



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 2nd meeting has been CANCELLED*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Citizen Dispute* – On Sunday, December 18, an officer was called out to respond to Triple L MHP for a resident believing that a neighbor was throwing things at her residence. The area was checked with nothing found.
- *Owl Rescue* – On Monday, December 19, the office was contacted by a citizen who was stopped on Charlotte Rd. with an injured owl. Two officers went out and “boxed” the owl and brought it back to the office where the holding cell became a temporary bird sanctuary. Craig from Outreach for Earth Stewardship was contacted and picked up the owl.



- *Family Fight* – On Monday, December 19, an officer responded to the Triple L MHP on North Rd. for a reported family fight. It was determined that it was a verbal argument and no one was arrested.
- *Citizen Dispute* – On Wednesday, December 21, an officer was called out to respond to Triple L MHP for a resident believing that a neighbor was throwing things at her residence. The area was checked with nothing found.

- *Burglary* – On Friday, December 23, an officer responded to a residential burglary that occurred sometime during the day. The residence was on Buck Hill Rd. W. and was a forced entry. The investigation is ongoing.
- *Suspicious* – On Friday, December 23, officers responded to a residence on Partridge Hill for a possible burglary in progress. The tenant who was out of town was observing a male in the house from a security camera. It turned out to be the son of the home owner and the result was a misunderstanding and no crime had occurred.
- *Citizen Dispute* – On Saturday, December 24, an officer responded to a citizen dispute on Jourdan St. in the Sunset MHP. It was a verbal argument only and no action was taken.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Petitions for Local Office* - Town Meeting Day will be here before we know it and now is the time to be thinking about filing petitions for local office. There are always many terms that come up for reelection and incumbents who may or may not choose to run for those positions again. Two Selectboard members, Michael Bissonette and Andrea Morgante, have terms that will expire in March. I myself am up for reelection for Town Clerk & Treasurer. I am planning to run for another 3 year term as I love my job and the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity. There are also 3 seats on the Carpenter Carse library board, one seat on the Cemetery Commission, Grand Juror, Town Agent, Peck Estate Trustee and Town Moderator. There are also, of course, many Boards and Commissions that need members and those seats are filled by submitting a letter of interest to the Selectboard and getting appointed.

Following the school consolidation vote in June, a new consolidated Board will be created so there will eventually not be elected boards for each school in the district. For now, however, the HCS school board will continue to operate independently until December of 2017. Therefore, people will continue to be elected at Town Meeting this year to serve a partial term which will end when the new consolidated board becomes enabled.

If you have any interest in running for office, petitions are due in the town clerk's office by 4 p.m. on Monday, January 30th, 2017. You can find a petition on the town website under the Town Clerk option, or you may e-mail me at mross@hinesburg.org and I will send you an electronic petition for you to print off and gather the 30 signatures needed.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Youngsters Story Time* – Join Librarian Sara Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10 a.m. at the library's community room for stories, movement, songs and snacks. Please note that there will be no storytime on December 29th.

OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

- *Preschool Spanish Class* - Six consecutive Fridays: January 6th – February 10th from 1:30-2:15p.m. Is your little one hankering to learn some Español? Children ages 3-5 can join Ashley Williams-Wenschhof as she engages young learners in the Spanish language. She will use music, art, movement, imaginative role play and conversation to get young ones started on the basics. *This is a free program but children must be pre-registered to attend.* Get in touch with the library (room.ccl@gmail.com or 482-2878) to register your child. *Limited to 10.*

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In Our Glass Case* – Wood carvings, compliments of local resident Karl Novak. Over a period of close to 30 years, Karl has collected many wood carvings ranging in size and wood variety. Two special carvings in walnut are a shoe and a pig. Most of the wood figures are multi-colored and depict people, and a few are animal forms. The facial expressions of the figures are quite wonderful, as is the costuming. The wood carvings hail from Switzerland, Italy, Austria, China, Russia and the United States. Karl has figures from Vermont, Pennsylvania and Maryland. We thank Karl for sharing and we encourage library visitors to stop and enjoy!
- *In the Community Room* - First Peoples Culture: National Endowment for the Humanities art posters featuring Native American baskets and bowls, as well as art by George Catlin, N.C. Wyeth and Black Hawk. Poems are by Carol Willette Bachofner (Maine) and Sherman Joseph Alexie.
- *Mural* - A Vermont children's authors and illustrators' mural brightens the Carpenter-Carse children's area, thanks to the former Brown Dog Books & Gifts. ☺
- *Vintage Book Sale* – Come discover the charm of old books. Prices range from \$2.00 - \$20.00. All books on our bargain shelves are \$2.00 each. Proceeds always are used to purchase new books.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Highway Department

