



For the Week Ending October 16, 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

This past week, our Selectboard and staff met with our Colchester legislative delegation to inform them about our community's priorities, issues that impact how we deliver services to our taxpayers, and our interests in state legislative and policy changes. Senator Mazza and Representatives Brennan, Condon, Dakin and Purvis all attended. We appreciate the partnership we share with these individuals.

Taxpayers ask why budgets and tax rates are increasing, why certain projects aren't completed, and why we seem to continually be in the planning or permitting stages of various complex projects. It is important to understand that we must interface with many different state agencies and comply with a morass of regulations to bring about positive changes in our community. The following is a snapshot of the complicated issues and state regulatory processes that our staff must contend with, in addition to our day-to-day work demands, which we covered with our Legislators:

- Impact of marijuana legalization and opiate addiction on our emergency responders and health services
- Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) funding
- Assistance with Technical Rescue capital equipment funding
- The Agency of Transportation's pursuit of a stormwater fee exemption and the fourfold increase in stormwater fees we incurred after the last year's passage of fee increases
- An update on the traffic mitigation fees that are being paid by our largest employers in the Exit 16 area
- Extending the Town Plan adoption time frame so that a 5-year update is not necessary
- Eliminating barriers to development in our Severance Corners growth center
- An update on our case to the state for eligibility for a \$6+ million Pollution Abatement Grant in support of the Malletts Bay Clean Water Initiative
- Conversion of statutory funding transfers from the state to the local level, which results in grant agreements instead of direct payments that increase our work-load

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Public Works Department Bryan Osborne, Director

- Mill Pond Road bridge project is now complete ahead of schedule and under budget
- River Road sidewalk project is under construction and is scheduled for completion in November of this year
- Construction of a new Recreation maintenance building at Airport Park is underway. The old building has been removed and site work is in progress. Project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2016.
- Selectboard has commenced condemnation proceedings to acquire the necessary easements to repair a failed storm water structure on Malletts Bay Avenue. Project is currently scheduled for the 2016 and will result in a complete road closure for 1-2 months.
- Completed draft of FY17-FY21 Capital Budget Program to be presented to the Selectboard on 10/27/15.
- Continue advancing the Clean Water Initiative which includes improved on-site wastewater system management, low impact development standards, a Town wide storm water utility, sanitary and storm sewer systems in Malletts Bay, and the continuation of existing storm water management plans. For more information about the Town's Clean Water Initiative, please visit the Town's web site at www.colchestervt.gov.
- Working with the City of Winooski in developing a flow restoration plan for Morehouse Brook as required under the Town's federal storm water permit.
- Developing a request for proposals for design build services for a new meeting space on the third floor of the Town Offices. Project to be constructed during the winter or 2015-2016.
- Applied for and received a \$532,000 grant for the West Lakeshore Drive bike path project. Total grant awards for this project total \$1.33 million. Construction is currently scheduled for FY18-FY19
- Other projects under design: Fort Ethan Allen sidewalks and Mt. View Drive sidewalks

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Economic Development Department Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

Congratulations and Welcome to "Wood and Metal Inspired" located on Route 7 in the Village. We are eager to welcome you to the Colchester Business Community and enjoy seeing your innovative pieces displayed outside your building.

Expansions/Relocations

- Working with several existing companies on expansion and relocation plans
- Continue working with SD Ireland on Severance Corners and possible tenants

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Projects Include

- Met with and gave tour to Laura Peterson, Director of Communication, Vermont Department of Tourism on Colchester marketing and tourism initiatives and how we can partner on projects and marketing
- Met with Community Capital of Vermont regarding financial opportunities for Colchester business community
- Meeting with legislators to discuss concerns regarding upcoming session
- Met with Historical Society regarding tourism related initiatives
- New workforce initiative to enhance opportunities for businesses & residents
- Working with VTC and local manufacturers on skills/workforce need now and in the future.
- Researching new marketing initiatives for further exposure and opportunities
- Working on the revision of the Pan Handling Ordinance

Attended

- Presenter at CCDC Annual Meeting
- Attended Rotary meetings
- SSTA Board Meeting

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 October 12, 2015:

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on October 28th to consider following applications: 1) Final Plat application of Richard Gardner for a two lot subdivision with one existing single-family dwelling to remain and one new single-family dwelling on its own lot at 311 Pine Meadow Drive, Tax Map 36, Parcel 74; 2) Site Plan and Conditional Use applications of Fanny Allen Holdings, Inc. and Maple Leaf Farm Associates, Inc. to convert a previously approved adult daycare facility and medical office to an outpatient medication-assisted treatment facility, intensive outpatient counseling, administrative offices and a transitional living program categorized as a mental health facility at 786 College Parkway, Tax Map 19, Parcel 23-1; 3) Site Plan application of Wendy Jesting and Eric Audette to amend after-the-fact a previously approved seawall by adding a second tier seawall and increasing the two (2) flat storage areas at 2284 Porters Point Road, Tax Map 45, Parcel 13; 4) Site Plan application of Eleanor Page for a large stone retaining wall approximately 100 feet long and 6 feet above grade encroaching in the Shoreland District at 2170 Porters Point Road, Tax Map 44, Parcel 36; and 5)

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Sketch Plan application of Colchester Fire District #2 and Jim and Vilma Cary for a three lot subdivision with each lot to be developed with a single-family residence accessed via a shared driveway off of Church Road at 17 Church Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 41.

- The Planning Commission held a public forum on October 13th to discuss the draft Malletts Bay Initiative zoning proposal. The proposal can be found online at www.tinyurl.com/mallettsbayvt. The Commission heard concerns with the draft, including its complexity, and will be revising the proposal. The Commission will continue to review and discuss the draft zoning through November and seeks additional input from the public during that time. Comments can be e-mailed to pzinfo@colchestervt.gov or mailed to the Commission care of the Town Offices. Additional public meetings will be held so please stay tuned. If you would like to receive notice of these events, please click on the Notify Me tool on the Town's website!
- On November 3rd, the Planning Commission will discuss 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.

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