

For the Week of June 25, 2018

**Economic Development Department
Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director**

We continue to work with companies looking to relocate and call Colchester their home. Colchester's business community is important to the Town's future and economic sustainability. Ninety-six percent of Colchester businesses are owned by individuals (vs. stockholders). We have small companies that are home-based to large companies that sell to countries all over the world. We have food and beverage manufacturers and some of the best agricultural businesses in the state.

We recently took the Economic Affairs Officer from the Quebec Consulate in Boston on a tour of Colchester, showing sites and buildings that could house Canadian companies looking for a US presence. There are over 30 companies that would like to relocate to the US and we are working to bring at least some of those to our community. These types of initiatives are important as we continue marketing Colchester as a viable option to locate a business.

2017 Colchester Business Statistics from the Vermont Department of Labor:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change from 2016</u>
<u>Total Businesses</u>	665	Increase .8%
<u>Total Employment</u>	9,906	Increase 1.2%
<u>Total Wages</u>	\$509,442,012	Increase 3.5%
<u>Average Wage</u>	\$51,427	Increase 2.3%

For more visit <http://www.colchestervt.gov/econdev> or call (802) 264-5508.

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

The Planning Commission continues work on the Town Plan. Upcoming meeting dates and topics can be found at tinyurl.com/2019TownPlan. Current surveys and survey results for these topics are online. Podcasts from our meetings can be found

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

on anchor.fm/2019townplan or you can find it on most popular podcast streaming sites.

The Development Review Board met on June 13th and approved:

1. Final plat application of Cosimo & Sandra Lomartire & Rivers Edge Building Development for a 49 unit planned residential development at 634 Malletts Bay Avenue.
2. Site plan application of Sisters & Brothers Inv. Group and Plasso LLC d/b/a Burger Bar for 12 outdoor seats
3. Site plan and conditional use applications of Malone Dorset Street Properties for manufacturing & processing with distribution and warehousing at 146 Brentwood Drive
4. Site plan application of Visiting Nurse Association to add 20 parking spaces at 3113 Roosevelt Highway
5. Conditional use application of Dan & Laurie Keough to enlarge a residence at 1403 East Lakeshore Drive
6. Conditional use application of Michael & Lynn Mazza for a 3200' garage addition at 1059 Middle Road.

The Board also heard three sketch plan applications:

1. Casa Del Air Partnership, LLC's for a 5 lot planned residential development at 35 West Red Rock Road
2. Delco Properties LLC & Hergenrother Constructions, LLC's for a 12 unit planned residential development at 521 River Road
3. Sweeney Revocable Family Trust and Mike Gravelin's for a two lot planned residential subdivision at 649 Main Street

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

Department of Public Works
Bryan Osborne, Director

The summer Water Quality Program is back for its 14th year! Water quality tests are taken by town staff at 9 public swimming areas, including multiple samples from Bayside Beach and Rossetti Natural Areas, on Mondays and Wednesdays from mid-June through the end of August. The samples are sent to a lab that tests for Escherichia coli (e. coli) which is a bacteria that can cause human health problems including gastroenteritis. A reminder: Swimmers should steer clear of streams and areas where streams or storm drains flow into the lake. Sampling locations, past and current year water quality test results, and other program information can be found at www.colchestervt.gov/487/Water-Quality-Results.

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Other activities include:

- Line striping is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights (6/26-6/27).
- Working with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to increase available funding for the Malletts Bay Sewer Project
- Young Street stormwater pipe replacement is being scheduled. The final date is yet to be determined.
- Developing contract documents for the renovation of the basement of the Meeting House
- Developing contract documents for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Burnham Library
- Mountain View Drive Sidewalk is nearing completion
- Spot Repairs of sidewalk along College Parkway is complete
- Upcoming East Road culvert project is scheduled for mid-July.
- Capital paving program contract has been awarded and is tentatively scheduled for late July into August.
- Developing a scope of work for the replacement of failed stormwater pipes on Reynolds Drive.
- Final plans for the West Lakeshore Drive shared use path project are in the final stage of review. The town is pushing for bidding and construction starting this summer and fall and completion next spring.

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. **July Meetings: 7/2 & 7/16**
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. **Next meeting: 7/11**
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, **Next meeting: 7/11**
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. **Next meeting: 7/16**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **July meetings: 7/10 and 7/24**

(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:

- **Annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration** Wednesday, July 4th 11:00am. Parade will again be held on Blakely Road due to continued roadwork on Main Street. **Blakely Road will be closed from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM including Lakeshore Drive, Williams Road, and Malletts Bay Ave.**

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Parade will start from Colchester High School and end at Lavigne Road. Parking will be available at the school lots (CHS, CMS, and MBS) and at the Colchester Town Offices lot. Visitors are asked not to park on the Blakely Road shoulders during the morning hours of the parade.

Parade Registration Forms are still being accepted at the Parks & Recreation office. If you are interested in entering a vehicle, float, or organization in the parade please complete a Parade Registration Form, which can be found on our website: <http://colchestervt.gov/363/4th-of-July-Celebration>. Additional info about staging at Colchester High School and dismount zones on Lavigne Road will be sent to parade participants prior to the event.

Other 4th of July events include:

- the 5K Fun Run at Union Memorial School
 - Lifeguards on duty at Bayside Beach (including SUP, kayak, pedal boat, and inflatable water park rentals)
 - Music and food concessions at Bayside Park
 - Fireworks show over the Bayside Softball Field at dusk.
- **34th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 29, 8:30am at Bayside Park; Visit <https://www.colchestertri.com/> for details. Registration is now open for individuals and teams.

Notices:

- **Routes 7/2, 2A Intersections Improvement Project Construction Update -** Construction activity will require one-lane travel throughout the day, beginning at 8:30am. The contractor will be excavating deep trenches for the installation of pipe crossings for the new traffic signal. Motorists should plan for delays and allow extra time for their daily commute and errands. Questions? Contact Jill Barrett at 802.272.1248.



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