohibit the use of cell phones while driving unless it is hands free and in a secured holder. This allows plenty of time to transition to the new law.
- *Vehicle Pursuit* – On Sunday, May 11th, an officer made an enforcement stop on a vehicle for speeding on Silver St. While talking to the female driver, she took off after the officer asked for her operator's license. The officer gave chase and continued due to her driving into the opposing lane of traffic numerous times. The pursuit came to a stop eventually on Vermont Route 116 north of S. Brownell Rd. The 50 year old female from Bristol was arrested and transported to the station for processing. She was cited into court for charges of Eluding a Police Officer, Careless and Negligent Operation and Excessive Speed.
- *Family Fight* – On Monday, May 12th, officers responded to Richmond Rd. for a family fight involving an adult daughter. No physical altercation and the daughter was transported away from the residence due to intoxication.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (5/13/14 – 5/17/14)*
 - 5/13/14 - EMS - Weakness
 - 5/14/14 - EMS - Fall / Head Injury
 - 5/15/14 - Fire - Fire Alarm Activation @ Community School
 - 5/15/14 - Fire/EMS - One car rollover
 - 5/17/14 - EMS - Difficulty breathing
 - 5/17/14 - EMS - Leg Numbness

- *Training* – This Wednesday (5/21) is our monthly business meeting. The Officer’s met on 5/13 to review apparatus issues and to work on updating our strategic plan.

Recreation Department

- *Piano Recital* - Mary Beth Bowman's piano students held their year-end recital on Tuesday, May 20th at 5:30 pm in the music room at HCS.
- *Piano Recital* - Andrea Haulenbeek's piano students will have their year-end recital on Wednesday, May 31st at 5:30 pm in the Flex space at HCS.
- *5/6 Boys Lacrosse* – The 5/6 Boys Lacrosse team hosted a game on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm at Charlotte Central School.
- *7/8 Boys Lacrosse* – The 7/8 Boys Lacrosse team hosted a game on Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm at Charlotte Central School.
- *Tennessee Jed's Guitar Students* – Tennessee Jed’s Guitar students will celebrate their lessons on Tuesday, May 27th at 3:00 pm in the Health Room at HCS.
- *Mark your calendar* – The Hinesburg Children's Choir is having a concert on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm in the HCS Gym.
- *July 4th* – The planning is in full swing with the July 4th Committee and Recreation Commission.
- *Farm League* - Our two Hinesburg Farm League teams, the Red team and the Royal team, played games at the Charlotte Berry Fields on Saturday, May 17th.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

MEETINGS

- *Library Board of Trustees* - Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, May 28th at 7 p.m.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Weekly Story Times* - Story times will resume their regular schedule on Tuesday, May 27th (for Preschool children) and June 3rd (for babies and toddlers!)
- *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. This month’s book selection is *Fun Home: a family tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel. Call Carol at 482-3193 for more information. The next book to be discussed in June is *Five Days at Memorial* by Sheri Fink.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Film Discussion Group ~ Monsoon Wedding ~* A vibrant blend of Hollywood and Bollywood, showing Tuesday, May 27th 6:30 p.m. Great entertainment and lively discussion at the library! 482-2878

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:*
 - Lyme Disease
 - Hiking
 - Fizz..Boom..Read! Summer Reading Program 2014
 - Flower Gardens

OTHER NEWS

- *Summer Hours* - The library's summer hours began on Saturday, May 24th. The library will be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. through Labor Day weekend on Saturdays.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library, especially Summer Reading Program and Club sign-up.*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Summer Meeting Schedule* – 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE SUMMER MEETINGS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE VERMONT COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL. YOU MAY VIEW THE RECORDED MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <http://www.vermontcam.org/>

- *Plaque Presentation* – The Selectboard presented Grace Ciffo with a plaque in honor of her service to the Planning Commission. Grace recently had to resign from her seat on the Planning Commission due to new job responsibilities. Grace joined the Planning Commission at the beginning of January of 2013 with a desire to serve the community as a volunteer and to share her perspective as a farmer, large landowner, and a parent with children in the school system. We thank Grace for the service she was able to provide to the Town of Hinesburg during her time with the Planning Commission.



- *Recreation Commission Appointment* – Henry Moreno was appointed to the Recreation Commission for a 3-year term that will expire on January 1, 2017. Henry, thank you for your willingness to serve Hinesburg in this role!
- *Request for Extension to Grand List Filing Deadline* – The Selectboard approved a request by the Assessor’s Office to apply to Vermont Property Valuation and Review for an extension of the Grand List filing deadline of June 4, 2014. As outlined in State Statute, municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 are required to file the Grand List with Vermont Property Valuation and Review on or before June 4th of each year. Change of appraisal notices will be mailed out on June 13th and grievance hearings will be scheduled for June 27th. Because of this grievance schedule, the Assessor’s office is applying for an extension, which requires Selectboard approval.
- *Proposed Zoning Revision (Energy Efficiency Standard for New Homes)* – At their March 26, 2014 meeting, the Planning Commission (PC) voted to forward a zoning revision proposal to the Selectboard. This is a revision to our existing energy efficiency standard for new homes – section 5.23.2 #1 (Zoning). Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning & Zoning, was present to discuss these changes as well as

various representatives from the Planning Commission and Energy Commission. This agenda item will be discussed again at one of the June Selectboard meetings. You can find more detailed information on the Town website in the May 19th Selectboard meeting packet (see two documents with #7):

http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/14-0519/

- *Revised Zoning Fee Structure* – Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning & Zoning, was also present to discuss the DRAFT version of a revised Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. The major change is to the site plan fee structure – i.e., adding a charge tied to the size of the project so that larger projects pay more to help offset increased review costs. You may view the DRAFT version of this fee schedule in the May 19th Selectboard meeting packet at the link provided above (see document #8). Discussion will continue on this agenda item at one of the June meetings.
- *Charlotte Road* – The Selectboard approved a Motion to hire Green Mountain Pipeline Services for the cleaning and CCTV(video) inspection of the 450 linear feet of concrete drain pipe running along the side of Charlotte Road, beginning at the intersection of Route 116. At the April 21st meeting, issues with this piping were brought to the attention of the Selectboard. The concrete piping appears to be damaged in some areas and therefore is causing edges of the paved road to fall in around it. This video inspection will allow a robotic camera to actually go through the length of the pipe and identify what areas are damaged which may allow us to salvage certain sections of the pipe. If it is determined that only a small portion of the pipe needs replacement, it would prove to be a considerable cost savings to the Town versus replacing the entire length of pipe and portions of the sidewalk above it.

Town Forest Committee

- *Spring Thaw and Spring Rains* – These conditions make trails in the Town forests unusable. If the trails are wet or soft from previous rains/thaws, please don't use the trails until they have dried out. Unfortunately, some trails have already been damaged this year. ATV's and horses are restricted to the Eagle's Trail from Economou Rd to Hayden Hill Rd West.
- *Target Shooting and Recreational Shooting* - These activities are not allowed within the Hinesburg Town Forest. No shooting or hunting is allowed *at any time* within parking lots and other "safety zones" as noted on the town forest maps. Maps are posted on the trail head kiosks. Hunters must adhere to all VT State Fish & Wildlife laws.

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