

Overview

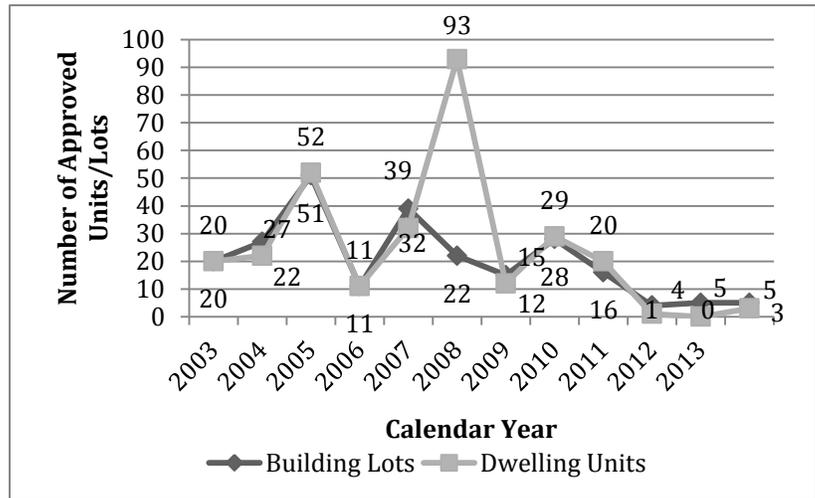
The DRB had 37 unique applications in 2013 rendering decisions in 33 cases with four applications ongoing as of 12/1/2013. While the board also reviewed many applications outside of the Village Growth Area, it is clear the thrust of the DRB's actions will focus on this area for many years to come. Of the 37 applications before the board to date 46% of them are located in the Village Growth Area districts, 22% in the Agricultural district, 22% in Rural Residential 1, 8% in Rural Residential 2 and 3% in the Shoreline district.

Subdivision Hearings (creating building lots and dwelling units)

In 2013, the board reviewed eight sketch plans of which six were approved, one was denied and one is still being reviewed, Two of the six sketch approvals returned quickly seeking and gaining final plat approval in 2013.

The board also approved one preliminary plat/PUD application for the Town of Hinesburg Recreation fields. We are also in the process of reviewing the preliminary plat/PUD application for the 24-unit Norris project at the south end of the village.

The board issued three more final plat approvals in 2013. In total, five new lots were approved and three new dwelling units. Projects still in the review process, including large ones like Norris and Hinesburg Center LLC, take the tally for potential future development to 38 lots and 79 dwelling units.



Conditional Use and Site Plan

The DRB approved seven Conditional Use applications for the following: 1 non-complying structure, 2 accessory apartments, 1 stream buffer encroachment (FAHC), 1 removal of a barn constructed prior to 1940 (retroactive), 1 for office space over 1000 sq. ft. (EPJ Properties), 1 for construction of a family health clinic (FAHC).

The board also approved revisions to previously approved conditional use permits for Hinesburg Center LLC on two occasions. The first to increase: seating, hours, # of employees, parking and customer traffic for the Bristol Bakery and the second to change the approved hours of operation for Kinney Drugs.

The board reviewed four site plans in 2013. Three were approved and one is ongoing. The Board also approved revisions to an approved site plan for Hinesburg Center LLC.

Other Hearings & Actions

The DRB reviewed: five signs; one appeal of a notice of violation; two transfer of land to an adjoiner; and one development on a private right of way. The DRB approved three revisions to previously approved subdivisions and granted one 12-month extension to a condition in a final plat. The DRB made three site visits and granted seven submittal extensions for projects in various stages of subdivision.

Volunteer Board and Staff

2013 saw the close of an era, with the departure of long time DRB Chairperson Tom McGlenn. Tom dedicated 32 years to the Town of Hinesburg and we thank him. We welcomed Sarah Murphy as a regular member to the board from her position as an alternate. Andrea Bayer was appointed as our second alternate. We'd also like to recognize Bill Moller, DRB alternate, for filling in for Kate Myhre while she took a leave of absence to have her first child. We also voted in new officers: Chairperson, Zoë Wainer; Vice-Chairperson, Dennis Place; and Clerk, Kate Myhre.

As for our professional staff, Freeda Powers has filled in as recording secretary again while Alex Weinhagen, Peter Erb and Renae Marshall, continue to do excellent work assisting applicants, members of the public and, thankfully, the DRB.