

**Colchester's Weekly Town News**  
For the Week of October 24, 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**

Please remember to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>! Charter Changes and Statewide elections are on the ballot. Refer to our website for more details or attend the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at which the charter changes will be presented at a third and final public meeting.

Please share your thoughts on our Five Year Capital Budget and Program. The Selectboard is holding a hearing on this important document on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This plan pays for our vehicles, major equipment, facilities, paving, parks, drainage, bridges/culverts and transportation network. Our staff has been successful in leveraging the money received from our taxpayers by receiving state and federal grants at a 1:2 ratio.

2014 COLCHESTER LEAF DROP: November 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 am-4 pm. You can bring your leaves to Airport Park (off Colchester Point Road in the Malletts Bay area. Thank you to the Conservation Commission.

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**Planning and Zoning Department—Sarah Hadd, Director**

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of October 20, 2014:

- Colchester Development Review Board update:
  - 1) Approved - final plat application of Bayridge Condos to remove condition 3(d) of the Order dated February 13, 1991 requiring that the plan eliminate the proposed dock and the dock be replaced with a seasonal, swimming float at 1172 East Lakeshore Drive Tax Map 69, Parcel 17, Tax Map 69, Parcel 17, Unit 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Tax Map 68, Parcel 20
  - 2) Denied - a variance application of CVCF Colchester, LLC to construct a single family house encroaching in the Shoreland District setback at Thayer Beach Road, Tax Map 52, Parcel 15
  - 3) Approved - a conditional use application of Richard Rooney for the construction of 83.5 sq. ft. addition encroaching in the Shoreland District setback at 47 Irish Cove, Tax Map 55, Parcel 4
  - 4) Approved - a variance application of Braults Mobile Homes, Inc. for an overall dimensional variance for encroachment in the front yard for setbacks of 3 ft. versus the required 15 ft. and rear yard setbacks of 4 ft. versus the required 10 ft. for an existing mobile home park at 3691 Roosevelt Highway, Tax Map 27, Parcel 42;
  - 5) Approved - a variance application of Braults Mobile Homes, Inc. for an overall dimensional variance for encroachment in the front yard for setbacks of 3 ft. versus the required 15 ft. and rear yard setbacks of 4 ft. versus the required 10 ft. for an existing mobile home park at 3650 Roosevelt Highway, Tax Map 11, Parcel 9
  - 6) Upheld - appeal of Neal and Rose Pease of the Zoning Administrator's notice of violation letter dated September 3, 2014 for violating condition one of Zoning Board of Adjustment's Findings of Fact and Order of June 18, 1997 requiring that the business not occupy more than 500 sq. ft. of the structure and have no more than two employees for property located at 989 Main Street, Tax Map 24, Parcel 32 was upheld
  - 7) a sketch plan application of Robert and Meaghan Vickery for a four lot subdivision for three new single family houses at 1033 Clay Point Road, Tax Map 78, Parcel 6-2; and 8) sketch plan application of Riverside Farm, LLC for a three lot PUD on an 11.5 acre parcel consisting of: a) demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and barn,

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b) Lot One a 1.0 acre lot with a 6,000 sq. ft. general office building, c) Lot Two a 1.0 acre lot with a 28,560 sq. ft., 29-unit multifamily dwelling, and d) Lot Three a 9.5 acre common land lot with a 540 sq. ft. waste storage building at 527 Heineberg Drive, Tax Map 5, Parcel 5.

- The Development Review Board will meet on November 12<sup>th</sup> to review the following applications: 1) Final Plat application of Dale Turner to reapprove a two lot subdivision at 920 Shore Acres Drive, Tax Map 64, Parcel 10; 2) Final Plat application of Mario Trabulsy to reapprove a two lot subdivision 1086 Braeloch Road, Tax Map 76, Parcel 8-1; 3) 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) 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) 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 Planning Commission met on October 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss Shoreland zoning and hosted Susan Warren of the Vt. Agency of Natural Resources in a discussion of State Shoreland Regulations. The Commission has been working to improve both the Shoreland and Floodplain zoning as a result of feedback from residents on these regulations at an August 2013 Planning Commission meeting. The Commission met on October 21<sup>st</sup> and agreed to send possible changes to the Shoreland zoning to the State for review prior to further discussion. The Commission will meet again on November 18<sup>th</sup> to review feedback from the State on possible changes to the Floodplain zoning.

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#### **Public Works Department—Bryan Osborne, Director**

- The field work associated with an Energy Audit of all Town buildings has been completed and we are now awaiting the draft final report.
- A federal grant application for the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path Project in the amount of \$300,000 has been completed and submitted.
- A contract has been awarded for the repair of the southern abutment of the Colchester Pond Road Bridge
- Soliciting proposals for a temporary repair of a large diameter culvert on East Road
- Developing RFP for the development of a Storm Water Utility
- Continuing the development of a warrant analysis protocol for the installation of rapid flashing beacons
- Cold planing has been completed on East Lakeshore Drive and Williams Road, Paving of these roadways including Colchester Point Road is scheduled for next week.
- 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.
- Repairs to the Meeting House roof are proceeding and are substantially complete.
- Contracts have been awarded for foundation repairs to both the Library and Historical Society buildings.
- The Water Tower Hill water storage tank is nearing completion and is expected to be put into service next week
- Working on amendments to the inter-municipal wastewater agreement between Colchester and South Burlington

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- Developing flow restoration plans for the Sunderland Watershed
- 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
- Presented the five year capital program to the Select Board with a public hearing scheduled for October 28, 2014.
- Provided Act 250 testimony in support of the reconstruction of Exit 16
- Received and are reviewing the final report for transportation improvements at Exit 17
- Reviewing and providing comment on RPC Lake Champlain TMDL guidance to be submitted to the State Legislature
- Developed and proposed amendments to the Town's Traffic Ordinance. Public hearing is scheduled for October 28, 2014
- Street sweepers are performing fall sweeping
- Fall grading of all gravel roads is underway
- Summer equipment is being winterized
- Plow equipment is being mounted
- Drainage repairs were in Canyon Estates and along West Lakeshore and East Lakeshore Drive
- Miscellaneous paving was completed in Shore Acres, Bean Road, and in Canyon Estates.

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