

**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM**  
**171<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the 12 months ended June 30, 2025**



Installation of the new culvert at the Municipal Center on November 10, 2025. Drone photo by James Weber.

**Town Meeting**  
will be held at 10am on  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**  
at the **TVMHS Gymnasium**  
**4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT**  
**Polls open from 10am to 7pm.**

You may request a ballot be mailed to you by contacting (802) 368-7887, or  
via email at [townclerk@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:townclerk@whitinghamvt.org).

It is difficult for town officials to dive into detailed financial questions during Town Meeting.  
Every effort will be made to answer detailed questions before or after. Please attend the  
informational meeting on February 18th, 6:30PM in the Selectboard Office. General questions  
during Town Meeting are always welcome!

**Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting.**

# Town of Whitingham

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

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	
Animal Control Officer	Doug Dix	(802) 272-9520 (cell)	<b>Vermont State Police 911</b>
Assessors Office	Howard Dix	(802) 368-2838	non-emergency (802) 722-4600
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	(802) 368-7543	<b>Wilmington Police Dept. 464-8593</b>
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	(802) 368-7887	
EMERGENCY-Statewide		<b>911</b>	
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-7184 H	
Firemen's Association		(802) 368-2900	
Fire Warden	Dennis Pike	(802) 380-6192	
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			
Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm			
Sewer Department	Selectboard Office	(802) 368-7500	
Tax Collector / Treasurer	Marylee Putnam	(802) 368-7543	
Town Clerk	to be elected	(802) 368-7887	
Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Main Floor, Jacksonville VT			
Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342			
Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm			
Wednesday Evening 4:30pm to 6:30pm			
also 1st Saturday of month 9am to 12noon or by appointment			
Transfer Station	Larry Davis	(802) 368-7876	
Physical Address: 4185 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT			
Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342			
Hours: Tuesday 9-2 and 5-7			
Thursday and Saturday 9-2			
Zoning Administrator	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500	

## Holidays Observed:

New Years Day  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Presidents Day  
Town Meeting Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Indigenous Peoples' Day  
Veterans' Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve (half day)  
Christmas Day

## SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:\*

February 4 & 18  
March 4 & 18  
April 1, 15 & 29  
May 13 & 27  
June 10 & 24  
July 8 & 22  
August 5 & 19  
September 2, 16 & 30  
October 14 & 28  
November 11\* & 25\*  
December 9 & 23\*  
January 7 & 21, 2027

**6:30 PM**

*unless otherwise posted*

*\*subject to rescheduling*

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PO Box 529  
Jacksonville, VT 05342  
(802) 368-7887  
townclerk@whitinghamvt.org

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at town clerk's office by January 22, 2026. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 11, 2026.

**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: [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov)

Online registration can be found at: [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov)

### **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: [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov)

Link for Election Results: [electionarchive.vermont.gov](http://electionarchive.vermont.gov)



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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 5, 2025 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	2026
<b>SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR</b>	
James Weber	2026
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Douglas Dix	2026
<b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2026
<b>DEERFIELD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION STUDY COMMITTEE</b>	
Phil Edelstein	2026
<b>DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT</b>	
Keith Thompson	Term expires 05/10 2026
Lauren Fitzpatrick	Term expires 05/10 2026
Scott Lewis	Term expires 05/10 2026
<b>E-911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2026
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b> put on "pause" May 5, 2021	
James Weber and Sara Martin appointed January 21, 2026	
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Vacant	2026
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>	
Gig Zboray	2026
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>	
<b>Chief</b> – Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2026
<b>First Assistant Chief</b> – Michael Stevens	2026
<b>Captains:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dennis Pike, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – David Briggs	2026
<b>Lieutenants:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sheldon Dix; 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Marshall Dix; 3 <sup>rd</sup> - James Weber	2026
<b>Chaplain</b> – James Weber	2026
<b>Training Officer</b> – Blake Janovsky	2026
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b> (State appointed)	
Dennis Pike, Sr. (five-year term)	Term expires 6/30 2028
<b>GRAND JUROR</b>	
Susan Cooke Johnson	2026
<b>GREENUP COORDINATORS</b>	
Susie Hanna	2026
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Gig Zboray (reappointed 11/01/25)	Term expires 10/31 2028
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE</b>	
Michael Mandraccia	2026
Julie Muller	2026

# CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS

## Continued

### ISSUING TICKET OFFICIAL

Douglas Dix 2026

### LEGAL COUNSEL

Fisher & Fisher Law Offices 2026

### LEGAL NEWSPAPER

Deerfield Valley News 2026

Brattleboro Reformer (alternate)

### MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

David Farrington 2026

Doug LaPlante 2026

Rick Gramlin 2026

### PARKS COMMITTEE

Seth Boyd 2026

Aysha Peltz 2026

Erin Lackey 2026

Carol Millett 2026

Lyndsay Bushey Hesselback 2026

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Bradford Lackey 2026

Peter Barus 2027

Keith Thompson 2028

Joseph Saladino 2026

Bryan Krastins 2028

### TREASURER

Marylee Putnam 2026

### TREE WARDEN

Adam Buursma 2026

### WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Jenepher Burnell 2026

Peter Barus 2026

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Lyman Tefft 2027

Troy Felisko 2026

Marshall Dix 2028

Rick Gramlin 2028

Amanda Pike 2026

### ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Gig Zboray (three-year term) 2027



# OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 2025

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Seth D. Boyd	1	2026
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Almira Aekus (Resigned) Rachel Littlehale (Appointed until 3/3/26)	3	2028
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>	Scott Reed James Weber Lyman "Skip" Tefft, Jr. Rick Gramlin Travis Wheeler (Resigned) Craig S. Hammer (Appointed until 3/3/26)	3 3 2 1 2	2028 2027 2027 2026 2026
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE:</b>	Shandell Soumar Wendy Sergeant Angela Dornburgh Tanya Bernard Judy Bernard	3 3 2 3 3	2027 2026 2027 2028 2028
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	3	2026
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>	Bradford S. Lackey Madeline Klein Joseph Saladino (Appointed until 3/3/26)	3 3 1	2026 2027 2026
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Abigail Corse Julie Muller Rosemary Tefft Terry A. Morse Susan Cooke Johnson Seth Boyd Mary Lemaire	2 2 2 2 2 2 2	02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2027 02/01/2027
<b>WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:</b>	Jared Kingsley Frank "Ed" Dornburgh Kristy Corey	3 3 3	2026 2027 2028

# **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

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

### **March 4, 2025**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. e.s.t. at the Twin Valley Middle High School in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 10:00 a.m. Moderator Leon Corse led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Almira Aekus declared the polls open. He asked the members of the Board of Civil Authority to introduce themselves: Selectboard members; Scott Reed, Lyman Tefft, Jr., Travis Wheeler, James Weber, justices of the peace; Terry Morse, Susan Johnson, Abigail Corse, Rosemary Tefft, Seth Boyd, and Town Clerk Almira Aekus.

#### **Announcements:**

Old Home Week sign-up sheet in the foyer

The Moderator thanked Mackenzie and his wife Linda for helping him with the farm chores so that he could attend the meeting.

At 10:15 a.m. the moderator declared the meeting open for business. The Moderator asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none.

James Weber thanked Moderator Leon Corse for serving as the Town Moderator for 40 years and presented him with a plaque in appreciation. He stated there would be an identical one that would be placed at the Whitingham Municipal Center. He thanked Almira Aekus for her 32 years of service in the town. Both officials had announced in 2024 that they would be stepping down after the 2025 annual town meeting.

#### **Article 1**

Voted to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, of **\$821,444.00** of which **\$425,246.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$257,371.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$138,827.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

#### **Article 2**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$161,986.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 3**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$21,000.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 4**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$60,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 5**

Voted to authorize **\$1,684,613.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, of which **\$1,470,503.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$186,766.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$72,434.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

#### **Article 6**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$125,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 7**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 8**

Voted to authorize **\$103,290.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, with **\$85,265.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$18,025.00** in anticipated grants and donations.

#### **Article 9**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, for continued maintenance.

#### **Article 10**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** for improvements to the Historical Society buildings for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 11**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$23,350.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, with **\$18,682.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,100.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$3,568.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

#### **Article 12**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support economic development in Whitingham for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 13**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026.

#### **Article 14**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the continuing support of ambulance operations by Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

#### **Article 15**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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.

State Representative Emily Carris Duncan to address the electorate and gave an update on her participation in the legislature, answered many questions from the voters. The moderator stated it was the first time in his 40 years as moderator that he did not have to seek permission from the electorate to have a state representative speak as she is a Whitingham resident.

#### **Article 16**

Voted to raise, and appropriate raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for Deerfield Valley Food Pantry for the purpose of providing supplemental food assistance to area families in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 17**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 18**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,203.00** for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 19**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing Senior Meals, to Terrie Dumaine, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley.

#### **Article 20**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** for Senior Solutions -The Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc. to serve elders and assist with funding the community meal, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 21**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) to assist Whitingham 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 in need in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 22**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,071.00** to Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

#### **Article 23**

Voted to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOver to provide transportation services to residents of the town.

#### **Article 24**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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.

#### **Article 25**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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.

#### **Article 26**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's summer programming providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

The Moderator recessed the Annual Town Meeting at 12:00 p.m. and announced that LBS was providing a lasagna lunch, salad, garlic bread, and homemade pie for \$10.00. The meeting will be reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The Moderator called the meeting back to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### **Article 27**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Article 28**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$850.00** for the Women's Freedom Center for general operating support to provide services to survivors and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical, and/or sexual abuse and are residents of Whitingham, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

#### **Article 29**

Voted to authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2025, 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 30**

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 31**

Defeated a motion to approve and access a 1% local options tax on rooms, meals & alcoholic beverages, and sale pursuant to 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated, section 138.

#### **Article 32**

Voted Objection to Consideration. The article read "Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Beautification and Improvements Fund to be funded by the 1% Options Tax in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804."

#### **Article 33**

**To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

Moderator Leon Corse said he mostly enjoyed the job of moderator and that it was bittersweet that he was getting done but he was looking forward to participating in the meeting from the other side. He thanked his wife Linda for her unwavering support, which was not always easy when running a farm.

Michael Mandracchia spoke on behalf of the Whitingham, Halifax, Marlboro Housing Rehabilitation Committee, which provides low-cost income-based loans. There are funds available and encouraged the electorate to reach out for information.

#### **Article 34**

To elect all Town Officers required by law. Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium, 4299 Vermont Route 100, Whitingham, Vermont with the following results:

<b>Moderator, 1 year</b>	<b>Seth D. Boyd</b>
<b>Town Clerk, 3 years</b>	<b>Almira Aekus</b>
<b>Selectboard, 1 year</b>	<b>Rick Gramlin</b>
<b>Selectboard, 2 years</b>	<b>Lyman "Skip" Tefft</b>
<b>Selectboard, 3 years</b>	<b>Scott Reed</b>
<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years</b>	<b>Vacant ( No one was elected)</b>
<b>Library Trustee, 1 year</b>	<b>Angela Dornburgh</b>
<b>Library Trustee, 3 years (Vote for 2)</b>	<b>Judy Bernard &amp; Tanya Bernard</b>
<b>School Director, 3 years (TVUUSD)</b>	<b>Kristy Corey</b>

The floor meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, This 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025

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

**NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 1070**  
**NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 148**  
**HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR – 57**

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	A	B	C	D	E
1		FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
3					
4	<b>TAX APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES</b>				
5	Fire Department Appropriation	\$ 193,425.00	\$ 193,425.00	\$ 161,986.00	\$ 172,451.00
6	General Fund Appropriation	\$ 397,604.00	\$ 301,888.11	\$ 425,246.00	\$ 538,493.00
7	Parks	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
8	Voted Articles	\$ 52,924.00	\$ 52,924.00	\$ 92,924.00	\$ 62,885.00
9	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 664,953.00</b>	<b>\$ 569,237.11</b>	<b>\$ 701,156.00</b>	<b>\$ 794,829.00</b>
10	This amount corrects error in last year's Town Report				
11	<b>GENERAL FUND - Article 20</b>				
12	<b>REVENUES</b>				
13	Copier Fees Collected	\$ 75.00	\$ 133.75	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00
14	Current Use Tax VT Reimbursement	\$ 58,175.00	\$ 61,518.00	\$ 62,200.00	\$ 72,797.00
15	DIBG Downstream Grant	\$ -	\$ 41,732.50	\$ -	\$ -
16	Dog Licenses	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
17	.5% for Education Tax Collected	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 9,855.28	\$ 9,341.00	\$ 9,800.00
18	FRCF Grant - Culvert Replacement (Muni Cr	\$ -	\$ 67,061.75	\$ -	\$ -
19	Fema Buyout Grant-Rte 112	\$ -	\$ 127,277.00	\$ -	\$ -
20	LHMP-Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$ -	\$ 7,195.87	\$ -	\$ -
21	Bank Interest	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 39,781.63	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
22	Liquor Licenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
23	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 947.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
24	Municipal Center Use	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,500.00
25	SWIP Grant	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
26	Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
27	Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 41,528.55	\$ -	\$ -
28	Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 14,755.78	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
29	Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,207.50	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
30	Tax Sale Fee Revenues	\$ -	\$ 1,533.28	\$ -	\$ -
31	State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.36	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.00
32	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 13,615.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
33	Municipal Fines	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,842.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
34	E-Waste Revenue	\$ 500.00	\$ 306.74	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
35	Trans Station Stickers & Fees	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 81,024.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
36	Transfer Station Grants/Misc	\$ -	\$ 259.16	\$ -	\$ -
37	Zoning	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 11,436.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
38	<b>General Fund Revenues TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 267,982.00</b>	<b>\$ 565,868.16</b>	<b>\$ 257,371.00</b>	<b>\$ 268,272.00</b>



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39	<b>Article 20 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
40		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
41	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
42	<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>				
43	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 952.00	\$ 785.21	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,082.00
44	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 308.00	\$ 857.25	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.00
45	Retirement	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.18	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00
46	Emergency Management Director	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 572.00	\$ 595.00
47	Fire Warden Salary	\$ 224.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 541.00
48	Moderator Stipend	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 520.00
49	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 829.20	\$ -	\$ 2,440.00
50	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 829.20	\$ -	\$ -
51	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,346.00	\$ 2,440.00
52	Selectboard Member	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,346.00	\$ 2,440.00
53	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,617.00	\$ 2,722.00
54	Selectboard Member	\$ -	\$ 829.23	\$ 2,346.00	\$ 2,440.00
55	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,346.00	\$ -
56	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,753.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,111.27</b>	<b>\$ 14,773.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,367.00</b>
57					
58	<b>INSURANCE</b>				
59	Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 38,629.17	\$ 38,100.00	\$ 40,005.00
60	Workers' Compensation	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 33,438.75	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 30,765.00
61	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,067.92</b>	<b>\$ 66,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,770.00</b>
62					
63	<b>TAXES (Payroll, County)</b>				
64	County Tax	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 25,844.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
65	VT Department of Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 591.81	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
66	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,435.81</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
67					
68	<b>SELECTBOARD OFFICE</b>				
69	Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
70	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 5,173.25	\$ 5,569.00	\$ 5,792.00
71	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 308.00	\$ 26.03	\$ 320.00	\$ 333.00
72	Health Insurance	\$ 25,382.00	\$ 25,867.09	\$ 15,777.00	\$ 16,505.00
73	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.20	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00
74	Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 864.74	\$ 500.00	\$ 850.00
75	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,899.96	\$ 5,278.00	\$ 5,678.00
76	Selectboard Administrator Salary	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 72,800.00	\$ 75,712.00
77	Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,906.87	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
78	Telephone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,574.28	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00
79	Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 86.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
80	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 111,348.00</b>	<b>\$ 112,502.17</b>	<b>\$ 104,547.00</b>	<b>\$ 109,173.00</b>

