

For the Week Ending September 2, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday September 6, 7:00 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 PM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 AM at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Champlain Room, 2nd floor

Notices:

- The **Town Offices** will be **closed** on Labor Day, Monday, September 5. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!
- **Videos** of the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Maintenance Building at Airport Park and the Outer Bay Conference Room are now available on our website.
- Airport Park: <http://colchestervt.gov/714/Maintenance-Building-Ribbon-Cutting>
- Conference Room: <http://colchestervt.gov/715/2016-Conference-Room-Ceremony>

Upcoming events:

- **Pink Out the Park 5K Run/Walk** to benefit Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Saturday, October 1, 10:00 AM at Bayside Park. Sign up at Active.com.

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Town Manager's Special Edition Dawn H. Francis, Town Manager

The Town of Colchester is pleased to announce a new program for Colchester High School students called *Get Engaged*. Through participation in civic volunteerism today we hope to increase future citizen engagement for a strong and vibrant Colchester tomorrow. It's an opportunity for the Town to encourage interest in municipal government and broaden citizens' awareness of local issues and initiatives; and it's a great way for interested students to become involved in their community in a meaningful way; to share their views, opinions, and fresh ideas while getting a taste of local government in a friendly, positive atmosphere.

The goal of *Get Engaged* is to bring a Colchester student to each of the Town boards and commissions. With the guidance of a board member-mentor, the student will take part in shaping the direction of Town growth and initiatives while gaining

valuable life experience in teamwork, problem solving, and presentation and communication skills. The one year terms are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are Colchester residents.

Town boards and commissions cover a wide scope and variety of interests:

- Conservation and preservation of natural resources (Conservation Commission)
- Parks & Recreation planning of activities and events (Recreation Advisory Board)
- Long-term Town planning for growth (Planning Commission)
- Library operations, programs and policies (Burnham Board of Library Trustees)
- Neighborhood development and zoning issues (Development Review Board)
- Cemetery restoration, maintenance and local history (Cemetery Advisory Committee)

If you know a Colchester student that you think would take an interest in helping to shape our community's future please contact Linda Gustainis at L.Gustainis@colchestervt.gov or call 264-5509 for further information.

The Town of Colchester has also expanded its use of student interns in Town departments in order to:

- offer practical work experience to students
- expose students to local government and future career opportunities
- perform work for which we lack resources
- To meet goals established in the Town's Heritage Plan and Colchester School District's Strategic Plan

The following is a summary of work performed over the summer by paid college interns, seasonal employees, and volunteers:

Town Clerk's Office; Planning & Zoning; Assessor's Office, Department of Public Works:

- Cemetery information updated
- Files, permits, and documents scanned, spreadsheets updated, and electronic and hard files organized
- Scheduling and general office work
- Preliminary field assessments performed for planned sidewalk and paving spot repairs. Due to limited contractors' interest this summer, we will attempt re-bid next year.
- Sidewalk and paving repair areas inventoried and photographed; costs estimated

The Colchester Police Department

- Assisted police officers by carrying equipment at calls (within limits of law and safety)

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



Colchester Town News

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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

- Sorted property to be returned
- Participated as actors at Vigilant Guard
- Assisted in Police K9 training

Parks and Recreation Department (paid positions):

- Afterschool program assistants
- Camp counselors
- Lifeguards

Volunteer positions included:

- Lacrosse Assistants
- Lacrosse Camp Counselors
- Track & Field, football, baseball, and soccer camp coaches

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