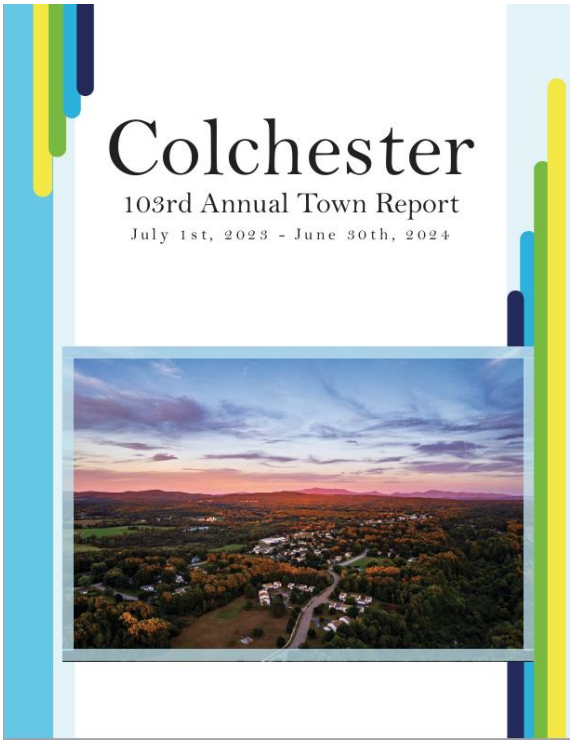
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Manager's Message
Aaron Frank, Town Manager



Annual Town Report Available: The Town of Colchester has completed its 2023-2024 Annual Town Report.

The report includes directories of local officials and services; shares challenges and successes from the past year from your Town Selectboard, boards, commissions and staff, and reviews proposals for the upcoming year.

You can pick up a copy from the Town
Offices or read it online here:

https://colchestervt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11004/Colchester-Annual-Report-FY2024no-bleed-white-margins?bidId=



WVMT -- Vermont's Oldest Radio Station 100th Anniversary: History and Stories

Saturday, February 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

828 Main Street, Colchester

Colchester Historical Society: Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of WVMT, Vermont's oldest radio station, located here in Colchester. Paul Goldman, who grew up in the business and became the station's owner, will tell us the history and share some great stories. Parking, admission, and refreshments are free. Please use the back-porch entrance to the building.

For Information on Colchester Historical Society: please visit
https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-HistoricalSociety

Department Updates

Public Works - Malletts Bay Sewer UPDATE: 2/3/2025

The Town of Colchester will be starting work on the West Lakeshore Drive Pump Station on Thursday, February 13, 2025. The pump station's concrete structure will be constructed in the boat storage lot across from Moorings Marina at 332 West Lakeshore Drive, and will take about four weeks.

This will require reducing West Lakeshore Drive to one lane, in the immediate area of the construction, for about four weeks, or until the construction is completed, even when the construction is not underway. Temporary traffic signals will be installed and operational during this period. During the construction activities, access to the Moorings Marina will be impacted by traffic control measures.

The Town has retained SD Ireland to complete this work. SD Ireland will return in June 2025 to complete the installation of the pump station equipment. As with all construction, the schedule is subject to change based on weather or site conditions.

What to Expect:

- Temporary traffic signals and construction signage east and west of the construction area.
- A single lane of travel in the immediate area where construction is taking place.
- Excavation equipment operating during the working day, generally from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday.
- Trucks entering and exiting the construction area.
- Motorists should anticipate delays during the period this work is underway.