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81	<b>Article 20 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
82		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
83	<b>TOWN REPORT</b>				
84	Supplies & Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 163.72	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
85	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 163.72</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
86					
87	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
88	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 71.00	\$ 68.14	\$ 73.00	\$ 76.00
89	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
90	Mileage	\$ 150.00	\$ 49.71	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
91	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 65.00	\$ 64.49	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
92	Health Officer Salary	\$ 922.00	\$ 922.00	\$ 959.00	\$ 997.00
93	Supplies and Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.93	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
94	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,312.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,107.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,356.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,352.00</b>
95					
96	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
97	Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,070.08	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,550.00
98	Election & Programming	\$ 500.00	\$ 178.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
99	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,684.00	\$ 3,343.68	\$ 3,638.00	\$ 3,947.00
100	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 278.00	\$ 24.76	\$ 209.00	\$ 227.00
101	Health Insurance	\$ 25,382.00	\$ 24,229.09	\$ 38,422.00	\$ 39,441.00
102	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 103.00	\$ 80.84	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00
103	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 2,785.00	\$ 2,304.04	\$ 2,538.00	\$ 2,730.00
104	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 21,592.00	\$ 12,878.86	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 15,200.00
105	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 23,636.00	\$ 23,985.77	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,400.00
106	Supplies & Postage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,328.48	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
107	Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,689.00	\$ -	\$ -
108	Telephone	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,752.84	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
109	Training	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 787.53	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
110	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 104,660.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,653.47</b>	<b>\$ 104,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 108,998.00</b>
111					
112	<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>				
113	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
114	Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 15,199.00	\$ 9,411.41	\$ 15,261.00	\$ 13,000.00
115	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 2,574.00	\$ 2,505.64	\$ 4,304.00	\$ 4,097.00
116	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 148.00	\$ -	\$ 248.00	\$ 236.00
117	Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,695.73	\$ 36,592.00	\$ 16,505.00
118	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ 43.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00
119	Mileage	\$ 550.00	\$ 176.40	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
120	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,291.00	\$ 1,654.66	\$ 2,828.00	\$ 3,042.00
121	Supplies & Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,898.32	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
122	Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 757.46	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00
123	Training/Seminars	\$ 500.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00

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124	<b>Article 20 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
125		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
126	Treasurer/Current Tax Collector Salary Salary	\$ 18,443.00	\$ 24,511.52	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 40,560.00
127	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 42,305.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,699.14</b>	<b>\$ 104,036.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,143.00</b>
128	This amount was omitted in the total last year, as such it was an unfunded line				
129	<b>ASSESSORS OFFICE</b>				
130	Outside Appraisal Service	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,377.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
131	Assessor's Clerk Wages	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,243.29	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 8,100.00
132	Assessor's Assistant Clerk Wages	\$ -	\$ 585.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
133	Computer Licenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 439.39	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
134	Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
135	Computer Support	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,063.55	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
136	Computer Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
137	Reimburse Employee Internet	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ -
138	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 574.00	\$ 597.65	\$ 788.00	\$ 696.00
139	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 33.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00
140	Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ 341.91	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
141	Retirement - Town Share	\$ -	\$ 40.95	\$ 181.00	\$ 75.00
142	Supplies & Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ 565.65	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
143	Telephone	\$ 560.00	\$ 757.46	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.00
144	Town Map Updates	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,308.78	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
145	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,427.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,691.13</b>	<b>\$ 30,264.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,961.00</b>
146					
147	<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
148	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 1,876.58	\$ 689.00	\$ 716.00
149	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00
150	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 1,764.52	\$ 653.00	\$ 702.00
151	Delinquent Tax Collector Salary	\$ -	\$ 2,629.60	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,360.00
152	Supplies & Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
153	Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,302.43	\$ -	\$ -
154	Tax Sale	\$ -	\$ 1,479.33	\$ -	\$ -
155	Training/Meeting/Seminar	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
156	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,211.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,562.46</b>	<b>\$ 11,382.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,719.00</b>
157					
158	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
159	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 122.00	\$ 48.20	\$ 130.00	\$ 138.00
160	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 7.00	\$ 2.77	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00
161	Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 104.30	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
162	Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 800.00	\$ 442.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
163	Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
164	Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
165	Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,800.00
166	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,549.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,227.27</b>	<b>\$ 3,657.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,466.00</b>

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167	<b>Article 20 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
168		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
169	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
170	Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
171	Generator Contract	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,556.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
172	Computer Hardware	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,167.90	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
173	Computer Software	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
174	Computer Contract	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,078.78	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
175	Copier Costs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,527.42	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
176	Culvert Project/FRCF Grant	\$ -	\$ 94,549.40	\$ -	\$ -
177	DownstreamProject/DIGB Grant	\$ -	\$ 37,291.25	\$ -	\$ -
178	Dog Tags	\$ 175.00	\$ 201.47	\$ 175.00	\$ 250.00
179	Dues, VLCT AND VTCMA	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 3,023.00	\$ 3,500.00
180	Emergency Management	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
181	State Dam Fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
182	Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 999.15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
183	FEMA Buyout - Rte 112 property	\$ -	\$ 128,909.67	\$ -	\$ -
184	Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 100.00	\$ 107.66	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
185	Green Up Vermont State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
186	LHMP-Hazard Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
187	Internet (Municipal Building)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,001.80	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
188	IT Service/Cyber Security	\$ 7,415.00	\$ 8,574.07	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 9,000.00
189	Legal Notices	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 650.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
190	Legal Services - Town Council	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,509.15	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
191	Mileage - Selectboard	\$ 200.00	\$ 128.76	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
192	Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
193	Reimb HWY for Municipal Employee	\$ 6,689.00	\$ 6,689.00	\$ 6,957.00	\$ 7,235.00
194	Town Newsletter	\$ 400.00	\$ 461.99	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
195	OSHA Training	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
196	Repairs to Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ 774.74	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
197	Street Lights	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,683.35	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
198	Town Web Page	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,635.74	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
199	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 83,637.00</b>	<b>\$ 353,196.05</b>	<b>\$ 87,655.00</b>	<b>\$ 98,635.00</b>
200					
201	<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>				
202	Bottled Gas	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 614.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
203	Electricity	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,233.07	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
204	Equipment Replacement	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,320.53	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
205	Heating Oil	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,672.94	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
206	Cleaning	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
207	Repairs To Equipment	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,048.90	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
208	Repairs and Improvements	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,864.36	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
209	Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,142.77	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,700.00

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210	<b>Article 20 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
211		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
212	Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 6,500.00
213	Telephone	\$ 560.00	\$ 757.46	\$ 650.00	\$ 850.00
214	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 63,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,459.73</b>	<b>\$ 58,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,050.00</b>
215					
216	<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
217	Electricity	\$ 200.00	\$ 673.24	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00
218	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 448.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00
219	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,121.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>
220					
221	<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
222	Duplicating	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
223	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 376.00	\$ 363.44	\$ 391.00	\$ 446.00
224	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ 23.00	\$ 26.00
225	Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
226	Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ 374.47	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
227	Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ 315.29	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00
228	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.25	\$ 371.00	\$ 399.00
229	Seminar - Planning Commissioners	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
230	Planning Commission Clerk Wages	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 312.00
231	Supplies - Zoning Administrator	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.03	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
232	Zoning Admininistor Salary	\$ 4,917.00	\$ 4,917.00	\$ 5,114.00	\$ 5,319.00
233	Windham Regional Membership	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,584.45	\$ 3,745.00	\$ 3,745.00
234	Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00
235	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,043.93</b>	<b>\$ 11,644.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,697.00</b>
236					
237	<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>				
238	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 29.00	\$ 27.63	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
239	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 2.00	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
240	Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 165.75	\$ 450.00	\$ 250.00
241	Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
242	Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ -
243	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 40.00	\$ 41.00
244	Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 287.27	\$ 80.00	\$ 300.00
245	Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
246	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 827.00</b>	<b>\$ 881.90</b>	<b>\$ 1,279.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,185.00</b>
247					
248	<b>CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
249	Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
250	Patrol Coverage	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,943.86	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
251	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,943.86</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>

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252	Article 20 Continued	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
253		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
254	TRANSFER STATION				
255	Compactor (Trash) Disposal	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 26,248.88	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
256	Comingled Hauling (now zero-sort)	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 7,140.00	\$ -	\$ -
257	Comingled Recycle (now zero-sort)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,293.00	\$ -	\$ -
258	Compactor (Trash) Hauling	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 8,988.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,000.00
259	Electronics Recycling	\$ 325.00	\$ 364.56	\$ 325.00	\$ 400.00
260	Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,072.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
261	Equipment Purchase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
262	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 1,450.65	\$ 1,669.00	\$ 1,736.00
263	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 110.00	\$ 1.98	\$ 96.00	\$ 100.00
264	Freon Items	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,500.00
265	Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,743.90	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,800.00
266	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 103.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
267	C&D (Mattresses)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
268	Metals Hauling	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 5,107.20	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
269	Metals Container Rental	\$ 900.00	\$ 912.12	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
270	Metals Expenses	\$ -	\$ (1,084.77)	\$ -	\$ -
271	Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ 252.29	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
272	Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00
273	Organics	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
274	Paper Recycling Expense (now zero-sort)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 499.20	\$ -	\$ -
275	Paper Hauling (now zero-sort)	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ -	\$ -
276	Pest Control	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,435.94	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,500.00
277	Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
278	Zero-Sort Compactor Rental	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,800.52	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,875.00
279	Repairs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 167.71	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
280	Retirement - Town Share	\$ -	\$ 30.96	\$ 45.00	\$ 242.00
281	Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,389.89	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,224.00
282	Attendant Wages	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,573.72	\$ 18,720.00	\$ 19,469.00
283	Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,226.04	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
284	Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 757.46	\$ 650.00	\$ 900.00
285	Tire Removal	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,896.40	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
286	Portable Toilet Rental	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 2,000.00
287	Trash (C&D) Removal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,177.48	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
288	Trash (C&D) Hauling	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 14,498.40	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 15,000.00
289	Uniforms	\$ 750.00	\$ 563.91	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
290	Zero-Sort Hauling	\$ -	\$ 3,880.80	\$ 19,100.00	\$ 19,100.00
291	Zero-Sort Recycling	\$ -	\$ 7,381.88	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
292	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 164,717.00</b>	<b>\$ 132,380.84</b>	<b>\$ 173,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 161,196.00</b>

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293	<b>Article 20 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
294		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
295					
296	<b>BUDGET SUMMARY for Article 20</b>				
297					
298	<b>Revenues:</b>				
299	Tax Collections	\$ 399,887.00	\$ 301,888.11	\$ 425,246.00	\$ 538,493.00
300	General Fund Revenues	\$ 267,982.00	\$ 565,868.16	\$ 257,371.00	\$ 268,272.00
301	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 100,740.00	\$ 100,740.00	\$ 138,827.00	\$ 15,797.00
302	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 768,609.00</b>	<b>\$ 968,496.27</b>	<b>\$ 821,444.00</b>	<b>\$ 822,562.00</b>
303					
304	<b>Department Budgets</b>				
305	Other Employee Wages	\$ 13,753.00	\$ 12,111.27	\$ 14,773.00	\$ 15,367.00
306	Insurance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 72,067.92	\$ 66,100.00	\$ 70,770.00
307	Taxes (Payroll/County)	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 26,435.81	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
308	Selectboard Office	\$ 111,348.00	\$ 112,502.17	\$ 104,547.00	\$ 109,173.00
309	Town Report	\$ 400.00	\$ 163.72	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
310	Board of Health	\$ 1,312.00	\$ 1,107.27	\$ 1,356.00	\$ 1,352.00
311	Town Clerk's Office	\$ 104,660.00	\$ 84,653.47	\$ 104,160.00	\$ 108,998.00
312	Financial Operations	\$ 42,305.00	\$ 45,699.14	\$ 104,036.00	\$ 83,143.00
313	Assessor's Office	\$ 27,427.00	\$ 17,691.13	\$ 30,264.00	\$ 28,961.00
314	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 29,211.00	\$ 30,562.46	\$ 11,382.00	\$ 11,719.00
315	Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,549.00	\$ 1,227.27	\$ 3,657.00	\$ 3,466.00
316	General Expenses	\$ 83,637.00	\$ 353,196.05	\$ 87,655.00	\$ 98,635.00
317	Municipal Center	\$ 63,960.00	\$ 51,459.73	\$ 58,750.00	\$ 68,050.00
318	Historical Society	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,121.97	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,300.00
319	Planning Commission	\$ 11,370.00	\$ 10,043.93	\$ 11,644.00	\$ 11,697.00
320	Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$ 827.00	\$ 881.90	\$ 1,279.00	\$ 1,185.00
321	Contract Law Enforcement	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 6,943.83	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 14,150.00
322	Transfer Station	\$ 164,717.00	\$ 132,380.84	\$ 173,191.00	\$ 161,196.00
323	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 766,326.00</b>	<b>\$ 960,249.88</b>	<b>\$ 821,444.00</b>	<b>\$ 822,562.00</b>



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324		FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
325		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
326					
327	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT - Article 21</b>				
328	Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
329	Dues & Course Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,551.70	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
330	Dispatch Services	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,128.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
331	Electricity	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,769.47	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
332	Equipment Purchase	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 80,928.15	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
333	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,267.00	\$ 3,274.16	\$ 3,246.00	\$ 3,388.00
334	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 136.00	\$ 92.14	\$ 187.00	\$ 195.00
335	Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 700.00	\$ 704.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
336	Heating Oil	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,784.58	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
337	Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,075.16	\$ 3,786.00	\$ 3,800.00
338	On-Site Mechanic	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,534.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,000.00
339	Generator Propane	\$ 700.00	\$ 26.45	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
340	Repairs to Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,386.21	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
341	Facility Repair	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 970.94	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
342	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,853.95	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
343	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 740.00	\$ 1,091.30	\$ 740.00	\$ 884.00
344	Captain 1 Salary	\$ 1,098.00	\$ 1,098.00	\$ 1,142.00	\$ 1,188.00
345	Captain 2 Salary	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,057.00	\$ 1,099.00
346	Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 1,557.00	\$ 1,619.00
347	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,396.00	\$ 2,396.00	\$ 2,492.00	\$ 2,592.00
348	Lieutenant Salary	\$ 872.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 907.00	\$ 943.00
349	Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 872.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 907.00	\$ 943.00
350	Lieutenant 3 Salary	\$ 832.00	\$ 832.00	\$ 865.00	\$ 900.00
351	Firefighter Nominal Fee	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 30,999.99	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
352	Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,868.85	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
353	Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,096.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,100.00
354	Telephone	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,545.49	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,600.00
355	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 193,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 191,262.54</b>	<b>\$ 161,986.00</b>	<b>\$ 172,451.00</b>
356					
357	<b>PARKS COMMITTEE - Article 26</b>				
358	Improvements	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 9,577.61	\$ 12,450.00	\$ 11,750.00
359	Mowing	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 5,325.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00
360	Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,500.00
361	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,862.61</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>

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362		<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
363		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
364	<b>APPROPRIATIONS - Articles 5 -19</b>				
365	DV Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
366	DV Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
367	DV Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
368	DV Rescue - Ambulance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
369	Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
370	Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00
371	Historical Society Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -
372	MOOver/Southeast VT Transit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
373	SE VT Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
374	SE VT Economic Dev (SeVEDs/BDCC)	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,032.00
375	Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
376	Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
377	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
378	Windham Disaster Animal Recovery	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
379	WINGS (After school programs)	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
380	WINGS (Summer)	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
381	Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
382	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,924.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,674.00</b>	<b>\$ 92,924.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,885.00</b>
383	<b>LIBRARY - Article 3</b>				
384	<b>REVENUES</b>				
385	Fundraising/Donations	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 5,574.74	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 10,000.00
386	Fiber Connect Grant (internet)	\$ -	\$ 4,486.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
387	VT DOL Grants	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
388	Halifax Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
389	Interest	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
390	Transfer From General Fund	\$ 80,155.00	\$ 80,155.00	\$ 85,265.00	\$ 87,350.00
391	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,180.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,565.74</b>	<b>\$ 103,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,900.00</b>
392					
393	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
394	Advertising	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
395	Association Dues	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
396	Audio/Video	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,722.01	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00
397	Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
398	Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,633.77	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
399	Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
400	Contract Services	\$ 975.00	\$ 988.20	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,000.00
401	Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ 561.56	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
402	Equipment Service	\$ 450.00	\$ 731.28	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00

