

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Earlier this week, 157 residents turned out to vote in our annual budget referendum. The proposed town budget of \$7,367,585 (comprised of the Board of Selectmen and Colebrook Consolidated School budgets), and the proposed Capital Improvement Program budget of \$415,000 were approved by a vote of 119-38. The budget for Northwestern Regional 7 passed in Colebrook by a margin of 111-46. The voter turnout at this year’s budget referendum was 44 more than last year’s total of 113.

This week’s referendum marked the debut of our new election tabulators (ballot-counting machines), and everything ran very smoothly. Thank you to our Registrars of Voters, Sherri Gray and Karen Odell, Town Clerk Debi McKeon, our poll workers—and everyone who voted.

Due to the rainy weather, oiling of Prock Hill, McClave, Old Colebrook, Wolford Hill, Old North and Fritz Roads has been postponed until next week (weather permitting). You may experience minor delays when traveling on these roads.

At this week’s Board of Selectmen meeting, Jim Bickford was appointed to serve as the Public-at-Large representative on the town Capital Improvement Program Committee, succeeding Jeb Burrows.

Mark your calendar for our next area Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. It will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at the Falls Village Public Works Garage (100 Railroad St) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. You must have a ticket to participate. Contact Karen at Town Hall (kodell@colebrooktownhall.org) for a ticket to this event. You can find a list of eligible/ineligible items [here](#).

As noted earlier, to explore the viability of food scrap recycling in Colebrook and help mitigate the cost of out-of-state disposal, we have been discussing a proposed, voluntary pilot recycling program. USA Recycling has offered to pick up food scraps from two collection points in town. Colebrook will not be charged for this service for the first year. The town is exploring grant opportunities to provide the first 50 residents that join with home kits to assist in gathering food scraps. If you are interested in participating, and have not already signed up, please do so [here](#).

Breakfast is available at the Community & Senior Center every Tuesday morning from 8-9:15 a.m. for \$6. No registration required. Lunch is available every Thursday at noon for \$7 (with advance registration required by 1 p.m. on Tuesday).

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday’s Community & Senior Center Tea to benefit [Pinney Stables Sanctuary](#).

The Colebrook Associates reports that personal care products are needed for their food bank in the foyer of the Community & Senior Center. Items can be left in the pantry, or at the post office.

Upcoming events

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. Breakfast sandwiches will be provided by the Colebrook Lions Club. Register [here](#).

On Sunday, June 1st, at 3 p.m. the [Colebrook Historical Society](#) will host an Open House to kick off its 2025 summer exhibit, “Clothed in History. Historical garments from many periods will be on display. Refreshments will be served. You may also view the exhibit and/or tour the Seymour Inn when the Historical Society is open on Saturdays and Sundays (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) throughout the summer.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Planning & Zoning – Monday, May 12th, 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.

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