

For the Week of July 31, 2023

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

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 August 31st**: <https://colchestervt.gov/369/Boards-Commissions>

Development Review Board – 1 Open Adult Alternate 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 p.m. 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

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 p.m., 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)

Want to volunteer in another way?

Colchester-Milton Rotary: The Colchester-Milton Rotary sponsors scholarships to students of Colchester and Milton, supports local youth activities and provides aid to regional and international humanitarian causes. You can learn more about their international and local projects and use their contact form here to get involved: <https://cmrotary.org/page/about>

Colchester Lions Club: The Colchester Lions Club are best known for fighting blindness, but they also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects - including caring for the environment, serving the youth, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled. You can learn more here: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/colchestervt/index.php> and you can contact their Secretary, Lion Heather Hinman, at heather0905@comcast.net or 802.881.8919, to get involved.

Colchester Parks & Recreation Department: The Colchester Parks & Recreation Department has several annual events that would not be possible without the help of volunteers. To learn more about the events, you can visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/357/Events> and can contact the department at recreation@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5640 to get involved.

Colchester Conservation Commission: 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. Volunteers are welcomed to help with annual events including Green Up Day Coordination, planting flowerbeds at high-traffic sites, Holy Cross Road Rain Garden maintenance, and more. To learn more, you can reach Chair Theresa Carroll at tcarroll110@gmail.com.

Colchester Burnham Memorial Library: The community can join the Friends of the Library, a non-profit, fund-raising organization comprised of volunteers who enhance the library’s ability to provide programming, youth services, books, audio-books and learning programs, or volunteer in other ways, including picking up materials from book-drops or shelving. To learn more, you can visit <https://colchestervt.gov/701/How-to-Help> or contact Library Director Kelly McCagg at kmccagg@colchestervt.gov or 802-264-5661.

Department Updates

Parks and Recreation: 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Lower Bayside Park (Beachside)

All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.
Admission is FREE
Parking available at Bayside Park



Join us for Colchester's summertime tradition. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Lower Bayside Park for our summer concert series on Thursday evenings. Enjoy great music with the beauty of Malletts Bay as your backdrop!

August 3: InCahoots

“InCahoots” is based out of Plattsburgh, New York and has been providing their audiences with a fresh new look at an American tradition, Entertainment with a smile. A four-piece band consisting of John Geno - Fiddle, Guitar, Sax, Keys and Vocals; Kevin Connelly - Guitar, Keys, Harmonica and Vocals, David Long - Drums and Vocals and Ryan Finney – Bass. Playing genres of music from Charlie Daniels to AC/DC and everything in-between, InCahoots entertains with airtight harmonies, instrumentation and a beat you can really stomp your feet to. Contact John Geno at 518-578-9483 for availability at your venue today!



Burnham Memorial Library: Upcoming Adult/Senior Programs for Summer

Evening Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 1st at 6 p.m.—*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Copies of the book are available to borrow at the library.



Tie-Dye for Adults

Wednesday, August 2nd at 2 p.m.

Come dye a shirt using squeeze bottles to create the pattern you want. The program will be outside, weather permitting. This program is for adults only, but we do offer tie-dye programs for kids and teens as well!

Escape Room for Adults

Thursday, August 3rd at 6 p.m.

Work as a group to solve themed puzzles and answer all the clues to escape! Space is limited to 8; sign up early for this adventure game. **This escape room is for adults only. We will offer more opportunities for kids and teens to break out in the fall.**

Puzzle Race

Saturday, August 5th, starting at 11 a.m.

Do you enjoy jigsaw puzzles? Does racing the clock give you a thrill? The first group to complete their 500-piece puzzle will win a prize!

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, August 22, 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

Planning Commission: Tuesday, August 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Development Review Board: Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd 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 or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446.

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, August 17, 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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