

## For the Week of April 3, 2023

### Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

We bid adieu to an “eggcellent” Colchester business.

Last week saw the closing of one of Colchester’s most iconic businesses. Shadow Cross Farms was established in 1940 by the Paquette family. They were in the chicken and egg business when farmers were diversifying from dairy farming.



Since the inception, Shadow Cross has been a staple in Colchester. Whether it was Leonel, Dick or Rich, the Paquette legacy is one of business relationships and friendships. They knew the industry well and treated their customers with integrity and a smile.

Some residents would stop in the store on Saturday mornings to chat with Dick and catch up. This third-generation family business has served the majority of residents in Chittenden County as well as suppling the entire state with quality eggs.

We wish the Paquette’s the best in their future and will miss them. But they will always remain “good eggs to deal with!”



**Solar Farm Update:** At last week’s meeting, the Selectboard approved a contract with AEGIS Renewable Energy, Inc. for up to \$41,000 to permit a solar farm on an 8.4-acre Town-owned site off of Route 15, which is shared with the Fort Ethan Allen Cemetery. As outlined in the 2019 Town Plan, the Town has been aiming to reduce energy use, produce energy locally, save the residents and businesses money in the provision of municipal services, and set an example for the community. Currently, the Town’s two solar farms, one off of Malletts Bay Avenue and the other off of Roosevelt Highway, produce 66% of electric energy consumed in providing municipal services using renewable energy. This third solar farm, like

the others, will be owned and operated by the Town and will bring that percentage to 100%, while additionally reducing costs of municipal service provision; locally producing sustainable energy that support local jobs; and providing an example for residents and private sector businesses that renewables can be done in a cost-effective manner.

For additional information and links, read this summary provided by the Colchester Sun:

<https://www.colchestersun.com/news/government/colchester-selectboard-gives-go-ahead-to->

[permitting-process-for-town-owned-solar-facility-on-fort/article\\_0e47ce8a-d000-11ed-96be-c394b4cd2351.html](https://www.colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8045/Spring-2023-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=)

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### Colchester Historical Society Upcoming Event & Spring Newsletter:

#### Old Coins

**April 10, 7 p.m.**

828 Main Street at the Parsonage  
(please use back entrance)



Presenter Rick Heh will provide coin-collecting tips and show us some of his collection. If you wish, please bring a few coins from your collection, too. Free parking and admission. All are welcome.

#### Spring Newsletter 2023



The Colchester Historical Society's 2023 Spring Newsletter is now available. Check out upcoming programs, past programs, volunteer needs, recent acquisitions, what to do with your antique sampler, and even a little history about the telephone. Lots of photos! Here's the link:

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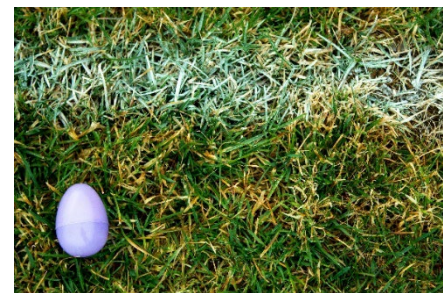
### Department Updates

#### 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 great event!**

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

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### Upcoming Town Meetings

**Selectboard:** Tuesday, April 11, 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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