

For the Week of September 26, 2022

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

On Thursday, September 15th, Town employees gathered for a Town Staff Appreciation Picnic at Bayside Park. Staff enjoyed a BBQ picnic and lawn games before Town Manager Frank gathered everyone to applaud Town Goals that have been [achieved](#) and review goals for the [future](#). Additionally, staff members were honored for their dedicated years of service to the Colchester community, and on behalf of the Selectboard, Chair Pam Loranger thanked all staff for their professionalism, competence, and readiness to serve, whether over the counter, on the phone, along the roadways, in the parks, or at times of crisis.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 1, 2022

11 AM – 3 PM

Severance Corners

What a way to spend a Saturday! Get outside and explore, meet your neighbors and local business owners, and join us for a fun day in Colchester! Enjoy local food trucks and music while having a picnic on the green, participate in kid-friendly Fall activities and crafts, and support your local businesses at Severance Corners on October 1, 2022 from 11 AM to 3 PM.



“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.”

Want to get involved in your Town? Consider volunteering on a Town Board or Commission!

See below for more information, and to complete an application, please visit and apply no later than October 31st: <https://colchestervt.gov/369/Boards-Commissions>

Conservation Commission – 2 Open Adult Member Seats & 2 Open Youth Member Seats

Theresa Carroll, Chair, tcarroll110@gmail.com

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00 PM at the Town Offices, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, or per agenda.

The Conservation Commission is concerned with the public awareness, education, and preservation of Colchester’s natural areas; water quality of rivers, ponds, and Lake Champlain; wildlife habitats; and beautification of the Town. Annual activities include:

- Green Up Day Coordination
- Colchester Blooms! to raise funds for planting flowerbeds at high-traffic sites
- Maintenance of the rain garden on Holy Cross Road
- Site visits to Town natural areas to plan future projects and assess natural resources for reports to Lake Champlain Land Trust
- Attention to water quality, stream protection, conservation and related areas and responds to special project requests from Town officials

- Completed Projects include: Care of the Urban Forest Project through the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program to assist with master tree plan and tree inventory and provide volunteer training in the maintenance and care of Town trees; Rain Barrel Workshop
- What CCC Values: Creative thinking and new ideas regarding ways to address conservation in Colchester

Development Review Board – 3 Open Adult Member Seats & 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Zachary Maia, Developmental Planner, 802-264-5604

Matthew Gamage, Chair, matthew.gamage@gmail.com

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.

The Colchester Development Review Board processes and approves:

- Commercial and Residential site plans
- Subdivision applications
- Conditional use and variance applications
- Appeals of the Zoning Administrator's determinations

Planning Commission – 1 Open Adult Member Seat & 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Cathyann Larose, Director of Planning and Zoning, 802-264-5602

Richard Paquette, Chair, Paquette12@comcast.net

Meets monthly on either the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Town Offices at 7:00 PM, Outer Bay Room, 3rd floor.

Currently the Planning Commission is finalizing several amendments to the Development Regulations and will likely soon begin a review of design in the Town's Growth Center (Severance Corners). The Commission also:

- Oversees revisions to the Town Zoning Regulations
- Undertakes planning studies for the long-term growth of Colchester (updating the open space plan is possible during this term)
- Updates the Town Plan (will kick off in 2024)

Recreation Advisory Board – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Glen Cuttitta, Director of Parks and Recreation, 802-264-5641

Adriane Martin, Chair, Adriane.schubert@gmail.com

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Town Offices at 7 AM.

Members work with the Director of Parks and Recreation on the development and management of recreational facilities and programs to serve the citizens of Colchester. In addition, they help coordinate and volunteer at Parks and Rec events such as:

- Winter Carnival
- Touch a Truck
- Fourth of July events

Board of Library Trustees – 1 Open Youth Member Seat

Kelly McCagg, Library Director, 802-264-5661

Toni Josey, Chair, tjosey@colchestervt.gov

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM at the Burnham Library.

The Library Trustees work with the Library Director to determine policies to govern library operations, and programs; recruit, interview, and consider candidates for the position of Library Director along with the Town Manager; maintain an ongoing performance appraisal for the Director with the Town Manager; secure adequate funding; assist in the annual budget presentation at budget hearings; and attend Selectboard meetings as necessary. In addition, the Library Trustees ensure and advocate:

- Collection development
- Long-range library planning
- An active marketing program
- Local, state, and federal library laws and stay informed on pending library legislation
- Accurate record keeping at the library and compliance with Freedom of Information regulations

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, September 27th, 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

Recreation Advisory Board: Monday, September 26th, 7:00 am at the Colchester Town Offices.

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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