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403	<b>Library - Article 3 Continued</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
404		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
405	FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 4,780.00	\$ 4,525.25	\$ 5,230.00	\$ 5,385.00
406	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 275.00	\$ 250.74	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
407	Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
408	Mileage/Professional Training	\$ 400.00	\$ 180.51	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
409	Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ 278.15	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
410	Periodicals	\$ 450.00	\$ 497.83	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
411	Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,426.50	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
412	Program Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,054.05	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
413	Programs/Activities	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,507.46	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
414	Librarian Retirement	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,246.25	\$ 2,670.00	\$ 2,840.00
415	Assistants Wages	\$ 28,700.00	\$ 28,479.03	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 32,510.00
416	Librarian Salary	\$ 33,735.00	\$ 31,848.68	\$ 36,775.00	\$ 37,855.00
417	Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 725.85	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
418	Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,750.08	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 4,000.00
419	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 300.00	\$ 273.54	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
420	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,180.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,565.74</b>	<b>\$ 103,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,900.00</b>
421					
422	<b>CEMETERY - Article 28</b>				
423	<b>REVENUE</b>				
424	Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
425	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 200.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
426	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,568.00	\$ 4,660.00
427	Transfer From General Fund	\$ 19,916.00	\$ 19,916.00	\$ 18,682.00	\$ 20,940.00
428	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,116.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,626.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,750.00</b>
429					
430	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
431	Commissioner Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
432	Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
433	Mowing	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 15,300.00
434	Operations & Maintenance	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,489.78	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
435	Gravestone Repair	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,054.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
436	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,633.78</b>	<b>\$ 23,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,750.00</b>

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437		<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
438		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
439	<b>HIGHWAY - Article 23</b>				
440	<b>REVENUES</b>				
441	Current Tax	\$ 1,473,589.00	\$ 1,473,589.00	\$ 1,470,503.00	\$ 1,448,478.00
442	Insurance Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 27,260.00	\$ -	\$ -
443	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 4,609.00	\$ -	\$ -
444	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 16,056.00		\$ 72,434.00	\$ 120,368.00
445	Town Share Municipal Employee	\$ 6,689.00	\$ 6,689.00	\$ 6,957.00	\$ 7,235.00
446	State Aid	\$ 131,719.00	\$ 135,700.45	\$ 131,719.00	\$ 139,000.00
447	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,647,847.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,715,081.00</b>
448					
449	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
450	<b>LABOR</b>				
451	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 38,405.00	\$ 36,895.07	\$ 39,926.00	\$ 41,493.00
452	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 1,963.70	\$ 2,296.00	\$ 2,387.00
453	Overtime	\$ 76,644.00	\$ 83,048.66	\$ 79,710.00	\$ 82,898.00
454	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 35,141.00	\$ 34,930.80	\$ 37,839.00	\$ 40,679.00
455	Road Commissioner Salary - Aug. 1998	\$ 81,867.00	\$ 81,867.00	\$ 85,142.00	\$ 88,548.00
456	Equipment Operator - September 1998	\$ 68,189.00	\$ 67,899.47	\$ 70,917.00	\$ 73,754.00
457	Equipment Operator - September 2018	\$ 61,545.00	\$ 61,289.76	\$ 64,007.00	\$ 66,567.00
458	Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 67,664.00	\$ 67,402.17	\$ 70,371.00	\$ 73,186.00
459	Equipment Operator - January 1994	\$ 69,423.00	\$ 69,163.36	\$ 72,200.00	\$ 75,088.00
460	Municipal Employee - August 2007	\$ 66,888.00	\$ 66,884.16	\$ 69,564.00	\$ 72,347.00
461	Vacation Buy Back	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,456.29	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
462	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 577,932.00</b>	<b>\$ 572,800.44</b>	<b>\$ 601,972.00</b>	<b>\$ 626,947.00</b>
463					
464	<b>INSURANCE</b>				
465	Health Insurance	\$ 126,197.00	\$ 102,833.01	\$ 155,727.00	\$ 160,409.00
466	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 630.00	\$ 619.20	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00
467	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 744.00	\$ 518.00	\$ 744.00	\$ 555.00
468	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 127,571.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,970.21</b>	<b>\$ 157,091.00</b>	<b>\$ 161,584.00</b>
469					
470	<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
471	Chains	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,310.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
472	Chloride	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
473	Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 702.80	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
474	Crack Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
475	Culverts	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,356.64	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
476	Cutting Edges	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,072.20	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
477	Diesel Fuel	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,595.17	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
478	Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,895.94	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

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	A	B	C	D	E
479	Highway - Article 23 Continued	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
480		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
481	Equipment Hired	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,881.15	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
482	Equipment Purchases	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 429.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
483	Gasoline	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,911.13	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
484	Gravel	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,803.39	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
485	Guardrails	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
486	Heating Oil	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,168.77	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
487	Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 110.50	\$ -	\$ -
488	Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
489	CDL, DrugTesting, Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 502.32	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
490	Paging Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.20	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
491	Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 372,249.75	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
492	Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
493	Facility Repairs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,016.60	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
494	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 98,954.14	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
495	Salt	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 51,787.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
496	Winter Sand	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 84,408.68	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
497	Stone	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,958.43	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
498	Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,161.02	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
499	Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
500	Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,548.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00
501	Telephone	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,687.57	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,000.00
502	Tires	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,700.08	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
503	Uniforms	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,224.02	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
504	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 922,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 866,765.00</b>	<b>\$ 922,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 926,550.00</b>
505					
506	<b>BUDGET SUMMARY FOR HIGHWAY - ARTICLE 23</b>				
507	<b>REVENUES</b>				
508	Current Taxes	\$ 1,473,589.00	\$ 1,473,589.00	\$ 1,470,503.00	\$ 1,448,478.00
509	Anticipated Revenues	\$ 138,408.00	\$ 174,258.45	\$ 138,676.00	\$ 146,235.00
510	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 16,056.00	\$ -	\$ 72,434.00	\$ 120,368.00
511	<b>Total Highway Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,647,847.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,715,081.00</b>
512					
513	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
514	Labor	\$ 577,932.00	\$ 572,800.44	\$ 601,972.00	\$ 626,947.00
515	Insurance	\$ 127,571.00	\$ 103,970.21	\$ 157,091.00	\$ 161,584.00
516	Expenses	\$ 922,550.00	\$ 866,765.00	\$ 922,550.00	\$ 926,550.00
517	<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,543,535.65</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,715,081.00</b>
518					

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519	<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
520	<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
521	Current User Fees	\$ 377,294.00	\$ 350,458.70	\$ 374,854.00	\$ 377,904.00
522	Grant - Pollution Control	\$ -	\$ 323,023.78	\$ -	\$ -
523	Grant - Bernie CDS	\$ -	\$ 420,132.00	\$ -	\$ -
524	Sewer Hookup Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,561.00	\$ -	\$ -
525	Interest on Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,465.39	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
526	Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 619,780.08	\$ -	\$ -
527	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 1,179.07	\$ -	\$ -
528	Penalties	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,954.39	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
529	Reserve - Bond	\$ -	\$ 83,131.00	\$ -	\$ -
530	Reserve - Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
531	Sludge Revenue	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
532	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 384,394.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,685.41</b>	<b>\$ 381,854.00</b>	<b>\$ 386,404.00</b>
533					
534	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
535	<b>LABOR</b>				
536	Bookkeeping Services	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
537	FICA/Medicare -Town Share	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 987.45	\$ 639.00	\$ 665.00
538	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ 69.00	\$ 39.43	\$ 37.00	\$ 38.00
539	Reimburse User Penalties	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,488.75	\$ -	\$ -
540	Assistant (weekend testing)	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,021.13	\$ 8,355.00	\$ 8,689.00
541	Treasurer Salary	\$ 3,527.00	\$ 2,414.13	\$ -	\$ -
542	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,270.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,382.89</b>	<b>\$ 13,031.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,392.00</b>
543					
544	<b>INSURANCE</b>				
545	Liability Insurance	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,414.34	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,600.00
546	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ 92.53	\$ 67.00	\$ 67.00
547	Workers' Compensation	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,303.50	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,394.00
548	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,810.37</b>	<b>\$ 5,267.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,061.00</b>
549					
550	<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES</b>				
551	Chemicals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
552	Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
553	Electricity	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,626.30	\$ 25,600.00	\$ 25,600.00
554	Equipment Purchases	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
555	Heating	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
556	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
557	Mowing	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,500.00
558	Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 850.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
559	Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 511.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 700.00
560	Repairs: Facility & Equip	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,671.09	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00



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561	Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 6,200.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
562	Simon Operation Contract	\$ 118,293.00	\$ 115,369.58	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 122,720.00
563	Sludge Removal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 15,105.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
564	Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,770.78	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
565	Telephone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,293.99	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
566	Outside Testing	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 14,053.26	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00
567	Training	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
568	Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
569	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 228,493.00</b>	<b>\$ 180,536.00</b>	<b>\$ 230,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 235,820.00</b>
570					
571	<b>SEWER PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>				
572	Plant Improvements - Reserve	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
573	Plant Improvements - Bond	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00
574	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>



The Highway Crew (1980's-ish): Donnie Boyd (Road Commissioner) Reggie Fox, Bob Murdock, Ed Havreluk, Gordon Kingsley, and Carrol Havreluk.



**2026 PROJECTED TAX RATE IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN  
BASED ON THE 2025 GRANDLIST**

<b>ARTICLE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>
3	Whitingham Free Public Library	\$ 87,350.00
4	Economic Development Fund	\$ 6,000.00
5	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00
6	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
7	Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$ 30,000.00
8	Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00
9	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$ 1,203.00
10	MOOver	\$ 1,000.00
11	SEVCA	\$ 1,200.00
12	SeVEDS	\$ 4,032.00
13	Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00
14	Senior Solutions/Council on Aging	\$ 750.00
15	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00
16	WinDART	\$ 250.00
17	Wings After School Programs	\$ 11,000.00
18	Wings Summer Programs	\$ 1,795.00
19	Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00
20	General Fund	\$ 538,493.00
21	Fire Department	\$ 172,451.00
22	Fire Equipment Fund	\$ 80,000.00
23	Highways	\$ 1,448,478.00
24	Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 125,000.00
25	Highway Garage Fund	\$ 50,000.00
26	Parks	\$ 21,000.00
27	Municipal Facilities Fund	\$ 30,000.00
28	Cemetery Operation	\$ 20,940.00
29	Old Home Week	\$ 5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,647,597.00</b>
<b>2026 Projected Rates: (based on 1% of FY2025 grand list value) which equals \$4,263,505.00)</b>		
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 0.6210
	Projected Local Agreement Rate	\$ 0.0004
	Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>\$ 0.6214</b>
<b>2025 Rates:</b>		
	Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 0.6009
	Local Agreement Rate	\$ 0.0024
	Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>\$ 0.6033</b>
	Increase of \$0.0181	

**WAGES BY POSITION - FY 25**

<b>Job Title</b>	<b><u>Wages</u></b>	<b><u>Overtime</u></b>	<b><u>Vacation Buyback</u></b>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 630.00		
Assessor's Clerk	\$ 7,243.00		
Assessor's Clerk (Reappraisal)	\$ 4,904.00		
Assessor's Clerk Assistant/Trainee	\$ 585.00		
Bookkeeper (thru 3/4)	\$ 9,411.00		
Collector of Taxes - Penalties (thru 3/4)	\$ 22,785.00		
Delinquent Tax Collector Salary (after 3/4)	\$ 2,630.00		
Emergency Management Director	\$ 550.00		
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 67,899.00	\$ 13,739.00	
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 61,290.00	\$ 11,847.00	
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 67,402.00	\$ 14,321.00	
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 69,163.00	\$ 12,217.00	
Fire Chief	\$ 2,396.00		
Fire Chief -Assistant	\$ 1,497.00		
Fire Dept - 1st Captain	\$ 1,098.00		
Fire Dept - 2nd Captain	\$ 1,015.00		
Fire Dept - 1st Lieutenant	\$ 872.00		
Fire Dept - 2nd Lieutenant	\$ 872.00		
Fire Dept - 3rd Lieutenant	\$ 832.00		
Fire Dept - Mechanic	\$ 3,534.00		
Fire Warden	\$ 224.00		
Health Officer	\$ 922.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 20,598.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 7,881.00		
Library Maintenance (cleaning)	\$ 240.00		
Librarian	\$ 31,849.00		
Moderator	\$ 125.00		
Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 66,884.00	\$ 14,187.00	
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1998	\$ 81,867.00	\$ 16,737.00	\$ 1,456.00
Selectboard Office Administrator	\$ 70,000.00		
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,516.00		
Selectboard - Member (Part year)	\$ 829.00		
Selectboard - Member (Part year)	\$ 829.00		
Selectboard - Member (Part year)	\$ 829.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,256.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,256.00		
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 8,021.00		
Sewer Treasurer (thru 3/4)	\$ 2,414.00		

**WAGES BY POSITION - FY 25**

Sewer Penalties (thru 3/4)	\$ 2,702.00		
Town Clerk Salary (thru 3/4)	\$ 17,116.00		
Town Clerk Salary (after 4/1)	\$ 6,870.00		
Town Clerk - Assistant (1)	\$ 6,907.00		
Town Clerk - Assistant (2)	\$ 5,972.00		
Town Clerk Fees (thru 3/4)	\$ 8,928.00		
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 940.00		
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 450.00		
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 17,574.00		
Transfer Station - Hazardous Waste		\$ 442.00	
Treasurer (thru 3/4)	\$ 13,461.00		
Treasurer (after 3/4)	\$ 11,050.00		
Zoning Administrator	\$ 4,917.00		
Zoning Clerk	\$ 375.00		
<b>Firefighter Nominal Fee Breakdown</b>			
Firefighter	\$ 2,060.00		
Firefighter	\$ 847.00		
Firefighter	\$ 75.00		
Firefighter	\$ 2,817.00		
Firefighter	\$ 5,007.00		
Firefighter	\$ 606.00		
Firefighter	\$ 2,164.00		
Firefighter	\$ 7,089.00		
Firefighter	\$ 350.00		
Firefighter	\$ 2,397.00		
Firefighter	\$ 1,005.00		
Firefighter	\$ 6,583.00		
	\$ 31,000.00		

# **FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2025**

FUND	BALANCE		INTEREST	EXPENDITURES		DEPOSITS	FUND BALANCE		Expenditure Description
	AS OF JULY 1, 2025	AS OF JUNE 30, 2025					AS OF JUNE 30, 2025		
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 439,657.00	\$	39,782.00	\$ (1,220,049.00)	\$	1,095,234.00	\$	354,624.00	Operating budget
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 58,135.00	\$	1,477.00	\$	\$	10,000.00	\$	52,602.00	Historical Bldg repairs
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 2,045.00	\$	48.00				\$	2,093.00	
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 4,375.00	\$	448.00				\$	4,823.00	
EAMES FUND	\$ 181,922.00	\$	4,294.00				\$	186,216.00	
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 145,695.00	\$	3,977.00	\$ (25,432.00)	\$	60,000.00	\$	184,240.00	Brush truck body/radio equip
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 67,545.00	\$	1,629.00	\$ (66,578.00)	\$	10,944.00	\$	13,540.00	Reappraisal to take affect 2025
GRANT MATCH FUND	\$ 329,622.00	\$	7,072.00				\$	336,694.00	
HAZARD MITIGATION	\$ 110,630.00	\$	2,612.00				\$	113,242.00	
**HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 88,491.00	\$		\$ (1,543,536.00)	\$	1,647,847.00	\$	192,802.00	Operating Budget
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 322,783.00	\$	7,233.00	\$ (329,002.00)	\$	127,500.00	\$	128,514.00	Two new dump truck chassis
HIGHWAY GARAGE FUND	\$ 437,667.00	\$	10,856.00		\$	50,000.00	\$	498,523.00	
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 115,691.00	\$	2,731.00				\$	118,422.00	
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 256,977.00	\$	19,653.00				\$	276,630.00	
***CEMETERY OPERATION FUND	\$ 7,236.00	\$		\$ (19,634.00)	\$	20,626.00	\$	8,228.00	Operating budget
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,378.00	\$	32.00				\$	1,410.00	
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 31,914.00	\$	962.00	\$ (186.00)	\$	20,000.00	\$	52,690.00	
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 42,718.00	\$	1,013.00	\$ (3,784.00)	\$	7,476.00	\$	47,423.00	Cott Systems Contract
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 211,908.00	\$	1,075.00		\$	50,000.00	\$	262,983.00	
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ (845,894.00)	\$		\$ (786,316.00)	\$	1,728,555.00	\$	96,345.00	Operating budget/lw sewer const.
SEWER BOND	\$ 363,015.00	\$	4,546.00		\$		\$	450,692.00	To be used for bond payment
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 34,104.00	\$	852.00	\$ (1,495.00)	\$	6,000.00	\$	39,461.00	Chamber/Blueberry Fest/stickers
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00	\$					\$	2,319.00	
TAX SALE FUND	\$ 1,959.00	\$		\$ (1,959.00)	\$		\$	-	Legal fees/recording to Gen. Fund
****LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article	-	\$		\$	\$	95,566.00	\$	-	Operating budget
****LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 45,935.00	\$	1,303.00	\$	\$	19,839.00	\$	60,933.00	To general fund operating budget
****LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 12,199.00	\$	288.00	\$ (6,144.00)	\$		\$	12,487.00	
****LIBRARY FIBER CONNECT	\$ 17,000.00	\$	346.00	\$ (4,486.00)	\$		\$	12,860.00	
	<b>\$ 2,487,026.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>112,229.00</b>	<b>\$ (4,121,177.00)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,032,718.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,510,796.00</b>	

\*Includes the fund balance of \$138,827 appropriated in 2025 for fiscal year 2026, \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes leaving a fund balance of \$15,797 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2027.

