

# WARNING

## TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

### March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 Vermont Route 100, in Jacksonville, VT on March 2, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot on the following town business:

#### Article 1

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 of **\$666,889.00** of which **\$400,745.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$200,044.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$66,100.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### Article 2

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$78,789.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

#### Article 3

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

#### Article 4

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$12,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

#### Article 5

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$35,124.00** for the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

- **\$400.00** for **Brattleboro Area Hospice** for delivery of volunteer hospice care, bereavement care and advance care planning services.
- **\$1,000.00** for **Deerfield Valley Community Cares**, an organization that provides fuel assistance for those not on state aid.
- **\$2,500.00** for **Deerfield Valley Community Partnership**, an organization that provides programming and activities for youth and families that promote healthy behaviors and prevent youth drug and alcohol use.
- **\$500.00** for **Deerfield Valley Food Pantry** for the purpose of providing supplemental food assistance to area families.
- **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing the community meals, to **Terrie Dumaine**, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley.
- **\$305.00** for **Green Mountain RSVP** for support of senior volunteer program with training and support for the volunteers who teach Bone Builder classes and who deliver meals in Whitingham.

- **\$1,203.00** for **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.** to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services.
- **\$750.00** for **Senior Solutions-The Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc.** to serve elders and assist with funding the community meal.
- **\$4,071.00** to **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.
- **\$6,000.00** for **Twin Valley Youth Sports**, an organization that provides all students in Whitingham, grades pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup>, the opportunity to play the organized sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball.
- **\$4,000.00** for **Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH** to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings.
- **\$250.00** for the **Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team ("WinDART")** to assist in the care and sheltering of pets in the event of a local emergency.
- **\$1,795.00** for **Wings Community Programs summer programming** providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8.
- **\$10,000.00** for **Wings Community Programs** that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **\$850.00** for the **Women's Freedom Center** for general operating support to provide services to domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the town.

#### **Article 6**

Shall the voters authorize **\$82,596.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

#### **Article 7**

Shall the voters allow the Whitingham Free Public Library to spend grant monies and donations at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and Library Director?

#### **Article 8**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 with **\$19,550.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue?

#### **Article 9**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,401,207.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 of which **\$1,182,611.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$129,144.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$89,452.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 10**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022?

#### **Article 11**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

### **Article 12**

Shall the voters approve the purchase of 12 acres at 1177 Town Hill Road, at a cost of \$20,000.00 for use as a future site of a Town Highway Garage?

### **Article 13**

In the event that Article 12 above passes, shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for the purchase of 1177 Town Hill Road for use a future site of a Town Highway Garage?

### **Article 14**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00**, to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund?

### **Article 15**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 for continued maintenance?

### **Article 16**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2021 with ninety-days' notice; to be made by physical delivery to the tax collector before 2pm on that date or with a first-class postmark on or before that date?

### **Article 17**

Shall the voters make overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof for the first three (3) months and thereafter one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136?

### **Article 18**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

### **Article 19**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$2,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026?

### **Article 20**

To elect all Town Officers required by law, e.g.:

- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of one year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Library Trustee for a term of three years, vote for no more than 2
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years

**Polls open from 10am to 7pm at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, Vermont.**

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 27th day of January 2021 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Wayne W. Wood, Chair

Wayne W. Wood

Scott Reed, Vice Chair

Scott Reed

Craig Hammer, Member

Craig Hammer

Phil Edelstein, Member

Phil Edelstein

Christopher Walling, Member

Christopher Walling

Attest: Almira Aekus, Town Clerk

Almira Aekus

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This 28 day of JAN A.D. 2021 at  
01 o'clock 30 minutes P M. and  
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Attest

Almira Aekus  
Town Clerk