



**TOWN OF COLCHESTER SELECTBOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
PROPOSED
FY 2022 MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUDGET
FIVE-YEAR PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL PLAN**

The Town of Colchester Selectboard will hold public hearings on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 beginning at 6:40 PM in a video and telephonic meeting, for public comments on the FY 2022 Town Municipal Services Budget and the Five-Year Public Safety Capital Plan.

You may watch the Selectboard meeting on live stream TV: <http://lcatv.org/live-stream-2>. Residents are welcome to participate in the hearings via phone 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 967 6487 8386; Passcode: 234888. Alternatively, you may email comments to TownManager@colchestervt.gov with "FY 22 Municipal Services Budget" or "Public Safety Capital Plan" in the subject line. As with in-person Citizens to be Heard, we ask that you SHARE YOUR NAME and ADDRESS. The email will be shared with the entire Selectboard prior to the meeting and included in the information packet at the next meeting.

The Town Municipal Services Budget and the Public Safety Capital Plan are available for review at the Clerk's Office at the Colchester Town Offices at 781 Blakely Road, or on the Town of Colchester website respectively at <http://www.colchestervt.gov/349/Proposed-Budget> and <https://colchestervt.gov/344/Ballot-Items>.

If you have questions about either item, please contact the Colchester Town Manager's Office at 264.5509.

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Public Safety Capital Plan Re-Authorization 12-11-2020



Public Safety Capital Plan Authorization

Reauthorization of the Public Safety Capital Plan

This plan is designed to fund the **specialized equipment needs** for the Rescue, Technical Rescue and Police Departments.

Emergency Services Information

- Rescue: 6 career staff with 35+ volunteers
- Technical Rescue: 40 volunteers
- Marine Patrol: 1 seasonal officer
- Specialized equipment (between three units): over \$670,000

Plan Information

Financial Structure of Plan

- Funding authorization every five years by voters
- Initially authorized by voters in March of 2016
- Revolving Fund: fund can be carried over for larger multi-year projects
- Total funding annually: \$30,750

Core Values of Plan

- Public Safety
- Service Delivery
- Investment
- Efficiency
- Cost Reduction

5 Years of Funding Supports:

Rescue Department:

- Power Cots
- Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators
- Stair Chairs
- Radios & Communication Equipment

Technical Rescue Department:

- Radios & Communication Equipment
- Inflatable boat
- Air Packs
- Air Tanks
- Harnesses
- Swift Water Suits
- Search Camera

Police:

- 2 Police Boats & motors



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- Five years of funding @ \$30,750 annually supports:
 - Town Rescue Squad and 35+ volunteers with equipment including 2 power cots, 2 cardiac monitors/defibrillators, stair chairs, radios worth \$108,000
 - Technical Rescue team of 40 volunteers with radios, Inflatable boat, air packs, air tanks, harnesses, water suits and search camera worth \$62,500
 - Police boats (2) and motor replacement





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Why multi-year capital plans instead of funding from the annual General Operating budget?

- Provides consistent funding for capital needs
- Allows deliberate equipment replacement planning
- Increased opportunities to obtain grant funding
- Avoids spikes in taxes
- Pay as you go, vs. debt payments
- Provides funding flexibility across public safety departments based on need in a given fiscal year





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How much does the Public Safety Capital Plan cost me?

- For the owner of a \$300,000 home, this plan costs approximately \$4.15/yr.
- The previous five years of funding, at a rate of \$18,750 annually, cost the same homeowner approximately \$2.53/yr.

Assessed Value	200,000	300,000	400,000
Annual +/-	\$2.77	\$4.15	\$5.53



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Purpose of proposed increase in funding for this plan:

- The prior authorization didn't include the cost of police boat in 2019 as we had saved enough money and procured enough grants for its replacement five years in advance of the purchase
- This plan's proposed funding now reflects savings towards the two boats which will each have a 25-year replacement cycle.
- This funding also includes savings toward replacement motors which is expected to occur every 5 years for the primary boat and every 10 years for the secondary boat.



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Thank You!