

For the Week of June 10, 2019

### **Manager's** Message

On June 7, 2019 our employees gathered for an annual event to honor them for the work they do for the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Town of Colchester. Some of these include:

- Burnham Memorial Library staff for providing free public information, reading materials, and programs for all ages, as well as meeting space.
- Colchester Police Department for keeping us safe and working in our schools with our youth, plus wellness checks for vulnerable seniors
- Colchester Dispatchers who provide a lifeline between emergency callers and our public safety agencies
- Colchester Rescue for providing emergency medical services and training opportunities
- Public Works staff for maintenance of our public streets and buildings, paths, sidewalks, stormwater systems, and sewer, along with the equipment and vehicles we use to serve Town residents
- Parks and Recreation staff for maintaining our top-notch parks and fields and creating fun programming for tots, teens, adults, and seniors
- Economic Development for supporting existing businesses and bringing new businesses to Colchester
- Planning and Zoning employees who support compliance with building, zoning, septic codes, and health regulations
- Town Clerk/Treasurer and assistants for collecting Town and State education taxes, issuing licenses, processing passports, running our elections and keeping our records
- Assessor for making sure everyone is assessed their fair share

In addition we recognized four long-time employees' anniversaries with the Town:

- Sgt. Francis Gonyaw who has 30 years with the Town
- Sgt. Mike Fish with 30 years
- Doug Landry (Department of Public Works) with 30 years
- Arthur "Buzzy" Julien with 20 years with the Town in Public Works.

For more about the Town Manager's Office, visit <http://colchestervt.gov/manager> or call 264-5509.

Office of the Town Clerk | Treasurer  
Julie Graeter

The Town Clerk's Office will have some updates to our fees and procedures soon due to legislative changes.

For further information or comment, please call Linda Gustainis at 802.264.5509

- The change that will be apparent to most of our Colchester Community will be **new formatting for property tax bills**. They will require a separation between the municipal tax and State of Vermont education tax portions. The Town Clerk's Office will provide more information as the tax billing date gets closer. Property tax bills will be mailed and received around July 15<sup>th</sup>; first installment due date is August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Two other significant changes** will be to the **procedures for requesting a birth or death certificate** and a **fee increase to file** permanent land records documents. Stay tuned for more information on all of these updates.

For more about the Town Clerk's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/townclerk> or call 264-5520.

Assessor  
Robert Vickery

- The 2019 Abstract Grand List is complete
- All property owners that have had an assessment change will receive a Change of Assessment Notice; the Notices were mailed May 30, 2019
- Notices of the Grand List and Warning of Lister Hearings have been posted in 5 places around Town (Mazza's General Store, Colchester Post Office, Shaw's Supermarket, The Burnham Public Library, and the Colchester Town Offices) and also published in the Colchester Sun
- Appeal hearings will be held in the Colchester Town Offices on June 13, 2019
- If you wish to appeal your assessed value you must have a written appeal letter delivered no later than 4:00 P.M. on June 13, 2019. All appeal letters should have contact information so someone in the Assessor's Office can set up a hearing time
- Find Web Map & Assessment Data at: <http://www.axisgis.com/ColchesterVT/>

For more about the Assessor's Office visit <http://colchestervt.gov/assessor> or call 264-5671.

Upcoming Town Meetings:

- **Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 PM. Next meeting: 6/18.
- **Development Review Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM. July meeting: 7/10
- **Recreation Advisory Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM. *Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.* July meeting: 7/10
- **Conservation Commission:** 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, at the Bayside Activity Center or per agenda. July meeting: 7/15
- **Selectboard:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 PM. Next meeting: 6/25

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- **Colchester Cemetery Advisory Committee:** 8:00 AM in the Champlain Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Next meeting: 6/27
- **Library Trustees:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 4:30-5:30 PM at *Burnham Memorial Library*. Next meeting: 6/20

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

Upcoming events:

- **Book Sale at Colchester High School:** Friday, 6/28, 4-8 PM, Saturday, 6/29, 8 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, 6/30, 10 AM – 2:30 PM. Help support the library! Don't miss our collection of gently used books and more at bargain prices! We have a wide range of fiction and non-fiction hardcovers and paperbacks in many genres: CDs, and DVDs, too. Located at the Colchester High School (131 Laker Lane).
- **49<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration:** Thursday, 7/4. See full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/363/4th-of-July-Celebration>
- **Summer Concert Series:** Thursdays, 7/11 – 8/1, 7:00 PM at Lower Bayside. Full schedule at: <http://colchestervt.gov/551/Summer-Concert-Series>
- **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Colchester Triathlon:** Sunday, 7/28, Bayside Park. Race begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is OPEN! Visit <http://www.colchestertri.com/> for details.

Notices:

- The **Colchester Stormwater Utility** still has spots available in our new pilot program that provides one-time financial rebates to residential property owners who install stormwater measures on their property in the summer of 2019. Signups will be accepted until June 30th. If you are interested in this program visit <http://tinyurl.com/BLUEcvt> and fill out the form to schedule an evaluation.



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