\*\*Includes the fund balance of \$72,434 appropriated in 2025 for fiscal year 2026, leaving a fund balance of \$120,368 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2027.

\*\*\*Includes fund balance of \$3,568 appropriated in 2025 for fiscal year 2026, leaving a fund balance of \$4,660 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2027.

\*\*\*\*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 2025 audit, performed by Sullivan and Powers of Montpelier, Vermont went well and is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office and the town website

Respectfully, Marylee Putnam, Treasurer

**2024-2025 CEMETERY FUNDS  
MFS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND**

	<b>6/30/2024</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>6/30/2025</b>
	<b>Invested</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Invested</b>	<b>Share Gain + Interest</b>	<b>Reinvested</b>	<b>Invested</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percent</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Percent</b>		<b>Balance</b>
<b>SADAWGA CEMETERY</b>							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,712.53	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,712.53	0.67%	\$130.97	\$1,843.50
Emery E. Reed	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$737.36	\$10,378.76
J.D. Sylvestre	\$3,401.48	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,401.48	1.32%	\$260.14	\$3,661.62
Amos W. Pike	\$6,826.43	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,826.43	2.66%	\$522.08	\$7,348.51
Wells Winchester	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$260.14	\$3,661.63
William D. Faulkner	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$737.36	\$10,378.76
Arthur H. Lyons	\$6,826.40	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,826.40	2.66%	\$522.08	\$7,348.48
Frank C. Wheeler	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$737.36	\$10,378.76
Clifford G. Brown	\$3,237.25	1.26%	\$0.00	\$3,237.25	1.26%	\$247.58	\$3,484.83
Nathan B. Alfred	\$6,826.40	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,826.40	2.66%	\$522.08	\$7,348.48
Hal H. Allard	\$14,262.74	5.55%	\$0.00	\$14,262.74	5.55%	\$1,090.80	\$15,353.54
Dorothy Smith	\$3,143.39	1.22%	\$0.00	\$3,143.39	1.22%	\$240.40	\$3,383.79
Lurissa S. Brown	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$737.36	\$10,378.76
Elmer R. Houghton	\$4,058.32	1.58%	\$0.00	\$4,058.32	1.58%	\$310.38	\$4,368.70
John Sawyer	\$1,290.25	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,290.25	0.50%	\$98.68	\$1,388.93
Irvin Brown	\$2,322.34	0.90%	\$0.00	\$2,322.34	0.90%	\$177.61	\$2,499.95
Royal Faulkner	\$6,451.04	2.51%	\$0.00	\$6,451.04	2.51%	\$493.37	\$6,944.41
Sara Faulkner	\$3,026.15	1.18%	\$0.00	\$3,026.15	1.18%	\$231.44	\$3,257.59
Carroll E. White	\$1,266.74	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,266.74	0.49%	\$96.88	\$1,363.62

**JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY**

Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,712.53	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,712.53	0.67%	\$130.97	\$1,843.50
Oscar Pike	\$1,712.53	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,712.53	0.67%	\$130.97	\$1,843.50
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$260.14	\$3,661.63
Miles Wilcox	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$737.36	\$10,378.76
F. & F.E. Hager	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,641.40	3.75%	\$737.36	\$10,378.76
C.L. Stickney	\$13,019.44	5.07%	\$0.00	\$13,019.44	5.07%	\$995.71	\$14,015.15
William A. Brown	\$3,401.48	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,401.48	1.32%	\$260.14	\$3,661.62
William Pouliotte	\$2,181.66	0.85%	\$0.00	\$2,181.66	0.85%	\$166.85	\$2,348.51
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,595.19	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,595.19	0.62%	\$122.00	\$1,717.19
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$4,504.02	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,504.02	1.75%	\$344.46	\$4,848.48
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,987.90	1.55%	\$0.00	\$3,987.90	1.55%	\$304.99	\$4,292.89
The Moody Family	\$834.02	0.32%	\$0.00	\$834.02	0.32%	\$63.79	\$897.81
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,277.07	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,277.07	0.50%	\$97.67	\$1,374.74

**2024-2025 CEMETERY FUNDS**  
**MFS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND**

CUTTING CEMETERY							
Amos Brown	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$260.14	\$3,661.63
Burrows Family	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,401.49	1.32%	\$260.14	\$3,661.63
C.L. Stickney	\$6,826.43	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,826.43	2.66%	\$522.08	\$7,348.51
CARLEY CEMETERY							
Charlotte V. Sage	\$4,504.02	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,504.02	1.75%	\$344.46	\$4,848.48
RIVERVIEW CEMETERY							
Unspecified	\$14,192.35	5.52%	\$0.00	\$14,192.35	5.52%	\$1,085.42	\$15,277.77
OTHER UNSPECIFIED							
	\$61,122.80	23.79%	\$0.00	\$61,122.80	23.79%	\$4,674.61	\$65,797.41
Column total	\$256,977.26					\$19,653.37	\$276,630.63
TOTAL	Actual value		\$0.00	\$256,977.26	100.00%	\$19,653.37	Column total
						\$276,630.54	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

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Another busy year in the Assessor's Office. Reappraisals have been completed and have gone through the usual grievance and pre-grievance process. A few took it to the Board of Civil Authority.

Land and house sales are still moving fairly strong, but have slowed down compared to last year.

Our biggest complaint was in the State Education tax of which the Town has little control over.

Building permits are still pouring in with mostly remodeling and additions.

The new current 2025 Equalization Study Results are:

Common Level of Appraisal {CLA} 103.68 %  
Coefficient of Dispersion {COD} 5.80%

Respectfully submitted,

*Howard A. Dix*

Assessor Clerk  
(802) 368-2838  
Howard@whitinghamvt.org

Don't forget to file your  
VT Homestead Declaration  
by April 15, 2026.



**ASSESSOR'S DATA**  
**2024 AS BILLED Grand List**  
**Tax Book Report**  
**\*\*\* GRAND TOTALS \*\*\***

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL
Taxable parcels	1,127		
Acres	23,635.45		
Land	72,732,000		
Building	213,424,100		
Real	286,156,100	88,715,900	197,440,200
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	8,103,000	2,512,700	5,590,300
(-)Contracts	202,700	0	202,700
(-)Special Exempt		0	49,770
GRAND LIST	2,774,904.00	858,432.00	1,918,001.30
Homestead	192,613,000		
Housesite	165,585,800		
Lease	0.00		
Non-Tax Count	26		
Non-Tax Val.	7,095,400		

LATE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION PENALTY IS WAIVED

RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST	=	TOTAL RAISED
Non-Residential Ed.	1.7585		1,915,974.30		3,369,241.18
Homestead Ed.	1.7742		858,432.00		1,523,030.14
Local Agreement	0.0047		2,774,904.00		13,042.35
Town	0.9032		2,774,904.00		2,506,293.00
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>					<b>7,411,606.67</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Howard Dix*

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**  
**(Tax Year 2024)**

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Street #</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Land Use Acres</b>	<b>Land Use Exemption Value</b>
08-0786	186 NATE FLYNN ROAD LLC	186	NATE FLYNN RD	163.7	\$ 158,200.00
06-0512	ALLEN SCOTT & ALLEN KEITH	234	ALLEN RD	89	\$ 105,300.00
06-0489	AXTELL SARAH	133	ALLARD RD	138	\$ 180,200.00
05-0238-02	BETIT ANTOINETTE LIFE ESTATE	6178	VT RTE 100	70	\$ 113,600.00
05-0183	BETIT BRIAN	771	FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$ 38,300.00
05-0180-01	BETIT STEVEN P ET AL HANCOCK STEPHA	0	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$ 178,700.00
08-0810-01	BORTELL RITA	0	BURRINGTON HILL RD	155	\$ 104,400.00
09-0869	BOYD MARSHALL LIVING TRUST BOYD RE	859	ALLARD RD	34.7	\$ 47,200.00
05-0143	BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64	BEAR LN	56	\$ 69,100.00
07-0520	CAPO JAMES A	203	PIKE RD	81.18	\$ 85,100.00
05-0231	CARRIS EMILY	184	CORSE RD	85.7	\$ 128,000.00
11-0788	CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447	NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$ 37,300.00
09-0924	COE BROOKSANY	73	SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$ 116,400.00
09-0973	COREY JUSTIN A & KRISTY R	1755	VT RTE 8A	68.5	\$ 80,600.00
05-0188	CORSE FARM	1085	CORSE RD	299	\$ 424,500.00
05-0188-02	CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	773	CORSE RD	177.41	\$ 413,000.00
05-0225-01	CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS,LLC	0	WILM CROSS RD	90.34	\$ 170,700.00
05-0228	CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489	WILM CROSS RD	106.6	\$ 215,600.00
04-0054	CORSE WAYNE	871	RUBA RD	186.91	\$ 123,600.00
05-0225-03	CORSE WAYNE C	0	VT RTE 100	88	\$ 131,500.00
05-0260-01	CORSE WAYNE C	0	FAULKNER RD	10.62	\$ 61,800.00
06-0402	CROSBY ROBERT A JR	2465	COLLINS RD	48.44	\$ 67,600.00
06-0398-05	DAIELLO STEVEN	0	COLLINS RD	1.24	\$ 4,400.00
06-0400	DAVID ANTHONY J & MEGHAN E	1091	GATES POND RD	103.95	\$ 111,300.00
06-0443	DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTMAN INC	641	FOWLER RD	28.8	\$ 36,800.00
07-0531	DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208	VT RTE 100	46.3	\$ 54,300.00
12-1141	DIX NATHAN P	3029	VT RTE 8A	31	\$ 81,600.00
06-0455	DIX SHELDON DEAN REVOCABLE TRUST	4292	VT RTE 100	35.3	\$ 59,800.00
06-0414	DONELAN EDWARD J & LAURA A	408	GATES POND RD	70.76	\$ 74,400.00
07-0561	EADE DAVID L	190	MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$ 62,800.00
11-1026	EDELSTEIN PHILIP	48	HURD LN	130.93	\$ 154,600.00
08-0765	FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103	GREEN RD	42.4	\$ 59,000.00
09-0971	GOLDSMITH CALVIN R & MICHELLE C	874	ALDRICH RD HALIFAX	53.36	\$ 66,200.00
05-0172	HARTLEY JULIE	1793	FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$ 123,200.00
04-0056	HENRY MASON	0	NORTH HILL RD	11	\$ 38,300.00
05-0069	INGWERSEN KRISTIAN	2316	FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$ 158,000.00
01-0002	JEWELL CLEARING TRUST	0		45.2	\$ 33,400.00
06-0446-01	KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	0	FOWLER RD	25	\$ 75,100.00
09-0740	KOSKI CHELSEA M	617	GINNY MORSE RD	36	\$ 34,800.00

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**  
**(Tax Year 2024)**

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Street #</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Land Use Acres</b>	<b>Land Use Exemption Value</b>
12-1061	LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009	SADDADA RD	12.4	\$ 13,900.00
07-0566	LAPIERRE DARREN	9943	VT RTE 100	60.4	\$ 77,200.00
05-0093	LEHRER NANCY D	0	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$ 86,900.00
02-0024	LEWIS SCOTT	0	BONE LANE	25.3	\$ 45,800.00
09-0846	MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40	MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$ 826,500.00
02-0003	MOSS MARK	204	ICK RD	33.2	\$ 163,500.00
09-0914	MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	0	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$ 49,300.00
06-0346-01	O HANLON KERRY & KATHLEEN	214	BIRDVILLE RD	26.7	\$ 40,600.00
08-0791	PINE LAKES ESTATE LLC	1761	KENTFIELD RD	326	\$ 416,700.00
10-0999	PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785	LONE PINE RD	146.4	\$ 118,000.00
12-1071-01	PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843	CHAPEL HILL RD	73.2	\$ 203,400.00
12-1062	PORCELLO III FREDRICK A	0	SADDADA RD	70	\$ 87,900.00
05-0181	PROCTER MARY E	488	FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$ 96,900.00
06-0429	PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070	FOWLER RD	53.2	\$ 80,100.00
06-0405	ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA J	467	BUTLER BROOK RD	83.8	\$ 113,800.00
11-1016	RODELL MICHAEL	0	KENTFIELD RD	182.1	\$ 119,200.00
11-1025	SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	0	STREETER HILL ROAD	371.4	\$ 171,600.00
06-0445	SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896	FOWLER RD	79.9	\$ 96,000.00
09-0967	SILVERMAN JEFFREY P	320	PRATT RD	72.52	\$ 86,700.00
12-1060	SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	0	SADDADA RD	45	\$ 82,600.00
09-0948	SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	2245	BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$ 265,100.00
06-0336-07	SPRAGUE MARTIN & KAREN	1631	VT RTE 100	2	\$ 87,300.00
08-0828	STREPPA LEWIS D & VIRGINIA M	1226	BURRINGTON HILL RD	31.4	\$ 34,400.00
07-0569	THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	0	VT RTE 100	37.4	\$ 31,600.00
08-0737	TWITCHELL ALLAN	243	GOODNOW RD	39.9	\$ 54,900.00
08-0739	TWITCHELL CLYDE C JR ENHANCED LIFE I	761	GREEN RD	58.1	\$ 82,800.00
08-0738-04	TWITCHELL DAVID M & MELISSA A	1106	TOWN HILL RD	54.2	\$ 118,800.00
08-0738-02	TWITCHELL KARL P	549	GREEN RD	27.8	\$ 40,900.00
09-0918-01	WALSH ANN N REVOCABLE TRUST 2017	900	VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$ 75,600.00
08-0760	WERSHOVEN FAMILY TRUST	482	BURRINGTON HILL RD	34.41	\$ 56,300.00
	<b>TOTAL LAND USE EXEMPTIONS</b>				\$ 8,103,000.00

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

In the year of 2025, the mowing and trimming, along with spring and fall clean-ups were still being performed by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance. And they kept the cemeteries looking great.

Green Cemetery, on Head of the Pond Road, has been brush hogged and we have a quote to cut off any root matter, pull stumps, and put a finish grade on the surface. A decision has not been finalized as to whether we go ahead with this project, but most likely it will move forward and be completed at some point toward the end of 2026. We are still working on the large maple trees to be cut. In Jacksonville Cemetery, a metal railing project was started near the steep bank going down to the brook. We are hoping this will be completed in 2026. More gravestone repairs were done over the past year and will continue into 2026.

