

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of August 25, 2014

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following information highlights some activities which occurred:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

Fifty-six (56) donations totaling over \$31,000 have been made to the Colchester Police Department Dress Uniform Fund. Thank you for your generous support and to the fundraising committee for their efforts.

We continue to work on cost containment measures. Recent initiatives include:

- Reduced our cell phone / internet costs
- Considering changes to telephone service to reduce costs and improve reliability. We have had several phone outages lately and apologize if you have been inconvenienced
- Restructured Planning and Zoning office to reduce administrative costs by 10 hours a week
- Reduced town vehicle fleet for permitting staff and assessor by ½ and purchased a sedan for Police Chief to reduce gasoline consumption
- Restructured Assessor's Office which eliminated a 32 hour position and a shared employee agreement with Essex as well as shared administrative tasks with other departments. Net savings of 16 hours a week
- Cut a position dedicating 12 hours per week for telecommunications
- Eliminated our responsibility for payroll and benefits administration for CUSI positions
- Considering increases to fees for services and improving accuracy of Grand List

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Economic Development Department—Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

Here are some of the initiatives on which the Economic Development Department is currently working:

- Met with local business to pursue non-traditional funding source for business expansions
- Continue meeting with local agencies to establish working partnerships
- Met with local business regarding possible expansion opportunities
- Met with local business and legislative rep regarding business concerns
- Continue work on branding campaign
- Met with GBIC to discuss updates and possible partnerships
- Continue work on New Town Center renewal

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- Met with Department of Labor on programs available to business community
- Working with staff on finalization of residential guide
- Met with realtor and working with various land owners in Exit 17 area
- Attended two Rotary meetings
- Met with FAHC regarding their two Colchester locations
- Attended Chamber function at Bevo
- Met with Principal Minor regarding new labs and the tie to the business community
- Held initial meeting with three local businesses
- Continue discussion with landowner regarding possible project
- Presentation to Selectboard on final logo and taglines
- Attended SSTA board meeting
- Met with and toured Vermont Public Radio
- Continue work on website upgrade
- Met with several local developers on possible projects
- Toured new State Health Lab
- Met with large area employer

For more information about the Community and Economic Development Office, please visit <http://www.colchestervt.gov/CommEconomicDev/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5508.

Planning and Zoning Department—Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of August 25, 2014:

- The Colchester Development Review Board met on August 27th and approved the following projects: 1) A site plan application of VPR for phased additions totaling 14,222 sq ft. at 365 Troy Avenue, Tax Map 21, Parcel 12; 2) a sketch plan application of Michael and Nancy Dube for a two lot subdivision for one new single family house at 1004 East Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 16; 3) a final plat application of Kermit and Lois Blaisdell for a four lot subdivision resulting in two new single family homes at 949 East Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 15; and 4) a site plan application of John Wood to construct a 784 sq. ft. addition to an existing garage for a property maintenance business located at 718 Prim Road, Tax Map 49, Parcel 15. The variance application of CVCF Colchester LLC for setback encroachments to develop a pre-existing nonconforming lot with a single family home at Thayer Beach Road, Tax Map 52, Parcel 15 will be heard again on October 22nd.
- The Development Review Board will meet on September 24th to consider the following projects: 1) site plan applications of Les and Tomma Brownell for a single-family home, seawall, and path on Orchard Shore, Tax Map 78, Parcel 9-9; 2) final plat and a site plan applications of Delco Properties LLC for nine congregate duplexes totaling 18 units in two phases; 3) a final plat amendment of Marble Island LLC to combine lots 24 through 26 into one lot for five duplex units (10 units total) on 32 & 33 Anchorage Way and Marble Island Road; 4) a site plan application of Richard and Dorothy Mazza for a 3,101 sq. ft. addition to an existing storage building at 851 West Lakeshore Drive; 5) a site plan application of Lillian

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Farnham for a seawall extension at 196 Beach Road, Tax Map 53, Parcel 27; 6) a sketch plan application of Carole Godbout for a three lot subdivision for one new single family house on Pond Brook Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 12-2; and 7) a sketch plan application of Robert and Meaghan Vickery for a four lot subdivision for three new single family houses at 1033 Clay Point Road, Tax Map 78, Parcel 6-2.

- The Planning Commission met on August 19 to discuss shorelands and floodplain zoning. The Commission is in the process of reviewing the regulations and has requested input from the State as to what can be done with the existing regulations and Shoreland Delegation and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Once the Commission has received feedback from the State, the Commission will hold public forums on the possible changes to these regulations to improve process and clarity in permitting within these districts.

For more information about the Planning and Zoning Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/PlanningZ/planningZHome.shtml> or call (802) 264-5600.

Public Works Department—Bryan Osborne, Director

- Repaired broken sewer line at Exit 16
- Selected consultant to perform comprehensive energy audit of Town buildings
- Continuing evaluation of repair options for the Colchester Pond Road Bridge
- Completed a prioritization methodology for the repair of existing sidewalks
- Continuing the development of a warrant analysis protocol for the installation of rapid flashing beacons
- Bid phase for paving projects has been completed. Paving scheduled to begin within the next few weeks, (East lakeshore Drive, Colchester Point Road, portion of Williams Road)
- Right-of-way acquisition is continuing for the River Road sidewalk project
- Design work is continuing on the Morehouse Brook box culvert replacement project
- Design work is continuing on the East Road culvert replacement project
- Design work is continuing on the Fort Ethan Allen sidewalk replacement project
- Design consultant selection phase underway for the Mountain View Drive sidewalk project
- Design work is continuing on the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project
- Conducted pre-bid meeting for the repair of the Town Meeting House roof
- Developing FY16 operating budget as well as the five year capital plan
- Working on amendments to the inter-municipal wastewater agreement between Colchester and South Burlington
- Developing flow restoration plans for the Sunderland Watershed
- Providing design, right-of-way and permitting assistance to VTrans for the Exit 16 interchange project and the Rt. 2/Rt. 7/Creek Road intersection project

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