

For the Week of August 22, 2022

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Important information from the Champlain Water District is included below:



2022 CWD Bond Vote Information

WHAT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED?

1. Filter Water Tank II (aka South Filter Water Tank Replacement)
2. Raw Water Parallel Transmission Main

TOTAL BOND VOTE AMOUNT?

The total bond vote amount is \$8,700,000, which is the total project cost for both projects. The total project cost amount for each project includes construction, construction contingency, engineering, legal and other costs.

There will be **NO CWD RATE INCREASE** as a result of these two projects. **CWD will NOT proceed to construction if we do not receive the grant funding through the federal earmark.**

WHEN ARE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS?

Public Information Meeting No. 1

Essex Junction – Lincoln Hall

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Public Information Meeting No. 2

South Burlington – CWD Facility

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE BOND VOTE?

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Champlain Water District

403 Queen City Park Road

South Burlington, VT 05403

Voters may request absentee ballots directly from Champlain Water District at 802-864-7454.

To Learn More: <http://www.champlainwater.org/DocumentCenter/View/364/2022-Bond-Vote-Informational-Flyer-?bidId>

Additional Information for Colchester Fire District #3 (CFD3) Water Customers

Champlain Water District (CWD) acquired CFD3 on July 1, 2022. They are now fully responsible for everything from the delivery of safe drinking water to repairs, maintenance, meter reading, and finances.

One of the biggest changes to occur with CWD's acquisition of CFD#3 is billing and invoicing. CWD is still working on importing old meter reading information from the Fire District's books into CWD's computerized utility billing program. Water meters were read for the July bill, and at this time it's anticipate that bills will be going out sometime within the next two to three weeks. The water bill you will receive will have a very different format from past bills, including your account number. CWD uses a billing program that automatically calculates charges based on meter readings and customer data. The good news is now you have several ways to pay your water bill. You can:

1. Mail payment to:
Champlain Water District
403 Queen City Park Road
South Burlington VT 05403
2. Pay your bill on-line by going to www.champlainwater.org. This option will allow you to perform a quick pay or register for a portal account (phone number required for registration). Payments with this option will be via credit or debit card through a third-party portal. However, with this option there is a percentage fee assessed and collected by this third-party vendor.
3. Automatic payments can be setup through a checking or savings account. The form for this option can be emailed, mailed upon request, or retrieved through the www.champlainwater.org website. There are no extra costs for this service.
4. Drop off your payment in the Payment Drop Box located at the Champlain Water District water treatment plant, 403 Queen City Park Road, South Burlington. Note that the security gate is closed at all times as CWD is a secure facility, but you can buzz the communication box at the entry to get in. You may also continue to drop off payments at the front door of the old CFD#3 office at 428 Main Street, but that option will be going away in the near future.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call the Champlain Water District at (802) 864-7454 or go to the CWD website's customer service tab and fill out an online contact request form.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.champlainwater.org/DocumentCenter/View/365/Customer-letter-71122?bidId>

Department Updates

Town Clerk's Office:

Special Enrollment Period for income eligible households

A new Special Enrollment Period (SEP) will help income eligible households sign up for a [qualified health plan](#) at any time. To be eligible for this SEP, a customer must be eligible for financial help and have a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Single Vermonters can have a household income up to \$25,760 and couples up to \$34,840. A family of four with a household income up to \$53,000 may also qualify.



Households must sign up through Vermont Health Connect (VHC) in order to get financial help and access this SEP. Both new applicants and existing households enrolled in qualified health plans through VHC can use this SEP.

With American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) tax credit enhancements, [Silver level plans](#) offer access to zero (or near-zero) dollar premium plans with low deductibles.

Vermonters can [learn more](#) about the new opportunity by visiting VermontHealthConnect.gov, calling the Customer Support Center at 1-855-899-9600, or by contacting trained, local professionals to help them through the [Assister program](#).

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or alternatively send a note, up to 1,000 words, to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and their name and address in the body of the email. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting (as the information packet for the current meeting is sent out along with the agenda).

- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

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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