After performing an annual update to all the Town of Whitingham cemetery maps it will be our hope to place them on the Town website in the upcoming year.

*Brad Lackey, Chair, Joe Saladino, Clerk; and Madeline Klein*

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

James Weber and Sara Martin were appointed to the Economic Development Group in January 2026. If you are interested in joining, please contact Gig at 368-7500 or via email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

As Whitingham's Emergency Management Director, I continue to attend quarterly meetings with other EMDs and Fire Chiefs in the area; attend storm briefings as they come up; prepare the annual update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP); attend meetings with school officials, students, safety officer, and first responders to develop a school safety plan.

*Gig Zboray, EMD*

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Whitingham Fire Department responded to many emergencies over the last year.

3 Structure Fires, 5 Brush Fires, 14 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 4 Downed Power Lines, 11 Service Calls, 8 CO/Smoke Alarms. Mutual Aid was also given to 1 Halifax, 2 Heath MA, 6 Marlboro, 2 Readsboro, 1 Rowe MA, 5 Wilmington and a total of 190 Whitingham First Response Calls for a total of 252.

Whitingham received mutual aid from the Towns of Wilmington, Halifax, Readsboro, East and West Dover, Guilford, Stamford, Colrain MA, Rowe MA, and Clarksburg MA.

The trucks and equipment are being updated and maintained regularly.

We've welcomed some new members to keep our membership updated. If you're thinking about volunteering, we hold training and meetings at the Jacksonville Fire House on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month during the winter and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the summer months. You're welcome to attend any of these evenings at 6:00 PM to find out more about the service.

The Booster Club needs more tickets to be sold. We're about 40 tickets short of the 200. Please ask Stanley Janovsky, Jr. or Michael Stevens if you're interested in purchasing a yearly ticket. Tickets are \$110 a year with a chance every month to win \$1000.

I would like to thank Nancy Janovsky (my mom) for running the booster club, and treasurer for over the last 40+ years. We could not have done it without you. We wish you a well-deserved break and retirement.

Some facility upgrades to the Jacksonville Fire House are being made. New flooring to replace the carpet, heat pump, and painting. This will be paid for from the facilities repair fund.

I would like to thank David Briggs for all the services he provides for maintaining the fleet and equipment. I would like to thank Dennis Pike Sr. for all his commitment and computer skills for maintaining our obligations of reporting with the State and Feds.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our Volunteers for many hours of service. The Town of Whitingham is indebted to all of you.

Thank you,

*Chief Stanley Janovsky Jr.*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	Notes
2024	GMC 1-ton 3500 dually chassis - Brush Truck	20 year	2044	\$ 140,000	\$ 200,000	
1992	GMC Rescue Truck	20yrs	2012	\$ 41,000	\$ 600,000	Still in Service
1996	Freightliner Pumper (refurb. 2021)	20 yrs	2041	\$ 100,000	\$ 800,000	
2001	Freightliner Tanker 2450 gal tank/1250 gpm	20yrs	2021	\$ 180,000	\$ 800,000	Still in Service
2006	Freightliner Pumper 1000 gal. tank/1250 gpm	20yrs	2026	\$ 160,000	\$ 700,000	
2018	Chevy Rescue PU	20yrs	2038	\$ 43,300	\$ 100,000	
2012	Mission Trailer	15yrs	2027	\$ 10,405	\$ 20,000	
2012	Artic Cat Prowler Side by Side	10yrs	2022	\$ 14,265	\$ 30,000	Still in Service
2012	Artic Cat Snowmobile - see note (1) below	10yrs	2022	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,000	Still in Service
1990s	12 Scott Air-Paks	12 yrs	2023		\$ 96,000	still have
2024	7 Scott 4500 Psi Air Packs	12 yrs	2036	\$ 91,000	\$ 120,000	

(1) paid by Firemen's Association

The Fire Chief would like every property to clearly display the 911 address at the end of the driveway so rescue workers can find you in an emergency.



*You can't be helped if you can't be found!*

*Mailboxes must be 3 feet back from the edge of the road.*

# FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

## In Jacksonville Village

We have made great strides in our flood hazard mitigation projects this year, thanks to many grant awards. We have completed two FEMA buyouts; one at 568 VT Route 112 and the other at 2984 VT Route 100. The invasive species (Japanese knotweed) along town owned property across from Jacksonville church and at the Jacksonville sewer plant has been treated. Once the knotweed is gone, native plants can be planted; their root systems help retain the soil (prevent erosion) during highwater events.

There were delays in our culvert replacement project at the Municipal Center, but that project started in early October. We are so grateful to have this project “substantially complete” after so many years. There is a punch list of items to address in the spring; the main item being paving of the Municipal Center parking lot. Many thanks to MSK Engineers and Hunter Excavating! Also thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding during the construction and relocation of the tax collector.

A grant was awarded to do a scoping study of Mill Hill (Gates Pond Road area from Reed Hill Road to the intersection with Route 100). This study should show best ways to address storm water. Specifically, the collapsing retaining wall at Eames Village Park and the icing problem at the intersection.

We continue to seek grant funding for other projects that are listed in the River Corridor Study. Future projects needed include design and construction to create flood plain access to the backyards along Route 100 from the Jacksonville Fire House to the intersection of Routes 100 and 112; removing a berm and dam near and in the river along Route 112; and potentially creating flood plain access across the river behind the gas station.

Whitingham participated in a collaborative flood resilience and adaptation design and planning process organized by Windham Regional Commission, along with Dover, Wilmington and Readsboro. This was a free program in collaboration with UMass-Amherst students and professional volunteers.

*Report prepared by Gig Zboray, EMD*



## HEALTH OFFICER

In 2025, the Board of Health (BOH) continued to oversee the Health Order court case brought against the property owners of 7783 VT Route 100 in Whitingham. A septic system was installed on the property. As of this writing, the court case has not been closed.

The FEMA buyout of the burned house on Route 112 was completed in 2025 and the house was demolished. This was deemed by the Selectboard to be the best option to clear up 2022's Health Order and to have the residents vacate the property.

Throughout the summer state issued mosquito reports were reviewed, in early August mosquitoes collected in Whitingham had tested positive for Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV). The virus is spread to humans through mosquito bites. Signs were posted around town and on the internet to notify residents to be aware.

Also, throughout the summer, the state issued information and guidance regarding the statewide moderate drought. There were no reports to this office of drought impacts (dry wells). Information was posted on Facebook. Do you follow the town's Facebook posts? Look for "Town of Whitingham". It's a good way to get timely relevant information.

*~Gig Zboray, THO*

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Whitingham Historical Society is an established (not for profit) organization made up of interested members, mostly residents of Whitingham. The Green Mountain Hall in the former Sadawga Village is a grand historic building that is owned by the Town of Whitingham and leased to the Historical Society. The building contains a historic museum of artifacts, documents, photos, and various items that represent a glimpse of how life used to be.

A significant amount of work was completed during the summer of 2025. The exterior of Green Mountain Hall was repaired, painted, the windows were reglazed, and the slate roof was restored. A section of interior drywall ceiling was also repaired and freshly painted. New paint on the exterior of the one-room schoolhouse was also accomplished. The overall project was paid for by a grant from the Vermont Department of Historic Preservation and funds from the town. Thank you to Gig for help in administering the grant work and funding.

A campaign to renew memberships and raise needed funds was initiated throughout the summer and fall of 2025. Thank you to all who sent contributions! We owe a special thank you to The Purjes Foundation, a non-profit charitable trust, for pledging to match the contributions raised during the campaign. The collaborative generosity will help fund our ongoing work to preserve and share the historical significance of Whitingham's past.

Interested in the rich history of Whitingham? Please join us!

The museum is open to the public during the summer months on Sundays 2-4PM. We look forward to special events during the Old Home Week celebrations in July. We hope to see you there!

*Seth Boyd, President, Aimee Reed, Vice President, and Cindy Bernard, Treasurer*



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The department completed many tasks over the last year. Many culverts were changed. Much ditching and cutting danger trees. Keeping up with summer and winter storms. Much gravel was also placed on many roads in town along with prepping for new asphalt. Last year's paving will be done this spring with the rest of the paving scheduled to be done before Old Home Week.

The winter was relatively mild. Not much freezing rain which made for better nerves.

Mud season came and went with virtually not much mud at all. Mother Nature was nice to us last year.

The Municipal Center culvert project will also include paving the complete parking lot around and the Jacksonville Firehouse. The Whitingham Firehouse will also be paved along with the streets in Whitingham Village from the regular line itemed paving budget.

We are still awaiting the completion of our new trucks to replace trucks 2 and 4.

I would like to thank Laurie Fox Brown for filling in when needed.

The proposed new town garage has taken many hours of planning with the help from Gig and the Board of Selectman. I would like to thank Donald Boyd and Todd Wahlstrom for their time in the design of the proposed new garage and for their willingness to help with public engagement. We had an open house at the old highway garage which was well attended.

I like to pride myself on operating the highway department as cost effectively as possible. What does that mean? That means I ask a lot of our employees. This entails many hours of welding and fabricating and maintenance of our trucks to keep them running and working through breakdowns and rust. The biggest issues we encounter are the emission systems, sensors, and the maintenance costs for these systems. Much of the repair budget is obligated towards these systems. This takes patience and dedication from them. There are times when we'd like to throw our hands up and just buy new ones but tax rate wise, this is not feasible. What the capital improvement plan is scheduled for at the current equipment fund is 15-year replacement on town trucks. In reality its 20. Sometimes we do have breakdowns. That means sometimes someone's road might be late getting taken care of. I'm not raising the Equipment Fund Budget. We'll make it work, that's what we do. That's why as a whole, we have a much smaller budget than most of the towns around us. By 100s of thousands and millions in some cases with virtually the same mileage as them.

Please make sure your mailbox is at least 3 feet away from the shoulder of the road. We are not responsible for them if they're closer though accidents do happen. Mark them with a minimum 3-foot marker.

I would like to thank the Townspeople for all their support of the Highway Department.

Thank you,

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*

Road Commissioner

## 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	\$ 300,000	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$ 160,000	\$ 300,000	Still in service
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$ 129,000	\$ 300,000	
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$ 63,000	\$ 100,000	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 pick up	5yrs	2017	\$ 35,000	\$ 90,000	Sold
1996	Caterpillar Grader	15yrs	2011	\$ 214,000	\$ 500,000	Still in service
2019	Komatsu Loader	15yrs	2034	\$ 190,000	\$ 300,000	
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	\$ 40,000	Still in service
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	\$ 90,000	
2024	Mack Chassis	15 yrs	2039	\$ 150,000	\$ 325,000	body ordered photo below
2025	Mack Chassis	15 yrs	2040	\$ 150,000	\$ 325,000	ordered

*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.*



2024 Mack Chasis, photo by Stan Janovsky Jr.

2/3/2026



**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM**  
**INVENTORY OF LAND AND BUILDINGS**

**TRANSFER STATION**

Compactor  
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  
Town Highway Salt Shed, 2022  
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  
568 VT Route 112, an 8 acre parcel acquired by FEMA buyout 02.14.25  
2984 VT Route 100, a .23 acre parcel acquired by FEMA buyout 09.03.25\*  
\*building to be demolished in 2026

**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 J'ville Church

**SEWER**

1 Connex box (storage)  
2 buildings  
Collection System

## INVENTORY OF IT EQUIPMENT

Device ID	Description	Brand	Approximate Purchase Date	Warranty Expires	Windows 11 compatible
TOW-L04-W10	Assessor's Laptop	Dell	1/11/2021	1/13/2025	yes
TOW-D02-W10	Assessor's Office	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D06-W10	Bookkeeper (downstairs)	Dell	4/18/2020	7/18/2023	yes
TOW-D09-W11	Highway	Dell	11/6/2024	11/6/2029	yes
TOW-D03-W10	Records Lookup	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-L05-W11	Selectboard Office	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027	yes
TOW-D08-W11	Sewer	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027	yes
TOW-L06-W11	Town Clerk	Dell	12/17/2024	12/18/2028	yes
TOW-D04-W10	Town Clerk window	Dell	4/18/2020	7/1/2023	yes
TOW-D01-W10	Treasurer (was asst clerk)	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
*	Meeting Owl	Owl Labs	2021	not on IT contract	
*	Projector	Epson	2021	not on IT contract	
2YJ35720	upstairs copier	Canon	7/1/2024	not on IT contract	
3GE05984	downstairs copier	Canon	8/1/2022	not on IT contract	
	Assessor's Office	Brother	2022	not on IT contract	
	Selectboard spare laptop	HP	7/15/2016	not on IT contract	
	Elections laptop	HP	hard drive destroyed and ecycled		
TOW-L03-W10	Town Clerk	HP	hard drive destroyed and ecycled		

\* Purchased with COVID-19 grant money





## 2025 LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

### 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.

### 2025 Library Summer Camp: *Color Our World* — Ages 4/5-9

The Library partnered with Wings Community Programs to provide a **FREE Summer Camp**. All 30 available slots were filled, and we even had a waiting list. STEAM activities included stream exploration, bubble and slime experiments, Mess Fest—a creative (and very messy!) art day—along with crafts, story times, and plenty of play.

The Vermont Museum of Natural History visited with live native Vermont animals, and we had a blast learning about butterflies with the Butterfly Guy. The Sandglass Puppet Theater delighted us with an interactive performance of *Punshci*, and we wrapped up the week with a big-screen showing of *The Wild Robot*.

#### **Join our volunteer team this summer!**

We're always looking for community volunteers to share their skills and talents.

**2026 Summer Reading Theme:** *"Unearth a Story"* (dinosaurs, paleontology)

### Library Closure During the Municipal Center Culvert Project

In preparation for the fall closure, many patrons borrowed additional items to use during the time the Library was closed. Staff encouraged patrons to utilize digital resources such as Libby and Palace for audiobooks and eBooks, the Vermont Online Library for reference materials, and Biblio+ for streaming movies, TV shows, and documentaries. 240 digital items were borrowed or viewed throughout the closure.

Library staff worked together remotely to continue providing services. Staff connected with patrons—including supporting our book club—made home deliveries and/or arranged for pickup at outreach locations, provided assistance via phone and email, and auto-renewed patron accounts to avoid overdue items and ensure continued circulation. Approximately 630 items were circulated or renewed during the closure.

Library staff also continued outreach programming, including our weekly homeschool group, Halloween festivities, the Holiday Kids Bazaar, and our monthly book group meetings.

Administrative responsibilities were performed remotely, and our Director remained in regular communication with the Library Trustees, staff, and the Select-board Administrator with updates on the project's progress. Our Annual Appeal was successfully completed, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity shown to our little library.

Library Trustees continued to meet in person monthly at the Jacksonville Electric office.

During our closure, the community embraced the Library and helped us continue our outreach and services.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to:

- **Whitingham Select-board** for their support of the Library and its off-site community events
- **Liz & James Weber of Engel House B&B** for collaborating with us to create an amazing Haunted Inn
  - **Wilmington Police Department** for ensuring everyone's safety during Trunk or Treat
- **The Deerfield Valley Lions Club and community members** for participating in Trunk or Treat
- **Jacksonville Community Church** for providing space for our Annual Holiday Kids Bazaar
  - **Twice Blessed** for donating items for the Kids Bazaar
  - **Village Fuel & Convenience Store** for serving as a donation drop-off location
  - **Johanna Robohm** for graciously hosting our monthly book group in her home
- **The incredible communities of Whitingham and Halifax** for supporting the Library and bearing with us during this time
- **Library Staff and Trustees** for their flexibility, resourcefulness, creativity, and mutual support

*"The library is not only the custodian of our cultural heritage but the key to progress and the advancement of knowledge." - John F. Kennedy*

### 2024-2025 Statistics

- 5,600+ PATRON VISITS
- 6,770+ ITEMS CIRCULATED
- 1,330 REGISTERED ADULTS
- 230 REGISTERED CHILDREN
- 1,925 ADULTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDED 129 PROGRAMS
- 12,114+ HOLDINGS
- THOUSANDS OF DIGITAL & STREAMING TITLES

### Library of Things

- MUSEUM PASSES
- SNOWSHOES
- 3 IN 1 OUTDOOR GAME (PICKLEBALL, BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL)
- HOUSEHOLD TOOLS
- PUZZLES
- GIANT GAMES
- ACTIVITY BACKPACKS
- LAPTOPS & PORTABLE PRINTER
- PORTABLE DVD PLAYER
- CD PLAYER

### Thank you!

Thank you to the towns of Whitingham & Halifax for your continued support and patronage.

