



For the Week Ending December 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**

On behalf of the Town of Colchester Selectboard and Staff, we wish you peace, joy, laughter and love during this holiday season. Many of our staff will be on duty during the coming days providing you with 24 hours a day/7 days a week coverage in the event of a medical emergency, traffic accident, crime, or snow storm. Please keep these employees in your thoughts, and also their families whom they leave behind when they have to work.

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**

Welcome to SPECTAC Health Fitness and Performance, a new member of the Colchester Business Community. We are pleased to have you here and wish you much success!

On-going and new projects for business include:

- Continued work on expansion of several existing Colchester-based companies
- SD Ireland at Severance Corners: consideration of possible tenants and future of Southwest Quadrant, including regulations
- Assisting in relocation process of several companies considering a move to Colchester
- Met with SPECTAC a new business specializing in personalized group training for rescues, police, fire departments, military personnel and civilian customers

Other projects and meetings with:

- Governor's Council on Successful Aging: Filling vacancies as the workforce matures.
- Review of other municipalities' innovative Ag/Boutique Food regulations and meeting new needs
- Local business community and Colchester Planning & Zoning on proposed new zoning for West Lakeshore drive.
- Town of Essex regarding initiatives for Fort Ethan Allen.

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- VTrans: Capitalizing on Exit 16 improvements and complimenting Town plans.

Attended

- Vermont Community Development Association Conference
- Social Media Marketing Conference
- Stormwater Advisory Committee Meeting
- Rotary meetings

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 December 14th, 2015:

Are you interested in the direction of Colchester's development? Would you like to make a positive impact on your community? If so, there are vacancies on both the Colchester Planning Commission and the Colchester Development Review Board. These boards are critical to the "what, where, when, and how" of growth in Colchester. All residents are welcome to apply. If you would like to consider joining, please attend one of their meetings to see what is involved in serving or call 264-5602 with questions.

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on December 16 to consider following applications: 1) Conditional Use application of Oh Shaw's LLC and Sisters and Brothers Investment Group LLC to change an existing 65 seat standard restaurant to include a bar use at 831 College Parkway, Tax Map 19, Parcel 019011, and 2) Request of Stephanie Kupiec Chicoine for an extension of one (1) year to replace a non-complying structure in accordance with Section 2.12 (B)(2) of the Colchester Zoning Regulations for property located at 2872 East Road.
- On December 15th the Planning Commission held a public hearing Supplement 38 to the Zoning Regulations and voted to forward the supplement to the Select Board for a first reading on January 12, 2016. This supplement would rezone a portion of the property at 83 Munson Road from Agricultural to Residential Two and include possible changes to the General Development Three zoning district at Severance Corners to reduce the mandatory building height minimums.
- The Planning Commission continues to work on draft zoning changes for Malletts Bay and will be reviewing property owner feedback and proposed

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impacts at their January 5th meeting. Information on the draft can be found online at: www.tinyurl.com/mallettsbayvt. Comments can be e-mailed to pzinfo@colchestervt.gov or mailed to the Commission care of the Town Offices. If you would like to receive notice of these events, please click on the "notify me" tool on the Town's website!

For more information about the Planning and Zoning Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/planningz> or call (802) 264-5600.

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

Although call volume this month has slowed down a little, we still remain 110 calls ahead of last year at this time. Since our last newsletter at the end of October, we have received 164 for service! We transported 112 people to the hospital; turned over 8 calls; and provided mutual aid on 10 calls out of our primary coverage area.

All of our members here at Colchester Rescue would like to wish everyone a happy and health holiday season!

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