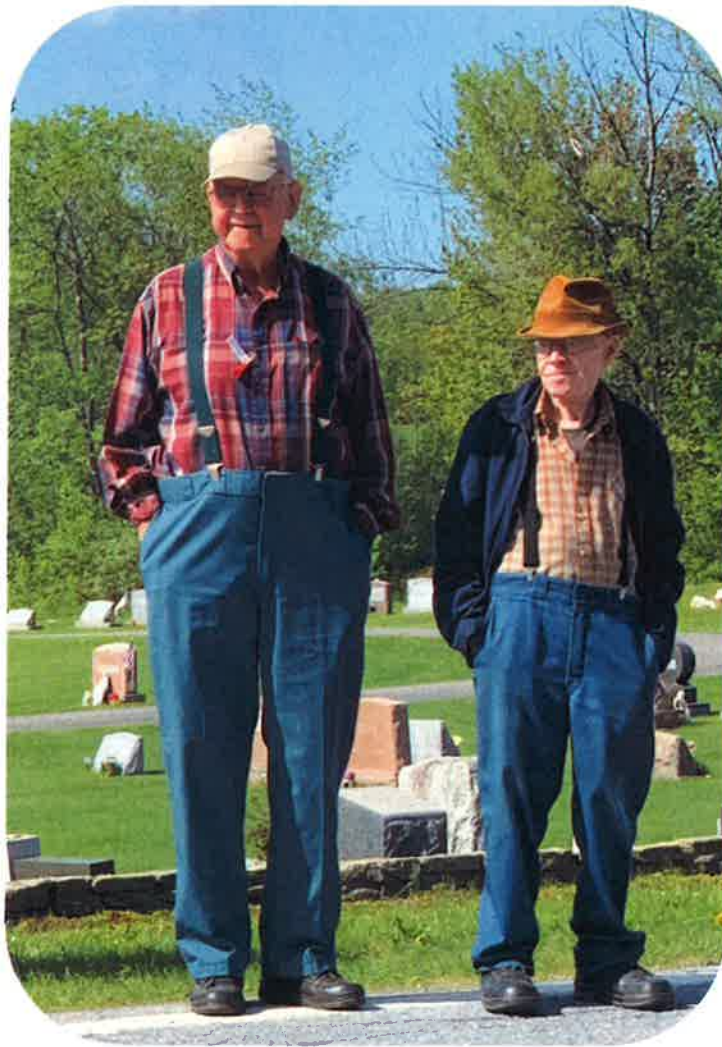


**165<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the 12 months ended June 30, 2019**



*Howard (Bud) Bemis and Raymond Boyd at Memorial Day Ceremony 2019*

**Please bring this book with you to Town Meeting which will be  
held in the Twin Valley Middle/High School Auditorium on  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10am**

# Town of Whitingham

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

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Animal Control Officer	Dan Hollister	380-0534 (cell)
Assessors Office (fka Listers)	Thursday 9-2	368-2838
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	368-7543
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	368-7887
EMERGENCY-Statewide		911
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	368-7184 H
Firemen's Association		368-2900
Fire Warden	Allan Twitchell	368-2823
Health Officer	Gig Zboray	368-7500
Highway Department	Stanley Janovsky	368-2466

**Vermont State Police 911**  
non-emergency (802) 722-4600  
**Windham Regional Representatives:**  
Jenepher Burnell 368-2838  
Kristine Sweetter 368-7506  
**Zoning Administrator**  
Gig Zboray 368-7500  
**Zoning Board of Adjustment, Chair**  
David Dumaine 368-2977

**Library** Kristine Sweetter 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 11am to 5pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm

**Planning Commission Chair** Brad Lackey 461-3441

**Selectboard Office** Gig Zboray 368-7500

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

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm

Meeting Nights 6pm to end of meeting

**Sewer Department** Dave DiCantio 368-7538

**Tax Collector / Town Clerk /Treasurer**

Almira Aekus 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 5pm to 7pm

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

**Transfer Station** Jen Herzig 368-7876

Physical Address: 4185 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

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

Thursday and Saturday 9-2

## Holidays Observed:

New Years Day

Presidents Day

Town Meeting Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving & Friday

Christmas Eve (half day)

Christmas Day

## SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:

February 12 & 26

March 11 & 25

April 8 & 22

May 6 & 20

June 3 & 17

July 1, 15 & 29

August 12 & 26

September 9 & 23

October 7 & 21

November 4 & 18

December 2, 16 & 30

January 13 & 27, 2021

**6:30 pm in the SB Office\***

*unless otherwise posted*

*\*subject to rescheduling*

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[almira@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org)

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Town Clerk's office by February 2, 2020. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 22, 2020.

