

## **For the Week of April 17, 2017**

### **Upcoming Town meetings\***

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 AM Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

\*All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, unless otherwise noted.

### **Upcoming events:**

- **Green Up Day:** Saturday, May 6 – Mark your calendars. More information to come!

### **Notices:**

- **VTRANS will begin construction activity at the Route 7/2 & 127 Intersection (Creek Road and Bay Road) Project on Monday, April 17.** The contractor will mobilize equipment, dig test holes in the road to verify the location of underground utilities and begin work on the waterline construction. There will be one-way alternating traffic while construction activities occur between 7 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Flaggers will assist motorists traveling through the work zone.

### **Manager's Message of the Week Dawn Francis, Town Manager**

#### **Considering a Career in Law Enforcement?**

The Town of Colchester Police Department is actively seeking qualified applicants for police officers!

There will be a Chittenden County Law Enforcement Recruiting Event at South Burlington Middle School on Friday April 28. **Pre-Registration is required.** Candidates will have the opportunity to take the physical fitness test, the written entrance test, and to meet representatives from all county police agencies! Learn more about policing opportunities county-wide.

To learn more and pre-register contact Cpl. Kye Richter of the Colchester Police Department. (802) 264-555 or email [kye.richter@colchesterpdvt.org](mailto:kye.richter@colchesterpdvt.org).

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

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

**Office of the Assessor**  
**Bob Vickery**

The Assessor's Office is busy finalizing the 2017 Grand List.

- We are currently in the process of conducting our field review for all properties in Town
- We will be conducting inspections of any permits that have been issued in the last year and making the appropriate changes to the assessment records
- If you have taken out a permit and made changes to your dwelling or property please call the Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment for a site visit to allow the Town maintain the record of your property
- Notices for Change of Assessments will be out in the end of May
- You may view the online Web Map and Assessment Data by going to: <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/>

For more information about the Assessor's Department, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/assessor> or call (802) 264-5670.

**Office of the Town Clerk**  
**Karen Richard**

- Thanks to the many responsible dog owners that registered their dogs on or before April 1st. Currently 750 dogs have been registered. Last year at this time we had registered 829. If you have not done so yet, please remember IT IS THE LAW TO REGISTER YOUR DOG and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.
- The last tax installment for this fiscal year was March 15th. We billed \$14,055,021 and collected \$13,731,969, which leaves \$323,053 left to collect. That is slightly more than 2%. Typically by June there is less than 1% to collect. This contributes to the financial strength of the community and is reflected in the audit each year.
- We will be conducting a tax sale on Friday May 12th. Currently there are 7 properties on the list. We will continue to work with these taxpayers for collection as we proceed.
- Due to the volume of passport applications recently we now require passport applications by appointment only. This allows us to better service the customer and to be more efficient with staff schedules. For more information

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**Office of the Deputy Town Manager/CFO  
Aaron Frank**

**FY 17 Budget Update:** Eight months through the fiscal year, revenues are higher than expenses by \$540,285, a net positive of 5%

- Expenditures are 3% under budget due to Parks, Public Works, Stormwater and the Assessor.
- Revenues are 2% over budget, including tax collections, clerk and planning/zoning fees, rescue revenues, police, and public works.

**Local Option Tax Fund:** As of February 28, the balance of the Local option tax fund, which is restricted for voter approved capital projects, is \$482,113.

**Grants:** With Technical Rescue Chief Cannon, applied for \$85,000 in replacement equipment for our technical rescue team.

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**Highlights of Selectboard Meeting of April 11, 2017**

- VTRANS employee Erin Lewis and Jay LaFontaine of GW Tatro gave presentations to update the Selectboard on the upcoming VT 2A/Rte 7/ Bay Road/ Creek Road intersection project, now underway.
- VTRANS employee Mike Lacroix gave an overview for the Exit 16 Diverging Diamond Intersection Design. Landscaping designs were also reviewed. The project is slated to begin in 2019-2020.
- Peddler's and Amusement licenses were approved for Bri's Fries, Mr. Ding-a-Ling (ice cream truck), Spare Time, and Sunset Drive-In.
- A Liquor license was approved for B.U. Emporium.