Kristine, Lois, Lisa and Trustees:

Tanya Bernard, Judy Bernard, Angie Dornberg, Mark Halverson, Wendy Sergeant, Shandell Soumar



WHITINGHAM

# OLD HOME WEEK



## SAVE THE DATE

JULY 24-26, 2026

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Planning and day of volunteers are still needed for all aspects of this event. Please reach out to Amy at [events@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:events@whitinghamvt.org) if interested

### Fireworks, The Fan Favorite

We always strive to bring you a spectacular firework show. We want this year to be one you won't forget! Help us bring you the best firework show in Southern Vermont by scanning the QR code and donating to the firework fund!



### Honor the Past.

### Look to the Future.

A lot has changed the last 10 years, but the love and the roots in this community hasn't. That's something worth celebrating.

Since its start in 1906, Whitingham Old Home Week does just that. Join us for a long weekend of fun for the whole family!

Live entertainment, parades, children's games, firework show and so much more! We're looking forward to bringing you an unforgettable weekend as we honor the past and look to the future. So mark your calendars, round up the family, and enjoy all that our little town has to offer. Follow the Town of Whitingham on social media for all updates on this cherished event! See you in July!

## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Town Hill Common is arguably the town's greatest asset. Steeped in historical significance as the original bustling center of Whitingham - the park today still treats visitors and resident users with a peaceful spot for recreation and sunset views. It is a special place that needs continued care with a focus on upkeep and maintenance as well as continued improvements.

During the summer of 2025 – the ballfield was stripped and tilled and additional material was added. The brush along the perimeter of the property was trimmed back. The removal of a large stone pile, overgrown brush, and dead trees resulted in exposing historic stone walls and created expanded "green space" which can now host new picnic tables and benches on the ballfield side of the road.

Area youth baseball teams hosted practices and games. A local kickball group gathered regularly. The annual Bolognani Memorial Softball Tournament brought several hundred players and spectators over a two-day event. The Lions Club Hungry Lion Bike Tour filled the park with participants. Green Up Day headquarters provided lunch and a band for entertaining the local volunteers. Sunrise Service on Easter was held and Memorial Day events honored all who have served our country. Dozens of families gathered for picnics and held reunions and birthday parties. Children played on the playground.

Many thanks go out to: Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance, J.C Electric, Donnie Boyd, and The Highway Department for all their hard work. Marshal Boyd donated several loads of topsoil.

Eames Park in Jacksonville continues to be a great place for a picnic lunch or summer meeting spot. Thanks to Tyson Dix for mowing the grass.

More thanks go more volunteers! Kerri Boyd planted and watered (nearly daily!) the flowers on Town Hill, Eames Park, the bridge in the center of Jacksonville, Sadawga Bridge, and Jacksonville Church. Town Clerk, Rachel Littlehale, established the flowers at the Municipal Center. Amy Morneault purchased and planted the flowers on the old bridge at the Municipal Center before it was removed. Tanya Bernard planted and cared for the flowers on the Reed Hill bridge in Jacksonville. Pete Bernard installs and removes planters seasonally.

Thanks to the residents of Whitingham for their continued support for parks funding!

*Seth Boyd, Chair; Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom, Carol Millett,  
Erin Lackey, Lyndsey Bushey-Hesselback*

## PLANNING COMMISSION

In 2025 the Planning Commission began working on the update to the Town Plan for the years 2026-2033. The goal of the Town Plan is to serve as a roadmap for Whitingham's growth and development, addressing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. To ensure that growth is managed responsibly and sustainably. The Town Plan addresses a number of topics including land use, housing, transportation, economic development, natural resource protection, and community facilities. The Planning Commission seeks a robust public engagement process, encouraging input from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. We thank everyone who participated in the survey last spring. It is the goal of the Planning Commission to have a Town Plan function as an often referred to document to provide a framework for decision-making by the Selectboard and other town bodies, ensuring that future policies and projects align with the goals of Whitingham.

We applied for, and won, a Municipal Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$15,900, successfully competing against 72 towns and was one of 46 funded.

With the grant award we are able to hire planning professional, Margo Ghia, from the Windham Regional Commission, to assist in our Town Plan update. It is anticipated that we will have a complete draft ready for public comments at a public hearing potentially in June of 2026.

The public is always welcome at Planning Commission meetings, please check the town website for meeting dates.

*Brad Lackey, Chair; Peter Barus, Clerk;  
Keith Thompson, Joseph Saladino, & Bryan Krastins*

**Public comments and suggestions wanted  
as we update the Town Plan this year.**

**Please check the town website for Planning  
Commission meeting dates and times or  
contact Gig@whitinghamvt.org or by phone at  
(802)368-7500 for more information on how  
you can participate in this important update.**



## SELECTBOARD

In the calendar year 2025 we held 22 regular meetings, and 8 special meetings.

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

- At a special town meeting on December 18, 2024, it was voted to authorize the Selectboard to appoint the municipal treasurer and the delinquent tax collector at the end of their existing terms. Almira Aekus retired from these positions effective at the end of Town Meeting, 2025. Marylee Putnam was appointed to these positions on March 5, 2025.
- Regretfully accepted the resignation of Almira Aekus as Town Clerk, she did not run for re-election but won on a write-in vote. Ms. Aekus accepted the position until a new town clerk could be found. Rachel Littlehale was appointed on April 1<sup>st</sup> to fill the position until the next election.
- Regretfully accepted the resignation of Travis Wheeler (8/8/25). Craig Hammer was appointed (9/17/25) to fill the vacancy until the next election. We were happy there were several interested candidates.
- Continued oversight of the sewer improvement project – see Sewer Department report for more information.
- Continued oversight management of the Transfer Station - see Transfer Station report for more information.
- Continued progress on flood hazard mitigation – see Flood Hazard Mitigation report for more information.
- Appointed Joseph Saladino to the Cemetery Commission to fill a vacancy until the next town election.
- Continued to work with the Zoning Administrator and town attorney on a court case against a property owner of 6492 VT Route 100 that built a structure without a permit. As of this writing, the case is ongoing.
- Oversight of other zoning enforcement issues.
- Continued working with the Town Health Officer and town attorney on a court case about a Health Order against the property owner of 7783 VT Route 100 for failed septic system. The property owner installed a new septic system.
- Approved a Notice of Alleged Violation against the property owner of 48 Tyanoga Road. To cure the violation, the property owner applied for a new zoning permit, several aspects of this new permit were denied by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The applicant appealed the ZBA decision to Environmental Court. This case is ongoing.
- Renewed contract Wilmington Police Department for patrol services.
- Worked with the Historical Society on a repair and painting project of Green Mountain Hall and the old schoolhouse.
- Approved town participation in a four-town collaborative flood resilience and adaptation design and planning process implemented by the Windham Regional Commission with UMASS-Amherst and professional volunteers with Dover, Wilmington, and Readsboro.
- Approved annual update of Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Approved purchase of new chairs for Municipal Center dining hall

- Engaged town attorney to resolve conflict about a registered “farm dog” living on ¼ acre with a few chickens.
- Approved demolition of dilapidated farm structure on Town Hill Common property
- Approved extended hours from 7am to 8pm for contractors to work on culvert project in order that project can be completed within grant timeline

Whitingham is privileged to benefit from the commitment of numerous individuals who generously contribute their time and expertise in service to our community. From participation on committees and boards to assistance with community events, these volunteers constitute an essential component of what makes Whitingham an exceptional place to live. We extend our sincere appreciation to all volunteers for their invaluable contributions. Through the combined efforts of our dedicated municipal staff and our engaged and generous volunteers, Whitingham is working through today's challenges while setting the stage for a successful and sustainable future.

*We appreciate the opportunity to serve as Selectboard members*

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*  
*James Weber, Vice Chair*  
*Rick Gramlin*  
*Craig Hammer*  
*Lyman (Skip) Tefft*



The new culvert and retaining walls at the Municipal Center at 12/23/25. A punch list of items to do in the spring includes repaving the municipal center parking lot.

Photo by Gig Zboray

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The year 2025 had a slow start on the sewer project. Because this project has been ongoing for years, we had to close out the original loan and open a new loan, which caused a delay of several months.

Substantial completion of all the bid alternates that Kingsbury is working on is now scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. By that date the following work will be completed:

- Repairs to the collection system, including manhole rehabilitation
- Installation of influent metering equipment at both treatment plants
- Replacement of hatch lids over septic tanks
- Installation of new explosion-proof fans and exterior lighting
- Installation of a new door to the sludge room at the Whitingham plant
- Addition of new automatic generators at both plants

Jancewicz & Son has been contracted to replace the roofs at both plants. Roof extensions will be built to cover the septic tank hatches, improving safety for the plant operators. The roofing project is currently scheduled for spring of 2026.

In September of 2025 the RBC at the Jacksonville plant began exhibiting noise on the gear box motor side, resulting in a catastrophic failure. Unfortunately, the one-year warranty expired on January 23, 2025, the town attorney has been engaged to address potential latent defects. The equipment was shut down, and pumping operations commenced on October 14, 2025. The cost of pumping and hauling is significant and was not budgeted. The repair was made and we were able to return to normal discharge on January 23, 2026.

As of this writing, the state still has not issued the new discharge permit for the Whitingham plant. The state contracted with RCAP Solutions to conduct a financial capabilities assessment, which concluded that additional time is needed to meet the new permit requirements. The draft permit mandates that we address phosphorus in the effluent as well as potentially some metals. This process is to start with a dilution study which may indicate the need for costly equipment, requiring design and construction by 2028. At this time, the financial impact of these state mandates remains unknown, as does the timeline for permit issuance and any schedule adjustments that may be approved by the state.

~Prepared by  
*Gig Zboray*  
on behalf of the Selectboard

**DELINQUENT SEWER REPORT FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025**

<b>Account</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
W25	BROCHU, KEVIN	
J73	CROWTHER, JOSHUA	
W31-B	DIX, DAVID	
J72	DORNBURGH, FRANK & ANGI	
J09	ELLIS, PETER A	
W26	ELMALEH, A YAEKO MIRANDA	
W06-B	ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE	
W04-C	FOSTER, STEVEN & ELAINE	
J04	FOURNIER, WYATT	
W15	GOODNOW, REBECCA J	
J06	HICKS, BRADLEY	
W21-C	HOWES, JAY D	
J54	JACKSONVILLE DAYS OF OLD	
J44	JG BUILDING LLC	
J65	JOHNSON, KERI	
J28	LARBERG, MARKANNE G	
W02-B	LAWHORNE-BARBER, MEGAN	
J59	LONGE, RICHARD & REBECCA	
J46	MAYNARD, SCOTT	
J68-C	MILEWSKI, TRACY	
J67	MORNEAULT, AMY	
W27	NORTHRUP, CARRIE	
J08	PERRY, KEVIN & APRIL	
W28	RHODES, GAROLD	
W13	SENECAL, ARRON P	
J11	VERMANDOIS, ANTHONY	
W17-1	VIEIRA, SANDRA	
J16	WEBER, JAMES & ELIZABETH	
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT SEWER AS OF 6/30/2025</b>		<b>\$82,676.35</b>
(includes penalty & interest)		

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

I was honored to be appointed as Town Clerk in April 2025, and it has truly been a privilege to serve our wonderful community. This position has reinforced my commitment to providing clear, reliable, and accessible services for all residents. I look forward to continuing this work and serving our residents with dedication in the years ahead.

From April through December 2025, I participated in several important training courses designed to strengthen compliance and enhance the efficiency of town operations. These included sessions on records management and retention policies, Vermont's Open Meeting Law and public records compliance, election administration, and vital records and licensing procedures. In addition, I attended the 2025 VMCTA Annual Conference, which provided valuable networking opportunities with fellow town clerks and insights into best practices across municipalities. Collectively, these trainings have improved operational processes, reinforced legal compliance, and supported greater transparency and public trust in local governance.

This year, our town completed a full reappraisal, and I want to sincerely thank all homeowners for embracing this important process with patience, cooperation, and thoughtful engagement. I am especially grateful to Howard, our Assessor Clerk, as well as the Selectboard and Justices of the Peace for their hard work and dedication throughout this effort.

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining official records, managing elections, issuing licenses and permits, recording meeting minutes, ensuring compliance with state and local statutes, issuing Green Mountain Passports, selling transfer station stickers and tokens, administering oaths of office, and providing notary services.

Processed vital records included 8 births, 14 deaths, and 5 marriage licenses. There were 359 land records, 87 property transfer tax returns, and 4 survey maps that have been recorded, indexed, and scanned.

203 dog licenses were issued—thank you to everyone who helped keep our town safe and friendly by licensing your pets! Dog licenses are due by April 1, with fees of \$15 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$19 for unaltered dogs. Licensing your dog not only complies with Vermont law but also helps protect our community. Please stop by the office or reach out if you have any questions, we're happy to help!

Looking ahead to 2026, I am excited to prepare for Town Meetings, continue digitizing historical records, and make our services even easier for residents to access. I'm so thankful for the incredible support from Andy McLean (Dover), Therese Lounsbury & Eithne Eldred (Wilmington), Marylee Putnam, the Selectboard, our dedicated town staff, and all of you in the community during my first year. Your encouragement means so much, and I'm excited to continue serving with openness, efficiency, and a strong commitment to keeping Jacksonville/Whitingham a great place to live and thrive!

Best,

*Rachel Littlehale*

Town Clerk

## TRANSFER STATION

We all seem to have adjusted well to single stream recycling. The trash compactor still needs some significant repairs and the Selectboard is still waiting for more information to determine if repairing, replacing or renting a compactor is the best option for the Town. This work was budgeted for in the 25/26 budget so it must be completed by June 30, 2026.

In early November the state conducted a surprise inspection of the Transfer Station. In December we received a Notice of Alleged Violation. Most of the alleged violations were very minor and procedures have been adjusted.

Reminder: Permits (stickers) can only be purchased at the town clerk's office because we had some trouble with out-of-towners using our facility. We'd appreciate it if you would also purchase your punch cards at the town clerk's office as well to avoid the attendant having to deal with cash.

We offer great thanks to **DENNIS PIKE** for conducting our Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held in Spring and Fall. Whenever possible we recommend you choose non-toxic alternatives. Select the least toxic products available and buy only the amount you need to use. Paint products are collected at the Transfer Station from May through October during regular business hours, no need to wait for a Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

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.) – May to October
- Mercury Bulbs (fluorescent tubes, Circulines, HID, Mercury Vapor, U-Tube and CFLs)
- Mercury Thermostats
- **Paint - May to October. If you have small amounts of paint left in the can, you can take the lid off the can to dry out the paint, then dispose of the can in the garbage.**

Household Hazardous Waste can only be dropped off on HHW Collection Event dates on May 16 and September 12, 2026. Please do not leave anything at the Transfer Station without the attendant's permission.

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.

Prepared by Gig Zboray. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 368-7500 or via email [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

### **Recycling Matters!**

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

58,912 lbs CO<sub>2</sub>

6,157 kWh electricity

by our municipal recycling in 2025.

This calculation is different from prior years because we switched to single-stream recycling.

### ***Medical Shed***

If you have unused medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, raised toilet seats, etc.) in GOOD, CLEAN condition please consider donating them to the medical shed at the Transfer Station for others to use.

