

**Colchester's Weekly Town News**  
For the Week Ending December 20, 2013

**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**

Happy Holidays and I wish everyone joy, peace and time with family and friends.

For more information about the Town Manager's Office, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5509.

**Assessor's Office—Bob Vickery, Assessor**

The Assessor's Department is reviewing all new residential construction in Colchester that was under construction as of April 1 of this year or that was started after April 1 of this year.

If you have built or have purchased a newly constructed condo or house, we will be attempting to contact you to set up an appointment for an inspection of the interior and exterior of your new dwelling. A typical inspection takes roughly thirty minutes, the purpose of which is to assess all properties in town to the Fair Market Value using the most up-to-date and accurate data possible; this will ensure that property owners do not pay more than their fair share of the tax burden.

If you would like to set up an appointment to have the assessor inspect your new dwelling, please call Donna at (802) 264-5670.

For more information about the Assessor's Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Assessor/assessorHome.shtml> or call (802) 264-5670.

**Town Clerk's Office—Karen Richard, Town Clerk**

- Kudos to the town employees who contributed new toys to the red box (Toys for Tots) in the lobby; the box is overflowing with donations! This is the first year that a donation box has been placed in the lobby, and it was very successful.
- The Town Clerk's Office attended a meeting as part of an advisory clerk committee to the Secretary of State. Secretary Condos updated us on the upcoming changes to the Vermont Secretary of State website (<http://www.sec.state.vt.us/>), which are designed to make the site more user friendly to the public. The state voter checklist is also being updated and will soon become accessible to the public. The campaign finance module will be up and running for the August primary and November election. Candidates will then report their campaign spending directly to the Secretary of State—and will be able to do that online.

For further information or comment, please call June Campbell at 264-5509.

- As the calendar year winds down, remember that you can call 264-5520 or you can e-mail us to request a statement of taxes paid for the year and a copy of your tax bill for tax purposes. The e-mail addresses are available on our website: <http://colchestervt.gov/TownClerk/townClerkHome.shtml>
- Happy Holidays to all of our citizens from the Town Clerk's Office. It is a pleasure to serve you all year long.

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### **Finance Department—Aaron Frank, Assistant Town Manager/CFO**

- Installing new server and e-mail/calendar/contacts system
- Completed bond application for the Windemere Mobile Home Park Wastewater System
- Working with Colchester Police Department on a financial proposal to consolidate and share public safety dispatch with Winooski
- Researching opportunities to reduce costs of an energy-efficient streetlight lease

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