

**For the Week of April 15, 2024**

## Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

**National Public Safety Telecommunications Week:**  
[National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week \(NPSTW\)](#)  
is held annually during the second week of April to honor public safety telecommunicators for their commitment, service, and sacrifice.



NPSTW initially started in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California. In 1994, President William J. Clinton signed [Presidential Proclamation 6667](#), declaring the second week of April as NPSTW. This week we celebrate and thank Colchester's telecommunications personnel (informally known as public safety dispatchers) who serve our community, residents, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Pictures of Progress:** Every couple of months, photographs and updates from varying Town departments and Town happenings are shared with the Selectboard at their bi-monthly meetings. Below are a few slides from the most recent meeting, but if you'd like to see the entire presentation, please click [here](#) to see what your Town has been up to!

PICTURES OF PROGRESS <<PREVIOUS NEXT>> TOWN OF COLCHESTER

**Construction of the Recreation Center has continued and its entrance was marked with the installation of this special road sign.**





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## Public Works also worked to clear trees from a stormwater pond on Laura Lane.



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## Thingz from Yaad, a local catering company, recently secured space in the vacant Albany College's kitchen and cafeteria to bring Jamaican cuisine to the community!

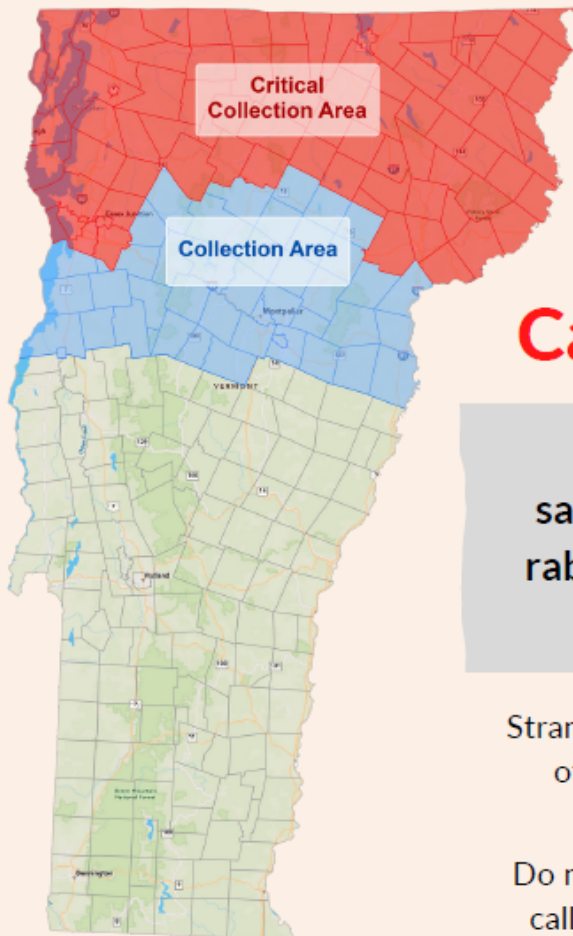






# RABIES ALERT!

**YOU** are critical to the success of rabies surveillance  
in Vermont!



If you see raccoons, skunks,  
foxes, coyotes, or bobcats:

- ▶ Acting strange
- ▶ Found dead

**Call (802) 223-8697**

**Wildlife Services is collecting  
samples to directly monitor wildlife  
rabies in Vermont. You are critical to  
the success of this project!**

Strange acting includes aggression, loss of fear  
of humans, excessive salivating, circling,  
lethargy, or paralysis.

Do not touch wild animals, alive or dead. Please  
call the Vermont Rabies Hotline to report the  
location and species. Samples will only be taken  
within the collection areas.



**United States Department of Agriculture**





# It's Your Bay

The Colchester Planning Commission wants to hear from you as it considers potential updates to height regulations along West Lakeshore Drive.

Attend in person on

May 7th  
7:00 pm

at the Planning Commission Meeting

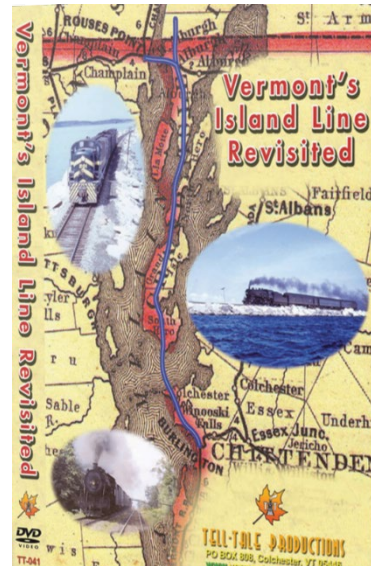
Can't make the meeting? Submit your thoughts anytime to  
Cathyann LaRose, Director of Planning and Zoning.  
[clarose@colchestervt.gov](mailto:clarose@colchestervt.gov) or 264-5606

***The Island Line Revisited* by James “Jim” Jones**  
**Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.**  
**The Meeting House**  
**830 Main Street, Colchester**

Please join the Colchester Historical Society for this presentation by James "Jim" Jones based on his latest railroading book, *The Island Line Revisited*. This 204-page book chronicles the life and times of the Rutland Railroad's fabled island-hopping route from Burlington across the Colchester Causeway through the Champlain Islands to Alburgh and Rouses Point. All are welcome to attend this program. Parking and admission are free. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow.

**About the Colchester Historical Society:**

The Colchester Historical Society is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Colchester's history. It shares historical information and hosts history-related events within the community. To learn more or become a member, please visit <https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>. Everyone is welcome at programs and events. Membership fees, sales, and donations help support the organization's mission to preserve and share Colchester's wonderful local history.



Courtesy of James "Jim" Jones

## Department Updates



**Planning & Zoning:** The Colchester Planning and Zoning Office will close early on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for a staff training. Regular office hours will resume on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

**Selectboard Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Alternatively, send a note, up to 1,000 words, to [TownManager@colchestervt.gov](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas)

**Colchester Conservation Commission:** Monday, April 15, 6:00 p.m., at the Colchester Town Offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Champlain Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda:

<https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=ConservCommssn&path=BOARDS%2CConservCommssn%2C>

**Library Board of Trustees:** Thursday, April 18, 4:00 p.m., in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=LibBoard&path=BOARDS%2CLibBoard%2C>

**Planning Commission:** Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=PLANAGENDA>

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

**Development Review Board:** Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:zmaia@colchestervt.gov) or by mail to Town of Colchester, c/o Development Review Board, 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda>

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