

Colchester's Weekly Town News

For the Week of
November 17, 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

At this time of year our thoughts turn to all that we are grateful for and for me, they are:

- Our employees who work for you, many of whom work 24/7/365 days of the year in adverse conditions and circumstances (and who just donated 30 turkeys to the Colchester Food Shelf!)
- Our dedicated boards, commissions and volunteers who spend long hours of their free time making our community a better place to live, work and play
- The many businesses who have chosen to invest in Colchester
- The farmers who provide high quality local foods for our Thanksgiving tables.

Happy Thanksgiving. May you find yourselves surrounded by family and friends.

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Economic Development Department—Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

- Launched new Community Promotional Videos. Available on website and relocation.org
- Finished new Visitor and Residential Guide. Available on website
- RFP for Website Redesign issued
- Working on how to incorporate business community into new science labs
- LIFE Board
- Printing of new letterhead, business cards, etc.
- Branding and marketing research and planning
- VT Tech Alliance/STEM meeting
- Attended Vermont Development Conference
- Attended Realtors Networking Function
- Finalizing FY 2016 budget
- Meet with new local business on relocation into Colchester
- Continue work on New Town Center and Growth Center
- Met with realtor regarding commercial property
- Attended the kick off meeting for the UPWP work being done by Regional Planning
- Attend various community organizations meetings including CCDC, Rotary & SSTA

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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 November 16, 2014:

- The Colchester Development Review Board met on November 12nd with regards to the following projects: 1) Approved - Final Plat application of Dale Turner to reapprove a two lot subdivision at 920 Shore Acres Drive, Tax Map 64, Parcel 10; 2) Approved - Final Plat application of Mario Trabulsy to reapprove a two lot subdivision 1086 Braeloch Road, Tax Map 76, Parcel 8-1; 3) Approved - Final plat application of Robert Jean and Rick Leblanc to subdivide a 1.07 acre parcel into two residential lots with Lot 1 to be .73 acres developed with an existing single family home, accessory structure and accessory apartment and Lot #2 to be .35 acres to be developed with a single family home at 344 Porters Point Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 28; 4) Approved - Preliminary and Final Plat applications of Marcel and Nancy Dube for a two (2) lot subdivision with Lot #1A to be 8.01 acres developed with an existing residence and Lot #1B to be 4.5 acres to be developed with a single family residence at 1004 East Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 16; and 5) Continued until January 14th - Appeal application of Vladmir Smirnov under Article 10. Section 10.01 M(4) for a commercial vehicle exceeding the allowable length and height in a residential district located at 23 Tanglewood Drive, Tax Map 34, Parcel 16.
- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on December to consider the following applications: 1) Preliminary Plat application of Gardner Construction for ten residential units in duplexes and triplexes as well as a new public road located at 121 Macrae Road. Tax Map 40, Parcel 66; 2) Final plat application of Perry Sporn and Lost Cove Partnership to amend a 12 residential lot, 2 open space / common area lots subdivision served by 2350 feet of private road and utilities with the amendment consisting of boundary line adjustments between the private road right of way known as Brickyard Road and a vacant lot known as Tax Map 77 Parcel 26 and a lot developed with a single-family house known as Tax Map 77 Parcel 25 at 755 Brickyard Road resulting in the merger of Parcels 25 and 26 with 2.6 acres transferred to the combined lot and .333 acres transferred to the private road right-of way located at 755 Brickyard Road and 0 Brickyard Road, Tax Map 77, Parcels 25 and 26; 3) Site Plan application of Neil Garner to construct a 100' long concrete seawall located at 76 West Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map 65, Parcel 21; 4) Site Plan application of Point of View Partnership and Tim McKenzie to construct a vegetated retaining wall system located at 1331 Colchester Point Road, Tax Map 33, Parcel 59; and 5) Reconsideration of a Variance application of CVCF Colchester LLC for encroachment in the front yard and Shoreland District setback located at Thayer Beach Road, Tax Map 52, Parcel 15.
- The Planning Commission met on October 21st to discuss Shoreland zoning and proposed revisions to the Colchester Capital Budget. The Commission has been working to improve both the Shoreland and Floodplain zoning as a result of feedback from residents. The Commission will meet again on December 2nd to review feedback from the State on possible changes to the Floodplain zoning and consider a request for storage of commercial vehicles greater than 22 feet in length on residential properties.

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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 final report of the Energy Audit is now under review.
- The department is working on the development of a long term strategic sustainability plan
- Continuing the development of a warrant analysis protocol for the installation of rapid flashing beacons
- Continuing to work on a RFP for the development of a Storm Water Utility
- 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
- Completed the financial closeout process with VTrans and FEMA for the 2011 Federal Damage Declaration
- 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
- Soliciting proposals for a temporary repair of a large diameter culvert on East Road. An exploratory excavation has been completed at the site.
- 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
- Design proposals have been received for the Mountain View Drive sidewalk project. Awaiting final execution of the grant agreement with VTrans to provide federal funding for this project.
- Design work is continuing on the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project.
- Design work is underway for the reconstruction of Mill Pond Road north of the bridge
- The repair of the southern abutment of the Colchester Pond Road Bridge has been completed
- Paving of East Lakeshore Drive, Colchester Point Road and a portion of Williams Road has been completed.
- Repairs to the Meeting House roof have been completed
- Foundation repairs to both the Library and Historical Society buildings have been completed
- The replacement of the rear porch at the Rescue building has been completed
- The Water Tower Hill water storage tank project has been completed

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