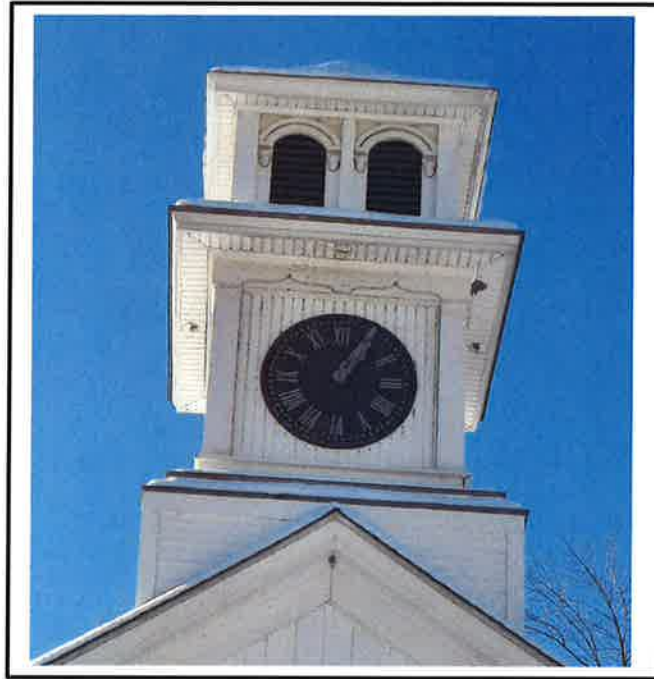


**167th**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the 12 months ended June 30, 2021**



The Town Clock  
See page 26 for more information.

**Town Meeting**  
**will be conducted by Australian Ballot only**  
**on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**

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

**You may request ballots be mailed to you by contacting**  
**(802) 368-7887, via email at [almira@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org), or by**  
**returning the postage paid post card which was mailed to**  
**all active voters.**

# Town of Whitingham

[www.whitinghamvt.org](http://www.whitinghamvt.org)

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	
Animal Control Officer	Dan Hollister	(802) 380-0534 (cell)	<b>Vermont State Police 911</b>
Assessors Office (fka Listers)	Thursday 9-2	(802) 368-2838	non-emergency (802) 722-4600
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	(802) 368-7543	
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	(802) 368-7887	<b>Zoning Administrator</b>
EMERGENCY-Statewide		<b>911</b>	Gig Zboray (802) 368-7500
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-7184 H	
Firemen's Association		(802) 368-2900	
Fire Warden	Dennis Pike	(802) 380-5209	
Health Officer	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500	
Highway Department	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-2466	

**Library** Kristine Sweeter (802) 368-7506

Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Mailing Address: PO Box 500, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Open: Monday 10am to 4pm

Wednesday 2pm to 7pm

Thursday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm

**Planning Commission Chair** Brad Lackey (802) 249-4392

**Selectboard Office** Gig Zboray (802) 368-7500

Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Ground Floor, Jacksonville, VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm

Meeting Nights 6pm to end of meeting

**Sewer Department** Dave DiCantio (802) 368-7538

**Town Clerk / Treasurer / Tax Collector**

Almira Aekus (802) 368-7887

Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Main Floor, Jacksonville VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am to 2pm

Wednesday Evening 4pm to 6pm

also 1st Saturday of month 9am to 12noon or by appointment

**Transfer Station** Jen Herzig (802) 368-7876

Physical Address: 4185 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Hours: Sunday 12-4 Tuesday 9-2 and 5-7

Thursday and Saturday 9-2

## Holidays Observed:

New Years Day

Martin Luther King Day

Presidents Day

Town Meeting Day

Easter, Transfer Station Closed

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving & Friday

Christmas Eve (half day)

Christmas Day

## SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:\*

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6 & 20

May 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14 & 28

January 11 & 25, 2023

**6:30 PM**

*unless otherwise posted*

\*subject to rescheduling

## COVID-19 CHANGES TO TOWN MEETING

The Coronavirus / COVID-19 Pandemic continues. Governor Phil Scott recently signed legislation that again allows us to not gather for Town Meeting to prevent the spread of the virus. There is no explicit authority in Vermont law for municipalities to conduct town meetings that are held from the floor by electronic means, so the Selectboard has chosen to conduct Town Meeting by Australian ballot again this year.

On March 1, 2022, **ALL ARTICLES ON THE TOWN MEETING WARNING WILL BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.**

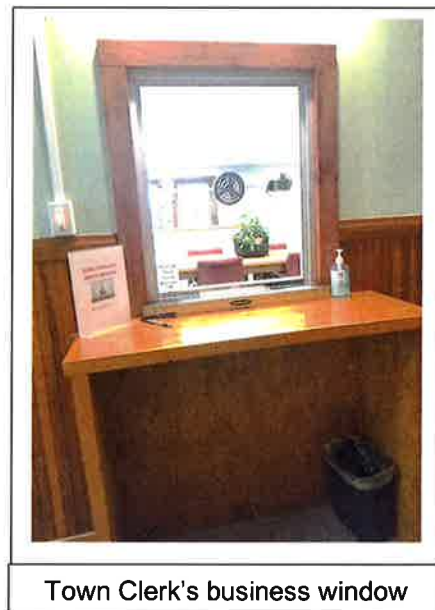
The polls will be held at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT from 10am to 7pm. Social distancing will be practiced.

All registered voters may request ballots to be mailed to them by contacting Almira Aekus at (802) 368-7887, via email at [almira@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org), or by returning the postage paid postcard which was mailed to all active voters. We encourage early voting to avoid congregating at the polls.

To vote early you must fill out your ballots as directed. Stuff your ballots into the "inner" envelope. **YOU MUST SIGN** the inner envelope. After signing the inner envelope, you can stuff it into the outer envelope and choose from the following options:

- mail it via the USPS; the outer envelope has the postage prepaid, (if you do not mail your ballot, please consider returning the stamped envelope to the Town Clerk),
- you may drop off your stuffed and signed inner envelope in the drop box in front of the Municipal Center,
- you may bring your ballots to the Town Clerk's business window during normal business hours, or
- you may vote at the polls.

**All ballots must be received by 7pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**



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**Town Clerk**  
PO Box 529  
Jacksonville, VT 05342  
(802) 368-7887  
[almira@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org)

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at town clerk's office by January 30, 2022. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 19, 2022.

**REGISTER TO VOTE:** Residents can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office, the polling place and online. To register online you can use the My Voter Page, where a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

Please feel free to log into your My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

### **ON MEETING DAY:**

If the Clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail**, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting**, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- 1 Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- 2 Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- 3 Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- 4 Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- 5 Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD 1-800-VOTE)

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS  
PAPER BALLOTS  
TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

Here is some basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading this notice or at any time during the voting process, ask your town clerk or another election official.

**CHECK IN**

1. Go to the "IN" or "ENTRANCE" checklist table.
2. Give your name, and if asked, your residence, to the election official in a clear audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**ENTER**

1. Enter within the area sectioned off, and do not leave until you have voted.
2. An election official will hand you a paper ballot.
3. Go to a vacant booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT**

1. Make a cross (X) in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) or issue(s) you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many to vote for (for example: "Vote for not more than two").
2. WRITE-IN. To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot.

**IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT**

Return your spoiled ballot and ask an election official for another ballot. Three ballots is the limit.

**CHECK OUT**

1. Go to the "Out" or "Exit" checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**VOTE**

Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box(es).

**LEAVE**

Leave the voting area.

**VOTER REGISTRATION – ONLINE ELECTION INFORMATION:**

Link for voter information regarding State & Federal elections, including sample ballots: <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>

Link for online voter registration: <https://www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>

Link for Election Results: <http://vtelectionarchive.sec.state.vt.us/>



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## **Vermont Voter Bill of Rights**

***You have the right*** to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, live in Vermont, are 18 years old and have registered.

***You have the right*** to vote if you are homeless.

***You have the right*** to vote if you have been convicted of a felony, even while you are incarcerated.

***You have the right*** to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

***You have the right*** to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

***You have the right*** to know if you are registered to vote.

***You have the right*** to ask for help from elections officials or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.

***You have the right*** to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.

***You have the right*** to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.

***You have the right*** to vote for the person you want. You can write-in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.

***You have the right*** to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.

***You have the right*** to use a voting system for all federal elections that makes it possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

***You have the right*** to get a "provisional ballot" if you are told you are not registered to vote and you cannot swear or affirm that you submitted an application to register to vote in Vermont before the deadline.

***You have the right*** to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot," was accepted for counting.

***You have the right*** to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

**Call toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-439-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.**



**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM  
STATE OF VERMONT, WINDHAM COUNTY, SS  
CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** At a meeting of the Selectboard on March 10, 2021 and throughout the year the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed in his or her stead.

	<u><b>TERM EXPIRES</b></u>
<b>SELECTBOARD CHAIR</b>	
Scott M. Reed	2022
<b>SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR</b>	
Craig Hammer	2022
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Daniel Hollister	2024
<b>BROADBAND COMMITTEE</b>	
Disbanded	
<b>DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT</b>	
Phil Edelstein	Term expires 05/10 2022
Christopher Walling (resigned)	
Michael Mandracchia (resigned)	
Keith Thompson (appointed 04/07/21)	Term expires 05/10 2022
Lauren Fitzpatrick (appointed 08/16/21)	Term expires 05/10 2022
<b>E-911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2022
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b> put on "pause" May 5, 2021	
Phil Edelstein	2022
Seth Boyd	2022
Carrie Northrup	2022
Karen Hein	2022
vacant	
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray (appointed as EMD 03/24/21-EMC now vacant)	2022
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>	
Wayne W. Wood (resigned)	2022
Gig Zboray (appointed 03/24/21)	2022
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>	
<b>Chief</b> – Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2022
<b>First Assistant Chief</b> – Michael Stevens	2022
<b>Captains:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dennis Pike, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – David Briggs	2022
<b>Lieutenants:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sheldon Dix, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Marshall Dix	2022
<b>Chaplain</b> – Seth Boyd	2022
<b>Training Officer</b> - vacant	
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b>	
Allan L. Twitchell (resigned)	
Dennis Pike, Sr. (appointed 04/07/21)	Term expires 6/30 2023
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Gig Zboray	Term expires 10/31 2022
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Jenepher Burnell	Term expires 10/31 2022
<b>GREENUP COORDINATORS</b>	
Aysha Peltz	2022
Todd Wahlstrom	2022



<b>HIGHWAY GARAGE COMMITTEE</b>	
Disbanded	
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE</b>	
Linda A. Donaghue	2022
Donald McKinley	2022
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>	
Fisher & Fisher Law Offices	2022
<b>LEGAL NEWSPAPER</b>	
Deerfield Valley News	2022
Brattleboro Reformer (alternate)	
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>	
Dana Dix	2022
David Farrington	2022
Craig Hammer	2022
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE</b> (previously known as Town Hill Committee)	
Seth Boyd	2022
Aysha Peltz	2022
Erin Lackey	2022
Carol Millett	2022
Lyndsay Bushey-Hesselback (appointed 6/16/21)	2022
Elizabeth Weber (appointed 12/1/21)	2022
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	
Bradford Lackey	2023
Peter Barus	2024
Linda Donaghue	2022
Keith Thompson	2022
Vacant	2023
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Adam Buursma	2022
<b>WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Jenepher Burnell	2022
Kristine Sweeter	2022
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	
Lyman Tefft	2024
Troy Felisko	2023
Craig Aekus	2023
Dana Dix	2022
Marshall Dix	2022
David Dumaine (resigned)	2022
ZBA made a 5-member board on 06/02/21	
<b>ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray (three-year term)	2024

# OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 2021

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Leon L. Corse	1	2022
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	3	2022
<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2022
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>	Wayne W. Wood (Resigned)	3	2022
	James Weber (Appointed)		
	Scott Reed	3	2023
	Craig S. Hammer	2	2022
	Phil Edelstein (Resigned)	3	2024
	Gregory Brown (Appointed until 3/1/22)		
	Christopher Walling	2	2024
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2022
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE:</b>	Kristen Breeden	3	2024
	Marianne Johnson	3	2022
	Adam Ranslow	3	2024
	Edith Brigham	3	2022
	Maryanne Cheveralls	3	2023
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Stanley Janovsky	3	2023
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>	Bradford S. Lackey	3	2023
	Adam Ranslow	3	2022
	Dana F. Dix	3	2024
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Abigail Corse, Julie Muller, Dana Homer, Elizabeth W. McKinley, Terry A. Morse, Susan Cooke Johnson, & Seth Boyd	2	2022
<b>OFFICERS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Robert M. Fisher	1	2022
<b>CLERK:</b>	Therese Lounsbury	1	2022
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Christine Richter	1	2022
<b>WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:</b>			
	Jared Kingsley	3	2024
	Kristy Corey	3	2022
	Christy A. Betit (Resigned)	3	2023
	Lyndsay Bushey Hesselback (appointed until 3/1/22)		

# **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

## **TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **March 2, 2021**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Selectboard voted to use the Australian ballot system for all items on the Warning for 2021 annual town meeting pursuant to Act 162 of the year 2020.**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, were 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**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

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

#### **Article 4**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

#### **Article 5**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

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

#### **Article 11**

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

#### **Article 12**

Voted **against** 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**

#### **Article 12 above was defeated**

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**

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

### **Article 15**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

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

### **Article 19**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026?

### **Article 20**

Elected all Town Officers required by law. Polls were open from 10am to 7pm at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, Vermont with the following results:

<b>MODERATOR, 1 year</b>	Leon L. Corse
<b>TREASURER, 1 year</b>	Almira L. Aekus
<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER, 2 years</b>	Christopher Walling
<b>SELECTBOARD MEMBER, 3 years</b>	Phil Edelstein
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, 1 year</b>	Almira L. Aekus
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 1 year</b>	Adam Ranslow
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 years</b>	Dana Dix
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 years (vote for 2)</b>	Kristen Breeden
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR (TVUUSD), 3 years</b>	Jared D. Kingsley

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 2nd day of March 2021.

Attest: *Almira L. Aekus*

Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk

**NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 964**

**NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 368**

**HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR – N/A – Australian Ballot Only**

# **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

## **TOWN OF WHITINGHAM**

### **March 2, 2021**

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

#### **Article 1**

Voted general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed Three Million, Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$3,915,000.00), subject to reduction by the application of federal and state grants-in-aid, and reserve funds for the purpose of financing the cost of upgrading and replacing components of the Town's sewer collection system and its wastewater treatment facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Three Million, Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$3,915,000.00). As provided by statute, debt service on the sewer system improvement bond will be paid through user fees and charges.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 2nd day of March 2021.

Attest: *Almira L. Aekus*  
Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk

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**Town of Whitingham**  
**OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD**

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March 11, 2021

Ms. Almira Aekus  
Whitingham Town Clerk  
PO Box 529  
Jacksonville, VT 05342

Re: 2021 Sewer Bond Vote

Dear Almira:

There was a minor mistake in the Warning and ballot for the sewer bond vote held on March 2, 2021. The words "be issued" were mistakenly omitted on the third line of the ballot article. According to state statutes 17 V.S.A. § 2662 and § 1757 the error can be corrected with a resolution.

