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For the Week Ending November 6, 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

Many of our employees and rescue/firefighter volunteers have served in the military. Their service in conflicts throughout the world has translated into valuable skill sets they have brought back and use in their work for our community on a daily basis. We salute all of you and thank you for your service to our country and our community.

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

Assessor's Office Bob Vickery, Assessor

- The Assessor's Office has been upgrading the GIS Map / Assessment Data web page.
- We are conducting field inspections for all properties that had permits issued in the last year. If in the last year you have had a permit issued for additions, interior renovations, or new construction and the construction is complete, please contact the Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment at (802) 264-5670 or (802) 264-5524.
- We are also working with the vendor that hosts the online GIS Maps with a new version of the webpage that will not require the Silverlight download. This new version will have the ability to be accessed by more users including users with iPhones and iPads. We are hoping to roll this new version out this month, and are looking for any feedback from the public to help improve the accessibility.

For more information about the Assessor's Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/assessor> or call (802) 264-5670.

Town Clerk's Office Karen Richard, Town Clerk

- The second installment of taxes is due November 16th, since the 15th falls on a Sunday. When the taxes are not received on 16th of November or postmarked by the U.S. postal service by the 16th they are considered late and subject to 5% penalty and 1% interest. If they are not paid in 30 days there will be an

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additional 3% penalty assessed. These rates are set in the Charter. The Town Charter was amended last year to reduce the penalty amount from 8% to 5% for the first 30 days, in response to the taxpayers' comments.

- You can pay your taxes by check, cash, money order, escrow, auto-debit or credit card. If you pay by credit card there is a convenience fee of 2.6% that is received by the Credit Card Company and is not revenue to the Town. You can pay by credit card up until midnight on the 16th. Payments will also be accepted in the drop box until midnight on the 16th. Payments received after the 16th in the drop box are considered late and subject to penalty and interest.
- The Secretary of State's Office has rolled out a new statewide voter checklist. You will be able to register to vote online, request an absentee ballot, change your physical address and many other amenities. Each voter will have their own page to check their voter history, view upcoming sample ballots etc. There is a link available on the Secretary of State's website: <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> We hope to have one soon on the Town website.

The Town offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

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