

Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 17th, in recognition of President's Day. Curbside trash and recycling pickup will not be impacted next week.

A special joint meeting of the Colebrook-Norfolk Educational Collaboration Exploratory Committee will be held on Thursday, February 20th, at 7 p.m. at Botelle School in Norfolk in the Hall of Flags. The purpose is to discuss the potential for pre-K-6 school collaboration. The meeting is open to the public.

Due to today's winter storm, this week's lunch at the Community & Senior Center will be held tomorrow (February 14th).

The Town is seeking bids for its decommissioned pumper fire truck. The truck requires approximately \$750-\$1,000 in work to repair its transfer case (pump to road). Tank capacity for the truck is 1,000 gallons with a pumping capacity of 1,250 gallons. For more information, contact Chief Sean Barry at Firechief@colebrooktownhall.org. Bids are due to the Selectmen's office by Friday, February 21st, at noon, with a reserve price (minimum bid) of \$6,000.

Colebrook Consolidated School Superintendent Bob Gilbert will be presenting the Board of Education's fiscal year 2025/26 request to the Board of Finance on Thursday, February 20th.

The Board of Selectmen will be presenting their FY 25/26 budget on Thursday, February 27th.

The next Community & Senior Center Grief Support group, session will be Thursday, February 27th, at 6 p.m., and every other Thursday. You may RSVP to 860.738.9521, or by emailing seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org. A \$20 donation is suggested to participate.

As you may have noticed, the Colebrook Store is closed for renovations. The Colebrook Preservation Society reports that the store is targeted for re-opening later this year. For the past 12 years, this iconic landmark building has been owned by the Preservation Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with generous help from local residents, neighbors and area foundations. Its mission is to provide an inviting and memorable experience for all who come to enjoy the peace and serenity of historic Colebrook. The Preservation Society appreciates your patience as they complete the important work of renovating the interior of this historic 233-year-old building.

Upcoming community events and fundraisers

On Saturday, February 15th, at 8 a.m. at Pearson School in Winsted, our 5th and 6th grade basketball team will attempt to complete their undefeated regular season. Looking ahead to the playoffs, we are the number one seed—and, after this Saturday, will play in the league semi-finals on Tuesday, February 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at Pearson. The Championship game will be held on Friday, February 28th at 7 p.m., also at Pearson. Go Green!

Due to the challenging weather pattern, the Colebrook Congregational Church is postponing its Chili Dinner with a new date to be determined.

The Community & Senior Center will host its February birthday lunch on Thursday, February 20th. Please RSVP by February 18th.

The Colebrook Recreation Board is seeking billboard sponsors for the Colebrook Recreation Baseball Field for the upcoming season. Businesses provide their own advertisement for a 4' high by 6' wide billboard to be displayed on the fences in the outfield. The fee for the first year is \$250 with an annual fee of \$200/year for subsequent years. Learn more here, or contact Katie Martin at colebrookctrec@gmail.com.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

Town/School Building Committee – Thursday, February 13th, (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs meeting room)

Composting Advisory Committee – Tuesday, February 18th, at 4:00 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

Colebrook-Norfolk Educational Collaboration Exploratory Committee – Thursday, February 20th, at 7 p.m. at Botelle School in Norfolk (Hall of Flags)

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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