



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Injury Accident* – On Monday, January 25, Hinesburg Police, Fire and First Response responded to the intersection of Vermont Route 116 and CVU Rd. for a three vehicle accident. One driver was taken to the hospital. A vehicle traveling southbound on 116 failed to stop at the red traffic signal and struck a vehicle coming straight off of CVU Rd. That vehicle then got spun around and struck a vehicle on Shelburne Falls Rd.
- *Injury Accident* – On Tuesday, January 26, Police, Fire and First Response responded to Sherman Hollow Rd. for a one vehicle accident. The passenger was transported to UVM Medical Center with possible injuries.
- *Runaway Juvenile* – On Friday, January 29, the Hinesburg Police were notified of a missing juvenile. The Vermont State Police were called for assistance and after a short search, the juvenile was found unharmed.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Calls (1/12/16 – 1/31/2016)*
 - 1/12/2016 - EMS - Female with high fever
 - 1/12/2016 - Fire/EMS - Single car motor vehicle crash (MVC) - Silver Street
 - 1/14/2016 - Fire/EMS - Patient fall in woods; possible broken ankle
 - 1/15/2016 - EMS - Pediatric respiratory distress
 - 1/16/2016 - Fire - Single car MVC - Swamp & McGee
 - 1/16/2016 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 1/17/2016 - Fire/EMS - MVC with injury - North Rd & Blackberry Hill
 - 1/19/2016 - EMS - Abdominal pain
 - 1/19/2016 - Fire/EMS - Mutual Aid (M/A) to Shelburne for a pickup truck rollover – VT RT 116
 - 1/20/2016 - EMS - Possible overdose
 - 1/22/2016 - EMS - Panic attack
 - 1/24/2016 - EMS - Patient slipped/dizziness
 - 1/25/2016 - Fire/EMS - Life line activation

- 1/25/2016 - Fire/EMS - Three car MVC – VT RT 116 & Shelburne Falls Rd
- 1/26/2016 - Fire/EMS - Single car MVC - Sherman Hollow Rd
- 1/26/2016 - Fire/EMS - Carbon monoxide (CO) detector
- 1/27/2016 - Fire - Smoke and CO detector sounding.
- 1/27/2016 - Fire - M/A to Shelburne for fire alarm activation
- 1/27/2016 - EMS - Allergic reaction
- 1/28/2016 - Fire - Smoke in building
- 1/28/2016 - Fire - Pickup truck fire - Pond Brook Rd
- 1/28/2016 - Fire/EMS - Smell of gas from basement
- 1/28/2016 - EMS - High blood glucose with seizure like activity
- 1/28/2016 - Fire/EMS - Smoke in residence
- 1/29/2016 - Fire/EMS - Fall - lift assist
- 1/29/2016 - EMS - Shoulder pain
- 1/29/2016 - EMS - Cancelled en route for possible hypothermia
- 1/29/2016 - Fire/EMS - Single car MVC - M/A to Shelburne – VT RT 116
- 1/30/2016 - Fire/EMS - Stroke / fall
- 1/30/2016 - Fire - CO detector
- 1/31/2016 - EMS - Female passed out
- *Training*
 - 1/13/2016 - We held a training on Natural Gas Emergencies that was presented from Vermont Gas.
 - 1/20/2016 - We held our annual business meeting.
 - 1/27/2016 - Training was on fire alarm systems.
 - 2/03/2016 - EMS Training on Respiratory emergencies

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Tax Forms* - The Town Clerk's office does not have any Federal or State income tax forms available. Neither do the library or the post office. They stopped sending us any forms or booklets several years ago. You can request forms from the State of Vermont by e-mailing your request to tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov or by calling (802)-828-2515 or toll free at 855-297-5600. You can also download, complete and print forms at www.bit.ly/vttaxforms. Federal forms are available at the IRS office in Burlington which is located at 128 Lakeside Avenue on the waterfront. If you have lost your property tax bill and need another copy to use for income tax filing purposes, you can get one from us at the town clerk's office M-F 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or request one via e-mail at mross@hinesburg.org. Happy filing
- *Dog Licenses* - Dog licenses are here and we are currently registering all dogs in town. The fee is \$10.00 per pet. Please be sure you have a valid rabies certificate either on file here with us or with you when you come in. You can call to check on whether we have one on file at 482-2281 ext. 2. We have dog biscuits so feel free to bring along your dog to say Hi and get a treat!!