At their meeting on March 10, 2021 the Selectboard corrected the sewer bond vote in the following manner:

**A motion was made by Chris Walling that the Board adopt the following resolution:**

**Resolved that the Town ratify and approve the vote on Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held March 2, 2021 approving the issuance of bonds and or notes for the improvements to the Town's wastewater treatment facility and collection system despite the fact that the ballot mistakenly omitted the words "be issued" in the third line of the ballot article.**

**The motion was seconded by Wayne W. Wood, all in favor.**

Sincerely,

Gig Zboray,  
Selectboard Office Administrator

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD

This 11 day of MAR A.D. 2021 at  
12 o'clock 00 minutes P M. and  
Recorded in Vol. 12 at Page 236  
of LAND RECORDS

Attest

Town Clerk



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES</b>				
Fire Dept Appropriation	\$ 76,046.00	\$ 76,046.00	\$ 78,789.00	\$ 115,165.00
General Fund Appropriation	\$ 358,851.00	\$ 269,086.81	\$ 400,745.00	\$ 392,583.00
Parks Committee - formerly Town Hill	\$ 18,878.00	\$ 18,878.00	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 22,950.00
Voted Articles	\$ 50,124.00	\$ 50,124.00	\$ 35,124.00	\$ 46,074.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 503,899.00</b>	<b>\$ 414,134.81</b>	<b>\$ 527,608.00</b>	<b>\$ 576,772.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 16,904.32	\$ 17,407.00	\$ 17,929.00
Copier Fees Collected	\$ 250.00	\$ 323.45	\$ 300.00	\$ 325.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimbursement	\$ 44,181.00	\$ 49,168.00	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 55,000.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,218.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,300.00
Transfer from Davenport Fund	\$ -	\$ 105.99	\$ -	\$ -
Late Homestead Penalty	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00
.5% for Education Tax Coll	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,455.73	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Equalization	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,161.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
SWIP Grant-Transfer Station	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grant-Outside Drop Box	\$ -	\$ 922.50	\$ -	\$ -
Grant-Town Clerk Grants	\$ -	\$ 23,047.52	\$ -	\$ -
Grant-LGER (Covid)	\$ -	\$ 11,143.19	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Interest	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,928.91	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,200.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 50.31	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Municipal Center Use	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 90,760.02	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,855.41	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 26,893.26	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,821.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Municipal Fines	\$ 600.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
E-Waste Revenue	\$ 700.00	\$ 610.05	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Transfer Station Stickers & Fees	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 37,243.11	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 37,000.00
Transfer Station Steel	\$ 400.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 35.00
Zoning	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,864.27	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 194,893.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,660.54</b>	<b>\$ 200,044.00</b>	<b>\$ 207,501.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 870.00	\$ 813.02	\$ 870.00	\$ 883.00
Retirement	\$ -	\$ 10.50	\$ -	\$ 48.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 513.00
Fire Warden Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 205.00
Moderator Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,101.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ -	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,101.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,101.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ -
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,101.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ -
Selectboard-Chair	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,190.00	\$ -	\$ 2,419.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,463.52</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,597.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 31,492.49	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 21,880.00	\$ 20,812.99	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 54,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,305.48</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>
<b>TAXES (P/R COUNTY)</b>				
County Tax	\$ 22,534.00	\$ 23,249.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 23,500.00
VT Dept Emp & Training	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 851.78	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,334.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,100.78</b>	<b>\$ 25,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD OFFICE</b>				
Equipment	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,060.34	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,100.00
FICA/Medicare -Town Share	\$ 3,563.00	\$ 3,693.74	\$ 4,429.00	\$ 4,540.00
Health Insurance	\$ 28,597.00	\$ 15,734.33	\$ 24,251.00	\$ 22,538.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 2,795.00	\$ 3,111.85	\$ 3,618.00	\$ 4,006.00
Selectboard Office Admin. Salary	\$ 46,578.00	\$ 51,864.50	\$ 57,894.00	\$ 59,341.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,679.74	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,457.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 87,133.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,697.50</b>	<b>\$ 96,492.00</b>	<b>\$ 97,728.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>TOWN REPORT</b>				
Supplies & Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 382.34	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 382.34</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Deputy Health Officer Wage	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
FICA/Medicare -Town Share	\$ 86.00	\$ 58.94	\$ 87.00	\$ 89.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 50.00	\$ 49.67	\$ 53.00	\$ 58.00
Health Officer Salary	\$ 829.00	\$ 829.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 861.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 937.61</b>	<b>\$ 1,730.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,758.00</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>				
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,626.97	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00
Election & Programming	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 563.90	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 3,597.00	\$ 3,388.53	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 3,912.00
Grant Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 22,240.02	\$ -	\$ -
Health Insurance	\$ 23,755.00	\$ 19,963.43	\$ 24,251.00	\$ 22,898.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 2,085.00	\$ 2,255.43	\$ 2,345.00	\$ 2,569.00
Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$ 12,268.00	\$ 9,272.83	\$ 12,430.00	\$ 13,077.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 18,751.00	\$ 18,751.00	\$ 21,527.00	\$ 22,065.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 6,126.34	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00
Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,821.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,931.70	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00
Training	\$ 700.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,156.00</b>	<b>\$ 105,016.15</b>	<b>\$ 89,275.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,024.00</b>
<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>				
Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 17,219.00	\$ 11,677.98	\$ 17,443.00	\$ 13,077.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 2,394.00	\$ 1,861.46	\$ 2,619.00	\$ 2,317.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 845.00	\$ 845.12	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,162.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,740.76	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	\$ 625.00	\$ 999.73	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Seminars	\$ 400.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Treasurer/Current Tax Collector Salary	\$ 14,081.00	\$ 14,087.00	\$ 16,797.00	\$ 17,217.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 39,164.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,262.05</b>	<b>\$ 42,234.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,673.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>ASSESSORS OFFICE (fka Listers)</b>				
Outside Appraisal Service	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,610.87	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Assessors Clerk Wages	\$ 17,550.00	\$ 10,406.25	\$ 17,778.00	\$ 12,000.00
Computer Licenses	\$ -	\$ 656.60	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,410.94	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Support	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Computer Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
Reimburse Employee Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 796.12	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 918.00
Mileage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 59.08	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 800.00	\$ 624.36	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Telephone	\$ 650.00	\$ 999.78	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,000.00
Town Map Updates	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 35,343.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,829.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,048.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,278.00</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,964.76	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,836.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,618.32	\$ 1,438.00	\$ 1,620.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ 671.55	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 26,893.26	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,147.89</b>	<b>\$ 26,798.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,156.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 92.00	\$ 58.91	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 299.90	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 600.00	\$ 7.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,136.06</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Ambulance Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	Voted in Article
Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Generator Contract	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,112.96	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,050.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 800.00	\$ 734.27	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Contract	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,480.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Copier Costs	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,182.07	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,300.00
Dog Tags	\$ 200.00	\$ 136.66	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
Dues VLCT and VTCMA	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 2,800.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES (continued)</b>				
Emergency Management	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
State-Dam Fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,322.07	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
FEMA Buyout Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 100.00	\$ 28.84	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Green Up Vermont State	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Internet (Municipal Building)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
IT Services/Cyber Security	\$ -	\$ 11,762.45	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 7,350.00
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 871.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Services-Town Council	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mileage-Selectboard	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,691.40	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Reimb. Highway for Muni. Employee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 5,151.00
Town Newsletter (2)	\$ 400.00	\$ 211.28	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
OSHA Training	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ -
Repairs to Equipment	\$ -	\$ 578.97	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Street Lights	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,216.03	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 73.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Telephone-Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ -
Town Web Page	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,526.54	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 51,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,584.29</b>	<b>\$ 86,264.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,176.00</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>				
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 574.77	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Electricity	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 5,936.22	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,400.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,489.25	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 148.00	\$ 131.57	\$ -	\$ -
Heating Oil	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,546.57	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cleaning	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 12,880.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Propane For Generator	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 957.21	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 9,400.22	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 116.00	\$ 108.16	\$ -	\$ -
Snow Removal/Custodial	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,801.80	\$ -	\$ -
Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 490.98	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,800.00
Telephone	\$ 425.00	\$ 457.26	\$ 425.00	\$ 475.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,519.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,799.01</b>	<b>\$ 48,525.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,875.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
Electricity	\$ 250.00	\$ 177.53	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 176.08	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 353.61</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Duplicating	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 430.00	\$ 343.77	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Legal Notices	\$ 150.00	\$ 165.75	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Mileage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Print Zoning Ordinance	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 53.10	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Print New Town Plan	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 301.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 310.00
Seminars-Planning Commissioners	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Planning Commission Clerk Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Supplies-Zoning Administrator	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 4,420.00	\$ 4,420.00	\$ 4,477.00	\$ 4,589.00
Windham Regional Membership	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,098.76	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,200.00
Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,951.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,023.38</b>	<b>\$ 13,057.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,099.00</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 21.00	\$ 5.36	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 108.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ -	\$ 4.50	\$ -	\$ 18.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 17.08	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 270.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 686.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.44</b>	<b>\$ 686.00</b>	<b>\$ 704.00</b>
<b>CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Patrol Coverage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,300.54	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.54</b>	<b>\$ 9,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
Waste Disposal	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,068.68	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Comingled Hauling	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,920.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,400.00
Comingled Recycle	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 6,825.22	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Compactor Hauling	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Electronics Recycling	\$ 200.00	\$ 289.80	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 921.13	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 1,654.00	\$ 1,626.43	\$ 1,756.00	\$ 1,945.00
Freon Items	\$ 500.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,120.21	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Metals Hauling	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Metals Container Rental	\$ 900.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Metals Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ (2,319.66)	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Organics	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Recycling Expense	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 290.72	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Paper Hauling	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Pest Control	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,135.18	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Compactor Rental	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,150.00
Repairs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 484.75	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 1,178.00	\$ 1,064.25	\$ 1,298.00	\$ 1,405.00
Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,489.62	\$ 2,174.00	\$ 4,613.00
Attendant Wages	\$ 19,626.00	\$ 16,814.16	\$ 20,775.00	\$ 20,811.00
Supplies	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 892.16	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 425.00	\$ 457.27	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Tire Removal	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,395.75	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
Trash Removal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,083.74	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Trash Hauling	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Uniforms	\$ 500.00	\$ 493.50	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Wifi Hotspot	\$ 140.00	\$ 30.30	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 109,543.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,964.21</b>	<b>\$ 116,538.00</b>	<b>\$ 130,209.00</b>



<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
	<b>COMPLETED</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<b>FY - 2021</b>	<b>FY - 2021</b>	<b>FY - 2022</b>	<b>FY - 2023</b>
OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 11,463.52	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 12,597.00
INSURANCE	\$ 54,880.00	\$ 52,305.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
TAXES (P/R COUNTY)	\$ 25,334.00	\$ 24,100.78	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 24,500.00
SELECTBOARD OFFICE	\$ 87,133.00	\$ 79,697.50	\$ 96,492.00	\$ 97,728.00
TOWN REPORT	\$ 400.00	\$ 382.34	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 937.61	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 1,758.00
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	\$ 86,156.00	\$ 105,016.15	\$ 89,275.00	\$ 91,024.00
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	\$ 39,164.00	\$ 32,262.05	\$ 42,234.00	\$ 38,673.00
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	\$ 35,343.00	\$ 29,829.00	\$ 39,048.00	\$ 38,278.00
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 26,740.00	\$ 31,147.89	\$ 26,798.00	\$ 28,156.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 1,136.06	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 2,912.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 67,584.29	\$ 71,264.00	\$ 78,176.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER	\$ 46,519.00	\$ 40,799.01	\$ 48,525.00	\$ 46,875.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 750.00	\$ 353.61	\$ 750.00	\$ 700.00
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$ 12,951.00	\$ 9,023.38	\$ 13,057.00	\$ 13,099.00
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	\$ 686.00	\$ 210.44	\$ 686.00	\$ 704.00
CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 1,300.54	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 14,150.00
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 109,543.00	\$ 103,964.21	\$ 116,538.00	\$ 130,209.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 608,406.00</b>	<b>\$ 591,513.38</b>	<b>\$ 651,889.00</b>	<b>\$ 674,939.00</b>

The Selectboard will hold an  
**Informational Meeting**  
**for the purpose of addressing questions related to this**  
**Annual Report**

at their regular meeting on  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm**  
 in the Selectboard Office of the  
 Whitingham Municipal Center,  
 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT

Or via zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83747665609>

Telephone options: Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

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 Meeting ID: 837 4766 5609

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues & Course Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,657.63	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 23,300.00	\$ 23,876.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,951.71	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 18,152.31	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 694.00	\$ 855.64	\$ 833.00	\$ 3,017.00
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 192.80	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Heating Oil	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,968.45	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,319.66	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
On-Site Mechanic	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,427.50	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Generator Propane	\$ -	\$ 567.53	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 783.35	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,424.16	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 1,236.73	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 176.00	\$ 183.60	\$ 199.00	\$ 220.00
Captain 1 Salary	\$ 910.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,025.00
Captain 2 Salary	\$ 910.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 924.00	\$ 947.00
Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 1,363.00	\$ 1,397.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 2,237.00
Lieutenant 1 Salary	\$ 782.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 794.00	\$ 814.00
Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 782.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 794.00	\$ 814.00
Firefighter Nominal Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,580.81	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,994.00
Telephone	\$ 700.00	\$ 866.55	\$ 700.00	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 76,046.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,570.43</b>	<b>\$ 78,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 115,165.00</b>
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE (fka Town Hill Committee)</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 74.00	\$ 74.22	\$ -	\$ -
Improvements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,609.84	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Mowing	\$ 6,580.00	\$ 5,332.50	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00
Municipal Employee Wages	\$ 966.00	\$ 1,016.34	\$ -	\$ -
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 58.00	\$ 61.10	\$ -	\$ -
Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,878.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,394.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,950.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue - ambulance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	in general fund	\$ 15,000.00
Dumaine, Terrie - Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
SE VT Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
SE VT Economic Dev. Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00
Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Windham Disaster Animal Response Team	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
WINGS (Summer program)	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
WINGS (After school program)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,124.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,124.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,124.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,074.00</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
Prior year fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,538.00
Fundraising/Donations	\$ 8,600.00	\$ -	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00
Grants Parent/Child Ctr	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
VT DOL Grants	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Halifax Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Interest	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,671.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,134.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 85.00
Association Dues	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Audio/Video	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,134.14	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,020.14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 78.00	\$ -	\$ -
Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contract Services	\$ 940.00	\$ 1,061.10	\$ 940.00	\$ 975.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,166.66	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Service	\$ 450.00	\$ 677.23	\$ 450.00	\$ 480.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 3,991.00	\$ 3,426.70	\$ 3,991.00	\$ 4,225.00
Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage/Professional Training	\$ 800.00	\$ 25.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Periodicals	\$ 450.00	\$ 275.85	\$ 450.00	\$ 300.00
Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,196.50	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00
Program Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 263.46	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
Programs/Activities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,143.97	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,800.00
Librarian Retirement	\$ 1,699.00	\$ 1,608.87	\$ 1,699.00	\$ 2,025.00
Assistants Wages	\$ 23,842.00	\$ 18,774.90	\$ 23,842.00	\$ 25,239.00
Librarian Salary	\$ 28,324.00	\$ 26,816.00	\$ 28,324.00	\$ 29,990.00
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 581.90	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,756.17	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 601.06	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,132.85</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,134.00</b>

