

# Town of Hinesburg

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## Weekly Update

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### October 23, 2014



#### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Economic Development Committee:** *Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Food Drive* - On Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Hinesburg Community Police and the Hinesburg Fire Department will be sponsoring a food drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and this will be the fourth year of this successful project. This is one of the biggest times of need with the holidays coming. We look forward to seeing you. (Note: The hours were extended to 3 p.m.)
- *Family Fight* – On Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4 a.m., officers responded to a family fight off of Silver St. While on with a dispatch, a woman could be heard screaming in the background. Upon arrival, it was determined that the husband and son had been drinking and a verbal argument had occurred. No domestic assault occurred and the son agreed to go quietly to bed and no further involvement was needed.

##### Buildings & Facilities

- *Water Supply Improvements Bond Vote – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014* – The final public hearing will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Voting will happen on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Please come to this last public hearing to find out more information!

Currently two wells supply water for the Town water system's 721 residential customers, 61 commercial businesses, Hinesburg Community School, CVU, Fire Department, Police Department and other Town buildings and provide fire protection via fire hydrants throughout the village area. Water produced by these two wells is very hard and contains iron and manganese. Iron and manganese do not pose health risks but cause staining and discolored water which are a nuisance to system users. Hard water causes scale build-up on equipment and fixtures and is problematic for water heating equipment. These wells have been impacted by low levels of MTBE, a gasoline additive no longer in use. One of these wells has declined in yield over the years but because of the level of MTBE

contamination, the best method (hydro fracking) to increase its yield is out of the question due to further MTBE contamination. The wells were originally permitted at 190 gallons per minute (gpm) and now have an approved yield of 120 gpm. Because of this diminished capacity, the Town has been issued a Notice of Violation by the State and no new connections will be allowed until we resolve the issue.

More than a year ago, the Town began the process of identifying a site for a new well to replace the existing wells. In all, 10 sites were evaluated. Brad Wainer's generous donation of an easement to the Town on his Shelburne Fall's Road property would allow the Town to drill two new wells. One of these wells has the potential to be permitted for 240 gpm which would meet the existing system demand and provide for some new project connections in the short term.

The Bond Vote scheduled for November 4, 2014 is for a \$1,500,000 project to include necessary infrastructure to connect the new wells to a control/treatment building, provide treatment for water softening and iron and manganese removal, and piping connection to the existing distribution system. This will provide water system customers better water quality with no MTBE contamination and correct our State permit violation. The bond will be repaid by new and existing water system customers with no impact on Town property taxes. For more information, please visit the Town website: [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)

### **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

- *Voting* - At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the last day to register to vote is October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. If you are unsure if you are already on the voter checklist, please feel free to give me a call at 482-2281 ext.223 to double-check. You can vote early anytime between now and the day before the election by stopping by the office or by requesting that a ballot be mailed to you. All early or absentee ballots must be returned by the close of the polls on Election Day.

As a reminder, please don't write in frivolous or silly names, or your mother, father, brother or sister on the write-in lines on the ballot. This creates more work for the volunteers who help out at the polls on election night as we have to track all names that receive "write-in" votes. Thanks for your consideration. Of course, if there is a legitimate write-in campaign for an actual candidate, you should feel free to exercise the right to cast your vote for whomever you choose.

- *Property Taxes* - Property taxes are due on November 17, 2014 by midnight. We don't come in to check the drop box at midnight, so for practical purposes anything that we have received by the time we arrive for work on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be considered timely. The best advice, of course, is not to wait until the last day!!!! Come in on Thursday or Friday and then you can sleep easy over the weekend knowing you don't need to worry about forgetting. Any cash payments should be brought in

with the exact amount due or we may be unable to give you any change. See you all in November!!

### **Recreation Department**

- *Babysitting Class* - American Red Cross Babysitting class was a great success on Thursday, 10/16. 15 students took advantage of no school at HCS and were able to fulfill a 6 hour class.



- *Insanity Class* - NEW Insanity class has begun on Thursdays from 5:40-6:30 p.m. taught by Hinesburg resident Kristin Kidder. There's still room in this cardio pumping class so join the fun! \$50 for 5-week session or pro-rated to \$10 per class whenever you join. Register with HRD, but checks are payable to instructor, Kristin Kidder.
- *Final Dog Obedience Class* - Last Dog Obedience class with Jim Warden will actually finish THIS Thursday, 10/23.
- *Training for Warriors* - New Training for Warriors began on Mon. 10/20 at 6:00 a.m. class is full.
- *Youth Basketball* - Sign up for Youth Basketball! Program is for grades K-6 and held in HCS gym. Grades 1-2 will focus on drills and play in-house games. Grades 3-6 will have one mid-week practice and play home and away games within the greater Burlington area through CVRA - Champlain Valley Recreation Association from 1/10/15 - 2/14/15. Program starts on 12/6 and runs through 2/7/15 for K-2 and 2/14/15 for 3-6. Sign up by 11/21 and pay \$40. Afterward is \$50. Deadline is 11/28. For more information contact HRD at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or 482-2281 ext. 230. Forms are available at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org), via email, or hard copies are available at Rec. Office.

- *Literature & Arts Class* - Still room in Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple. Tuesdays from 2:45-4:15 p.m. starting 11/4 through 12/16 in the HCS Art Room. Cost is \$105. Register with HRD. Forms can found at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) under Recreation, via email at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or call with questions at 482-2281 ext. 230.

