

For the Week of March 27, 2023

### Manager’s Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager



The Selectboard authorized the sale of a vacant residential lot on Canyon Estates Drive to Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity on February 14, 2023. This resolves an unfortunate matter that began in 2018 when the home on the lot was destroyed by fire and neither the owner nor the mortgage holder were willing or able to make the property safe by removing the building, asbestos and filling in the basement. The Town paid for the removal of the remaining structure, took possession of the property, and tried to sell the land through a tax sale bid process. This process did not yield bids, so the town purchased the land itself and obtained a septic permit to prove the lot could be re-developed. The Selectboard determined that Green Mountain Habitat was interested in the lot and was offered \$80,000 which covered most of the demolition costs. The Selectboard received a note from David Mullin, the CEO of Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, noting *“Your support by making this property available for Habitat to purchase is a symbol of how everyone can do something to help make affordable housing possible.”*

### 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.

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### Parks & Recreation:

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Bayside Park

Come join the Easter Bunny for a great egg hunt. Bring a bag or basket to put your eggs and goodies in.



Please park your vehicles at Colchester High School and enter the park by the softball field road off Laker Lane. Children will be separated by age groups to hunt for eggs in different areas of Bayside Park. Ages 4 & under will be at Lower Bayside Park. Ages 5 - 8 will be at Upper Bayside Park. **Don't miss this exciting annual event!**

Colchester Lions Club will be hosting a **food drive** for the Colchester Food Shelf. We are asking all participants to bring at least one non-perishable or canned item to the hunt.

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### Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to [TownManager@colchestervt.gov](mailto:TownManager@colchestervt.gov) with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and your name. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you **SHARE YOUR ADDRESS**. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting.

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

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Development Review Board:** Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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, April 12, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Conservation Commission:** Monday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

**Library Board of Trustees:** Thursday, April 20, 4:00 p.m., 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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