

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, July 9th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Criminally Suspended License* - On Tuesday, June 23rd, an officer observed a vehicle with an obstructed windshield. The vehicle was stopped and the 26 year old male from Starksboro was determined to be driving on a criminally suspended license. The male was taken to the station for processing and released on a citation to court.
- *Criminally Suspended License* - On Saturday, June 27th, a vehicle was stopped for failing to signal. The 21 year old female driver from Jericho was determined to be driving on a criminally suspended license. She was arrested and released after processing.
- *Boat Accident* - On Sunday, June 28th, at approximately 2:04 pm, Hinesburg Police, Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to Lake Iroquois off of Pine Shore Drive for the report of a woman hit by a boat. The initial report had her 30 feet off shore but with the assistance of people on the scene, she was brought to shore. Jane Marinski, age 62 of Hinesburg was transported to Fletcher Allen with moderate to severe injuries. Christopher Thompson, age 47 of Hinesburg was the boat operator. Alcohol was not a factor in the accident and Hinesburg Police will be conducting an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Hinesburg Health Officer

- *Summer Update* - Well, summer is here, and is it ever! With the heat and humidity, our annual scourge of mosquitos is upon us. The Department of Health has asked Health Officers to remind folks about several mosquito-borne diseases that are best avoided, primarily by avoiding being bitten, but also by discouraging mosquito breeding in the first place. Here are the concerns:

- *Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)* - Recently detected in Grand Isle but not, so far, anywhere else. While rare in humans (6-10 cases reported annually), this is a severe disease with up to 33% mortality. As the name suggests it also attacks horses and horse owners should make sure their animals are vaccinated annually. More information on EEE can be found here:
<http://www.cdc.gov/EasternEquineEncephalitis/gen/qa.html>
- *West Nile Virus* - A lot more common is West Nile Virus (WNV) which is widespread and has been detected in every county in Vermont. While the risk of illness is low, for older and immune compromised individuals, this too can be a serious disease, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has an excellent explainer here:
<http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>
- *Mosquito Surveillance Trap* - Hinesburg does not, at present, have a “mosquito surveillance trap” but hopefully will in the future. Meanwhile, I will update you about traps in surrounding towns if they indicate mosquitoes infected with either of these diseases.
- *Prevention* - Prevention includes repellents (DEET and others), long-sleeve clothing, not being in the woods at “dinner time” and, very important, eliminating the standing water that serves as breeding grounds for these annoying bugs. More information is available from your Department of Health here:
<http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/index.aspx>
- *Hinesburg Health Officer Contact Information* - Joe Gannon, email: jgannon@hinesburg.org or leave a message with our Town Clerk at 482-2281 ext. 223.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (6/21/14 – 6/30/14)*
 - 6/21/14 - Fire - Mutual aid to Monkton for structure fire
 - 6/25/14 - EMS - Lift assist (afternoon)
 - 6/25/14 - EMS - Lift assist (evening)
 - 6/26/14 - EMS - Bleeding fistula
 - 6/26/14 - EMS - Kidney Pain
 - 6/28/14 - EMS - Syncope
 - 6/28/14 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 6/28/14 - Fire/EMS - Person hit by boat in water
 - 6/28/14 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 6/29/14 - Fire - Fire alarm activation
 - 6/29/14 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 6/29/14 - Fire - Smell of propane
 - 6/30/14 - Fire/EMS - Two car motor vehicle crash (MVC) - (Call #1)
 - 6/30/14 - Fire/EMS - Two car MVC (call #2)
- *Training* - Our new 12 lead EKG has arrived. This was purchased with donations made by generous individuals in our town. It will be able to transmit EKG to the hospital to expedite/notify the STEMI team at FAHC. We are working on getting

this into service. This week on 7/2 we are training on our cardiac protocols as a part of our quarterly requirement.

