

## **For the Week Ending July 15, 2016**

### **Upcoming Town meetings:**

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
  - **Public Hearing** – Zoning Supplement 39
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday July 27, 2016 at 7 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### **Upcoming events:**

- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursday, July 21 at 7 PM at Lower Bayside Park featuring the Pete Kilpatrick Band.
- **Classic Car Show** at Burnham Library, Saturday, July 23, 10AM-1PM on the Library lawn.
- **Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 31, beginning at 8:30 AM at Bayside Beach.

### **Notices: Volunteer Openings**

- **Planning Commission Opening:** Would you like to be directly involved in the planning of Colchester's growth? The Colchester Planning Commission is seeking a new member. No experience is necessary and any Colchester resident may apply. Meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 PM in at the Town Offices on Blakely Road. Come attend a meeting or two to see if being a Planning Commission member is for you!
- **Recreation Advisory Board Opening:** Do you enjoy sports activities and Town social events? Is physical fitness an important part of your family's lifestyle? If so, the Recreation Advisory Board wants you as its new member! Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday morning of the month from 7-8 AM at the Town Offices on Blakely Road.
- You may pick up a **volunteer application** at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road or download it from our website <http://colchestervt.gov/383/Volunteer-Opportunities> Call 264-5509 for more information.

**Notify Me:** Subscribe to Town news that matters to you most. Visit [www.colchestervt.gov](http://www.colchestervt.gov) and click on the Notify Me icon, to sign up. You'll receive an email when something important is posted.

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**

It's been a difficult couple of weeks for our law enforcement employees as we watched horrific events unfold in Louisiana, Minnesota, and Texas. Chief Morrison had to advise our police officers to be on guard for possible threats. Thankfully, our Colchester Police Department makes it a priority to engage positively with people of all races and religions and has enjoyed tremendous support from the community. Many of you commented about the positive energy around the prayer services in Fort Ethan Allen. Our Police Department assisted with traffic detail for a crowd of more than 800 Muslims who gathered to celebrate Eid and the end of fasting over the month of Ramadan.

During what appears to be a national epidemic of extreme views and polarized communities, it seems especially important for us to participate in all forms of civic engagement to foster empathy for one another. Our Fourth of July parade recently provided one such opportunity to gather together as a community. The business owners and citizens who took time to decorate floats and vehicles contributed to the celebration. Parade Grand Marshals Clinton and Carol Reichard were recognized for many years of volunteer service to various organizations in Colchester. We watched our volunteer firefighters and emergency responders go by in shiny trucks and dress uniforms; these are great examples of citizen engagement through community service.

Imagine what our community would be like if no one volunteered; no one coached kids, put together floats, served on boards, volunteered as firefighters or in rescue. One of the most precious commodities anyone has is time. There is always a need for your donation of time, no matter how limited. It can be as simple as contributing new ideas for the parade and helping to build a float; contributing a few hours at the Triathlon in July; or making a longer term commitment to the Recreation Advisory Board or Planning Commission.

Consider the benefits of giving some of your time to your community. You'll meet new people, be more active and engaged, and learn new skills. All of us benefit by interacting with others, building community spirit, and gaining a better understanding of one another. By embracing our diversity, respecting everyone's right to hold opposing views, and taking part in the community, we can help reverse the trend of negativity and discord seen in other places. Check our website at [www.colchestervt.gov/417/Board-Committee-Openings](http://www.colchestervt.gov/417/Board-Committee-Openings) for volunteer opportunities.

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

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

**Economic Development Department**  
**Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director**

**Congratulations to Village Scoop - Named the Best Creemee Stand in VT!**

- Held Familiarization Tour for 12 Colchester Hotel employees to position Colchester as a Recreation Destination for their guests and to support our local economy.
- Interviewed by Vermont Business Magazine for a story on Colchester in their July issue
- Attended GBIC Annual Meeting
- Met with owner and developer of Reinhart building
- Launched new Colchester logo apparel at local retailers
- Promoting the Colchester brand with new pins
- Attended Champlain Housing Trust press conference on Building Homes Together Coalition.
- Working with Malletts Bay Veterinary on expansion
- Assisting Vermont Bagel Company on relocation near Exit 16
- Worked with P&Z on final zoning for West Lakeshore Drive

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 ending of July 15, 2016:

- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on July 27th to review the following applications:
  - 1) Conditional use application of Jeffrey Pecor and Richard Pecor for the construction of an accessory structure exceeding 50% of the ground floor of the principle structure located in the R10 District with a boundary line adjustment between the two parcels located at 2808 Middle Road and 2868 Middle Road, Tax Map 15, Parcel 23-1 and Tax Map 15, Parcel 23
  - 2) Preliminary and final plat applications of Spruce Hill Farm, LLC for a five (5) lot subdivision of an 88.15 acre parcel, with each parcel to be developed with a single family residence, located at 1751 East Road, Tax Map 12, Parcel 26

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3) Site plan application of Dave and Claudia Pratt for the placement of approximately 8,000 cubic yards of fill to a property located at 568 Main Street, Tax Map 25, Parcel 1.

- The Planning Commission will meet on July 19th at the Town Offices in the Outer Bay conference room to continue its discussion of the Northeast Quadrant as well as to consider possible changes to the Town Plan to reference the new proposed zoning districts for the West Lakeshore Drive area. On July 26th, the Colchester Select Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed zoning for the Malletts Bay Initiative. Information on the draft can be found online at: [www.tinyurl.com/mallettsbayvt](http://www.tinyurl.com/mallettsbayvt).

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

#### **Highlights of the July 12, 2016 Selectboard Meeting:**

- The Selectboard approved a motion to apply for a grant for the VTRANS Mountain View Sidewalk Project on the south side of Water Tower Hill from Route 7 to Water Tower Circle, approximately ½ mile.
- Colchester Code of Ordinances Amendments: The First Reading of amendments to Chapter 1, General Penalty; violations and Chapter 12, Traffic was approved. A public hearing on both will be warned for August 9, 2016.
- A draft Resolution for a Regional Dispatch Implementation Report was presented and approval was given for Colchester's participation in the study.