

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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August 13, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, August 19th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard Meeting:** *Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Cases* - During the last week, the department had 35 cases. Although the number of cases was not unusual, what was unusual was that seven of the cases involved only two issues. One was a runaway 16-year-old, the other was a dispute between adults. Everything was resolved without any arrests.
- *Chemical Spill* - On Thursday, August 7th, Hinesburg Police and the Hinesburg Fire Department responded to a spill of thirty gallons of an Acrylic sealer on Rte.116 from Silver St. to Mechanicsville Rd. This is basically a non-toxic product but still required a call to the State Hazmat Coordinator and a Hazmat team to clean up the product.

Buildings & Facilities

- *New Sidewalk* – Work continues on the new sidewalk between Charlotte Road and Hinesburg Community School. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-October. Please expect some traffic delays due to this project as you travel through the village on Rte. 116.

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

- *Fall Recreation Guide* - Fall Rec. Guide is posted online at www.hinesburg.org - look under Recreation and scroll down to the yellow box. Hard copies were mailed on 8/8. There are extras available at the Rec. Office located in the hanging plastic bin above the table.
- *Fall Programs* - Lots of old time favorite programs such a Dog Obedience with Jim Warden, Zumba, Yoga, and the AARP Safe Driver Course. Some new offerings like Swim Lessons at The Edge in Williston and discounted Jazzercise 10-visit punch passes. After school offerings like golf, horseback riding, art, piano lessons, choir, and cookie decorating continue. Sign up now - programs fill quickly.
- *Sign up for Soccer!!* - Early incentive deadline is 8/22. Final deadline is 8/29. Coaches Meeting and Clinic is Wed. 9/3 and the season starts on Sat. 9/6.



Sign Up for Soccer - The fields will soon be alive with soccer players!!

- *Ultimate Frisbee* - NEW this season is Ultimate Frisbee for middle school age kids - grades 5-8. Sign up for this new program. Practice start 8/26.
- *Annual Fall Festival* - Hinesburg's Annual Fall Festival is Sat. 9/27. Stone Soup Supper is sponsored by the Hinesburg Land Trust.
- *CORRECTION* - Clothing Swap sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families is Sat. 10/11 from 9:00-10:30 am.

- *Volunteer Help* - The Community Alliance Church Reaching Out initiative brought a crew of teens to Town Hall on Friday 8/8. They cleaned windows, swept cobwebs in the hallways and on the porch, and swept the tennis courts!! They were personable, energetic, and an absolute pleasure to have. THANK YOU Chad Disorda for organizing this community initiative!!

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

MEETINGS

- *Library Board of Trustees* - Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 27 @7 p.m.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Weekly Preschool Story Time* - 11 a.m. ~ for children 3-5 years of age. This hour long story time is offered every Tuesday. Preschoolers can join Sara for stories, songs, and games. At this week's session three children and eight adults enjoyed the topic of blueberries.
- *Toddler Story Time* - The next story time for toddlers will be Tuesday, August 19th @ 9:30 a.m. Caregivers of babies and toddlers 3 years old and younger are invited to come and enjoy this special time with their little ones.
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group*

At the July discussion, the following plans were made for August and September gatherings:

Dates: This Thursday, August 14th and Thursday, September 18th, both @ 7 p.m.

Books, respectively: *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan; *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson

Please phone Diane at 482-4455 for information on meeting locations or with other questions. Refreshments will be served.

- Youth Services Librarian Sara A. Donegan has posted information on Front Porch Forum regarding new children's programs, including a new Lego Club and a new DCF book club.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Pajama Story Hour* – All ages are welcome at the August 21st PJ Story Hour. Join Sara at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Wear your favorite PJ's and bring your favorite teddy bear.

Book Displays at the Library

- Summer Reading Suggestions - Adults
- Fizz..Boom..Read! Summer Reading Program 2014
- Summer Reading Suggestions - Children
- Growing Season! Gardening for all Ages
- Summer Camping & Outdoor Pleasures

OTHER NEWS

- *Repair & Maintenance Work* - Library Trustees and Director have turned their attention to the need for work on the library parking lot and fixing/replacing exterior woodwork.

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

Town Administrator

- *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

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 took 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, Special Projects Coordinator and Aaron Kimball, Webmaster, are working together to help this process move forward as efficiently as possible. See below for a training opportunity on September 22nd.

- *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 August and September schedule is as follows:
 - Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m.
 - Monday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.
 - Monday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
 - 6:30 p.m. – Meet & Greet with Trevor Lashua (our new Town Administrator)
 - 7:00 p.m. – Open Meeting Law Training/How to Run an Effective Meeting (All Boards, Committees, and Commissions are invited!)

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