

For the Week of March 25, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

I would like to thank everyone for their patience during the extreme thaw we experienced last week. Much of the existing snow melted due to the fluctuating temperatures, but the ground is unfortunately still frozen which results in roadways across Colchester experiencing standing water. DPW crews are out this week clearing snow and other obstructions from stormwater and drainage structures so they can continue to function properly as well as filling potholes. If you note any areas where there is still standing or ponding water at a stormwater structure, or have other stormwater concerns, please let DPW know so that we can investigate at 264-5620.

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

Police Department

Douglas Allen, Police Chief

The Police Department continued our personnel changes over the past month. In February Sergeant James Roy and Sergeant Peter Hull were promoted to Lieutenant. This month, Corporals Don Demar, Roger Fisher, and Mike Akerlind were promoted to Sergeant--all filling vacancies as a result of other personnel changes. The number of staff and costs will remain the same, but the revised organization should better address the current needs and challenges of the Town.

We also have welcomed a new officer into our ranks. Jennifer Czachor has been hired as a police officer. Jennifer is a graduate of Castleton University with a degree in Criminal Justice and has nine years of experience with Rutland Police Department. She starts her orientation with us on March 22nd.

Over the past four weeks, CPD officers responded to 903 calls for service. These calls resulted in 28 arrests for violations that included Violation of Court Ordered Conditions of Release, Simple Assault, and Felony Unlawful Trespass, among others.

For more about Colchester Police Department visit <http://colchestervt.gov/police> or call (802) 264-5556 (non-emergency).

Rescue and Technical Rescue Squads

Scott Crady, Rescue Chief

Colchester Rescue would like to welcome two new volunteer members who both started this month. AJ Daubenschmidt with CPR certification and Jake Capiello with EMT certification. Both AJ and Jake will make great additions to the team.

Colchester Rescue would like to thank Donnie Fahringer and Cesar Hammond for their service to the Colchester community. Both Donnie and Cesar were volunteer members and have moved towards new endeavors.

We welcomed the Malletts Bay Pre-School program for a tour of Rescue. We appreciated the opportunity to train with the Colchester Police helping them re-certify their CPR and train in bleeding control.

There were 135 emergency medical calls in the last 30 days, compared to 108 calls last year for this time frame. Approximately a 27% increase.

For more about Colchester Rescue, please visit <http://colchestervt.gov/rescue> or call (802) 264-5990.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: 4/2
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. April meeting: 4/10
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. Champlain Room, 2nd floor. April meeting: 4/10
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: 4/15
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM. April meetings: 4/9 and 4/23

(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.)



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