

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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July 23, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, July 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Stormwater Regulations Public Hearing:** *Wednesday, July 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conf.room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Citizen Dispute* – On Saturday, July 19th, officers responded to a citizen dispute on North Rd., near Triple L Mobile Home Park. The dispute was resolved; however, officers were called back to a family dispute at the same location. The 44 year old male ran into the woods prior to police arrival and with the help of Williston and Shelburne PD and the Vermont State Police the subject was located. While in the rear of the patrol car, he struck his head several times on the window and subsequently cut his head. He then spit blood on one of the officers and was then arrested for assault and disorderly conduct. While at Fletcher Allen, he spit in the face of a nurse and was taken to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.
- *Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol* – An officer made an enforcement stop in the Lantman's parking lot for the vehicle having an unsecured load. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled the odor of alcohol and observed the symptoms of intoxication. The driver was given several tests and subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The 58 year old male from Hinesburg was taken to the station for processing.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Primary Election* - The Primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 26th. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm. The last day to register to vote in this election, if you are not already on the Hinesburg voter checklist, is Wednesday, August 20th at 5 pm. Ballots are now here and you can come in to vote early in the Town Clerk's office or you can request a ballot by mail. There are 4 ballots (Democrat, Republican, Progressive and Liberty Union) and you can only vote in one primary even though you receive all 4 ballots. The 3 un-voted ballots are

discarded into the unused ballot envelope. You must return all 4 ballots to the clerk's office in order for your vote to be counted.

- *General Election* - The General Election will be held on November 4th.

Recreation Department

- *Concerts in the Park* - Rex Fowler from Aztec Two-Step performed on Wed. 7/16 thanks to long-time fan Natacha Luizzi's referral!! A perfect night for a concert with a nice crowd, kiddos running around, more hula hooping, and face painting by Lienne. Our next concert, featuring PossumHaw, was originally scheduled for tonight (Wed. 7/23); however, due to rain, it has been rescheduled to Thursday, 7/24. Top Dog Grill will be back with grilled items and refreshments for sale. Hope to see you there!



- *Arts & Crafts Camp* - Completed a successful Arts and Crafts Camp with Chris Billis.



- *Rec Track & Field Program* - Track & Field program has one final casual meet at BHS on Wed. 7/23 at 5:00 pm and the VT State Meet in St. Johnsbury on Sat. 7/26. It's been a very successful 6-week season!
- *Fall Recreation Guide* - Working busily on Fall Rec. Guide, which will be posted online mid-August. Soccer registration will start the last week of July.
- *VT Premier Soccer Camp* - Hosting a VT Premier Soccer Camp 8/4 - 8/8 at the Town Hall Field and United Church Field. Half day camp for ages 4-6 years is 9-12 for \$105 and full date camp for ages 7-14 years is \$180. To register for the camp go to www.vermontpremiersoccer.com or call 857-5632
- *Recreation Office Closed* - The Recreation Office is closed this week 7/21-25. Your Recreation Coordinator is recreating and will return on 7/28 refreshed and ready to go!

Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Town Administrator

- *Former Hinesburg Police Officer Returns* – Chris Bataille has returned to the Hinesburg Community Police Department. Chris previously worked in Hinesburg from January of 2008 to October of 2011. His first day back on the job was today (7/23/14). Welcome back to Hinesburg Chris!
- *Police Services Contract Proposed* – The Town of St. George is considering contracting with the Town of Hinesburg to provide police services. A draft proposal has been submitted and the Hinesburg Selectboard will begin reviewing it at their next couple of meetings. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.
- *Committees, Boards and Commission Openings* – Currently we have many vacancies on various boards, committees, and commissions in Town. If you are interested in providing service to your community in this way, please visit the Town website at the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

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](http://www.vlct.org/assets/MAC/VLCT%20Open%20Meeting%20Law%20FAQs%20June%202014.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 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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