

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

In 1988, Colebrook passed an ordinance establishing the Town's Capital Improvement Program Committee. The group is comprised of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Board of Finance, Planning & Zoning Commission, Fire Department, and the public-at-large. We define capital projects as those that exceed \$5,000 and have a life expectancy greater than 10 years. The capital budget the committee proposes is voted upon by the Town at our annual budget referendum.

Current year (FY 2023/24) capital projects include technology upgrades and a new roof for Colebrook Consolidated School, and Town matching funds for a new HVAC system. Also funded are Fire Department gear, and matching money for State-supported Town paving projects, and our three new bridges. Last week, the Capital Improvement Program Committee met to discuss the investments that have been approved by the Town, and to consider future needs. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, they'll finalize a proposed 2024-25 budget that will be on the May referendum ballot.

Debbie Crowell, Director of the Colebrook Senior and Community Center, will be leaving in March, relocating to Kentucky to be closer to her daughter's growing family. Debbie has done an outstanding job over the past three years and will be sorely missed! The Town Senior and Community Center Advisory Committee will develop a succession plan to ensure that the job opening for the new Director role is well outlined, and to plan a thoughtful job search and interview process. Above all, the level of program quality and community engagement must continue.

Yesterday, we met with State Department of Transportation engineers to discuss potential solutions for the drainage issue in the Post Office parking lot. On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll be meeting with an Eversource arborist to discuss tree work planned for later this year. Details on both of these initiatives to follow.

The Town Annual Report we referenced last week can be found [here](#).

Finally, if youth baseball registration is open, can Spring be far behind? Registration closes March 8<sup>th</sup>. Colebrook Recreational Baseball League details can be found [here](#). Clinics begin February 24<sup>th</sup>. Learn more [here](#).

#### **Upcoming Town events:**

The Colebrook Associates will host its first Winter Warmer in the Town Hall meeting room on Saturday, March 2nd from 2-4 p.m. All are welcome and there is no cost to attend.

The Colebrook Community & Senior Center is hosting a Leap Year Community Bingo on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.

#### **Upcoming municipal board meetings:**

Board of Selectmen – Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall at 5 p.m.

Board of Finance – Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org), or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

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