

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of February 9, 2015

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

Wondering about how to get more information about the issues to be voted on? LCATV has recorded segments on:

- the Town's FY 16 budget proposal: <http://lcatv.org/program/colchester-town-budget-2015-02-11>
- the capital plan reauthorizations for our Technology and Communications expenses: <http://lcatv.org/program/colchester-capitol-plan-reautho-2015-02-11>
- the Local Option Tax. <http://lcatv.org/program/colchester-local-option-tax-2015-02-11>

Each segment is less than 15 minutes long and provides an overview of the issues. More information can also be found on the Town's website at

- <http://town.colchester.vt.us/news.shtml> (Recent Town news)
- <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/TownMeeting.shtml> (Town Meeting information)
- <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/LocalOptionTax.shtml> (Local option tax information)

Please consider voting early if you are heading out on February vacation. The Community Dinner and Town Meeting are on **Monday, March 2nd** beginning at 5:30 p.m. (dinner) and 7:30 p.m. (meeting) at Colchester High School. Voting will take place on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. However, you can vote now by stopping in at the Town Clerk's office or calling 264-5522 to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

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

Economic Development Department—Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

Highlights of the activities of the Economic Development Office this week include the following:

- Met with local realtor
- Finalized the new Resident & Visitor Guide and sent to printer

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- Attended LOT public hearings
- Met with local developer regarding initiatives & infrastructure needs
- Working with small manufacturer regarding rental space
- Working with Colchester manufacturer on financing needs
- Attended CCDC meeting
- Initial meeting with new business in town
- Continue work on new Town website
- Attended new Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting
- Continue work on Marketing Plan assessment and research
- Researching marketing and tourism venues and partnerships
- Updated new mobile app
- Continue work with businesses looking to expand in Colchester
- Attended LIFE Board
- Attended Rotary Meetings
- Attended SSTA Board Meeting

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 February 9, 2015:

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on February 25th to consider following applications:
 - 1) Final Plat and Site Plan Applications of Gardner Construction, Inc. for a ten (10) unit Planned Residential Development on a 3.04 acre parcel comprised with two (2) triplex units and two (2) duplex units and a 660' long public road at 121 Macrae Road. Tax Map 40, Parcel 66;
 - 2) Preliminary Plat and Final Plat Applications of Carole Godbout, Trustee for a three (3) lot Planned Unit Development with Lot #1 to be 3.53 acres developed with an existing residence, Lot #2 to be 6.47 acres to be developed with a single family residence to be accessed from East Road, and Lot 3 to be 3.33 acres of common land at 132 Pond Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 12-2;
 - 3) Site Plan Application of Wendy Jestings and Eric Audette for the construction of an approximately 168' foot long seawall encroaching in the Shoreland District setback at 2284 Porters Point Road, Tax Map 45, Parcel 13;
 - 4) Site Plan Application of Redpath Holdings, LTD to increase the size of a previously approved office/warehouse building from 9,990 sq. ft. to 14,400 sq. ft. and reduce parking from 32 spaces to 24 spaces at Lot #1 of Brentwood Park on Brentwood Drive, Tax Map 17, Parcel 3; and 5) Site Plan Application of Lot 2 Brentwood Drive, LLC to construct a 9,600 sq. ft. office/warehouse building with associated infrastructure located on Lot 2 of Brentwood Park on Brentwood Drive, Tax Map 17, Parcel 3-2.
- The Planning Commission will meet on March 3rd to continue its review of the West Lakeshore Drive and Town Services neighborhoods. The Planning Commission voted on February 3rd to send

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Supplement 36 to the Select Board. This proposed zoning amendment would add a new use, hospice care home, to the table of uses and would also allow for the Development Review Board to consider larger commercial vehicles as part of a home business use application. The Select Board will hear the first reading of Supplement 36 on February 24th and will hold the public hearing on March 24th.

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

- The energy audit of Town owned buildings has been completed with a presentation planned to the Select Board on March 24th.
- The department is continuing work on the development of a long term strategic sustainability plan
- A warrant analysis protocol for the installation of rapid flashing beacons has been completed and will be presented to the Select Board in the near future
- Have assembled a Storm Water Advisory Committee for the development of a Storm Water Utility and held the first kick off meeting
- 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
- Received proposals for a temporary repair of a large diameter culvert on East Road. Contract has been awarded to Engineers Construction, Inc. of So. Burlington with construction expected to begin within 30 days
- 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 Fort Ethan Allen sidewalk replacement project
- Retained engineering design services for the Mountain View Drive sidewalk project and held kick-off meeting. A local concerns meeting is planned for 2/17
- Design work is continuing on the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project. The project is now entering the right-of-way phase
- Design work is underway for the reconstruction of Mill Pond Road north of the bridge. Project is to be bid in 2/15.
- Developing scope of work and request for proposals for a design build to replace the Airport Park Maintenance facility
- Developing technical specifications for the replacement of the Town's ambulance, scheduled or replacement in FY16
- Working with the CCRPC on various roadway re-alignment plans through the Bay area to improve traffic flow

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- Developing the FY16 Wastewater Department Budget for approval by the Board of Sewer Commissioners in March, 2015
- Updating 5 year Capital Program for Select Board review in later summer of 2015
- Working with Police Department and communication consultants to address deficiencies in radio communications for emergency services and DPW
- Developing scope of work and bid documents for the replacement of the roof on the Town's Rescue Building

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