

For the Week of February 26, 2018

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

Another Clean Audit for the Town of Colchester

The Town of Colchester has received the results of its annual audit by Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C. (Certified Public Accountants). We are pleased to announce that we have a clean audit this year, with no findings.

The Town is fortunate to have a detail-oriented and meticulous staff in the Finance Department. "Hats off" to the Finance staff for maintaining the accurate financial records, to the Town Clerk/Treasurer and her staff for receiving and recording the tax and fee revenues in a responsible manner and to the entire Town staff who must follow ten different Selectboard policies related to financial management. This work must be done consistently and correctly to receive clean audits.

Colchester is leader in the financial arena and has been asked to serve as a model and presenter on policy development, audit report writing, capital planning, contracting, and insurance.

We are proud to use our expertise in this area to benefit our community through:

- Capital funding plans that avoid borrowing and debt for all but the largest of projects,
- Negotiation of vendor contract for services and supplies
- Use of taxes as the "last dollar in" approach after other revenue sources

The auditor's report is available on our website at <http://www.colchestervt.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/520>. Copies will be available for review at the Annual Meeting on Monday March 5. If you want a hard copy of the report you may request one at the Town Offices on Blakely Road.

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

**Planning and Zoning Department
Sarah Hadd, Director**

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department reports the following for the week of February 19th:

- The Colchester Development Review Board met on February 14th and approved a site plan application of Joey & Marcia Purvis and The Grass Gauchos, LLC for the construction of a 30'x50' building to establish a landscape contractor's yard at 1847 Main Street, parcel 22-174003.
- The Colchester Development Review Board will meet on March 14th to consider:
 1. A preliminary plat application of Cosimo and Sandra Lomartire and Rivers Edge Building Development, LLC for a 49 unit, 28-lot planned residential development on an existing 48 acre parcel developed with a single family residence located at 634 Malletts Bay Avenue, tax map 6, parcel 5
 2. A preliminary and final plat application of Derek Bean for a 4-lot residential planned unit development on a 3.56 acre parcel located at Jasper Mine Road, tax map 16, parcel 32-4
 3. A sketch plan application of Randall & Kimberly Clark and Shane Clark for a 2-lot residential planned unit development on a 25 acre parcel located at 1643 East Road, tax map 12, parcel 20-3
 4. A sketch plan application of Burlington Outparcel Owner, LLC and Lisciottie Development to amend a previously approved planned unit development consisting of:
 - A 6.01 acre lot developed with a 188 unit hotel and a 5,222 sq. ft. restaurant, and
 - a .57 undeveloped lot located at 18 & 38 Lower Mountain View Drive, tax map 1, parcels 20 & 21. The amendment consists of the construction of a 6,375 sq. ft. multi-tenant commercial building on the .57 acre lot.
- The Planning Commission will meet again on March 6th to continue their review of the existing Town Plan, focusing on the Cultural Resources and Education Chapters. A formal visioning process is anticipated to kick off the 2019 Town Plan in May with subsequent issue and place-based forums.
- The Planning Commission is still seeking a **student member**. High school residents are encouraged to apply through the Colchester Town Manager's Office.

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

Department of Public Works
Bryan Osborne, Director

- Completed the FY19 Wastewater Budget to be presented to the Selectboard on March 27
- Seeking the final easements for the West Lakeshore Drive Shared Use Path

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

- We are filling potholes, repairing gravel roads, clearing catch basins, and repairing mailboxes as weather permits
- Reviewing bids for a road line striping project that will be done this summer

For more visit <http://colchestervt.gov/publicworks> or call (802) 264-5620.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Annual Town and School District Meeting:** Monday, March 5 at Colchester High School Performing Arts Center. Sign-in starts at 6:30 PM. Meetings start at 7:00 PM with the School District presenting first.
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 PM.
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 PM.
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 PM.
- **Conservation Commission:** Monday, March 19, 6:45 PM at Bayside Activity Center.

(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.)

Upcoming events:

- **Free Community Dinner!** Join Town and School Staff, and your legislators, at Colchester High School Cafeteria on Monday, March 5 at 5:30 PM before the Annual Meeting starts at 7 PM. Please bring a dessert to share.
- **Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, March 6 at Colchester High School gym (both districts), 7 AM to 7 PM.**

Notices:

- **Taxes are due on Thursday, March 15th.** This is the 3rd and final installment for this fiscal year. Retain the top portion of your bill which has the necessary information to file for your homestead and state credit, if applicable.



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