**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, a registered voter can:**

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

Please feel free to log into your My Voter Page to learn more.  
Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>  
Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

### **ON MEETING DAY:**

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

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

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

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

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

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

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

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**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 ("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**

Ask an election official for another ballot. Three ballots is the limit.

**CHECK OUT**

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

**VOTE**

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

**LEAVE**

Leave the voting area.

**VOTER REGISTRATION – ONLINE ELECTION INFORMATION:**

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

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

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



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## **Vermont Voter Bill of Rights**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** At meetings of the Selectboard during 2019 the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be 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>CHAIR, SELECTBOARD</b>	
Robin Kingsley (resigned)	2020
<b>VICE CHAIR, SELECTBOARD</b>	
Wayne Wood	2020
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b>	
Allan L. Twitchell	June 30, 2023
<b>FIRE CHIEF</b>	
Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2020
<b>FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF</b>	
Michael Stevens	2020
<b>CAPTAINS</b>	
Dennis Pike, 1 <sup>st</sup> & David Briggs, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2020
<b>LIEUTENANTS</b>	
Sheldon Dix, 1 <sup>st</sup> & Marshall Dix, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2020
<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	
Seth Boyd	2020
<b>TRAINING OFFICER</b>	
Vacant	2020
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Adam Buursma	2020
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE formerly TOWN HILL COMMITTEE</b>	
Will oversee Town Hill, Eames Village Park & Municipal Center lot	
Seth Boyd, Erin Lackey, Asha Peltz, Keith Bronson (resigned), Carol Millett, & Heather Woods	2020
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>	
Dana Dix, Craig Hammer & David Farrington	2020
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>	
Wayne Wood	Mar. 20, 2020
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray	2020
<b>E-911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2020
<b>WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
Jenepher Burnell and Kristine Sweeter	2020
<b>HEALTH OFFICER – State appointed</b>	
Gig Zboray	Oct. 31, 2022
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER – State appointed</b>	
Jenepher Burnell	Oct. 31, 2022
<b>DOG WARDEN/ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	
Daniel Hollister	2020
<b>ZONING &amp; FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray	2021
<b>LEGAL COUNCIL</b>	
Fisher & Fisher Law Offices	2020
<b>LEGAL NEWSPAPER</b>	
Deerfield Valley News	2020
Brattleboro Reformer, alternate	
<b>TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	
Bradford Lackey, Chair	2020
Kristen Breeden (resigned)	2022

Linda Donaghue	2022
Phil Edelstein	2020
Peter Barus	2021
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	
Scott Reed (resigned)	2021
Phil Edelstein (appointed)	
Lyman Tefft	2021
Dana Dix	2022
Marshall Dix	2022
Troy Felisko	2020
Craig Aekus	2020
David Dumaine, Chair	2022
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE</b>	
Linda A. Donaghue & Donald McKinley	2020
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b>	
Gretchen Havreluk	2020
Jenepher Burnell	2020
Phil Edelstein	2020
Kyle Frey	2020
Seth Boyd	2020
Carrie Northrup	2020
<b>BROADBAND COMMITTED (Created 12/18/19)</b>	
Members to be appointed	
<b>GREENUP COORDINATORS</b>	
Aysha Peltz & Todd Wahlstrom	2020

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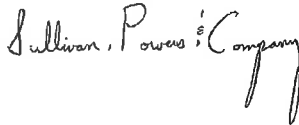
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 Richard J. Brigham, CPA  
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 Wendy C. Gilwee, CPA  
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January 23, 2020

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, 2019.

