



### Upcoming Meetings...

- **Selectboard:** Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 p.m. (Main Hall)
- **Conservation Commission:** Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)
- **Development Review Board:** Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)
- **Energy Committee:** Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Citizen Assist* - On Wednesday February 3, an officer did a civil standby on Jourdan St. while a person removed property from a residence.
- *Agency Assist* - On Thursday, February 4, officers located and cited two Hinesburg residents for theft at the request of the Essex Police Department.
- *Family Fight* - On Friday, February 5, officers responded to Wile St. for a reported family fight. The parties were separated and it was determined that it was a verbal altercation only. The male party left the residence.

#### Recreation Department

- *Smuggs' Sunday* - We had to cancel our Smuggs' Sunday 2/6 because of low enrollment and NO snow! Don't give up - we still have the following Sundays: 2/28, 3/6, and 3/13.
- *Valentine Cookie Decorating* - Still a few more spots left in our Valentine Cookie Decorating Class on Thursday, 2/11 from 2:50-3:50 pm.
- *Spring/Summer Rec. Guide* - Spring/Summer Rec. Guide will be out soon. Stay tuned...
- *3/4 Girls' Basketball* - HRD 3/4 girls played at half-time during the CVU girls' basketball game on Friday, 2/5! They played a Williston 3/4 girls team...a little bit of cross-town rivalry. On Sat. 2/6 they played a So. Burlington team at Central School and will finish up the season with a game against Charlotte next Sat. 2/13.
- *3/4 Boys' Basketball* - The 3/4 boys team played Christ the King with an early 8:30 a.m. start at St. Anthony's Parish on Sat. 2/6. They will host their final game this Sat. 2/13 at 9 a.m. at HCS against Charlotte.
- *Kindergarten/1st/2nd Co-ed Basketball* - The Kindergarten and 1/2 co-ed basketball groups finished a successful season on Sat. 2/6. The Kindergarten crew enjoyed visits from both the Boys and Girls Varsity CVU Basketball teams this season and all players made significant gains in their skills. Thank you to our incredible coaching staff - Shanda Driscoll, Joel English, Ben Epstein, Matt Baldwin, Aubrey Gardner, Ed Gordon, Travis Hart, and Hollis St. Peter.



CVU Boys Varsity Basketball Team with HRD Kindergarten Basketball Players



1/2 Co-ed Basketball Players were joined by the CVU Girls Varsity Basketball Team

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 a.m. 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

- *Lego Club* – The February series of Lego Club for children 5-10 continues on Thursday afternoons. *Registration is now full.*
- *Café Make* – This is an all-ages Saturday program at the library. At the next Café Make on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> you may continue working on the Arduino kit project or indulge in any pursuit of your choosing. Join us for crafting, good company and creativity. 10 a.m-1 p.m.
- *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 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 to 4:30. The following visit will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> when we will focus on Rabih 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<sup>nd</sup>, 11 am; 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
- *More good news!* - We are very excited to announce that starting in March the library will be offering a second Youngsters Storytime each week on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Due to the positive response from families and the crowded rainbow rug on Tuesday mornings, this second offering will be open again for care-givers with children aged 0-4. Please note: the Tuesday & Thursday content of storytimes will be more or less the same each week. You are welcome to come to both, but please expect repeats.
- *Books/Media Delivery Service* - We have started to use the new books/media delivery service sponsored by Green Mountain Library Consortium and Vermont Department of Libraries. This convenient cooperative service uses Green Mountain Messenger to send interlibrary loan materials between libraries. We already see a cost savings, after just a few weeks. Our current contract in the pilot program lasts six months.
- *New Programs Coming Soon!* - Exciting new programs for both adults and children are planned for the months of March and April.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - [http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html)

