

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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February 27, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Public Safety Facility Bond (Article 3):** *Wednesday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Town Meeting:** *Monday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m. (CVU Auditorium)*
- **Australian Ballot Voting:** *Tuesday, March 5th 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Disturbance* - On Thursday, February 21st, Hinesburg Community Police were called for a 35 year old male that was out of control at his residence. Upon arrival, extensive damage was observed inside the residence and the subject had fled on foot. Tracks in the snow were followed and the subject was found. After being taken into custody, he was transported to Fletcher Allen for evaluation. Hinesburg officers were assisted by the Vermont State Police and Shelburne Police Department.
- *Trespass Notice* - In the February 6th weekly report, one of the items reported was several persons were observed shoplifting on video at a local business. On Friday, February 22nd, the same persons returned to the business and were spotted by store employees. They were delayed in their departure until police arrived and subsequently issued No Trespass Notices. The processing of charges for retail theft will continue.
- *Burglary* - On Tuesday, February 26th, a business in the village called police regarding a forced entry to their business. It was determined that a crow bar was used to gain entry and several hundred dollars was taken from a desk.
- *Bond Vote* - On Tuesday, Hinesburg voters will be deciding the fate of the police building bond issue. It is still not too late to get any questions or concerns answered before the vote. The police chief is on duty Sunday / Monday morning and afternoon and will be at the Town Meeting Monday night.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Water Line Leak Repair* - Organized private water line leak repair on Charlotte Rd. This line had been leaking for a while but was difficult to locate in the bottom of ditch line.
- *Water Control Component Upgrade* - Working out the bugs/gremlins from a water control component upgrade at cemetery pump station, consultant was back to adjust after installation.
- *Temporary Wastewater Operator* - Correspondence with state about temporary wastewater operator coverage with Town of Richmond.
- *Annual Water System Inspections* - Compiled response to annual water system inspections.
- *New 3rd Floor Conference Table* - New conference table assembled on third floor of Town Hall. This table was constructed with wood from a walnut tree taken down on Charlotte Road for the sidewalk project.

Recreation Department

- *Spring/Summer Brochure* - complete and posted online at www.hinesburg.org and will be mailed on March 5th.
- *Spring Sport Sign-ups Continue* - Forms are available online or hard copies available at Recreation Office. Don't delay...sign up today!!
- *Family Swim* - held at the Sports & Fitness Edge in Williston on February 24th
- *Smuggs* - Two more Smuggs Sunday dates left!! March 3rd and March 10th - Sign up by noon on Thursday. Forms are available online or on table outside of Recreation Office.
- *Recreation Office Closed* - Recreation Office will be closed 2/25 - 3/1/13.

Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Town Clerk's Office

- *Voting Clarification*- I thought it might be useful to clarify a couple of things for the upcoming Town Meeting and Hinesburg Community School Meeting. There are two methods of voting: voting from the floor at a warned meeting and voting by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day at the regular polling place. Most “articles” for Town Meeting and the Hinesburg Community School Annual Meeting are voted on the floor at their respective meetings. One cannot vote on these Articles unless one attends the actual meetings for both of these, which are scheduled for March 4th (Town Meeting) and March 11th (HCS Meeting). This is when Town and School District budgets are discussed and voted upon. You cannot request an absentee ballot for either of these votes. By contrast, the Champlain Valley Union High School budget is voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5th, along with the election of officers for both the Town of Hinesburg and Hinesburg Community School. This is when you vote for School

Board, Selectboard, Library Trustees, etc. Absentee and early ballots are available at the town clerk's office. You can request an absentee ballot and we will mail one to you. You can also stop by the town clerk's office anytime between now and Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2013 to vote early. The last day to register to vote for the upcoming Town and School District is Wednesday, February 27th at 5:00 p.m. For more information: If you have any questions, please call the clerk's office at 482-2281 Ext. 223. And don't forget to vote! For more information: <http://www.hinesburg.org/elections/index.html>

- *Dog Licenses* – Dog tags have finally arrived! Please come in at your earliest convenience (prior to April 1st) to obtain your 2013 dog tags. If your pet's rabies certificate has expired, we will need you to bring a copy of the new one. Fees are \$8.00 per license until April 1st, at which point they increase to \$10.00. Please remember that licensing is required annually between Jan. 1st and April 1st. This law is to enhance rabies vaccinations to protect both your pet and the public, and to help us locate the owner of strays that may go out for a jaunt and get picked up by animal control. Thanks for helping us in this important public health effort!

Town Administrator

- *FY2014 Budget* – Please review the proposed expenditures, revenues, and capital budget plan prior to Town Meeting Night (Monday, March 4 at 7:30PM at CVU): <http://www.hinesburg.org/budget/index.html>
- *Town Meeting* – Town Meeting starts at 7:30PM at the CVU Auditorium on Monday, March 4, 2013. Participants at Town Meeting have the opportunity to consider approval of the FY2014 Town of Hinesburg Budget. Also at Town Meeting Night on Monday, March 4, voters will consider whether or not to designate Hinesburg as a Property Assessed Clean Energy District (PACE), and consider enacting a Resolution opposing the transmission of Tar Sands oil through Vermont. On Tuesday, March 5 between 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg voters have the opportunity to vote for local officials and consider Article 3: \$1,055,200 Bond for a New Police Station. Please go to our Elections page on our website to review the Town Meeting Warning: <http://www.hinesburg.org/elections/index.html>
- *Police Station Bond (Article 3)* – We will host a Public Hearing this evening (Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30PM) at Town Hall on the proposed \$1,055,200 Bond Ballot Item for final design and construction of a new police station. Consider watching this 15 minute video presentation so you can come to the meeting prepared to ask follow-up questions: <http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T01479&video=144170>
- *VT Gas Update* – The Town of Hinesburg filed a Motion to Intervene in the Public Service Board (PSB) proceedings. With this Motion, the Town has official 'party' status with the PSB throughout their deliberative process which will determine whether or not the Addison Natural Gas Pipeline receives a Certificate of Public Good. You may view Hinesburg's Motion, and all other

supporting documentation to date, at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>

- *VT Gas Update Continued* – The Public Service Board has set the following procedural schedule:
 - February 28 – Vermont Gas to submit revised petition;
 - March 21 @ 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing (Site to be determined)
 - March 29 – Deadline for filing motions to intervene;
 - April 5 – Date for filing responses to motions to intervene.
 - September 16 – Technical hearings to begin
 - You can view the Pre Conference Hearing’s Memorandum and Scheduling to Order at: <http://www.hinesburg.org/vt-gas-project/index.html>



Installation of new walnut table for the 3rd floor conference room of Town Hall

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