

For the Week of July 29, 2019

Manager's Message of the Week

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Sad News

Colchester Finance Officer Mike Moffatt passed away last week. Mike began working for the Town in 1987. He served for 32 years and achieved audits without findings; managed our capital plans which avoid borrowing costs; kept track of and reported on millions of dollars in federal grants; oversaw our non-tax funds for sewer, recreation programs, public safety dispatch, and stormwater; drafted Town budgets; and taught new Finance staff the nuances of tracking 45 different funds under a single organization. He came in on Saturdays to get ready for the audits or software changes and recently passed up a promotion so that someone with a likely longer tenure could serve.

Mike was a Vermonter who had a sense of humor about finance and regulations, as he did about life. Mike Moffatt was a wonderful person who quietly, competently, and with good spirit, performed great service for the Town of Colchester.

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

Police Department
Douglas Allen, Police Chief

Summer is in full swing and with the warm (very warm lately) temperatures, many of us turn to the water for recreation. Unfortunately, we've seen tragic and near-tragic events related to water across our state and in our community. CPD sends out our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to the young Colchester woman who was seriously injured from a recent jump off cliffs at Niquette Bay State Park.

A few reminders about water safety from our Marine Unit:

Swimming

- Swim in safe areas only – areas that are designated as swim zones
- Never swim alone
- Know your limits
- There is no safe height to jump from a cliff or other object
- Pool owners – protect your pool from unintended use or falls from children

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

Boating

- Always wear a life jacket
- Use common sense
- Avoid alcohol when operating a boat
- Use a spotter for any towed person (skier or float)

Over the past four weeks, CPD officers responded to 1000 calls for service. These calls resulted in 41 arrests. These arrests were for violations that included Disorderly Conduct, Cruelty to Animals, and Aggravated Domestic Assault, among others.

For more about the Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

The past month was busy but fairly uneventful for Rescue. Our call volume is up by approximately 15% for the period of January through June compared to last year.

- Rescue worked with Parks and Recreation, Colchester Police, Malletts Bay Fire Department, and Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company to provide emergency service coverage at the 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Display
- We have new volunteer applications that we will be reviewing soon

We hope all our residents enjoy the remainder of summer safely!

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. August meetings 8/5 and 8/19
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. August meeting: 8/14
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. August meeting: 8/14
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. August meeting: 8/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. August meetings: 8/13 and 8/27

(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:

- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1, 7 PM at Lower Bayside. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>

Notices:

- A culvert replacement project will begin Monday, 7/29 on Hercules Drive. The pair of culverts that are approximately 500 feet from the intersection between Hercules Drive and Roosevelt Highway - Route 2/7 will be removed and replaced over the next 3-4 weeks. A temporary bypass road capable of supporting truck traffic will be constructed to allow, at a minimum, alternating one way traffic at all times. *Expect delays and seek alternate routes if possible.* More information can be found here: <https://colchestervt.gov/3068/Hercules-Drive-Culvert-Project>

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