

For the Week of August 20, 2018

**Manager's Message of the Week**

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Lieutenant Doug Allen has been sworn-in and is now the fourth chief of the Town of Colchester Police Department. At the ceremony I related an incident that happened three years ago when Lt. Allen was serving as the acting Chief and I was serving as the acting Town Manager: CPD was assigned to provide services to an organization that was being (peacefully) protested and Lt. Allen was asked to remove the protesters. Instead, he suggested that we allow the peaceful disruption to continue and a few hours later some of the protesters wound up in meaningful conversation with the people they had been protesting. It was a good example of Lt. Allen's preference to engage in the least confrontational and most empathetic manner possible. I know Chief Allen and the Town of Colchester's Police Department will continue addressing the community's needs with respect in every interaction.

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

**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](http://tinyurl.com/2019TownPlan). Current surveys and survey results for these topics are online. Podcasts from our meetings can be found on [anchor.fm/2019townplan](http://anchor.fm/2019townplan) or you can find it on most popular podcast streaming sites. The Commission will meet on August 21st to discuss economic development and the Exit 16 area.
- The Development Review Board met on August 8th and approved:
  1. A final plat application of Seth Wright for a 4 lot PUD subdivision at 1668 East Road
  2. A preliminary plat application of C12 WTH LLC and Blackbay Ventures X, LLC for a 93-room hotel at 23 Water Tower Circle
  3. A preliminary plat application of Burlington Outparcel Owner, LLC and Lisciottie Development for a 6,375 sq. ft. multi-tenant building at 18 Lower Mountain View Drive
  4. A final plat application of A & M Construction for a 2 lot subdivision at 649 Main Street.

Recently questions have been asked about camps converting to year-round and septic. Under the State of Vermont Environmental Protection Rules, if a seasonal

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residential use exists on the property the property can generally be converted to year-round use through “best fix” practices. This means that the property does not need to fully conform to the State’s rules and exceptions can be made to the size of the system, depth to groundwater, etc. While these rules have allowed many property owners to re-invest in their homes and make upgrades that may have not otherwise occurred, it should be recognized that many of these camps are located in places that they would not be allowed today, due to environmental concerns. The Town will continue to work with the State to improve these rules and monitor compliance. Any concerns should be directed to our department at 264-5606.

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

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

- Work on the Malletts Bay Sewer Project continues
- Developing funding plan for the reconstruction of the Bayside intersection
- Scope of work for a condition assessment of the Town’s stormwater system is being developed.
- Working to complete patching project on Bay Road
- In process of awarding contract for the replacement of the HVAC systems in the Library.
- Mountain View Drive Sidewalk project has been completed.
- Replacement of East Road culvert has been completed.
- Capital Paving Program is underway.
- Contract for the replacement of failed stormwater pipes on Reynolds Drive has been awarded.

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

**Upcoming Town Meetings:**

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. September meetings: 9/4 and 9/18
- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: 9/12
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00am. Next meeting: 9/12 in the Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. September meeting: 9/17
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meeting: 8/28

(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.)

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Upcoming events:

- Colchester Parks & Recreation offers another series of **Movies in the Park** this summer! We'll be showing family-friendly movies (rated either G or PG) on Friday evenings outdoors on our giant screen. All movies start at 7:30pm and are FREE and open to the public! Upcoming Movies in the Park are:
  - August 24: Cars 3 (Airport Park)
  - September 14: The Parent Trap (Bayside Park)
  - Saturday, October 27 at HalloweenFest: Halloweentown (CHS Practice Field)
- **A Little Free Library is coming to Bayside Park!** Public Works will be installing a Little Free Library near the playground at Bayside Park in the next month or two. You'll be able to take or leave a book for kids, teens, or adults. In the meantime you can visit the other Little Free Libraries at Airport Park, Niquette Bay State Park, Severance Corners, or Ethan Allen Homestead.

Notices: **Construction Update COLCHESTER Routes 7/2, 2A Intersection Improvement Project** August 20-24: There will be mostly two-lane travel through the construction zone, except at Creek Farm Road and on Route 2A while work is occurring. A traffic signal will be installed at Creek Farm Road but will not be turned on until two weeks later. Questions? Contact Jill Barrett at 802.272.1248.

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