



For the Week Ending April 17, 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

- Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. We estimate it takes over 300 volunteers to run our community. While there is always a need for more board and committee members, there are also many fun events coming up for which volunteers are needed, including the Causeway Race, 4th of July and the Triathlon.
- Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. Recommend to a friend or family member to become involved in Colchester Pride, our volunteer group! Some benefits of volunteering with us are: learn new skills, teach others, gain experience, meet new people, be involved in your community, and improve your health. Our variety of volunteer opportunities will allow you to pick what best fits into your schedule...we are flexible. Check out where you can volunteer by visiting [www.colchestervt.gov](http://www.colchestervt.gov)
- Current Annual Volunteer Opportunities:
  - Causeway 5K/15K Running Race
  - Colchester Triathlon
  - 4th of July Celebration
  - Winter Carnival
  - Youth Sports Coach

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Economic Development Department  
Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

**Below are some of the initiatives on which the Economic Development Department is currently working.**

- Attended VT Small Business Summit
- Working with P&R dept. on possible re-dev plans for Lower Bayside
- Working on Visitor Center at Severance Corners
- Working with local commercial realtors & developers on possible tenants
- Continue marketing campaign for Mobile App, print advertising and tourism brochure
- Attended Rotary meetings.

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- Continue work on new website
- Working with small manufacturer on relocation options
- Met with a food manufacturer on possible relocation into existing vacant building
- Met with large employer on expansion options
- Continue working with existing business on expansion plans
- Attended SSTA Board Meeting
- Attended LIFE Board Meeting
- Working with new business relocating to vacant building
- Attended VT Tourism Conference
- Attended Storm Water Advisory Committee monthly meeting
- Met with WTH Landowner on possible options for site
- Researched possible new marketing avenue

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Planning and Zoning Department  
Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of April 13, 2015:

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on April 22nd to consider following applications: 1) Preliminary Plat application of Riverside Farm LLC for a two lot PUD of an 11.5 acre parcel resulting in the demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and barn and the construction of a 4-story mixed use building with 12 residential units and 8,000 sq. ft. of office/medical use and a waste storage building on lot one at 527 Heineberg Drive, Tax Map 5, Parcel 5; 2) Final Plat application of Kermit and Lois Blaisdell to re-approve a four lot subdivision that expired due to the mylar plat not being recorded within 180 days at 949 East Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 15; 3) Conditional Use application of Vladimir Smirnov to establish a home business with one commercial vehicle exceeding the size requirements in a residential district at 23 Tanglewood Drive, Tax Map 34, Parcel 6; 4) Conditional Use application of VBW, Inc. and Sizzling Sausage to establish a manufacturing & processing use with related distribution & warehousing at 254 Brentwood Drive, Unit 3, Tax Map 17, Parcel 3-6; 5) Site Plan application of Ronald Bushey for 20,000 cubic yards of fill at 1662 Main Street, Tax Map 22, Parcel 168; and 6) Sketch Plan application of Gary Crowley and 629 Church Road LLC to demolish existing single family residence and subdivide a 1.01 acre parcel into two residential lots with Lot 1 to be a .5 acre parcel to be developed with a new single family residence and Lot #2 to be a .5 acre parcel to be developed with a single family home located at 629 Church Road, Tax Map 48, Parcel 10.
- The Planning Commission will meet on April 21st to review draft Floodplain and Shoreland Regulations as reviewed and commented upon by the State Agency of Natural Resources. The Commission will hold a public input session on this draft, tentatively Supplement 37 to the Zoning Regulations, on May 5th at 7PM. The draft will

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streamline permitting in the Floodplain District as well as possibly allow second stories to floodproofed structures.

- Reminder: All pools, sheds, decks, and generally any development or earth disturbance requires building permits. Please check with the Planning and Zoning Department at [pzinfo@colchestervt.gov](mailto:pzinfo@colchestervt.gov) or by calling (802)-264-5606 prior to construction.
- Save the Date: On May 19th and June 2nd the Colchester Planning Commission will be holding work sessions on the Malletts Bay Village Project. More information to following in the coming weeks.

For more information about the Planning and Zoning Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/PlanningZ/planningZHome.shtml> or call (802) 264-5600.