

**Tuesday, July 28 • 7am-7pm • Town Office**



### **What is the vote?**

Whether or not to repeal the Stormwater regulations recently passed by the Selectboard.

### **What is the purpose of the new stormwater regulations?**

To reduce the impact of stormwater runoff that results from new development. Large development projects are already reviewed under State standards. The concern is that small development projects (with under 1 acre of new impervious surface) do not trigger State review. Cumulative effects of smaller development have a significant impact on rivers, streams, and Town roads during heavy storms. Improved regulations minimize stormwater impact on nearby properties, rivers and streams, and Town infrastructure (roads, culverts, etc.).

### **Why were stormwater regulation updates proposed?**

- To conform to the Town Plan.
- To protect the health of Hinesburg's waterways and Lake Champlain.
- To prevent increased scrutiny by the State if waterways become impaired.
- To protect properties near new development and Town roads.

### **What triggers these regulations?**

- Soil disturbed during construction with an area over 3,000 square feet.
- Creation of new impervious surface greater than 10,000 square feet (size of main Town Hall parking lot).

### **What do the regulations require?**

- Erosion control provisions for construction sites.
- Stormwater control plan developed by a licensed engineer for projects with 10,000 square feet or more of new impervious surface (e.g., roof, parking, drives).
- Incremental/proportional stormwater improvements for smaller projects in the Village Area.

### **Why a 10,000 sq ft trigger instead of the State's 43,560 sq ft (1 acre) trigger?**

- Cumulative development has a significant impact on waterways.
- State review of solely large projects has not been sufficient to prevent impaired waterways and increased regulatory scrutiny in other towns.

**For more information - see [www.hinesburg.org/stormwater](http://www.hinesburg.org/stormwater)**

Printed copies of the proposal available at the Town Office

Contact the Planning & Zoning Office (482-2281 x225) or any of your nine Planning Commissioners

**Informational Meeting - July 23, 7pm, Town Office**