Recreation Department

- *Track & Field* – The Rec Track & Field program had to cancel the Colchester meet on 6/25 due to weather, but added a meet at So. Burlington H.S. on 7/2 at 5:00 pm. The Hershey Track Meet is Sat. 7/12 and the State Meet is Sat. 7/26 at St. Johnsbury Academy.
- *Hilly Hobble Foot Race* – The race is Thursday, 7/3. Registration starts at 6:00 pm in front of HCS. 10K, 5K, or Kid's 2K. 10K starts at 6:30 pm and the 5K starts at 7:00 pm at the bottom of Buck Hill Rd. West. The 2K starts at 7:10 pm in front of Good Times. All runners finish in Veteran's Park. Grab your friends and kick off the holiday!! All proceeds benefit the Hinesburg Fireworks.
- *The July 4th theme is Beach Party* – The Grand Marshal is Autumn Eastman. Parade line-up starts at 10:00 a.m., judging at 10:45 a.m., and kick off at 11:00 a.m. at the bottom of Buck Hill Rd. West. NEW this year is Best Decorated Bike with a \$50 cash prize, along with \$50 cash for best costume. Come on kids, grab a bike and decorate!! Chasing 440 will perform in Veteran's Park, a Bounce House and Dunk Tank will be behind HCS, and the Alliance Church will host their annual Ice Cream Social in front of the Mason's building, Lion's Club Duck Race, a silent auction at the Rock Wall at Town Hall, and a Hinesburg Historical Society display on the front porch of Town Hall. Fireworks at dusk.
- *Frank Babbott's Tennis Lessons* - Slots are still available for next week, 7/7 - 7/11, Monday through Thursday, with Friday as a rain date. Ages 7-10 years from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and ages 11-14 years from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$110. Register with Rec. Dept. hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Chris Billis' Art Camp* - Still room 7/14 - 7/18 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at HCS. Cost is \$225. Register with HRD.
- *Drivers Ed* - TWO spots left in Kevin Browne's Session 2 Driver Ed Class that runs 7/14 through 8/6, Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 pm. Contact HRD to register.

Town Administrator

- *New Town Administrator* - I am very pleased to announce the Selectboard has hired Trevor Lashua as our new Town Administrator beginning August 1, 2014. Trevor lives in Williston and has served as the Assistant Town Manager in Essex since December of 2009. Prior to his position in Essex, Trevor was a Senior Associate for Advocacy and Information with the Vermont League of Cities & Towns and for the Town of Barre as a Management Intern. A special thanks goes to the ten member Selection Committee for the well-organized and thoughtful process they engaged in to find a candidate that would be the best fit for Hinesburg. This volunteer committee, comprised of Town staff, residents, and Selectboard members, under the direction of Committee Chair, Phil Pouech dedicated many hours over a 2-3 month period to find just the right person for this job. We are very excited to welcome Trevor Lashua to the Hinesburg Municipal family!

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Open Meeting Law Changes* - The Legislature significantly amended Vermont's Open Meeting Law this year. Changes include new requirements for posting meetings, creating and altering agendas, posting minutes onto a municipal website, and for entering into Executive Session. The amendments also include specific steps that must be taken when there is an allegation that a public body has violated the law. The VLCT Municipal Assistance Center has prepared a list of frequently asked questions that explain the recent changes to the law along with information about existing requirements. The VLCT 2014 Open Meeting Law FAQ's is available at the following link:

www.vlct.org/assets/MAC/VLCT_Open_Meeting_Law_FAQs_June_2014.pdf

These changes will significantly impact all municipalities, including Hinesburg, as it will apply to all Boards, Committees, and Commissions serving our Town. This new law will take effect July 1, 2014 but all Vermont municipalities will have one year to get their procedures in order before any violations under this new law can be acted on. Renae Marshall, Interim Town Administrator, and Aaron Kimball, Webmaster, are working together to help this process move forward as efficiently as possible.

- *Summer Meeting Schedule* – Beginning in June, the Selectboard adjusted their meeting nights and times, in some cases. The Selectboard will return to their normal Monday meeting schedule in September. The schedule for the rest of the summer is as follows:

July

- Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m.

August

- Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE SUMMER MEETINGS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE VERMONT COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL. YOU MAY VIEW THE RECORDED MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <http://www.vermontcam.org/>

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