

Colchester's Weekly Town News
News for the week of September 22, 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

In an attempt to encourage more attendance at our Selectboard meetings, over the past few months the Board has gone "on the road" and held meetings in different locations other than our usual location in the Village Meeting House – meetings were held at Airport Park, St. Michael's College and the Town offices at Blakely Road.

The Selectboard has warned for a Town-wide Australian ballot vote on November 4th on a number of Charter changes. A complete description of these changes is on the town's website at: <http://www.colchestervt.gov/news.shtml>

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

Below are some of our initiatives.

- New Town Center and Growth Center implementation
- How to incorporate business community use of the new Colchester High School science labs
- Finalizing Request For Proposal for a website upgrade
- Community Center Initiative
- Finalized the new Logo
- A new Residential Guide which should be online in next few weeks
- Met with Chamber Staff reviewing marketing partnerships and their Tourism Committee
- Attended the kick off meeting for the work being done by Regional Planning to determine future transportation needs for Lakeshore Drive/Blakely Road corridor
- Working on the final versions of the Promotional Videos. They should be online in the next few weeks.
- Developing a branding campaign.
- Held meeting and gave tour to Rural China Business visitors who were here with the Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program.
- Attended joint Selectboard and Colchester Community Development Corporation meeting
- Finalized Request for Qualifications, awarded RFQ and met with printer regarding new stationery, etc.

For more information about the Community and Economic Development Office, please visit <http://www.colchestervt.gov/CommEconomicDev/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5508.

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Public Works Department—Bryan Osborne, Director
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- Developed a five year capital budget program for the Town
- Energy audit of all Town buildings has begun
- Developing a federal grant application for the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path Project
- Soliciting proposals for the repair 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
- Completed the installation of a Rapid Flashing Beacon on West Lakeshore Drive
- Continuing the development of a warrant analysis protocol for the installation of other rapid flashing beacons
- Paving scheduled to begin within the next few weeks, (East lakeshore Drive, Colchester Point Road, portion of Williams Road)
- 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 consultant selection phase underway for the Mountain View Drive sidewalk project
- Design work is continuing on the West Lakeshore Drive Multi-Use Path project
- Contractor has been selected to perform repairs to the Meeting House roof
- Working on amendments to the inter-municipal wastewater agreement between Colchester and South Burlington
- 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

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Planning and Zoning Department—Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of September 22, 2014:

The Colchester Development Review Board met on September 24th and approved the following projects:

- 1) Site plan applications of Les and Tomma Brownell for a single-family home, seawall, and path on Orchard Shore, Tax Map 78, Parcel 9-9
- 2) Final plat and a site plan applications of Delco Properties LLC for nine congregate duplexes totaling 18 units in two phases
- 3) Final plat amendment of Marble Island LLC to combine lots 24 through 26 into one lot for five duplex units (10 units total) on 32 & 33 Anchorage Way and Marble Island Road
- 4) A site plan application of Richard and Dorothy Mazza for a 3,101 sq. ft. addition to an existing storage building at 851 West Lakeshore Drive

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- 5) A site plan application of Lillian Farnham for a seawall extension at 196 Beach Road, Tax Map 53, Parcel 27
- 6) A sketch plan application of Carole Godbout for a three lot subdivision for one new single family house on Pond Brook Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 12-2.

The Development Review Board will meet on October 22nd to consider the following projects:

- 1) 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
- 2) A 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
- 3) 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
- 4) 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
- 5) 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
- 6) 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
- 7) 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. Subject property is located at 989 Main Street, Tax Map 24, Parcel 32
- 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
 - 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
 - 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 Planning Commission met on September 16th to discuss floodplain zoning. The Commission has created a rough draft of floodplain regulations that would allow second stories on flood-proofed structures and has sent the draft to the State for initial review. On October the Commission will host Susan Warren of the Vt. Agency of Natural Resources to discuss Shoreland Regulations.

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