Recreation Department

- *CVU Girls' Varsity Basketball Team* - The Kindergarten crew welcomed special guests from the CVU Girls Varsity Basketball Team on Sat. 1/30! These local celebrities were oohed and ahhed by respective players and parents.

- *Kindergarten/1-2 Co-Ed Basketball* - Sat. 2/6 is the last day for Kindergartener's and 1-2 coed players.
- *HRD 3/4 Basketball* - HRD 3/4 basketball boys hosted Charlotte and the 3/4 girls hosted Shelburne on Sat. 1/30. Referee extraordinaire Henry Moreno kept everything and everyone under control. Both teams did a great job and there has been significant improvement!



- *Valentine Cookie Decorating Class* - There are still a few spots left in Wendy Frink's Valentine Cookie Decorating class on Thursday, 2/11 from 2:50-3:50 pm. Cost is \$15. Register with HRD.
- *Smugg's Sunday* - Our next Smugg's Sunday is THIS Sunday, 2/7. HRD offers \$25 lift tickets for adults (19 yrs and up) and \$20 for youths (6-18 yrs.) February 7, 28, March 6 and 13. Ski and snowboard rentals and lesson options available as well. Sign up by noon on Thursday through HRD and pick up lift tickets from Coordinator at Smugg's on Sundays 8:30-9:30 a.m. Forms available at office or online at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation. For questions or to sign up, please contact hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Winter Adventure Camp* - Winter Adventure Camp Feb. 23 & 24. Come to Common Ground Center and join our staff for two fun filled days in the snow! With 700 acres to explore we'll snowshoe, track and learn about wildlife, sled, play games and build snow forts! Between outdoor activities we'll warm up inside our lodge with board games, crafts and hot chocolate. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided, participants must bring their own lunch, sled and winter clothing. Grades 3rd-6th 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Tues/Wed February 23 & 24. Cost is \$90. Register with HRD.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Library Trustee Meeting* – The February Board of Trustees meeting will be held on February 17 at 7 p.m. at Carpenter-Carse Library. Open to the public. Regular monthly meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned.

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.

The morning story time has been growing and growing! Last week 22 children and 17 adults attended.

OTHER REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Café Make* – Cafe Make, an all-ages program at the library took place on Saturday, January 30. A small but intrigued and multi-generational group joined us to explore a new acquisition to the library: The Arduino. An Arduino is a kit for building a digital device based on simple hardware and software. We set out to build a zoetrope (a simple, physical animation device) and used computer programming to tell the Arduino what to do. We have plans to continue working on this program (or others!) next Cafe Make, on Saturday, February 27 (10 a.m-1 p.m.) Join us!
- *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 February 10th from 3:15 to 4:30. The following visit will be on March 9th. 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*. The March selection will be *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan. Please phone Deborah @ 802-310-0375 for information on meeting locations and more.
- *All About Owls with Kristen Littlefield* – Monday, February 22, 11 a.m.; join us at the library for an exciting owling adventure! Environmental Educator Kristen Littlefield's enthusiasm is catching and participants are sure to be swept up while creating fantastic take-home crafts and learning all about our owl friends. This workshop is geared towards ages six and older (but is appropriate for younger learners.) Register at the front desk or by calling 482-2878. Limited to twenty participants, ages 4 & up.

