

For the Week of March 31st, 2025

Manager's Message

Town Manager Aaron Frank

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Town of Colchester requested changes to improve the safety of Vermont Highway US-Rt. 2 at the intersection of Clay Point Road. The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) agreed to fund a study to develop improved safety measures at this intersection. The CCRPC and the Town are holding meetings to hear input from the public on this matter. The first meeting will be held this **Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 PM in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.**

To make meaningful safety changes at this intersection, it is imperative to hear from the public. We strongly urge you to attend this meeting and make your positions known. A second meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Visit CCRPC's project site for more information: <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/scoping/us-2-clay-point-road-intersection-scoping-study/>

To learn more about the project and its history, read this memo from the Department of Public Works: https://clerkshq.com/Content/Attachments/Colchester-vt/240625_05c.pdf?clientSite=Colchester-vt

Colchester Historical Society Spring 2025 Newsletter Now Available

The Colchester Historical Society has wonderful events coming up, intriguing projects happening now, and great volunteer opportunities available. Be sure to check out the Spring 2025 Newsletter at <https://www.colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11150/Spring-2025-Colchester-VT-Historical-Society-Newsletter?bidId=>

For more information about the Colchester Historical Society, please visit the website at <https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>, and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety>. New members welcome!



This photo shows George Henry Pratt, Colchester's road commissioner 1922-1924 and again 1926 - 1930, grading East Road at its junction with Depot Road. Photo courtesy Jody Pratt, as featured in "Images of America – Colchester," by Inge Schaefer, Arcadia Publishing (2003).

Book Discussion with Author Jodi Picoult

The Burnham Memorial Library will host an online talk with Jodi Picoult, acclaimed *New York Times* Bestselling Author. Picoult will discuss her new book, *By Any Other Name*, this **Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM.**

Picoult is the author of twenty-nine novels, including *Wish You Were Here*, and *My Sister's Keeper*.

To register for the talk and see information on other upcoming events visit:

<https://libraryc.org/colchestervt/70866>



A Message from VTrans: Exit 17 Construction Update

DATE: Friday, March 28, 2025

Crews will resume construction of the new U.S. 2 bridge over I-89.

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: From Monday, March 31, through Friday, April 4, Interstate 89 (I-89) will be reduced to a single lane in both directions near Exit 17 during off-peak hours: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on I-89 northbound and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on I-89 southbound.

The I-89 northbound off-ramp slip lane to U.S. Route 2 (U.S. 2) westbound will remain closed 24/7. Motorists can turn right or left onto U.S. 2 at the signalized intersection.

Visit the project website for more information: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/colchester-exit17>

Questions and concerns about the project can be directed to VTrans at:

- Email: info@ColchesterExit17.com
- 24-Hour Project Hotline (802) 595-4399

Department Updates:

Town Clerk's Office:

A reminder: License your dog on or before April 1st to avoid additional fees.

Licensing may be completed online, by mail, or in person. A current rabies vaccination certificate is needed to issue the license.

Find more information here: <https://colchestervt.gov/323/Dog-Licensing> or call (802)264-5520.

Parks and Recreation:

For the month of April, the Colchester Recreation Center will be holding a special promotion on Spin Classes – **only \$7.00 per class!** This is a great opportunity to try something new. Registration for these classes can be made one week in advance. Register online here: <https://colchestervt.gov/333/Parks-Recreation>

Check out the Recreation Center's newsletter for April 2025. Stay informed about events, closures, and new things coming to the Recreation Center here:



<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11156/WELLNESS-Newsletter---April>

Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting. 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

Planning Commission: Wednesday, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docid=PLANAGENDA>

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Recreation Center, 80 Dick Mazza Drive. Agenda: <https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docid=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C>

Development Review Board: Wednesday, April 9th, 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. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAGENDA&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAGENDA%2C

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, April 17th, 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>

Colchester Conservation Commission: Monday, April 21st, 6:00 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Colchester Town Office. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommsn.htm#_CPA1

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