



For the Week Ending March 18, 2016

**While by no means a total representation of all the work performed by the Town, the following highlights some Departments' activities:**

Spring has sprung here in the Town of Colchester and we have exciting things happening. As caretakers of 10 different buildings, we have a responsibility to ensure these facilities are well maintained and safe for our employees and the public.

- Check out the facelift to Burnham Library which now has new carpeting (replacing a vintage 1989 one) and paint throughout the building.
- Our new Airport Park Maintenance Building will house our Parks mowers and equipment. The sheetrock is in, painting completed and ceiling tiles are in place. We will soon be tearing down the old building and the project will be complete by early May.
- We awarded a bid to convert the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor attic space in the Town Offices on Blakely Road to a public meeting room in which the Selectboard, Development Review Board and other boards and committees will meet. This allows the Library to take over the Town Meeting Hall in the Village for their expanded programming needs.

At the same time, we will:

- realize efficiencies in operations as we will no longer have to waste staff time traveling to, setting up and tearing down for every Board meeting;
- have a better sound and audio/visual system; and
- be able to accommodate more public seating.

We are appreciative of our voters support for the capital equipment and facilities plan which is 1.9 cents on the tax rate and allows us to pay for these improvements without having to incur borrowing costs or cause a tax rate spike.

### **Town Manager's Office**

Dawn Francis, Town Manager

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Economic Development Department

**Kathi Walker O'Reilly**, Director

- Coordinated all communication and marketing for Town Meeting day, including outreach at the Town Meeting dinner.

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- Met with local developer regarding New Town Center designation.
- Continue work with Parks & Recreation on Community Center and Bayside Park Masterplan.
- Attended Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting
- Finalizing design elements for the Exit 16 improvements.
- Attended Legislative breakfasts sponsored by Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce and Colchester Community Development Corporation.
- Met with existing business to tour new addition.
- Attended Vermont Climate Change Conference at Vermont Technical College.
- Met with exiting Colchester Sun Editor.
- Attended USDA Webinar on Rural Agriculture opportunities.
- Attended SSTA Board Meeting
- Attended meeting of Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee
- Finalized ad for Experience Burlington, circulation 100,000
- Reviewing viability of new marketing opportunities
- Met with Malletts Bay Bicycle to discuss “Welcome to the Community” promotion and marketing
- Met with local municipality on how to incorporate Economic Development into their Town Plan

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Planning and Zoning Department  
Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of March 14, 2016:

The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on March 23rd to review the following applications:

- Site plan application of Wend Jestig and Eric Audette to amend a previously approved seawall for the construction of a second tier seawall as well as minor modifications to the approved lower wall at 2284 Porters Point Road, Tax Map 45, Parcel 13
- Preliminary plat application of Colchester Fire District #2 and Jim Cary Construction Inc. for a 3 lot Planned Unit Development subdivision of a 1.5 acre parcel to create three new single family house lots served by a shared driveway at 17 Church Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 41
- Site plan and conditional use applications of Aaron Vincelette and Andre Gisele Thibault to amend a previously approved site plan for a 6,000 sq. ft. automotive sales building for automotive sales with associated service and

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repair and manufacturing & processing business with related distribution and warehousing and a 16' x 35' fabric structure addition at 574 Prim Road, Tax Map 49, Parcel 020002

- Final plat application of Matthew and Kristen Bartle for a four (4) lot Planned Unit Development subdivision of a 10.0 acre parcel to create three new single family house lots and one existing house lot served by a private driveway located 190 Watkins Road, Tax Map 16, Parcel 20-6
- Preliminary plat application of Shawn and Lisa Darby for a 4 lot PUD subdivision of a 34.40 acre parcel to create three new single family house lots and one existing house lot served by a private road located at 590 Red Rock Road, Tax Map 77, Parcel 5.

The Planning Commission continues to work on draft zoning changes for Malletts Bay and will hold a public forum at its upcoming April 19th meeting. Information on the draft can be found online at: [www.tinyurl.com/mallettsbayvt](http://www.tinyurl.com/mallettsbayvt). Comments can be e-mailed to [pzinfo@colchestervt.gov](mailto: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!

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