

For the Week of October 3, 2022

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

National Community Planning Month

The month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the U.S., and it is a time to recognize how community planning helps provide a framework for private sector development to balance the needs of the natural environment that supports human life and the developed areas where we live, work, learn, shop and recreate. Town planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in the creation and administration of these regulations by serving on boards and commissions or through public input. We thank the Town's volunteer Planning Commission, volunteer Development Review Board and the Planning and Zoning Department staff for the time and expertise they've contributed to our planning and development framework.



Thank you for attending and vending at the first Colchester Corners Autumnal Market!

It was a Saturday to remember! Colchester's first fall market was greeted with wonderful weather, good food, fun games, and a variety of impressive art, crafts, and other products for the public to enjoy. Thank you to New Deal Foods, VT Maple Creemee Company, Mini Golf on the Go, Scouting USA Troop 658, Pia Sachs-Donerkiel, Carol and Daisy Hutter, Little Cottonwood Farm, Erin Bundock, Rhonda Tebeau and Savannah Tebeau-Sherry, Lori Dow-Moore, Pixie Twine, Paint Storms

Studio, Creating Wildly, Knotty Girl Goods and Mother Fudger Fudge, the Colchester Lions Club, Teisha Thibault, Knead Creations, Kathy Murphy, Shayla Zammuto, Jan Hatch, Norm Thibault, the Colchester Historical Society, and the Colchester Police Department for vending with us, and thank you to all vendors and visitors for helping us make this event a success!

Want to get involved in your Town? Consider volunteering on a Town Board or Commission!

See below for more information, and to complete an application, **please visit and apply no later than October 31st**: <https://colchestervt.gov/369/Boards-Commissions>

Conservation Commission – 2 Open Adult Member Seats & 2 Open Youth Member Seats

Theresa Carroll, Chair, tcarroll110@gmail.com

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00 PM at the Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, or per agenda.

The Conservation Commission is concerned with the public awareness, education, and preservation of Colchester's natural areas; water quality of rivers, ponds, and Lake Champlain; wildlife habitats; and beautification of the Town. Annual activities include:

- Green Up Day Coordination
- Colchester Blooms! to raise funds for planting flowerbeds at high-traffic sites
- Maintenance of the rain garden on Holy Cross Road
- Site visits to Town natural areas to plan future projects and assess natural resources for reports to Lake Champlain Land Trust
- Attention to water quality, stream protection, conservation and related areas and responds to special project requests from Town officials
- Completed Projects include: Care of the Urban Forest Project through the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program to assist with master tree plan and tree inventory and provide volunteer training in the maintenance and care of Town trees; Rain Barrel Workshop
- What CCC Values: Creative thinking and new ideas regarding ways to address conservation in Colchester

Development Review Board – 3 Open Adult Member Seats & 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Zachary Maia, Developmental Planner, 802-264-5604

Matthew Gamage, Chair, matthew.gamage@gmail.com

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.

The Colchester Development Review Board processes and approves:

- Commercial and Residential site plans
- Subdivision applications
- Conditional use and variance applications
- Appeals of the Zoning Administrator's determinations

Planning Commission – 1 Open Adult Member Seat & 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Cathyann Larose, Director of Planning and Zoning, 802-264-5602

Richard Paquette, Chair, Paquette12@comcast.net

Meets monthly on either the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Town Offices at 7:00 PM, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.

Currently the Planning Commission is finalizing several amendments to the Development Regulations and will likely soon begin a review of design in the Town's Growth Center (Severance Corners). The Commission also:

- Oversees revisions to the Town Zoning Regulations
- Undertakes planning studies for the long-term growth of Colchester (updating the open space plan is possible during this term)
- Updates the Town Plan (will kick off in 2024)

Recreation Advisory Board – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Glen Cuttitta, Director of Parks and Recreation, 802-264-5641

Adriane Martin, Chair, Adriane.schubert@gmail.com

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Town Offices at 7 AM.

Members work with the Director of Parks and Recreation on the development and management of recreational facilities and programs to serve the citizens of Colchester. In addition, they help coordinate and volunteer at Parks and Rec events such as:

- Winter Carnival
- Touch a Truck
- Fourth of July events

Board of Library Trustees – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Kelly McCagg, Library Director, 802-264-5661

Toni Josey, Chair, tjosey@colchestervt.gov

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM at the Burnham Library.

The Library Trustees work with the Library Director to determine policies to govern library operations, and programs; recruit, interview, and consider candidates for the position of Library Director along with the Town Manager; maintain an ongoing performance appraisal for the Director with the Town Manager; secure adequate funding; assist in the annual budget presentation at budget hearings; and attend Selectboard meetings as necessary. In addition, the Library Trustees ensure and advocate:

- Collection development
 - Long-range library planning
 - An active marketing program
 - Local, state, and federal library laws and stay informed on pending library legislation
 - Accurate record keeping at the library and compliance with Freedom of Information regulations
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Department Updates



Last week, the Colchester Fire Department visited Carolyn's Red Balloon Enrichment Center. Firefighters showed the students how to put on gear, answered questions about the truck and equipment, and helped each student take a seat in the back of the truck. Town staff and volunteers are grateful to be able to get back out in the community and share what they do with them, and hope to have many more visits like this!

Want your own chance to interact with the Colchester Fire Department? The Department will be hosting an open house on **Saturday, October 15th, 12-3 pm at the Center Station, 483 Main Street, and the Bay Station, 844 Church Road.** Tour the stations and trucks, talk to volunteers, and find out how you can get involved!



Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, October 11th, 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or alternatively send a note, up to 1,000 words, to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and their name and address in the body of the email. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting (as the information packet for the current meeting is sent out along with the agenda).

- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Development Review Board: Wednesday, October 12th, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or public comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by email to zmaia@colchestervt.gov or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446.

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, October 12th, 7:00 am at the Colchester Town Offices.



Colchester - What do you want to do today?

Conservation Commission: Monday, October 17th, 6:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room.

Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Library board of Trustees: Thursday, October 20th, 4:00 pm in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

Agendas available: <http://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt>

Note: Agendas are posted at least 48 hours before the meeting, so you may find past agendas when clicking the link. Revisiting the link closer to the date of the meeting should provide you with the current agenda.

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