

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

The Boards of Finance and Selectmen met last week, and voted to accept a bid from Sav-Mor Cooling and Heating to install a new HVAC system at Colebrook Consolidated School. With support from a State grant, we will now proceed to replace our end-of-useful life boilers, upgrade the electrical system, improve ventilation in the building, and air condition the Library and the nurse's/administrative offices. The work will take place over the next 18 months.

Tuesday was Referendum Day for the Town and Northwestern Region 7 Fiscal Year 2024/25 budgets. One-hundred and fourteen people voted. For the Town budget, 96 were in favor and 17 opposed, with one abstention. For the Region 7 budget, 96 were in favor and 18 opposed.

Punch list items related to our three new bridges—Creamery Road, Pinney Street and Sandy Brook Road—that opened at the end of construction season last year are in the process of being resolved. As these projects close out, the orange State signs will be removed.

Yesterday, we took possession of a new Chevy Equinox for Town business, and Dial-a-Ride medical appointments. This is the successor to our former First Selectman's pickup truck, which was decommissioned earlier this year.

Next week, we are scheduled for a court date in Torrington, as we seek to resolve the Wind Colebrook South tax appeal. We're scheduled for 2 ½ days. Our Town Attorney, Pat Powers, will represent us. I will keep you apprised of developments.

Due to rain this week, chip sealing will continue next week on Bricklemaier and Smith Hill Roads.

Last night, Ayla Fritz and Mattea Young, Region 7 students from Colebrook, were honored for being in the top 10 academically in this year's Senior class at the high school. And, last week, 6th grader Lucas Brainard received the Colebrook Consolidated School Superintendent's Award.

So far, we have seven volunteer Bingo callers. More are welcome! It's a great way to support the Community & Senior Center. You can sign up [here](#).

To help with roaming bears and garbage being strewn about, please avoid leaving bins out for longer than necessary. If you'd like a bear-proof garbage can, learn more [here](#).

In collaboration with Norfolk, our Rec Board is sponsoring two youth baseball teams this spring—the Norbrook Royals (coach pitch Farm league) and Norbrook Rockies (kids pitch Minor league). Our Norbrook Rockies are hosting the Hartland Pirates this Saturday, May 11th, at 8:30 a.m. at Colebrook Field on Cooper Lane in the Town recreation area. We'll keep you apprised of other home games as the season progresses.

Upcoming Town events:

The Colebrook Church Fellowship Society is hosting a Plant, Bake and Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 18th, on the Colebrook Village Green from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you'd like to donate baked goods, please drop them off in the Church Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 17th, from 4-5 p.m. Proceeds will be used to help fund new carpeting for the Church.

The Colebrook Board of Recreation and the Town will host a Kids Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 19th, at the Colebrook Town Pond. Registration is at 8 a.m. Lines in water at 9 a.m., with fishing from 9-11 a.m.

Upcoming municipal board meetings:

Planning & Zoning – Monday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Board of Selectmen – Monday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Selectmen's 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.

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