### **Planning & Zoning**

- *Old Police Station Project* – The next and possibly final round of the DRB review of the Old Police Station project is coming up in March. The Town is planning to create a small lot around the old police station so that it can be sold to an existing Hinesburg business (Energy Futures Group, EFG) that would like to rehabilitate and add on to the existing building for their new office space and potentially a small retail use. For more information, contact the Planning & Zoning office. Interesting wrinkles:
  - *Connector Road* - Act 250 permit requires that the Town install a connector road from the new police station access/parking area to Farmall Drive as part of the project.
  - *Shared Road Access* - New EFG lot will not have its own road access. It will share the new police station access. Parking will be provided along the new connector road, and at other existing on-street parking in the area.
- *Hinesburg Center Phase 2 Project* – This project was back before the DRB on February 2 for preliminary review (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3-step review), having been continued from the October 6, 2015 meeting. The lack of adequate municipal water supply continues to be problematic. Because of this, the DRB did no substantive review of the project on October 6 or February 2. The DRB continued the review to May 3, this time with the proviso that a denial is likely if the applicant is unable or unwilling to address the water supply issue by then. P&Z staff have recommended a denial, so that the applicant can reapply and restart the development review process when adequate water supply becomes available.
- *Greenspace Plan* – P&Z staff is working with the Conservation Commission (CC) to make final edits to the Greenspace Plan, which has been in “final draft” form for about a year now. The CC put about 10 years of work into the plan, which details the elements of the landscape that make Hinesburg special. The plan discusses these resources (water,

forest, wildlife habitat, agriculture, recreation) and makes recommendations on how to maintain and protect them to retain Hinesburg's rural character. Creation of such a plan has long been a recommendation in successive Town Plans. With a new Town Plan in the works, the Planning Commission is interested in incorporating the Greenspace Plan by reference, and by calling out specific recommendations. Hopefully a final version of the Greenspace Plan will be ready shortly, along with a first draft of the new Town Plan.

- *Town Forest Maps* – P&Z staff recently provided the Trails Committee and Town Forest Committee with updates to the Hinesburg Town Forest map for use at the three trailhead kiosks. Also provided a large format map of the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest (LHTF) and surrounding conservation lands to support the Town Forest Committee's work on reviewing the LHTF management plan.
- *New Business in Town* – P&Z staff recently issued a permit for a new business to Hinesburg that will be located in a portion of the Renewable NRG Systems (RNRG) building on Riggs Road. La Minita ([www.laminita.com](http://www.laminita.com)) is a company that provides green coffee from around the world, and now plans to have its headquarters here in Hinesburg.
- *Rural Area Business Presentation/Training* – P&Z staff will give a presentation at the February 16 DRB meeting to review allowed business uses in the rural parts of Hinesburg – many made possible with the rural zoning changes approved in 2013. We will profile the Bread and Butter Farm in Shelburne, which went through that community's review process as an integrated agricultural use to allow for on-farm events – e.g., their popular burger nights, summer camps, farm store, etc. The presentation and discussion will focus on development review considerations. All are welcome.

### **Town Administrator**

- *Town Report* – The Town Reports should be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office by February 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- *Town Meeting* – Town Meeting will take place on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at the CVU Auditorium. HCS Annual School Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Hinesburg Town Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Australian Ballot Voting will take place at Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- *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](mailto: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](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:*

- *February 16, 2016 agenda* - 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*

- *Daly* – Conditional Use Review of a woodshed added to a previously existing non-conforming structure on a 0.57-acre property located at 426 Turkey Lane in the Agricultural Zoning District.
- *Dziurzynski* - Conditional Use Review of a Non-Complying Structure and Revision to a Subdivision Final Plat for two 0.18-acre properties located at 90 & 108 Shadow Lane in the Rural Residential 1 and Shoreline Zoning Districts. The applicant is seeking to merge two adjacent properties, remove the existing seasonal structures, and build a year-round single-family home.
- *Haulenbeek/Prindle-Baldwin LLC* - Conditional Use Review for an Integrated Agricultural Operation on an approximately 345-acre property located at 1570 Baldwin Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. The applicant proposes to host events in a reconstructed barn.

*For more information on any of these projects, please contact the Planning & Zoning office at 802-482-2281 or [lbudd@hinesburg.org](mailto:lbudd@hinesburg.org).*

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