

Town of Hinesburg
Weekly Update
February 5, 2014

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *New Police Station -WE'RE IN!* - Starting at 9 am on Saturday morning, with the assistance from a number of volunteers, we had emptied out three locations and moved everything into the new station by 11:15 am. Just in time for the free pizza that was supplied by Papa Nicks. Also thanks to Kovals for the free coffee that had everybody awake and ready to work. That was truly an amazing day and again my thanks to the Hinesburg firefighters and police officers with their family members, as well as the several citizens who also were able to help.



- *Out of State Warrant* - On Friday, January 31st, an officer made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an expired inspection sticker. Upon running a driver's license check on the 65 year old female driver, a warrant for her arrest out of Florida was discovered. The warrant was confirmed as extraditable and she was taken to the station for processing and then to Chittenden County Correctional Center for lodging.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Ballots for Town/School District Annual Meetings* - The ballots for Town and School District annual meetings should be available beginning on February 12, 2014, if not sooner! You can come in to the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours to vote early, or you can request the ballots be mailed to you by sending us an e-mail at hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net or mross@hinesburg.org. The last day to register to vote for this election if you are not already on the checklist is February 26th at 5 p.m. This is the first year that the Hinesburg Community School budget will be voted by Australian ballot.
- *Annual School Meetings/Town Meeting* - The Champlain Valley Union High School, Hinesburg Community School and Hinesburg Town Meetings will all take place on Monday, March 3rd with the CVUHS meeting at 5 p.m., the HCS meeting at 6 p.m. and the Town meeting at 7 p.m. The CVU & HCS meetings are informational only and do not include a vote on the budget. The Town meeting format will be the same as in past years where there is discussion and voting on the proposed Fiscal Year 15 budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 482-2281 ext. 2.
- *Dog licenses are due on or before April 1st* - The fee is \$8.00 and if we already have your rabies certificate on file, you needn't bring anything with you other than payment for the fee and your dog for a visit! We have dog biscuits! We love dogs! Actually, bringing your dog in to get the license is optional. We just enjoy seeing them!

Recreation Department

- *Driver's Education* - Kevin Browne's March/April Driver Education class is full and there is a waiting list. Enrollment is open for three Driver Education classes this summer. All information is available on the website. For questions feel free to contact HRD at 482-2281 ext. 230 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net
- *Spring Sport Registration* - Spring Sport registration is open. All information is on the website, at the Rec. Office, or available via e-mail at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net Sign up by 3/7!!
- *Smuggs Sunday* - We hosted another successful Smuggs Sunday group with 27 participants on 2/2. Don't miss out on the next dates - Feb. 9, March 2, and 9. Adult lift tickets for \$25 and children are \$20. Add a rental for an additional \$25/\$20 as well as a lesson. Register by noon on Thursday. Forms are available on the website or via e-mail - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net Don't miss out on the fun!
- *Youth Basketball Games* - 5/6 boys basketball team hosted a South Burlington team, one 3/4 boys team traveled to Charlotte, another 3/4 boys team traveled to

Shelburne. The 3/4 girls played in Shelburne as well, beating their opponent 24-7!!



HRD 3/4 boys basketball team in action during their game in Shelburne



HRD 3/4 girls team shows team spirit as they cheer on the 3/4 boys while waiting for their game to begin

Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Town Administrator

- *FY2015 Budget – All pertinent information regarding the proposed FY2015 Hinesburg Town budget is now available on our webpage, including a detailed narrative explanation. FY2015's Town budget represents a \$42,000 increase over the current year and will require an estimated increase of 0.85¢ on the property tax rate. For a homestead valued at \$300,000, the increase to the property tax rate would equate to approximately \$27 higher tax bill in FY2015. <http://hinesburg.org/budget/>*

- *Town Meeting Preparations* – The Town Meeting Warning is now set and available for review. Town Meeting will be held at 7pm at CVU’s auditorium on Monday, March 3, 2014. The Hinesburg Community School’s Annual Meeting will be held at the same place, on the same date, starting at 6pm. <http://hinesburg.org/elections/docs/town-meeting-warning-030314.pdf>
- *Highway Garage* – The Town of Hinesburg received 14 responses to our Request for Qualifications for architectural, engineering, and site planning services for the Town Highway Garage/36 Acre Municipal Facility at 907 Beecher Hill Road. Last Wednesday we reviewed the 14 responses and decided to interview 4 finalists. Those interviews are now scheduled for Thursday, February 20th between 1 – 5PM at Hinesburg’s Town Hall. <http://hinesburg.org/rfp/>
- *FY2013 Audit* – Hinesburg’s FY2013 town audit has now been finalized. The Selectboard reviewed a draft audit a few weeks ago with the CPA (the draft audit was 99% accurate and complete). The completed audit is available for the public’s review at: <http://hinesburg.org/budget/budget-fy2015/hinesburg-audit-report-financial-statements-063013.pdf> If you can’t sleep at night, I recommend reading the audit from start to finish.
- *Selectboard Packets* – Just a friendly reminder that all information packets for Selectboard meetings are available for public review prior to (and during) the Selectboard meetings. Please see informational packets at: http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/
- *Annual Report* – Thanks to Renae Marshall, the Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2013 is now at the printers. Hinesburg residents should anticipate receiving the Annual Report mid-late February.
- *Planning Commission Vacancy* – One (1) seat is still open on the Planning Commission. Applications for that vacant seat are due by February 14th and the Selectboard will hold interviews and make an appointment at the February 17th Selectboard meeting. Those interested in this position are encouraged to fill-out an application and submit it to the Town Administrator. <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

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