

For the Week Ending November 11, 2016

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Conservation Commission:** Monday, November 14, 6:00 PM at the Bayside Activity Center
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Thursday, November 17 at 8:00 AM at the Town Offices in the Champlain Room on the 2nd floor.
- **Planning Commission:** The regular meeting on Wednesday, November 15 has been moved to Monday, November 29, 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor. It will be a joint meeting with the Milton Planning Commission.
- **Selectboard:** The Tuesday, November 22nd has been **cancelled**.

Notices:

- Munson Road is permanently **closed** to through traffic as of November 14, 2016.
- The Development Review Board has **cancelled** their November meeting.
- Taxes are due Tuesday, November 15th!
- The Town Offices will be **closed on November 24 and 25** for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you all a happy holiday.
- The first public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town Plan will be held on December 13 at 6:40 PM at the Town Offices in the Outer Bay Room on the 3rd floor.

Message of the Week

The Town of Colchester mourns the passing of another long-time resident who was dedicated to Town service.

Richard “Dick” Paquette, a true pillar of our community, recently passed away. Dick epitomized volunteerism and service to the Town: he was a member of the Colchester Selectboard and a School Board member for 20 years and a member of the Planning Commission for four years. He brought extensive experience, a sound work ethic, and a love for his community to all of his positions and served our citizens and the Town well. Dick literally gave his life’s blood for the wellbeing of others, donating over 60 gallons to the American Red Cross.

Dick lived in Colchester from the age of ten, when he moved from Williston. His father started Shadow Cross Farm 76 years ago and Dick worked alongside, eventually taking over the family business. A quintessential Vermonter, he always had a warm smile and handshake for his customers and friends. Following the family tradition, Dick’s son, Richard, works at Shadow Cross and he will continue on,

although we're sure everyone in at the farm will miss the family's patriarch, as will so many others in town.

Dick was instrumental in the formation of a number of local organizations that assist businesses in Vermont today. He told WCAX in a 2013 "Super Senior" segment that it was the people he met through work and his volunteer efforts that kept him going. He instilled his love and pride in Colchester in his children and grandchildren: Richard now serves on the Planning Commission and granddaughter Traci is employed in the Town Clerk's and Assessor's offices.

This is Colchester's third loss of a dedicated community volunteer since mid-October; Joyce Sweeney left us last month and Stephen Wark passed last week. All of them will be sorely missed.

Town Clerk's Office **Karen Richard, Town Clerk**

The second installment of property taxes is due **Tuesday, November 15th by 5pm**. Our office is closed Friday, November 11th but will stay open until 5pm on Monday, the 14th and Tuesday, the 15th for your payments.

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights of November 8, 2016

- The Selectboard appointed the first youth seat member, Morgan Eaton, to the Development Review Board through its new Get Engaged Program. The program has had an excellent response from students who are taking an interest in Town government.
- The draft Capital Budget Program for FY 2018-23 was approved by the Selectboard and will next be reviewed by the Planning Commission. A Public Hearing on the Capital Budget will be warned for the December 13 meeting. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.
- A series of Selectboard budget meetings is scheduled for November 15, 18, and December 6.

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