

# Town of Hinsdale

## Town Hall Office Hours

TOWN HALL OFFICES: Selectmen's Office, Water Collections Clerk, Town Administrator, and Community Development Coordinator: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am -4 pm, Closed 12:00 pm-12:30 pm

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Monday & Wednesday 8 am -noon, in the field Tuesday & Thursday

WELFARE DEPARTMENT: Walk-in Hours, Monday 8:30-11:30 and Wednesday 12:30-3:00

TAX COLLECTOR: Monday 1-6pm, Tuesday 9:30am-11:30 & 1-6pm. Wednesday 1-4pm, Thursday 9:30-11:30 & 1-4pm

TOWN CLERK: Monday & Tuesday 7:30-12 and 12:30-6. Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-noon and 12:30-3



Police Department

## HINSDALE DAY CAMP

The Day Camp Head Counselor, Tammy Stebbins, was pleased to say that the Hinsdale Summer Camp had a fantastic summer! They had about 130 campers enrolled and with an average of 98 campers per day. Each week Day Camp was kicked off with a different theme. They had Health and Safety week. Fireman Steve Gassett from the Fire Department discussed fire safety and what the kids should do if there ever was a fire. Officer D'Alessandro from the Police Department came to discuss strangers and what the kids should do if you were ever in that type of situation. The Camp had Color Week. Tammy would like to thank PTA President April Anderson for donating their Color Thon powder. This donation made it possible for the camp to have their first camp Color Splash during color week. The middle school campers were able to go on many field trips which included Six Flags, a Fisher Cats game, hiking, kayaking, visiting the Montshire Museum of Science, roller skating, and several other activities.

The Hinsdale Summer Camp works very close with Mrs. O'Malley and the HASP program. Mrs. O'Malley helped with setting up trainings that the counselors had to complete before camp started. The counselors attended First Aid, a CPR class and a summer safety course with the State. Mrs. O'Malley also arranged for CLIFF and the humane society to come to camp. She also ran the before and after camp program with her staff this summer.

Tammy would like to say thank you to Jasmine and The Abbey Group for providing the camp with breakfast and lunch. A thank you to Head Life Guard Liz Boggio and her staff for letting the camp use the Town Pool and for providing swim lessons to the campers. Last but not least Tammy would like to say thank you to Counselor Julie Swanson, Counselors and Junior Counselors for all their hard work. Without all of their hard work and dedication a successful day camp season would not be possible.

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## Question and Answer with Chief Todd Faulkner

### **Can you give the residents an update on expected move in date to the new Police Department?**

Currently the police department is in the final phases and we are on track to take ownership on or about the 2nd week of October. There are still many things to complete inside, equipment to install, policies to write and validate as well as training for all the staff. We will also need to move out of the current building and into the new building in one phase due to the utilization of some equipment and hardware at the current building .

Prior to move in we will be having an open house, but that date has not been determined yet. It is my hope that we are in and functional prior to Halloween so that the children and their families can stop by and “Trick or Treat” with us as well.

### **Can you give the town residents an idea on any differences that they may see with the Police Station on Main Street?**

The new facility is a lot different than the current building and will offer a lot more functionality and benefits. There will still be a drug take-back box in the main lobby, however, we will also have a restroom and access to Community Room. This room can be scheduled by groups for professional meetings, gatherings, etc. It can be used after hours and is secured from the main building allowing access to and from without the need for an officer or employee to allow access. Groups wishing to use the room will be required to contact the Office Manager to schedule the date and time as well as to sign a use contract.

Additionally the building is equipped to be 100% self-sufficient and act as a command/operations center if needed. There is also a special room for private interviews and all detainees will be brought into a secure sally port before ever being removed from a police cruiser. This ensures full security at all times and immediate access to a detention/processing room that is 100% secure.

We have also added windows to the front of the building to increase the aesthetic value of the building. This was a recent decision by the Board of Selectmen and we are currently waiting on the windows to arrive.

### **Are there any changes with the Police Station on Main Street pertaining to nights and weekends, walk ins etc.?**

We have recently hired a part-time dispatch/office assistant to handle the large volume of paperwork archiving and call volume calls we have. It is anticipated that our “walk-Ins” will increase by as much as 3 times the current rate. This is something that needs to be addressed and I have taken steps to do that. I anticipate certain days of the week (days to be determined) to have the dispatch window attended to later in the evening (times to be determined). Our new dispatcher is in training and should be ready in the next couple of weeks.

