



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Food Drive* – I would like to thank everyone who was able to give to the Hinesburg Food Shelf through the food drive sponsored by the Hinesburg Police and the Hinesburg Fire Department. We took in 888 pounds of food and over \$1000 dollars in cash. I would also like to thank the volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help make this another success.



- *Possible Domestic* – On Monday, November 9th, an officer was called out for a possible domestic occurring at an address on Mechanicsville Rd. The officer determined that there was no problem and it was only a noise issue.
- *Vehicle Theft* - On Saturday, November 14th, an officer responded to a Baldwin Rd. address for a reported stolen vehicle. This is the second time this vehicle has been stolen.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Activity (11/10/15 – 11/16/15)*
 - 11/10/15 - EMS - Injuries from fall
 - 11/10/15 - EMS - Allergic reaction
 - 11/13/15 - EMS - Seizure
 - 11/14/15 - Fire - 3 car motor vehicle crash (MVC) - no injuries - 2A
 - 11/16/15 - EMS - Unresponsive patient
- *Training and Other Information*
 - *Business Meeting* - We have our business meeting this Wednesday on 11/18/2015
 - *Food Drive* - Members worked alongside with Hinesburg Community Police in a food drive in town this past Saturday 11/14/2015. We collected 888 pounds of food and over \$1000 in donations.

Highway Department

- *Winter Prep* – The Highway Department is busy prepping all of the equipment for winter and cleaning out culverts and ditches, as well as other maintenance work to best prepare for the upcoming season.

Recreation Department

- *Youth Basketball* - Early incentive youth basketball deadline to register is 11/20. Final deadline is 11/27. Season starts on 12/5.
- *HRD Winter Program Guide* - HRD Winter Program Guide was mailed on Friday. If you missed your copy, you can also find it online at www.hineburg.org/recreation.html
- *Preschool Play Yoga* - A program offering that missed the Winter Rec. Guide is Preschool Play Yoga with Ashley on Mondays from 9:30-10:15 am at Town Hall. For ages 2.5-5 years, experience yoga through the use of music, art, song and yoga-style games. Thematic ideas such as peace, respect, gratitude and acceptance will be presented at an age appropriate level. Students should bring a mat and wear loose, easy-to-move in clothing. Session 1 is Jan. 4 through Feb. 15, 2016 minus 1/18 for MLK holiday. Session 2 is March 7 - 11, 2016. Cost is \$70 per session. Register with HRD. hinesburgrec@gmav.net
- *GroupFIT* - Also missed in the Winter Rec. Guide is a **new** version of the early morning fitness offering at Town Hall...GroupFIT with Jess! Choose from a 5:15-6:00 a.m. or 6:00-6:45 a.m. class that provides detailed warm-ups, strength, endurance, and flexibility training. Start your day early and burn fat, build muscle, and get fit with GroupFIT. With Town Hall being minutes away from most residents, this early morning option is possible! Register with HRD.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *New Library Hours ~ November 2015 – June 2016:*
 - Mondays & Saturdays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Wednesdays & Fridays – 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Please note that on July 1, 2015 we added 2 hours/week to the library's open hours. In July 2016 more hours will be added. It is expected that all hours going forward will be*

year-round; no seasonal changes. See the Hinesburg Record for an explanation of the “why” and “how” behind the changes.

- *Library Trustee Meeting* – Wednesday, November 18th at 7 p.m. at Carpenter-Carse Library. The 2016-17 budget and Strategic Plan will be discussed. Open to the public.
- *Holiday Closing* - The library will be closed on November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

- *Youngsters Story Time* – Babies and kids ages 0-4 join Librarian Sara every Tuesday from 9:30-10 am at the library’s community room for stories, movement, songs and snacks.

