

**Colchester's Weekly Town News**  
For the Week of September 8, 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**

The State of Vermont is requesting that the Town include a civic building within the Severance Corners area in order for the community to maintain a New Town Center and Growth Center designation. We recognize the taxpayers' capacity for funding such a building is not feasible at this time. However, we are exploring the possibility of alternative financing including public/private partnerships resulting in uses that are mutually beneficial to the Town and the developer. Potential uses may include: a fire substation, visitor information center, teen center, large meeting space, community center, recreation facilities, co-working/incubator facility for entrepreneurs, a micro-lending library, etc. The benefit of having a New Town Center/Growth Center designation is that the center is then eligible to create a special taxing district for the purpose of financing both capital and operating costs of a project which stimulates additional private investment and grand list growth. The area is also more likely to receive priority ranking for state and federal grant funding. Finally, the developer will be exempt from Act 250 on the three vacant quadrants of the Severance Corners area making the area more attractive to development. Severance Corners is one of the few centers in town served by municipal sewer and water and is close to an interstate exit, thereby making it an attractive area for future growth. We are exploring all options while being cognizant of our taxpayers' ability to pay and respectful of our existing investment in our municipal complex which is already meeting our needs.

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 past month has been a busy one here at Colchester Police. September is one of transition, when our calls for service change from the recreational draw of the Malletts Bay area to the needs of other parts of our community, including Colchester School District schools and Saint Michael's College. To help offset the need for police services on busy weekend nights, Saint Michael's College is helping to fund additional patrols on their campus. We began last weekend with our officers making multiple contacts with students with varying levels of enforcement action. Across the community over the past four weeks, Colchester Police handled 825 calls for service and made 303 contacts through motor vehicle stops. 32 arrests were made during this period.

Two tragic, untimely deaths challenged our resources over the past month. Officers involved in these investigations, as well as our incredibly skilled public safety and school partners, worked very closely to provide the best service possible to the community while supporting each other under very difficult situations.

As we remember the sacrifices of 9/11, our sincere thanks and appreciation go to all our working partners.

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

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

## **Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads—Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief**

**Rescue** has had 94 EMS calls:

- Transported 62 people to the hospital
- Turned over 4 calls
- Responded to 18 mutual aid calls, including 4 Paramedic Intercepts

The **Technical Rescue Team** has assisted with the extrication of an injured hiker, as well as calls on Mt. Mansfield and Camels Hump.

They also helped with the search of a missing boater in Malletts Bay over a three day period.

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