

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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August 20, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **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

- *Quiet Week* - Nothing of significance to report this week. As a reminder to our town residents, that is a good thing.
- *Public Safety Fun Day/Police Station Open House* - With not much going on, we are currently pacing ourselves for the excitement of the Public Safety Fun Day with the Hinesburg Fire Department and our open house. This event is scheduled for September 6th from 10 am to 4 pm.

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

- *Tax Bills* - Tax bills were mailed out on August 4th so if you haven't received one by now, please give us a call at 482-2281 ext. 2 and we will mail you another one! You can pay your taxes at any time between now and the due date.
- *Primary Election* - Don't forget there is a primary election on Tuesday, August 26th. The polls are located at the Hinesburg Town Hall and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sample ballots are posted on the Town website and at Town Hall for your review. Although there aren't many contested primary contests, it is still important to be a part of the process so make the effort to come in to vote! You can also vote early at the Town Clerk's office any time prior to the election, or you can request that ballots be mailed to you. Please call us with any questions you might have related to the election.

Recreation Department

- *Fall Recreation Guide* - The Fall Rec. Guide is posted online at www.hinesburg.org - look under Recreation and scroll down to the yellow box. There are extras available at the Rec. Office located in the hanging plastic bin above the table. Two corrections and current copy posted online represents updated info - Clothing Swap sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Family is Sat. 10/11 from 9:00-10:30 am AND Jazzercise punch passes available at HRD are for classes at Shelburne Health and Fitness on Mondays & Fridays at 5:30 pm and Sundays at 9:30 am. Sorry, no Wednesday option.
- *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.
- *Ultimate Frisbee* - NEW this season is Ultimate Frisbee for middle schoolers - 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.



Fall Festival 2013

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *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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