

## **For the Week of June 12, 2017**

### **Upcoming Town Meetings:**

- Colchester Conservation Commission: Meeting at Law Island will be rescheduled.
- Planning Commission: Tuesday, June 20, 2017

(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:**

- **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Triathlon:** Sunday, July 30 at Bayside Park. Race starts at 8:30 AM. Info: <http://www.colchestertri.com> Online registration at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)
- **Burnham Library Summer Book Sale – June 23-25.** See the Manager's Message of the Week (below) for details!

### **Notices:**

- **Volunteers are needed for the Triathlon!** Email Mike at [mlapan@colchestervt.gov](mailto:mlapan@colchestervt.gov) to volunteer or learn more. Come join in the fun and meet new friends!

### **Traffic Notices:**

- **Route 7/2 June 12 - June 16** the contractor will prepare for Route 7/2 detour that will go into effect Monday, June 19 to include: erosion control; installation of detour signs and temporary signal next to the Spanked Puppy; and paving the newly widened Route 2A. Connection of the new water line has been mostly completed. On Tuesday, June 13 there will be a water shutdown affecting Country Meadows and Respite House. **Motorists** traveling on Routes 7/2, 2A and 127 **should expect delays throughout the week.** Questions or comments should be directed to Jill Barrett, Public Outreach Coordinator, (802) 272-1248
- **I-89 between Swanton and Colchester:** Monday-Friday June 12-16 will include continued grinding of existing pavement in the northbound on/off ramps Exits 18 and 19, and in the high speed lane from Exit 18 to 19. Weather permitting, crack filling will continue in the southbound lanes thru the milled area. On Thursday & Friday (weather permitting) paving begins from St. Albans/Swanton southbound lane. One lane of travel will be maintained within the construction zone. **Motorists should plan for minimal delays.** Questions? Contact Stephanie Barrett, Public Outreach Coordinator at 802-862-6085. Find daily updates at [www.countonitinc.com](http://www.countonitinc.com).

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

**Time for Burnham Library's Annual Summer Book Sale!**

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

Do you love books? Do you love used books at bargain prices even more? Then Burnham Library's Annual Summer Book Sale is for you! You can browse through a great selection of hard covers and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, in many genres for all ages and tastes, plus CDs and DVDs. Come to the Friday Preview Sale on June 23, 5-8 PM for the best selection; a \$5 donation is suggested and will benefit the Friends of the Library. Saturday, June 24, hours are 8 AM - 4 PM. For the lowest prices, shop the Blow-Out Sale on Sunday, June 25, 10 AM - 2 PM. Don't miss this great collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials – all at bargain prices! The sale takes place at Colchester High School, 131 Laker Lane, in the cafeteria.

Have you been planning to weed out books that are taking up valuable “real estate” on your home book shelves? Consider donating them to the Book Sale. You can drop off books at Colchester High School on Monday, June 19, 4 - 8 PM; Tuesday, June 20, 10 AM - 2 PM; and Wednesday, June 21, 10 AM - 7:30 PM. It's a great way to support the library and make room for all the new books you'll be finding at the sale! Hardcover, paperbacks, DVDs, and CDs will be accepted. Please, no periodicals, encyclopedias, videotapes, textbooks, or moldy / damaged books.

We're also seeking volunteers! Call 264-5660 for more information. Thanks for supporting the library!

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

**Office of the Town Clerk  
Karen Richard**

June 30 is the end of the fiscal year. As a result, we are busy closing the books for FY 2017 and preparing for FY 2018. We work diligently to collect delinquent taxes by entering into agreements for payment plans, and unfortunately have to proceed to tax sale when the agreements have not been satisfied.

We are in the process of preparing the tax bills for the upcoming year. Expect to see your tax bill in your mailbox by July 15. The first installment is due August 15. If you are a resident of Colchester please check your bill to make sure that it has been calculated at the residential tax rate. **You must file your homestead declaration in order to have the residential rate on your bill.** Keep in mind that the Vermont Department of Taxes is behind in notifying us of your filing. If you have any questions regarding the homestead declarations you may call our office at 264-5520.

For more about the Town Clerk's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/townclerk> or call (802) 264-5520

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

**FY 17 Budget Update:** Ten months through the fiscal year, revenues are higher than expenses by \$647,790, a net positive of 5%.

- Expenditures are 3% under budget due to Parks, Public Works Stormwater, Planning/Zoning and the Assessor.
- Some departments have seasonal spring/summer staffing patterns which may reduce this savings.
- Revenues are 2% over budget, including Clerk and Planning/Zoning fees, Recreation revenues, Rescue revenues, Police, and Public Works.
- Local Option Tax Fund: As of April 30, after having made the FY 17 debt service payments, the balance of the Local option tax fund, which is restricted for voter approved capital projects, is \$394,486.

**Regional Dispatch:** I have been chairing a countywide group exploring the potential to regionalize emergency dispatch. This effort is being conducted in response to municipal budget pressures, technology changes, potential changes in the dispatching model and/or charges at the state level, and recognition that certain services, such as emergency dispatching, might be better provided to the public using a more regionalized approach. Colchester, along with Milton and South Burlington, are exploring an interim dispatch consolidation; Burlington is exploring the purchase of dispatch software to be used by regional dispatch. Additional information is available at <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/emergency-management/regional-dispatch/>

For more about the Administration Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/> or call (802) 264-5500.

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