

For the Week of September 10, 2018

Manager's Special Edition:

Town Receives Permits for Cost Cutting Solar Power

The Town of Colchester received permits from State and Federal agencies to install a solar array on Town land located near **Shipman's Lane** (off Malletts Bay Avenue). This project will reduce energy costs paid by the Town over the next twenty-five years by 40%. The solar array will produce the energy equivalent of 29% of Town's annual electricity needs. The project will yield a net positive cash flow of \$455,784 over the 25 year project life, after capital payback, extended warranty, financing, operating expenses, insurance, and maintenance costs. The array will be screened from view by its interior location on a 60 acre lot, a hill, and a stand of trees. The Town, along with its development partner for the project Aegis Renewable Energy, has been working on this project for the last three years. Construction could begin as early as this fall.

The Town is working to permit a second solar array on Town-owned land on the east side of Roosevelt Highway near Poor Farm Road. The second project is of similar scale with equivalent benefits.

Town Selectboard Cuts Ribbon on Village Park Trail

The Colchester Selectboard held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Village Park Trail on Tuesday, September 11, 2018; the trail is now officially open for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The entrance to the approximately one mile long, **8' wide** walking/running/biking gravel path is located behind the Colchester Fire District #3 building at 428 Main Street. Additional trails will be completed as funding is accumulated in the Recreation Impact Fee Fund.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00pm. Next September meeting: September 18
- **Development Review Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Next meeting: October 10
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00am. Next meeting: October 10 in the Champlain Room, 2nd floor.
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. Next meeting: September 17
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Next meeting: September 25.

(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:

- **Muck It Up Adventure Race:** Saturday, September 29 at Upper Bayside Park. This is an off-road triathlon with trail running, mountain biking, and paddling. Visit <http://bit.ly/MuckItUp> for details and to register.

Notices:

Construction Update Routes 7/2, 2A Intersection Improvement Project - September 10-14: The contractor expects to work Saturday, September 15. After 8:30 AM there will be one-lane travel on weekdays as the contractor works in various sections of the project area. Questions? Contact Jill Barrett at 802.272.1248.



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