

Colchester's Weekly Town News
For the Week of October 6, 2014

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following information highlights some activities that occurred:

Town Manager's Office—Dawn Francis, Town Manager

Colchester – A Great Place to Live, Work and Play!

Our Economic Development Director, Kathi Walker O'Reilly has overseen the production of four online videos promoting Colchester and our assets. These videos can be seen on the Town website and highlight what our community has to offer its residents, visitors and businesses. The videos will also be featured on Relocate.org, the largest relocation network in the nation. These videos were made possible by local businesses that supported the project through advertising. We appreciate the partnership and look forward to utilizing these innovative digital media tools for years to come.

Remember to Vote on Charter Changes and Statewide/Local Races!

You are now able to vote at the Town Clerk's Office for the upcoming election and on the proposed charter changes between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. until the close of business on Monday, November 3rd or you may request the ballots be mailed to you by calling the Clerk's office at 264-5500. The charter changes are posted in various locations throughout town – the Post Office, Mazza's General Store, Colchester Town Clerk's Office, Shaws and the Burnham Library and are also available on our website at www.colchestervt.gov. The third informational meeting about the charter amendments will be held on October 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall on Main Street in Colchester.

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

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads—Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Since September 11, Rescue responded to 77 EMS calls, and turned over 2, while already on a call. Out of the 77 calls, we transported 58 people to the hospital.

We have been working with the VNA on a program that will allow us to make referrals for patients that might benefit from the VNA's programs. We hope to have this up and running very soon. We also met with the coordinator of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) here in Chittenden County, to hear about what they do, and how they might be of assistance to us in emergencies that will overwhelm our local resources. You can learn more about them at their website: medicalreservecorp.gov.

Tech Rescue has assisted with a couple of injured hiker evacuations. One of them was in a difficult area, and took more time and technical ropes operations to get the patient and rescuers out safely. These calls can take 8 or more hours of tiring work. Luckily the members of the Technical Rescue Team train at least twice a month to stay proficient in their skills, and work closely with other teams.

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

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