*Thank you.*

## TREASURER / DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

2025 was a year of changes at the Town Office. I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your patience and kindness. I would also like to thank all of the other members of our staff as we continue to strive to work as a team to accomplish the tasks at hand and to serve you, our taxpayers. I have a few important reminders:

### Homestead Declaration:

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim, Form HS-122, in a timely manner, on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> annually. If you want to file for a Property Tax Credit Claim, you must also submit Schedule HI-144. These forms are submitted to the Vermont Department of Taxes (not the town office). NOTE: Getting an extension for reporting your income taxes does not give you an extension to declare your Homestead status. For more information about the Homestead Declaration, go to [tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration](http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration).

### Tax Bills:

Your tax bill is created annually in late July and mailed to you on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not receive a tax bill by the end of August, please contact the Treasurer. The bill goes to the owner of record as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you purchase a Whitingham property after April 1<sup>st</sup> and before November 1<sup>st</sup>, the usual annual due date for tax bills, you or your attorney should contact the Treasurer for an estimated or current year bill. Who pays the taxes should be worked out by both parties (seller/purchaser) by the closing of the sale. The amount is often prorated according to purchase date. It is the new owner's responsibility to contact the Treasurer with their contact information and to request a copy of the tax bill.

Property taxes are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. After the deadline, if your taxes are not paid, an 8% penalty and 1% interest per month (or portion thereof) for the first three months and 1½% each month thereafter, will be added, as stated on your tax bill. To avoid or reduce late fees I encourage you to pay early, with installments or in a lump sum – whichever is easier. Even if you are unable to pay in full, the less money you owe on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the less your penalty and interest will be. If your property is subject to sewer assessments, the due dates are June 1 and December 1, and the late fees are the same as for taxes.

If you do online banking, set up a payment to the Town through your bank. They can send a check directly to us, often at no extra cost to you. Talk to your bank if you need help. The Town of Whitingham has an online payment option which you can find on the homepage of the Town website: [www.whitinghamvt.org](http://www.whitinghamvt.org) called "Xpress-pay". Payments can be made by credit/debit card (processing fee of 2.65%) or by electronic check (processing fee of \$1.95).

Don't wait until the last minute – something often gets in the way of paying on time. We accept First Class postmarks on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> as on time payments. You may also hand-deliver to the Treasurer's office during regular office hours or you may use the drop box located in the front of the Municipal Center (please do not leave cash payments in the drop box).

Respectfully submitted,

*Marylee Putnam*

Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector

**Tax Collector Summary**  
**July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Delinquent Taxes As of July 1, 2024	\$	87,343.62
Abatement	\$	-
Taxes Billed for tax year 2024 (FY 2025)	\$	<u>7,411,606.67</u>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>7,498,950.29</u></b>
2024 Current Taxes Collected	\$	7,314,491.11
Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$	41,528.55
Difference between actual & reports	\$	-
Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>142,930.63</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>7,498,950.29</u></b>

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January 29, 2026

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, 2025.

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

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

Members of The American Institute and Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants

Audit Reports can be found on [www.whitinghamvt.org](http://www.whitinghamvt.org) under the tab "Local Government" / file cabinet / then search for audit



**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025**

<b>PARCEL ID</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
06-0432	BARTLETT, ALLEN J	
06-J034	BOYD, JUSTIN	
05-0119	BOYD, KENT	
05-0132	BOYD, THOMAS	
06-0041	CHAMBERS, JONATHAN	
06-0362-02	CRAWFORD, KRISTY	
08-0574	DIX, DAVID & WANDA	
05-0122	DIX, DOUGLAS & LAURIE	
05-0109	EDEN, JOHN	
05-0261	ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE	
08-0622	FOOTE, JOHN P	
06-0322	GARRITY, WILLIAM M	
12-1105	GOLDBERGER, ARTHUR	
99-17LE	GOODNOW, REBECCA J	
05-0171	GOULD, ELEANOR	
12-1122	HARRIS, JOHN, JASON & AMANDA	
09-0861	HICKS, BRIAN & KIMBERLY	
12-1101-01	HOLT, JOHN H	
06-J001	JACKSONVILLE DAYS OF OLD	
05-0132-01	JANOVSKY, WADE & HEIDI	
06-J012	JG BUILDING LLC	
06-0467	JOHNSON, KERI L	
12-1128	KRZEMINSKI, HELEN	
09-0832	LOCKHART, JAMES	
06-J041	PERRY, KEVIN & APRIL	
05-0124	POWERS, ALICE	
09-0875	RANSLOW, ADAM & HOLLY	
08-0747	SAMPIERI, KENNETH	
03-0035	SANDELLA, JOHN	
05-0076	SOLSKY, MICHAEL & LINDA	
05-0239	STACY, JUSTIN	
12-1144	TOTH, ISTVAN Z	
05-0087	WATERS, RICHARD	
06-J048-02	WEBER, JAMES & ELIZABETH	
04-0055	WHITMAN, SCOTT	
2023 Delinquent Taxes		\$45,815.07
2024 Delinquent Taxes		\$97,115.56
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 6/30/2025</b>		<b>\$142,930.63</b>

## ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

In 2025 I reviewed 42 zoning permits (9 more than last year). Of the 42, two were for accessory dwelling units, one new single-family home; two demolition permits for FEMA buyouts, seven change of use. The balance were mostly for garages, other storage buildings or renovations that add square footage.

There are two cases in environmental court; one is an appeal of a Zoning Board of Adjustment decision, the other is for a violation of building without a permit.

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. In 2025 the ZBA met for seven public hearings.

We have two vacancies, if you are interested in serving on the ZBA, please contact Gig at (802) 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

*Marshall Dix, Chair;  
Troy Felisko; Lyman Tefft, Jr.; Rick Gramlin; and Amanda Pike*

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## **Deerfield Valley Community Partnership**

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP), is dedicated to empowering youth and their families by providing education, resources, and support to prevent substance abuse. With a focus on building resilience, fostering healthy decision-making, and promoting positive lifestyle choices, we aim to create a safe and supportive community where young people will thrive. Our approach combines evidence-based practices with compassionate guidance, helping youth navigate challenges and make informed choices that lead to healthier futures.

Celebrating our 31st year, we have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities over the past year:

- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events (February Break Family Extravaganza, Blueberry Family Fun Frenzy)
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 4-8
- Implementing Sticker Shock- collaborating with local retailers and youth on a community campaign to eliminate liquor sales to minors
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with middle and high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sponsoring empowerment/leadership groups for middle and high school students
- Sponsoring tobacco awareness activities and offering virtual vaping/smoking cessation programs for middle and high school students
- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales to prevent selling to minors
- Recognizing local retailers that pass state compliance checks
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free
- Supporting the Student Assistance Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations for parents
- Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- Supporting the teen room (the Vault) and free teen clothing distribution at OSEC
- Promoting Take Back Day and distributing RX return envelopes

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

DVCP holds quarterly meetings with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, reports of activities and programs, 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 Director, Jen Nilsen-Youth & Community Programs Coordinator, Shelley Park, Family Engagement & Tobacco Coordinator

DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, INC  
PO Box 1743, 7 Church Street  
Wilmington, VT 05363  
802-464-0148



December 1, 2025

Town of Whitingham  
PO Box 529  
Jacksonville, VT 05342

Dear Whitingham Residents:

This has been a very busy year for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. During our 2024-2025 fiscal year we served 1051 households, with 120 from Whitingham. Each month new households visit the food pantry for assistance, and no one is ever turned away.

We are a 501©(3) non-profit organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank. We rely on financial support from the general public, local churches, towns and organizations, along with non-perishable donations from area schools, churches, organizations and businesses. This year we hosted our first annual Fall bingo, and with the support of Shaw's, recently held a very successful Feed the MOOver event. More fundraising events will be held in 2026.

Everyone involved in the food pantry's mission, seeing that no one in the Deerfield Valley goes needlessly hungry or lacks the basics for personal care, are volunteers, who contribute countless hours helping our neighbors. We would be hard-pressed to continue doing what we do without their assistance.

Financial support from Whitingham and each of the other surrounding towns enables us to assist our neighbors in the Deerfield Valley who are experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Deborah Boyd, for*  
DVFP, Inc's Board of Directors

*The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider*  
[www.deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org](http://www.deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org)





Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the residents and visitor of our communities. Our Combination EMS Agency (Paid and compensated “volunteers”) covers 247 square miles, operating 3 Ambulances out of 2 stations (Wilmington and Jacksonville). The core of our agency is made up of approximately 14 volunteers, 5 full-time paid staff and 2 per-diem employees. For the time period of 2025 DVR has responded to 966 calls of which 152 were in the town of Whitingham.

This year, more than ever we need your help. Unexpectedly, one of the three ambulances was taken out of service and was replaced. If you have never been a supporter of Deerfield Valley Rescue, we ask that you start this year. If you have been a supporter, we ask that you increase your donation.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the communities we serve. Financial support through our town’s yearly contributions and 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. Should you want to become a part of our organization or learn what we do, please stop and see us or give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

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Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

Phone: 802-464-5557

P.O. Box 854

Fax: 802-464-4728

34 Route 100 South  
Wilmington, VT 05363

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



Matching people aged 55+ with service opportunities in Bennington, Windham & Windsor Counties  
Green Mountain RSVP 160 Benmont Street (South Entrance, Suite 2R), Bennington, VT 05201  
[www.rsvpvt.org](http://www.rsvpvt.org) • (802) 447-1546

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Dear Whitingham Voters,

Thank you for approving \$305 in funding to Green Mountain RSVP at the 2025 Town Meeting. The funds you gave us were used to develop and print new instructor and student manuals and materials for our revised Bone Builders class.

Green Mountain RSVP is an AmeriCorps Seniors program that matches people aged 55+ with volunteer opportunities in non-profit organizations and also coordinates free, volunteer-led Bone Builder classes and the Sunshine Cards project.

During the period funded, 5 Whitingham and Jacksonville residents served as Green Mountain RSVP volunteers. Their service included:

- Leading in-person Bone Builders classes twice a week
- Administering the Deerfield Valley Food Shelf
- Delivering meals through the Deerfield Valley Meals Program
- Creating Sunshine Cards which are given to homebound seniors

These 5 volunteers served a combined total of 498 hours in the 2025 Program Year. Whitingham residents benefitted from the service of these RSVP volunteers as well as from the service of RSVP volunteers who are residents of other towns and who volunteer in Whitingham (as Meals on Wheels drivers).

Free, volunteer-led Bone Builders classes meet twice a week year-round and help participants improve their balance and muscle strength, which leads to fewer falls and improved bone density. These positive outcomes help people age in place and live independently for longer. There is a twice-weekly class at the Municipal Center. The class averages an attendance of 8 people per class.

We have numerous volunteer opportunities available for people aged 55 or older. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please visit our website [www.rsvpvt.org](http://www.rsvpvt.org) for more information or call (802) 447-1546

Thank you for your support!

# Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

## Narrative Report from FY25 for Town of Whitingham

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 health issues, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, a substance use program, developmental disability services, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY25, HCRS provided 831 hours of services to 31 residents of the Town of Whitingham. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for 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 12 clients, three from Halifax, five from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$137,222.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$223,369.83.

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  
380-1294

Julie Muller  
380-5905

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Mike Mandracchia  
368-2658



## The MOOVer

We celebrated our 29th anniversary in 2025. 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. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors. A few people thought we'd never survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over six million rides since.

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 twelve 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 \$1,000 appropriation last year.

Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOVer!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Schoonmaker



# Senior Meals - Deerfield Valley

The Senior Meal Program in Jacksonville proudly serves seniors from across our valley, including Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, and Marlboro. This program has become an important gathering place for many of our neighbors, and we are truly grateful for the continued support from our communities.

Meals are served at the Jacksonville site on Tuesday and Thursday at noon, with a suggested donation of \$5 per nutritious meal. On average, we serve about 35 seniors on Tuesdays and 33 on Thursdays at this location. In addition to our on-site meals, we coordinate and deliver approximately 120 Meals on Wheels each week to seniors who are unable to attend in person.

This program is made possible through the dedication of volunteers. We have eight regular volunteers who prepare, serve, and clean up after meals, along with four regular volunteer drivers and three on-call drivers who ensure Meals on Wheels are delivered safely and reliably.

To continue offering this much-needed service, we are asking the towns in the valley for help with program expenses. Over the past year, we received approximately \$30,000 through State Aid, individual senior contributions, and town support. The total cost to operate the program, including utilities, food, and supplies, was approximately \$34,500. The remaining costs were covered through local charitable support and individual donations.

At this time, we are respectfully requesting \$1,500 in town funding to help offset operating costs and ensure we can continue providing consistent, nutritious meals and vital social connection for our senior neighbors. Community support allows this program to remain strong and accessible to all who rely on it.

*Ana Guzman-Castillo*  
Senior Meal Coordinator



### **Report to the Town of Whitingham**

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), Windsor 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.

**From 7/1/2024-6/30/2025, Senior Solutions provided more than \$14,400.00 worth of services in Whitingham at no cost to the recipients. These services are detailed below.**

**Information & Assistance:** 38 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs.

**Medicare Assistance:** 8 Calls or Office Visits. Whitingham residents received assistance with Medicare issues and enrollment through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Care Coordination Services:** We provided 77 hours of in-home case management or other home-based assistance to enable 9 Whitingham residents to remain living safely at home. Senior Solutions' case managers meet clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure services that support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors and those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Nutrition Services and Meal Programs:** We partnered with Deerfield Valley Meals to provide 860 Home-Delivered Meals, plus community meal gatherings in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to supplement their operating costs for these meal programs. The funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding to meet operating costs. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support these meal programs and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Our volunteers provided 68 hours of home visits, telephone reassurance, and respite for family caregivers.

**Other Services:** Residents may also have received one or more of the following services: caregiver respite, transportation, wellness and fall prevention programs, options counseling, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, volunteer visitors, pet care support, and home-based mental health services.

*Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Whitingham.*

*Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director.*

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), a 60-year-old nonprofit serving Windham and Windsor counties by helping families overcome hardship and build stability. In 2024/2025, SEVCA supported 3,500 people in 2,000 households with 7,500+ services. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate the root causes of poverty.* [www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org)

Our programs and services include Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing, and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and a Community Solar program.

**SEVCA has served a total of 18 unduplicated households comprised of 46 people in Whitingham between Oct 2024 and the end of September 2025.** Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In Whitingham, SEVCA's impact in FY2025 included:

- \$28,563 in no-cost weatherization services that reduce household energy costs and make homes healthier and safer.
- \$5,250 in fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on.
- \$865 in housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe and affordable housing.
- \$140 in thrift vouchers to obtain necessary household goods or clothing
- 6 households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- 1 household received coaching services to support improved financial wellbeing

**The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Whitingham exceeded \$34,818. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.**

With Gratitude,



Josh Davis, Executive Director, SEVCA

91 Buck Drive, Westminster, VT 05158, (800) 464-9951, [www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org) - [hello@sevca.org](mailto:hello@sevca.org)

### 2025 BDCC/SeVEDS Select Board Visit Overview

- Our staff attends at least one Selectboard meeting a year in your town. We are always happy to come back or visit other committees to talk about specific programs, projects or services.
- The Annual Report is a succinct way to learn about what we've worked on the past year. View current and past reports at: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/bdcc-seveds-annual-reports/>
- Our newly updated website is a great way to learn about our work: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/>
- The Windham Region Economic Data Dashboard is an interactive tool developed by BDCC that provides real-time, localized economic data for the Windham Region of Vermont. <https://tinyurl.com/52svevwn>
- SeVEDS and BDCC partner with Bennington County on a regional public process to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that defines the region's longer term (5 year) strategy. More information at: <https://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds>.
- This year, we are asking Select Board members to fill out a short survey to help BDCC understand the opportunities and priorities of your town, communicate our work effectively, and align our efforts with shared regional priorities. This can be filled out digitally here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ixnt4>, or you received a copy via email you can print out and fill out as a hard copy.