**Dog licenses must be  
renewed by  
April 1<sup>st</sup>**



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>CEMETERY</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 19,550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Commissioner Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,351.25	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mowing	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,512.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Gravestone Repair	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,133.75</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current Tax	\$ 1,250,726.00	\$ 1,250,726.00	\$ 1,182,611.00	\$ 1,195,474.00
Grant Monies	\$ -	\$ 14,760.00	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,836.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Share of Municipal Employee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 5,151.00
State Highway Supplement	\$ -	\$ 32,058.01	\$ -	\$ -
State Aid	\$ 119,146.00	\$ 124,136.71	\$ 124,136.00	\$ 124,136.00
Prior year fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,452.00	\$ 92,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,882.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,423,516.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,401,207.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,416,961.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>LABOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 26,748.00	\$ 25,098.92	\$ 29,605.00	\$ 30,326.00
Overtime	\$ 59,384.00	\$ 53,441.07	\$ 59,384.00	\$ 60,869.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 20,767.00	\$ 20,556.92	\$ 24,187.00	\$ 26,759.00
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1988	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 66,025.00
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1988	\$ 47,155.00	\$ 46,951.52	\$ 51,958.00	\$ 53,257.00
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 41,167.00	\$ 41,004.90	\$ 45,906.00	\$ 47,054.00
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 46,675.00	\$ 46,475.00	\$ 51,480.00	\$ 52,767.00
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 48,245.00	\$ 48,049.72	\$ 53,082.00	\$ 54,409.00
Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 39,078.00	\$ 42,277.20	\$ 50,773.00	\$ 52,042.00
Vacation Buy Back	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 393,364.00</b>	<b>\$ 388,270.25</b>	<b>\$ 440,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 453,508.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 145,178.00	\$ 91,171.14	\$ 148,797.00	\$ 115,556.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 800.00	\$ 658.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 354.47	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 150,098.00</b>	<b>\$ 92,183.81</b>	<b>\$ 153,797.00</b>	<b>\$ 117,033.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
Chains	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,263.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Chloride	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,214.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 887.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Crack Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 623.09	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Culverts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,643.96	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,117.50	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 30,696.13	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,183.84	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,492.58	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,346.30	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Gravel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 78,759.57	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Guardrails	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,887.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,702.19	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 68.00	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CDL/Drug Testing/Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,920.55	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Paging Service	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 119.40	\$ -	\$ -
Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 496,984.32	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Postage	\$ 120.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Propane-Town Hill Generator	\$ -	\$ 175.67	\$ -	\$ -
Facility Repairs	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 755.55	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 43,940.27	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Salt	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 27,222.65	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 64,757.70	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Stone	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,425.16	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,204.89	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Telephone	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,128.07	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,200.00
Tires	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,785.68	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,574.04	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 826,420.00</b>	<b>\$ 863,749.61</b>	<b>\$ 806,620.00</b>	<b>\$ 846,420.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>SEWER</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current User Fees	\$ 200,621.00	\$ 248,114.93	\$ 311,989.00	\$ 327,020.00
Interest on Fees	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,571.42	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 183,659.30	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Penalties	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,750.78	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Reserve-Bond	\$ -	\$ 98,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve-Capital Improvements	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sludge Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,491.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 207,121.00</b>	<b>\$ 549,477.11</b>	<b>\$ 322,489.00</b>	<b>\$ 337,220.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>LABOR</b>				
Bookkeeping Services	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 4,962.00	\$ 4,894.51	\$ 4,760.00	\$ 5,391.00
Reimburse User Penalties	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,750.78	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 3,563.00	\$ 3,659.67	\$ 3,889.00	\$ 4,305.00
Assistant Wages	\$ 9,144.00	\$ 10,752.80	\$ 11,332.00	\$ 11,615.00
Plant Operator Salary	\$ 50,239.00	\$ 50,239.00	\$ 50,892.00	\$ 52,164.00
Treasurer Salary	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 3,190.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 73,812.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,800.76</b>	<b>\$ 77,617.00</b>	<b>\$ 80,597.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 28,597.00	\$ 20,202.08	\$ 29,390.00	\$ 27,069.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,682.00	\$ 1,635.12	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 534.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 350.95	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 120.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,946.24	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 34,609.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,134.39</b>	<b>\$ 35,690.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,823.00</b>
<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES</b>				
Chemicals	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 361.50	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 1,300.00
Contracted Services	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,600.00
Electricity	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,017.66	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,053.19	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Heating	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 604.65	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,750.00
Mileage - Operator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 312.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25.25	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 850.00
Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00
Repairs: Facility & Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 198.80	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,400.00
Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 5,125.00	\$ -	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2021	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2023
<b>Sewer Expense Continued</b>				
Sludge Removal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,897.98	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Telephone	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,109.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Outside Testing	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 6,595.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
Training	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,005.01</b>	<b>\$ 87,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,800.00</b>
<b>PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>				
Plant Improvements (Reserve)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Plant Improvements (Bond)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 113,457.00	\$ 100,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 121,457.00</b>	<b>\$ 140,000.00</b>

## The TOWN CLOCK

According to a newspaper article dated August 11, 1956, the town clock, located in the steeple of the Universalist Church, now the Jacksonville Community Church, was installed in 1927. The idea was proposed at Old Home Week in 1926 by Martin A. Brown of Wilmington and Austin E. Plumb. Records show that 68 past residents donated money toward the purchase of the clock and that Mr. Brown supplied the balance of funds required to purchase and install it, which was a considerable sum.

The clock has a four-sided face and tones the hours.



**2022 PROJECTED TAX RATE IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN  
BASED ON THE 2021 GRANDLIST**

ARTICLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	TAXES TO BE RAISED	PROJECTED TAX RATE PER \$100 VALUE
1	General Fund	\$ 392,583.00	0.14506
2	Fire Department	\$ 115,165.00	0.042553
3	Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 40,000.00	0.01478
4	Parks	\$ 22,950.00	0.00848
5	Charities (Local Support Organizations)	\$ 11,003.00	0.004066
6	Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$ 15,000.00	0.005543
7	Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$ 4,071.00	0.001504
8	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00	0.002217
9	Wings Community Programs after school programming	\$ 10,000.00	0.003695
10	Library	\$ 69,271.00	0.025596
12	Town Cemeteries	\$ 6,070.00	0.002243
13	Highways	\$ 1,195,474.00	0.441728
14	Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 100,000.00	0.03695
15	Hazard Mitigation Fund	\$ 25,000.00	0.009238
16	Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement	\$ 50,000.00	0.018475
17	Litigation Fund	\$ 31,500.00	0.011639
18	Municipal Facilities Fund	\$ 10,000.00	0.003695
21	Economic Development	\$ 6,000.00	0.002937
22	Old Home Week	\$ 2,000.00	0.000739
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,112,087.00</b>	<b>0.781138</b>
	<b>2022 Projected Rates: (based on 1% of FY 2021 grand list value which equals \$2,706,358.00)</b>		
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 2,112,087.00	0.781138
	Projected Local Agreement Rate	\$ 10,000.00	0.004
	Projected Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total		<b>0.785138</b>
	<b>2021 Rates:</b>		
	Municipal Tax Rate		0.738
	Local Agreement Rate		0.0034
	Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total		<b>0.7414</b>

## WAGES BY POSITION

7/1/2020-6/30/2021

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Vacation</u> <u>Buyback</u>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 770.00		
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 7,197.00		
Records Preservation	\$ 2,076.00		
Bookkeeper	\$ 11,678.00		
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00		
Collector of Taxes - Penalties	\$ 26,893.00		
Deputy Health Officer	\$ -		
Fire Chief	\$ 2,150.00		
Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 1,342.00		
1st Captain	\$ 910.00		
2nd Captain	\$ 910.00		
1st Lieutenant	\$ 782.00		
2nd Lieutenant	\$ 782.00		
Fire Mechanic	\$ 4,428.00		
Fire Equipment Fund - Mechanic	\$ 3,710.00		
Fire Warden	\$ 200.00		
Health Officer	\$ 829.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 17,310.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 1,465.00		
Librarian	\$ 26,816.00		
Assessor's Clerk	\$ 10,406.00		
Moderator	\$ -		
Municipal Employee	\$ 46,019.00	\$ 7,579.00	
Planning Clerk	\$ 210.00		
Road Commissioner	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 4,042.00
Selectboard Office Administrator	\$ 51,865.00		
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,190.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 1,075.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 525.00		
Sewer - Chief Operator	\$ 50,239.00		
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 10,753.00		
Sewer Treasurer	\$ 3,072.00		
Sewer Penalties	\$ 3,369.00		
Town Clerk	\$ 18,751.00		
Town Clerk fees	\$ 18,821.00		
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 16,814.00		
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 4,490.00		
Treasurer	\$ 14,087.00		
Equipment Operator	\$ 46,475.00	\$ 8,411.00	
Equipment Operator	\$ 48,050.00	\$ 8,783.00	
Equipment Operator	\$ 41,005.00	\$ 7,139.00	
Equipment Operator	\$ 46,952.00	\$ 8,328.00	
Windham Regional Representatives	\$ 180.00		
Zoning Administrator	\$ 4,420.00		

**FUND BALANCES AS OF  
JUNE 30, 2021**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
	<b>AS OF JULY 1, 2021</b>						<b>AS OF JUNE 30, 2021</b>	
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 320,762.00	\$	4,929.00	\$ (734,602.00)	\$	749,866.00	\$	340,955.00
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 30,140.00	\$	140.00	\$ (13,287.00)	\$	10,000.00	\$	26,993.00
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 1,972.00	\$	9.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,981.00
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 3,135.00	\$	706.00	\$ (106.00)	\$	-	\$	3,735.00
EAMES FUND	\$ 176,146.00	\$	761.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	176,907.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 125,411.00	\$	493.00	\$ (88,854.00)	\$	24,920.00	\$	61,970.00
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 65,875.00	\$	287.00	\$ -	\$	9,868.00	\$	76,030.00
HAZARD MITIGATION	\$ 23,976.00	\$	127.00	\$ (18,864.00)	\$	37,258.00	\$	42,497.00
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 102,339.00	\$	-	\$ (1,344,204.00)	\$	1,423,517.00	\$	181,652.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 245,587.00	\$	1,068.00	\$ (116,799.00)	\$	86,250.00	\$	216,106.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE FUND	\$ -	\$	-	\$ (5,952.00)	\$	50,000.00	\$	44,048.00
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 80,034.00	\$	346.00	\$ (11,933.00)	\$	-	\$	68,447.00
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 241,321.00	\$	21,321.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	262,642.00
CEMETERY OPERATION FUND	\$ 10,524.00	\$	-	\$ (19,134.00)	\$	22,090.00	\$	13,480.00
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,312.00	\$	17.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,329.00
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 19,856.00	\$	88.00	\$ -	\$	2,000.00	\$	21,944.00
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 15,889.00	\$	75.00	\$ (3,310.00)	\$	10,332.00	\$	22,986.00
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 176,170.00	\$	763.00	\$ -	\$	8,000.00	\$	184,933.00
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 39,955.00	\$	-	\$ (455,029.00)	\$	442,687.00	\$	27,613.00
SEWER BOND	\$ 8,005.00	\$	37.00	\$ -	\$	98,000.00	\$	106,042.00
CIVIL DEFENSE - GENERATOR	\$ 9,849.00	\$	38.00	\$ (4,852.00)	\$	-	\$	5,035.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER KITCHEN	\$ 137.00	\$	-	\$ (137.00)	\$	-	\$	-
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 11,579.00	\$	-	\$ (350.00)	\$	10,000.00	\$	21,229.00
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	2,319.00
LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article)	\$ -	\$	-	\$ (73,133.00)	\$	75,671.00	\$	2,538.00
***LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 18,856.00	\$	89.00	\$ -	\$	8,194.00	\$	27,139.00
***LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 11,743.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	11,743.00
	<b>\$ 1,742,892.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>31,294.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,890,546.00)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,068,653.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,952,293.00</b>

\*Includes the fund balance of \$66,100.00 appropriated in 2021 for fiscal year 2022 and \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes.

\*\*Includes the fund balance of \$89,452.00 appropriated in 2021 for fiscal year 2022.

\*\*\*Funds are controlled by Library Trustees

NOTE: Davenport fund is invested in George Putnam Balanced Fund-Class A

**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM - FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

The fiscal year 2021 audit, performed by Sullivan and Powers of Montpelier, Vermont went well and is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully, Almira Aekus, Treasurer - Marylee Putnam, Bookkeeper

	6/30/2020 <u>Invested Balance</u>	2020-2021 <u>Share Percent</u>	2020-2021 <u>Withdrawals</u>	2020-2021 <u>Invested Balance</u>	2020-2021 <u>Share Gain + Interest Percent</u>	20-21 Capital <u>Reinvested</u>	6/30/2021 <u>Invested Balance</u>
<b>SADAWGA CEMETERY</b>							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,608.19	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,608.19	0.67%	\$140.92	\$1,749.11
Emery E. Reed	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$793.36	\$9,847.35
J.D. Sylvester	\$3,194.25	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,194.25	1.32%	\$279.90	\$3,474.15
Amos W. Pike	\$6,410.52	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,410.52	2.66%	\$561.72	\$6,972.24
Wells Winchester	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$279.90	\$3,474.16
William D. Faulkner	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$793.36	\$9,847.35
Arthur H. Lyons	\$6,410.49	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,410.49	2.66%	\$561.72	\$6,972.21
Frank C. Wheeler	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$793.36	\$9,847.35
Clifford G. Brown	\$3,040.03	1.26%	\$0.00	\$3,040.03	1.26%	\$266.38	\$3,306.41
Nathan B. Alfred	\$6,410.49	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,410.49	2.66%	\$561.72	\$6,972.21
Hal H. Allard	\$13,393.77	5.55%	\$0.00	\$13,393.77	5.55%	\$1,173.63	\$14,567.40
Dorothy Smith	\$2,951.88	1.22%	\$0.00	\$2,951.88	1.22%	\$258.66	\$3,210.54
Lurissa S. Brown	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$793.36	\$9,847.35
Elmer R. Houghton	\$3,811.06	1.58%	\$0.00	\$3,811.06	1.58%	\$333.95	\$4,145.01
John Sawyer	\$1,211.64	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,211.64	0.50%	\$106.17	\$1,317.81
Irvin Brown	\$2,180.85	0.90%	\$0.00	\$2,180.85	0.90%	\$191.10	\$2,371.95
Royal Faulkner	\$6,058.01	2.51%	\$0.00	\$6,058.01	2.51%	\$530.84	\$6,588.85
Sara Faulkner	\$2,841.77	1.18%	\$0.00	\$2,841.77	1.18%	\$249.01	\$3,090.78
Carroll E. White	\$1,189.56	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,189.56	0.49%	\$104.24	\$1,293.80
<b>JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY</b>							
Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,608.19	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,608.19	0.67%	\$140.92	\$1,749.11
Oscar Pike	\$1,608.19	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,608.19	0.67%	\$140.92	\$1,749.11
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$279.90	\$3,474.16
Miles Wilcox	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$793.36	\$9,847.35
F. & F.E. Hager	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,053.99	3.75%	\$793.36	\$9,847.35
C.L. Stickney	\$12,226.22	5.07%	\$0.00	\$12,226.22	5.07%	\$1,071.33	\$13,297.55
William A. Brown	\$3,194.25	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,194.25	1.32%	\$279.90	\$3,474.15
William Pouliotte	\$2,048.74	0.85%	\$0.00	\$2,048.74	0.85%	\$179.52	\$2,228.26
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,498.00	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,498.00	0.62%	\$131.26	\$1,629.26
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$4,229.61	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,229.61	1.75%	\$370.62	\$4,600.23
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,744.93	1.55%	\$0.00	\$3,744.93	1.55%	\$328.15	\$4,073.08
The Moody Family	\$783.20	0.32%	\$0.00	\$783.20	0.32%	\$68.63	\$851.83
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,199.26	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,199.26	0.50%	\$105.09	\$1,304.35

CUTTING CEMETERY							
Amos Brown	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$279.90	\$3,474.16
Burrows Family	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,194.26	1.32%	\$279.90	\$3,474.16
C.L. Stickney	\$6,410.52	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,410.52	2.66%	\$561.72	\$6,972.24
CARLEY CEMETERY							
Charlotte V. Sage	\$4,229.61	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,229.61	1.75%	\$370.62	\$4,600.23
RIVERVIEW CEMETERY							
Unspecified	\$13,327.68	5.52%	\$0.00	\$13,327.68	5.52%	\$1,167.84	\$14,495.52
OTHER UNSPECIFIED							
	\$57,398.85	23.79%	\$0.00	\$57,398.85	23.79%	\$5,029.59	\$62,428.44
Column total	\$241,320.74						\$262,466.55
TOTAL	\$241,320.64	100.00%	\$0.00	\$241,320.74	100.00%	\$21,145.81	\$262,466.45
							Column total
							Actual value

NOTE: Funds are invested in the following:

- 1) MFS Total Return Fund A
- 2) MFS Governmental Securities Fund A
- 3) MFS Bond Fund A

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This year as your Animal Control Officer I handled 137 different animal related issues. This year's numbers do not include non-licensed dogs due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Next year my report WILL include these numbers. You can mail in your information to get your animals registered.

I would again like to thank the Whitingham Selectboard, town health officer, town clerk, and townspeople for their continued support.

