

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Last night, the Colebrook Consolidated School Building Committee voted to approve, with minor comments to address, plans for the new HVAC system at the school. Final approval by the Board of Ed, with the project going out to bid afterwards, is expected later this month.

During January, the Board of Selectmen is reaching out to all Town boards and commissions to kick off the 2024/25 budget process. We'll provide updates throughout as we move closer to our annual budget referendum in May.

The Town Department of Public Works is ready for this weekend's snowfall and will be working to keep our 40 miles of Town roadways passable (with the State responsible for 182, 182A and 183). Following are ways you can help them be safe and efficient:

- Move all vehicles from the street.
- Don't blow or shovel snow into the street, especially after it's been plowed.
- Wait to shovel your driveway apron until after your street has been plowed.
- Don't try to pass a plow or salt truck—and maintain a safe distance behind.
- Remember that roads are plowed by priority. And, with each of our 4 drivers responsible for a 20-mile roundtrip (60-90 minutes in duration), we'll get to your street as quickly as possible.

As we kick off a new year, please note the following:

Bulk waste pickup – Available every week. Call 860.379.1662 by Thursday for Friday pickup.

Electronic recycling – Leave items at the Town Garage (43 Sandy Brook Road), outside of the storage unit to the right of the garage.

Winter sand – Sand mix is available at the Town Garage for Colebrook residents, by hand bucket. Limit 2 buckets per resident per winter storm event.

Energy assistance applications – Please contact Karen Odell at 860.379.3359, ext. 201, or kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

Meals at the Colebrook Community & Senior Center – Serving breakfast on Tuesdays from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch on Thursdays at noon. Breakfast is \$5 and lunch is \$6. For lunch, please RSVP by 2 p.m. on Tuesday at 860.738.9521.

Fall Kindergarten enrollment – New Kindergarten families are asked to contact CCS to join our incoming student list. In March, a mailing will be sent out regarding screening and registration.

Taxes due – The second installment is due 1/1/24. To avoid penalty, payment must be made by 2/1/24. For more information, contact Tax Collector Laura Bartlett at 860.379.3359, ext. 204, or at lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org.

Upcoming municipal board meetings in Colebrook:

Planning & Zoning – Monday, January 8th at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, January 8th at Town Hall at 7 p.m. (Selectmen's conference room)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202. Please send news items to Karen at kodell@colebrooktownhall.org by noon on Thursdays.

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