

For the Week of July 15, 2019

**Manager's Message**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

**The Town Clerk's Office** has prepared the Property Tax bills. When you receive your bill in the mail (around July 15<sup>th</sup>) please note that the format of the Property Tax bill has changed to better differentiate between the State of Vermont Education Taxes and your municipal (Town) public service taxes. More information about the new format can be found on the Clerk's web page at <https://colchestervt.gov/329/Property-Taxes>. If you have questions regarding your property taxes please contact the Town Clerk's Office via email at [townclerk@colchestervt.gov](mailto:townclerk@colchestervt.gov) or call 264-5520.

**Colchester Selectboard:** After court-ordered mediation the Selectboard authorized settlement with Mongeon Bay Properties of a legal matter involving 841 through 937 East Lakeshore Drive. Mongeon Bay Properties agreed to make significant landscaping changes as a condition of the settlement and as a permit condition. Additionally, Mongeon Bay agreed to pay the Town \$62,500 in settlement for related penalties, fines, and costs. Agreed-upon landscape changes include:

- 1) Planting of fifty-eight trees
- 2) Sloping and planting of areas between seawall the first and second seawall tiers and placement of designated walkways between these tiers
- 3) Prohibition of storage of recreation equipment on the first and second seawall tier
- 4) Plantings on bump-outs on third seawall tier
- 5) Removal of proposed parking from septic tanks
- 6) Pavers that allow for drainage penetration to designate parking areas
- 7) Stormwater infiltration uphill of seawalls
- 8) Planting grass on numerous areas proposed for parking and not expanding the number of designated parking spaces compared to the prior buildings
- 9) Restoration of Town right-of-way to provide drainage away from East Lakeshore Drive and on to the properties
- 10) Grading of properties to accept stormwater from East Lakeshore drive and so as not to pool on the Town right-of-way or adjacent property
- 11) Completion of the sea walls to the north end of the properties

The Selectboard will include the agreement and the landscape plans as an information item in the 8.23.19 Selectboard meeting packet, which is maintained on the Town's web page.

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

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

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

On July 2nd the **Planning Commission** hosted a septic solutions workshop at Colchester High School that provided information about onsite and community septic systems. The Commission will continue its work on the Malletts Bay Initiative and solutions for wastewater pollution in the Inner Bay and will host a **Sewer Option Work session on July 30th at 7PM also at CHS**. For more information please visit [tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI](http://tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI)

On July 10<sup>th</sup> the **Development Review Board** met and approved:

- 1) Final plat application of Jacques Bailly for a three lot planned unit development subdivision at 1173 Grandview Road
- 2) Variance application of Joel Bradley construction of a 22' x 28', 2 story garage encroaching in the front and side yard setbacks and exceeding total lot coverage at 1802 Marble Island Road
- 3) Conditional use application of William Mooney to construct a 1,200 sq. ft. accessory structure at 583 Sand Road
- 4) Final plat amendment of Seth Wright to increase the limits of proposed tree cutting on Lot #2, Lot #3 and Lot #4 at 1668 East Road
- 5) Site plan application of 116 Main ST LLC / Michelle Simms to establish a landscape contractor's yard at an existing commercial property developed with a 30' x 40' garage located at 3548 Roosevelt Highway.

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

**Department of Public Works**  
Bryan Osborne, Director

**West Lakeshore Drive Bike Path Project:** This project is approximately 62% complete. Over the next two weeks, work will involve completing the excavation to Prim Road, fine grading of the gravel base, replacement of driveway aprons, and the continuation of top soiling, seed, and mulch. Minor disruptions to traffic should be expected. Traffic control personnel will be on site to safely guide motorists through the area.

- This summer's paving program is ongoing. Sections of West and East Lakeshore Drive and all of Blakely Road have been completed. Once the West Lakeshore Drive Shared-Use Path is completed, West Lakeshore Drive from Prim Road to Church Road and then all of Church Road will be paved.
- We are continuing to advance the design for the reconstruction of the Prim and West Lakeshore Drive Intersection project.

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- Discussions with the CCRPC and VTrans are continuing to advance the design of a roundabout at the Bayside intersection.
- We are continuing the design for stormwater improvements in Shore Acres and the surrounding area to improve water quality in Malletts Bay.
- Work is continuing on the development of a phosphorus control plan to improve water quality in Malletts Bay.
- Bids have been received for the replacement of a large drainage culvert under Hercules Drive that has failed. Work on this project is expected to begin during the last week of July.
- A grant has been obtained to perform 30% engineering for the replacement of culverts beneath Lower Mt. View Drive. This work is underway.

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

#### Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. There will be no regular meeting on 7/16. There will be a special workshop held on 7/30 (See Special Events, below)
- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. August meeting: 8/14
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. August meeting: 8/14
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. August meeting: 8/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. No meeting on 7/23. August meetings: 8/13 & 8/27

(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:

- **Sewer Option Work Session:** July 30th at 7PM at Colchester High School hosted by the Colchester Planning Commission
- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1, 7 PM at Lower Bayside. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>
- **Sunset SUP & Sip:** Friday, 7/19, 7:30– 10:30 PM at Bayside Beach. Cider tasting provided by Shacksbury. Must be 21+ to register. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester>
- **35th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, 7/28 at Bayside Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.

#### Notices:

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- The CSWD Rover is coming to Colchester on **Saturday, July 20, 2019** from 9 AM to 1 PM at Malletts Bay School! You may drop off hazardous waste such as automotive fluids, chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, stains, etc. NO explosives, medications or asbestos please.
- **More volunteers are needed at the Colchester Log Schoolhouse!** It's a wonderful family volunteer and educational opportunity to host this lovely historical site and visitor center this summer. To volunteer and to find out more, please contact Carol Reichard at 802-497-3036. The Log Schoolhouse is open each Friday - Monday all summer, 10 AM - 2 PM and is located at Airport Park near the recreation path. It's a fun, free, and convenient stop for local residents and visitors!
- **Colchester Historical Society Summer Newsletter Now Available**  
The summer newsletter for the Colchester Historical Society is now available. Check it out to learn about visiting the Old Log Schoolhouse this summer and about upcoming programs in the autumn and winter.  
<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4736/Summer-2019-Colchester-Vermont-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=>



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