

**For the Week Ending
December 2, 2016**

Upcoming Town meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 (Budget Work Session) 6 PM, Colchester Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd Floor
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 6:30 PM, Colchester Town Offices, Outer Bay Room, 3rd Floor
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM, Colchester Town Offices, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, December 14, 7 AM, Colchester Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor
- **Development Review Board:** December 14, 7:00 PM, Colchester Town Offices, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor

Upcoming events:

- **Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling** – Sunday, Dec. 4, 4 PM at the Burnham Library
- **Holiday Gift Baskets** – Each year, the Library seeks donations of **new** books for kids ages pre-K to grade 12 for the Colchester-Milton Rotary Club's Holiday Gift Basket Project. This 42nd year of the project, the Rotary hopes to send over 120 baskets that include books to families in need. Collection bins are located at Burnham Library and in the lobbies of Colchester schools. Collection ends Friday, December 9.

Notices:

- The library will be **closed** on Friday, Dec. 2 for staff development
- Searching for holiday gift ideas? Consider a Parks & Rec Gift Certificate! They can be purchased from the Parks & Rec office in dollar amounts or for specific programs.
- Over the next few weeks Traci Paquette from the Assessor's office will be out taking photos of some Colchester properties to update our files. If you have questions regarding this activity you may call the Assessor's office at 264-5671.

Message of the Week

Improving Water Quality for Lake a Top Priority

The Town of Colchester has long considered improving the water quality in Lake Champlain a top priority. As part of the ongoing Clean Water Initiative, Town staff is

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overseeing conceptual planning of upgrades to the Mallets' Bay Stormwater System. This project will enable us to decrease the amount of stormwater that discharges directly into Malletts Bay. Another project that would have significant impact on the lake's water quality is a potential municipal sewer system which we are exploring with Fire District #2. The continued development of a Stormwater Utility with a planned launch date of July 1, 2017 is being finalized as well. All of these projects are designed to reduce the amount of pollutants going into the lake and provide more equitable funding of the costly improvements needed to achieve the goal of a clean lake.

Here are the highlights of some Department activities:

Planning and Zoning Department
Sarah Hadd, Director

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of November 14, 2016:

The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on December 14th to review the following applications:

- 1) Appeal of Michele & John Ambrosino and HVL VT, LLC of a notice of violation, dated July 21, 2016, that the scope of work exceeded the Development Review Board's conditional use approval May 9, 2016 and building permit #24915 at 2117 Colchester Point Road, Tax Map 31 Parcel 5, Unit 7
- 2) Conditional use application of Michele & John Ambrosino and HVL VT, LLC under Section 7.03(D) of the Zoning Regulations to amend a previously approved enlargement of a residential structure that increases the degree of encroachment into the Shoreland District setback at 2117 Colchester Point Road, Tax Map 31, Parcel 5, Unit 47
- 3) Conditional use application of Brenda Frank, Douglas Knight, and Mark Jaffee under Section 7.03(D) of the Zoning Regulations to allow for the after-the-fact enlargement of a residential structure that increases the degree of encroachment into the Shoreland District setback at 1067 Marble Island Road, #2, Tax Map 55, Parcel 9, Unit 2
- 4) Site plan application of Brickyard Limited Partnership for the after-the-fact construction in the Shoreland District setback of reconstructed landscape walls, a cobble paver area and stone surface area, reconstructed stone walkways and stairs, construction of pump house, and the construction of a gazebo at 720 Brickyard Road, Tax Map 77, Parcel 27
- 5) Site plan application of Donald Siegriest, Karen Venner, and David Bird for the construction of a 163' seawall with large dimensional stone; the construction of a second tier of seawall approximately 102' in length with large dimensional stone; and the replacement of an approximately 60' of failing concrete block

- with large dimensional stone in the Shoreland District setback at #6 and #24 Bluff Road and 262 Whitecap Road, Tax Map 30, Parcel 2, Units 21, 21-2 and 22
- 6) Sketch plan of Richard Brackenbury for a conventional 2 lot residential subdivision of a 67.27 acre into two lots with lot #9 to be 10.31 acres to be developed with a single family residence and Lot #10 to be 56.96 acres to be developed with a single family residence located on Colchester Pond Road, Tax Map 9, Parcel 017003.

The Planning Commission will meet on November 29th at the Town Offices in the Outer Bay conference room to discuss the Northeast Quadrant of Town with the Milton Planning Commission. The Commission will hold a public hearing on Supplement 40 to the Colchester Zoning Regulations on December 6th that will include the following amendments:

- Amend Section 2.02C Official Map to remove the Lakeshore Drive Bypass and relabel the Circumferential Highway as a future road; add proposed separated path and emergency access in the vicinity of Malletts Bay Avenue and the Circumferential Highway corridor
- Amend Section 2.10B(1) to clarify fence location
- Amend Section 2.18B to add exemption for construction signs
- Amend Sections 3.04F, 3.05F, and 6.01F to add additional standards for contractors yard landscape
- Amend Table A-1 to add contractors yard landscaping as conditional use in R5, R10, & AGR Districts
- Amend Appendix F to rezone the following parcels:
 - Portions of Parcel ID #08-021003 AGR to R2
 - 12-022000-0000000 AGR to R5
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 - Portions of Parcel ID#06-005002 AGR to R2

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Department of Public Works
Bryan Osborne, Director

- Making final preparations for winter including marking stormwater structures, attaching snow removal equipment to trucks, and re-calibrating computerized salt spreader controls.
- Implemented design phase and selected a consulting team for conceptual planning for the reconfiguration of the Blakely Road, and Laker Lane intersection; implementing design phase for the reconfiguration of the West

Lakeshore Drive and Prim Road Intersection, all as part of the Mallets' Bay Initiative.

- Selected a consulting team for conceptual planning for the Mallets' Bay Storm water System; continuing work with Colchester Fire District #2 to construct a municipal sewer system in Mallets Bay; and continuing development of a Stormwater Utility with a planned launch date of July 1, 2017, all as a part of the Clean Water Initiative
- Submitted a required MS4 Stormwater Permit amendment to the Agency of Natural Resources including Flow Restorations Plans for Sunderland and Morehouse Brooks.
- Presented a comprehensive Transportation Plan to the Colchester Community Development Corporation and the Selectboard.
- Received a \$179,000 federal grant for the construction of sidewalks on Water Tower Hill.
- Completed the FY18 Public Works general fund operating budget and FY18-FY23 Capital Budget Program update; presented drafts to the Selectboard

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