

Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 17, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee Workshop:** *Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Selectboard Meeting:** *Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Meet & Greet with Our New Town Administrator:** *Monday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Open Meeting Law Training:** *Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Public Forum:** *Thursday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m. (NRG)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* – This will be another reminder for a Drug Take Back scheduled for September 27th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Kinney Drugs. This is a great opportunity to get rid of expired or unneeded medication. If you cannot make that date, the medicine can be dropped off at the police station when a police employee is present.
- *Vehicles for Bid* – The Hinesburg Community Police will be selling our 2006 Tahoe and 2009 Tahoe based on sealed bids to be opened on September 22, 2014, at 7 pm at the Selectboard Meeting. There are posters on the 2006 Tahoe parked outside the police/fire station and for more information; you can also contact the department.
- *Job Opening* – The Hinesburg Community Police department currently has a job opening for a full time police officer. Information can be obtained from the Town website or contact the office at 482-3397.
- *Criminal Driving While License Suspended* – On Monday September 9th, an officer observed a violation of an obstructed window. An enforcement stop was conducted and the 28 year old male driver from Essex was arrested for driving on a suspended license. He was taken to the Hinesburg Police station, processed and released on a citation to appear.
- *Violations of Conditions of Release* – On Tuesday September 9th, Hinesburg Police were notified by a Department of Corrections officer that he believed a person

under conditions of release had violated those conditions. The Hinesburg officer along with a Richmond PD officer responded to the 33 year old male's residence where it was determined that the individual had violated the conditions of release by consuming alcoholic beverages. The male was arrested and brought to the Hinesburg Police station for processing. He was released on a citation to appear.

- *Criminal Driving While License Suspended* – On Friday, September 12th, an officer observed a vehicle on Vermont Route 116 with no front license plate. He made an enforcement stop and it was determined that the 23 year old male from Chelsea, Vermont was driving with a criminally suspended license. The driver was taken to the station, processed and released on a citation.
- *Agency Assist* – On Friday, September 12th, officers responded to Starksboro to assist the Vermont State Police with a fight in progress. Upon arrival, a male was observed to climb out a back window. The male was detained and it was determined that the 35 year old male from Starksboro had a warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody and taken to the Chittenden County Correctional Center by the Hinesburg officer.

Buildings & Facilities

- *New Sidewalk* – Work is progressing quickly on the new sidewalk between Charlotte Road and Hinesburg Community School. Construction is expected to be completed by early to mid-October. Please expect some traffic delays due to this project as you travel through the village on Rte. 116.

Recreation Department

- *Dog Obedience Class* - Our Dog Obedience Class, taught by Jim Warden, began on Thursday, 9/11 at 6:00 pm.
- *Soccer* - The soccer season is in full swing!! 5/6 boys traveled to Charlotte for a game on Sat. 9/13.



- *Rec Soccer Games* - We hosted one Charlotte 3/4 boys soccer team and one Charlotte 3/4 girls soccer team on Saturday. We also hosted a Shelburne 5/6 girls team and a Charlotte 5/6 girls team. Thanks to Tom Giroux and CVU soccer players Gabriela Moreno and Lucy Mathews for refereeing the games.
- *Soccer Jamborees* - The Starksboro Jamboree at Mt. Abe H.S. is Sat. 9/20. All soccer teams, minus Kindergarteners will participate. Charlotte Jamboree is 10/4 at CCS.
- *Children's Choir* - The Children's Choir program begins Tuesday, 9/16 after school at HCS.
- *Arts & Crafts* - Arts and Crafts with Chris Billis begins Friday, 9/19 at 2:45-4:15 pm. There is still room to register. Contact HRD - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Annual Fall Festival* - Annual Fall Festival is Sat. 9/27 from 10:00-4:00 pm at Town Hall. Puppet Show - "Bully! For the Three Pigs" is presented by the No Strings Marionette Co. at 10:15 am at St. Jude Church - walking distance from Town Hall. Enjoy a Outdoor Market, Music, and Art Show. Enjoy a Stone Soup Supper at 6:00 pm at NRG sponsored by the Hinesburg Land Trust. Tickets on sale at the Rec. Dept. and Clerk's Office. Adults \$10, Children 5-12 years \$5 and under 4 years are free. All proceeds benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf. For more information, contact 482-2281 ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

MEETINGS

- *Library Board of Trustees* - Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, September 24 @ 7 p.m. at the library

