

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

As the new fiscal year progresses, we are investing funds from the \$450,000 capital budget that was approved by the town at our May budget referendum. The following expenditures are in the works and represent a portion of that approved budget. As subsequent investments are made, we will keep you in the loop:

Attic insulation at CCS – This past week, the Town/School Building Committee reviewed and recommended to the Board of Education a proposal to install attic insulation at Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS). This will help to conserve energy and save on heating and cooling costs. Work is expected to take place prior to the start of school later this month.

New town snowplow – A new snowplow truck and blade for Public Works is in the process of being purchased in advance of the upcoming winter plowing season.

Technology upgrade at Town Hall – Earlier this week, we replaced Town Hall’s more than 20-year-old phone system—and are purchasing a new computer server (as our old server was at the end of its useful life). The new phone system will enable better service for those calling Town Hall, at a lower cost to operate, while the new server will help to keep us compliant with cybersecurity regulations.

Last week, we received a \$5,000 member equity check from the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), our insurance carrier. CIRMA is owned by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, of which the town is a member. The amount we receive annually depends on the performance of our member pool.

We served 51 at breakfast earlier this week at the Community & Senior Center. Breakfast is available every Tuesday from 8-9:15 a.m. for \$6. Lunch is available Thursdays at noon for \$7, with Tuesday 1 p.m. registration requested. Bingo is every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

As announced last week, Cow Plop is returning to the Colebrook fair this year. Annabell the cow will have 80 squares (one for each year of the fair) from which to choose for her random “plop.” Purchase tickets and read the rules [here](#) (link is on left side of the Weebly page), and at Facebook.com/colebrookctfair. Cow Plop is sponsored by Pinney Stables and benefits Colebrook Recreation.

It’s not too late to build a boat for the [Colebrook Fair Cardboard Regatta](#). The Regatta features homemade cardboard boats with judges selecting winners for each race, and awards for categories including the “Funky-est” boat and best costume. Entry forms, cardboard and duct tape are available at Town Hall.

The Community & Senior Center is seeking Labor Day Fair volunteers for help with set-up on Friday, August 29th, from 3-5 p.m. and take-down at the Fair’s conclusion on Saturday. To volunteer, please reach out to seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org.

If you would like to contribute a basket for the Center’s Basket Raffle, please contact the Center at 860.738.9521. Baskets in need of wrapping should be dropped off by August 26th and baskets already wrapped by August 28th. The Center is also looking for pie donations. Pies should be dropped off by August 29th.

The Colebrook Associates Food Pantry, located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center, is in need of baking items (e.g., cake mixes, frosting, brownie mixes etc.), bottled juices, canned fruit, canned soup, and personal hygiene products. Donations may be left at the pantry, or in the collection bin in the post office.

Upcoming events

Camp Jewell will be hosting their annual fireworks display for Camp Rising Sun on Tuesday, August 19th. This is an annual show, visible from various points around town. The rain date is Thursday, August 21st (not the Wednesday, August 20th, as reported last week).

On Friday, September 5th, the Colebrook Historical Society will host, “*The Life and Times of Scot Haney – What a Ride.*” Noted meteorologist Scot Haney will share his many experiences both on air and off. The evening kicks off with refreshments at the Seymour Inn at 7 p.m., with the program taking place at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall second floor meeting room. There is no cost to attend, and everyone is welcome.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Selectmen – Monday, August 18th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Second floor meeting room)

Inland Wetlands – Tuesday, August 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Capital Improvement Program Committee – Thursday, August 21st, at 5 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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