

For the Week of September 16, 2019

Manager's Message - Aaron Frank, Town Manager
Fire Services Update

Colchester receives fire protection services from three organizations: Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company, which is part of Colchester Fire District #3; Malletts Bay Fire Department, which is a part of Colchester Fire District #2, and Saint Michael's College Fire and Rescue, which is a legally independent organization and also part of the command structure of Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company. Between the three departments there are nearly 90 volunteers.

The fire chiefs from Colchester Center and Malletts Bay asked the Town Selectboard to add paid firefighters during weekday daytime when we have inadequate coverage to respond to a structure fire. The Town is working with them to achieve this goal, ideally with a grant that the Malletts Bay chief applied for. We also now need a full time town-wide fire chief. The Selectboard provided Fire Districts #2 and #3 with two options to continue receiving Town funding for fire services: 1) merge departments with a single chief and a single fire district board, or 2) transfer fire services to the Town.

The Town has contracts for one year with each fire department. The fire district prudential committees (boards) of Fire Districts #2 and #3 have approved motions to work with the Town on the transfer option. We have also been working with the fire chiefs on the town-wide department. We will maintain a strong volunteer presence in firefighting and honor past individual and departmental contributions as we move forward together.

I would like to thank CFD#3 Prudential Committee Chair Jay Reidinger; Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Company Chief Sandy Ladd; CFD#2 Prudential Committee Chair Mike Whalen and Malletts Bay Fire Department Chief Bourgeois for their hard work and cooperation to improve firefighting services in Colchester.

For more information see item 6b in the Selectboard agenda for September 10, 2019 at https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/council/2019/sep10_19dk.htm

Economic Development Department
Kathi Walker O'Reilly, Director

- We welcomed NuHarbor Security to our business community in August. They are occupying the vacant office space at 553 Roosevelt Highway. NuHarbor is a cyber security firm with over 45 employees in Vermont and additional

locations in South Carolina, Boston, Atlanta and Washington DC. They were awarded the 2108 Best Places to Work in Vermont.

- We launched our GIS Mapping and Commercial Real Estate database. This will allow users to find available space or land, assessment data and GIS information in one location allowing us to assist both tenants and owners an easier way to locate or expand in Colchester.
- Assisting local food manufacturer and the Small Business Development Center on growth options and best model.
- We are partnering with VTrans on outreach regarding Exit 16 and the Diverging Diamond Interchange. Public hearings will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 1:00 and 6:30 PM in the Outer Bay Conference Room at Town Hall. All are encouraged to attend a presentation to get the latest information on the project.

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

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

The Planning Commission continues to work on the Malletts Bay Initiative Wastewater Solutions and will provide a recap of the Septic Tour as well as discuss the “Do Nothing” approach at their September 17th meeting at 781 Blakely Rd at 7PM. For more information see tinyurl.com/ColchesterMBI

The Development Review Board met on September 11th and continued the preliminary plat application of Ireland Industries to subdivide a 33.7 acre parcel into 37 lots in size from .13 acres to 8.86 acres to be comprised of mixed uses to include office commercial space, restaurant space, daycare space, retail space and residential units to be served by public streets at 242 Severance Rd., tax map 4, parcel 30-1. The Board approved the following applications:

- Site plan application of 755 East Lakeshore, LLC and Blackrock Construction, LLC for a seawall at 755 East Lakeshore Drive, tax map 67, parcel 18
- Preliminary and final plat applications of Jason Cadwell Trustee, Susa Belton Trustee and Bowl New England, Inc. for a two lot subdivision at 215 Lower Mountain View Drive, tax map 35, parcel 20-4
- Final plat amendment application of Wilder Wheelock and Rivers Edges Building Development to add one duplex unit at 3555 Roosevelt Highway, tax map 27, parcel 16
- Site plan application of Lloyd and Katherine Briggs for a boat ramp at 67 Outer Bay Lane, tax map 44, parcel 15
- Sketch plan application of Jon and Marianne Terrien for a two lot subdivision and four residential units within an existing mixed use building at 419 Main St., tax map 26, parcel 29; and 6) site plan application of Landscaper’s Real Estate,

LLC to establish a social club in an existing building at 1847 Main Street, tax map 22, parcel 174.

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

Department of Public Works

Bryan Osborne, Director

- All paving projects for this summer are now complete.
- We are continuing to advance the design for the reconstruction of the Prim and West Lakeshore Drive Intersection project.
- Discussions with the CCRPC and VTrans are continuing to advance the design of a roundabout at the Bayside intersection.
- We are continuing the design for stormwater improvements in Shore Acres and the surrounding area to improve water quality in Malletts Bay.
- Work is continuing on the development of a phosphorus control plan to improve water quality in Malletts Bay.
- The replacement of a large drainage culvert under Hercules Drive has been completed.
- We are continuing to advance 30% engineering for the replacement of culverts beneath Lower Mt. View Drive.

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. October meetings: 10/1 & 10/15
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. October meeting: 10/9
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. October meeting: 10/9
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. October meeting: 10/21
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meeting: 9/24. October meetings: 10/8 & 10/22

Notices:

- **Starting September 3, 2019 the Colchester Causeway Path will be CLOSED to all pedestrian and bike traffic** for repairs to 2018 storm damage. The Mills Point parking lot will also be closed to the public and reserved for construction equipment. Work is expected to be complete by Memorial Day 2020. Call Colchester Parks & Recreation at 264-5640 if you have questions about the project.
- **Volunteers Needed at Essex Community Justice Center (ECJC)**
ECJC is looking for volunteers for the *Circles of Support and Accountability Program (CoSA)*, an evidence-based model of engagement with someone who

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is coming out of incarceration and is at risk to re-offend due to lack of support from friends or family. A Circle is a team of 3-4 community volunteers and a Reentry Coordinator from ECJC; they meet weekly with the "core member" (formerly incarcerated) to support, coach, and mentor. EJCC staff provides volunteer training and support. For more information contact Jill Evans at the Essex Community Justice Center at 662-0001 or email jevans@essex.org



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