The incidents responded to include:

- 28 running at large
- 4 dog bites
- 34 nuisance complaints
- 9 missing dogs/cats
- 3 dogs surrendered
- 4 animal cruelty complaints
- 2 Hav-a-heart trap setups
- 4 welfare checks
- 10 information/education
- 30 warnings (verbal/written)

Please remember if you own an animal, you are responsible for its care and behavior. Also, if you own a dog(s) they must be licensed with the Town and vaccinations must be up to date. New licenses are due no later than April 1, 2022. Start looking for a vet or clinic appointment now; don't wait till last minute to set an appointment.

I am more than happy to answer any Animal Control related questions. I can be reached at (802) 380-0534 or by email at [aco@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:aco@whitinghamvt.org).

Respectfully submitted

*Dan Hollister*

Whitingham ACO/Humane Investigator

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**The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP"**, under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302. Please visit our website: [www.VVSAHS.org](http://www.VVSAHS.org). VVSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.



## ASSESSORS OFFICE

This year we have had over 75 Property Transfers. With the new Property Transfers also means more landowners are doing remodeling with a number of new building permits. With a majority of sales coming in over Assessed Value puts us into a position that we will have to do a reappraisal.

Our current Coefficient of Dispersion [COD] is 21.4%  
Our current Common Level of Appraisal [CLA] is 96.26%

The Assessors Office is open on Thursday from 9am-2pm. If you have any questions, please call 368-2838.

*Howard Dix*  
Assessor Clerk

### SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE GREAT RIVER HYDRO TAX APPEAL CASE

December 27, 2021

Great River Hydro LLC v. Town of Whitingham  
Docket No. 319-9-19 Wmcv

The Great River Hydro tax appeal was settled by the Town, the State of Vermont and Great River Hydro, LLC in October, 2021. The valuation of the hydro facility and its lands was set at the following values for the respective years:

2019	\$58,064,500
2020	\$53,527,400
2021	\$57,000,000
2022	\$57,000,000
2023	\$55,000,000
2024	\$55,000,000

This case was a tax appeal filed by Great River Hydro LLC ("Great River"), grieving its valuation for 2019. Great River has also appealed its 2020 and 2021 value. The facility, known as the Harriman facility, includes a generation station, a reservoir and flowage land. Great River's facility extends outside of Whitingham, but this case addresses only the portion of the facility within Whitingham. The Town set the April 1, 2019 taxable value at \$58,064,500. The value has remained the same for several years, and was agreed to by the State, Town, and Great River's predecessor in a prior settlement. Great River produced an appraisal by Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. and its consultant Ann Bulkley. The State and Town produced an appraisal by its consultant Brian Fogg.

The Town's expert and Great River's expert were about \$20,000,000 apart in values. The State and Town consultant's value was \$60,163,500. Great River's consultant's value was \$40,000,000. Depositions of each side were taken and a mediation took place where the parties failed to reach an agreement. The case was set for trial for the first week in October. On the eve of trial, the Court, unannounced, canceled the hearings and re-set the trial for late December. However, the Town and Great River took advantage of being prepared for trial to try a second attempt at settlement, and this time a settlement was reached.

While the settlement is a reduction in value from the 2019 value, the values are closer to the Town's consultant's values than to Great River's proposed values. Thus, in that respect, the settlement was favorable to the Town in avoiding the uncertainty of trial and the possibility of the Court splitting the difference between the two experts' values.

For reference the two sides' proposed values were as follows:

#### State and Town's Value

Great River paid, on average, about \$0.67/kWh-yr. for TransCanada's fleet of 13 hydros, which produce about 1.5 billion kWh-yr. If Great River's valuation for the Harriman Station - \$45 million, \$0.44/kWh-yr. - is applied across all 13 hydros in the fleet, the fleet lost \$0.23/kWh-yr. or about \$340 million (1.5 billion X \$0.23) of value in two years. Mr. Fogg used two methods of valuation - a sales (sales comparison) approach, and an income (discounted cash flow) approach. Mr. Fogg calculated that the sales comparison value of the entire Harriman facility (including property outside of Whitingham) was \$67,650,000. (102,500,000 KWh times \$0.66/kWh) Using a discounted cash flow analysis, Mr. Fogg determined that the value of the entire Harriman facility was \$63,100,000. He reconciled the results of his sales and income analyses (\$67,650,000 and \$63,100,000), and concluded that the fair market value of the entire facility was \$65,375,000. He allocated \$60,163,500 - about 92% of the total - to the Town of Whitingham.

#### Great River's Value

Ms. Ann Bulkley of Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. used three methods of valuation - an income approach, a cost approach, and a sales comparison approach. Her income approach incorporated a discounted cash flow analysis yielding a value of \$46,800,000. Her cost approach identified a replacement cost (less depreciation) of both a natural gas-fired generation plant and a hydroelectric generation plant, at \$42,429,000 and \$32,864,000, respectively. Her sales approach value is \$31,096,000.

Ms. Bulkley's sales comparison approach used only two sales, one of which the Town believes it can prove was not an arm's length transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Fisher, Esquire*

Town Attorney

**ASSESSOR'S DATA**  
**2020 AS BILLED Grand List**  
**Tax Book Report**  
**\*\*\* GRAND TOTALS \*\*\***

	<b>MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>NON-RESI</b>
Taxable parcels	1,131		
Acres	23,634.72		
Land	72,306,100		
Building	202,395,600		
Real	274,701,700	85,852,100	188,849,600
Add			
(+) Non-Approved Contracts		0	202,700
(+) Non-Approved Farm Contracts		0	0
(+) Inventory	0		
(+) Equipment	0		0
Subtract			
(-)Veteran	360,000	360,000	0
(-)Farm Stab	0	0	0
(-)Current Use	7,443,900	2,148,800	5,295,100
(-)Contracts	202,700	0	202,700
(-)Special Exempt		0	49,770
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>2,666,951.00</b>	<b>833,433.00</b>	<b>1,835,047.30</b>

Homestead	184,535,900
Housesite	160,090,000
Lease	0.00
Non-Tax Count	27
Non-Tax Val.	7,118,800

<b>RATE NAME</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>TOTAL RAISED</b>
Non-Residential Ed.	1.5468		1,833,020.30		2,835,315.84
Homestead Ed.	1.7762		833,433.00		1,480,343.73
Local Agreement	0.0035		2,666,951.00		9,344.69
Town	0.7660		2,666,951.00		2,042,884.51

**TOTAL TAX** **6,367,878.77**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Howard Dix*

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021  
(TAX YEAR 2020)**

		LAND USE	LAND USE
		ACRES	EXEMPTION
<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>
186 NATE FLYNN ROAD LLC	186 NATE FLYNN RD	163.7	\$ 156,400.00
AXTELL SARAH	133 ALLARD RD	138	\$ 176,700.00
BERBERIAN J KRISTINE LIFE ESTATE	1793 FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$ 122,200.00
BETIT ANTOINETTE LIFE ESTATE	6178 VT RTE 100	70	\$ 112,900.00
BETIT BRIAN	771 FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$ 38,100.00
BETIT STEVEN P	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$ 177,400.00
BORTELL RITA	BURRINGTON HILL RD	153	\$ 85,700.00
BOYD MARSHALL LIVING TRUST BOYD	859 ALLARD RD	34.7	\$ 46,900.00
BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64 BEAR LN	56	\$ 68,500.00
CAPO JAMES A	203 PIKE RD	81.18	\$ 84,200.00
CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447 NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$ 36,900.00
COREY JUSTIN A & KRISTY R	1755 VT RTE 8A	68.5	\$ 73,600.00
CORSE FARM	1085 CORSE RD	299	\$ 420,100.00
CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	773 CORSE RD	177.41	\$ 319,200.00
CORSE ROY C & VANESSA M	FAULKNER RD	10.62	\$ 61,600.00
CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489 WILMINGTON CROSS RD	106.6	\$ 214,200.00
CORSE WAYNE	871 RUBA RD	186.91	\$ 121,600.00
CORSE WAYNE	4840 VT RTE 100	187.34	\$ 208,700.00
CORSE WAYNE & HERRICK JENNIFER W	73 SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$ 115,100.00
CROSBY ROBERT & LUANNE M TRUST	2465 COLLINS RD	48.44	\$ 67,000.00
DAIELLO STEVEN	COLLINS RD	1.24	\$ 4,400.00
DAVID ANTHONY J & MEGHAN E	1091 GATES POND RD	103.95	\$ 95,100.00
DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTMAN INC	641 FOWLER RD	28.8	\$ 36,500.00
DENHAM EDWARD A & MARSHA A	LONE PINE RD	70.45	\$ 73,300.00
DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208 VT RTE 100	46.3	\$ 53,800.00
DIX SHELDON DEAN REVOCABLE TRUST	4292 VT RTE 100	35.3	\$ 62,700.00
DIX, LARRY R	3029 VT RTE 8A	31	\$ 81,400.00
EADE DAVID L	190 MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$ 61,900.00
EDELSTEIN ALICE R	48 HURD LN	130.93	\$ 153,100.00
FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103 GREEN RD	42.4	\$ 58,600.00
HANLEY REVOCABLE TRUST	214 BIRDVILLE RD	26.7	\$ 40,400.00
HAZARD KYLE P & STURTEVANT MELISSA A	MCMILLAN RD	55.8	\$ 72,500.00
HENRY MASON & GRAZIANO DANIEL	NORTH HILL RD	11	\$ 38,200.00
INGWERSEN KRISTIAN	2316 FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$ 319,600.00
KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	FOWLER RD	25	\$ 74,800.00
KOSKI CHELSEA M & MORSE JEFFRY B	617 GINNY MORSE RD	36	\$ 41,400.00
LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009 SADDADA RD	12.4	\$ 13,600.00
LAPIERRE KATHLEEN FARON	9943 VT RTE 100	60.4	\$ 76,800.00
LEHRER NANCY D	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$ 86,400.00
MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40 MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$ 818,100.00

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021  
(TAX YEAR 2020)**

MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$	49,100.00
NATURE TRAILS LLC	1382 KENTFIELD RD	326	\$	503,200.00
PAPRIN YALE I	900 VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$	74,500.00
PETERSON ELIZABETH RESCH ROBINSON		45.2	\$	32,900.00
PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785 LONE PINE RD	146.4	\$	116,500.00
PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843 CHAPEL HILL RD	73.2	\$	202,800.00
PORCELLO III FREDRICK A	SADDADA RD	70	\$	87,200.00
PROCTER MARY E & MATUSZESKI WILLIAM	488 FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$	96,200.00
PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070 FOWLER RD	53.2	\$	79,500.00
ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA J	467 BUTLER BROOK RD	83.8	\$	112,900.00
RODELL MICHAEL	KENTFIELD RD	182.1	\$	117,400.00
SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	STREETER HILL ROAD	371.4	\$	167,800.00
SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896 FOWLER RD	79.9	\$	95,000.00
SILVERMAN JEFFREY & BUNNELL KATHARINE	320 PRATT RD	72.52	\$	85,300.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	SADDADA RD	45	\$	82,000.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	2245 BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$	263,700.00
SPRAGUE MARTIN & KAREN	1631 VT RTE 100	2	\$	87,300.00
STREPPA LEWIS D & VIRGINIA M	1226 BURRINGTON HILL RD	31.4	\$	34,100.00
THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	VT RTE 100	37.4	\$	31,300.00
TWITCHELL ALLAN	243 GOODNOW RD	39.9	\$	54,100.00
WERSHOVEN CHRISTINE	482 BURRINGTON HILL RD	34.41	\$	56,000.00
WILKINSON ALICE S	BONE LANE	25.3	\$	45,500.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>7,443,900.00</b>

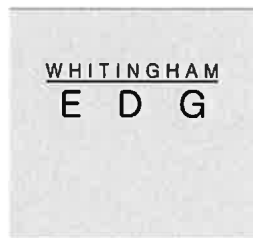
## CEMETERY COMMISSION

In the year of 2021, the mowing and trimming, along with spring and fall clean-ups were still being performed by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance. And yet again they kept the cemeteries looking fantastic.

More gravestones were repaired by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance this past year and many more will be done this coming year to see if we can get caught up with the amount needing repair. The upcoming repairs will be mostly funded from the cemetery investment funds. We now have all the Town of Whitingham cemetery maps scanned into digital form on the computer and will place them on the Town website in the upcoming year.

Finally, we would like to thank Adam Ranslow for stepping up and becoming a Cemetery Commissioner, it is greatly appreciated. And thank you to Almira for helping to keep cemetery records/paperwork filed and organized.

*Dana Dix, Chair; Brad Lackey, Clerk; and Adam Ranslow*



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

### 2021 Annual Report

Members of the Whitingham Economic Development Group (EDG) during the year 2021 included Gretchen Havreluk, Phil Edelstein, Karen Hein, Carrie Northrup, and Seth Boyd.

The year 2021 proved to be a difficult year for the EDG. Gretchen Havreluk chose not to be reappointed in March; and meetings were not well attended.

In May the Selectboard, with EDG members, decided to put the EDG on pause. The future of the EDG depends on volunteers like you. If you are interested in joining the group to revitalize local business interests, please contact Gig at 368-7500 or email her at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

## EDUCATION FUNDING LITIGATION STATUS

### Boyd v. State of Vermont

#### Update for 2022 Town Report

On October 27, 2017, Twin Valley High School student Sadie Boyd, Whitingham resident Madeline Klein, and the Town of Whitingham commenced a lawsuit alleging that the State of Vermont is violating Whitingham students' right to equal educational opportunity and Whitingham resident taxpayers' right to not be taxed disproportionately and compelling the Town to violate the Vermont Constitution.

The Plaintiffs allege that the State is violating Whitingham students' constitutional right to equal educational opportunity, a right recognized by the Supreme Court of Vermont in the landmark 1997 decision in *Brigham v. State*, by funding their education based on the number of "equalized pupils" rather than on the actual cost of educating students. The Plaintiffs allege that the State's constitutional violation is reflected in the disparity between the educational opportunities offered by the Twin Valley schools and larger schools in Vermont.

The Plaintiffs also allege that the State is harming Whitingham resident taxpayers, whose education property tax rate increased by more than 30 cents in FY2018, despite a nearly \$300,000 reduction in education expenditures. The Plaintiffs point to several factors responsible for the increase in the tax rate, none greater than the State's penalty for so-called "excess spending," spending which, the Plaintiffs allege, is necessary to provide Whitingham students with the limited educational opportunities that are also the subject of the lawsuit.

Finally, the Plaintiffs allege that the State is compelling the Town of Whitingham to violate the Vermont Constitution by compelling it to participate in a system that violates the rights of both Whitingham students and resident taxpayers.

The Plaintiffs are asking for an injunction against the aspects of the education funding and property taxation systems that they allege are unconstitutional; and believe that the changes they seek will benefit students and taxpayers not only in Whitingham, but across Vermont.

In July 2021, the trial court granted the State's motion for summary judgment against the Plaintiffs. In August, the Plaintiffs filed an appeal with the Vermont Supreme Court. The parties filed briefs in the fall of 2021, and oral argument is scheduled for January 26, 2022. It is likely that the Court will issue its decision on the appeal later this year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam Waite and James Valente*  
Costello, Valente & Gentry

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wayne W. Wood resigned as Emergency Management Director (EMD) in late March of 2021. Gig Zboray was Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), the Selectboard appointed her as EMD in Mr. Wood's stead.

During 2021, as EMD, I attended numerous COVID-19 briefings; continued to oversee and work with other agencies on our Flood Hazard Mitigation projects in Jacksonville Village, and updated our Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).

