



Colchester Town News

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For the Week Ending March 27, 2015

While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following highlights some Departments' activities:

Town Manager's Office

Dawn Francis, Town Manager

- Provided input on State Clean Water bill, H35. With over thirty miles of Lake Champlain shoreline, nine miles of Winooski River frontage, and three miles of Lamoille River frontage, Colchester Pond, and 165 mapped wetlands, water is primary asset of the Town. Since clean water is a resource for all, we suggested that all properties statewide to contribute to lake cleanup.
- Advocated for flexibility within Economic Development bill, S38 to allow the Town and developers to make the best use of resources in the Severance Corners area where we have invested in sewer, water, public transportation, and have State commitments for intersection improvements.
- Attended a course on project management with Town department heads to help us deliver high quality projects on time and on budget.
- Identified \$43,000 in federal funding to replace streetlights with efficient LED lighting at Winchester Place Apartments. This will reduce the street lighting bill by half.
- Continued efforts on costs savings. We have identified about \$6,000 in recurring annual savings as a result of negotiations with telecom providers.

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

In the past month the Colchester Police Department has responded to 867 calls for service. We arrested 37 people for a total of 54 criminal charges. Those charges range from furnishing alcohol to minors, driving with a suspended license, and DUI to 1st degree aggravated domestic assault and felony drug possession.

The past several months have seen multiple very serious crashes on Colchester roadways. Two crashes resulted in fatalities and several others resulted in severe injuries. The common link to all these crashes was some type of operator impairment. Impaired driving is costly and dangerous. If you suspect someone of driving while impaired, dial 911 immediately.

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As spring arrives there will be more pedestrians and bicyclists out. Sharing the roadways responsibly is a two-way street. Motorists need to be aware of other roadway users and exercise caution and courteous adherence to the law. Pedestrians and cyclists should observe all safety rules such as remaining single file in the roadway, wearing reflective/high visibility clothing and never making sudden or unpredictable moves into traffic.

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

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Not quite three months into 2015 and we are already 56 calls ahead of last year at this same time! Our calls have been spread out over most of our crews and leading to some sleepless nights, for sure!

Since February 15, 2015 we have responded to 92 EMS calls and transported 71 people to the hospital. We turned over 9 calls and were requested for mutual aid to other communities 15 times.

With spring and summer approaching we expect to continue to be busy. Please stay safe out there!

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