

For the Week of May 21, 2018

Manager's Message

Aaron Frank, Town Manager

Vermont's Urban Search and Rescue Team Task Force 1 (USAR TF1) was recognized by Vermont Business Magazine as the Outstanding Team at the Vermont Public Service Recognition Awards. Fifteen USAR team members were deployed for twelve days to Texas, in response to a request from Texas officials for 100 swift water rescue teams to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Four members of Colchester's Technical Rescue Team were included in the deployment: Task Force 1 Chief Mike Cannon, Dave Auriemma, Emily Fitzpatrick, and Chuck Dishino. Task Force 1 braved floodwaters to locate and rescue or recover victims trapped by high water.

The USAR Team is comprised of ninety responders from agencies and departments all around the state. The highly trained members provide unique and specialized emergency response services, including swift water rescue, structural collapse searches, confined space rescue, and trench rescue.

"The speed with which the team was able to fully prepare speaks directly to the readiness and capability of the USAR Team to respond effectively to emergencies here in Vermont or out of state," said Vermont Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Anderson. "And while only 15 team members deployed, they relied heavily on their full team in their preparation, and support back home while they were on the ground in Texas. Vermonters should be very proud of the men and women of the USAR Team who risk their lives to save others."

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Office of the Town Clerk
Karen Richard

- As we approach the end of the fiscal year we begin our review of our delinquent tax list. Initially we billed \$43,177,911 and have collected \$43,003,110. We have less than 1% still outstanding for the current year. The tax amount still outstanding from previous years is \$106,486.
- 2018 is an Election Year for the following offices: U.S. senator, U.S. representative, governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of accounts, attorney general, all (30) state senate seats, all (150) state representative seats, probate judge, assistant judge, state's attorney, sheriff, high bailiff and justices of the peace.. The State Primary will be on August 14th

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and the election on November 6th. Due to a conflict in the High School Gymnasium the August Election will be held in the High School Cafeteria. There will be additional reminders prior to the Election. You can also visit <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/candidates.aspx> for more information.

- If you are considering running for State Representative (there are 2 positions in 9-1 and 2 positions in 9-2) the petitions are due May 31st. Long-time representatives Jim Condon (9-1) and Maureen Dakin (9-2) both announced that they will not be running again.
- The Town Clerk/Treasurer/Delinquent Tax Collector position has been advertised. Next month I hope to announce the new person selected for the position.

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Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. **Next meeting: June 5**
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. **Next meeting: June 13**
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am, Champlain Room, 2nd floor, **Next meeting: June 13**
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. **Next meeting: June 18**
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **Next meeting: June 12**
- **Cemetery Advisory Committee:** Wednesday, **May 30, 8:00am** at the Town Offices in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor.

All meetings take place at the Colchester Town Offices, 781 Blakely Road, in the Outer Bay Conference Room on the 3rd floor, unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming events:

- **Colchester Rescue Annual Open House:** May 23 6:00 - 8:00pm at 687 Blakely Road. Enjoy a station tour, police K-9 demonstration, Rescue and Police vehicles, learn about the Stop the Bleed program; also prizes and refreshments. FREE and fun for the whole family!
- **6th Annual Causeway 5K Race:** Due to storm damage to the Causeway, the Causeway race will be a 5K only. Saturday, June 2, 8:30am at Airport Park; \$30 per person. Registration is OPEN. Visit <http://bit.ly/causewayrace> for details.
- **34th Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, July 29, 8:30am at Bayside Park; Visit <https://www.colchestertri.com/> for details. Registration is now open for individuals and teams.

Notices:

- **Route 7/2 & 2A Construction:** We have been notified by VTRANS that construction will not begin next week as originally projected. We will update residents when we know more.
- The Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.
- **NOTICE OF UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE – EAST ROAD, COLCHESTER**
The Town of Colchester will be replacing a major drainage culvert on East Road this July. The existing culvert is failing and is also undersized. This is the first of many water quality improvement projects to be done under the Towns newly adopted Stormwater Utility. The overall project is expected to take 14 days. To ensure the safety of both travelers and the contractor, there will need to be a temporary road closure that will prohibit thru traffic on East Road for approximately 7-10 consecutive calendar days. The exact week of the closure will be determined as the project approaches and additional updates will be provided. The road closure will be located 1 mile north of the Route 2A intersection at the following coordinates: 44°33'23.81"N / 73° 8'14.05"W. Local traffic will be permitted on either side of the closure however there will be no thru traffic movements during the temporary closure. Message boards announcing the specific closure dates will be installed one week in advance of the closure. A detour will be installed via Austin House Road and Middle Road, although we encourage all travelers to use Route 7 during the closure to avoid delays, excessive wear to these gravel roads, and negative impacts to the residents who live along these low volume gravel roadways. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kevin McAleer, Public Works Project Manager at 264-5639, or kmcaleer@colchestervt.gov.

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