

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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August 7, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Board of Civil Authority (BCA):** *Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 14th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Town Health Officer

- North Road (LLL) – Investigated a complaint about a blocked sewer line connected to a mobile home and reports of illegal burning. The Health Officer worked with the landlord to mitigate the issue.

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Suspicious* - On Thursday, July 30th, an officer was called out at 11:30 p.m. for a possible domestic fight in Village Heights. There were no problems found or anybody needing help.
- *Suspicious* - On Friday, August 2nd, an officer was called out at 3:00 a.m. for a report of a male jumping out in traffic on Mechanicsville Rd. No one was found but someone had moved construction signs into the street.
- *Afternoon Shift, Friday, August 2nd* - On the 2nd, the afternoon shift had one car working with two officers (one trainee). Between 5:16 p.m. and 7:27 p.m., seven calls for service were received.

5:16 p.m.	Vehicle Accident
5:31 p.m.	Family Fight, Baldwin Rd.
5:46 p.m.	Residential Alarm, Silver St. (off duty officer covered)
6:40 p.m.	Citizen Dispute, Mechanicsville Rd.
7:13 p.m.	Citizen Dispute, Mechanicsville Rd.
7:19 p.m.	Alarm, CVU Rd. (Not checked until after 10:00 pm)
7:27 p.m.	Welfare Check, Baldwin Rd.

The officers cleared the citizen dispute at 7:43 p.m. and arrived at the Welfare Check at 7:50 p.m. This call was the result of a possible suicidal woman who emailed a letter to a friend. The officers checked the residence and the barns and could not locate the woman. Due to her vehicle being at the residence and her apartment unlocked, officers notified the Chief and a missing person search was to be initiated. While the Chief was en route, a more detailed search was conducted and in the back of a barn, behind a door that was not readily visible, the woman was found unconscious. Hinesburg Fire and First Response were dispatched at 8:16 p.m. and the woman was removed from the barn and transported to Fletcher Allen where she passed away on August 5th.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Activity* - Since July 10th, HFD has responded 33 calls. Twenty-six of these calls have been medical, of which 19 were transported to the hospital by ambulance.
- *Training Schedule* - With July 4th behind us, we are getting back on track with weekly trainings. The officers have been planning EMS and Fire trainings for the next few months.
- *EMS Training* - This weeks (Aug 7) EMS training we had a guest speaker. Chris McCarthy, an EMS course instructor and former member of Hinesburg Fire Dept presented a lecture about the different types of alerts which are called into Fletcher Allen by responders. Some of the alerts include Stroke, Trauma and Stemi. Stroke and Stemi alerts are cardiac related. A trauma alert is may be called due to a serious injuries.
- *Fire Training* - Fire training the past three weeks has concentrated on pump operations. Starting with Engine 1, our oldest and most basic pump, members are learning the steps to put the pump in gear and flow water using the tank. The second week, members were shown the steps to operate Engine 3, our mini-pumper, and Engine 2; both of which have Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS). After going through the steps to operate the pumps on E2 and E3, we went over to the canal bridge on Commerce Street, and using E2, flowed CAFS, initially using the tank, then by drafting water from the canal.

Highway Department

- *Route 116 Paving Project Update* – To access up-to-date information on this State of Vermont project, please go to the Town website: www.hinesburg.org

Recreation Department

- *Recreation Office* - The Recreation Office was closed last week, July 29th through August 2nd. The Recreation Coordinator enjoyed some good beach time on the National Seashore, along with getting her butt kicked in tennis.
- *Hart & Mead Concert in the Park* - Rick and Some of the Rambler's performed on Wednesday, July 31st. Next concert is TONIGHT (Wednesday, August 7th) when the Hinesburg Community Band will perform at 6:30 pm. Rain date is Thursday 8/8.

- Sign-up for Youth Soccer!! Information and registration forms are available at <http://www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html> or at the Rec. Dept.



