



For the Week Ending June 3, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, June 7, 7 PM in the Kirker Room at the Colchester Police Department
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, June 8, 7 AM, Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Champlain Room
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, June 8, 7 PM at the Meeting House on Main Street
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM. Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Champlain Room

Upcoming events:

- **Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale:** June 24, 5-8 PM (Friends of the Library Preview; Join at the Door), June 25, 8AM-4PM, June 26, 10AM-2PM (Blow Out Sale) at Colchester High School Cafeteria.

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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

Colchester has a different vibe and energy once Memorial Day weekend has occurred. Last week, I focused on the many events and programs that your town government provides for your enjoyment. Our local businesses add a lot of vitality as well. Many business owners tell me our summer season lasts only 10-12 weeks and everyone is trying to pack as much fun in as possible during this short time. Be sure to take advantage of all that we have to offer when your family asks, "What are we going to do today?" Some suggestions are:

- Visit our Farm Stands – Sam Mazza's, Paul Mazza's, or Brigante's for fresh produce and Vermont foods
- Get your spring plantings at Claussen's
- Eat local – there are a variety of great restaurants in Colchester. The old Bayview Eats has reopened in newly renovated space and is now known as Bayview Bar and Grill. Their patio is the perfect place to dine outdoors overlooking the Bay.

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Try out our many roadside food vendors such as Brigantes and Bri's Fries, as well as vendors that can now set up in our parks

- Creemees and ice cream are available at many stores and the Village Scoop in Colchester Village is particularly famous. Broad Acres Creemee stand is also open and is always a favorite with local sports teams
- Groenfell Meadery offers tastings and pub fare; wine tasting is available at Hillis' Sugarbush Farm & Vineyard
- Sunny Laurel Sisters Quilt Shop is a major attraction for quilters
- Shop for shoes and sandals at Danform
- The new Malletts Bay Bicycle & Ski Shop on West Lakeshore Drive has bike rentals and sales—accessories too
- Ace Hardware, Dick Mazza's General Store and Mike's Auto Parts have just about everything else you might need for camp, home, or a summer road trip
- Our numerous boat shops and marinas can assist with boating supplies and repairs
- Finally, don't forget to check out Colchester's history at the Log Schoolhouse Museum in Airport Park or our military history at the Vermont National Guard Military Museum off Route 15 near Fort Ethan Allen

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 2016 Abstract (pre-appeals) Grand List has been lodged with the Town Clerk on May 27, 2016, and notices of the 2016 Grand List have been posted at the Town Offices, The Burnham Public Library, United States Post Office, Mazza's General Store, and Shaw's Supermarket
- In preparation for the 2016 Grand List there were 712 property inspections that resulted in 426 change of assessments; 69 assessments were reduced in value; and 357 had increased assessments or had changes in the Current Use allocation
- Grievance Hearings will be held in the Town Offices on June 9th, 10th, and 13th. If you wish to appeal a change in assessed value it must be done in writing and delivered to the Town Assessor's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 10, 2016. If you received a Change of Assessment Notice from the Assessor's Office and have any questions about it please contact the Assessor's Office at (802) 264-5670 or (802) 264-5524.
- You may view the new online Web Map and Assessment Data by going to: www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/. We are currently working on updating the

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new 2016 assessment data and will have it online shortly. Thank you for your patience.

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Town Clerk's Office

Karen Richard, Town Clerk

- We are gearing up for a busy election season. The state primary, which is usually held the last week of August, has been moved up to August 9th. The ballots will arrive in our office by June 24th. You can request your ballot as you have done in the past: by calling the office or stopping by the office to vote. This election you will receive all party ballots, and only vote one party ballot, but must return the unused ballots in the envelope provided.
- Or you can request an absentee ballot through the newly rolled out Elections Management System (EMS) which includes a New "My Voter Page" – which is an online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more. The My Voter Page login can be found at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. You need your driver's license number to access your page.
- If you want to verify if you are registered to vote or where you were last registered, check My Voter Page.
- If you are not registered in Colchester you may register with the New Online Voter Registration Tool that allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet. The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>
- Tax bills will be in the mail by July 15th. There are 3 equal installments that are due August 15th, November 15th and March 15th. If you would like to automate your payment through our office please contact us (802) 264-5520.

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