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.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In Our Glass Display Case*
 - *Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914 – 1917) on the ship Endurance* - The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, commonly known as the Endurance Expedition, is considered the last major expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. Conceived by Sir Ernest Shackleton, the expedition was an attempt to make the first land crossing of the Antarctic continent. After the conquest of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen in 1911, this crossing from sea to sea remained, in Shackleton's words, the "one great main object of Antarctic journeyings." The expedition failed to accomplish this objective, but became recognized instead as an epic feat of endurance. Greg Glade of Top of the World LLC has arranged a display of photos, objects and books rich in details of the epic journey. Greg's descriptive notes add much to the exhibit. We thank him for sharing.
 - *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
 - Be My Valentine
 - Black History Month: Read about It!
 - Needlework
 - Miss Sara's (chapter book) Reads
 - Sara's YA Reads

OTHER NEWS

- *Great news!* - Kevin Donegan has joined our C-C Library staff, and begins his role of Adult Programs Manager in the near future. Kevin is a prolific young artist who expresses his creative spirit through stone sculpture and other art forms, and also lends support to people in their homes with personal care and light nursing duties. Kevin's intellectual curiosity, life-experience, artistic exploration and broad network of contacts will keep alive an important Carpenter-Carse tradition: offering a panoply of educational and entertaining programs for adults. We can all look forward to rekindling interest in a rich variety of programs.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Planning & Zoning

- *Solar Screening Conversation Continues* – The Planning Commission got very good public feedback at the January 13 public hearing and follow up January 27 meeting on proposed zoning revisions to address screening/landscaping of solar installations. Many thanks to those that came and commented! Changes to the proposal are in the works thanks to the comments and the resulting discussion. The PC hopes to finalize revisions to the proposal at their February 10 meeting (7:30pm), and then send it on to the Selectboard for consideration. More information on the proposed regulation revisions at <http://www.hinesburg.org/regulations.html>. A time sensitive effort given predictions from the Governor on down that more and more solar projects are likely to be proposed in 2016. As usual, Hinesburg is leading the way. After some searching, it doesn't look like any other municipalities are as far along in considering screening requirements that Act 56 enabled for the first time last year.
- *Magee Hill Road Solar Array* - Word has it that the VT Electric Cooperative is considering a sizable solar installation on Magee Hill Road here in Hinesburg. No notice of a formal application to the VT Public Service Board (PSB) yet, but a VT Electric Cooperative representative met with the Town Energy Committee a couple weeks ago, and met with the Selectboard on February 1 about the project. More information to follow, once we have better information on the project, and whether VT Electric Cooperative plans to follow through with an application to the PSB.
- *VT Route 116, CVU Rd Intersection* – Met with VT Agency of Transportation staff on January 15 to discuss the very significant planned improvements to the Route 116, CVU Rd intersection. The project aims to add turning lanes, install new traffic lights, add pedestrian crosswalks, etc. Construction is targeted for 2017, but the final design and right of way acquisition process is a bit behind schedule. VTrans staff working hard to keep the project on track. Town staff pressing hard to stick to the 2017 construction schedule while figuring out solutions to difficult stormwater runoff issues.

- *Leveraging Regional Planning Resources* – We submitted applications to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) for their annual work program that begins in July. Funding and staff support for a major zoning regulation overhaul is one project. Updating traffic counts at key locations around the village area is another project. Fingers crossed that they support our projects!

Town Administrator

- *Town Report* – The Town Reports should be delivered to the Town Clerk’s Office by February 18th. Notification will be sent out via a postcard when the Town Reports are available to be picked up at Town Hall. The full report will be available on-line as well.
- *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 February 16, 2016 meeting* –
 - The February 16 meeting will be devoted to DRB training on rural area permitted uses. Like all DRB meetings, this meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.
- *New Development Review Board applications received*
 - No new applications since last update

For more information on any of these projects, please contact the Planning & Zoning office at 802-482-2281 or lbudd@hinesburg.org.

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