Colchester Town News
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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

For the Week Ending
September 16, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- Conservation Commission: Monday, September 19. 5:30 PM. Meet at the Water Tower Hill Overlook parking lot, to the left of the entrance to the Albany School of Pharmacy.
- Planning Commission: Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor
- Selectboard: Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 5:30 PM site visit to Munson Road re. Discontinuance of road as Town highway. Regular meeting starts at 6:30 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor. Public hearing on Munson Road Discontinuance will begin at 6:45 PM. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.
- Development Review Board: Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor.

Upcoming events:

- Burnham Library Perennial Plant Swap Saturday, September 19, promptly at 10 AM in the Library courtyard. Bring a plant in a labeled container and see what your neighbors bring to exchange! Please, no orange Daylilies/Ditch Lilies.
- 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

Notices:

- Rabid Raccoon: A rabid raccoon has been confirmed in the vicinity of northern Middle Road. If you see it, alive or dead, do not approach it. Call the Rabies Hot Line at 800-472-2437 to report.
- Charitable Drive: The Burnham Library is collecting items for Steps to End Domestic Violence, sponsored by the Colchester/Milton Rotary Club. Needed items include personal care items, (shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/brushes, bath soap, lotion, etc.) school supplies, and old cell phones (personal info deleted). Contributions may be dropped off at the Town Offices on Blakely Road or at Burnham Library. Thank you for your help.

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

With the presidential race well underway, campaigns and elections are on our minds. The election will be held on November 8th at Colchester High School and absentee voting ballots will be available in a few weeks. Our votes will affect all of our futures, from our hometown to worldwide. That's a lot of power packed into a check-box. Do exercise your right to vote—it's our most important civic duty!

We encourage all our citizens to get engaged in the election process. Here are a few suggestions we hope you'll consider this election season:

- If you're not registered to vote you can do so online at the Vermont Secretary of State website: https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/

- Lay the groundwork for your kids to become future voters by including them in positive political discussions. Ask them how they would vote on the candidates and issues.

- Become familiar with state and local races by researching candidates' websites, attending forums/debates or looking at campaign materials before heading to the polls. This is especially important for Town initiatives, where your vote has a direct impact on your quality of life.

- Practice good "engagement" etiquette by keeping political comments and letters to the editor civil in tone. You'll still have to live with your family, neighbors, and co-workers after the election is over!

- It's great to display your support for candidates and initiatives with yard signs and sign permits are not necessary for these. But do place them only with permission from property owners and keep them out of the public right-of-way. If they're placed where they impede safe passage of traffic, mowing operations, or other required functions they may be removed by the municipality or state. Posting on utility poles is always prohibited and subject to fines.

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

Investment in Colchester comes in many guises. Foremost among Colchester's investors are its residents and local businesses. Each one of us who lives or works in Colchester has invested in the town. Residents and visitors who shop, dine, and

recreate in our parks and on our paths, and enjoy cultural or sports events, all contribute to our local economy and communal spirit.

Flourishing businesses, that run the gamut from small enterprises of twenty or fewer employees to large companies that reach a worldwide market, call Colchester home. All have a positive impact on our town's economy and our state's.

Recent investments in our community include:

- The VNA's beautiful new Respite House that will allow those who require hospice care to remain comfortable and reassured that they are surrounded by caring staff with their loved ones nearby
- A generous donation from Robert Miller allowed us to expand Munson Cemetery and install a new fence around its perimeter
- Through our taxpayers, the Town and the State of Vermont invests in the maintenance and repair of our roads, recreational paths, and other infrastructure; the latest project was the replacement of the Morehouse Culvert

All these investments in Colchester have resulted in our being ranked as of one of the best small communities in which to live in America. So…what do you want to do today?

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

Planning and Zoning Department
Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on September 28th to review the following applications:

- Conditional use application of Kyle and Collen Williams for an accessory structure exceeding 50% of the ground floor of the principle structure located at 1184 Camp Kiniya Road, Tax Map 79, Parcel 4
- Final plat application of Richard and Anita Dayvie for a two lot subdivision of a 29 acre parcel in the R10 District with Lot 1 to be 11.6 acres developed with a single family residence and Lot #2 to be 17.4 acres developed with an existing barn and to be developed with a single family residence located at 2869 Middle Road, Tax Map 14, Parcel 4-1
- Appeal of Michelle and John Amborsino and HVL VT, LLC of the Zoning Administrator's letter, notice of violation, dated July 21, 2016 that the scope of construction exceeded the Development Review Board's conditional use approval May 9, 2016 and building permit #24915 located at 2117 Colchester Point Road, Tax Map 31 Parcel 5, Unit 7

- Site plan application of Red Can/Rathe Road Lot 2A LLC to amend a previously approved site plan for a recycling center in five buildings with the amendment being the construction of a 6,000 sq. ft. addition to the existing 13,360 sq. ft. recycling building at 218 Red Can Drive, Tax Map 3, Parcel 23-1
- Sketch plan of Ray Vartuli and Gary and Susan Pasha and Hank Gintof for a nine-unit planned residential development comprised of removal of all existing buildings, construction of three triplex units, and the construction of a new public road located at East Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map 66, Parcel 016013

The Planning Commission will meet on September 20th at the Town Offices in the Outer Bay conference room to continue have a presentation from Chittenden County Regional Planning about the development of the regional energy plan and discussion about Colchester's efforts to develop a local energy plan too. The Commission will also hear a presentation on a rezoning request from Agricultural to R2 for 634 Malletts Bay Avenue.

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

Department of Public Works
Bryan Osborne, Director

The following is a partial list of work performed by Public Works:

As part of the Mallets' Bay Initiative:

- Implemented design phase for the reconfiguration of the Blakely Road and Laker Lane intersection
- Evaluating design proposals for the reconfiguration of the West Lakeshore Drive and Prim Road Intersection
- Issued a Request for Proposals for conceptual planning for the reconfiguration of the Bayside intersection and the construction of a shared use path along West Lakeshore Drive from Prim Road to Bayside
- Working with the Planning Office and key stakeholders to evaluate possible Malletts Bay roadway bypass routes for Malletts Bay

As a part of the Clean Water Initiative:

- Issued a Request for Proposals for conceptual planning for the Mallets' Bay Storm water System
- Continue work with Colchester Fire District #2 to construct a municipal sewer system in Malletts Bay
- Continue development of a Stormwater Utility with a planned launch date of July 1, 2017

Other projects include:

- Installing pedestrian crossing warning signals at the intersection of Buckingham Drive and Colchester Point Road. Five additional installations are planned at various locations
- Patching pot holes, repairing storm water catch basins, and hauling sand in preparation for winter
- Coordinating installation of a new roof at the Bayside Activity Center
- Preparing for federal stormwater permit compliance
- Developing FY18 Public Works general fund operating budget
- Developing FY18=FY23 Capital Budget Program update

For more information about the Public Works Department, please visit http://colchestervt.gov/publicworks or call (802) 264-5620.

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