

For the Week of September 11, 2023

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Thank you to our residents for your patience on Thursday during the wind storm as our Department of Public Works and public safety responders, along with Green Mountain Power, worked through the afternoon and evening to keep traffic flowing during rush hour, maneuver people safely around dangerous downed wires, and clear obstacles. Thank you to these folks for their dedicated response!



Upcoming Closures:

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Tuesday, September 12th and Wednesday, September 13th for staff training.

The Town Offices and Library will close at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 14th for a staff appreciation event. The Library will re-open at 2:15 p.m.

Coming this Weekend!

What a way to spend a Saturday! Get outside and explore, meet your neighbors and local business owners, and join us for a fun day in Colchester! Enjoy local food trucks and music while having a picnic on the green, participate in kid-friendly Fall activities and crafts, and support your local businesses at **Severance Corners on September 16, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter."



CHS Students: **GET ENGAGED with your Town!**

Town Staff will be in visiting Colchester High School on **Tuesday, September 12th**, to share information on this opportunity for students who are in grades 10-12 and Colchester residents to join a participating Board or Commission as a youth member for a term of one year. Students will be mentored by a board /

commission member, and may have the option to renew their terms, and participation in the program can count toward the student's volunteer work required for graduation. **Stop by our**

table in the café from 9:09 a.m. to 9:39 a.m. for more information, visit this [link](#) for more details and the application, and see below for more information and open positions:

Planning Commission – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Cathyann Larose, Director of Planning and Zoning, 802-264-5602

Richard Paquette, Chair, Paquette12@comcast.net

Meets monthly the 1st 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)

Development Review Board – 1 Open Youth 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

Recreation Advisory Board – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Glen Cuttitta, Director of Parks and Recreation, 802-264-5641

Adriane Martin, Chair, Adriane.schubert@gmail.com

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Town Offices at 7 a.m., 3rd floor, Outer Bay Room.

Members work with the Director of Parks and Recreation on the development and management of recreational facilities and programs to serve the citizens. In addition, they help coordinate and volunteer at Parks and Rec events such as:

- Winter Carnival
- Touch- a-Truck
- Fourth of July events

Board of Library Trustees – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Kelly McCagg, Library Director, 802-264-5661

Toni Josey, Chair, tjosey@colchestervt.gov

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the Burnham Library.

The Library Trustees work with the Library Director to determine policies to govern library operations, and programs; recruit, interview, and consider candidates for the position of Library Director along with the Town Manager; maintain an ongoing performance appraisal for the Director with the Town Manager; secure adequate funding; assist in the annual budget presentation at budget hearings; and attend Selectboard meetings as necessary. In addition, the Library Trustees ensure and advocate:

- Collection development
- Long-range library planning
- An active marketing program
- Local, state, and federal library laws and stay informed on pending library legislation
- Accurate record keeping at the library and compliance with Freedom of Information regulations

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, September 26, 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

Development Review Board: Wednesday, September 13, 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, September 13, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, September 21, 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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