

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Colebrook Town Hall will be closed tomorrow in observance of Good Friday. Curbside trash and recycling collection is on a normal schedule this week.

More than 50 residents turned out for last week’s annual budget hearing to discuss proposed FY 25/26 budgets for the Board of Selectmen, Colebrook Consolidated School—and the Board of Finance’s proposed mill rate. Town and Region 7 budgets will be voted on at the town referendum on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, in the upstairs meeting room at Colebrook Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Based on the budgets presented, the Board of Finance voted on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to establish the mill rate at 33.7 for the coming fiscal year, 0.5 mill higher than two years ago, and 1.7 mills higher than this past year. In Colebrook, the current median home assessment is \$175,400. A 1.7 mill increase equates to a \$298/year increase for the median home.

At a special meeting last week, the Colebrook Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of William Wesley as Principal of Colebrook Consolidated School, effective with the 2025-26 school year. Mr. Wesley was chosen from a competitive field of candidates in a comprehensive hiring process that included two rounds of interviews by a district search committee, as well as a site visit. Mr. Wesley is an experienced educator with over 10 years of elementary and secondary public-school teaching and leadership experience in New Hampshire, and Avon and Simsbury, Conn.

The town is in the midst of its state-mandated revaluation process. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Assessor’s office at 860.379.3359, ext. 206.

An informational meeting will be held tonight (Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>), at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Consolidated School to provide interested residents with more details regarding a proposed, voluntary food composting pilot program. A representative from USA Recycling will be on hand, as well as the chair of the Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee.

The state is looking for input via survey on land values for the Public Act (PA) 490 program. PA 490 allows farm, forest water-front and open space lands to be assessed at current use value rather than fair market value. Surveys are due no later than Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Learn more [here](#).

Colebrook Fire Department member Jeff Coleman was recently honored for 50 years of service to the department and the community at a ceremony at the Center Firehouse.

The Colebrook Associates award scholarships to Colebrook residents annually. Applicants may be either new or continuing students at accredited 4-year, 2-year, or certificate-granting institutions. Applications are available at Town Hall. The deadline for submission is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for the Colebrook Lions Club scholarship program for graduating Colebrook high school seniors are available at the Guidance offices at Oliver Wolcott Technical and Northwestern Regional 7 High Schools.

An integrated pre-school program available to Colebrook students is being offered this fall at Barkhamsted Elementary School. For more information, contact Daniela Belanger at 860.307.9170, or [dbelanger@sharedservicesct.com](mailto:dbelanger@sharedservicesct.com).

**Upcoming events and fundraisers**

The Colebrook Conservation Commission will be hosting Colebrook Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 26th. Pick up garbage bags at Colebrook Town Hall, second floor meeting room, from 9 a.m. to noon. You may sign up for a particular road that morning, or you can sign up in advance by emailing Karen Odell, [kodell@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:kodell@colebrooktownhall.org), or by calling 860.379.3359, ext. 201. The filled garbage bags will be picked up along Town roads by our Department of Public Works on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Community & Senior Center is hosting a Spring Tea on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (Kentucky Derby weekend), from 9-11 a.m. Enjoy tea, sandwiches and sweets, with proceeds benefiting Pinney Stables. The cost is \$15/person. RSVP by April 28<sup>th</sup> at 860.738.9521, or at [seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org). Learn more [here](#).

The Colebrook Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room. Following a brief business meeting, the [Connecticut Museum of Culture and History](#) will make a special presentation, “*Hoopskirts to Flappers: Connecticut Fashion 1860s – 1930s*.” Refreshments will be served. That day, the Historical Society will also preview its summer exhibit, “*Clothes of the Past*.”

The annual Kids Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Colebrook Recreation Board, will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11 a.m. at the Colebrook Pond. Learn more [here](#). Register [here](#).

**Upcoming municipal board meetings**

Board of Finance – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (today), at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs meeting room)  
Board of Selectmen – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (today), at 8 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Selectmen’s meeting room)

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.

Happy Easter and Passover,

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