



For the Week Ending May 1, 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

The Town Manager testified before the Vermont House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee regarding the Charter change that will permit the local option tax. Although the change was approved by the voters, we must obtain state approval to amend our charter which is granted by the State. We are working with our State Representatives and Senator to make this change.

We have entered a lease with Severance Corners Village Center LLC, for \$1 a year to provide marketing information at the Severance Corners leasing office. The Town has invested time and resources in Severance corners improvements, including increased water capacity, sewer service, public transportation, and an upcoming intersection improvement. This lease satisfies a requirement of the state growth center regulations allowing streamlined state permitting in this area of investment.

Congressman Peter Welch visited the Town offices this week and met with representatives from the Selectboard, Town departments, volunteer firefighters and fire districts and state legislators. We discussed increased demands on emergency responders; transportation needs; clean water including sewer, stormwater and water infrastructure; and economic development.

For more information about the Town Manager's Office, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/Manager/index.shtml> or call (802) 264-5509.

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads  
Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Since March 26th we have received 115 calls for EMS services. We transported 83 people to the hospital. Of the 115 calls, 25 of them were for Mutual Aid. Six calls were taken by another service while we were already on a call. Our call volume continues to increase; we are currently **80** calls ahead of this same time last year. Please stay safe out there!

Approximately 360,000 cardiac deaths occur outside the hospital each year in the United States, with about three-quarters of those deaths occurring at home. CPR is a simple skill that can help you save a life. If more people knew how to do CPR, more lives could be saved. On May 21, 2015 Colchester Rescue will be challenging our community and surrounding communities to become CPR trained. In conjunction with National Emergency Medical Service Week (May 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>) Colchester Rescue will be hosting FREE Adult CPR training from 10am-6pm. Our goal is simple: to get as many people CPR trained as possible! We welcome individuals and groups from businesses, schools, and organizations within the community.

For further information or comment, please call Linda Kingston at 802.264.5509



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Fifteen minute training sessions will take place through the day. To learn more about this event please contact Colchester Rescue at 264-5595.

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