



For the Week Ending May 15, 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

Our Planning and Zoning Department recently obtained a State Planning Grant to engage citizens in helping us shape the vision for the Malletts Bay area. Please attend our upcoming public input sessions regarding the future of Malletts Bay on Tuesday May 19th and June 2nd! See the details under Planning and Zoning, below.

Why are we talking about the future of the bay again?

- To improve the Bay's water quality and meet state and federal mandates for cleanup
- To bring more vitality to the area while determining the level of growth the community desires
- To evaluate and plan for the infrastructure improvements (roads, wastewater, stormwater) needed to support the community's vision
- To cultivate sustainable economic development
- To ensure coordinated efforts on the part of the various entities involved in the Bay - School district, Town, and fire/water districts.

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 the initiatives on which the Economic Development Department is currently working:

- Presentation to Select Board on re-development plans for Lower Bayside.
- Working on a Visitors' Center at Severance Corners.
- Continue marketing campaign for a mobile app, print advertising and tourism brochure.
- Attended Rotary meetings.
- Continue work on new website.
- Working with local small business on expansion.
- Conference calls and researched City View TV Show on possible Colchester segment.
- Weekly correspondence to legislator for updates.
- Pursuing possible federal funding options for infrastructure.
- Toured vacant industrial building and working on tenant solutions.
- Met with cartographer on new tourism map.
- Met with some of the Community Center Initiative committee members for update.

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- Met with local food manufacturer for update on future plans.
- Attended Chamber event at Saba Marine.
- Attended meeting with Congressman Welch on Colchester initiatives.
- Attended Governor's Press Conference on Winchester Place Grant.
- Presented the Economic Development Showcase to Select Board.
- Attended CCDC meeting.
- Met with ViewBoost and CCDC regarding marketing business community.

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

Planning and Zoning Department
Sarah Hadd, Director

On the Bay – Join us May 19 & June 2 to plan for the future of Malletts Bay Village. We are inviting everyone who lives, works and recreates on the bay to join in a community conversation to refine our vision for Malletts Bay village by participating in one or more of the activities planned for May 19 and June 2. Visit tinyurl.com/mallettsbay for a complete schedule of events and more information about this project. On May 19th you can:

1. Join us for a Brown Bag Lunch at the Bayside Activity Center from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. If you are planning on attending this event, please RSVP to Sarah Hadd because we will be providing small snacks and beverages for you to enjoy. We are interested in hearing what business owners and residents in the Malletts Bay Village area think about some of the changes on the horizon for the area like a potential sewer project and a possible reconfiguration of the West Lakeshore Drive intersection.
2. Put on some comfortable shoes and go for a walk with us around the Malletts Bay Village area. Our Walk-and-Talk will be departing from the Bayside Park Pavilion at 3 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for an up-close view of the many opportunities and challenges associated with this waterfront neighborhood.
3. Start planning a bright future for the Malletts Bay Village area during a Visioning Session at the Colchester High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. This is your opportunity to express your ideas and help shape new zoning for the West Lakeshore Drive neighborhood.

Colchester has long envisioned transforming the West Lakeshore Drive neighborhood into a recreation and tourism oriented village center on Malletts Bay, but the lack of infrastructure has stymied those plans for decades. With efforts to address infrastructure needs moving forward,

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the town will be updating the zoning and development standards for the Malletts Bay village area.

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Public Works Department
Bryan Osborne, Director

A resident recently asked whether there were any plans to repair Route 7. The person noted that the road is in very bad condition from Exit 16 to the Milton Town line. While I can certainly appreciate frustration over the condition of Rt. 7, it is a State highway; it is owned, managed, and regulated by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and, unfortunately, the Town of Colchester has no authority to address the problem. The resident's concern was forwarded to the District Administrator for the North West Region of the Vermont Agency of Transportation. We received this reply:

"I am pleased to report we will be paving US-7 from Rathe Rd. north to the Milton/Colchester town line this summer. Until this operation begins we will continue to perform routine patching on the pot holes that develop."

So there is a light at the end of the tunnel. All of us will be glad to see Route 7 repaved.

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