### *Gig Zboray, EMD*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a list of information targeted specifically for older Americans facing an emergency. Among the items the agency recommends you have on hand:

- A three-day minimum supply of medications, along with a cooler and ice packs if your medications require refrigeration. Also, medical supplies if needed, such as syringes.
- Contact lens solution, glasses and/or hearing aids and extra batteries for people who need them.
- An identification band with your full name, a list of any allergies and a family-member contact number.
- Information about your medical devices, including oxygen, walkers and wheelchairs. The information should include model numbers and the vendor of the products.
- Documents in a waterproof bag. They should include a personal care plan; contact information for family members; a medication list including the dosage, exact name, pharmacy information and the prescribing doctor for each medication; a list of food or medical allergies; copies of photo IDs and medical insurance cards; and a durable power of attorney and/or medical power of attorney documents.
- Cash to be used if automatic teller and credit card machines are not working.

The CDC also is recommending people include additional supplies to address the spread of the coronavirus, flu and other viruses. They include face coverings for everyone 2 and older, soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

FEMA offers an Emergency Supply List here:

[https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/ready\\_checklist.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/ready_checklist.pdf)



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department responded to 268 total calls in 2021, up from 220 in 2020 which included 1 building fire, 1 chimney fire, 24 dispatched and cancelled in route, 13 fire/co alarms, 20 mva's, 7 powerlines down/tree on wires, 11 service calls, 1 unauthorized burning, 3 vehicle fires. Mutual Aid was provided to 1 Charlemont Ma, 1 Dover, 1 Halifax, 2 Marlboro, 4 Wilmington. 1<sup>st</sup> Response calls 141 in Whitingham and 37 in Halifax.

There were 12 monthly trainings.

The new Engine 1 is working out well and is benefitting our capabilities.

We must raise our yearly equipment fund amount to \$40k from \$20k to keep up with the price hikes from Federal Emission Laws, the current demand of vehicles and the current state of the economy and inflation. In reality, \$40k may not be enough so we'll re-evaluate the amount next year. We're looking to retire (though not selling) our 1971 brush truck and replace with a 1-ton type pickup which will make responding much safer and quicker with our rescue trailer. Looking into the not-so-distant future most our cylinders for our SCBA's will be out of date and will not pass inspection per NFPA guidelines because of the age of them. Right now, the price of a new cylinder is approximately \$1,300. We will need to replace 20 cylinders. It makes the most sense to upgrade the packs we have, to accommodate the 4500 psi 45min cylinder instead of the 2216 30min cylinder which will also be an added expense. *Every minute counts!*

As you can see from the budget, we are implementing a stipend to the firefighters to help recoup some lost time and to give them something to say thank you for all the hours they are putting in. We are also hoping this will help getting more volunteers and to improve responses from our volunteers. The department is still considered volunteer with the stipend. A budget of \$32,295 which includes withholdings, will go towards all the firefighters per a point system that's done internally. The more calls a firefighter responds to the more points he or she earns which will be divided up at the end of the year and a check will be awarded to the firefighter. Please support this budget line item.

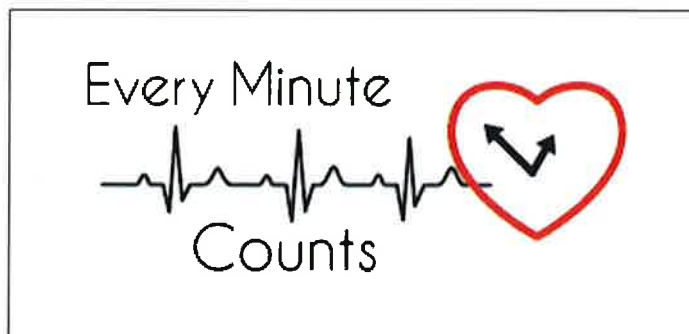
Please install 911 signs at the end of your driveways so we can find you.

I'd like to thank all our volunteers for all their dedication to the Town of Whitingham.

Thank you for your support of the Whitingham Fire Department.

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*

Fire Chief



## FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

1971	Chevy Brush Truck 50 gpm pump	20 yrs	1995	Free	\$	100,000	Still in Service
1992	GMC Rescue Truck	20yrs	2012	\$41,000	\$	300,000	Still in Service
2001	Freightliner Tanker 1000 gal tank / 125C	20yrs	2021	\$180,000	\$	325,000	Still in Service
2006	Freightliner Pumper 2450 gal. tank / 125	20yrs	2026	\$160,000	\$	295,000	
2018	Chevy Rescue PU	20yrs	2038	\$43,300	\$	75,000	
2012	Mission Trailer	15yrs	2027	\$10,405	\$	15,000	
2012	Artic Cat Prowler Side by Side	10yrs	2022	\$14,265	\$	25,000	
2012	Artic Cat Snowmobile	10yrs	2022	\$12,000	\$	17,000	see note (1)
1996	Freightliner Pumper (refurb. 2021)	20 yrs	2041	\$100,000	\$	400,000	

(1) paid by Firemen's Association



***We can't help you  
if you can't be  
found.***

**Please mark your  
property with your  
911 address!**

Imagine it is 3:00 am and you call 911 for a fire in your house, or a medical emergency, or even a crime in progress. The responding unit turns onto your street and they begin looking for your house. The only thing they know is that they are looking for house number 229. It is dark and they see the occasional house number on a mailbox. They finally see the number 201 and know they are close, the next 5 mailboxes do not have numbers or they are not readable in the dark. Suddenly, they see 245 and they know they have missed your house.

Time is often important and this is going to take time. Especially if a 20 ton fire truck needs to turn around. They stop further down the street and have to either slowly back up, drive to an intersection to turn around or try to find another driveway to use. This is time they will not get back.

Most people have some kind of house number on their house, on the mailbox, maybe chiseled into a rock at the end of the driveway. Often they are more decorative than practical, especially at night. A small number posted somewhere on the front of the house or garage is of little help at night. Many homes in our area are set further back from the road and these numbers are of no help in daylight or darkness. Non reflective numbers and numbers only on one side of the mailbox or post are not as helpful as larger, reflective numbers.

2-3 inch reflective numbers, facing both directions is what works best. If your mailbox is at the street in front of your house this would be the best location. A stand alone sign post with numbers, close to the street would work also. If the numbers have to be on the house, lighted numbers or illuminated by a light are best.

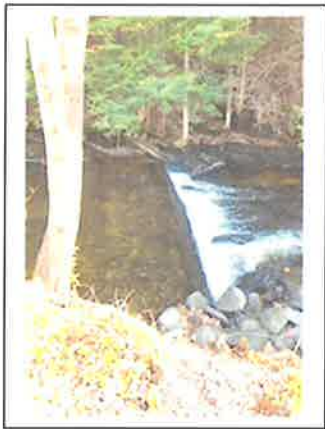
## **FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION**

### **In Jacksonville Village**

The “Stanley Committee” was formed with members from town staff (Stanley Janovsky, Jr. and Gig Zboray), Windham Regional Commission (WRC), Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (WCNRCD), several departments of the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and VTrans. We are working on a large, multifaceted project with its main focus to widen the river to bankful width, to remove the undersized cement bridge, to replace the existing undersized culvert with a longer structure to allow easier ingress/egress of the fire equipment, to move the electric pole, and to stabilize the riverbank at the Municipal Center. We attempted a FEMA buyout of a house that straddles the river, but the Corona real estate market made that unrealistic for the seller. We are also working on smaller projects along the riverbank in Jacksonville.

In 2021 we made the following progress:

- Continued to work with Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) and FEMA on a property buyout grant conducting an appraisal and archeological resource assessment.
- Worked with engineers on their Scoping Study of the project (funded 80% by a VTrans grant).
- Closed out our 2020 Municipal Planning Grant which paid Windham Regional Commission (WRC) to act as manager for this difficult multifaceted project
- Applied for a 2022 Municipal Planning Grant to continue to pay WRC to act as manager
- Walked the riverbank with officials from WRC, ANR and WCNRCD to discuss and plan conservation/flood resiliency projects as outlined in the River Corridor Plan.



Open up aquatic organism passage



Knotweed along river

## HEALTH OFFICER

During 2021 I continued to receive updates from the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development regarding the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic. The Governor's State of Emergency expired June 15, 2021.

I received numerous calls of concern about the safety of a resident. The job of a Town Health Officer is to address "public health concerns", not the concerns of single individuals. However, I did reach out to numerous agencies to try to find some help.

In late fall I received a complaint about someone polluting the river in Jacksonville and another about a pickup truck filled with garbage. These too are not a "public health concern" but I reached out to the Department of Environmental Conservation to address the river concern. I also reached out to the property owner about the garbage and continue to keep an eye on the situation.

~Gig Zboray

Town Health Officer

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	Notes
2015	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2030	\$190,000	\$ 300,000	
2013	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2028	\$180,000	\$ 275,000	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$160,000	\$ 250,000	
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$129,000	\$ 250,000	
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$63,000	\$ 80,000	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 PU	5yrs	2017	\$35,000	\$ 70,000	Still in service
1996	Caterpillar Grader	15yrs	2011	\$214,000	\$ 400,000	Still in service
2019	Komatsu Loader	15yrs	2034	\$190,000	\$ 250,000	
2009	John Deere Tractor 6330	20yrs	2029	\$89,000	\$ 130,000	(Paid with FEMA Funds)
1997	1987 Bomag Roller	15yrs	2012	\$20,000	\$ 80,000	Still in service
2007	1985 Eager Beav Trailer	15yrs	2022	\$7,000	\$ 20,000	
1988	Morbark Chipper	20yrs	2008	\$15,000	\$ 50,000	Still in service
2021	Caterpillar Back Hoe	15yrs	2036	\$141,500	\$ 151,500	
2022	GMC Sierra pick up	7 yrs	2029	\$50,000	\$ 75,000	

*all pre 2007 heavy duty dump trucks' normal life span was 10 years*

*Back-Up truck is planned to be replaced by 2007 Mack in 2027 which is pre-emissions.*

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The winter of 20-21 brought us some normal amounts of snow and ice. We were able to keep the sand and salt budgets relatively low as far as usage. Salt tonnage was 359 tons.

The spring brought us a tough mud season which was worse than usual for us. The department worked much overtime at night, box scraping and hauling lots of material to fill some of the worse spots. Maple Hill Lane, Corse Road, Parsons Road, Fowler Road, and Faulkner Road seemed to take the bulk of the work to try to keep passable.

During the summer we replaced culverts, spread gravel, and mowed roadsides. We received a Better Back Roads Grant to ditch and stone line ditches for water quality and to control silt runoff. The grant was in the amount of \$17,240 which covered the ditch stone, excavator rental, and man-hours.

Paving was on track to have lots done. At first, I received an email from the State saying we were not receiving any grants due to covid and other issues. My intent was then to pave Parsons from Gates Pond to Stone House, Collins and part of Gates Pond, Heberd Hill, and Reed Hill Roads. After bidding these projects I then was informed we did receive the Class 2 Highways Grant in the amount of \$175,000. I applied for this grant to resurface the Wilmington Cross Road. The issue we had was not so much getting the projects ready, it was the amount of rainfall we encountered during the summer which put the paving company behind schedule. We were able to complete Heberd Hill, Parsons, and Wilmington Cross Road, but we'll finish the rest in 2022.

Projects slated for the summer of 2022 include finishing 2021 paving plus fixing Town Hill Road, which will include full depth reclamation and paving along with drainage and culvert replacement. Also, at the recommendation of the Parks Committee we will be fixing the parking areas on Town Hill by the playgrounds. I received a Structures Grant to replace the deck on Bridge # 43 in the amount of \$19,800 which should also be completed in the summer of 2022.

The department purchased a new pickup with plow. After a long search we purchased a 2022 GMC 3500 truck with a Boss plow. We kept the old one for a backup truck and to use for tree cutting, checking routes, especially during mud season, we want to try to keep off the muddy roads with a large truck.

I'd like to thank the townspeople for their support, also the crew and office help for their hard work and help for the Highway Department.

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.,*  
Road Commissioner

## HIGHWAY GARAGE COMMITTEE

The Whitingham Highway Garage Committee was created on January 2, 2020 and then disbanded by the Selectboard on March 10, 2021 because the Selectboard felt they should be more involved.

Article 12 on the 2021 ballot to approve the purchase of 12 acres on Town Hill Road for a new garage site was not approved by the voters. The land offer was rescinded before Town Meeting anyway.

The Selectboard is aware that the highway garage is about past its lifespan. They continue to research the best way to address the matter.

### TOWN OF WHITINGHAM INVENTORY OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

#### TRANSFER STATION

Compactor  
2 containers  
Shed  
Dog shelter  
2 Connex boxes (storage)

#### LAND WITH BUILDINGS

Municipal Center w/small shed  
Fire Station - Jacksonville  
Fire Station - Whitingham  
Sewer Plant - Jacksonville  
Sewer Plant - Whitingham  
Town Highway Garage  
Shelter & playground Town Hill  
Green Mountain Hall  
Number 9 Schoolhouse

#### LAND ONLY

Land behind Municipal Center  
Land in front of Jacksonville Fire House  
Eames Park  
Small strip of land Route 112 -along North River  
Small strip of land Route 100 - pull off -across from Harriman Reservoir  
Small strip of land corner of Route 100 and Corse Road

#### CEMETERIES

Blanchard  
Boyd  
Carley  
Coleman  
Cutting  
Davidson  
Gates also known as Fuller  
Green  
Jacksonville  
Riverview  
Roberts  
Sadawga  
Wheeler also known as Jewell

#### CLOCK

Clock in the tower of Jville Church





### Our Mission

The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of life-long learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs

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### 2020- 2021 Statistics

11,450 library holdings (books, magazines, movies, other)  
 3 patron desktops / 2 patron Chrome books  
 1,428 patrons — (1,232 adults, 196 children)  
 3,160 in person visits with nearly 6,000 items circulated  
*"an 18% increase since 2020 covid-19 closures"*  
 923 children & adults attended 37 programs  
 246 interlibrary loans requested  
 93 interlibrary loans sent other libraries

### Alternative Library Collections

1. Chrome book  
*"great for zoom meetings & visits"*
2. Giant games  
*"fun for family & friends"*
3. Jigsaw puzzles  
*"family time or quiet time on your own"*
4. Portable printer  
*"useful for remote work or school"*
5. Portable DVD player  
*"useful for quarantine or on the go"*
6. Portable CD player  
*"excellent with cd audio books"*
7. Snowshoes (children & adult)  
*"exercise, fresh air and fun for all ages"*
8. Tool lending library  
*"convenient and useful common tools & gadgets"*  
 digital moisture meter, digital multi-meter, stud  
 finder, battery charger, air inflator, palm sander,  
 500 watt work light, t-bevel, measuring  
 wheel, extension cords, hand truck
9. Coffee service supplies  
*"for bakes sales, parties, fundraisers etc."*

### 2021 Summer Reading

#### "Tails & Tales"

#### Monday Tales

3-6 years & 7-10 years

4 weeks with 14 kids attending

#### USDA Summer Meals Program

In partnership with WINGS Summer Camp and  
 the USDA we served 46 free lunches

#### Drive-in Movies

46 children & adults attended 3 outdoor movies

#### Outreach

177 children & adults enjoyed 2

So. VT Natural History Museum Programs  
 at WINGS Summer Camp



*"It is amazing, Kristine & Lois, can think for a moment and  
 pick a book for someone and it is just the right story.  
 You are a treasure!" Thank you, Martha Phelps*

### Grants Awarded

The VT Community Foundation — \$1,500  
 2 patron Chrome books and a portable printer  
 Installed outdoor outlet & charging station

### New Services Available

Kristine completed Advanced Care  
 Training through the Brattleboro Area  
 Hospice. Schedule an appointment to  
 discuss your advanced care plan.

### 2021 Partnerships

Brattleboro Area Hospice  
 Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival  
 Efficiency Vermont  
 Lion's Club  
 Town of Whitingham  
 USDA Summer Food Program with WINGS  
 W. Sergeant, Nurse Practitioner  
 WINGS Community Programs



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## PARKS COMMITTEE

2021 saw regular visitors return to Town Hill Park. Some community events and family gatherings resumed including a modified Hungry Lion Bike Tour, Greenup Day and two softball tournaments.

New playground equipment has been purchased; a new merry-go-round (to replace the old damaged one) and toddler bouncing animal structure. These will be installed in the spring of 2022.