- *Open House* – The Highway Department has tentatively scheduled an Open House on Saturday, January 7th in order to provide residents with an opportunity to see the current building and have a better understanding of the safety and operational challenges they are faced with each day. Please stop by the Town Garage as you bring your trash and recycling to the CSWD drop-off center next door – the highway crew will be available until noon, weather permitting. A proposal for a new Highway Garage is being considered for a bond vote in March.

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Meeting Agendas* – Selectboard meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin boards at the following locations:
 - In hallway outside of Town Clerk's Office
 - Carpenter-Carse Library
 - Hinesburg Post Office

In addition to these three physical locations, agendas are available on-line at the following link:

<http://hinesburg.org/select.html> - click on link and then scroll down near bottom of page for meeting agenda/packet.

- January 2nd SB Meeting has been CANCELLED – next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th.

- Baldwin Rd Intersection – Continued discussion regarding the Baldwin Rd./Charlotte Rd. intersection will now take place at the January 9th meeting.
- Conflict of Interest Policy – The Selectboard began reviewing a draft version of a Conflict of Interest Policy at their December 19th meeting. This policy, if adopted, would apply to all Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, with the exception of the Development Review Board, a quasi-judicial board, which already has its own policy. The Selectboard is scheduled to discuss this policy again at the January 9th meeting at which point action will be considered. You may view the draft policy at the following link: [http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/16-1219/%2311\(1\)-Conflict%20of%20Interest%20Policy-Review%20and%20adoption%20version.pdf](http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/16-1219/%2311(1)-Conflict%20of%20Interest%20Policy-Review%20and%20adoption%20version.pdf)
- *Open Seats Available* – Are you looking for a way to become more invested in your community? Currently there are many seats available on various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Please see more information near the end of this *Weekly Update*.
- *Potential upcoming agenda times:* The following items may be discussed at the following Selectboard meetings. Please check the meeting agendas within 48 hours prior to each meeting:
<http://hinesburg.org/select.html> - click on link and then scroll down near bottom of page for meeting agenda/packet.

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| <u>1/09/17</u> | <u>1/16/17</u> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FY18 Budget and FY18-FY22 Capital Improvement Program and Budget Presentation. Department budget presentations likely as well. ▪ Action related to financing of solar tracker purchase authorized by voters (either on bond itself and/or interim financing). ▪ Baldwin Road intersection discussion ▪ Conflict of Interest Policy potential action | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FY18 Budget and FY18-FY22 Budget Discussion. ▪ Board/committee/commission annual visits and necessary interviews (if needed). ▪ Action related to financing of solar tracker purchase authorized by voters (either on bond itself and/or interim financing). ▪ Proposed Revisions to Overweight Permit policy ▪ Zoning Administrator Candidate Interviews |

*Wishing you and your family a safe,
happy & healthy New Year in 2017!*



Lantman's Market presents a benefit concert
for the Bissonette Recreation Fields

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BACK
TO
THE 80s



Friday, January 6th

The Old Lantern, Charlotte, Vt

with Special Guests, THE GROWLERS

Doors Open @ 6:30 • 21 and over

\$15 in advance • \$20 @ the door

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: Hinesburg Jiffy Mart

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*Looking for a way to become more invested in your community? ...
Volunteer to be on one of the various Town of Hinesburg Boards,
Committees, or Commissions!*

The following seats are currently open:

Affordable Housing Committee: (3) 3-year term

Agency Request Review Committee: (3) 3-year term

Chittenden County Transportation Authority Alternate: (1) 3-year term

Conservation Commission: (5) 4-year term

Development Review Board (DRB) Alternate: (2) 3-year term

Energy Committee: (4) 3-year term

Planning Commission: (1) 4-year term

Village Steering Committee: (4) 2-year term

Applications are available on the Town website or can be picked up in the Town Administrator's office. To access the application form and further information about each of these groups, please see the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

Any questions, please contact Renae Marshall at 482-2281 ext. 222 or by e-mail at rmarshall@hinesburg.org.

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