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### CALENDAR

#### Meetings

- *Library Board of Trustees* - Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 p.m. at the library. The next two meetings will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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.
- *Toddler Story Time* - Good news! In November we will offer toddler story times weekly. The next story time will be on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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.
- *Lego Club* – Next Lego Club is Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the library’s Community Room. They are held every Thursday from 3-4 p.m. There are 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! Please note that parents and guardians must sign a Carpenter-Carse Library waiver stating that they assume all responsibility for transportation to and from Lego Club at the library. The Library cannot be held responsible for the safety of your child during drop-off or pick-up to/from Lego Club or other after school events.
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group* - Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – Book: The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans in Their Epic Quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. December is the book group’s poetry month. Participants are invited to bring along a favorite poem or two to share by reading aloud. Date: Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in readers’ homes with refreshments served. Please phone Renate at 482-7743 or Sally at 985-9102 for more information. Last week the group had an excellent discussion of No Time Like the Present – Nadine Gordimer’s novel about life in South Africa, post-apartheid. The novel and the issues it raises are challenging, and it was concluded that change is never easy and almost always is messy.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Slightly Spooky Story Hour* – TONIGHT - Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 p.m. - Wear your favorite PJ’s for some slightly scary books, crafts and snacks. We will get in the mood for upcoming Halloween festivities. Children of all ages are welcome with an adult; recommended ages: 2-6 yrs.

- *Children’s Soap Carving Workshop* – Come to the library on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for this program with Allison Gergely of Birds of Vermont Museum. Children (ages six and up) will make their own carvings using a bar of soap and a popsicle stick tool. Go home with your carving, tool and a new hobby! Sign up at the front desk or by calling 482-2878. Class size is limited; snacks provided – free.
- *Local Author Event* – On Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Moses Robinson and the Founding of Vermont by Robert A. Mello of Hinesburg. Superior Court Judge Robert A. Mello restores Moses Robinson to his rightful place as one of the most significant figures in the founding of Vermont. The newest publication from the Vermont Historical Society, Moses Robinson and the Founding of Vermont, invokes new thoughts about Vermont’s complicated beginnings. Author Robert A. Mello will tell the Moses Robinson story at a book signing at Carpenter-Carse Library. This full-length biography shows Robinson as a leader of the revolt against New York, one of Vermont’s agents to Congress in charge of negotiating statehood, architect of Vermont’s legal system, and first chief justice, governor for a year, and then Vermont’s first senator. This is a clear and precise discussion of the tangled events leading to Vermont’s statehood, offering a fresh perspective on early Vermont history for new generations.

Robert Mello is a former trustee of the Vermont Historical Society and a current Superior Court judge. He has had a life-long fascination with American history and the law, especially early history in Vermont.

Exhibits and Displays 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* – A new collection in our glass case features bird sculptures and statuettes, large and small, compliments of Ellen Foster. Many bird species are represented.
- *Book Displays:*
  - Autumn
  - Halloween
  - National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
  - The Ocean

OTHER NEWS

- *Fall Saturday Hours* - Saturday hours this fall are: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- *Parking Lot Paving Project* - Rox Asphalt, LLC is tentatively scheduled to begin work on a parking lot paving project at the Library on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. As details about access become available, we will inform the public on Front Porch Forum and the library web site: [www.carpentercarse.org](http://www.carpentercarse.org) or check with library staff.
- *Staff Meeting* –Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Attendance: 8 staff members
- *Strategic Planning* – Strategic planning meetings were held on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. In attendance at the first meeting were: Susan Abell, Sue Barden and Ed Sengle; 10/15: Susan Abell, Sue Barden, Gianetta Bertin, Jane Racer and Ed Sengle.

- *Classic Films of the 1950's* – An event hosted by Carpenter-Carse Library – a fascinating look at films and film-making in the 50's. His knowledge and commentary on selected movie clips were amazing. The politics of actually getting a film made during that era were discussed, as was the issue of Hollywood blacklists. Many of our audience members signed up to continue with our Film Discussion Group this winter. This was a great program with an articulate speaker at the helm. Special thanks go to Steve Faust for providing popcorn from Yolo Snacks for the event. The evening was sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - [http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).

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

### **Development Review Board**

*Upcoming application(s) for DRB Review:*

- *Artie & Claire Weis* - Revision to Final Plat (Minor) - Property Location: 139 Raven Hill Road -The applicants received an approval for a two lot subdivision on May 20, 2014. After the approval, the wastewater permit application was reviewed by the State and it was determined that the replacement field for lot #1 which is located on lot #2 would have to be reconfigured and would result in a small but necessary corner of the building envelope becoming unusable. The applicants are requesting a modification to the approved plat so the building envelope can be reconfigured and that area can be used. This property is located on a 10.1 acre parcel off of Raven Hill Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the November 4<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.*
- *Philip Galiga & Ann Janda* - Sketch Plan Application for a two lot subdivision - Property Location: 119 Lomeadow Road - The applicants are requesting sketch plan review for a proposed two lot subdivision on their 10 acre property. The proposal would create a 7.3 acre lot for their existing house and create an additional building lot with the remaining 2.7 acres of the open meadow. This property is located at 119 Lomeadow Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the November 4<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.*
- *Kalyn Campbell (applicant)/Chuck Ross (property owner)* – Sign Review for a commercial free-standing sign – Property location: 2386 Shelburne Falls Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the November 4<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.*

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