The Parks Committee purchased 5 new trees from Arboreal Habitats. Adam Buursma and his crew planted those in the early fall, two crabapple, two sugar maple, one lilac.

New picnic tables were purchased for Eames Village Park and Town Hill Common.

The Wi-Fi hotspot on Town Hill that was established during the 2020 Covid pandemic will remain in service.

The Parks Committee met with the Selectboard and the town crew to discuss a reconfiguration of the parking lot at Town Hill. In 2022, the road crew will move rocks and relocate the parking lots to run parallel to Town Hill Road on both sides of the park. When Town Hill Road is paved, these new parking lots will also be paved.

We also plan on rebuilding the stone wall in front of the War Memorial Monument. The Parks Committee will continue to look for a stone mason to discuss (quote) this project.

Other future projects include: upgrading the safety of the utility area (propane and electric panels) by enclosing it in a locked fence. The fence will be beautified with plantings like grasses and hydrangea. The Parks Committee plans to look into a simple remodel of the covered picnic structure to open up one side and extend a larger covered (porch) area. This will allow for family gatherings and events to have protection from the elements during inclement weather.

The Parks Committee welcomes new members Lyndsay Bushey-Hesselbeck and Elizabeth (Rinaldi) Weber.

Many thanks to Doug & Brian Dix of Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance for great care of the grounds, mowing and complete restoration of the softball field. Thanks to Donnie Boyd for mowing the brush around the softball field and picnic area.

Thank you to Heather Hebert of the Jacksonville Store for watering the flowers daily. Many thanks additionally to Gig Zboray, Almira Aekus, Pastor Doug and Mary Lou Laplante, Sandy Crowningshield, Peter and Tanya Bernard for helping to plant and water the flower planters throughout town.

We hope that next summer will allow for a more regular use of the parks and a return of local events.

Thank you.

*Seth Boyd , Chair; Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom; Carol Millett,  
Erin Lackey, Lyndsey Bushey-Hesselbek, and Elizabeth Weber*



## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Whitingham Planning Commission met seven times in 2021. February 9, 2021, the Zoning Regulation was in its final stages, after "the past several years' deliberations" (this process began in 2017). The new Zoning Regulations were adopted by the Whitingham Selectboard October 20, 2021 and went into effect November 10, 2021. The PC was greatly assisted by John Bennett and staff from the Windham Regional Commission, as well as our tireless Zoning Administrator, Gig Zboray, and behind the scenes, our Town Clerk, Almira Aekus.

March 9, the PC reorganized, electing Brad Lackey as Chair, Peter Barus as Clerk. Linda Donaghue and Keith Thompson continue as members (and there is still a vacancy on the Commission). Helipads and airstrips were discussed briefly, and the section-by-section review of the Zoning Regulations continued. April 13, the Zoning review entered the final stage, examining permitted and conditional use.

May 11, under final review and approval, the Commission voted to approve the final draft of the Zoning Regulations dated April 19, 2021 and discussed and corrected the report to the Selectboard. June 8, a Public Hearing, on changes to the Zoning Regulations, addressed a change to Section 5.1 (accessory use or structure). There were no public comments. Also, at that meeting the Commission voted to recommend that the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities bylaw be repealed. The Selectboard voted to repeal the Wireless Telecommunications Bylaw, and to adopt the Zoning Regulations, on October 20th.

November 9, the Commission began work on the Policy Recommendations in the Town Plan and continued this review December 14. In 2022 we will focus on the Town Plan, which does not need to be updated until 2025, but there are several items that need attention.

There remains a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Anyone interested in serving your community in this way is encouraged to call Gig Zboray (368-7500) or write to [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org). The PC meets the second Tuesday each month.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Barus*, Clerk

## SELECTBOARD

The State of Vermont Coronavirus State of Emergency was declared March 13, 2020 and ended June 14, 2021. Residual effects continue. We are thankful for town employees who practiced health safety protocols so they could continue to keep the town running.

We accepted the resignation of Wayne W. Wood from the board on March 24<sup>th</sup>. James Weber was appointed to fill the vacancy on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We accepted the resignation of Phil Edelstein on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Greg Brown was appointed to fill the vacancy on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Selectboard and office administrator continued to oversee many aspects of running the business of the Town of Whitingham. Activities included but are not limited to:

- Continued oversight of the sewer improvement project – see sewer department report for more information
- Continued oversight of Animal Control issues, Assessors Office, flood hazard mitigation projects in Jacksonville, Highway Department, Municipal Center maintenance and use, Parks Committee, Transfer Station
- Continued oversight of lawsuit against the State of Vermont
- Came to an agreement with Great River Hydro on their property assessment
- Continued to support the work of the Deerfield Valley CUD to bring fiber optic internet to every address in town
- Addressed a petition asking the town to take over Murdock Lane. At the public hearing it was determined that to do so was not for the public good, public necessity or public convenience, therefore the request was denied.
- Contracted with Wilmington Police to provide some patrol coverage in Whitingham for the period April 1 through June 30. The board was happy with the service provided and contracted for the year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$9,000.
- The Highway Garage Committee was disbanded after the offer to purchase property on Town Hill Road was rescinded.
- The Broadband Committee was disbanded because the town became a founding member of the Deerfield Valley CUD
- The Economic Development Group was put on hold because it lost a member and was difficult to make a quorum
- Received an Efficiency Vermont grant to replace lighting in the dining hall, selectboard, bookkeeper and town clerk offices with efficient LED bulbs
- Updated the Personnel Policy
- Renewed “village center” designation for Jacksonville
- Adopted updated Zoning Regulations effective November 10, 2021
- Repealed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Bylaw effective November 10, 2021
- Began the process to set the speed limit on Parson Road to 35mph
- Looked at Class 4 roads and Legal Trails for possible changes

We offer our gratitude to:

**Aysa Peltz and Todd Wahlstrom**, coordinators of Green Up Day.

**Claudia Greene** for proofreading and editing this Town Report.

**Members of town committees.**

**Volunteers** whose contributions, large and small, enhance the lives of our citizens.

*We appreciate the opportunity to serve as Selectboard members*



*Scott M. Reed, Chair*  
*Craig Hammer, Vice Chair*  
*Greg Brown*  
*Chris Walling*  
*James Weber*

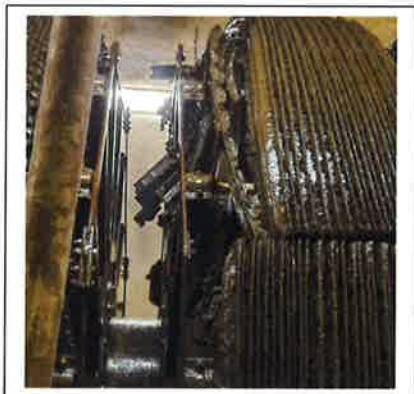
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## SEWER DEPARTMENT

Years of patience and frustration continued through 2021 as we try to keep the sewer improvements project moving towards construction.

In March of 2021 the voters approved of a \$3,915,000 bond for the sewer project. Delays caused by the state and engineering firm caused the construction bid to go out late. The result was that we received only one bid on the project, which came in at \$4,696,200. That bid was rejected, and the project was stalled again for months. We continue to work towards getting this project completed at a reasonable cost to our sewer users. The project is expected to go out for rebid in mid-late February 2022.

In July of 2021 we became aware of a residence that had been connected to the sewer system without following proper procedure. The problem was addressed, and a payment arrangement has been agreed upon.



The deteriorated media  
at the Jacksonville  
plant



## TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JULY 1, 2020	\$	102,690.72
ABATEMENT	\$	-
TAXES BILLED FOR TAX YEAR 2020 (FY 2021)	\$	6,367,878.77
<b>TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,470,569.49</b>
TAXES COLLECTED (Current)	\$	6,277,110.06
TAXES COLLECTED (Delinquent)	\$	90,760.02
DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2021	\$	102,699.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,470,569.45</b>

Note: Because of the pandemic, we did not hold the normal tax sale in fiscal year 2020 and the one for 2021 was held in October 2021. All of the 2018 and 2019 delinquent taxes were satisfied between July 1, 2021 and October 2021.

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December 9, 2021

Selectboard  
Town of Whitingham, Vermont  
2948 VT Rte 100  
Jacksonville, Vermont 05342

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Office.

*Sullivan, Powers & Company*

# DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

<u>Parcel ID</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TAX YEARS</u>	
09-0989-	ADAMS, LESLEY A.	2020	
09-0945-	AQUINO RAMON A. & KIMBERLY	2020	
06-0043-	BERKSHIRE PROPERTY	2020	
06-J035-	BETIT, CLAIRE	2020	
06-J034-	BOYD, JUSTIN	2020	
05-0119-	BOYD, KENT	2020	
05-0132-	BOYD, THOMAS	2020	
05-0300-	BROCHU, KEVIN & DEBORAH	2019 & 2020	
06-0041-	CHAMBERS, JONATHAN	2020	
11-1015-	COOLBRITH, GEORGE	2020	
12-1101-	COONEY, KEVIN	2020	
05-0122-	DIX, DOUGLAS & LAURIE	2020	
07-0526-	DIX, LINDSEY RAE	2020	
05-0261-	ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE LLC	2020	
06-0505-	FARRINGTON, HARRY	2020	
08-0622-	FOOTE, JOHN P.	2020	
05-0195-	FROMENT, KATHIE	2020	
05-0163-	GOUIN, ANDREW A.	2020	
12-1122-	HARRIS, JOHN W., ET. AL.	2018-2020	
04-0056-	MASON, HENRY	2020	
03-0038-	HERZIG, NORMAN & JENNIFER	2020	
12-1101-01	HOLT, JOHN H.	2020	
05-0132-01	JANOVSKY, WADE A. & HEIDI J.	2020	
12-1128-	KRZEMINSKI, HELEN	2020	
09-0832-	LOCKHART, JAMES & BARBARA	2020	
12-1152-01	MCHUGH, BARBARA & WILLIAM	2020	
08-0584-	MCNARY, JUSTIN & JENNIFER	2020	
08-0689-01	MINEAU, WAYNE	2020	
05-0167-	MOZZER, TODD	2020	
07-0539-	ORENSTEIN, MARVIN D.	2020	
05-0094-	PELOSI, ROBERT A.	2020	
06-J041-	PERRY, KEVIN L. & APRIL L.	2019 & 2020	
05-0304-	REYNOLDS, DONALD A.	2020	
05-0308-	REYNOLDS, STEWART & SHIRLEY	2020	
03-0035-	SANDELLA, JOHN	2020	
05-0076-	SOLSKY, MICHAEL & LINDA	2020	
12-0997-	URBAN SURF 4 KIDS	2020	
07-0533-	VANDUYNE, EDWARD A.	2020	
05-0285-01	VIERA, SANDRA M. ET. AL.	2020	
05-0087-	WATERS, RICHARD C. J.	2020	
07-0536-02	WHITNEY, CHRISTOPHER	2020	
12-1189-	WILSON, RICHARD E. & KIMBERLEE	2019 & 2020	
05-0297-	WOLFE, JONATHAN K.	2020	
Delinquent 2018		\$ 885.65	
Delinquent 2019		\$ 11,045.05	
Delinquent 2020		\$ 90,768.67	
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 102,699.37</b>	
<b>Notes:</b>			
1. The delinquent tax list does not list the individual taxpayers amount of delinquency.			
2. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the tax sale was postponed in 2020 and was held in October 2021. The sale satisfied all of the 2018 and 2019 delinquent taxes as well as a good amount of the 2020 taxes.			

## **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

The Town Clerk's office oversees all land documents, vital records and town records as required by Vermont Statutes. Other duties include election preparation and results, voter checklist maintenance, voter registration, clerk of the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement, issuing marriage licenses, liquor licenses, dog licenses, oaths of officers, and notary public.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Annual Town Meeting was conducted entirely by Australian ballot. There was a total of 964 ballots mailed to all active voters, of which 368 were voted. It was sad to not see everyone at town meeting, but we were thankful that the Selectboard made voter safety a top priority. Voting will be conducted by Australian ballot again this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the next in person meeting.

Vital Statistics records that were issued and or filed in the Town of Whitingham: 8 Births, 9 Deaths, and 9 Marriage Licenses

There were 276 dog licenses issued in 2021. We would like to remind dog owners that by state law their dog (s) must be licensed annually. Dog licenses run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The fee for licensing a dog is \$13 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$17 for un-altered dogs. If you are a dog breeder or pet dealer, a special license is needed. When licensing your dog(s), you must present a current rabies certificate and a certificate of spaying/neutering.

There were 606 land records which totaled 1570 pages, 101 property transfer tax returns, and 5 survey maps that were recorded, indexed, and scanned. The records included real estate transfer deeds, mortgages, discharges, power of attorney, etc.

There were two requests to the Board of Abatement for abatement of taxes and one grievance to the Board of Civil Authority. We would like to thank the boards which consist of the Selectboard and Justices of the Peace for all their time given for these hearings as well as their help in the election process.

In September, the town clerk attended a two-day conference for the Vermont Municipal Clerk's and Treasurer's Association which was held at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. It was wonderful to have in-person trainings and to be able to catch up with colleagues throughout the state.

Marylee Putnam has served as assistant clerk, assistant treasurer, and bookkeeper for many years. We are extremely fortunate to have her, and it is very comforting knowing the office is well cared for in the clerk's absence. Thank you, Marylee!

We wish you all a very safe, happy, and healthy 2022.

Best,



Town Clerk

## TRANSFER STATION

The Whitingham Transfer Station continues to be an individual waste-management entity and things are running smoothly, thanks to Jennifer Herzig and her backup attendant, Dave Munson.

In 2021 we held two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to **Jennifer Herzig** for getting the training necessary for her to oversee these events, it saves the town a substantial amount of money! The HHW removal company charged us \$3,619.80 this year. We received a grant from VT ANR for \$3,000.

Jen Herzig gives a shout out of **thanks** to **Jenepher Burnell** for shelving and to **Angela Avery Koehler** and **Jeanette Felton** for all their assistance in organizing the share shed.

Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held May 14th and October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Whenever possible we recommend you choose non-toxic alternatives. Select the least toxic products available and buy only the amount you need to use.

Act 148 banned food scraps from the state landfill on July 1, 2020. We accept **FOOD SCRAPS ONLY** at the Transfer Station (\$10 per gallon); however, we strongly encourage back-yard composting.

If you have usable building materials that you no longer need please post them for reuse on sites like Facebook or freecycle.com; donate them to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity or you can post a flyer at the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station continues to accept the following during regular business hours:

- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, button cell, rechargeable, tool, cellphone, etc.)
- Mercury Bulbs (fluorescent tubes, Circulines, HID, Mercury Vapor, U-Tube and CFLs)
- Mercury Thermostats
- Paint

Are you aware of our **A-Z Disposal and Recycling Options Guide**? It is a comprehensive list of waste items and how to properly dispose of them. Copies of the guide are available at the Town Clerk's office, at the Transfer Station or on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jen at the Transfer Station at 368-7876 or Gig in the Selectboard Office at 368-7500.

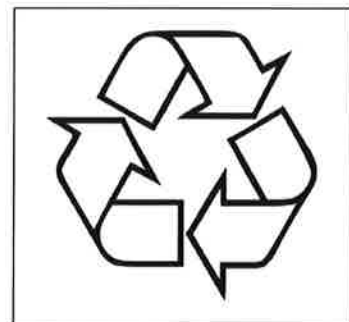
### Recycling Matters!

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

291 trees  
6,073 gallons of oil  
726,639 hours of electricity  
87,636 gallons of water

by our Municipal Recycling in 2021.

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/footprint/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/footprint/)



## **ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR**

In 2021 I issued 45 zoning permits (10 more than last year). Of the 45 nine were for new dwellings. As usual most of the applications were for garages or other storage buildings.