### Planning, Programs and Services – Recent Updates

- **Southern Vermont Economy Project** - SVEP helps build regional capacity to support important local economic and community development projects. This includes gatherings for municipal leaders as well as board development training and network gatherings to support local nonprofits and community projects. SVEP also programs the annual Southern Vermont Economy Summit: <https://www.sovermontzone.com/25-summit-recap>
- **Business Technical Assistance & Lending** - BDCC supports businesses at all stages, from potential startup to succession planning and transitions. BDCC has multiple flexible lending products to meet small business needs, and are running new LaunchPad Cohorts and BizConnect meetups around the region. Find out more via this link to their programming: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/what-we-do/business-assistance/>
- **Business Recovery and Resilience** - BDCC is on frontlines, working with municipalities and business owners significantly impacted by adverse events (like the 2011 and 2024 floods or the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic), starting with administering donated funds and technical assistance to businesses to support recovery.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update** - The 2024-2020 SoVT Zone CEDS was completed in 2024 and approved in June of 2025 by the EDA. Read the report at: [www.sovermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds)
- **CEDS Projects and Priority Projects** - BDCC collects information annually about key local projects, both public and private sector efforts. These annual CEDS updates are ranked to find "vital projects", and used by regional partners including the regional commission to identify projects that fit state program priorities.
- The **Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** - We want Windham County students to graduate with a solid plan for success, whether college or workforce-bound. From Annual 'Reality Fairs' and 'Fearless Futures' events to Senior Survival and Wings classes, P3 helps 700 students each year chart a course for the future.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region. Combining socializing and recreation, professional development, networking, and community engagement. Find events at <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/sovtvps/>
- **Welcoming Communities** is working to create a thriving and welcoming region. We help employers welcome newcomers from across the country and across the globe. Read more about this program and partnerships here: <https://www.welcomingcommunitiesvt.com/>
- **Workforce Center of Excellence** - Thanks to funding from the Northern Borders Regional Commission, BDCC has been offering programming to meet the needs of working adults ready for new career opportunities. Contact [ispanierman@brattleborodevelopment.com](mailto:ispanierman@brattleborodevelopment.com) to learn more about upcoming classes.

# 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 Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by a coordinator. In September, President Chris Walling stepped down from his position. Francis Cunningham was voted into the President role. Board member Justin Corey was voted into the Vice President position. We welcomed one new board member, Jesse Rice in 2025 as well. The TVYS board remains full at seven members.

It has been an exciting year for Twin Valley Youth Sports! Each program has brought enthusiasm and energy around sports in our community with fun tournaments, jamborees and educational, quality practices. With the "Renovate the Field" project completed in 2024, our first Baseball and Soccer seasons were able to utilize the new field in 2025!

Twin Valley Youth Sports participated in the Mohawk Youth Cal Ripken Baseball League in Colrain, MA in the Spring of 2025. This league consisted of teams from West County, Colrain, Hawlemont/Rowe, Ashfield, and Buckland/Shelburne and divisions for T-ball (Pre-K), Rookies (grades K-1), Minors (1<sup>st</sup> year players in grades 2-4), and Majors (grades 4-6). The TVYS baseball program had 115 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the Colrain, MA area. Some games played under lights, as well as at our home field at Twin Valley Elementary School. Of those 115 participants, we had 30 T-ball players. This number bodes well for the development of our baseball/softball program in the years to come. A softball team was fielded once again and our numbers in that program continue to be on the rise. We had 22 girls participate in Softball in grades 3-6 during the fall of 2025. We also joined a league in Greenfield, MA which provided them games played at Murphy Park along with a couple of home games played at the TVMHS Softball field. The team used Town Hill Park as its practice facility and hosted a couple tournaments so they could play some home games. Town Hill Park was also utilized by our Rookies and T-Ball teams.

Our basketball program was a success in the winter of 2024. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK & K clinics on Saturday mornings with Fran Cunningham and Tory Hanna. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program reinforces the skills learned in PreK & K and included some smaller court games, playing amongst themselves as well as one 2nd Grade game against Arlington. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive weekly games against other area teams such as Bennington & Arlington. TVYS also fielded a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls team in the Berkshire County League in Massachusetts, which was an outstanding addition to the schedule due to the rigorous competition that was provided. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2025 was at an all-time high of 117. We also held our 1st Annual Dal Nesbitt Memorial Basketball Tournament in February 2025 hosting 10 teams from the surrounding area.

The participation of our soccer program for the Fall of 2025 was once again very high, serving 165 young athletes. PreK/K Saturday morning soccer remains at OSEC Baker field with over 50 players. The 1st/2nd grade boys and girls teams practice twice a week at TVES. Our older 3rd through 6th grade players participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League in Western Vermont and Eastern New York with games on Saturdays in September and October. This fall, we entered seven teams in the league consisting of two 3rd/4th girls, two 3rd/4th boys, two 5th/6th girls, and one 5th/6th boys teams. We are happy to be back on the newly renovated TVES field for practices and games and we also kept a game field at OSEC which enables the club to offer additional home games. New this year in the JWYSL was an end of season jamboree for 5th/6th grade teams

# Twin Valley Youth Sports

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bringing all clubs together at a single location for a celebration of the season and the 6th graders. As with most community and civic endeavors, the soccer program is not possible without our volunteer coaches and we are so grateful to each of them for sharing their time and knowledge with our players.

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, umpires, and concession booth operators from all areas of the community. This includes parents and middle & high school students, who receive community service credit for their school. We continue to fundraise with our Banner Sponsorship program. We are grateful for all our sponsors as without them, and the generous support of the Wilmington and Whitingham taxpayers, the cost to our participants would be much higher. We also utilize these funds to pay for insurance fees, field upgrades and maintenance, equipment purchases and uniforms.

We are excited about the direction our programs are headed. Our number of participants is growing especially at the Pre-K/Kindergarten level which will feed into our older teams as years pass. Our programs are getting stronger with knowledgeable coordinators and dedicated, experienced coaches. 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.





The **VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)**, a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589.

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000. As one senator said, "that was a pittance amount". When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can't wait.

### **PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH**

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org  
Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028  
Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org  
Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100  
Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829  
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only  
Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550  
Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the "Mom" for free, kittens adopted.  
Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898  
Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244  
Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997  
Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277  
Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888  
Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232  
VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034  
N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393  
\*\* Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon [animalaidvt@gmail.com](mailto:animalaidvt@gmail.com) 802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not".

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program.

Thank you all, sincerely.



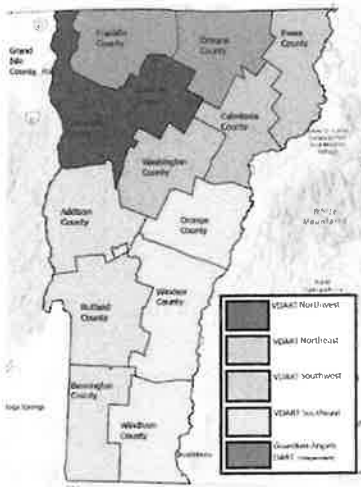


# The Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) *[listed as Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team on Warning and in budget of Town Report]*

## 2025 Annual Report

The Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) led a focused **reorganization of its regional teams** this year in order to better serve the entire state. Our county-based teams led to spotty coverage in some areas of Vermont, so we capitalized on our existing leadership pool to create larger service areas that covered the entire state.

Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team Regions



VDART was awarded a **\$50,000 grant from The Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare** in November. This significant gift will fund two important projects, including the purchase of a new and fully stocked equipment trailer for our Southwest team (\$15,000) as well as additional funding (\$35,000) for the Jack Schonberg Emergency Pet Sheltering Municipal Grant, named in lasting memory of one of VDART's founders. This funding will allow us to significantly expand our reach, with a focus on prioritizing disaster-prone communities identified in Vermont's 2023 Vermont Hazard Mitigation Plan. Qualifying municipalities (those with written local disaster plans for animals and dedicated space for sheltering pets) will receive equipment and supplies for up to 10 companion animals, including foldable crates, leashes, collars, bowls, litterboxes and cleaning supplies, along with specialized training on how to set up and run an emergency pet shelter. Pet Food Warehouse is generously offering VDART a deep discount on the supplies for both projects. By

empowering and equipping towns to plan for and respond to local pet needs in the face of disaster, we hope to keep pet families together through crisis.

VDART volunteers participated in several **community events** across the state this year promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan.



Earlier this year VDART provided a **donation of equipment** to the Vermont Task Force 1 Search and Rescue team to enhance their ability to provide for companion animals rescued during emergencies. When the team deployed to Kentucky to provide assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) after severe flooding, they put a number of the items to good use. We're so thankful that our small donation made such a big difference for these rescued pups!



VDART was honored to be asked to present and table at the **Vermont Veterinary Medical Association's winter conference** in Burlington about how veterinary professionals can get involved in our response work.



*To learn more about our work go to [VermontDART.org](http://VermontDART.org)*



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 Peter Barus and Jenefer Burnell. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, and brings information from the Commission back to their town. 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 bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; 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 applications 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, 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.

The following are highlights of work we did in your town between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025:

- Four Town Flood Adaptation Project with UMass-Amherst and American Institute of Architects
- Received Clean Water Grant for Stormwater Assessment of Gates Pond Road
- Administering Riparian Buffer Planting at Jacksonville Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Drafted FEMA BRIC Grant for Stormwater Remediation in Jacksonville Park
- Assistance with Municipal Planning Grant Application for Town Plan Update
- Municipal Project Management for Culvert Replacement Project near Municipal Center

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments typically make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The assessment for the town's 2027 fiscal year is \$3,839.57. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2026 and the 2025 Annual Report, 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 have enjoyed another successful year serving Whitingham youth and families providing after-school and summer programming. Wings welcomed April Horton and Gracie Grinold as co site coordinators at TVES. Shannon Trumble coordinated programs at TVMHS for a third year.

Program highlights include:

- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the school year prioritizing STEM programming, and will continue to have this be our focus.
- Whitingham students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: TVES boasted Science of Light, Storybook Song band, Animal Classification and 38 other unique programs. TVMHS students enjoyed weight lifting, card games, Jr. Iron Chef, the Kickback Korner and 41 other wellness, academic or enrichment activities. TVMHS created a rock band that performed a rock concert this October.
- STOP, DROP, & READ was a HUGE success at summer camp! Students enjoyed 30 minutes a day of reading and writing, EVERY day of camp. Tons of books were sent home with campers to be enjoyed and reread with their families.
- The Vault, a student driven and inspired safe space staffed by Wings and DVCP, continued throughout the school year, welcoming students to socialize with peers and lean on trusted adults. The Kickback Korner, staffed by Shannon at TVMHS, allows students the opportunity to have an afterschool snack, catch up on homework, play pool with friends and catch up on the day in a relaxed, positive- spirited, safe space.
- Wings maintains high standards for learning, enrichment, wellness and academic programming. We have established partnerships with multiple organizations to intentionally add unique opportunities for all of our students, including Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Trout Unlimited, DVCP, municipal agencies and local craftsmen.



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. .

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Gracie Grinold and April Horton

TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shannon Trumble

Respectfully submitted,  
Morgan Wheeler - Project Director

# Women's Freedom Center

## Statement of Services and Report to the Town of Whitingham

The Women's Freedom Center is the domestic and sexual violence organization serving Windham and southern Windsor County. Our mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and children in our communities. We work toward this goal through comprehensive support services, community education, and by challenging the societal and systemic roots of violence.

For over 50 years, we have stood with survivors—offering shelter, safety, and support in times of profound crisis. We provide 24/7 emergency services year-round, including a confidential crisis hotline, shelter and safe housing, safety planning, financial assistance, and referrals. Survivors also rely on us for long-term, ongoing support: individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy, help navigating housing and social services, and more.

In rural areas like ours, the isolation that often accompanies abuse can be life-threatening. That's why we meet survivors wherever it is safest—whether that means helping them come to us or going to them in their communities.

From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, we answered 1,942 crisis calls, sheltered 140 individuals, and provided thousands of hours of direct support. We also helped 722 adults and children who experienced abuse with legal advocacy, transportation, childcare, and emergency housing or financial aid. These figures include 7 survivors from Whitingham and their 3 children.

Beyond crisis response, we work to prevent future violence. This past year, we led 75 educational and outreach events—school presentations, trainings, and workshops—reaching more than 1,600 people throughout the region.

As a private, nonprofit organization, the Women's Freedom Center relies on the strength of our community to sustain these essential, life-saving services. Your town's contribution makes a direct impact: it helps keep our shelter open, our crisis line answered, and our outreach growing. Your support ensures that every survivor has a safe place to turn—day or night.

We deeply appreciate your continued partnership. Together, we can create a community where violence is not tolerated, and every survivor is supported.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center

# **WARNING**

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

### **March 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School Gymnasium at 4299 VT Route 100, in said Town, on March 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

#### **Article 1**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2026, 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 2**

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 3**

Shall the voters authorize **\$106,900.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, with **\$87,350.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$19,550.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

#### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support economic development in Whitingham for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 5**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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?

#### **Article 6**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for Deerfield Valley Food Pantry for the purpose of providing supplemental food assistance to area families in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 7**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the continuing support of ambulance operations by Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 8**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 9**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,203.00** for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 10**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of The MOOver/Southeast Vermont Transit to provide transportation services to residents of the town?

#### **Article 11**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 in need in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 12**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,032.00** to Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS/BDCC) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region?

#### **Article 13**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing Senior Meals, to Coordinator of Senior Meals, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley?

#### **Article 14**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** for Senior Solutions-The Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc. to serve elders and assist with funding the senior meals, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 15**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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?

#### **Article 16**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250.00** for the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team ('VDART') to assist in the care and sheltering of pets in the event of a local emergency?

#### **Article 17**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade?

#### **Article 18**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's summer programming providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

#### **Article 19**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$850.00** for the Women's Freedom Center for general operating support to provide services to survivors and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of Whitingham, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

#### **Article 20**

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, of **\$822,562.00** of which **\$538,493.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$268,272.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$15,797.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 21**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$172,451.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 22**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$80,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 23**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,715,081.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, of which **\$1,448,478.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$146,235.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$120,368.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 24**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$125,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 25**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 26**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$21,000.00** for the upkeep and maintenance of town parks (Parks Committee budget) for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 27**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$30,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, for continued maintenance?

#### **Article 28**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$26,750.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, with **\$20,940.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,150.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$4,660.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 29**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$5,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2036?

#### **Article 30**

To discuss any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

The following article will be voted by Australian ballot:

**Article 31**

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

- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Cemetery Commissioner, remainder of a three-year term
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Road Commissioner for a term of three years
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Town Clerk remainder of a three-year term
- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years
- School Moderator (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- School Clerk (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- School Treasurer (TVUUSD) for a term of one year

**Polls open from 10am to 7pm at the Twin Valley Middle High School Gymnasium, 4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT.**

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 21st day of January 2026 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*




*James Weber, Vice Chair*



*Lyman Tefft, Jr., Member*



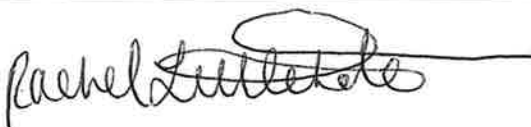
*Rick Gramlin, Member*




*Craig Hammer, Member*



Attest: *Rachel Littlehale, Town Clerk*



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This 22 day of JAN. A.D. 2026 at  
8 o'clock 55 minutes A M. and  
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Attest   
Town Clerk



# NOTES

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**  
will be

**May 16 and September 12, 2026 9am-1pm**  
at the Whitingham Transfer Station

**Paint can be brought to the Transfer Station during regular business hours all year, but we prefer May to October.**

**Please do not leave anything at the Transfer Station without the attendant's knowledge.**

**TOWN MEETING and ELECTION POLLS**  
will be at the

**Twin Valley Middle/High School Gymnasium,  
4299 VT Route 100  
Whitingham, VT  
on**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**TOWN MEETING STARTS AT 10am**

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 10am to 7pm**

**Informational meeting regarding the budget and town report will be held on February 18 during regular Selectboard meeting starting at 6:30pm.**