

For the Week of October 24, 2022

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Where can I dispose of my leaves? At no charge, any Chittenden County resident may take leaves to select CSWD Drop-Off Centers; to Green Mountain Compost, or to the McNeil Wood and Yard Debris Depot. See their websites below for hours, maps, and more information about allowable materials.



CSWD Drop-Off Centers convenient to Colchester include:

- Essex: 218 Colchester Rd. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/essex-drop-center/>
- Milton: 36 Landfill Rd. <https://cswd.net/facility-locations/milton-drop-center/>
- Williston: Green Mountain Compost: 1042 Redmond Rd. <https://www.greenmountaincompost.com/about/contact/>
- Burlington: McNeil Wood and Yard Debris Depot: 111 Intervale Rd. <https://cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/mcneil/>



Last week at the 2022 Vermont Conference on Recreation, Vice Chair of Colchester's Recreation Advisory Board, Dick Pecor, was presented the 2022 Theresa Brungardt Friend of Recreation Award. The Brungardt Award is the most prestigious recreation award in Vermont and honors an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the recreation and/or park field. From volunteering at community and recreational

events throughout the years, co-founding the Colchester Triathlon 36 years ago, to serving as a member of the Colchester Parks & Recreation Advisory Board since 2003, a member on the Lake Champlain Access Television Board for over 20 years and counting, and as a Colchester School Board Member from 2006-2013, his institutional knowledge, especially

on the Parks & Recreation Board, has immensely benefited the community and countless recreation and parks endeavors in Town. Congratulations Dick!

Department Updates



Looking for more ways to enjoy the Fall season? Review all the Parks & Recreation programs being offered this fall in their brochure:
<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7589/2022FallBrochure>

The Burnham Memorial Library is also offering a variety of programming this fall season. Check out all the opportunities on their calendar:

<https://colchestervt.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=25>



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, Adrianemrtn@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

The Chittenden Solid Waste District's Need for A New Recycling Facility



Nearly 30 years ago, the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) built Vermont's first recycling sorting facility, known as a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where "blue-bin" recyclables are sorted. The current MRF can no longer keep up with modern packaging and the recycling needs of Vermonters today, and the facility is inefficient, outdated and at-capacity. CSWD will be seeking voter approval in this year's General Election to borrow no more than \$22 million to build a new MRF.

The new MRF has several benefits for the environment and economy, and you can visit www.cswd.net/mrf-bond for more information. The CSWD ballot is not eligible to be included on the General Election ballot, but it is available at your Town Clerk's office or by request via <http://mvp.vermont.gov> (Vermont's My Voter Page). This ballot will also be available on November 8 at all Chittenden County polling places.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, October 25th, 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

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.

Subscribe to the Town Newsletter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jkMA02v>

For more information or to comment, call 802-264-5509 or email townmanager@colchestervt.gov