

**For the Week of:
November 6, 2017**

**Manager's Message
Dawn Francis, Town Manager**

Reminder: Property Taxes are due Wednesday, November 15!

Malletts Bay Scoping Project

At the October 10, 2017 Selectboard meeting, the Board reviewed the Malletts Bay Scoping Project. The staff recommended that the Selectboard endorse further development of the 10' shared use path and a sidewalk segment on the north side of the roadway. It was one of the least costly of the three options presented and would provide a high level of pedestrian and bike safety, increased stormwater management opportunities, and have only moderate right-of-way impacts. The path would include a section of separated bike path along the south side of West Lakeshore Drive from the Bayside intersection to Prim Road. The sidewalk segment would provide approximately 1,000 feet of 5' sidewalk on the north side of the road from the State Fishing Access to the Lakeshore Drive Shopping Plaza. These improvements have a future conceptual construction cost estimate of \$5.4 million and would be subject to voter approval.

With the Selectboard's endorsement, Town Staff will now be looking for grants and other opportunities to fund additional study and design of the improvements. I encourage anyone interested in the comprehensive Malletts Bay Scoping Project to visit the project website at <http://bit.ly/2iXb2Jn>. The Study's final report will be available for public review the week of November 20, 2017.

Next summer will bring the construction of a 10 foot shared used path along West Lakeshore Drive from Prim Road to Church Road. When that project is completed, pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to travel from Colchester Village to the Causeway, and beyond (with the exception of the missing path connection between Prim Road and Bayside Park). Currently a 5 foot sidewalk serves as the connection; a separate 10 foot path will increase the distance between vehicles and path users and will improve safety. The new path will also provide opportunities for stormwater storage and treatment that are highly desirable (and sorely needed) along West Lakeshore Drive.

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

Police Department

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

Jennifer Morrison, Police Chief

Winter weather will be upon us before you know it. CPD urges motorists to get their winter tires on and to be prepared for winter driving conditions! Allow extra time for travel once freezing temps and snow or rain come. Also, effective November 15th, the winter parking ban is in place for all Town owned roads and parking lots. No vehicles can be upon these roadways or parking lots between 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM.

There have been a lot of changes at CPD this year. We have hired three new dispatchers, two new police officers, and we are in the process of hiring a records clerk/administrative assistant. We have also said goodbye to some long tenured employees: Jeff and Lois Fontaine, Derrick Kendrew, Jesse Treier, and Kye Richter. While we are sad to lose these members of our team, we are excited to welcome new blood into the organization. **We are currently hiring for dispatch and police officer positions.**

This is our last newsletter before Black Friday and the ensuing shopping madness. Please remember to lock your vehicle at all times and keep valuables out of sight. Don't hesitate to call CPD at 264-5555 if you see something or someone that appears to be "casing" vehicles, businesses, or homes. We would much rather respond proactively to check a situation out than to respond to a burglary or larceny after the fact. If you see something, say something!

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads Amy Akerlind, Rescue Chief

On October 20 Colchester Rescue and Technical Rescue Squad held their annual banquet. It is the night of the year that we get dressed up and have some fun as a squad. We enjoy dinner, dancing, and recognize those who went above and beyond the call of duty over the past year. This year we presented awards to the following members:

Rescue:

Member of the Year: Mike Hendrickson

Rookie of the Year: Libby Connors

Most Volunteer Shifts Run: Megan Severance (107.75 shifts/ 1,293 hours)

Most Outreach Events: Abbie Longchamp

Technical Rescue:

Member of the Year: Dave Auriemma

Meritorious Awards: Chip Perry, Mike Akerlind, Jon Strazza, Chuck DiSchino

We would like to say a big thank you to St. Michael's Fire and Rescue for covering our station for the night and to UVM Rescue for providing the standby service at the Colchester High School Football game. We could not have enjoyed our night without their help!

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 PM.
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 PM
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 AM at the Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Champlain Room on the 2nd floor
- **Selectboard: Work Session and Budget Discussion with Administration:** Thursday, November 9, 8:00 – 9:30 AM. (Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor)
- **Selectboard: Special Meeting: Town Department Budget Meetings:** Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 – 9:30 AM (Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor)
- **Selectboard: Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 PM
- **Selectboard: Special Meeting: Town Department Budget Meetings:** Thursday, November 16, 8:00 – 10:30 AM (Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor)
- **Colchester Conservation Commission:** Monday, November 20, 7:15 PM (Bayside Activity Center)
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 PM
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Wednesday, November 22, 8:00 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 on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.)

Notices:

- The Town Offices will be **closed** on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.
- The Burnham Library will be closed on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Traffic Notices:

- **Construction Update Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Intersection Project** Travel will be reduced to one-lane where there is active construction. When there is more than one area of work traffic will move slowly. Access to businesses will remain OPEN at all times.



Colchester Town News
VERMONT

Colchester – What do you want to do today?

 **Remember to follow us on Facebook** (@TownColchesterVT) to get the latest about what's happening in your community!

 **Share your photos of Colchester with us on Instagram** (@colchestervt)

Notify Me: Subscribe to Town news that matters to you most. Visit www.colchestervt.gov and click on the Notify Me icon to sign up.

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