

Colchester's Weekly Town News

For the Week of
December 15, 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

May you be surrounded by family and friends and find joy and peace this holiday season.

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Economic Development Department—Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

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

- Finalizing work on Website redesign and Request For Proposals award
- Met with vendor and acquired new Mobile App for Town, free of charge
- Met with Editor of Colchester Sun
- Research and assessment on marketing and branding first initiatives
- Met with Director of Communications at VT Dept. of Tourism
- Met with representative from Business People VT regarding possible advertising
- Made presentation to Selectboard on 2016 Budget
- Attended Allen & Brooks annual Commercial Real Estate Trends presentation
- Met with local business regarding expansion plans
- Met with business that recently relocated to Colchester
- Continue work with business looking to expand in Colchester
- Met with businesses regarding possibility of LOT
- Assessment and research for possible Selectboard Scholarship
- Continue work with LIFE Board
- Attended Rotary Meetings
- Attended SSTA Board Meeting

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Planning and Zoning Department—Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of December 15, 2014:

- The Colchester Development Review Board met on December 17th with regards to the following projects: 1) Approved - Preliminary Plat application of Gardner Construction for ten residential units in duplexes and triplexes as well as a new public road located at 121 Macrae Road. Tax Map 40, Parcel 66; 2) Approved - Final plat application of Perry Sporn and Lost Cove Partnership to amend a 12 residential lot, 2 open space / common area lots subdivision served by 2350 feet of private road and utilities with the amendment consisting of

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boundary line adjustments between the private road right of way known as Brickyard Road and a vacant lot known as Tax Map 77 Parcel 26 and a lot developed with a single-family house known as Tax Map 77 Parcel 25 at 755 Brickyard Road resulting in the merger of Parcels 25 and 26 with 2.6 acres transferred to the combined lot and .333 acres transferred to the private road right-of way located at 755 Brickyard Road and 0 Brickyard Road, Tax Map 77, Parcels 25 and 26; 3) Approved - Site Plan application of Neil Garner to construct a 100' long concrete seawall located at 76 West Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map 65, Parcel 21; 4) Approved - Site Plan application of Point of View Partnership and Tim McKenzie to construct a vegetated retaining wall system located at 1331 Colchester Point Road, Tax Map 33, Parcel 59; and 5) Continued to January reconsideration of a Variance application of CVCF Colchester LLC for encroachment in the front yard and Shoreland District setback located at Thayer Beach Road, Tax Map 52, Parcel 15.

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on January 14th to consider the following applications: 1) Appeal application of Vladamir Smirnov of a notice of violation for a commercial vehicle exceeding the allowable length and height in a residential district at 23 Tanglewood Drive, Tax Map 34, Parcel 6; 2) Conditional Use application of Doug Neede and Heidi Tappan for a silvicultural operation in the R1 District at 607 Brickyard Road, Tax Map 76, Parcels 002010, 026020 and 040000; and 3) Site Plan application of SP Cove for a dimensional stone seawall 5' to 8' high encroaching in the Shoreland District setback at 278 West Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map 65, Parcel 17.
- The Planning Commission met on December 2nd and 16th and discussed amending the floodplain regulations to improve the construction process, whether or not to allow larger commercial vehicles in the residential districts, and the possibility of creating a new zoning district for the West Lakeshore Drive and Town Services neighborhoods. The Commission will continue the floodplain discussion in the spring upon the return of summer seasonal residents so that they may participate in the discussion. Over the winter the Commission will study the West Lakeshore Drive and Town Services neighborhoods. The Commission will further discuss commercial vehicles in residential districts at their upcoming meeting on January 6th.

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Public Works Department—Bryan Osborne, Director

- Review of the draft energy audit is ongoing.
- The department is continuing work on the development of a long term strategic sustainability plan
- Continuing to work with the CCRPC on the development of a warrant analysis protocol for the installation of rapid flashing beacons
- Assembling a Storm Water Advisory Committee for the development of a Storm Water Utility
- Working on amendments to the inter-municipal wastewater agreement between Colchester and South Burlington
- Developing flow restoration plans for the Sunderland Watershed as required under the Town's MS4 Storm Water Permit
- Developing Stream Flow Monitoring plans as required under the Town's MS4 Storm Water Permit
- 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
- Soliciting proposals for a temporary repair of a large diameter culvert on East Road. An exploratory excavation has been completed at the site.
- Right-of-way acquisition is continuing for the River Road sidewalk project
- Design work is continuing on the Morehouse Brook box culvert replacement project

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- Design work is continuing on the Fort Ethan Allen sidewalk replacement project
- Retained engineering design services for the Mountain View Drive sidewalk project.
- Design work is continuing on the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project.
- Design work is underway for the reconstruction of Mill Pond Road north of the bridge

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