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Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

September 3, 2014

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Recreation Commission:** *Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* – This will be the second 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.
- *Public Safety Fun Day* – On Saturday, September 6th, the Hinesburg Fire Department and the Hinesburg Police Department will be hosting the day with numerous events. This will also be the open house for the Police Department. Besides the barbeque, don't miss the dunking booth with the Fire Chief and the Police Chief.
- *Job Opening* – The Hinesburg Community Police department currently has a job opening for a full time police officer. Information can be obtained from the Town website or contact the office at 482-3397.
- *Trespassing* - On Friday, August 29th at approximately 9:15 pm, Hinesburg Police responded to the residence of Don Gilbert, President and CEO of Vermont Gas Systems where approximately 25 people had entered his and his wife's property and staged on the front lawn. Additionally, several of the people had gone onto the front porch apparently to contact the Gilberts. When the police arrived, they exited the property. While back on the public roadway, they refused to identify themselves and were allowed to leave after the license plate numbers were recorded. Several people however were recognized from previous incidents at the other Vermont Gas locations.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Public Safety Fun Day* - We have our department's "Public Safety Fun Day" this Saturday 9/6/2014 starting at 10am at the fire station and running until 4pm. There will be bicycle helmets that are given away to children, a dunk tank, fire safety trailer, tours of our apparatus, and food to name just a few activities. Please help spread the word!
- *Call Summary* (8/6/2014 - 8/26/2014)
 - 8/26 EMS - Chest pain
 - 8/27 EMS - Unresponsive patient
 - 8/29 EMS - Unresponsive patient
 - 8/30 EMS - Standby at CVU for football
 - 8/30 Fire - Truck fire
 - 8/30 EMS - Lift assist
 - 8/31 EMS - Possible cardiac issue
 - 9/01 EMS - Unknown emergency
 - 9/01 EMS - Seizures
 - 9/02 EMS - Cardiac issues
 - 9/02 EMS - Complications from recent surgery
 - 9/02 Fire/EMS - Single car motor vehicle crash RT 116 / 2A
 - 9/03 EMS - Difficulty breathing / fatigue.
 - 9/03 EMS -
- *Training*
 - 9/3 EMS Training - Review of Opioid overdoses - signs and symptoms - treatment.
 - 9/3 Fire Training - Members will be getting the station ready for Fun Day.

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

- *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

- *Economic Development Forum* – The Hinesburg Economic Development Committee is hosting a community-wide forum to discuss economic development goals for Hinesburg on Thursday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m. at Renewable NRG Systems. The EDC is working on an economic development plan, which will in turn be incorporated into the Town Plan. For more information, visit www.hinesburg.org (under Boards and Committees, look for the Economic Development Committee).
- *Silver Street Rain Garden Project* – The Silver Street rain garden project begins in earnest this week. The storm water treatment project, done in conjunction with the Lewis Creek Association and funded through State grant funds, will be on-going throughout the month. The site is adjacent to a section of the on-going Route 116 sidewalk project, which is scheduled for completion by mid-October. Please be careful when driving through the area, especially in the mornings with school back in session.
- *Development Review Board (DRB) Alternate Position Available* – The DRB currently has one (1) alternate position available. For more information and information on how to apply, please visit the Town website at the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>. Applications are due on Friday, September 26th. The Selectboard will begin conducting interviews at their meeting on October 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Renae Marshall at rmarshall@hinesburg.org or via phone at 482-2281 ext. 222.
- *Committees, Boards and Commission Openings* – Currently we have many other 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

- The Selectboard is holding a public hearing on Monday (9/8) at 7pm at the Town Office to get feedback from the community on the Planning Commission's proposal for revisions to our local energy efficiency standard for new homes. How energy efficient do you think new homes in Hinesburg should be? Should new homes meet or exceed the statewide minimum requirements? The Planning Commission proposes to require new homes to meet the "Energy Code Plus" standard, which is a slightly higher standard than the statewide minimum requirement, but not as stringent as the Energy Star standard. The "Energy Code Plus" standard is managed and verified by Efficiency Vermont. For more information (including the actual proposal and background), see the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org>. You know how we like community meetings, so please come if you're interested! Can't make the meeting? Email comments to the Town Administrator (Trevor Lashua) at tlashua@hinesburg.org. Have a technical question about what's proposed or what

standard exists today? Call your Town Planner (Alex Weinhagen) at 482-2281 x225.

- *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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