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



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



# OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 2019

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Leon L. Corse	1	2020
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	3	2022
<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2020
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>	Robin Kingsley (resigned)	3	2021
	Allan L. Twitchell (resigned)	2	
	Scott Reed (elected)		2020
	Keith A. Bronson (resigned)	3	
	Craig S. Hammer (elected)		2020
	Wayne W. Wood	3	2022
	Wayne C. Corse	2	2021
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2020
<b>TOWN AGENT:</b>	Tanya Bernard	1	2020
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR:</b>	Susan Cooke Johnson	1	2020
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE:</b>	Susan Shepherd (resigned)	3	
	Helen Krzeminski (elected)		2021
	Marianne Johnson	3	2022
	Tyler Colford	3	2021
	Edith Brigham	3	2022
	Maryanne Cheveralls	3	2020
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Stanley Janovsky	3	2020
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>	Bradford S. Lackey	3	2020
	Tyson Dix	3	2022
	Dana F. Dix	3	2021
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Abigail Corse, Tyson Dix, Dana Homer, Elizabeth W. McKinley, Terry A. Morse, Susan Cooke Johnson, & Barbara Baum-Rachels Resigned & Seth Boyd appointed January 1, 2020	2	2020

## OFFICERS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Robert M. Fisher	1	2020
<b>CLERK:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2020
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Christine Richter	1	2020

## WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Maria Cunningham *(resigned As of March 3, 2020)	2	2021
James Walker (resigned)	3	2021
Sharon Berry	3	2020

\*Maria should have been elected in 2019 for a 3-year school director position and was only elected for 2. The position is on the 2020 ballot for 2 years and in the future will be for a 3-year position.

## **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. e.s.t. at the Whitingham Municipal Center in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 10:00 a.m. the Cub Scout Troop 461 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Almira Aekus, declared the polls open.

The moderator asked if there were any objections with dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none. The moderators appointed the Board of Civil Authority as ballot clerks for the duration of the meeting.

### **Article 1**

To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

### **Article 2 (by paper ballot)**

Voted to authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32 with the following results: 97 votes cast; 85 yes, 12 no and 0 blanks.

### **Article 3**

Voted to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 of **\$581,945.00** of which **\$301,248.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$189,090.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$91,607.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 4**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$8,004.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

### **Article 5**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$80,284.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

### **Article 6**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

### **Article 7**

Voted to authorize **\$1,325,795.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 of which **\$1,129,863.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$119,146.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$76,786.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 8**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2019 -June 30, 2020.

### **Article 9**

Voted to establish a reserve fund to be called the Hazard Mitigation Fund to be used to address flooding hazards in the Town in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804.

#### **Article 10**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00**, to fund the Hazard Mitigation Fund.

#### **Article 11**

Voted to authorize **\$81,140.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 with **\$67,815.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations.

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020 for continued maintenance.

#### **Article 13**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

#### **Article 14**

Voted to authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2019 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 15**

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 16**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$19,500.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 with **\$19,000.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$500.00** in anticipated revenue.

#### **Article 17**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$400.00** for Brattleboro Area Hospice for delivery of volunteer hospice care, bereavement care and advance care planning services in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 18**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,000.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Cares, an organization that provides fuel assistance for those not on state aid.

#### **Article 19**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$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 20**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$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 21**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing the community meals, to Dave and Terrie Dumaine, who provide the meals to the senior citizens in the valley.

#### **Article 22**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$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 23**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$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 24**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$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 25**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,200.00** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Whitingham in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.

#### **Article 26**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** for Twin Valley Youth Sports, an organization that provides all students in Whitingham, grades pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup>, the opportunity to play the organized sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball.

#### **Article 27**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,000.00** for Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings.

#### **Article 28**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$250.00** for the Windham County Disaster Animal Recover Team ('WinDART') in order to assist in the care and sheltering of pets in the event of a local emergency.

