

For the Week of January 17, 2023

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

At last week's Selectboard meeting, the Annual Town Meeting Warning was approved. The Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2023 at the Colchester High School at 7 PM. Voting by Australian Ballot will take place Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the Colchester High School from 7 AM to 7 PM. Below you can find the ballot items you will be voting on this year:



ARTICLE 6 - Town Municipal Services Budget

"Shall the voters of the Town of Colchester approve total general fund expenditures of Fifteen Million, Twenty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$15,028,386) of which Twelve Million, Six Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$12,622,189) shall be raised by taxes and Two Million, Four Hundred Six Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,406,197) by non-tax revenues for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?"

ARTICLE 7 - Colchester Recreation Center

"Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Colchester in the amount of \$6,907,000.00, subject to available grants-in-aid, be issued under Section 703(c) of the Town Charter and Subchapter 1 of Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, payable from the existing 1% local option sales tax over a period not to exceed ten years, and shall the Town use \$9,000,000.00, in previously collected local option sales taxes that are restricted to voter approved capital projects, for the construction of a Recreation Center?"

For more information on the ballot items, please visit:

<https://colchestervt.gov/344/Ballot-Items>

For more information on the election and voting, please visit the Town Clerk's webpage:

<https://colchestervt.gov/325/Elections-and-Voter-Information>

Solar Site Update:

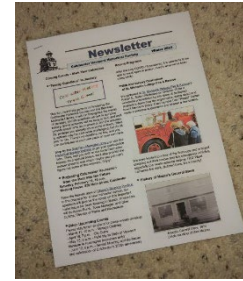


Additionally, at last week's Selectboard meeting, it was shared that the Town was not successful in permitting the Mercier Drive Solar Project due to the proposed site's wet soil. It was noted that the Town staff will continue to search for an acceptable solar site and work towards the Selectboard's goal of generating 100% of the electricity consumed in the provision of municipal services through local, affordable, and renewable energy.

Colchester Historical Society

The 2023 Colchester Historical Society Winter Newsletter is now available. Find out what they've been doing, what's coming next, and other interesting news and updates. Here's the link:

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7814/Winter-2022-23-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=>



Department Updates

Town Clerk's Office: *Attention Colchester dog parent!* It's time to renew your dog's annual license.

Fees:

Fixed dog \$15.00

Non-fixed dog \$20.00

To avoid an additional \$5.00 fee, license your dog before April 1st.



The state of Vermont requires all dogs to be licensed with their town. A current rabies certificate along with proof of spay/neuter and fee is needed to issue the license and tag.

Licensing can be completed online, by mail or in person. For more information go to <https://colchestervt.gov/323/Dog-Licensing> or call 802-264-5520.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, January 24th, 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

Planning Commission and Development Review Board Joint Meeting: Tuesday, January 17th, 6:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.



Colchester Town News

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Colchester – What do you want to do today?

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, January 19th, 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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