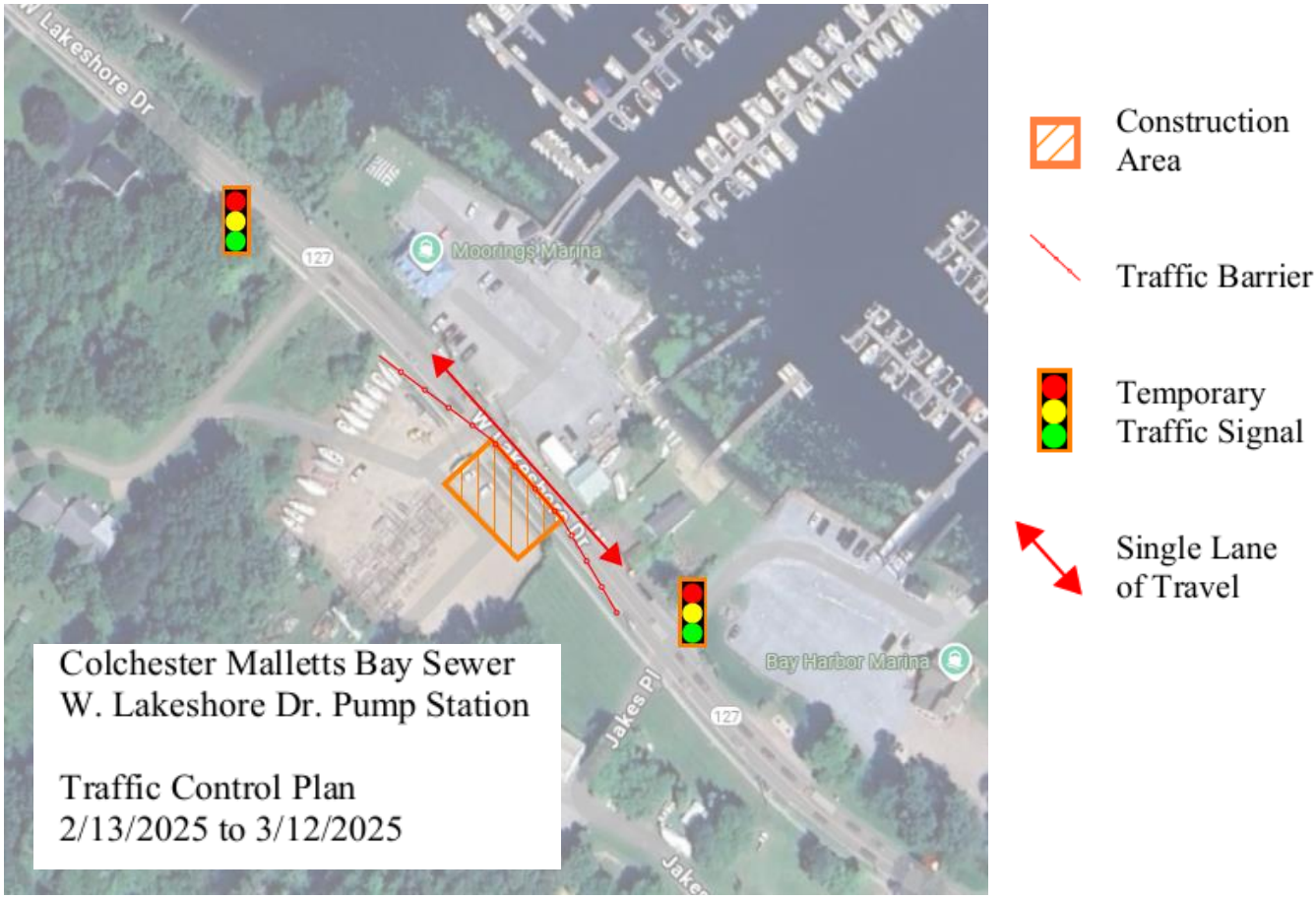
We understand this can be challenging when predicting how much additional time is needed in your travel time through the project corridor. We understand it impacts your time and arrival to your respective destinations. We apologize for this inconvenience, and we are doing our best to limit that impact.

We would ask the driving public to: a) Seek alternate routes where possible; b) anticipate the delays these coming weeks; and c) please adjust your schedule the best you can for the anticipated delays.

Please see the below traffic control outline.

Who to Contact:

- Danylo Whalen, Town of Colchester Engineer at 802.264.5620 or MBS@colchestervt.gov
- Norman J. Baldwin, Director of Public Works at 802.264.5620 or MBS@colchestervt.gov



To sign up for Email updates: [Mallets Bay Sewer Project Updates Signup]

More information: www.tinyurl.com/ColchesterSewer

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Town Assessor – 2026 Reappraisal Update: 2/3/25

The Town of Colchester is conducting a Reappraisal of all properties in Colchester to update property values in conformance with State of Vermont requirements. The Town is under contract with Vision Government Solution Inc. to collect data, make initial value determinations, and hold hearings with property owners regarding their determinations in the spring of 2026. Thereafter, the Town itself will hold a three-step hearing process, with the Assessor, elected listers, and the Board of Civil Authority.

The Town will notify property owners in writing of inspections by Vision which will begin in February 2025. The inspections will include collecting data such as size, age and condition, which supports the update of the data used in the reappraisal. We urge your cooperation, as accurate data will provide for a more equitable and accurate reappraisal. You can call our Town Clerk's office at 802-264-5520 to verify inspection requests.

In the spring of 2026, Vision will send out a Notice of Assessment Change to all property owners. These notices will have the proposed assessments as well as information on when and where the informational hearing will be held by Vision. Once Vision has conducted the informational hearing and addressed any questions or concerns property owners may have, the Town will mail out the official Change of Assessment Notices to all property owners. The Change of Assessment Notices will be a list of all properties in the town and will include the prior assessed value, the new 2026 assessed value, and the new 2026 Homestead and Housesite values. It will also include information on how to appeal an assessment to the Town's Board of Listers.

More information is available here: https://colchestervt.gov/3334/2026-Reappraisal

If you have any questions concerning the reappraisal, data collector, project supervisor, Vision, or the reappraisal project, you can contact me at 802-264-5670 or by email at colchesterassess@colchestervt.gov. At times, I will be in the field or in meetings, so I may not always be immediately available, but I will reply back to you.

Robert Vickery, Town Assessor

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Upcoming Town Meetings & Agendas

Selectboard Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th, 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: Tuesday, February 4th, 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, March 12th, 7:00 a.m. at the Colchester Town Offices, 3rd floor, Outer Bay Conference Room, 781 Blakely Road. Agenda: https://clerkshq.com/Colchester-vt?docId=RecAdv&path=BOARDS%2CRecAdv%2C

Development Review Board: Wednesday, March 12th, 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, February 20th 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, February 10th, at 6 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Colchester Town Office. https://clerkshq.com/Content/Colchester-vt/Boards/ConservCommssn.htm#_CPA1

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