OTHER REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Café Make* – The next Café Make day is Saturday, November 21st. Drop in anytime between 10 – 2 or stay for the entirety. This all-ages program (not just for kids!) is yours for the making. We provide the coffee, space, and snacks to fuel your imagination. Come create, collaborate, caffeinate and converse with others or simply use the library’s resources to turn your thoughts into reality. Did you know the library has a sewing machine, Wii, and scanner, all at your disposal? We want to be the catalyst for your ideas.
- *Crafternoons* - Here is an opportunity for kids to get creative with craft materials for an hour after school (3-4 p.m.) Materials and snacks are provided. The December 1 theme is *Holiday Card & Snowflake Creation*. This program is for ages eight and up is FREE! Pre-registration is required: sign up in advance at the front desk or by calling 482-2878.
- *Come read to Therapy Dog Charlie!* - Charlie is a standard poodle and loves to hear stories and visit with you. He will be at our library one Wednesday a month. The first time will be December 9th from 3:15 to 4:30. This is an excellent opportunity for emerging readers and dog-lovers alike. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required (482-2878).
- *Lego Club* - Come on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4 p.m. to build with Lego blocks with your friends after school! This program is limited to 15 children; sign up for one of two six-week sessions at the library, or by calling: 482-2878. The first six-week session will end this Thursday on November 19th. The second session starts February 4th. Children ages 5-10 are welcome, with or without an adult. Snacks are provided. This is a FREE program, but parents will be encouraged to donate their time or snacks to the club.
- *Book Discussion Group* - Avid readers are invited to join our library’s book club for adults, which meets monthly in readers’ homes. There will be no November meeting, but the group will meet on Thursday, December 3rd to discuss *Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka. Come and meet the group at 7 p.m. for lively conversation and refreshments. The group has chosen Jules Verne’s classic *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* to read for the January 7th gathering. Please phone Sue @ 482-5095 for information on meeting locations and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Holiday-Card Creation Station* – Join us on December 5th for some card-making fun. We will have all the supplies needed to make your holiday cards this season...stamps, interesting paper, stickers and more. Bring your creativity and your friends! Hot chocolate and festive snacks will be provided. This promises to be a fun family day out to kick off the holiday season.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In Our Glass Display Case* - The world’s high peaks hold a powerful fascination for many of us, and numerous books offer us a sense of experiencing the grandeur, adventure and

menace that the tall peaks represent. Two dozen books telling of mountaineers' expeditions on Mt. Everest and the mountain's special qualities are on display at the library, compliments of Greg Glade of Top of the World LLC. For each book, Greg has provided a brief synopsis of the central mountaineering figures and their expeditions. Reading these descriptions, it is easy to see why readers, as well as climbers, just can't get enough of Everest.

- *Mural* - A Vermont children's authors and illustrators' mural brightens the Carpenter-Carse children's area, thanks to the former Brown Dog Books & Gifts. ☺
- Book Displays
 - National Diabetes Month
 - Staff Picks
 - National Adoption Month
 - Thanksgiving
 - It's "Movember"..... We moustache ~ you to check out these books! (Ever heard of "No Shave November?" It is a worthy cause.)

OTHER NEWS

- *Thank You* – A big thank you to Monte Stokes, who installed new ballasts in the library's lighting fixtures last week! For many years the library has benefitted from Monte generously donating his time and labor, performing this much-needed task. The library has many, many light fixtures, and Monte also replaces fluorescent bulbs for us; we buy the bulbs; he puts them in. Monte is an electrical contractor.
- *Library Mailing Address* - We ask that all correspondents use the P.O. Box 127 address when sending mail to the library. Envelopes with the 69 Ballards Corner Road address may be delayed or not be delivered.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Planning & Zoning

- *Richmond Road Bike/Ped Study* – Positive feedback continued to pour in after the November 5th local concerns meeting, about the possibility of improving bike & pedestrian access along Richmond Road. The project made the front page of the Burlington Free Press on Monday (11/16)!
- *Hannaford Trial Coming Up* – The various appeals and cross appeals about the proposed Hannaford supermarket on Commerce Street will be reviewed at trial by the VT Superior Court – Environmental Division in early December. Hannaford first submitted their site plan application to the Town on November 10, 2010. The DRB approved the site plan on November 6, 2012. In 2013, Hannaford co-applied for related changes to abutting properties (Aubuchon Plaza, Automotion site, etc.). Several of these were denied by the DRB on May 6, 2014. The project also went through an extensive Act 250 review (State-level permitting), and was denied solely on the basis of the Town's lack of water supply – i.e., likely to get Act 250 approval once the Town's new wells come on line. All of these decisions were appealed by various parties – principally a group of concerned citizens and Hannaford itself. After unproductive mediation attempts, it's time for trial. The length of the trial is to be determined. Once complete, a ruling from the Environmental Court could take several months. After that, the parties have the option to appeal further to the VT Supreme Court. In other

words, we'll probably have a ruling from the Court by spring/summer of 2016, but a final ruling pending any appeals to the higher court could still be years away.

