



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Alarm* – On Tuesday January 5th, officers responded to Baldwin Rd. for an alarm with the wrong code given back to the alarm company. Officers checked the residents and found nothing wrong.
- *Bomb Threat* – On Wednesday, January 6th, officers responded to CVU for a reported bomb threat. This written threat was found in a men’s bathroom and gave a specific time and location. The safety committee met and the principal determined that school would be delayed the following day. Nothing was found and the investigation is ongoing.
- *Drugs* – On Friday, January 8th, a vehicle operator was reported to possibly be involved in drug activity. The vehicle was located and an enforcement stop was made. The vehicle did not belong to the operator and based on probable cause, the vehicle was impounded pending the issuing of a search warrant.
- *Vehicle Break In* – On Saturday, January 9th, an officer responded to a restaurant in town for a reported theft from a vehicle. A side window was broken and missing from the vehicle was a black shoulder bag and wallet.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Activity (12/30/15 – 1/10/16)*
 - 12/30/2015 - Fire/EMS - Motor vehicle crash (MVC) - one car on its side - RT 116
 - 12/30/2015 - Fire/EMS - MVC - truck rolled - RT 116 north of Pond Rd
 - 12/30/2015 - Fire - MVC - no injuries - RT 116 north of Pond Rd
 - 12/30/2015 - EMS - Difficulty breathing
 - 12/30/2015 - EMS - Shortness of breath; fatigue
 - 12/31/2015 - EMS - Cardiac
 - 01/03/2016 - Fire - car in brook with occupant/pet trapped - Lake Iroquois
 - 01/04/2016 - Fire - Chimney / structure fire. Mutual Aid (M/A) to Charlotte
 - 01/04/2016 - Fire - Structure fire. M/A to Charlotte.
 - 01/04/2016 - EMS - Diabetic emergency
 - 01/05/2016 - Fire - Structure fire. M/A to Shelburne
 - 01/05/2016 - Fire/EMS - MVC car vs truck - RT 116 near Friendship Lane

- 01/05/2016 - Fire - Structure fire. M/A to Shelburne
- 01/06/2016 - Fire - Truck on fire; cancelled enroute (it had backfired) - RT 116 / Mechanicsville Rd.
- 01/06/2016 - EMS - Lift assist
- 01/07/2016 - Fire - Carbon monoxide (CO) investigation.
- 01/7/2016 - EMS - Chest pain
- 01/10/2016 - Fire - tree down on power lines
- News/Training
 - *New Engine 1* - New Engine 1 is closer to being in service! The station has been a flurry of activity with members coming down outside of our normal training hours to get the new truck ready. Tools were removed from R1 and our former E1 and put into service on new Engine 1. Members have been out driver training and pumping on new Engine 1. We expect the truck to be in limited service by the end of this week as final modifications are made.
 - *Engine 3* - Engine 3 will be our second EMS response vehicle - we shifted equipment around in order to make a safe/clean environment on E3 for our EMS equipment.
 - *Older Engine 1* - Older Engine 1 has been filled with anti-freeze and is being stored next to the station.
 - *Fire Station Houses All Trucks Now* - All of our trucks that are in service are now at the station. Engine 3 now has a home amongst its peers again.
 - *EMS Training* - We held our first EMS training of the year on 1/6/2016 where we reviewed cold weather emergencies and reviewed 12 lead placement.
 - *Officers' Meeting* - The officers held a meeting on Tuesday 1/12/2016.
 - *Fire Training* - Our next fire training is on Wednesday 1/15/2016 where we will train on Natural Gas emergencies with Vermont Gas.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Ballot Voting* - As most of you are aware by now, the ballot voting for Town Meeting, School District Meeting and the Presidential Primary are all happening on March 1, 2016. The polls are located at Town Hall and are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can also vote early by requesting that absentee ballots be mailed to you or by stopping by the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours to vote early in person. Many people now choose to vote prior to the election as it is more convenient and helps to alleviate traffic jams and lines on Election Day. The Presidential Primary ballots will be available beginning the week of January 18th as it is a Federal mandate that the ballots arrive at least 45 days before the election. This is to insure that military and overseas voters have plenty of time to return their ballots and have them included in the vote count. Local town and school ballots will not arrive until 20 days prior to the election. The last day to register to vote is Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Remember that this is one election when you must request a primary ballot for whichever party primary you choose to participate in. Voters aren't used to doing this as it only happens every 4 years during the Presidential Primary. During the General Election Primary in August, you will receive all party ballots and then decide which one you would like to vote on and you then discard the other ballots.

