

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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August 27, 2014



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, August 27th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Thursday, September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* – This will be the first reminder for a Drug Take Back scheduled for September 27th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Kinney Drugs. This is a great opportunity to get rid of expired or unneeded medication.
- *Driving Under the Influence* - On Thursday August 21st, officers met an individual at the Town Hall parking area regarding a possible DUI driver that would be driving to the parking area within the hour. A vehicle description and name was given and the male left the area declining to give his name. The officer remained in the area and a short time later, a vehicle matching the description arrived at the parking lot. Contact was made and it was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 47 year old male from Bristol was arrested and transported to the station for processing.
- *Driving Under the Influence* - On Saturday August 23rd, a call was received that a possible DUI driver that had stopped at the Jiffy Mart. The officers responded and observed a Volvo station wagon matching the description parked at the store. When the driver was observed getting into the vehicle, he was contacted by the officer. It was determined that the 60 year old male from Starksboro was under the influence and was subsequently arrested and taken to the station for processing.
- *Suspicious Activity* – On the late evening of Monday, August 25th, officers from Hinesburg, Vermont State Police, Richmond, Williston and UVM Police responded for a call of a suspicious person near a house off of Texas Hill Rd. This was the second time that evening that a person had been observed by the resident. A dog from UVM responded and was able to track a scent through the woods until the trail came out on Texas Hill Rd.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- Call Summary (8/6/2014 - 8/26/2014)
 - 8/7 - EMS - Unresponsive
 - 8/7 - EMS - Disoriented
 - 8/8 - EMS - Passed out
 - 8/9 - EMS - Dizziness
 - 8/10 - EMS - Foot injury
 - 8/11 - EMS - Back Pain
 - 8/13 - Fire - Tree on should of RT 116
 - 8/17 - EMS - Leg Pain
 - 8/17 - Fire - Smell of propane in area
 - 8/19 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 8/20 - EMS - Nausea / Vomiting
 - 8/20 - EMS - Chest pain / dizziness
 - 8/20 - EMS - Back pain
 - 8/21 - EMS - Abdominal Pain
 - 8/21 - EMS - Lift assist
 - 8/22 - Fire - Tree on power lines
 - 8/23 - Fire - Mutual aid to Shelburne Fire for station coverage (morning)
 - 8/23 - Fire - Mutual aid to Shelburne Fire for station coverage (afternoon)
 - 8/24 - EMS - Difficulty breathing
 - 8/24 - EMS - Nausea / Vomiting
 - 8/24 - EMS - Abdominal pain
 - 8/24 - EMS - Chest pain
- *Training*
 - Fire Training - 8/27 - Trucks
 - EMS Training - 9/3 - Opioid overdose / Anaphylaxis
- *Public Safety Fun Day* - This event is coming up September 6th and should be a good educational and fun experience for those that can attend. We are meeting to discuss this in more detail this week but members of the association have been working on the plans for this all summer.

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.

Recreation Department

- *Dog Obedience Class* - There is still room in Jim Warden's Dog Obedience Class that starts on 9/4. *Sign up with HRD.*
- *Last chance to sign up for Youth Soccer!* - Final deadline is 8/29. Coaches Meeting and Clinic is Wed. 9/3 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The season starts on Sat. 9/6.
- *Ultimate Frisbee* - NEW this season is Ultimate Frisbee for middle school age kids - grades 5-8. There is still room to sign up for this 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. Save the date! More info to follow.

Carpenter-Carse Library

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

Town Administrator

- *Back-to-School* – Students of all ages are headed back to school this week. Please drive carefully, and allow extra time to get where you're going (especially in the mornings). Connect with the folks at Hinesburg Community School and CVU for more information on the safest walking routes, busing options, and any other back-to-school questions you may have.
- *Richmond Road line painting* – The center lines have been painted on Richmond Road (and in other locations as well). Generally, the Vermont Agency of Transportation is responsible for painting center lines. The painting, to the extent possible, is coordinated with each municipality so that paving and painting occur within reasonable proximity to one another. The painting crew covers a large swath of territory (the "northern section"), and paving projects always include some level of schedule variability – occasionally resulting in gaps between the two that are longer than originally planned. The Town will look to work with the Agency to find ways to better coordinate future efforts.
- *Public Hearing* - September 8th Public Hearing on proposed energy standards for new residential construction – The Planning Commission has proposed the incorporation of Efficiency Vermont's, "Energy Code Plus," into the Town's zoning regulations. The standards would apply to new residential construction and replace the existing interim regulations on residential energy standards set to expire in December. For more information, visit www.hinesburg.org or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 482-2281.
- *Old Police Station proposals* – This is the, "last call," to submit proposals related to the old Police Station. The Selectboard is accepting fully vetted (i.e. detailed) proposals on what to do with building and/or site until September 1st.
- *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, Web Manager, are working together to help this process move forward as efficiently as possible. See below for a training opportunity on September 22nd.

- *September Meeting Schedule* – Due to Labor Day falling on the 1st Monday in September, the Selectboard will adjust their meeting schedule to the 2nd & 4th Mondays during that month.
 - 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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