Town Administrator

- *Bid Opening* – Bids were opened last week for the water treatment facility. Only three bids were received and unfortunately all came in at a much higher dollar amount than original estimates. The project team is currently reviewing the bids and exploring options at this point. More information on this project and the anticipated schedule will be available in the coming weeks.
- *FY17 Budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Program* – The Selectboard and Town Administrator's office are in the process of creating the budget for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The budget process typically begins in October with the submittal of budget requests by departments and concludes at Town Meeting in March with action on the budget by voters. Budget materials are available on the website (www.hinesburg.org) and offer a way to track the development process, showing the transition from the baseline request to the proposed document scrutinized by voters. Keep in mind that the creation of the budget and capital plan are iterative – the proposals may only represent a snapshot of the discussion at a given moment. If you have any ideas for the budget or capital program, please share those with the Town Administrator's office (tlashua@hinesburg.org or rmarshall@hinesburg.org) or consider participating in a budget discussion between now and March.
- *Digital Participation in Selectboard meetings* – Would you like to participate in Selectboard discussions but can't always get to Town Hall on Monday nights? The Selectboard is offering digital participation in certain meeting topics. Viewers watching on public access television or streaming live can submit questions or comments to: selectboard@hinesburg.org. Those questions and comments may then be read and discussed during the meeting. The topics will be noted on the agenda for the meeting, and announced by the chair during the broadcast. For public records purposes, please make sure to include your name and address in the email (what is required on the sign-in sheet for those attending a meeting in person).
- *Vacancies on Town Committee, Boards, Committees* – The following seats are currently open: <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>

Affordable Housing Committee: (2) 3-year term
Agency Request Review Committee: (2) 3-year term
Conservation Commission: (5) 4-year term
Development Review Board Alternate (1) 3-year term
Economic Development Committee (1) 3-year term
Energy Committee: (4) 3-year term
Recreation Commission: (2) 3-year term
Village Steering Committee: (3) 2-year term

Applications are available on the Town website or can be picked up in the Town Administrator's office. Please submit an application via email to Renae Marshall, rmarshall@hinesburg.org or drop off in the Town Administrator's Office.

Application forms can be found at:
http://hinesburg.org/documents/abc_application_form.pdf

Appointments and Procedure Policy:

<http://hinesburg.org/documents/abc-appointment-and-procedure-policy.pdf>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

- *DRB Alternate Needed* - The Hinesburg Development Review Board (DRB) needs an Alternate to serve a three-year term. Anyone can apply, but the skill sets that are particularly needed are architecture, landscape architecture, and/or civil engineering. These skills would be especially beneficial to achieving the community's vision and facilitating the development review process.

The DRB has seven members and two alternates, all appointed by the Select Board. It reviews all development proposals that require more than a simple zoning/building permit (subdivisions, business site plans, planned residential developments, conditional uses, signs, camp conversions, etc.) The DRB is a technical and project/application driven group with a specific "rule book" (Zoning and Subdivision regulations and Official Map) on which to base approvals or denials of new development.

DRB meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30pm. Each Alternate attends DRB meetings every other month - i.e., there is always one Alternate at every meeting.

The DRB is where the rubber meets the road in terms of guiding and shaping how new development functions and what it looks like. If this is something you care about, please consider serving as a DRB Alternate. Application forms and information on the selection process is available on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>.

To express interest in becoming a DRB Alternate contact Renae Marshall in the Town Administrator's Office, at rmarshall@hinesburg.org or 482-2281 x222.

For details on what it means to be a DRB member (perks, staff support, length of meetings, secret handshakes, etc.) contact Annie Geratowski in the Planning & Zoning Office at ageratowski@hinesburg.org, 482-2281 x232.

- *Upcoming applications for DRB review:*
 - Applications to be heard at December 1, 2015 meeting -
 - *Giroux/Brace*: sketch plan application for a 2-lot subdivision of a 13.8-acre parcel on the south side of Charlotte Rd. directly west of the LaPlatte River.
 - *Goodrich*: sketch plan application for a 9-lot subdivision of 63.1-acre parcel bounded by North Rd. and Observatory Rd.
- *New Development Review Board applications received* –
 - No new applications received since last week.

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