

Colchester's Weekly Town News

February 2, 2015

While by no means a complete representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following gives some highlights of the week:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

Our office has completed several publications reporting on the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, including a clean audit and an annual report. We have also received the Selectboard's approval for a FY 16 budget that will be voted upon on March 3rd. A special Town Meeting supplement to the Colchester Sun was delivered this week to **all** residents; please take a look to become better informed. Annual reports and the supplement can be picked up at the Library or Town Clerk's office, or call (802) 264-5509 to request copies.

Budget: <http://www.colchestervt.gov/Manager/TownMeeting.shtml>.

Town Report: <http://www.colchestervt.gov/Manager/TownReports.shtml>

Audit Report and Management Discussion and Analysis:

<http://www.colchestervt.gov/Finance/auditreports/2014FinancialStatements.pdf>

Town Clerk's Office—Karen Richard, Town Clerk

- We are preparing for Town Meeting on March 2nd beginning at 7:30 p.m. at CHS and the next election on March 3, 2015. Look for postcards to the voting households in District 9-1 (**comprised of the area east of I-89, the west side of I-89 north of the Malletts Creek inlet and excluding the south side of Blakely Road**) as a reminder that we are no longer voting at the Meeting House on Main Street due to lack of parking and accessibility for persons with disabilities. All voting now and in future will happen at the Colchester High School Gymnasium. Hours are 7 am to 7 pm. Ballots will arrive by February 11th, which is when Early Voting can begin. You can stop by the office to vote or call (802) 264-5520 to request that a ballot be mailed to you.
- Taxes are due on Monday March 16th, as the 15th falls on a Sunday. This is the 3rd and final installment for this fiscal year. Retain the top portion of your bill which has the necessary information to file for your homestead and state credit, if applicable.
- Dogs are required to be licensed by April 1st. **IT IS THE LAW**. Please bring in a copy of the rabies certificate, which is required to be on file, in order to process the license.

For more information about the Town Clerk's Office,

<http://colchestervt.gov/TownClerk/townClerkHome.shtml> or call (802) 264-5520

Finance Department—Aaron Frank, Assistant Town Manager/CFO

For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 264-5509.

- After six months of our current year budget, we are 2% over budget for revenues and 1% under budget for expenses.
- We are working with Champlain Housing Trust to apply for a federal grant to improve Winchester Place Apartments.
- The Town's Federal Single Audit of grant related expenses resulted in no findings.
- Looked into opportunities for the Town to buy off State bids, should they be the lowest cost option.
- Worked with health insurance carrier and employee groups on changes resulting in no increase in health insurance cost for calendar year 2015.

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