

For the Week of July 8, 2019

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

On July 3rd, the Town of Colchester's Selectboard announced that it intends to appoint Pam Loranger to the open seat on the Selectboard at their July 9th 2019 meeting with an effective date of August 1, 2019. This is an interim appointment and the appointee will have to run for election on Town Meeting Day 2020 to serve the remaining year of the three-year term.

"We are excited to welcome Pam to the team. Her in-depth knowledge of the inner workings of the town and passion for Colchester will be invaluable as we continue to work on the Malletts Bay Initiative, the upcoming budget season, and other efforts to better the Town of Colchester," stated Jeff Bartley, Chair of the Colchester Selectboard.

"It is my honor and privilege to be selected to fill the current vacancy on the Selectboard. I look forward to continuing my service to the Town Of Colchester in this new role especially in the areas of the Malletts Bay Initiative, water quality, and recreational opportunities for her citizens," stated Pam Loranger

Pam Loranger began her service to the Town in 1998 on the Colchester Conservation Commission, a policy and service board of the Town coordinating the volunteer operation of our annual Green Up Day and the recently discontinued Leaf Drop-off. Pam has also served on Colchester Blooms, which raises money for public flower beds; chaired the Cemetery Advisory Committee; was a volunteer at the Log Schoolhouse for the Colchester Historical Society, the Colchester Food Shelf, and the Colchester Triathlon and Causeway Race; was a member of the Stormwater Advisory Committee, the Firearms Safety Committee, and the Colchester Board of Civil Authority; and is a Justice of the Peace.

In 2007, she was appointed to the Planning Commission and has chaired the Commission since 2012. She was awarded "Vermont Citizen Planner of the Year" in 2017. She was also active in the Colchester Community Center Initiative, helping create a sense of place in Colchester. Pam served on the Governance Committee, advising the Selectboard on: updates to the Town Charter, optimization of accountability, transparency, effectiveness of costs of Town services, and improvement of citizen involvement.

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

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Office of the Assessor
Bob Vickery

- The Board of Lister appeal hearings were completed on June 13, 2019
- As of July 3, the deadline for appeals, only one property owner appealed the Board of Lister's decision to the Board of Civil Authority
- Working on the annual Enhanced 911 audit, the review of the E-911 Atlas
- Starting preparations for the 2020 Grand List, listing permits, and inspecting construction that was unfinished as of April 1, 2019
- You may view the online Web Map and Assessment Data at <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/>

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Office of the Town Clerk/Treasurer
Julie Graeter

- Collaborated with Assessor and Planning and Zoning to hire a summer intern who has been working with our departments since the beginning of June
- The intern has finished scanning the last couple hundred surveys to be uploaded and indexed into our digital land records
- Assistant Clerk Wanda Morin provided a Colchester cemetery tour to share her knowledge with the rest of the Clerk's Office
- Working on providing public information on legislative changes that will affect the Town Clerk's Office and our community

For more information about the Town Clerk see <http://colchestervt.gov/townclerk>

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. *This month:* Next July meeting: 7/30.
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. July meeting: 7/10
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. *Champlain Room, 2nd floor.* July meeting: 7/10
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center *or per agenda.* July meeting will be at Law Island: Sunday, 7/14
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. The July 23 meeting of the Selectboard is cancelled. August meetings: 8/13 and 8/27
- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 3rd Thursday of the month (or per agenda) 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor. Next meeting: 7/18
- **Library Trustees:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM *at Burnham Memorial Library.* Next meeting: 7/18

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(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:

- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1, 7 PM at Lower Bayside. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>
- **Sunset SUP & Sip:** Friday, 7/19, 7:30– 10:30 PM at Bayside Beach. Cider tasting provided by Shacksbury. Must be 21+ to register. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/WebTracColchester>
- **35th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, 7/28 at Bayside Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.

Notices:

- **The CSWD Rover is coming to Colchester on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Malletts Bay School!** You may drop off hazardous waste such as automotive fluids, chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, stains, etc. NO explosives, medications or asbestos please.
- **The Colchester Log Schoolhouse** is open each Friday - Monday all summer, 10 AM - 2 PM and is located at Airport Park near the recreation path. It's a fun, free, and convenient stop for local residents and visitors. This amazing historical exhibit garners thousands of visitors.
More volunteers are needed this summer to host this lovely historical site and visitor center. It's a wonderful family volunteer and educational opportunity. To volunteer and to find out more, please contact Carol Reichard at 802-497-3036.

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