

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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January 2, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Monday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Vermont Gas Open House:** *Wednesday, January 9th from 3 pm - 7pm (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Accident* – Accidents can happen to anyone, the police chief is no exception. While driving to Middlebury to attend a meeting, the Chief was stopped at the intersection of Route 7 and State Route 17 waiting to turn left. A vehicle approaching northbound slowed, turned on his right turn signal and when it appeared he was turning right, the Chief pulled out and was struck in the left front by the driver who changed his mind. The other driver was 75 years old and on a suspended license for failing a reexamination. This admission is provided as a warning to all that even with a turn signal, it is no guarantee that the right of way has been granted and you can be at fault if the vehicle continues straight when you pull out to turn.
- *DUI Checkpoint* – On Friday, December 28th, a Hinesburg officer was participating in a DUI checkpoint in Shelburne. A vehicle approached and after speaking to the driver, it was determined that he had been drinking. The 59 year old Shelburne resident was arrested for DUI, processed and released with a citation to appear in court.
- *Hit and Run* – On Tuesday, December 1st, Hinesburg Community Police was requested by South Burlington PD to assist with a hit and run. The suspect vehicle was registered to a Hinesburg resident. Investigation by the Hinesburg officer indicated that the vehicle had been sold and the information provided to SBPD.

Hinesburg Fire Department

- *Wind Storm* – On December 21st the Fire Department was impacted with many calls relating to the high wind event. It was a very busy afternoon but

fortunately our power outages were limited in area and duration. It was also a quiet two weeks with only our business meeting on December 19th.

- *2 week Call Activity:*

12/21	Friday	11:05 PM	Richmond Road	Lift Assist	No Transport
12/21	Friday	12:45 PM-10:30 PM		misc. call for down trees and power lines	
12/21	Friday	3:10 PM	Propane leak from large residential tank rolling over Gilman Rd		
12/22	Saturday	10:35 AM	Commerce St	EMS	Transport
12/25	Tuesday	10:31 AM	Hayden Hill East	Chimney Fire	
12/26	Wednesday	9:17 AM	Kelley's Field	EMS	Transport
12/27	Thursday	3:25 PM	Route. 116 south	EMS	Transport
12/27	Thursday	5:45 PM	Farmall Dr.	Detector Activation	
12/28	Friday	4:41 AM	Pine Shore Dr.	Medical	Transport
12/29	Saturday	12:40 AM	Bishop Rd.	Propane smell	
12/29	Saturday	1:26 PM	Route 116 & 2A	2 car crash	2 transported
12/30	Sunday	2:45 PM	Route 116 O'Brien Hill	1 car roll over	1 transported
1/02	Wednesday	12:14 AM	Birchwood Dr.	Fall	1 transported

Town Clerk's Office

- *Petitions*—Petitions for local elected offices are due in the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28th. One must fill out the petition indicating the office that one is running for and then gather 30 signatures of registered voters. Please be sure that people print legibly so that their names can be verified. If you have any questions about running for local office, please contact me at 482-2281 Ext. 223 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the process for seeking election, what the functions of the various offices are, and which seats are open for election in this cycle.
- *Dog licenses*—Vermont law requires the registering of all dogs annually prior to April 1st. You can come in any time beginning January 2nd to obtain your new license. The fees are \$8.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$12.00 otherwise. Hope to see all of you dog owners soon!

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Vermont Gas Open House* – On Wednesday, January 9th, 2013 from 3pm – 7pm Hinesburg Town Hall will host an Open House for neighbors and residents interested in the proposed Addison Natural Gas Pipeline Project. Engineers, right of way agents, surveyors, and other representatives of Vermont Gas will be available to answer questions about the project.
- *Vermont Gas Public Meeting* – On Wednesday, January 16th, at 7:30pm in Town Hall, Hinesburg residents are invited to attend a public meeting regarding the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline Project. The meeting will include representatives of Vermont Gas and will provide an opportunity for community members to review the pipeline route as submitted to the Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good, to weigh-in on route alternatives within Hinesburg, and to discuss how citizen feedback can be included as part of the Public Service Board process.
- *FY2014 Budget* – The Library and Agency Request Review Committee will make their budget presentation at the January 7th, 2013 Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard has started the process of budget deliberations and will have the month of January to finalize the budget before setting the Warning for Town Meeting by January 28th. Budget information can be viewed at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/>
- *Commission, Board, Committees* – There are still seats available on the Conservation Commission and the Economic Development Commission. Please contact the Town Administrator for more information.

~ Happy New Year! ~

Wishing all of you good health & happiness in 2013!

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