

**For the Week of
April 24, 2017**

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** No meeting on Tuesday, May 2
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 PM
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, May 10 7:00 PM. Joint meeting with the Planning Commission.
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 AM- Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor

All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road in the Outer Bay Conference Room, 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming events:

- **Green Up Day:** Saturday, May 6. This year, bags and sign-up sheets will be available at the Colchester Police Department on Blakely Road at 8 AM and at the Burnham Library on Main Street at 9 AM. A hot dog cook out will take place at the Colchester Police Department from noon to 1 PM. Questions? Email Pam Loranger at pamforcolchester@gmail.com
- **10th Annual Colchester Touch-A-Truck:** Saturday, May 6: Quiet time (no sirens) 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Sirens or air horns may be used from 10:30 – 11:00 AM. At Colchester High School Parking Lot
- **Causeway 5K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 3 at Airport Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. \$25 for 5K / \$30 for 15K. Register by May 1 to guarantee t-shirt size. More info at <http://colchestervt.gov/358/Causeway-5K-15K-Race>
- **33rd Annual Triathlon:** Sunday, July 31 at Bayside Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. Early bird rates if registering by May 1. Register by May 26 to guarantee t-shirt size. More info at <http://www.colchestertri.com>
- Both races offer online registration at www.active.com

Volunteers are needed for the Causeway and Triathlon races!

- Email Mike at mlapan@colchestervt.gov to volunteer or learn more. Come join in the fun and meet new friends!

Notices:

- **Please be a considerate pet owner and clean up after your dog!**
Dog owners/walkers: Please remember to clean up your pet's waste from parks, playing fields, sidewalks, and any other public areas where you walk

your dog. For the good health of all, please take the bag with you and dispose of it in a trash can with a lid. Remember, the shoe you save may be your own!

- **USDA, Wildlife Services will be conducting rabies research** in the Greater Burlington area again this summer. See the Town's Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/TownColchesterVT/>

Manager's Message of the Week

Colchester Community Spirit and Volunteerism

Community spirit and volunteerism is alive and well in Colchester. Just a few examples within the past few months:

- Pam Loranger, volunteer for many of our Boards and Commission was recently awarded Citizen Planner of the Year by the Vermont Planning Association. Congrats to Pam!
- We finished another successful youth basketball season as a result of people giving their time to coach and organize the league. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kFKqVFL1Xo&t=38s> to view a fun video about the experience.
- Marble Island Road had to be closed due to a road collapse resulting from groundwater seeping from the ledges under the road and neighbors allowed a detour on their private road to re-route traffic.
- Rick and Bonnie Bartlett pick up litter around Airport Park almost daily. Let's all remember to clean up after ourselves so they don't have to work so hard!
- The Conservation Committee is preparing for Green Up Day on May 6. This year bags and sign up will be available at the Police Department and at the Burnham Library for those who live in the village.
- The Cemetery Advisory Board recently completed an overhaul of our Cemetery Rules and Regulations and is working hard to improve our cemeteries in advance of Memorial Day.
- Our rescue squad and volunteer fire departments have to do over 60-80 hours of training annually to keep us safe. Come to the Colchester Rescue open house in May. Look for details in next week's Town Newsletter.

For more information visit www.colchestervt.gov/manager or call (802) 264-5509.

Economic Development Department
Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

Colchester is home to a significant agricultural community and it is very important to the Town's economy. On March 30th the Economic Development Department hosted

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a forum to gain a better understanding of agricultural business owners' needs and how the Department can be of service to them now and in the future. A lively discussion revealed a wide scope of obstacles, successes, and nuances in the sector, based on the type of agriculture and the facility. Below are a few of the topics that were discussed:

- Climate change
- Suburban development vs. agriculture – How to share the neighborhood?
- Succession planning and retirement
- Workforce challenges - Labor shortages
- Business opportunities created by the Localvore movement

The Town is looking into new initiatives to help promote and market our agricultural businesses, including an Open Farm Weekend on August 12. Stay tuned for more information.

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 met on April 12th and approved the following applications:

- Final plat and site plan applications of Ray Vartuli, Gary & Susan Pasha and Hank Gintof for a 8 unit Planned Residential Development comprised of one (1) triplex unit, two (2) duplex units, one (1) single family unit and a new public road located on East Lakeshore Drive, tax map 66, parcel 16-1
- Site plan and conditional use application of Reuter Family Trust and Parker Heffernan D/B/A Congleton Service for an auto sales, repair, and body work business at an existing multi-tenant commercial property located at 354 Prim Road, tax map 51, parcel 7
- Site plan application of the Vermont Agency of Transportation for amendments to the landscape plan including a 5' high retaining wall located at 623 Roosevelt Highway, tax map 3, parcel 16.

The Board heard a sketch plan application of Pauline Lapierre, Daren Eddy, and Richard Eddy for a three (3) lot subdivision of a 15.2 acre parcel in the GD1 District with:

- Lot #1 to be a .82 acre parcel developed with an existing commercial building
- Lot #2 to be a 2.54 acre parcel developed with three (3) triplex units
- Lot #3 to be a 10.86 acre lot designated as open space

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- A new public road to serve the project located at 3424 Roosevelt Highway, tax map 27, parcel 17

A sketch is intended to be advisory only and does not result in a decision to deny or approve.

The Board denied a variance application of Patrick McGrath and Dane McGrath for the after-the-fact construction of a driveway encroaching in the required side yard setback of 5 feet at 801 Creek Farm Road, tax map 27, parcel 32.

At their May 11th meeting the Board will reopen the preliminary and final plat applications of Daniel and Christie Fitzgerald for a three lot planned unit development of a 10 acre parcel resulting in two new single family homes at 172 Watkins Road, tax map 16, parcel 20.

The Planning Commission met on April 18th to continue its review of the Subdivision Regulations. The Commission will review the Subdivision Regulations with the Development Review Board at 6:30PM on Wednesday, May 10th. The Commission will request feedback from the Board and various entities on the proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations at their regular May 16th meeting.

For more information visit <http://colchestervt.gov/planningz> or call (802) 264-5600.

Department of Public Works
Bryan Osborne, Director

- The Line Striping Project has been awarded and is scheduled to begin in May
- The Capital Paving Project is currently out to bid
- The Fort Ethan Allen Sidewalk Project has been awarded and will begin at the end of May
- Sidewalk spot repair will begin in June
- A public hearing about the Stormwater Utility will be held April 25 at the Selectboard meeting
- Street sweeping and road grading is underway
- Warning signs throughout town are being replaced
- Lawns that have been damaged by the plows are being repaired

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