Rick and Some of the Ramblers performing on July 31st behind HCS

Town Clerk's Office

- *Property Tax Bills* - Tax bills were printed, stuffed and mailed over the last several days so you should have received them by now. A big thanks to Aaron Kimball and Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom for their help with the mailing. Aaron spent the day at Town Hall stuffing envelopes for us as part of his annual community service and we greatly appreciated it! If you haven't received your tax bill by Friday, please give us a call as we may need to update your address or ownership. Also, if you haven't filed your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (Form HS-122), you can still do so. Don't miss out on the potential opportunity for receiving a credit from the State towards your property taxes. If you have any questions, please give Missy Ross (Town Clerk) a call at 482-2281 ext. 223.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Art Exhibit – "Illustrations" by Jenn Cullen (August 3 – September 14, 2013)* - This whimsical artwork will spark your imagination and bring a smile to your face. Visit the library during regular library hours to view an eclectic group of illustrations created by a local artist. Certain pieces are available for purchase; please refer inquiries to a librarian on staff. Jenn currently works out of Shelburne Pond Studios.

- *Celebrate Summer Reading Accomplishments with Tom!* - Don't forget to come to the library this Saturday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m. to spend an hour with former CCL Youth Librarian Tom Stamp. Tom will entertain with stories and songs about summer. Tom is a great storyteller and musician now residing in Virginia. Reading Certificates will be awarded to Summer Reading Program participants and refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome! 482-2878.

Other News

- *New Books Arrived* - Thirteen brand new books for adults arrived and are now on our shelves; others are expected within the week. An order of thirteen youth books arrived on August 1 and these are also ready for circulation. (What's up with the #13?!)
 - *Summer Reading Club* - Summer Reading Club kids had a rollicking good time when Rockin' Ron, the Friendly Pirate visited the library last week. Attendance = 27
 - *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library—*
http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Administrator

- *Public Safety Facility* – The Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for General Contracting Services for the new police station was distributed on Monday, August 5th. An on-site pre-bid conference meeting is scheduled for Friday morning, August 9th at the Fire House and bids are due by August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. The Public Safety Facility Committee will make a recommendation to the Selectboard to award the contract at a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28th (TTD). Construction is scheduled to begin mid-September. Also, the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank issued their 2013 bonds, which included Hinesburg's police station bond, on July 29th. Interest rates on the 2013 Vermont Municipal Bonds are greater than 1% more than anticipated at Town Meeting (4.4% compared to 3.15%). The bond bank is able to refinance when interest rates lower. The bond for the police station is a 30-yr note and will be paid back with a combination of Police Impact Fees and property taxes.
- *Rural Area Zoning Public Hearing* – The Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed Rural Area Zoning Ordinance. Information on this proposal is available at: <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- *Shooting Ordinance Public Hearing* – The Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 16th on a proposed Shooting Ordinance. This ordinance is available for review at: www.hinesburg.org
- *Employee Retiring* – Hinesburg Community Police Officer George Fon will retire as a full-time police officer on August 11, 2013. George served the Town of Hinesburg for 2 ½ years, has over 35 years of experience as a Vermont law enforcement officer and over 40 years of experience in law enforcement. We wish Officer Fon the best in his next stage of life.
- *Job Opening* – The Town of Hinesburg re-advertised the Water/Wastewater Operator position. We will accept application until the close of business on August 14th. Please see job posting and application on the Town website: <http://hinesburg.org/employment.html>

- *Vermont Smoke & Cure Grant* – There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9th to close out the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) \$550,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the Town acquired and then subsequently loaned (in full) to Vermont Smoke & Cure. Vermont Smoke and Cure has created and filled 16.5 new jobs or 2.5 more than the promised total of 14 in the grant application. Twelve of these are production jobs that are available to LMI (low to moderate income).
- *Committee, Boards, and Commission Openings* – In September the Town will advertise for a number of openings on the Town’s various Commissions, Boards, and Committees. If you are interested in service to the Town as a volunteer CBC member, please take the time to fill-out the application form and prepare for an interview with the Selectboard in October.
http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf

A professional diver was hired to remove a blockage in a transfer pipe in the Town lagoons



Going down...



and going under!

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