

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

On Monday, January 13th, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall upstairs meeting room to consider the following applications:

- PZC # 24-004 Special Exception
Location: 39 Old Creamery Rd.
Applicant: John Boutin
Proposal: Contractor shop & storage
- PZC # 24-005 Text Amendments
Location: General Business District (GB)
Applicant: William Sweeney
Proposal: New uses by Special Exception in the GB district—Motor vehicle, boat and equipment sales or rental; Motor vehicle, boat and equipment repair or service

At the hearing, interested persons may appear and be heard, and written communications will be received. Copies of the applications are available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's and Zoning offices.

This month, the Board of Selectmen is reaching out to all Town boards and Commissions to kick off the 2025/26 budget process. We'll provide updates as we move closer to our annual budget referendum in May.

During the winter months, the Department of Public Works strives to keep our 40 miles of Town roadways passable (with the State responsible for Routes 182, 182A and 183). Please adhere to the following requests to ensure the roads are cleared safely and efficiently:

- Move all vehicles from the street.
- Don't blow or shovel snow into the street, especially after it has been plowed.
- Shovel your driveway apron after your street has been plowed.
- Don't try to pass a plow or salt truck—and maintain a safe distance behind.
- Roads are plowed in a prescribed order. Each of our 4 drivers are responsible for 20-miles of roads (60-90 minutes in duration). They will get to your street as quickly as possible.

Also, in the near-term, we are slightly shorthanded, utilizing a three-man crew for plowing/salting. This will be until our newest team member completes the certification process for his CDL license, anticipated in the next few weeks.

The Colebrook Associates food pantry, located in the vestibule of the Community & Senior Center, is seeking the following items: breakfast food (cereal/oatmeal); cake mixes/frosting; soaps/hygiene products; coffee; tea bags; and juice. The pantry is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon.

As we kick off a new year, please note the following:

Taxes due – To avoid penalty, payment must be made by 2/1/25. For more information, contact Tax Collector Laura Bartlett at 860.379.3359, ext. 204, or at lbartlett@colebrooktownhall.org.

Bulk waste pickup – Available every week. Call 860.379.1662 by Thursday for Friday pickup.

Electronic recycling – Leave items at the Town Garage (43 Sandy Brook Road), outside of the storage unit to the right of the garage.

Winter sand – Sand mix is available at the Town Garage for Colebrook residents, by hand bucket. Limit 2 buckets per resident per winter storm event.

Energy assistance applications – Please contact Karen Odell at 860.379.3359, ext. 201, or kodell@colebrooktownhall.org.

Meals at the Colebrook Community & Senior Center – Serving breakfast on Tuesdays from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch on Thursdays at noon. Breakfast is \$6 and lunch is \$7. For lunch, please reserve your meal by 1 p.m. on Tuesday at 860.738.9521.

Upcoming community events and fundraisers

Don't know what to do with your old Christmas tree? Bring it to the "The Great Tree Burn" at the Forge Fire Company (300 Colebrook River Rd.) on Sunday, January 12th, at 5 p.m. Enjoy s'mores, hot chocolate and a warm bonfire. Or they can pick up your tree. A firefighter will pick up your tree on Saturday, January 11th. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Contact them at info@colebrookfire.com.

The Colebrook Consolidated School PTO is hosting Parents' Night Out Bingo on Saturday, January 18th, at Little Red Barn in Winsted. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 6 p.m. Advance ticket purchases are strongly recommended and can be purchased [here](#).

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Capital Improvement Program Committee – Thursday, January 9th, at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Planning & Zoning – Monday, January 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs meeting room)

Board of Selectmen – Tuesday, January 14th, 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, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Cordially,

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