



For the Week of March 9, 2015

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following highlights some Departments' activities:

Town Manager's Office
Dawn Francis, Town Manager

The Town of Colchester has openings for volunteers (no stipends) on the following Boards and Commissions:

Recreation Advisory Committee: 1 vacancy, 2 year term. Vacant now and would complete present term that expires June 30, 2015. Next term would begin July 1, 2015 and expire June 30, 2017. (No deadline)

Governance Committee: 2+ vacancies, no terms. The Colchester Selectboard and Heritage Project charged the Governance Committee with three primary fields of investigation: 1) Rewriting and/or updating the Town Charter. 2) Examining structural, operational and regional options to optimize the accountability, transparency, effectiveness and cost of Colchester's government and public services. 3) Methods of improving citizen participation and investment in municipal governance. (No deadline)

Tree Warden: 1 year term beginning April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016. (*Application deadline for this position is March 31, 2015.*)

Cemetery Advisory Committee: 1 year term vacant immediately to expire February 28, 2016. (No Deadline)

Additional information about the various Town Boards and Commissions is available on the Town website or call Linda Kingston, Management Coordinator, at 264-5509. Applications may be picked up at the Town Offices at 781 Blakely Rd. or on the Town website: <http://www.colchestervt.gov>

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

Here are some of the initiatives on which the Economic Development Department is currently working.

- Gave tour for Pat Moulton, Secretary of Agency of Commerce & Community Development and met with local businesses to discuss issues

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- Met with new President of Albany College to discuss shared initiatives
- Met with discovery mobile app owner to discuss further partnerships and ways to promote Colchester Businesses
- Continue work on new website
- Researching marketing and tourism venues and partnerships
- Researching Tourism Ambassador Programs
- Resident & Visitor Guide printed
- Attended public meeting on Water Tower Hill Sidewalk project
- Attended Vermont League of Cities & Towns Government Day in Montpelier
- Attended CCDC business event
- Met with existing local business on expansion plans
- Attended Rotary meetings
- Met with Chamber Tourism Director on possible shared initiatives
- Met with Regional Planning Commission on Traffic Study
- Attended Senate Economic Development and House Transportation committees to discuss impacts of pending legislation
- Attended Town Meeting dinner & presentation
- Research of signage for industrial and office parks
- Met with Colchester Representative to discuss Economic Development initiatives, pending legislation and future projects
- Attended Select Board & CCDC Meeting
- Continue work with businesses looking to expand in Colchester

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 Development Review Board will meet on March 25th to consider following applications:
 - 1) Preliminary Plat application of Robert and Meaghan Vickery for a four (4) lot Planned Unit Development (PUD) to subdivide a 4 acre parcel resulting in three new single family house lots served by a private drive at 1033 Clay Point Road, Tax Map 78, Parcel 6-2;
 - 2) Preliminary Plat application of Riverside Farm LLC for a two lot PUD of an 11.5 acre parcel resulting in the demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and barn and the construction of a 4-story mixed use building with 12 residential units and 8,000 sq. ft. of office/medical use and a waste storage building on lot one at 527 Heineberg Drive, Tax Map 5, Parcel 5;
 - 3) Site Plan application of Acabay, Legacy Mountain View LLC and William Mitchell D/B/A/ All Fire Up to locate a 8' x 20' self-contained mobile food unit to be removed each day at 302 and 354 Mountain View Drive, Tax Map 3, Parcels 206 and 206-2;

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- 4) Site Plan application of Fort Bender LLC and Egan Media Productions to establish an audio/video production studio and office in an existing 1,200 sq. ft. building with an associated parking lot at 279 Ethan Allen Avenue, Tax Map 21, Parcel 10;
 - 5) Site Plan application of Neil Gardner to amend a previously approved plan for a three unit extended stay motel to remove a 1,000 sq. ft. unit in the Flood Plain and Shoreland Districts and construct the unit as an addition to the primary structure, resulting in the demolition of the existing garage at 76 West Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map 65, Parcel 21; and
 - 6) Sketch Plan application of Shawn Darby and Lisa Darby for a four (4) lot PUD to subdivide a 34.58 acre parcel resulting in three new single family house lots at 590 Red Rock Road, Tax Map 77, Parcel 5.
- The Select Board will hold the public hearing on March 24th on supplement 36 to the Colchester Zoning Regulations 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 Planning Commission will meet on April 7th to hold a kick off meeting on The Village at Malletts Bay Project with the selected consultant team of Placesense and Stone Environmental. This Vermont Municipal Planning Grant funded project will run through October and will examine the zoning of the West Lakeshore Drive and Town Services Area neighborhoods. Public workshops are anticipated to be held in May on flood resilience, infrastructure, and the built environment resulting in proposed revisions to the zoning by autumn.

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 planed 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
- The Storm Water Advisory Committee has completed a Purpose and Need Statement for a Storm Water Utility which will be presented to the Board on March 24th
- Continuing work on amendments to the inter-municipal wastewater agreement between Colchester and South Burlington

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- Completed flow restoration plans for the Sunderland Watershed as required under the Town's MS4 Storm Water Permit
- Continuing to develop 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
- Working with a wetlands specialist on the East Road culvert project
- 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
- Held a local concerns meeting for the construction of sidewalks on Water Tower Hill
- Working on right-of-way phase for the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project
- Mill Pond Roadway reconstruction bid opening scheduled for March 11, 2015.
- Airport Park Maintenance Facility project is currently being bid
- Developing technical specifications for the replacement of the Town's ambulance, scheduled or replacement in FY16
- Completed the FY16 Wastewater Department Budget to be presented to the Board of Sewer Commissioners in March 24th
- 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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