

For the Week of January 14, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Colchester Selectboard approved two items for public vote on Town Meeting Day:

Town budget with a 2.4% increase

- 1.2% is to maintain current services
- 1.2% (\$159,691) for additional services including:
 - Fire services: increase in local match to a federal grant program to fund three full time firefighters to provide weekday daytime coverage
 - Police: Essex Community Justice Center contribution
 - Police: Community Mental Health/Social Services
 - Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
 - Additional Public Works Highway and Path Maintenance Worker

With an estimated 1.36% growth in the Grand List, the estimated municipal tax rate for FY 2020 is \$0.5423. *The tax rate is estimated to increase by seven-tenths of one cent or a 1.34% increase over the current year.* For more info visit: ColchesterVTt.gov/367/Proposed-Budget

Malletts Bay Sewer Project The project serves the entire community by removing human waste bacteria from Malletts Bay, ensuring **the community's vision for Malletts Bay**, and preserving and protecting Malletts Bay for generations to come. The proposed sewer service area is West Lakeshore Drive from Prim Road to Bayside, East Lakeshore Drive, and Goodsell Point. The project follows a four year study by scientists and engineers. The proposed funding includes state and federal grants, low interest loans, user fees and use of local option taxes. The local option taxes will be later paid back by user fees. It is important to decide on the sewer project now. There are stormwater, intersection, and bike/pedestrian projects that will need to be built above the sewer in the public roadbeds. More info see: tinyurl.com/MallettsBaySewer

For more about the Town Manager's Office visit ColchesterVT.gov/Manager or call (802) 264-5509.

Economic Development Department
Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

- Assisted Easy as Cake with opening in December and have continued to support them. If you have not been able to stop in and have some of their

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savory meat pies, luncheons, soups, or delicious pastries, you are missing out!! They are open every day except Tuesday from 6AM – 2PM

- Continue working with Colchester business on Brownfields funding and processes
- Working with: owners of several vacant properties; Green Mountain Surgery Center on 2019 opening; local businesses on expansion efforts; CMS Students on the Year Long Learning initiative; Agricultural Business meeting for late winter 2019
- Continue researching and advancing our marketing and branding efforts
- Finalized Economy Chapter of Town Plan with P&Z
- Attended Allen, Brooks & Martin Development Presentation; CCRPC Legislative Breakfast; SSTA Board Meeting; and meeting with 2019 Legislators

For more visit ColchesterVT.gov/EconDev or call (802) 264-5508.

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

The Colchester Planning Commission is wrapping up the drafting of the 2019 Town Plan. The current draft can be found online at tinyurl.com/2019TownPlan. The January 15th meeting will focus on preferred sites for energy projects in Colchester. It is anticipated that a hearing on the Town Plan will be warned for February 5th. Stay tuned!

The Development Review Board met on January 9th and approved:

- 1) the final plat, conditional use and site plan of D.E.W. Investment, LLC for a 7,000 sq. ft. multi-tenant warehouse building and twelve (12) mini-storage buildings totaling 63,900 sq. ft. located at 2209 Main Street, tax map 22, parcel 179-1
- 2) the preliminary plat, final plat, and site plan of SH2 LLC and Vermont Information Processing for a 159 space automobile parking lot to serve an existing business known as Vermont Information Processing located at 41 Water Tower Circle, tax map 3, parcel 181
- 3) the final plat and site plan of Colchester Retail, LLC for a 6,375 sq. ft. multi-tenant commercial building located at 18 Lower Mountain View Drive, tax map 1, parcel 21.

The Board also considered sketch plan applications:

- 1) a two lot subdivision of 10.11 acre parcel owned by Peer Weller into a 6 acre parcel with an existing residence and a 4 acre parcel to be developed with a single family residence at 500 Depot Road, tax map 9, parcel 7-1
- 2) a four lot planned unit development of Jennifer Lowe at 1561 and 1605 Porters Point Road, tax map 46, parcels 22 & 23 resulting in Lot #1 a 38,050 sq. ft. lot developed with an existing single family residence, Lot #2 a 41,925 sq. ft. lot developed with an existing single family residence and accessory building, Lot 3 a

37,600 sq. ft. lot to be developed with a single family residence, and Lot #4 a 45,400 sq. ft. lot to be developed with a single family residence.
For more visit ColchesterVT.gov/PlanningZ or call (802) 264-5600.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. February meetings: 2/5 and 2/19
 - **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: 2/13
 - **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Next meeting: 2/13. Champlain Room, 2nd floor.
 - **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 1/21
 - **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meeting: 1/22
- (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:

- **Colchester's Got Talent!** Auditions: Jan. 17, 2019 @ CHS Theatre. Starts at 2:30pm with auditions every 5 minutes. Fill out an Entry Form at: bit.ly/ColchestersGotTalentEntry
- **36th Annual Winter Carnival: Feb. 1, 2, & 3, 2019.** Theme: "Myth & Magic" | Entry Bracelets: \$7/person. Full schedule available in January.

Notices:

- The Town Offices will be **closed** on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Stormwater Utility fees can be paid by cash, check, or credit card, and are due by February 22, 2019. Updates on 2019 projects, information about the utility's budget, and how to pay utility fees can be found on our website at: ColchesterVT.gov/1837/Stormwater-Utility. If you have any questions about the stormwater fee for your property, or own a commercial property and would like to apply for site credits, please contact Technical Services Manager Karen Adams at kadams@colchestervt.gov or call 802-264-5621.



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