



For the Week Ending September 18, 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

As Fall approaches, many of our departments are wrapping up or beginning projects before the snow flies. Some of the more noteworthy project updates include:

- Airport Park maintenance buildings will be demolished within the next few weeks and a new building constructed and completed by the end of Spring 2016. This building was funded by the voter-authorized Park Capital Fund and Recreation Acquisition Development funds (developer impact fees).
- The River Road Sidewalk Project has started and should be done by the end of November. While the neighborhood is experiencing some disruption, we can assure you that we will put things back in good order. This project was funded by the voter-authorized Capital Transportation Fund.
- The Mill Pond Road Bridge should be open by September 25th, on budget and ahead of time (funded by local reserve funding as well as state and federal funding).
- The East Road culvert project has been completed (also funded by Capital Transportation Fund).
- A new ambulance has been bid and ordered below budget (funded by Capital Equipment Plan).
- Our paddle boards and kayak rentals were a resounding success and brought in revenues of over \$9,000. They will be in operation until the season ends on September 20th.

Our community is fortunate to have department heads that are able to estimate projects accurately and manage them expertly so that they are completed in a timely manner with a quality result!

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

Economic Development Department Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

Congratulations and Welcome to:

- The State of Vermont Health Lab and its employees

For further information or to make comments, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509



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- Wood & Metal Inspired on Route 7 in the Village.

We are proud to have you as members of the Colchester Business Community!

Economic Development:

- Working with several businesses that would like to relocate to Colchester. All would be a welcome addition to our community. They would occupy existing vacancies as well as potential new construction.
- Reviewing the West Lakeshore Drive area with the Planning & Zoning Department to explore the balance between protection of Malletts Bay's water quality with business and recreational use of the bay.
- Meeting monthly as a member of the Storm Water Advisory Committee. We are charged with evaluating best practices to comply with mandated storm water regulations, including alternative "green" methods of storm water disposal.

Marketing:

- Colchester was named in Money Magazine's "Top 50 Best Places to live in the US". This recognition was based on a wide range of data, including job growth, home prices to education quality and local activities. We will continue promotion of this honor over the coming year for residents, businesses and prospects.
- At Lower Bayside Park the new kiosk and brochure racks are up offering brochures and information about Colchester businesses to residents and visitors.
- Our new Website is continually being updated. We welcome input from the community for ideas to improve our delivery of information.
- We are partnering with the Vermont Department of Tourism, as well as other state and local organizations, to continue promotion of Colchester's many assets.
- We have increased our presence in Social Media and plan to continue this endeavor. We appreciate the support we have received from our residents on Facebook and Instagram!

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

Planning and Zoning Department Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of September 14, 2015:

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- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on September 23rd to consider following applications: 1) final plat and site plan applications of Riverside Farm, LLC for a 13 unit Planned Unit Development on an 11.5 acre lot with 12 units in a 3-story residential building and a single family residence on one lot at 527 Heineberg Drive, Tax Map 5, Parcel 5; 2) site plan application of David Bird for repairs to an existing concrete retaining wall in the Shoreland District located at 262 Whitecap Road, Tax Map 30, Parcel 2, Unit 22; 3) sketch plan application of R.E.M. Development Company LLC to subdivide an 88 acre parcel into three lots with lot 1 to be 25.1 acres approved for a respite house, lot two to be 60.8 acres to accommodate at least one dwelling unit, and lot three to be 2.9 acres with an existing single family residence located at 83 Munson Road, Tax Map 8, Parcel 21; 4) sketch plan application of Matthew and Kristen Bartle for a four unit PUD with lot one to be 1.5 acres with an existing single family residence, lot two to be .6 acres with a proposed single family residence, lot three to be .7 acres with a proposed single family residence, and lot four to be 7.16 acres with a proposed single family residence located at 190 Watkins Road, Tax Map 16, Parcel 20-6; 5) sketch plan of David Chenette for a two lot subdivision with lot one to be .95 acres with an existing single family residence and lot two to be 1.23 acres with a proposed single family residence at 51 Braeloch Road, Tax Map 16, Parcel 59; 6) site plan application of Ralph and Jean Bernardini to enclose a previously approved concrete block with a wood frame and composite decking on a seawall encroaching in the Shoreland District setback located at 1139 East Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map 68, Parcel 16; 7) preliminary and final plat applications of Dorothy Mazza Revocable Trust to subdivide a 2.77 acre parcel into three lots with Lot one to be .98 acres, lot two to be .87 acres, and lot three to be .92 acres to be developed with a duplex located at 279 Malletts Bay Avenue, Tax Map 6, Parcel 15.

- The Planning Commission will meet on September 15th in a working session to discuss the first draft of the Malletts Bay Initiative zoning proposal. The Commission will also discuss the possible Supplement 38 to the Zoning Regulations that would rezone a portion of the property at 83 Munson Road from Agricultural to Residential Two and possible changes to the General Development Three zoning district at Severance Corners to reduce the mandatory building height minimums. The Commission will continue working on these items at their October 6th meeting and hopes to have a larger community discussion on the Malletts Bay Initiative in October.

- On September 8th the Select Board approved Supplement 37 to the Colchester Zoning Regulations. The supplement will allow for, among other things, flood-proofing of structures to be done administratively through the building permit process, allow for the enlargement of residential structures that are flood-proofed so long as the footprint is maintained or reduced. This supplement becomes fully effective on September 30th.



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Public Works Department Bryan Osborne, Director

- Mill Pond Road bridge project is slightly ahead of schedule with reopening of Mill Pond Road tentatively scheduled for 9/25/15
- River Road sidewalk project is under construction and is scheduled for completion in November of this year
- Temporary repairs have been completed to a 14' diameter culvert on East Road
- Replacement of Airport Park Maintenance facility proceeding to construction
- Morehouse Brook culvert projects remains in right-of-way phase
- Projects under design: Fort Ethan Allen sidewalks, Mt. View Drive sidewalks, West Lakeshore Drive Bike Path
- Completed draft of FY16-FY17 Capital Budget Program
- Completed Flow Restoration Plan for Sunderland Brook
- Continuing development of Storm Water Utility as a part of the Clean Water Initiative
- Provided outline of the Town's Clean Water Initiative to the Selectboard. Presentation is available on Town's web site.
- Developing scope of work and grant application for storm water management system for Malletts Bay as part of Clean Water Initiative

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