

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of July 14, 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

I'm sure some of you are wondering why we are spending time and efforts on a new logo, tag line and branding efforts for the community. We believe such an initiative:

- Will distinguish our community and define our identity to various audiences
- Is essential to enhancing our community's reputation
- Will create and advertise what we want to be known for and will change the way people view our community
- Will serve to focus our economic development efforts and encourage people to think of Colchester in the same way.

Currently, the town's logo consists of a cow. While the cow may have been representative of our agrarian roots historically, we believe the recreational based activities on the lake, including the Causeway, are what distinguish us from any other community today. We are still finalizing a tag line which will include some representation of business. We appreciate our volunteer committee that included some marketing and design experts - Brian Mullin, Tom Bacon, and Jay McKee, Selectboard member Tom Mulcahy, our Economic Development Director, Kathi Walker O'Reilly and Parks and Recreation Director, Glen Cuttitta. The original concept of the logo came from Lindsey Colburn, a resident who won our Town sponsored contest. These volunteer efforts helped to keep the costs of this project down to a minimum. We will be unveiling the final product within a month!

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

Police Department—Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

The Colchester Police Department was proud to debut our new Honor Guard uniforms as we led the July 4th community parade. If you haven't seen our new dress uniforms please check out our Facebook page!

The Marine Unit is active on Colchester's waterways and has been busy so far this boating season. Please remember to operate watercraft in a safe and responsible manner and always have required safety gear on board.

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

With warm weather always comes an uptick in larcenies from motor vehicles, garages, sheds and sometimes residential burglaries. Please do not be an easy target! Keep valuables out of site in your car and always lock your car. Lock or place locking mechanisms in ground floor windows to prevent access to your home. Secure your garage, shed and outbuildings. And, please call to report suspicious persons or circumstances. An ounce of prevention can go a long way toward reducing property crime!

In the past month CPD has arrested 28 people on a total of 39 charges including Domestic Assault, Trespass, Interference with Emergency Services, Eluding Police, Negligent Operation, DUI, False Info to a Police Officer and more. We have had 182 contacts through motor vehicle stops and responded to 831 calls for police service.

For more information about Colchester Police Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Police/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads—Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Rescue has received 88 calls for service since June 18th. We transported 68 people to the hospital and turned over 4 calls while already on a call. Sixteen of the calls were outside of our primary service area, and 3 of these were Paramedic intercepts.

The first week of July we welcomed two “rescue babies”. Two of our members gave birth to health baby boys! Potential new rescue members, in about 16 years!!

We held our Annual Meeting on June 25th and elected some new members into different positions.

Squad Positions

Assistant Chief: Mike Voity

Secretary: Becky Alemy

Association Positions

President: Harry Fell

Treasurer: Jordan Pasha

Secretary: Becky Alemy

I would like to thank Lauri McGivern, who has served as Assistant Chief for four years. She was a huge help to me!

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Rescue/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5990.

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