The long-awaited updated Zoning Regulations were adopted by the Selectboard on October 20<sup>th</sup> and became effective November 10, 2021. I worked closely with the Planning Commission on the project and our hope is that this is a clear and concise document.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

*Gig Zboray*



## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is empowered to grant relief from the strict application of the Zoning Regulation (waivers), approve certain uses of land (conditional use), and hear appeals of actions taken by the Zoning Administrator.

We were unable to find anyone to fill the two vacant seats on the ZBA, therefore on June 2, 2021 the Selectboard officially made the ZBA a 5-member board. Gig Zboray is our Clerk.

In 2021 the ZBA met for four public hearings.

*Marshall Dix, Chair; Craig Aekus, Dana Dix, Troy Felisko, and Lyman Tefft, Jr.*



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## **Brattleboro Area Hospice**

**191 Canal Street**

**Brattleboro, VT 05301**

**(802) 257-0775**

**[www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)**

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) provides a broad range of volunteer-based services for living and dying well, focusing on end-of-life, bereavement, and advance care planning. Our programs reflect our community's values of kindness, decency, and dignity. Founded in 1979 on the belief that no one should die alone, we are committed to offering all services free of charge.

We work in four key program areas:

- ✓ Our Hospice Care Program, the last remaining all-volunteer hospice in the state, provides trained volunteers and staff who provide practical and emotional support to clients and their families leading up to and following the end of life.
- ✓ Our Advance Care Planning project, Taking Steps Brattleboro, helps people in the Brattleboro area complete their Advance Directive and register them with the State of Vermont.
- ✓ Our Bereavement Care Program, the largest in Vermont, hosts bereavement groups and provides individual counseling for those who are grieving. We present an annual service of remembrance at the Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park in Brattleboro. The garden is available year-round for the enjoyment of the community.
- ✓ Our Community Education Programs maintain a lending library for general public use, including books to help children understand death and dying. We recently created a digital library catalog so that community members can browse the library and reserve books from home, minimizing in-person contact at our office.

Throughout the year we present a variety of events to the public on topics of death and dying. These are currently being offered on Zoom; we will return to in-person events when it is safe to do so. We plan to start offering volunteer training again in February 2022 after a two-year hiatus (coronavirus permitting).

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have created extensive protocols to continue providing in-person hospice support and have moved much of our other program work -- bereavement and advance care planning -- online. In 2020/21, one Whitingham resident received bereavement services, and one resident is an active BAH volunteer.

All Brattleboro Area Hospice services are offered free of charge to residents of Whitingham and Jacksonville. We receive no insurance and state or federal funding; therefore, we rely on local support to fund our work. Our thrift shop Experienced Goods, which provides 70% of our operating budget, continues to operate for more limited hours than before the pandemic. We are especially grateful for the financial assistance provided by the towns we serve at this difficult time.

## DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNITY CARES

The Deerfield Valley Community Cares fuel assistance fund has been in existence since 2004. Our aim is to help individuals or families who do their best to make ends meet, but sometimes fall short during the heavy winter months when fuel bills eat up a large part of their income. These are the people who fall through the cracks – cannot qualify for any kind of state or federal aid because their income is a little too much – but do not have enough to make it through the winter. Most of these people are working, some at several jobs, and some are seniors on fixed incomes. One accident, or illness, or a month without the usual amount of income can put these people far enough behind so that they cannot catch up without help.

Our money is raised through fundraisers like the Best Dam Walk, which is now being run for us by the Rotary Club. For the past two years the Walk was cancelled because of the COVID 19 pandemic. This left us in a cash-short position going into both last winter and this present one. We also apply for a number of grants and we send out an annual appeal letter to residents of the Deerfield Valley who have supported us before. Many businesses, civic organizations and churches contribute each year, as well as most of the towns within the valley.

This past winter (2021 – 2022) we spent \$49,013.00 and helped 48 families in the valley. Of those families, 9 were from Whitingham and 6 were from Jacksonville. Our financial needs depend not only on weather, but on the price of various fuels in a given year. Last winter, there were fewer job opportunities here because of the various business closings caused by the pandemic. This left many people unemployed for months going through part of the summer. The one saving grace for many people was the checks they received from the government to help them get thru the pandemic and its related problems. There will be no checks coming this winter.

We are grateful for the support that the Town of Whitingham has given us in the past. We hope that you will help us again in our effort to keep your neighbors warm during the coming winter.

*Susan M. Spengler,*  
Director DVCC

## Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 27th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

### Community Activities:

- \*Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.
- \*Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), substance free community events.
- \*Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Parenting During the Pandemic, and Lock Your Meds— prescription drug misuse prevention campaign.
- \*Trainings:* Annual Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors.
- \*Community Events:* Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes); Summer Family Fun Frenzy Event; and partnered with Wings Community Programs on Hike 100 and Winter Place.
- \*Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.
- \*Partnering with Voices of Hope:* Provided funding. Work included education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; Narcan education to businesses and community members; information regarding addiction and opioids; and access to resources.

### School Activities:

- \*School Policy Work:* School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy; wellness policy.
- \*Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), and middle school prevention group (Above the Influence).
- \*Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.
- \*Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.
- \*Smoking/Vaping Cessation:* Virtual program to support students to quit vaping or smoking.
- \*Presentations/Speakers:* Virtual presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.
- \*School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Most DVCP initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for our direct programming with youth and parents.

DVCP holds meetings once a month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. The DVCP office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

For more information: check our website at [www.DVCP.org](http://www.DVCP.org) or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, *Cindy Hayford*, DVCP Coordinator



## **Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD), dba DVFiber**

### **2021 Year in Review**

DVFiber has grown to include 24 towns in three counties, has selected its private sector vendor partner, and has obtained substantial grant funding to begin work on a fiber optic cable network.

We have collectively accomplished much in this past year with the incredible work of representatives and alternates appointed by the Select Boards of our member towns, plus additional volunteers — some 60 people in all — who have applied technical, financial, and communications skills to keep us moving forward. We are ready to design and construct the fiber optic network that will make Internet access at gigabit speeds a reality for nearly 8,000 homes and businesses on the grid that do not have it now.

### **What are CUDs?**

Communications union districts (CUDs) are special purpose municipalities, just like water, fire, or sewer districts. Vermont had been struggling for many years through several governors of both parties to find a way to bring high-speed Internet service to the most rural parts of our state, areas that commercial providers have found unprofitable to serve.

Beginning in 2015 and continuing through this past year, the Vermont legislature enacted legislation setting out the framework for the formation of municipal districts and giving them the tools to deliver service for all where there was none before. DVFiber is now one of nine CUDs in Vermont.

### **Significant Events**

Early on, our governing board, composed of representatives and alternates from all of our member towns, decided that the best path to achieve the required results would be to form a public/private partnership in which DVFiber, the public partner, would own the network, manage it for the benefit of our customers, and pay a private sector partner to construct and operate it on our behalf. To that end, through an RFP process, the governing board of DVFiber selected Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, Maine, a B Corporation, as our partner. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GWI and began to negotiate the full details of our partnership agreement.

### **Next Steps**

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) has just awarded DVFiber a \$4.1 million grant of federal funds to finance pre-construction work. This work includes a high-level design for all 24 member towns and a detailed engineering design for the six Phase I towns — the ones with the largest concentrations of poorly served homes and businesses. In addition, the grant pays for necessary work by utility companies to prepare their poles for the attachment of our fiber next year.

DVFiber will apply for additional federal funds to finance the actual network construction. We expect these funds to become available for awards in early 2022. We are grateful for federal funding that will greatly speed up the construction schedule.

### **Our Thanks**

We would like to thank all of our Select Boards for their support, for their appointments of such highly skilled delegates to our board, and for their patience while we roll out this technically complex and expensive — but essential — network and service. We are working as fast as we can to deliver on the promise of a community-owned, fiber optic broadband network that provides affordable, world-class service to everyone in our member towns.

## DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry remained open with the use of a "curbside delivery" distribution method for 17 months of the COVID-19 pandemic before resuming our normal distributions in August of 2021. We continue to provide a week's worth of supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. Additional distributions provided more food as needed.

All customers are given at least a week's worth of foods, including non-perishable staples, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution. All families get essentially the same foods, and their family size determines the amount. Special offerings round out the distributions when available and include items like strawberry shortcake, baked goods, barbeque items and turkeys for the holidays.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an increase in monetary donations. Although we agreed not to accept donations of food, thankfully, we have had enough funds to purchase all the items on the pick list for our customers. Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds donated to us.

The Board of Directors is unsure of when Fundraising activities will resume. Former events included an August Motorcycle Ride, a Fill The Bus event in the fall and a Holiday Concert. For this reason, donations from all available sources are greatly appreciated.

In November of 2020 we served 127 families, representing 325 people from local towns. Our family numbers decreased during the pandemic to approximately 80 families and 225 people served. We attribute this change to the many other food resources made available through federal pandemic-related funding and realize that it may end. We have always been busy and open to serve those who need us.

Local dedicated Volunteers distribute the food to our customers. We do our best to have a friendly atmosphere, clean, safe buildings to work in and welcome any interested person to contact a member of our Board of Directors to join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Evon Mack*, President



**Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.** is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 16 volunteers, five full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 786 calls as of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 of which 155 were in the town of Whitingham.

This past year has once again been a very challenging year for us. Our volunteer ranks are shrinking and the cost of operating continues to rise. The nation's EMS system is facing a crippling work force shortage. We would like to see all employers encourage workers to become members of Deerfield Valley Rescue and then make every effort to make the employee available to respond to emergency calls when practical.

Although we frequently work closely with the fire and police departments, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank the Whitingham Fire Department and the First Responders crew for the all the help they provide us throughout the year.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal. Another way to help support DVR is through the Propane Dover Group. For an Annual donation of \$50.00, you can gain access to the negotiated group pricing with Suburban Propane. For more information on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.



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## Whitingham Annual Town Report – FY 2021

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people aged 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs. Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program.

GMRSVP recruits and trains the volunteer instructors for the popular Bone Builder exercise classes on Mondays and Fridays at the Town Hall enjoyed by over twenty area residents. Following a hiatus from the pandemic, the classes resumed in August 2021. In addition to supporting the two instructors, we provide all the weights so that residents can attend free of charge. We recruit and train the class instructors and provide technical assistance and continuing education. A Walk with Ease program run by volunteers trained by the Arthritis Foundation is being planned and could be offered at the town hall if a local instructor can get the certification and lead the class. GMRSVP volunteers helped with our 2021 MLK Day of Service "Sunshine Cards" project which provided many area seniors living alone and in housing sites with a lovely handmade postcard with an uplifting message during the height of the pandemic. The GMRSVP volunteer coordinator has attended the senior meal to provide information about AARP Tax Aide, transportation, Senior Hotline resources, companionship programs and fraud awareness. GMRSVP volunteers assist with both the senior meal and meals on wheels delivery. Five GMRSVP volunteer drivers have delivered meals on wheels to area residents on one or two days each week. A GMRSVP volunteer for the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired has helped a local resident with errands and appointments. GMRSVP provided an online Zoom training and a Zoom session on Fraud Awareness and self-produced an educational video by seniors for seniors about avoiding scams with the option to receive materials in the mail afterwards.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSVP has not seen any increases in funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities. 74% of our volunteers continue to serve during COVID-19 and we are pivoting our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Ovenden in our Windham County office at (802)254-7515 to learn how you can volunteer in Whitingham.





**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Green Up Day**  
**May 7, 2022**



**Green Up Day on May 1, 2021** was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 229-4586

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Thanks to those residents who participated in Green Up Day in 2021, it was a huge success! We look forward to seeing you again on May 7, 2022.

*Aysha Peltz and Todd Wahlstrom*

## **HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY21, HCRS provided 2,454 hours of services to 34 residents of the Town of Whitingham. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Whitingham.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

## **HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 13 clients, two from Halifax, six from Marlboro, and five from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$171,425 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$177,956.00.

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair  
257-7982

Al Dacey  
257-5879

Don McKinley  
368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Linda Donaghue  
368-2313

## The MOOVer

We celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2021. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Whitingham, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over five million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

As with everyone, the pandemic impacted our lives and services. Ridership was reduced to mostly locals from March-December. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in wearing a mask while on the bus and maintaining social distancing.

The MOOVer provides direct service to Whitingham's secondary students choosing to go to the Career Center, plus afternoon service from TVMS/TVHS to Wilmington. The students are great and we enjoy serving them.

For the past eleven years, WSWSU has provided \$8,000 in contributions to the MOOVer for the services above. Combined with federal and state operating grants, we use this local match to operate these routes and save Whitingham \$48,000 annually.

We also appreciate the support from the Whitingham Select Board, the fire department, the town administrators, and the highway crew who have always been there to help us.

We thank the residents of Whitingham for their support. Please call us with questions/comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOVer!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Schoonmaker



## **Senior Meals Program**

The Senior Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been a challenge this year as we transitioned back to in person dining. With Coronavirus restrictions lifting and many of our seniors having been vaccinated we have been servicing our Seniors with indoor dining. Some still feel unsure, and for those we still offer pick up. This program services the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and Dover. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Jacksonville site on Tuesday's and Thursday's for a suggested donation of \$4 for each nutritional meal. We provide approximately 40 meals on Tuesday and Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 170 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 7 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, and 5 regular volunteer drivers that deliver Meals on Wheels.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$31,000 in state aide, seniors individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$33,500 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies.

We are requesting \$1,500 from the Town of Whitingham. This essential program would not be possible without community support.

*Terrie Dumaine,*  
Senior Meal Coordinator

## ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Whitingham and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Whitingham or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Whitingham residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).

**Information and Assistance:** 61 Calls and Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications.

Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** 17 Calls and Office Visits. Whitingham residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 8 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 67 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 5 Whitingham seniors received 783 home-delivered meals through The Dumaine House. We also supported community meals available to Whitingham residents through The Dumaine House and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. 1 Whitingham resident received respite grants.

**Transportation:** Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores. 2 Whitingham residents received services from a volunteer.

**Special Assistance:** Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Whitingham.  
Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

## **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In the community of Whitingham SEVCA has provided the following services during FY2021:

**Weatherization:** 7 homes (22 people) weatherized, valued at \$37,240.

**Emergency Heating System Replacements:** 5 homes (18 people) received heating system repairs or replacements valued at \$12,063.

**Tax Preparation:** 4 households (4 people) received tax credits & refunds totaling \$8,363 and services valued at \$1,288.

**Vermont Matched Savings:** 1 household (3 people) received financial literacy instruction and services, valued at \$1,073.

**Microbusiness Development:** 3 households (7 people) received counseling, technical assistance & support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$5,060.

**Family Services / Crisis Resolution:** 12 households (27 people) received 29 services valued at \$671. (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 5 households (8 people) received 9 assists valued at \$9,278.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Whitingham for their support.

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### **SeVEDS Impact Statement for Whitingham Town Report March 2022**

Improving wages, creating jobs, attracting and keeping people in the region, all of this is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together as a region to build a thriving economy. Since 2007 when SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), we have taken a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.**

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It is available online at [www.seveds.com](http://www.seveds.com). SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve to support the work and in 2021, eighteen communities, representing 82% of Windham residents invested in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs (see pg2), conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring another **\$4.2 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs so every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding. In the last five years municipal funding has helped to launch programs for high schools, workforce recruitment and retention, small business succession planning, and community leaders and volunteers.

