

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15th, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. **Trash collection will remain on a normal Thursday/Friday schedule next week.**

The Town Capital Improvements Program committee met last week. Ongoing projects with the Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) were discussed. Minutes can be found [here](#).

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) held their January meeting this past Monday. Duncan Wilber and Todd Hiller were re-appointed as members of the Town Inland Wetlands Commission, and AJ Ruwet was appointed as an alternate. Jane McAndrew was appointed as an alternate to the Town Conservation Commission. On Tuesday, BOS members attended a workshop for newly elected officials hosted by the Connecticut Council of Small Towns. Topics included early voting, cybersecurity, and state grant programs.

The Town Planning & Zoning Commission also met this week. Marty Neal and Jen LaRocque were re-elected as Chair and Secretary, respectively. Kevin Robichaud was elected Vice-Chair. The Commission discussed regulations concerning cannabis with the possibility of a question on the May referendum. They also discussed the Town Conservation Plan, which is scheduled to be updated during 2024. You can find the current plan [here](#).

The Colebrook Fire Department has elected a new Fire Chief. Congratulations to Sean Barry, who's succeeding Ben Bartlett. Thank you to Ben for his leadership as Chief. In his new role, Sean also joins the Town Capital Improvements Program committee.

CCS Superintendent Bob Gilbert will present his recommended 2024-25 school budget to the PTO and interested community members on January 24th at 7 p.m. in the CCS library. This budget was presented to the Board of Education on January 3rd. The public is welcome to attend. The CCS PTO is hosting an Adult Bingo Night fundraiser on Saturday, January 27th at the Little Red Barn Brewers in Winsted. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Bingo begins at 6 p.m. For more information and tickets, contact Colette Hiller at 860.469.2680. Also, please consider supporting the PTO at the Winsted Stop N' Shop. For every Stop N' Shop Bag purchased there during January, \$1 will be donated to the PTO.

Thank you to Department of Public Works employees (Bill Jasmin, Ed Finn, Mike Girolamo and Josh Jasmin) for their around the clock efforts to keep our roads passable during storms over the weekend, and this past Tuesday.

Upcoming municipal board meetings in Colebrook:

School Building Committee – (To finalize the CCS HVAC RFP) Tuesday, January 16th at Town Hall at 6 p.m. (Second Floor Meeting Room)

Board of Education Special Meeting – (To act on School Building Committee recommendations) Tuesday, January 16th at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. (Second Floor Meeting Room)

Inland Wetlands Commission – Tuesday, January 16th at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. (Land Use Office)

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. And, if you know of other residents who would like to be added to our email distribution list, please let us know.

Cordially,

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