

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

With possibly significant snowfall predicted for Sunday night and into Monday, Public Works is making plans to make sure we're ready to go for winter storm Benjamin, and will bring on additional help, if/as needed. During last weekend's storm, two of our plow trucks were out of commission for a time. Heading into this weekend, all of our vehicles are ready to go, and we have plenty of salt in stock.

If the most severe predictions (e.g., 4-5 inches per hour) come to pass, plowing will be paused during periods when visibility is deemed to be unsafe. Parking lots will be plowed at the conclusion of the storm.

Please refrain from blowing, plowing or shoveling snow into the street, especially after it has been plowed. These areas re-freeze and the snow blown into the road creates a hazard for those traveling on the roads. When driving, please extend courtesy to our plow drivers.

Sand mix is available at the Town Garage (43 Sandy Brook Road) for Colebrook residents, by hand bucket. Limit 2 buckets, per household, per winter storm event. Please bring your own shovel.

At this week's Inland Wetlands Agency meeting, the town submitted an application to correct and restore five culverts to improve drainage on Pisgah Mountain Road. This project is part of a long-term maintenance plan being developed by the Pisgah Mountain Road Advisory Committee to protect and preserve this historic and scenic roadway. Also, beginning with the FY 26/27 budget, and reflecting additional state funding for roadway maintenance, the town will have a line item specifically for maintenance of our 4.75 miles of unimproved (i.e., dirt/gravel) roads.

Colebrook Consolidated School Superintendent Bob Gilbert will be presenting the FY 26/27 Board of Education budget to the PTO and any interested community members on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. at 7 pm in the school library.

Community & Senior Center Co-Director Kate Roux's last day was January 15<sup>th</sup>. We are currently interviewing candidates for the position, with duties including responsibility for Tuesday breakfasts, Thursday lunches, and support of the Labor Day and Holiday Fairs, in collaboration with our dedicated team of kitchen volunteers, and working closely with Center Co-Director Serena Brainard. The position is part-time (up to 18 hours per week for managing the kitchen, food prep, shopping and volunteer coordination). If you're interested in learning more, please contact me at [bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org).

Breakfast is available at the Community & Senior Center every Tuesday from 8-9:15 a.m. for \$6. Lunch is served every Thursday at noon for \$7 (advance registration required for lunch). When Region 7 and Colebrook School are closed due to inclement weather, the Center is also closed.

The Colebrook Associates food pantry, located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center, is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Donations may be left at the pantry, or in the collection bin in the Post Office.

Taxes were due January 1<sup>st</sup>, and are considered late if not paid by Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and subject to interest from the due date. During January, the Tax Collector's office will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon, and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. For any questions, please contact Tax Collector Laura Bartlett at 860.379.3359, ext. 204, or at [lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org).

For energy assistance, contact Karen Odell to set up an appointment at [kodell@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:kodell@colebrooktownhall.org), or call 860.379.3359, ext. 201.

The Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department is looking for new members to join their ranks and help our community. There are many ways to serve, everyone is welcome, and no prior training is needed. For more information, contact Todd Correll at 860.459.0292.

Our Norbrook Coyotes fifth and sixth grade basketball team (a collaboration between Colebrook and Norfolk) will be playing Barkhamsted (White) on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at Northwestern Regional 7. Go Coyotes!

## Upcoming events

On Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Karaoke hosted by Tyler Rae will be held at the Community & Senior Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Original music is welcome. This is a free event.

Ice conditions are looking good for the Colebrook Fire Department's annual ice skating party on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Colebrook Recreation Area (behind Town Hall). Come skate under the lights and enjoy hot cocoa, donuts and a warm fire.

The Colebrook Associates will host its "Winter Warmer" on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall. Admission is free. Enjoy tea, coffee, hot chocolate, light snacks and great conversation. Gift baskets will be raffled off and two special raffles are available for advance purchase. Please see the attached flyer for details.

## **Upcoming municipal board meetings**

Board of Education – Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Consolidated School

Capital Improvement Program Committee – Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Finance – Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

Planning & Zoning – Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

Rec Board – Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor 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.

Cordially,

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