

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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July 30, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, August 5th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Family Dispute* – On Monday, July 21st, an officer responded to the village for a family dispute between a mother and daughter. It was resolved without any problems.
- *Suspicious Person* – On Wednesday, July 23rd, officers responded to Pond Rd. for a report of a male who was acting suspicious. A resident reported that a young male came to the residence and asked for ride to Williston. The resident said no and the juvenile walked off. The officer contacted the juvenile and it was determined that he had left home without his parents knowing he was gone. He was transported home and the parents contacted.
- *Sex Registry Compliance Checks* - On Thursday, July 24th, the Hinesburg Community Police conducted a compliance check for the Vermont Sex Registry. Of the five names from the registry listed in Hinesburg, three of the individuals were in compliance. As a result of the investigation, one person was subsequently located out of compliance in S. Burlington. With the assistance of the S. Burlington Police, William Stowe, age 24 was taken into custody for an unrelated warrant and was also charged with failure to report a current address. The investigation into the fifth person is continuing.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Calls Summary (7/15/14 – 7/29/14)*
 - 7/15 - Fire - Tree in road
 - 7/17 - EMS - General malaise
 - 7/17 - Fire/EMS - Motor vehicle crash
 - 7/18 - EMS - Single car motor vehicle crash
 - 7/19 - EMS - Possible intoxicated
 - 7/20 - EMS - Back Pain

- 7/20 - EMS - Lift Assist
- 7/21 - Fire - Propane BBQ grill fire on porch
- 7/23 - Fire - Lighting Strike - tree still smoldering
- 7/24 - EMS - Diabetic emergency
- 7/25 - Fire - Mutual aid for station coverage to Shelburne for station coverage
- 7/25 - EMS - Patient collapsed
- *Training*
 - *SBCA Training* - Last week on 7/23 we trained with SCBA as part of our requirements. Members donned SCBA and needed to find and rescue the "victims" in a house we were training in.

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.
- *Property Tax Bills* - Tax bills will be mailed out on Monday, August 4th. If you don't receive your bill, please call the town clerk's office at 482-2281 ext. 223 and we will gladly mail you another copy. We will also be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding your bill.

Recreation Department

- *Recreation Office* - Officially, the Recreation Office was closed last week, but there was still a lot of recreating happening in town.
- *Concert rescheduled* - Hart & Mead's Concert in the Park performer *PossumHaw* rescheduled the Wed. 7/23 performance due to rain and used the Thursday rain date option. We thank them for being flexible! Next concert is *Shellhouse* on Wed. July 30th at 6:30 pm behind HCS. Rain date is Thursday, July 31.



- *Track and Field* - Unfortunately Mother Nature also rained on the last regular season friendly track and field meet at BHS on Wed. 7/23 and we had to cancel.
- *VT State Track Meet* - On a bright note, despite various technical difficulties with the event software, the VT State Track Meet took place at St. Johnsbury Academy on Sat. 7/26. We had 20 boys and girls participate in the meet!! Attached is a picture with coaches Nora Kaszubowski, Tova Tomasi, and Elise Seraus. What a perfect way to end such a successful season - thanks to participants and coaches. See you next year!!

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:

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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