

For the Week of March 19, 2018

Manager's Message of the Week Dawn Francis, Town Manager

This n' That

- **Notice:** The 50 MPH speed limit on Route 7, from I-89 to the village, has been reduced to 40 MPH by the State Agency of Transportation. Slow down and avoid a possible traffic citation.
- **Spring is in the air along with the fragrance of...dog poop.** There have been numerous complaints on our neighborhoods' Front Porch Forums regarding dog droppings being left on sidewalks and community paths. PLEASE, for the health and safety of others—not to mention plain old good manners—**bag** your pet's waste and **TAKE IT WITH YOU** for disposal at home. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

For more about the Town Manager's Office, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call (802) 264-5509.

Office of the Deputy Town Manager/CFO Aaron Frank

FY 18 Budget Update:

- Eight months through the fiscal year, revenues are higher than expenses by \$330,282, a net positive of 2%
 - Expenditures are 1% under budget primarily due to Planning and Zoning, Parks, and the Manager's office.
- Many departments have increased seasonal winter and spring/summer staffing patterns, and purchases for items ordered but not yet received and paid for, which may reduce this trend.
 - Revenues are 1% over budget. Primary contributors to the trend include property taxes, state revenues, rescue revenues, and police revenues.

Local Option Tax Fund: As of February 28th, the balance of the Local option tax fund, which is restricted for voter approved capital projects, is \$1,396,278. In FY 18, to date, we have received \$848,320 in revenue and made \$548,266 in debt payments for such projects.

Office of the Assessor
Bob Vickery

- The Assessor is preparing for an appeal hearing to the Vermont State Tax Department of the Equalized Education Grand List that is scheduled for later this month.
- We are wrapping up inspections of new construction for percentage of completion as of April 1, 2018.
- We will be starting our annual field review of the entire town beginning in April.
- Mike Keller of Keller and Associates is conducting appraisals on all the commercial apartment complexes throughout town. This is to ensure equity within the property class and Town.
- You'll find our online Web Map and Assessment Data at <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/>

For more about the Assessor's Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/assessor> or call (802) 264-5670.

Office of the Town Clerk
Karen Richard

Visit the Town Clerk's Web Pages for Helpful Information

It's said that nothing is sure in life except death and taxes—and Federal and State Income taxes are due to be filed by April 17th. Visit www.colchestervt.gov/405/Tax-Forms to find links to Federal and State income tax forms and information.

The Vermont Department of Taxes requires all homeowners to file a Homestead Declaration/Property Tax Adjustment if the home is owner-occupied. Our Property Taxes page will give you the information you need to complete forms HS122/Hi144. See www.colchestervt.gov/329/Property-Taxes

The dog license registration deadline is April 2nd. Information about licensing your dog is also on our website at www.colchestervt.gov/323/Animal-Licensing

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 PM.
- **Planning Commission:** Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 PM.

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509



- **Selectboard:** Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 PM
- **Development Review Board:** Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 PM.

(All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.)

Upcoming events:

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 31, 10:00 AM at Bayside Park; FREE Event! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food drive! Sponsored by the Colchester Lions Club and Colchester Parks & Recreation.



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