



For the Week Ending February 12, 2016

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

Going out of town over the Winter Break? Remember to cast an Absentee Ballot if you are going to be away on March 1st. As of February 9th, with three weeks still to go before Voting Day, 240 absentee ballots had been requested/mailed out.

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

New and Continuing Projects:

- Teaming with UVM GIS & Mapping students on several different maps to use in marketing and promotions that will be of no cost to the Town. We anticipate completion by springtime.
- Finalizing design elements for the Exit 16 improvements.
- Met with Senator Leahy's staff regarding Innovative Ag (Agriculture) and how to position Colchester for this niche market.
- Working with the business community, Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Parks and Recreation on proposed new zoning for West Lakeshore Drive, Stormwater, and Community Center Needs Assessment and masterplan.
- Possible initiative at Fort Ethan Allen to promote the area and its businesses.

Marketing:

- Completed promotional video with LCATV specifically for the Canadian market. The video and our tourism brochure was on display at the Montreal Boat Show.
- Met with Vermont - Quebec Initiative staff to discuss partnerships.
- Researching marketing opportunities for current fiscal year.

Expansions/Relocations:

- Attended several grand opening events of the Groennfell Mead Hall. Congratulations Ricky and Kelly!
- Met with building owner to discuss vacancy promotion.

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

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509



Planning and Zoning Department

Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of February 8, 2016:

There is still one vacancy on the Colchester Planning Commission. If you are interested in joining, please attend a meeting to see what is involved in serving or call 264-5602 with questions.

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on February 24th to review the following applications:

1) Preliminary Plat application of the Brigante Living Trust and Rivers Edge Building Development LLC for a 45 unit Planned Unit Development on a 25.23 acre parcel consisting of 19 single family homes, 13 duplex structures, 1 common parcel, and associated infrastructure located at 239 Malletts Bay Avenue, Tax Map 6, Parcel 8;

2) Preliminary Plat application of J. Brooker LLC for a 6 unit PUD subdivision of a 4.36 acre parcel consisting of 4 single family homes accessed off Jen Barry Drive and 1 duplex unit accessed off Holy Cross Road located off Jen Barry Lane, Tax Map 47, Parcel 001012;

3) Sketch Plan application of Jacques Baily and Leslyn Hall for a 3 lot Planned Unit Development on a 29.9 acre parcel with Lot #1 to be developed with a single family home, Lot #2 to be developed with a single family residence, Lot #3 to be developed with a single family residence, and a private driveway approximately 1,800 feet in length located at 1173 Grandview Road, Tax Map 74, Parcel 1; and

4) Sketch Plan application of Spruce Hill Farm Inc. for a 5 lot conventional subdivision of a 87.5 acre parcel with Lot #1 to be a 10 acre parcel developed with a single family residence and an existing barn, Lot #2 to be 14.6 acres developed with a single family residence, Lot #3 to be 13.5 acres developed with a single family residence, Lot #4 to be 25 acres developed with a single family residence and Lot #5 to be 24.4 acres developed with a single family residence located at 1751 East Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 26.

- On February 9th the Select Board adopted Supplement 38 to the Zoning Regulations. This supplement rezones 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 impacts at their February 16th meeting. This will also be a joint meeting with the Development Review Board to discuss the application of regulations and an opportunity for feedback. 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.

Public Works Department
Bryan Osborne, Director

- Assisted the Historical Society in obtaining a \$5,000 grant for building improvements
- Have received and are evaluating bids for the repainting of the Rescue Building.
- Have awarded contract for re-carpeting the first floor of the Library. Work is expected to commence in about two weeks and be completed in 3-4 weeks.
- Expecting bids next week for repainting the Meeting House and the Historical Society
- Expecting bids next week for the construction of a meeting room on the third floor of the Town Offices
- Amended the Cooperative Agreement with VTrans adding a recently obtained \$87,000 grant for the Mt. View Drive Sidewalk Project
- Performing a condition assessment of the Exit 16 and Malletts Bay water systems
- Working on the integration of impervious surface data, parcel data, and billing software in support of a possible storm water utility
- Performing limited clearing of brush and dead trees on the bayside Hazelett property
- Developing the FFY17 Wastewater Operating Budget for consideration by the Board of Sewer Commissioners
- The expenditures for the Snow and Ice Removal Budget is less than half of what it was at this same time last year. Current expenditures are salt 38%, fuel 25%, Overtime 15%.
- Continuing work on all aspects of the Clean Water Initiative.

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