Greetings from Colebrook Town Hall.

Due to today's winter storm, state inspection of the Old Creamery Road bridge has been postponed until tomorrow. Consequently, Old Creamery Road will be closed tomorrow (Friday, February 7th) from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

With regard to snowfall, please be mindful of ice beneath the snow, given recent freezing and thawing. Be safe. Sand mix is available at the Town Garage for Colebrook residents, by hand bucket. Limit two buckets per resident per storm event.

Colebrook Consolidated School (CCS) principal, Beth Driscoll, has announced her retirement—effective at the end of the current academic year—having successfully led our school for 18 years. As part of its search process for her successor, the Board of Education is soliciting parental input. We wish Beth all the best in retirement and thank her for many years of service to our community.

CCS 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 its FY 25/26 budget on Thursday, February 27th.

Following the town-wide referendum in December that ratified a 20-year tax stabilization agreement with Wind Colebrook South (WCS), two payments totaling \$290,026 have been made to the Town, and WCS is now current on its tax obligations.

Last fall, the Community & Senior Center formed a Grief Support group, facilitated by hospice-trained Registered Nurse, and Colebrook resident, Paula Petty-Barber. The next support group session is Wednesday, February 12th, at 6 p.m. and continues every other Thursday. You can RSVP to 860.738.9521, or by emailing <u>seniordirector@colebrooktownhall.org</u>. A \$20 donation is suggested to participate.

Despite cold temperatures, more than 20 youth skaters turned out for the annual Fire Department skating party this past Saturday. Thank you to our Center and Forge Companies for hosting.

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

Upcoming community events and fundraisers

Our 5th and 6th grade basketball team won again last Saturday and remains undefeated. Their next game is this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Pearson School in Winsted. There is no admission fee, and all fans are invited to come and cheer them on.

Region 7 Project Graduation is sponsoring a Super Bowl fundraiser in conjunction with Mario's Tuscany Grill this Sunday. For every pizza and wings combo sold in the dining room or takeout that day, a percentage of the total proceeds will go towards the Class of 2025's Project Graduation celebration.

The Colebrook Congregational Church is hosting a Valentine Chili Dinner on Saturday, February 15th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) of Colebrook Congregational Church. The price is \$15 for adults. Children under 10 are \$5. First come, first serve. For more information, please contact Susan Kenny at <u>skenny@charter.net</u>.

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 <u>here</u>, or contact Katie Martin at <u>colebrookctrec@gmail.com</u>.

Upcoming municipal board meetings

<u>Capital Improvement Program Committee</u> – Thursday, February 6th (today), at 5 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office)

<u>Planning & Zoning</u> – Monday, February 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Land Use office) <u>Board of Selectmen</u> – Monday, February 10th, at 7 p.m. at Colebrook Town Hall (Upstairs meeting room)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at <u>bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org</u>, or call me at 860.379.3359, extension 202.

Cordially, **Brad** Brad Bremer Colebrook First Selectman 860.379.3359 ext. 202 bbremer@colebrooktownhall.org