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *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. At this week's session 5 children and 3 adults celebrated the birthday of beloved children's author/illustrator Robert McCloskey, who would have been 100 years old Monday. (1914 - 2003)
- *Toddler Story Time* - The next story time for toddlers will be Tuesday, October 7th @ 9:30 a.m. Caregivers of babies and toddlers 3 years old and younger are invited to come and enjoy this special time with their little ones. This week's "trains" story time brought 5 children and 5 adults to the library.
- *Lego Club* - Every Thursday from 3-4 in the library's community room. Plenty of Legos to start a project and continue to work on it over the weeks! Ages 6 and up are welcome. There will also be board games and snacks. Free!
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group* - Thursday, September 18th, @ 7 p.m. - Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. The October selection is No Time Like the Present by Nadine Gordimer. Meetings are held in readers' homes. Refreshments will be served. Please phone Diane at 482-4455 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Pajama Story Hour* – All ages are welcome at this Thursday’s PJ Story Hour. Join Sara at 6-7 p.m. on Thursday. Wear your favorite PJ’s and bring your favorite teddy bear. *Otis the Tractor* is the theme for this month’s hour of fun.
- *Vintage Kitchen Linens 1930’s thru 1960’s*. Monday, September 22nd @ 12:30 p.m. Bring your tablecloths, napkins, aprons, pot holders, tea cozies, etc. or simply come to admire what comes in. Free event with light refreshments provided.

EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In the Community Room - "Evolving"* - An Autumn Exhibit of Artwork by Nini Crane Mixed medium paintings inspired by the four seasons of Vermont including landscapes, nature, flowers, trees, and scenes from travels. Don’t miss this lovely exhibit. Nini’s works of art are for sale.
In the Glass Case - An irresistible collection of hedgehogs made of all sorts of different materials, shared by Catherine Goldsmith.
- *Book Displays:*
 - Apples (Adults)
 - Space/Planets; pumpkins & apples; also DCF Award Books for Children

OTHER NEWS

- *Fall Hours* - Fall hours have begun at the library; Saturday hours are extended to: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- *Maintenance Project* - A new maintenance project is underway at the library: replacement of rotting exterior trim and siding, as needed. Some painting to protect the siding will also be done.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Planning & Zoning

- *Town Plan Survey* – The Planning Commission will complete its initial review of the survey results at their meeting on September 10. Shortly thereafter, we will make the results available to the community via the Town website and Front Porch Forum. We are extremely grateful for the 438 survey responses! That’s twice as many as typically show up at Town Meeting, and probably 10 times as many as we ever see at a Planning Commission public hearings. For perspective, Hinesburg has approximately 4400 residents, 3600 registered voters, and about 1900 households. You can consider the response rate any number of ways. We think getting 438 responses is OUTSTANDING, no matter how you slice it! Our last “community vision” survey was done in 2003, and we received 344 responses at that time.
- *Energy Efficiency Zoning Revisions* – The Selectboard held a hearing on September 8 to get additional public feedback on the Planning Commission’s proposal to revise our energy efficiency zoning regulations for new homes. Action likely at an upcoming meeting. For more information, and to read the proposed revision, see the Town website.
- *Cheese Plant Redevelopment Project* – The DRB is currently reviewing a revised site plan for the Cheese Plant property (Village area, 15-acre parcel). VT Smoke and

Cure is having success and needs to expand! They are planning to take over the remaining vacant portions of the main building – adding approximately eleven employees and 16,000 square feet of storage and office space to the 40,000 square feet they already occupy. This will leave 5,000-9,000 square feet of space for additional tenants on the east side of the building (e.g., portion with four overhead doors) closest to the Hinesburgh Public House. The DRB is working with the landowner to address parking, circulation, landscaping and lighting as the site redevelopment continues and matures. Both the DRB and the landowner are also trying to ensure any final site plan improvements allow for the possibility of converting the existing drive and Stella Road to a Town Road for improved access to the site, a more interconnected village road network, and some congestion relief at the Route 116, Charlotte Road traffic light. DRB review began on September 2 and will be continued at the October 7 meeting.

