



Town Newsletter

What Do You Want to Do Today, Colchester?

August 15, 2021

Town Manager's Message

The Colchester Reef Lighthouse helped Lake Champlain's mariners navigate nearby treacherous shoals for over sixty years. During its service from December 1871 to August 1933, eleven keepers resided there. Once decommissioned, the lighthouse was abandoned for almost 20 years until auctioned to Shelburne Museum's founder, Electra Webb. The relocation and restoration of the two-story residence began in 1952, and it wasn't until 2006 when the Colchester Reef Lighthouse shined its light once again, except this time it was powered by the sun!



**Aaron
Frank**

To learn more about the Colchester Reef Lighthouse and its keepers, visit babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=inu.390000005644245&view=1up&seq=7&skin=2021.

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In December 2020, the Raub family delivered a second model of the Colchester Reef Lighthouse to Town Hall in honor of Bill Raub. Thomas C. Raub donated his first model of the lighthouse to the Town in 2013, displayed outside the Historical Society. After enduring six seasons of Vermont's winter, the first model needed many repairs, and Thomas C. undertook the construction of a second model, which is now on display at Town Hall.

New Planning and Zoning Director

Nathan Reichert was appointed as Colchester's Planning and Zoning Director and begins work on August 30th.

Covid-19 Update

In the last 14 days, there have been 466 recent cases of Coronavirus in Chittenden County. For further information, please visit the [Vermont Department of Health's Dashboard](#).

Walk-in clinics and appointments for the Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, or Pfizer vaccines are available today. To find a site near you, make an appointment, or for further information about before- and after-care, please visit the Vermont Department of Health's webpage, [Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine](#), or call 855-722-7878.



86.3% of Chittenden County residents 12+ have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of August 13, 2021.



Considering Chittenden County's high level of local Covid transmission and that youth 11 and younger cannot yet be vaccinated, all visitors are required to wear masks at the Town Offices.

Service Spotlight

The Colchester Historical Society has been bringing history buffs and volunteers who appreciate the town's natural resources, culture, and landmarks together since its establishment in 1975. The society has been active in historical restoration, public interpretation and programming, tours, publishing, and monthly meetings.

Thanks to Bonnie Potter, Vice President, and a team of helpful volunteers, locals and visitors can now take a drive down memory lane and tour the Town's historic sites! To check out the society's driving tours for the following five areas: Airport Park, Colchester Cemeteries, Colchester Village, Fort Ethan Allen, and Malletts Bay, visit <https://colchestervt.gov/3257/Driving-Tours>.



Member Spotlight

The Fursts moved to Vermont in 1979. Bob, a retired IBM electrical engineer and former member of the Air Force, and Suzanne, a retired nurse, understood the importance of integrating themselves into each community they belonged to, from Pittsburgh to San Francisco.

When Suzanne found herself touring the town's historic homes one day, she knew she found her spot with the Historical Society. It wasn't too long after when Bob joined as well. They value the friendships they've made, learning about their State's historical, cultural, and geologic background, and hearing the stories of Colchester folk.



With the Colchester Historical Society

Suzanne, one of the Historical Society's past Presidents, helps organize

programs and trips for members today while Bob serves as treasurer and webmaster. The couple enjoys volunteering at the Log Schoolhouse at Airport Park and interacting with visitors from all around the world! Suzanne was very involved in curating the Schoolhouse's interior design and artifacts – she said it is always fun to see children pretending to be students from the late 1800s.

Outside of the Society

The couple enjoys watching women's basketball at UVM, traveling to near and far places, spending time with their grandchildren, and being members of the 251 club! Bob and Suzanne are on a mission to visit all 251 towns in the State of Vermont, all while photographing their journey and interacting with other historical societies.

Upcoming Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, August 24th, 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room. Masks are required. Alternatively, send a note 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: lcatv.org/live-stream-2
- Selectboard Meeting Agenda: bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Development Review Board (Hybrid Meeting): Wednesday, August 25th, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room. The Development Review Board will likely be participating in this meeting remotely. Staff will be present at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room during the meeting time. Members of the public will have the option to choose either remote or in-person attendance. Masks are required for in-person attendance. 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. Alternatively, participate in the public comment periods during the hybrid meeting.

- Participate via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88232429965>
- Participate by Phone: 1-929-436-2866
- Meeting ID: 882 3242 9965
- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Development Review Board Agenda: clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAgenda%2C

Upcoming Events

Burnham Memorial Library

Monday, August 16th

- Music with Raph 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- Teen Dungeons & Dragons 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 17th

- Outdoor Storytime 10:30 – 11:00 am
- Adult Book Club 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, August 18th

Outdoor First Time Kindergarten Storytime 10:30 – 11:00 am

Friday, August 20th

- Outdoor Storytime 10:30 – 11:00 am
- Anime Club 3:00 – 4:00 pm



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