

For the Week of March 2, 2020

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

The Town would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Town and School Meetings at Colchester High School Performing Art Center. It's good to see our residents take an interest in their municipal government and school district.

We hope those who attended the Community Dinner enjoyed the opportunity to engage with their legislators. Thank you to Representatives Sarita Austin, Curt Taylor, Pat Brennan, Seth Chase and Senator Dick Mazza for their annual participation and keeping us informed of the news from Montpelier.

Thank you to the High School for hosting and to the cafeteria staff for preparing yet another tasty Community Dinner.

We would also like to thank our Town clerks, who are our Election Officials; they start work on Election Day at 7 AM and stay until the votes are tabulated and results sent to the Secretary of State. Thank you also to our Justices of the Peace, who are also Election Officials, and the residents who volunteered to help out during early voting at Town Hall and at the high school gym on Election Day. All of them work together to ensure our honest and fair elections.

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

Planning and Zoning Department
Sarah Hadd, Director

The Planning Commission will meet on March 3rd and 17th to continue its review of the zoning within the East Lakeshore Drive area as called for in the 2019 Town Plan: "The zoning on East Lakeshore Drive and similar areas should be examined within two years of adoption of this plan to address view preservation as rebuilds along the Shoreline continue." Future public forums are anticipated.

The Development Review Board will meet on March 11th and consider the following applications:

- 1) Final plat and site plan applications of Johan and Marianne Terrien for a two lot planned unit development consisting of lot one with existing buildings and parking to include ice cream shop, general office space and four (4) residential units and lot two with an existing community septic system at 419 Main Street parcel 26-029003

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- 2) Site plan application of Broadlake Trust for an after-the-fact amendment to an existing seawall to increase the height nine inches at 188 Broadlake Road, parcel 33-005002
- 3) Sketch plan application of Stephanie Sowles and Cunningham Contractors, LLC for a planned unit development consisting of four units at 559 Malletts Bay Avenue, parcel 07-048042
- 4) Sketch plan application of Robby and Carla Mazza for a planned unit development consisting of two lots at 1156 Middle Road, parcel 12-033000.

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

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads
Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

We would like to welcome our new full time Captain, William (Billy) Smith. Billy comes to us with many years of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) experience and is a credentialed Paramedic. Billy has worked throughout the State of Vermont in many aspects of EMS; he is an EMS instructor with Advanced Life Support Institute and teaches paramedics throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Billy has worked at Colchester Rescue in the past and we are all happy to have him with us again.

- Rescue answered 137 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 140 calls last year for this time frame.

The following are tips from the CDC on healthy habits to help prevent spreading colds, Flu, and viruses. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to a virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- CDC's recommendations for facemask use:
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the virus to others.
 - The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- For information you can visit the CDC website at [CDC.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. Next Meeting: 3/17
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: 3/11
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 3/11
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 3/16
- **Library Board of Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30 PM at Burnham Library. Next meeting: 3/19
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meeting: 3/10

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:

- **Winter Concert** – A Night with In the Pocket: Friday, March 27, 2020 @ CHS Performing Arts Center. Starts at 7:00pm. Admission is FREE.
- **Registration** is open for the 8th Annual Causeway Race (6/6/20) and the 36th Annual Colchester Triathlon (7/26/2020) via Active.com. You can also find more details at: <https://colchestervt.gov/357/Events>

Notices:

- **Colchester's Playgroup** will resume its regular meeting schedule, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30am, at the Colchester Meeting House on Wednesday, March 4.

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