### **Background & Request**

SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Whitingham to appropriate \$4,071 (based on a population of 1,357) to support SeVEDS.**

### **2020 Pandemic Response**

SeVEDS guides regional economic development and recovery, with strategy and insight. We took a leading role in economic response and recovery for Tropical Storm Irene and the closure of the VY Nuclear Plant. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BDCC adapted programs, and stretched to meet emerging needs through relief efforts:

- BDCC conducted extensive outreach, as we do in any disaster, to collect and compile information about how businesses and employers were impacted, share the information with policymakers, and enact a local response.
- 684 businesses in the Region received liaison support and technical assistance from BDCC staff to help apply for federal and state relief, and in many cases to develop a “pivot” strategy to move forward. **Two Whitingham organizations received liaison support from BDCC to help apply for federal and state relief.**
- 1,549 loans went to businesses and non-profits in the Region through the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and EIDL, totaling \$130,059,813. **28 Loans totaling \$917,477 were made to Whitingham organizations.**
- 143 Windham Region business received Restart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA) through BDCC. 54 of these local businesses received grants (up to \$4000). They employ 1,125 people.
- **We launched a new round of CNPP grants to help businesses pivot toward the future (winter 2021-22).**
- BDCC provided technical assistance and grants (up to \$10,000) to 133 sole proprietors through CDBG-CV.
- We provided dozens of webinars like a COVID-19 Business Resiliency series, municipal trainings on short and long term impacts of COVID-19, **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to deliver technical assistance around ever-changing conditions and relief programs, and **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** to ensure local legislators and state and federal officials consistently heard from local people about recovery needs.

As the pandemic abates, we are shifting focus from relief, to resilience. Please see our program offerings and find out how we support working Vermonters, small businesses, and communities: [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com)



### SeVEDS-Led Programming

For an overview of FY21, please check out the BDCC & SeVEDS Annual Report at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com) or call to receive a copy 802-257-7731 x230. Our web site features upcoming events or trainings, programs and resources. Sign up for an e-newsletter for updates on state and federal economic and community development resources. To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects, or Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit [www.sovermontzone.com](http://www.sovermontzone.com). Staff attend at least one Selectboard meeting each year, in addition to supporting local initiatives. We are always happy to visit other committees to talk about specific programs, projects or services.

#### Programs and Services – Recent Updates:

- The **Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** connects students in Windham County high schools with career awareness and preparedness opportunities to help every senior graduate with a solid plan for success, whether college or workforce-bound. BDCC's full time P3 staffer works Twin Valley high school teaching classes, supporting faculty, facilitating workplace experiences, and creating education-employment connections to help students plan, prepare and reach for their career goals.
- **BDCC's Business Assistance Program** is a newly expanded team providing technical assistance and lending to businesses at all stages – startups to growth to owner successions – all at no cost. In FY21 we helped Sawyer Bentwood access a VT Building Communities Regional Economic Development grant to secure new equipment.
- BDCC is expanding our **lending products** portfolio to help more entrepreneurs. Low fee, low interest loans from \$750 to \$90,000 are available even to businesses that need to build credit.
- **Workforce development:** BDCC convenes regional partnerships, facilitates the Vermont Training Program which helps fund employee upskilling, and brings new training and development programs to the region.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** We launched the Southern Vermont Welcome Wagon chapter which helps new and returning Vermonters connect with local hosts in their new communities. We've partnered with local organizations to help welcome newcomers to the valley. We also help employers secure the talent they need to grow their organizations here with recruitment services and support.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** helps people in their 20s to 40s advance their careers and deepen connections in the region, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs. Check out events every month including family friendly offerings, homebuyer classes and financial wellness.
- **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** is designed to help qualified projects and applicants with project development and management, and with becoming successful applicants to USDA Loan & Grant Programs. From fire stations and childcare centers, to town garages and medical centers, this helps stretch local dollars. We are supporting regional initiatives like the Old School project and So. VT Therapeutic Riding Center, as well as providing administrative capacity to the Deerfield Valley CUD to implement broadband buildout.
- We support local initiatives through the **Southern Vermont Economy Project**. SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants, plus 43 online webinars to solve problems, build local capacity and find resources. We are helping local organizations and towns with everything from connectivity to non-profit fundraising.
- **Welcoming Communities:** BDCC leads a regional partnership working to build an inclusive local immigration system to support foreign-born community members, and welcoming workplaces. This winter, as a result of BDCC's efforts, Brattleboro will begin to welcome refugees with the help of ECDC (one of 9 national refugee resettlement agencies) and the local Community Asylum Seekers Project (CASP).
- **Supporting the regional job base:** In FY21 we supported employers that provide 25-30% of the jobs in this region, and dozens of local sole proprietors.
- **Providing economic research and data:** We conduct research to understand what's happening in the economy, and to share this understanding with the communities and organizations we serve. This year a BDCC & SeVEDS Regional Data Report has been shared with your selectboard. The report is on our web site, or contact us to request a copy [jstromsten@brattleborodevelopment.com](mailto:jstromsten@brattleborodevelopment.com)

# Twin Valley Youth Sports

Twin Valley Youth Sports is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6. Programs currently offered include soccer, basketball, t-ball, baseball and softball.

Twin Valley Youth Sports is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. We have a full and operational website at [www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com](http://www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com) that is managed by our web designer, Fran Cunningham. This site offers all the information anyone would need about TVYS, as well as houses our registration forms for each season. We also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, and umpires, which come from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school, parents, and other community members. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs.

Twin Valley Youth Sports participates in the West River Valley Baseball League. During the Spring of 2021, baseball and T-ball were back after a year's absence due to COVID-19. With limited girls participating, we were unable to field a softball team, however, several girls participated in the baseball program. Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade baseball team went undefeated and under the direct supervision of coach Justin Corey, exceeded all expectations on the field. The field at TVES saw a major upgrade this past spring. Several tons of red clay infield baseball material were purchased and put in place in the infield. In addition to this major upgrade, an outfield portable fence was also purchased for the field. The field condition got rave reviews from various towns visiting, as well as taxpayers in town. The baseball program had 50 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the West River Baseball League, which included Dummerston, Townshend, Wardsboro, Dover, Putney, and Newbrook.

The basketball program was a success given the strict protocols that needed to be followed for indoor play. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Fran Cunningham. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games amongst themselves, as well as weekly scrimmages against Bennington teams. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2021 was 45.

Our soccer program for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams continues to participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League based in Arlington VT. This season was the first season played that included grade 3 in the league. The JWYSL consists of 8 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, Greenwich, NY, Taconic Valley, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and Twin Valley. The JWYSL is able to offer an all girls soccer teams in grades 3-6 and the number of girls joining continues to grow, as well as do our boys teams. This fall, TVYS fielded a girls 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, a boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade team and a co-ed 6<sup>th</sup> grade team. Due to the lack of girls at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, we were unable to field any girls teams at this level. However, the girls that did play were able to play on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade co-ed team. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were also divided by gender and these teams continued to build on their skills learned in Pre-k and Kindergarten and practiced 2 days a week and played intra-squad games. The number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2021 was 123.

We are excited about the direction our program is headed. Our number of participants is growing, our programs are getting stronger, our coaches are dedicated and knowledgeable about the sport they are coaching, and TVYS is dedicated to creating an environment where athletes of all ages and skill levels can thrive through sports fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect. We hope to educate, motivate and inspire young athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field.

## 2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

### COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately:

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

### Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to:

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

# VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

**About the League.** The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, [vlct.org/about/audit-reports](http://vlct.org/about/audit-reports).

**Member Benefits.** All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services,** including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government,** ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences,** including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit [vlct.org/memberguide](http://vlct.org/memberguide).

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).**

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services***  
***in Whitingham, VT***

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 821 homecare visits to 31 Whitingham residents. This included approximately \$23,179 in unreimbursed care to Whitingham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 211 home visits to 20 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 50 home visits to 2 resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 535 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 25 home visits to 6 resident for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Whitingham's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Whitingham's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Vice President, Strategy Management (1-888-300-8853)*



## **The Windham Regional Commission**

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Whitingham is currently represented by Kristine Sweeter and Jenepher Burnell. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2021 has been a busy year. We began a collaboration with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to assist towns with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). VLCT is helping explain the ARPA use and reporting policies, and the WRC is helping towns think strategically about how to make the most of this once in a generation direct funding from the federal government. Among other potential uses, the opportunity exists for communities to invest in infrastructure to support the retention of existing businesses and homes, and create the capacity necessary to encourage the development of new housing. In July we assisted towns as they reported damage associated with the most severe flooding event since Tropical Storm Irene 10 years ago, and sped up the local hazard mitigation plan update process for several towns in anticipation of the federal disaster declaration. We have new capacity to support local energy plan implementation and planning, the ability to convene the region's town energy committees, and to advance climate adaptation and resilience initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$3,239 and is based upon 2020 Census data. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2022, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."



**Wings' Vision Statement:** Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

**Wings' Mission Statement:** Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings Community Programs continues to serve Whitingham youth and families through the provision of after-school and summer programming. The TVES and TVMHS Wings staff, including site coordinators Jill Sachs, Sage Myska, and Shannon Binford at TVES and Shelley Park at TVMHS, as well as our dedicated and talented program leaders, have worked hard to maintain safety in light of COVID-19 while striving to meet the needs of our community. Wings has been able to offer engaging, high-quality programs through a variety of formats including virtual, remote, and in-person throughout 2021. We are incredibly grateful to Shannon Binford for her service as site coordinator at TVES. Upon Shannon's resignation this spring, long-standing program leader, Jill Sachs, joined the TVES Wings staff as site coordinator. Plus, we are thrilled to have Sage Myska return to Wings as co-site coordinator at TVES this fall!

Program highlights include:

- Wings Community Programs focused efforts on providing opportunities for all students to safely connect, learn, and grow through a blend of in-person, remote, and virtual after-school programs across the 2020-2021 school year, with in-person, nature and outdoor-based programs prioritized during the summer and fall of 2021.
- Families and community members joined us around the "virtual kitchen table" every Wednesday evening for Wings Virtual Neighborhood, another successful virtual program featuring local experts willing to share a talent, hobby, skill, or interest! Veterinarian, Dr. Sue Kelly, shared about pet care with Joanne Bourbeau of the Windham County Humane Society; Angel Colford led participants in painting beautiful landscapes while sipping hot cocoa; Lonny Paige cooked some family-friendly "Alonzo favorites" with us; and we even enjoyed two lovely winter and spring concerts where students, families, and community members joined us to share their musical talents in an open mic format!
- Moving into summer 2021, Whitingham youth had a wide array of Wings in-person summer camp options, including: Theater in the Park, Outdoor Adventures, Celebrate Summer, Readsboro Summer Fun, and Kindergarten Kick-Off, to fill their summer with fun, joy, and connection! In total, Wings had 76 TVES students participate in Celebrate Summer, 19 TVES/TVMHS students participate in Readsboro Summer Fun camp, and 12 incoming TVES kindergarteners attend the Kindergarten Kick-off camp. Plus, 25 TVMHS students participated in Theater-in-the-Park, 19 TVMHS students participated in Outdoor Adventures, and 6 TVMHS students were hired as Wings summer camp counselors.
- Wings and DVCP partnered again to offer a winter rendition of the Hike 100 program: Winter Wander, which proved to be just as popular as the summer Hike 100 program with 200+ participants across the supervisory union getting outside, enjoying nature, playing in the snow, snowshoeing, ice skating, cross country skiing, building snowmen, and more! Thanks to Darn Tough® of Vermont many of our participants even won free pairs of Darn Tough® socks! Hike 100: Summer Steppin' was also offered again across the summer of 2021.
- TVMHS students are thriving on student-generated programs, such as Chess-on-the-Green, Dungeons & Dragons, Four Square, and Book Club. Chess Club first began as a virtual program and has expanded into a community-wide, in-person program. Students meet up at the Pettee Memorial Library after school every Wednesday with Coach Scott Salway to hone their strategy. They enjoy challenging library-goers, avid chess players, and other community members to a game of Chess.
- Wings offered the Red Cross Babysitting Certification course in the Fall of 2021. Three TVMHS students and one Readsboro student will complete the program as a Red Cross certified babysitter!
- TVES students are thoroughly enjoying the great outdoors in programs like Woods Adventure, Nature Arts and Crafts, and Outdoor Exploration! Plus, students are excited to be involved in setting up the brand new Disc Golf course at TVES.

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, teachers, building support staff, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children of Whitingham and Wilmington.

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Jill Sachs & Sage Myska

TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shelley Park

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Stewart & Katie Boyd, Project Co-Directors

## **WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER**

### **Statement of Services And Report to the Town of Whitingham**

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 2,000 hotline calls, sheltered 70 adults and their 45 children and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **523** survivors and their **344** children who had been abused. These figures include 4 survivors and their 4 children from Whitingham. In addition, we provided 51 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to 545 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center



# **WARNING**

## **TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **March 1, 2022**

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 1, 2022 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, 2022 – June 30, 2023 of **\$674,939.00** of which **\$392,583.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$207,501.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$74,855.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 2**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$115,165.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 3**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$22,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 5**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$11,003.00** for the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

- **\$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** for **Dumaine, Terrie**, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley, to offset the cost of providing the community meals,.
- **\$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.

- **\$1,200.00** for **Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)** to assist in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance, weatherization, tax preparation, financial coaching, Head Start services, thrift stores, and micro business development, to families and individuals.
- **\$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.

#### **Article 6**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for **Deerfield Valley Rescue** for continuing support of ambulance operations, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 7**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$4,071.00** to **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 8**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$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, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 9**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for **Wings Community Programs after school programming** for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 10**

Shall the voters authorize **\$85,134.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations and **\$2,538.00** appropriated from prior year fund balance?

#### **Article 11**

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 12**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with **\$6,070.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$13,480.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 13**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,416,961.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, of which **\$1,195,474.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$129,287.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$92,200.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 14**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 15**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 16**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00**, to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 17**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$31,500.00** for the Litigation Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 18**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, for continued maintenance?

#### **Article 19**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2022 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 20**

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 21**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

#### **Article 22**

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

### Article 23

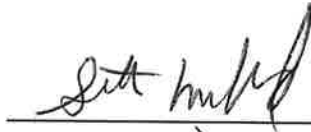
To elect all Town Officers required by law, e.g.:

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

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 19th day of January 2022 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*



*Craig Hammer, Vice Chair*



*Greg Brown, Member*



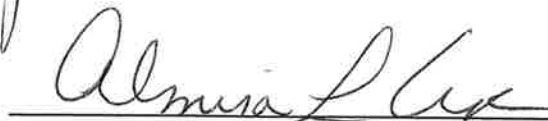
*Christopher Walling, Member*



*James Weber, Member*



Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk*



WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD

This 20 day of JAN A.D. 2022 at  
02 o'clock 10 minutes P M. and  
Recorded in Vol. 12 at Page 259  
of LAND RECORDS

Attest



Town Clerk



The town has great opportunities for you to lend your expertise or to enable you to learn something new. The following positions are open and waiting for you:

**Economic Development Group** – learn how to promote our local businesses and encourage their interactions with each other.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – learn about minimizing risk to people and property. Assist the Emergency Management Director as needed.

**Fire Department Training Officer** – see Chief Janovsky for more information.

**Planning Commission Member** – learn all about Zoning Regulations and town planning. This position includes a small gas stipend. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

**Windham Regional Commission Representative** – learn all about regional planning by serving in this position. The WRC has 13 committees such as Community Development, Energy, Emergency Planning, Natural Resources, etc. One or more is bound to pique your interest. See their website at [windhamregional.org/committees](http://windhamregional.org/committees). The position includes a small stipend for attending meetings.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** – learn about and participate in public hearings to grant relief from the strict application of the Zoning Regulations. The ZBA only meets as needed, usually 1-3 times per year.

*Please contact Gig at (802) 368-7500 or via email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org) if you are interested in serving the town in any of these positions.*

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events  
are scheduled for  
May 14<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>  
at the Whitingham Transfer Station,  
look for fliers for more information.**

**Due to the continuation of the  
Coronavirus Pandemic  
TOWN MEETING**

**will be the same as last year.**

**ALL ITEMS ON THE WARNING WILL BE  
VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

**on TUESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**THE POLLS WILL BE AT**

**THE WHITINGHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER,  
2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT**

**10am to 7pm**

**Informational meeting regarding the budget and  
town report will be held on February 23 during  
regular Selectboard meeting starting at 6:30pm.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83747665609>

**Dog licenses must be renewed by APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

**There will be a Veterinary Clinic at the Readsboro Town Office/School on  
Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.**

**Rabies shot \$20, microchipping \$50, distemper, parvovirus, flea & tick treatment  
& heartworm prevention also available .**