

For the Week of May 2, 2022

Manager's Message

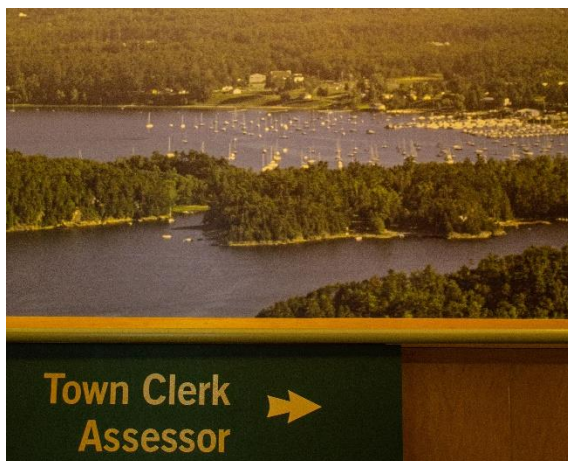
Aaron Frank, Town Manager

National Firefighter's Day is May 4th.

This week we honor these individuals who provide fire service and protect our Town and community. Colchester Fire

Department Chief Steve Bourgeois is most proud of how the department's dedicated members continue to respond year-round at any time of day or in any weather. He sincerely thanks all the department's members—volunteer and career—who have continued to respond in the last two years while dealing with COVID. A special thank you to the volunteer members'

families who support and allow them to protect and serve this Town every day. We encourage you to take a moment to thank your local firefighters for what they do to protect Colchester. If you'd like to learn more about the department or to visit a station or training session, Chief Bourgeois invites you to call 802-862-4415 x 11 or 802-316-0424, email sbourgeois@colchestervt.gov, or visit the web page at <https://colchestervt.gov/3245/Fire-Department/>!



This week is also National Municipal Clerk's Week! Colchester's Clerk's Office provides the community with many of the services related to elections and permanent records, and perhaps the most unpleasant job of any Town Department...collecting the Municipal Service and State Education property taxes! All jokes aside, your Town Clerk's serve as the Town's first contact and they enjoy their roles in providing in-person, over the phone, or electronic customer service. In fact, when asked about what she is most proud of in regards to her department, Town Clerk Julie Graeter

highlighted her staff's exceptional customer service every day, especially during these last few difficult years, and noted that the office has always been and continues to be available to help with almost anything. Check your inboxes or the Town's media outlets on Thursday

for the next *Town News Interviews* with Town Clerk Julie Graeter to learn even more! In the meantime, you can review and access many of the Clerk's Office's services here: <https://colchestervt.gov/322/Town-Clerk>

Thank You & Best Wishes, Justin!



Last week the Town said farewell to the Department of Public Works' Coordinator, Justin Pero. Justin was the friendly voice you'd hear when calling DPW and has aided in the coordination of many aspects of the department's essential functions. Before he left, he was able to see the accomplishment of his work on implementing an electric vehicle charger—for Town vehicle use—behind Town Hall. Pictured here is Justin next to the now operational EV charger that will be used to power the Town's electric car! Thank you for your contributions and best wishes to your future ventures Justin!

Alternative Energy Efforts

The EV charging station is one example of the Town's work to find and implement ways of reducing energy use, producing energy locally, and saving residents and businesses money in the provision of municipal services by becoming energy efficient. Alternate energy efforts span across the Town departments from developing a third solar farm, replacing street lighting with efficient LED fixtures, motion sensor, or solar-powered in Town buildings and amenities, to cleaning or updating HVAC systems to ensure more efficient operation. Find more information about the Town's alternative energy efforts in the Annual Energy Report on page 26 of the Town Report:

<https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7272/20-21TownReportColor>

Consider Participating this Green Up Day in Colchester: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Pick up bags at Colchester Police Department from 8 AM to 12 PM. Then, choose an area to clean up or one can be assigned to you and your group. Bags and trash that is picked up can stay where it is gathered and the Town will collect it, just be sure they are along a public road in a place where a Town staff member and truck can safely stop and that they are not on the bike path or school grounds. Pick-up is easier if bags are closed off and if metal and other bulky items are kept



separate and placed next to the bags. When obtaining your bags, please fill out the sign-up sheet to record pick-up information. Members of the Colchester Conservation Commission and Selectboard Chair Pam Loranger work with the Colchester Department of Public Works to make sure all the trash bags are collected or returned to the Green Up Day dumpster in the Town Hall parking lot donated by Myers Container Services.

Additionally, all are invited to enjoy a cookout hosted by the Colchester Lions Club and the Colchester/Milton Rotary from noon to 1 pm on Green Up Day! There will also be a raffle with prizes provided by the Lions Club. You can sign up and winners will be selected at the cookout at random. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you in advance to all who volunteer to keep our community clean and green!

Upcoming Town Meetings

Selectboard: Tuesday, May 10th, 6:30 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or alternatively send a note, up to 1,000 words, to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with "Citizens to be Heard" in the Subject and their name and address in the body of the email. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting (as the information packet for the current meeting is sent out along with the agenda).

- Watch the Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: www.bit.ly/Colchester-SB-Agendas

Development Review Board: Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 pm at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd Floor Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. The Development Review

Board will likely be participating remotely. Members of the public will have the option to choose either remote or in-person attendance. Masks are required for in-person attendance. 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. Alternatively, participate in the public comment periods during the hybrid meeting.

- Participate by Phone: 1-929-205-6099
- Meeting ID: 871 3561 5437 (US – New York)
- Link to meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87135615437>
- Watch Meeting Online via Live Stream: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>
- Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=DRBAgenda&path=DRB%2CDRB_Agendas%2CDRBAgenda%2C

Planning Commission: Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:00 pm, via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81964783174>

Recreation Advisory Board: Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 am at the Town Offices.

Library Board of Trustees: Thursday, May 19th, 4:30 pm in the Burnham Room of the Burnham Memorial Library.

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For more information or to comment, call 802-264-5509 or email townmanager@colchestervt.gov