### **Will night and weekend calls still be handled by Cheshire County Sheriff’s Department Dispatch?**

Yes, this will remain as is however, we have installed a new contact box on the front of the building. When a person comes to the station after hours there may or may not be a person at the dispatch window. There will always be at least one officer on duty however, that officer may be on the road. The button on the communications box can then be pushed and it will immediately call dispatch. They can then converse with the dispatcher and even be linked to the officer’s cellphone directly if necessary.

## P o l i c e   D e p a r t m e n t

The Hinsdale Police Department has a Facebook Page! This page is for information from the Police Department not for communication with them. The Police Department does not check the messages on this page so they urge you to always contact them with any complaints or concerns at 336-5723. In case of an emergency they urge you to call 336-7766 or 911.

Ashley Pinger, the Animal Control Officer explained that she was hired to control domesticated animals and live-stock. For any wild animal concerns she urges the residents to contact Fish and Game at 271-3421. She clarified that she cannot control feral cats. If any resident is trapping feral cats you must bring them to the Human Society. She pointed out that when your family pet is missing the first calls you should make are to local veterinarian offices, then the local humane societies should be contacted and finally the Police Department. Any animals that you may find deceased in the Town’s Roadways please contact the Highway Department at 336-5716 and on State Roads in Town, Rt. 119 and Rt. 63, please contact the NH DOT District 4 at 352-2302.

Ashley explained that there is a leash law in Town. It can be viewed on the Town’s Website under Animal Control Ordinance <http://hinsdale.govoffice.com/>. Also she explained that all dogs must be licensed annually by April 30<sup>th</sup> with the Town Clerk. A list of unlicensed dogs goes to the Select Board and there are penalties, so she urges all owners to remember to license their dogs. Ashley also wants to inform the residents that if your animal is microchipped to please let the Town Clerk know because she does keep record of it.

The Highway Superintendent, Frank Podlenski, is celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> year working for the Town. Frank was hired in September of 1985 by Wayne Piquette as a Truck Driver/Laborer. He was asked to step in as Highway Superintendent in December of 1995 and never stepped down. Frank takes a lot of pride in his work for the Town and feels that he treats the Town's money like his own. He doesn't like to spend it! He always looks for ways to save the taxpayers money and looks out for the best interest of the Town's Residents. Frank has taken on projects for the Town to save the taxpayers money and has learned as he went along. His biggest pride in town was rebuilding the walls on Old Chesterfield Road. It was a huge task to take on but it looks great!

Frank encourages all residents, as winter is soon upon us, to look at the location of your mailbox. The front of your mailbox should be three feet back from the road and no lower than 42 inches from the ground. He also advises that there is free sand available from October 1<sup>st</sup> through the winter months. The free sand is located behind the gas pumps at the Town Garage and residents can take up to four, 5-gallon buckets at one time.

The Transfer Station's hours are Friday and Saturday 7am-3pm. During the summer months Saturday hours are extended to 4pm. If you have missed trash and recyclable pick-up day on Wednesday the Transfer Station does accept Hinsdale Blue Trash bags and recyclables at no charge. Other trash is accepted for a fee and you will need to acquire a Transfer Station Permit. The permit is \$5.00 and you can purchase it at either the Town Hall or the Transfer Station.

To rent the Pavilion or Gazebo please contact the Town Hall at 336-5710 ext. 10. If the day requested is open on the calendar there is an application that will need to be filled out and also a fee is charged.

I would like to welcome Peter Howe to the Highway Department.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call (603) 336-5716.

## Water Department

fortunate to have two public drinking water systems administered by an attentive and professional water department. Although the two systems sit atop high quality and productive aquifers, they face challenges from both historic and potential land uses. The Downtown Hinsdale System continues to face challenges from historic, upstream activities, and residential development along Route 119. The North Hinsdale System is fortunate to be bordered by two state forests, a state park, and numerous plots of privately owned forest land and conservation land around Lily Pond. These lands help the North Hinsdale System maintain its high quality supply. This system may face future challenges from increased residential development, and the eventual closure of the nearby sand and gravel pit. With due diligence, and continued proactive action on the part of the Town of Hinsdale, the two sources can serve on the part of the Town of Hinsdale, the two sources can serve the town well in the future.

