Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

A budget hearing will be held next Thursday (April 10th) at Colebrook Town Hall at 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity for residents to discuss the proposed FY 25/26 Colebrook Consolidated School and Selectmen's budgets, proposed capital budget, and the Board of Finance's proposed mill rate for FY 25/26. Town and Region 7 budgets will then be voted on at Town referendum on Tuesday, May 6th.

The town has begun its state-mandated revaluation process. In the last week, all owners of real estate in Colebrook should have received data mailers from our revaluation vendor, eQuality. The mailers include details from the town's assessment database regarding each property.

Please review the details and make notations regarding anything that may be inaccurate. If you would like to be contacted regarding your property, there is a place to request that, as well. The envelopes provided have a Waterbury mailing address for the Town of Colebrook (which is the address of eQuality). If you prefer to complete the data mailer online, there is a QR code for you to scan with your smartphone.

The purpose of the revaluation is to ensure the accuracy of the Assessor's records, and to maintain equitable assessments among all properties in town. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Assessor's office at 860.379.3359, ext. 206

Pre-season maintenance of the dirt road portion of Beech Hill Road is underway and that section is expected to be open by the end of next week.

Oiling of Fritz, McClave, Old Colebrook, Old North, Prock Hill, and Wolford Hill Roads has been scheduled for the first half of May (weather permitting). Crack sealing of Center Brook, Schoolhouse and Sandy Brook Roads has been postponed until July.

The Community & Senior Center is seeking candidates to succeed Dana Towers as Co-Director of the Center upon her departure in June. The position requires approximately 18 hours per week.

Duties include: cooking/organizing breakfast on Tuesdays and lunch on Thursdays; creating menus; grocery shopping; coordinating volunteers for breakfast/lunch; occasional assistance with programs/events; supporting the Center's participation in the Colebrook Fair (Labor Day) and the December Holiday Fair; and helping to organize their annual tag sale. Additionally, a Servsafe Manager Certification is required. For more information, or to apply, please contact me at bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org.

An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th, at 6 p.m., at Colebrook Town Hall to provide interested residents with more details regarding a proposed 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, to discuss their experience with composting.

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.

Upcoming events and fundraisers

The Northwestern Regional 7 Theatre will present "*Into the Woods*," Friday, April 4th, and Saturday, April 5th, at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, April 6th. Tickets are available at the door, or <u>here</u>.

The Colebrook Lions Club will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th, at 11 a.m., on the soccer field at Colebrook Consolidated School.

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

Upcoming municipal board meetings

<u>Board of Finance</u> – Thursday, April 3rd (today), at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (upstairs meeting room)

<u>Planning & Zoning Commission</u> – Monday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, April 14th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (upstairs meeting room)

Inland Wetlands – Tuesday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (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.

Cordially,

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