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's 2019 Celebrate Summer program that provides 4 weeks of summer programming, arts and physical activities for youth, entering Kindergarten through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Article 30**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Article 31**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$850.00** for the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children in the town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 32**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

#### **Article 33**

Voted to pass over the article to **\$4,000.00** for the Historical and Recreational Park of the Deerfield Valley to match grant funds that promote multi-town economic development and tourism through the

research, placement, and construction of historical markers and kiosks to be linked to a self-guided historical trail along Route 100.

**Article 34**

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

**Article 35**

Voted to allow the Whitingham Free Public Library to spend grant monies and donations at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and Library Director.

**Article 36**

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

Voted to recommend that selectboard look into rejoining Windham Solid Waste Management.

Voted to recommend holding an election to elect the vacant selectboard and library trustee office.

Voted to recommend that the annual town meeting be held at the school in the future.

**Article 37**

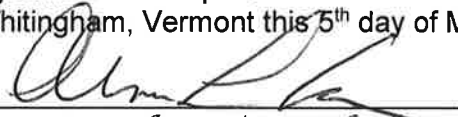
To elect all Town Officers required by law. Australian ballot polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the following results:

- Town Moderator, 1 year – Leon L. Corse
- Town Clerk, 3 years – Almira L. Aekus
- Town Treasurer, 1 year – Almira L. Aekus
- Selectboard member, 2 years – Wayne C. Corse
- Selectboard member, 3 years – Wayne W. Wood
- Lister, 3 years -
- Grand Juror, 1 year – Tanya Bernard
- Town Agent, 1 year – Susan Cooke Johnson
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year – Almira L. Aekus
- Library Trustee, 3 years – Edith Brigham
- Library Trustee, 3 years - Maryanne Johnson
- Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years – Tyson G. Dix
- School Director, 2 years – Maria Cunningham

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019

Attest:

  
*Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk*

NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 869

NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 274

HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR – 97

ESTIMATED HIGHEST ATTENDANCE ON THE FLOOR - 97

**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 7, 2019**

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Whitingham Municipal Center in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

**Article 1**

To elect all Town Officers required by law. Australian ballot polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the following results:


Elected Scott Reed as Selectboard member for the remainder of a term of two years that expires March 2020.

Elected Craig S. Hammer as Selectboard member for the remainder of a term of three years that expires March 2020.

Elected Helen Krzeminski as Library Trustee, for remainder of 3-year term that expires March 2021.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

Attest:

  
Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk

NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 875  
NUMBER WHO VOTED BY ABSENTEE BALLOT -23  
NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 222

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES</b>				
Fire Dept Appropriation	\$ 69,127.00	\$ 69,127.00	\$ 80,284.00	\$ 76,046.00
GF Appropriation	\$ 223,657.00	\$ 143,826.01	\$ 301,248.00	\$ 358,851.00
Parks formerly Town Hill Appropriation	\$ 7,775.00	\$ 7,775.00	\$ 8,004.00	\$ 18,878.00
Voted Articles	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 42,253.00	\$ 50,124.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 342,059.00</b>	<b>\$ 262,228.01</b>	<b>\$ 431,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 503,899.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>				
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 15,934.04	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 16,900.00
Copier Fees Collected	\$ 300.00	\$ 204.45	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimb	\$ 44,119.00	\$ 44,458.00	\$ 44,458.00	\$ 44,181.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,751.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,800.00
Late Homestead Penalty	\$ 200.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
.5% for Educ Tax Coll	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,763.83	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Equalization	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sadawga Grant Income	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Interest	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,657.87	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,500.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 175.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,665.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Municipal Center Use	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 78,859.90	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,914.17	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,887.44	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,409.40	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 9,330.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,777.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Municipal Fines (formerly Traffic)	\$ 300.00	\$ 783.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
E-Waste Revenue	\$ 600.00	\$ 658.14	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Trans Sta Stickers & Fees	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 33,515.50	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 34,000.00
Transfer Station Paper	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Station Steel	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 405.75	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
Zoning	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,588.77	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 196,826.00</b>	<b>\$ 281,086.20</b>	<b>\$ 189,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 194,893.00</b>
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 849.00	\$ 847.80	\$ 870.00	\$ 870.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fire Warden - Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Moderator - Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES continued</b>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,360.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,949.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,947.80</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,050.30	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,709.30	\$ 24,250.00	\$ 21,880.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 54,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,759.60</b>	<b>\$ 56,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,880.00</b>
<b>TAXES (P/R COUNTY)</b>				
County Tax	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 19,407.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,534.00
VT Dept Emp & Training	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 2,280.10	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,687.10</b>	<b>\$ 23,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,334.00</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD OFFICE</b>				
Equipment	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
FICA/Medicare- Town Share	\$ 3,422.00	\$ 3,094.89	\$ 3,507.00	\$ 3,563.00
Health Insurance	\$ 25,868.00	\$ 24,381.11	\$ 25,868.00	\$ 28,597.00
Mileage	\$ 650.00	\$ 732.21	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,515.94	\$ 2,636.00	\$ 2,795.00
Office Administrator Salary	\$ 44,726.00	\$ 44,726.00	\$ 45,844.00	\$ 46,578.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,330.59	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 929.70	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 348.46	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,782.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,058.90</b>	<b>\$ 83,205.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,133.00</b>
<b>TOWN REPORT formerly AUDITORS</b>				
Supplies & Postage	\$ 800.00	\$ 161.06	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 161.06</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Deputy Health Officer Wages	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 84.00	\$ 55.01	\$ 85.00	\$ 86.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 45.00	\$ 44.73	\$ 47.00	\$ 50.00
Health Officer Salary	\$ 796.00	\$ 796.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 829.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.00</b>	<b>\$ 895.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,698.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.00</b>