- *Petitions for Local Office* - Petitions to run for local office are due on Monday, January 25, 2016 by 5 p.m. Petitions are available on the Town website or at the Town Clerk's

office. Local elections include Selectboard, HCS school board, Carpenter-Carse Library board, CVU board and various other offices.

- *Town Meeting/Town Reports* - Town Meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 29th at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium at 7 p.m. The town budget will be discussed and voted on at this meeting, and whatever other Articles are on the Town Meeting Warning. Beginning this year, town reports will no longer be mailed to every household. You will be receiving a notice when the town report becomes available and will be able to pick one up at Town Hall. In the event you are unable to come in to Town Hall, please contact the Town Clerk's Office, and we will make other arrangements.

Planning & Zoning

- *Solar Tour* – Staff and two Planning Commissioners did an afternoon driving tour to see a wide variety of solar installations along the Route 7 corridor from Charlotte to Middlebury. We took a look at about 14 installations – some small, some large, some readily visible, some not, some screened, some not. Worthwhile to see the variability and to get a better sense of what these installations look like in different settings. Photos taken and some lessons learned.



Trackers in Middlebury



Installation in Salisbury, VT

- *Planning Commission Public Hearing – Zoning Changes – Solar & Commercial/Industrial Screening* – The PC holds a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations on Wednesday, January 13 (7:30pm). Revises commercial/industrial screening standards so as to include solar installations – so that the VT Public Service Board will consider these standards when reviewing solar projects. Details on the Town website.
- *Town Plan Update* – Drafting of the new Town Plan stalled in the Planning & Zoning Office in May of 2015 due to staff changes and work load. Drafting has resumed in the hopes of providing the Planning Commission with a first draft soon.
- *Budget Presentation* – Staff presented the proposed FY17 Planning & Zoning budget to the Selectboard on January 4. Part of the budget includes the use of funds, anticipated grant dollars, and regional planning assistance to begin a comprehensive overhaul of the Zoning Regulations in December 2016. After 40+ years of tweaks, add-ons, and targeted revisions, Hinesburg’s Zoning Regulations are in need of a makeover before they collapse under their own weight. The idea is to consolidate, clarify, and add graphics – e.g., a picture is worth a thousand words. If funding comes through, we hope to bring in a consultant with expertise doing this in other communities to work collaboratively with staff and the Planning Commission.

Recreation Department

- It was a very busy first week of 2016...here’s what was happening with HRD:
 - *Basketball Games* - We hosted our first basketball games on Sat. 1/9 at the HCS gym. 3/4 boys welcomed South Burlington at 10 a.m. and 3/4 girls hosted Charlotte at 11:15 a.m. Henry Moreno refereed (and did a lot of teaching) and the kids did great!



- *Piano Lessons* - We kicked off a new year and started our second semester piano lessons with Andrea Haulenbeek and Mary Beth Bowman.

- Afterschool Hip Hop Dance Class - On Monday, 1/4 Francesca Arnoldy started her Afterschool Hip Hop Dance class in the Flex Space at HCS with 14 K-2 graders! Whoooweee!!
- *Preschool Play Yoga* - On Monday, 1/4 Miss Ashley started Preschool Play Yoga at Town Hall for little yogi enthusiasts.



