

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

At this week's Board of Selectmen meeting, Town Clerk Debi McKeon updated the Board on the progress of the General Code Ordinance Project. The Board voted to consider an ordinance at the Annual Town Budget Meeting in May to accept the Town of Colebrook Code, as presented.

A Connecticut town's General Code is the codified set of local ordinances and regulations that govern municipal operations, including zoning, traffic, safety, and public property. These are established under authority from the Connecticut General Statutes which empower municipalities to manage local affairs.

For more information, a copy of the proposed ordinance to be considered at our May Town Meeting is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. It may be reviewed during regular business hours, or on the town website at www.townofcolebrook.org. This year's May Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4th, at Colebrook Town Hall.

As winter draws to a close, we are carefully monitoring the weather along with our supplies of salt and sand. Salt shortages across the state (and region) continue. We have a limited amount of salt on hand for any late-season weather developments.

The latest long-range weather forecast from the state is predicting several cold fronts to move across the area over the next couple of weeks. Total rainfall for the next two weeks is expected to range from 1" – 2" across the state which is near normal for mid-March.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank our hard working, four-man Public Works team for their around the clock efforts to keep our roads safe this winter. Looking ahead to next winter, we are anticipating delivery of our new snowplow in the coming weeks. This was funded through our Capital Improvement Program over a two-year period. To mark the occasion, we are collaborating with the students and staff at Colebrook Consolidated School on a contest to choose a name for our new vehicle. The student who provides the winning entry name for our new truck will receive a ride!

As our Public Works focus shifts from snow removal to general road maintenance this spring, we would like to chip seal the remainder of Sandy Brook Road (between the new bridge and Route 8). The scope of our oiling program may be influenced by the recent spike in oil prices, however. We also are making plans to sweep the sand that was used this winter—and are planning for spring tree work along town roads.

Next Wednesday, March 18th, at 6 p.m., representatives from Northwestern Regional 7 will be in the Town Hall second-floor meeting room for their annual budget presentation to town residents. Everyone is invited to attend.

The town will host its annual budget hearing on Thursday, April 9th, at 7 p.m. The referendum on Colebrook and Region 7 budgets will be held on Tuesday, May 5th.

Next month, Town Hall is seeking to fill a six-hour/week custodial position. Applicants should reach out to Karen Odell at kodell@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). For news from the Center, follow them on [Facebook](#).

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.

If you'd like to participate in our pilot food scrap recycling program, please reach out to me. We still have collection bins available.

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. Baking mixes and cereal are in need this week.

Upcoming events

This Saturday, March 14th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the Community & Senior Center is hosting Karaoke Night hosted by Tyler Rae. Original music is welcome. This is a free event.

The Northwestern Regional 7 Theatre will present "The Addams Family Musical" on Friday, March 27th, and Saturday, March 28th, at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, March 29th. Tickets are available at the door.

The Colebrook Lions Club will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th, at 11 a.m., on the soccer field at Colebrook Consolidated School.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Board of Finance – Thursday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (second floor meeting room)

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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