

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Colebrook Fair is in the books and—as reported in the *Waterbury Sunday Republican*—the event, “went off perfectly.” Approximately 40 vendors lined the Green and a closed-off portion of Smith Hill Road. Music and food abounded. Our pet show featured seven dogs, one chicken and a goat—and our iconic frog jumping contest included 56 entrants. At our car show near the ballfield on Cooper Lane, more than 90 classic cars and motorcycles vied for the Best-in-show, People’s Choice, and Selectmen’s awards.

Also at the Fair, our new Colebrook Fire Department custom-cab fire truck was on full display. The Colebrook Community & Senior Center auctioned off more than 60 items for their Basket Raffle and raised more than \$4,600 for the Center (including pie and food sales). New to the Fair was a dunk tank fundraiser for the Colebrook Associates. The day concluded with kayak racing—and the always exciting Cardboard Regatta on Colebrook Pond.

Thank you to our many tireless volunteers who keep this tradition alive and help to ensure its success! You can read Kathryn Boughton’s Colebrook Fair coverage and see her photography in the attached article from the *Sunday Republican*.

With winter approaching, the Public Works crew installed new drainage at the Community & Senior Center this week. The objective is to significantly reduce icing in front of the Center.

Next week, the Town will begin accepting applications for energy assistance. Please contact Karen to set an appointment or contact her with any questions at [kodell@colebrooktownhall.org](mailto:kodell@colebrooktownhall.org).

Our Colebrook Consolidated School Building Committee met last night and reviewed progress on our school HVAC project. To date, electric lines have been laid to upgrade the electrical supply capacity and concrete pads have been poured for propane tanks to support new gas-condensing boilers.

Consolidation of school resources at the K-6 level among Region 7 towns has been a topic of discussion for many years. In 2015, a plan to create a Colebrook-Norfolk regional school district was defeated at referendum. As recently reported in *Norfolk Now*, nearly a decade later collaboration has again emerged as a topic. What that might look like remains to be seen—and would require support from both communities. Read more in the attached article.

Superintendent Steven LePage and Northwestern Regional students are looking for veterans, retired policemen and first responders in need of assistance with Fall Cleanup for the [House of Heroes](#) Project. This could include assistance around the house, performing minor home repairs and improvements at no cost to them. Superintendent LePage and students are working in partnership with the House of Heroes to assist all veterans in need. If you are familiar with anyone who might benefit, please email Diane Barrett at [dbarrett@nwr7.org](mailto:dbarrett@nwr7.org), or call 860.379.1084, extension 2401.

### **Upcoming community events**

On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room, please join Gerri Griswold for a lavishly illustrated talk—sponsored by the Colebrook Land Conservancy. Gerri’s presentation will touch on the basics of one of the most beneficial and maligned animals on our planet—the bat. How many species of bats are there? Where do they live? Why are they so important to us? What is harming them? .... and so much more will be addressed. Gerri is Director of Administration and Development at The White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield. She handled bats and porcupines for thirty years as a wildlife rehabilitator and educator, licensed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the United States Department of Agriculture.

On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is preparing for its annual STAND DOWN event which will be held at six regional locations: Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, Norwich, Rocky Hill, and Stamford. This DVA-sponsored event is intended to support Connecticut’s Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel, and their immediate families by providing “one stop” access to a range of programs and services offered by state and federal agencies, Veterans organizations, and community-based non-profits. Learn more in the DVA flyer attached.

### **Upcoming municipal board meetings**

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

Board of Selectmen – Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs 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.

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