

For the Week of June 26, 2023

Manager's Message

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Town News Interviews: Boards and Commissions Edition

Colchester Library Board of Trustees



What is the Colchester Library Board of Trustees and what do they do?

The board is responsible for the Burnham Memorial Library's policies, ensures the library has a long-range plan, manages gifts and bequests to the library, and assists in hiring and evaluating the library director.

What does a Board meeting look like?

Monthly board meetings follow an agenda with reports from the director, trustee treasurer, committees, updates from the Friends of the Burnham Library, and general business, which often pertains to reviewing policies and procedures. Library staff members occasionally give presentations about their work and programs. Meetings generally run for an hour, and the public is welcome to attend.

What are the responsibilities of a Board Member?

In addition to their responsibilities on the board as officers (such as Chair and Treasurer) and members of committees (including personnel and technology), trustees stay informed of issues in libraries, attend workshops and trainings, and act as a further connection to the Colchester community, encouraging citizens to connect with all the great resources Burnham has to offer.



How can someone get involved?

Trustee meetings are public, and residents are encouraged to attend if they would like to learn more about the board. At the meetings, there are opportunities for public input on board decisions as well. Trustees are elected on Town Meeting Day by Colchester voters and serve five-year, staggered terms. Trustees must submit petitions for open positions to the Town Clerk in January to appear on the March ballot.

Why and how did current members begin volunteering with the Board?

“I have a Masters of Library Science and was active in state library organizations as a college librarian, and I wanted to volunteer in a meaningful way with our local public library. There was a vacancy on the Board of Trustees that wasn’t filled at Town Meeting Day, and I interviewed for the position. I’ve been re-elected twice.” - Toni Fortini Josey, Chair

“I was appointed when there was an opening because someone stepped down during their term and since have been elected.” - Leora Black, Vice Chair

“I was elected into office on Town Meeting Day, March 2020. I had retired in 2019 and was looking for a way to give back to the community. Libraries hold special memories for me and Burnham Memorial Library is a very important part of our community.” - Carol Anderson, Treasurer



What do current members enjoy about being a Board member?

“Trustees are charged with establishing and maintaining library policy, which might sound dry, but it’s rewarding to support the incredible creativity and hard work of the library staff in this small way. I also love that it’s my responsibility to spread the word about our fantastic library— something I would do even if it wasn’t part of my role.” - Toni Fortini Josey, Chair

“I have enjoyed being active during the strategic planning process and continue to be a voice for engaging more people to have access to the library. We have an incredibly skilled staff of librarians and a very knowledgeable director.” - Leora Black, Vice Chair

“It truly is a joy to be surrounded by people who believe in the power of libraries to change lives. The Board of Trustees is very committed, and the Library Director and staff are wonderful. I enjoy the policy work and, as Treasurer, working with the financials of the library.” - Carol Anderson, Treasurer

Department Updates

**Parks & Recreation:
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023
4th of July Parade**

- The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Colchester High School
- Parade Route: The parade will process from Colchester High School, down Blakely Road, and end



at Lavigne Road. Road closure is expected to be approximately one hour.

5K Fun Run

\$5.00 per participant

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.: Fun Run Registration at Union Memorial School

8:15 a.m.: 5K Race Begins - Middle Road

Bayside Beach

Lifeguards will not be on duty for the 4th of July.

Bayside Park

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Inflatables and Food Vendors

6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.: Music Entertainment: **THE HITMEN**

- The Hitmen are: Jim Cheney (Bass and Vocals), Bob Young (Guitar and Vocals), Brian Donnelly (Drums and Vocals), and Bob Boedecker (Keys and Vocals).
- Musical Style: 1970s- and 1980s-party rock & roll, featuring hot guitar, organ, and impressive vocal harmonies! The Hitmen play anything from John Mellencamp to Santana, The Atlanta Rhythm Section to Steely Dan - don't miss this fantastic group!

Fireworks

- Fireworks will take place at dusk from the Bayside Softball Field. Please stay behind the safety fence.
- Parking available at: Colchester High School, Colchester Middle School, and the Malletts Bay School.

Burnham Memorial Library: Upcoming
Adult/Senior Programs for Summer

Mah Jongg

Monday, June 26th at 1 p.m.

Whether you're new to the game or have played for years, you're more than welcome to join us at the Meeting House!



Cooking the Books

Tuesday, June 27th at 1 p.m.—*Everyday Dorie* by Dorie Greenspan

Join us at our bi-monthly potluck. Pick a recipe from that month's cookbook, make it at home, and bring it to share with the group! Signups required. This group will meet at the Meeting House.

Adult Craft: Tiny Canvas Creations

Thursday, June 29th at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, July 12th at 2 p.m.

Paint or decorate a mini canvas for our upcoming community-sourced Tiny Art Show, which will be on display during the month of August. No art experience necessary—we will have lots of ideas on hand.

Nature Walk Meetups for Adults

Friday, June 30th at 9 a.m.

Gather in the Library parking lot to walk the trails behind the library leading to the Village Park loop. Wear comfortable shoes and insect repellent and bring plenty of water.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to 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

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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