Also Hinsdale has been selected to be part of the E.P.A. Flood Reliance Study. This study will look at all of Hinsdale's potential flood area. We hope to receive some aide in correcting some of the potential areas.

Dennis encourages residents, as winter approaches, to do two very important things. 1<sup>st</sup> If you have a heat tape, please test it prior to cold weather. 2<sup>nd</sup> Make sure that your basement is as airtight as possible.

Any residents that are not on the Town's Water System are encouraged to test their wells every two years for bacteria and other possible problems. Dennis asked residents to contact the Water Department at 336-5715 and he will assist you with the test.



**Frank Podlenski**



**Bob Truesdell,  
Peter Howe &  
Frank**

The Water/Sewer Superintendent Dennis Nadeau was elected last year to the Board of Granite State Rural Water Association. This year he was elected as the N.H Representative to the National Rural Water Association. One of the many benefits that this has for the Town Residents is the opportunity to have a complete survey of the water system. This study helps lower the annual cost of water sampling for the town by one third. The Source Water Protection Plan can be viewed at the Town Hall. The Specialist from Granite State Rural Water Association, Andrew Madison, looked for differences or potential sources of contamination in the Town's Water System. There were a few suggestions made, but no real differences or serious sources of contamination were found at this point. They will continue to monitor some potential problems upstream like the Ashuelot Paper Mill. The Conclusion of the study stated: The Town of Hinsdale is

# Lawn Party Fun Helps Beat the Heat



Lawn games for the kids were just one of the offerings for family fun activities at this year's lawn party.

With temperatures in the 90s and high humidity the pool was a popular place to be for the Annual Lawn Party held on June 20th! This was the first year The Hinsdale Community Coalition has organized this event since becoming part of the Hinsdale Recreation Department. Nearly 200 people came out to enjoy the event, which consisted of free admission to the town pool, lawn games, free pizza for lunch, a free concert, free barbeque for dinner and a free movie night.

Many thanks go out to the community sponsors whose donations helped make the day happen: The Hinsdale Community Coalition, The Hinsdale PTA, Shippee Auto, S.H.O.C., The Hinsdale Board of Selectmen, The Hinsdale School Board, HASP, The Hinsdale Police Department, The Hinsdale Fire Department, UNFI, Hannaford's, Kulicks, The Hinsdale Lions Club, The Hinsdale Town Band, Market Basket, Continental Cable, The Abbey Group, C&S Wholesale Grocers, OTB, WNEHHA, Leader Beverage and T-Bird Mini Mart.

Deepest thanks also go out to the individuals who donated their time and effort to supporting a community wide event in our town: Matt & Holly Kennedy, Ann & Steve Diorio, Joe & Liz Boggio, Jim & Maryanne O'Malley, Tom & Jeana Woodbury, April Anderson, Janet Bruns, Angie Mathieu, Shelley Behan, Robert Akeley Jr, Carlene Momaney, Zeb Hildreth, Leo Marshall, Marcello D'Alessandro, Steve Gasset, Mike Darcy, Bill Butynski, Bill Nebelski and Sean Leary.



School Board Chairperson Holly Kennedy is shown distributing many of the free give-away items that were available.



Select Board Chairperson Mike Darcy (right) serves pulled pork while School Board member Jim O'Malley serves burgers and dogs fresh from the grill.



SAU Administrative Assistant Ann Diorio (left) restocks the grill as Select Board member Steve Diorio (center) and School Board Vice Chair Sean Leary (right) work feverishly to keep the flow of food coming to the hungry lawn party attendees.

If you would like to help organize or donate to the 2016 Lawn Party, please contact the Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Department.  
[seasonaldirector@gmail.com](mailto:seasonaldirector@gmail.com)



USPS AND EPA STORM WATER FLOWER GARDEN AT 13 MAIN STREET



Wastewater Superintendent, Robert Johnson, would like to inform the residents of Hinsdale that everything isn't flushable. For a copy of the "What's Flushable" pamphlet, please stop into the Town Hall. Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog sewer and septic systems and can end up costing you a pretty penny. The bottom line is only human waste and toilet paper are flushable.