

For the Week of April 16, 2018:

Manager’s Message of the Week

Colchester was highlighted at a statewide symposium on auditing and accounting last month. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns used the Town of Colchester’s annual audit as an example of what should be included in a local government’s financial statements, management discussion, and analysis. Aaron Frank, Deputy Town Manager, spoke about the process of developing the management discussion and analysis, describing it as the “English version of the audit.” He also emphasized the importance of developing understandable, accurate, timely and complete financial information for the citizens, who are the true owners of any government. Aaron complimented the Colchester Finance Department, including Director Lara Aley, Finance Officer Mike Moffatt, and Finance staff Joe Landry and Amy Baker, for their consistent efforts in producing auditable and understandable financials.

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

**Office of the Deputy Town Manager/CFO
Aaron Frank**

Dawn Francis, Town Manager and Karen Richard, Town Clerk/Treasurer earned statewide honors from the Vermont Legislature for their work over decades serving both the Town and the State in a variety of roles.

Below are links to Vermont House of Representatives Concurrent Resolutions honoring Dawn and Karen:

<https://vt-colchester.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/3257>

<https://vt-colchester.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/3258>

**Office of the Town Clerk
Karen Richard**

The Town Clerk’s Office had a very busy first quarter of the year, starting with the new Stormwater billing collection in January. The Town Meeting and Elections followed; absentee voting started in mid-February and culminated with Election Day on March 6th. Coming quickly after that was Town Property Taxes due March 15th. Finally, dog licenses were due April 2, 2018 - we licensed 760 dogs since January. Thanks to our community for their participation in the town government, whether volunteering on Election Day, licensing their dogs, or paying their taxes promptly.

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

For more about the Town Clerk's Office, <http://colchestervt.gov/townclerk> or call (802) 264-5520

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 PM
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 PM
- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 PM
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 PM

(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:

- **Green Up Day:** Saturday, May 5, 7:30 AM – 2PM. Stay tuned for more details!
- **11th Annual Touch-A-Truck:** Saturday, May 5, 9:00 – 10:30 AM (Quiet Time, No Sirens), 10:30 – 11:00 AM (Sirens may be used) Colchester High School Parking Lot; FREE!
- **6th Annual Causeway 5K/10K/15K Race:** Saturday, June 2, 8:30 AM at Airport Park; \$30 per person. Registration is OPEN. Register by May 1 to guarantee t-shirt size. Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **34th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 29, 8:30 AM at Bayside Park; Individuals & Teams welcome. Early bird fees until May 1. Registration is OPEN. Visit <https://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.



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