

For the Week of January 2, 2024

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Police Chief Swearing-In Ceremony: On Thursday, December 21st, 2023, Peter Hull was sworn in as Colchester's newest police chief. Surrounded by Town and Police Department staff, family, friends, and community members, Hull's leadership within the department and commitment to serving Colchester was recognized and celebrated. For a full recap of the event, you can visit: https://www.colchestersun.com/news/colchester-swears-in-new-police-chief-peter-hull/article_4006b438-a023-11ee-befd-97f12607599b.html



Renewable Energy Update: At the [December 12, 2023 meeting](#), the Selectboard received an update on Town efforts regarding renewable energy. The Town has an ongoing goal and commitment to utilizing renewable energy sources, and in the past year, staff has worked to: 1) secure and permit a third solar farm; 2) upgrade lighting in Town buildings to energy efficient lighting; 3) install a level 2 electric vehicle charger for public use; and 4) approve solar energy components for the new Colchester Recreation Center. As outlined in this [memo](#), these efforts have saved resources and money for both the taxpayers and the Town.



You can read more here: https://www.colchestersun.com/news/what-steps-toward-renewable-energy-did-colchester-take-in-2023/article_91e3e630-9e9e-11ee-828c-233c10d3d8a9.html

Department Updates



Parks & Recreation

The 2024 Winter Brochure is now out! This brochure covers the months of January-May. Register online here:

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8439/2024-Winter-Brochure>

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 6:15 p.m. (public portion beginning at 6:30) at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, 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: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Development Review Board: Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or 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.

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, January 15, 6:00 p.m., at the Colchester Town Offices, 2nd Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Planning Commission: Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, January 18, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

Agendas available: <http://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt>

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