

For the Week of October 15, 2018

Manager's Message

Geoffrey Urbanik, Deputy Town Manager

Solar Farms Coming to Colchester

Construction has already started at the Town's **first** municipally-owned solar farm! Currently racking is being installed, conduit and electrical interconnection will be next, and the array should be completed in December. The "**Pumpkin Patch**" solar array is located off Malletts Bay Avenue on Town-owned land that is also leased for agriculture. After payback of all capital and operating costs this project is expected to reduce electricity costs by \$455,000 over the expected life of the array.

The Selectboard has just approved a second solar project to be located on Roosevelt Highway just south of Poor Farm Road. This project will be of similar size to the Pumpkin Patch array and will reduce electricity costs by about \$494,000 after payback of all operating and capital costs. Together, the two solar projects will generate electricity equivalent to 60% of annual consumption by the Town's municipal operations. Town staff will continue to explore alternative energy projects; the Selectboard would like the equivalent of 100% of the **municipality's** electricity needs to be generated by solar arrays.

Want to learn more about the new solar farm? For a slideshow presentation visit <http://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3832/SB-Update-slideshow-for-10-9-2018>

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

- Are you planning holiday and/or winter vacation travel? Need a passport? The Town Clerk's Office has added a **late afternoon appointment** at 3:20 PM to the daily Passport schedule. Remember that to obtain a passport for a child/children, **both** parents and the child(ren) must attend the appointment. For more information on preparation and documents required, or to make an appointment, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/328/Passports> or call 264-5520.
- The Vermont General Election is Tuesday, November 6th, from 7 am to 7 pm. Both districts 9-1 & 9-2 vote at Colchester High School. Please go to <http://colchestervt.gov/683/Upcoming-Election> for more information and to see sample ballots. Remember that you can register up to and including voting

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day! Register to vote online at the Vermont Secretary of State's webpage:
<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx>
For more about the Town Clerk's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/townclerk> or call 264-5520.

Assessor
Robert Vickery

- Now working on the 2019 Grand List
- Updating Enhanced 911 addressing
- Inspecting new construction
- Entering and analyzing income and expense data of commercial real estate

Looking for property and assessment information? You can get it online!

- Visit <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/> for the Web Map and Assessment data

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. November meetings: 11/6 and 11/20
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next Meeting: Monday, November 19.
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 23.

(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.)



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