



## **Colchester Town News**

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### **For the Week Ending October 30, 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**

Are you interested in how the Town pays for paving of streets, projects like the Mill Pond Road bridge, drainage improvements, buildings and parks upgrades and emergency vehicles? As a result of our taxpayer supported capital reserve funds, the Town is able to invest in major infrastructure and repairs: equipment replacement to keep you safe; roads, paths and sidewalks maintenance; and our parks ready for your recreation.

During this past year, a total of 37 projects or equipment replacements were completed with these capital funds. Some of the projects included the paving of three streets; work on two bridges; culvert and stormwater repairs; roof repairs; a tennis court fence replacement; the Village park parking area; and preliminary designs for the Airport Park Maintenance Building.

A public hearing on our Fiscal Years 2016-21 Capital Budget Program and Plan will be held by the Selectboard on December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting House on Main Street. Public input is welcome on this important plan for the Town's capital needs.

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

#### **Police Department Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief**

Colchester Police responded to 714 calls for service and stopped 258 separate vehicles for various violations over the past month. Twenty people were arrested during this time and face charges ranging from driving with a criminally suspended license, domestic assault, violation of court orders and more.

Colchester Police patrol and detective divisions worked closely together to capture two people who have been charged with burglary. Shortly before 1:00 pm on October 19th a caller reported that two suspicious persons were seen looking into vehicles and then enter a nearby residence. After a short foot pursuit, uniformed and plain clothed officers took the two into custody. This was a great example of how the public can help make our community safer by reporting suspicious activity.

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We are entering that time of year when we prepare for winter. The Town-wide overnight parking ban for public roads and parking lots starts on November 15th. Vehicles that are parked in these areas between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM are subject to being towed.

For links to winter driving tips and an updated map showing the new firearms ordinance and more information about the Colchester Police Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

### **Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief**

Since October 1st Rescue has received 93 calls for service. We transported 69 people to the hospital and turned over 3 calls when we were already on a call.

Besides being active with calls, we have also been updating our techniques and practices. All of our Rescue members have been attending educational courses to update their skills and procedures. Our goal is to be one of the first Rescues in the area to “go live” with the new procedures, which include an expanded list of medications that are available to our Paramedics and Advanced EMTs to administer during emergencies.

The biggest change for our team is a new Spinal Motion Restriction Protocol. In the event of car crashes, we will be asking patients if they can get out of their vehicles by themselves, rather than using backboards routinely. Studies have proven that it's safer and less injurious to a patient to get out of the vehicle independently (if they not prohibited by injury) rather than being pushed and pulled around by the Rescue team unnecessarily.

We feel very excited about these improved techniques going forward!

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

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