

For the Week of February 4, 2019

Manager's Message

Town Meeting Day is just a month away! The Town of Colchester's Annual Town Meeting is on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Vote by private (Australian) ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Colchester High School gymnasium.

The two Town ballot items include the annual operating budget and the Malletts Bay Sewer Project. Information is available at colchestervt.gov. Your Town staff leading these projects would be pleased to provide additional information. Contact Geoff Urbanik regarding the budget at gurbanik@colchestervt.gov or 264-5509 and Bryan Osborne regarding the Malletts Bay Sewer Project at bosborne@colchestervt.gov or 264-5520.

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

Office of the Town Clerk | Treasurer Julie Graeter

- **Stormwater bills** have been mailed and we have begun processing payments. Payments can be made in person by check, cash, or credit card (service fee applies). Payments by check can be mailed using the envelope provided. If you wish to pay online by credit card follow the link on the Town Clerks page of our website: <https://pay.express-pay.com/?pk=7095>
- **Dog licenses** are due April 1st.
- **Reminder: an election is coming up!** Colchester voters will be going to the polls on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Early/Absentee voting will be available around February 15 at the Town Clerk's office and by mail.
- **Did you know** you can register to vote up to and including the day of an election? It's easy to do online at the Secretary of State's website. Visit <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>.
- Are you due to renew your driver's license and not registered to vote yet? You may now "kill two birds with one stone" and register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles at the same time you renew your Vermont Driver's License.

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**Assessor
Robert Vickery**

- A big thank you and farewell to Traci Paquette as she leaves the Town for a new position in Finance at the City of Burlington. Traci first worked in the Planning and Zoning Department and then moved to the Town Clerk/Treasure and Assessor's offices as the Town's Property/Tax Specialist for over four years. Traci's positive attitude, motivation, and hard work have been a valuable asset to the Town. She has played a key role in recording Grand List growth and helping to keep our property tax rate down. We wish Traci all the best and good luck in her new position.
- We are working on the 2019 Grand List changes.
- We will be contacting property owners that have taken out permits for interior renovation for building inspections.
- Inventory forms have been mailed out to all income-producing properties. If you have received an inventory form please take a minute to complete and mail it back. The data will be important in keeping property taxes fair and equitable for all citizens of Colchester.

You may view the online Web Map and Assessment Data by going to: <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/>. For more about the Assessor's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/assessor> or call 264-5671.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: 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: 2/18
- **Library Board of Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4 PM, at the Burnham Library. Next meeting: 2/21
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. February meetings: 2/12 and 2/26. **Both of these meetings will be held at Colchester High School in the Performing Arts 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:

- **Winter Concert: A Night with Satin & Steel:** Friday, March 8, 2019 at Colchester High School. Starts at 7:00pm, admission is FREE.



Notices:

- The Town Offices will be **closed** on Monday, February 18 in observance of President's Day.



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