

For the Week of July 9, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Causeway Update

The National Weather Service indicated that during the May 4 storm that damaged the Causeway last spring, the lake was at 100 feet. The Causeway height is 103 feet. Winds were as high as 80 miles per hour and waves on Lake Champlain at this wind speed would have been 7 feet and more.

Following the emergency repairs made by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation that allowed the Causeway to re-open in June we received a federal disaster declaration on July 30.

The Town hosted FEMA for a meeting in August with Chittenden County municipal governments that may be eligible for recovery funding. FEMA visited the Town and inspected the Causeway three weeks ago. The Town has asked to be considered for both recovery (which would include repairs to pre-storm condition) *and* mitigation (more extensive efforts that would help protect against damage from future storms and reduce disaster-event losses).

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

Police Department
Doug Allen, Police Chief

On November 15th, Colchester's annual winter parking ban takes effect. Parking on Town roadways, right-of-ways, or parking lots is prohibited from November 15th through March 15th between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. Violations may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. This ordinance allows the Public Works department to keep our roadways and parking lots clear and safe during the winter.

CPD staff has responded to several complaints from the public about aggressive driving on our roadways and in our neighborhoods. We respond to these complaints with: increased awareness, portable speed signs, greater police presence, and increased enforcement in the problem areas. Please be aware of your speed around our community and pay particular attention to our school zones that are marked with flashing lights. CPD officers will have zero tolerance for violations in school zones,

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highway work zones, and any violations involving passing a stopped school bus with flashing red lights. And please remember – Heads Up, Phone Down.

CPD responded to 1105 calls for service in October. Those calls resulted in 27 persons charged with criminal offenses ranging from driving under the influence to felony domestic assault.

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Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

- Colchester Rescue hosted a joint training with Mallets Bay Fire Department, Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company, and Milton Rescue. The topic was Stoke Assessment. The Vermont State Medical Advisor, Dr. Dan Wolfson, is rolling out a pilot project which is the one of the first in the US for assessing Large Vessel Occlusions in the brain. This project is utilizing technology to help assess a patient with stroke symptoms to see if a proper assessment can be conducted in the field by EMS providers to diagnose this type of occlusion. If this project is successful it will help agencies that are in rural areas assess a stroke patient and then transport them to a facility that can remove the occlusion.
- There were 146 emergency medical calls for October 2018; this is an increase of 15 incidents from October 2017, with 131 incidents.

For more about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Friends of the Library Meeting:** (At Burnham Library) Wednesday, 11/14 6:30 – 7:30pm. A non-profit organization that supports the Library in a variety of ways including fund-raising, sponsoring programs throughout the year for adults and children, and volunteering time. Come if you're interested in volunteering or becoming a member!
- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm: Next meeting: Tuesday 11/20.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: 11/14.
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 11/14

- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 11/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30pm. Next regular meeting: 11/13
- **Upcoming Annual Selectboard Budget Meetings:**
 - Thursday, November 8, 2018 8-9:30 a.m. Work Session with Administration - Champlain Room, 2nd floor
 - Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:00-9:30 a.m. Departmental Reports to Selectboard - Champlain Room, 2nd floor
 - Thursday, November 15, 2018 8:00 -10:30 a.m. Departmental Reports to Selectboard - Champlain Room, 2nd floor
 - Tuesday, December 4, 2018 6:00-7:30 p.m. Selectboard Work Session with Administration - Champlain Room, 2nd floor

(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:

- Request a **Letter from Santa** by 11/16/18! Each letter is unique, and is sent straight from the North Pole! Register online with 105001-A and complete the questionnaire, or visit us at the office. \$5 per letter.
- **Dinner with Santa:** 12/14, 6:15 – 7:15pm at Colchester Middle School. Limited seating with PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$10 adults, \$5 children, ages 2 and under free.

Notices:

- In observance of Veteran's Day the Town Offices will be **closed on Monday, November 12.**
- The Town Offices will be **closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23**, in observance of Thanksgiving.
- **Construction Update:** Routes 7/2, 2A & 127 Intersection Improvement Project -There is only one sign left to install (at the junction of VT 2A & 127) and several to be removed. Minor site restoration work outside of the roadway is also needed at the north end of the project.



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