- *Literature & the Arts* - On Wednesday, 1/6 Susan Lepple began a new session of Literature and the Arts. Students created their own thunder makers and wrote poems.
- *Preschool Dance* - We started a new session of Preschool Dance on Thursday with Francesca and 9 little dancers.
- *Children's Choir* - Children's Choir begins Tuesday, 1/12 after school.
- *Smuggs' Sunday* - Our first Smuggs' discounted lift ticket Sunday is 1/31...THINK SNOW!

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Library Trustee Meeting* – Wednesday, January 27th at 7 p.m. at Carpenter-Carse Library. Open to the public.

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

- *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 next time will be January 13th 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).
- *Book Discussion Group* - Avid readers are invited to join our library's book club for adults, which meets monthly in readers' homes. Come and meet the group at 7 p.m. for lively

conversation and refreshments on Thursday, February 18th when we will focus on Rabi Alameddine's *An Unnecessary Woman*. Please phone Deborah @ 802-310-0375 for information on meeting locations and more.

- *Café Make* – The next Café Make will be from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 30th, 10am-1pm. This all-ages program 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, scanner, and digital camera all at your disposal? We want to be the catalyst for your ideas. Drop-in anytime between 10-1, or stay for the entirety.

BOOKS FOR SALE!

- *Vintage Book Sale* – Come discover the charm of old books. Some are collectors' items; others more commonly available. We have more than 100 vintage books priced to sell in the main room of the library.
- *Holiday Book Sale* - Thank you for shopping at our holiday book sale. Your purchases raised \$251 that we will use to buy brand new books.

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
 - Old Habits, New Habits
 - Health & Happiness in the New Year
 - Winter (Youth Books)

OTHER NEWS

- We ask that all correspondents use the P.O. Box 127 address when sending mail to the library. Envelopes with the 69 Ballard's Corner Road address *may not be delivered*.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Town Administrator

- *Photos Needed for Town Report* – Have you snapped any pictures from events taking place in town this past year – July 4th, Fall Festival, Concerts in the Park, etc.? Are you a member of one of our Town Boards, Committees or Commissions and you have pictures from work that your group has done this past year? If you would be willing to share your photos, please send them to rmarshall@hinesburg.org
- *Vacancies on Town Committee, Boards, Commissions* – The following seats are currently open: <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>

Affordable Housing Committee: (2) 3-year term
Agency Request Review Committee: (4) 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
Planning Commission: (1) 4-year term
Recreation Commission: (2) 3-year term
Trails Committee: (1) 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/cbc_application_form.pdf

Appointments and Procedure Policy:

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

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming applications for DRB review:

- *Applications to be heard at January 19, 2016 meeting -*
 - *Eastman* – Sketch Plan review of a two-lot subdivision of an 11.2-acre property located at 324 Sherman Hollow Road in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Lot 1 would be 4.3 acres and include the existing house. Lot 2 would be 6.9 acres and include a proposed house site.
 - *Bloomhardt* – Sketch Plan review of a two-lot subdivision of a 10.1-acre property located at 1381 Silver Street in the Agricultural Zoning District. Lot 1 would be 4.5 acres and include the existing house and buildings. Lot 2 would be 5.6 acres including a proposed house site accessed by a right-of-way over Lot 1.
 - *Norris* – Revision of the Final Plat for a 23.96-acre parcel located on the west side of VT Route 1116, across from Buck Hill Road West and New South Farm Road in the Residential and Agricultural Zoning Districts. Applicant is requesting that the condition prohibiting site work until water is available be removed since a new water system, with capacity committed to the planned unit development, will be on line in July 2016.
- *New Development Review Board applications received –*
 - *Wagner* – Conditional Use review for a proposed accessory apartment in a new structure on an 18-acre property located at 1890 Gilman Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. This application was approved on September 1, 2009, but that approval has expired.

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