- *Green Street Project, Hearing Re-opened* – After a conceptual review in May and two final subdivision hearings in August, the DRB closed the review of proposed revisions to the previously approved Green Street subdivision (Village area, 13-acre parcel off Charlotte Rd). The proposed revisions would add several more dwelling units, and facilitate affordable rental apartments to be built by Snyder Homes and then owned by the Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont. This was a substantive revision, and after some deliberation, the DRB decided that several key issues still needed resolution before an approval could be considered. The hearing will be re-opened at either the October 7 or October 21 DRB meeting to give the applicant an opportunity to address these issues.
- *Hinesburg Center Project, Phase 1* – Did you think development of the Hinesburg Center project was finished (Kinney Drugs, Bristol Bakery site)? Behind the Kinney Drugs sits a grass pad, which is where the final development of Hinesburg Center Phase 1 will be located. The developer (Hinesburg Center LLC, aka Milot Real Estate, aka Brett Grabowski) has a proposal in front of the DRB for small pocket park (trees, benches, small fountain) along with a third mixed use building with commercial office space on the first floor and three apartments on the second floor. The DRB review began on August 19 and will continue at the September 16 meeting. We also expect a sketch plan application for development of the rest of the Lyman property to the west (Hinesburg Center Phase 2) later this fall.
- *Haystack Crossing (Black Rock Construction) Project Denial & Redesign*: The Development Review Board recently denied the concept plan for this project – 225 dwelling units, 56 units senior housing, 50,000+ square feet commercial space, green space, etc.; located in Village Northwest zoning district – 84 acre undeveloped parcel on west side of Route 116 (south of Shelburne Falls Road). Major issues cited in the denial include, but are not limited to, inadequate mix and distribution of uses and deficient access to Route 116 and to the south (Farmall Drive, Kinney Drugs area). The developer (Black Rock Construction) is in the process of redesigning the project to address compliance issues raised in the DRB decision. We will let the community know when if/when we receive a new sketch plan application for the project. To read the DRB decision, see the Town website (<http://www.hinesburg.org>)

Town Administrator

- *Drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians* - Fall is a great time to be out and about – whether it’s on foot, in the bicycle saddle, or in a vehicle. For a listing of some great walks and trails, visit the Town’s website (www.hinesburg.org) and look for “Trail Maps” on the left in the Quick Links section. Please keep in mind that the road is something that is shared by all users. For more information on the rules and responsibilities for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike, visit: <http://www.localmotion.org/resources/rules>
- *Pictures needed* - Town staff is always looking for great photos of life in Hinesburg for the website, Facebook, weekly updates, and the Annual Report – if you’ve got a few you’d like to share with your friends, neighbors, and visitors (both physical and digital), please send them to Renae at rmarshall@hinesburg.org.
- *Economic Development Forum* - Next Thursday (9/25) the Hinesburg Economic Development Committee is hosting a forum to discuss economic development goals for the community at Renewable NRG Systems at 5:30 p.m. The forum is the next step in the creation of an economic development plan for Hinesburg. For more information, visit www.hinesburg.org.
- *Development Review Board (DRB) Member/Alternate Positions (2) Available* – The DRB currently has two (2) positions available. One is for a regular member and the other is an alternate position. For more information and information on how to apply, please visit the Town website at the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>. Applications are due on Friday, September 26th. The Selectboard will begin conducting interviews at their meeting on October 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Renae Marshall at rmarshall@hinesburg.org or via phone at 482-2281 ext. 222.
- *Committees, Boards and Commission Openings* – Currently we have many other vacancies on various boards, committees, and commissions in Town. If you are interested in providing service to your community in this way, please visit the Town website at the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Open Meeting Law Changes* - The Legislature significantly amended Vermont’s Open Meeting Law this year. Changes include new requirements for posting meetings, creating and altering agendas, posting minutes onto a municipal website, and for entering into Executive Session. The amendments also include specific steps that must be taken when there is an allegation that a public body has violated the law. The VLCT Municipal Assistance Center has prepared a list of frequently asked questions that explain the recent changes to the law along with information about existing requirements. The VLCT 2014 Open Meeting Law FAQ’s is available at the following link: www.vlct.org/assets/MAC/VLCT_Open_Meeting_Law_FAQs_June_2014.pdf

These changes will significantly impact all municipalities, including Hinesburg, as it will apply to all Boards, Committees, and Commissions serving our Town. This new law took effect July 1, 2014 but all Vermont municipalities will have one year to get their procedures in order before any violations under this new law can be acted on. Renae Marshall, Special Projects Coordinator and Aaron Kimball, Web Manager, are working together to help this process move forward as efficiently as possible. See below for a training opportunity on September 22nd.

- September *Meeting Schedule* – Due to Labor Day falling on the 1st Monday in September, the Selectboard adjusted their meeting schedule to the 2nd & 4th Mondays during this month. The next meeting is:
 - Monday, September 22nd
 - 6:30 p.m. – Meet & Greet with Trevor Lashua (our new Town Administrator) Please join us in welcoming Trevor to Hinesburg!
 - 7:00 p.m. – Open Meeting Law Training/How to Run an Effective Meeting (All Boards, Committees, and Commissions are invited! Please RSVP to Renae Marshall at rmarshall@hinesburg.org)



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