

**For the Week Ending
April 7, 2017**

Upcoming Town Meetings*:

- Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, April 17, 7:00 PM, Bayside Activity Center
- Planning Commission: Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 PM
- Selectboard: Friday, April 14, 8 AM to 1 PM, Special Meeting
- Selectboard: Tuesday, April 18, 5:00 PM; Special Meeting/Executive Session for Employee Review
- Selectboard: Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM
- Cemetery Advisory Committee: Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 AM Champlain Room, 2nd floor

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor

Upcoming events:

- The Colchester Police Department is hosting another FREE R.A.D. Basic Self-Defense Course starting April 19th. This course is open to women only, ages 13 and up. Classes will be held at the Colchester Meeting House on Main Street for 6 consecutive Wednesdays from 6-8 PM. You must attend all 6 classes! For more information and to sign up, please contact Cpl. Jaime L. Bressler at (802) 264-5555 or Jaime.bressler@colchesterpdvt.org.

Manager's Message of the Week

Colchester Selectboard Considers Stormwater Utility

At a public hearing scheduled for **April 25th at 6:30pm** in the Colchester Town Office's, Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor, the Colchester Selectboard will vote on the adoption of a Stormwater Utility. This proposal is of epic importance to reversing stormwater pollution within the Town's waters and protecting and preserving these water resources for future generations. It is estimated that approximately \$35 million in stormwater improvements are needed in Colchester. This includes a comprehensive stormwater management system for Malletts Bay and its upland watersheds, remediation plans for Sunderland Brook, Morehouse Brook, and the Town's 13 miles of gravel roadways, and addressing aging and failing stormwater systems throughout the community. These improvements are designed to reduce the amount of phosphorus and sediment that are polluting Malletts Bay and the community's streams. Many of these improvements will be required under the Town's state and federal stormwater permits. Some of the highlights and community benefits of the proposed utility include;

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- Designed to remove phosphorus and sediment from the Town's waters, and preserve and protect these water resources for future generations
- Developed over the past 18 months with guidance from a citizen advisory committee of 11 Colchester residents.
- Creates a more fair and equitable way of paying for stormwater.
- Allows the assessment of fees to tax exempt properties generating \$145,000 of additional funding each year.
- Increases the Town's investment in water quality by 60%.
- While all properties would receive a stormwater bill, the municipal portion of all tax bills will be reduced.
- Over 2,000 properties will pay less in overall stormwater costs under the utility.
- Credits for stormwater improvements are available to qualifying properties.
- Money will be used to meet federal and state clean water standards, improve stormwater systems, and clean up impaired streams and watersheds.

Please visit our website for more extensive information including videos, FAQ's, presentations, and a searchable database for each property's projected stormwater costs at <http://colchestervt.gov/213/Managing-Stormwater> or contact Bryan K. Osborne, Director of Public Works, at 264-5620, or bosborne@colchestervt.gov.

Police Department **Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief**

In March Colchester Police Department arrested 16 people for a total of 18 crimes including Aggravated Sexual Assault, Domestic Assault, Shoplifting, Home Improvement Fraud, Assault & Robbery, and more. We responded to 970 calls for service during the month, with Thursdays and Fridays being the busiest days.

We have hired three new dispatchers to bring us up to full staffing in the Communications Unit. **We are actively seeking qualified applicants for police officers.** We will be participating in a countywide recruitment event on April 28th. For further information about this event, please contact Cpl. Kye Richter at kye.richter@colchesterpdvt.org.

In April we will say goodbye to our High School Resource Officer Derrick Kendrew. Derrick has served the Colchester community for over six years. He has accepted a position at Winooski PD. We will miss Derrick's energy and expertise!

As the snow melts, more road construction is underway. Please slow down in construction zones and be sure that everyone arrives alive!

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Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

The first quarter of 2017 has been a very busy one for us. The first quarter of 2016 we received 265 requests for service: this year it has been 344!

With increased call volume, there is also an increased chance that we may be unavailable (already on a call) when someone calls 911. Luckily, we have an excellent mutual aid system that provides the best of care to all of our patients. This means that you will receive care from one of our neighboring towns' ambulances, instead of Colchester's. All ambulance services rely on neighboring towns when they have too many calls to handle on their own. We frequently respond with assistance to Burlington, Winooski, Essex, Milton, etc. when their ambulance services are already out on a call.

May 21 – 27 is National EMS Week. This is the week we celebrate Emergency Medical Service providers. We will have special events going on throughout the week, including our Annual Open House on May 24th. More to come at a later date!

For more information about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

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