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To: Hinesburg Selectboard

Re: School & Town Annual Meetings for 2013

It is my understanding that at its next meeting on May 20th, 2013 the Selectboard will be discussing the possibility of scheduling the Annual Meetings for the Town and the Hinesburg Community School District on the same night in March of 2014. The second Article on the warning for the Special School District Meeting to be held on May 29, 2013 is a proposal to hold the Annual HCS District meeting at 7 p.m. immediately prior to the Town's Annual Meeting in 2014. I think it might be worth someone making a motion to amend Article II to make the HCS Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. at CVUHS in the same room that CVU holds their Annual Meeting.

The Champlain Valley Union High School Annual Meeting is held at 5 p.m. at CVUHS before the Town's Annual meeting and usually lasts between 15 minutes and ½ hour. The meeting is largely organizational in nature. I would suggest that the HCS Annual Meeting be called to order at 6 p.m. at CVUHS in the same room that the CVU meeting is held. The room will already be reserved and set up and the HCS Board can be there to answer any questions people may have regarding the budget, and to give a brief overview. The Town's Annual Meeting could then be moved up to 7 p.m. which is a proposal that was discussed last year. This schedule might facilitate citizens staying until all Articles at Town Meeting have been discussed and voted on.

All of this is, of course, contingent on whether or not Article I passes and the decision is made to change the HCS budget vote to Australian ballot. If Article I is defeated, we can assume that the HCS Annual Meeting will continue to be held the week following the Town's Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

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