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>				
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,850.24	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,000.00
Election & Programming	\$ 600.00	\$ 508.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,426.00	\$ 3,036.07	\$ 3,407.00	\$ 3,597.00
Health Insurance	\$ 25,868.00	\$ 20,299.10	\$ 26,618.00	\$ 23,755.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,857.00	\$ 1,886.83	\$ 1,866.00	\$ 2,085.00
Asst. Town Clerk Wages	\$ 11,780.00	\$ 8,502.91	\$ 12,075.00	\$ 12,268.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 18,006.00	\$ 18,006.00	\$ 18,456.00	\$ 18,751.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,385.96	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,400.00
Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,787.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,299.84	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00
Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 451.27	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 83,137.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,013.22</b>	<b>\$ 83,222.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,156.00</b>
<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>				
Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 16,535.00	\$ 11,907.00	\$ 16,948.00	\$ 17,219.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,853.78	\$ 2,358.00	\$ 2,394.00
Mileage	\$ 750.00	\$ 624.81	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 761.00	\$ 760.50	\$ 797.00	\$ 845.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,561.83	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Telephone	\$ 630.00	\$ 559.64	\$ 600.00	\$ 625.00
Training/Seminars	\$ 350.00	\$ 262.62	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Treas/Current Tax Col Salary	\$ 13,521.00	\$ 13,521.00	\$ 13,859.00	\$ 14,081.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,647.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,051.18</b>	<b>\$ 38,512.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,164.00</b>
<b>ASSESSOR'S OFFICE formerly LISTERS</b>				
Outside Appraisal Service	\$ -	\$ 5,851.25	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Licenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Computer Hardware	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Computer Support	\$ 250.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Computer Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
FICA/Medicare -Town Share	\$ 1,194.00	\$ 911.86	\$ 1,194.00	\$ 1,343.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 906.85	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Lister	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 1,696.53	\$ 5,202.00	\$ -
Lister	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 8,773.23	\$ 5,202.00	\$ -
Lister	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 1,450.22	\$ 5,202.00	\$ -
Assessor's Clerk Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,550.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 750.00	\$ 739.61	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone	\$ 650.00	\$ 559.64	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Town Map Updates	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,234.19</b>	<b>\$ 23,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,343.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 1,458.16	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,760.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,238.00	\$ 1,134.04	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 1,380.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ 514.13	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,887.44	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Tax Sale	\$ -	\$ 1,003.78	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,521.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,997.55</b>	<b>\$ 26,683.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,740.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 134.00	\$ 62.93	\$ 137.00	\$ 92.00
Mileage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 415.28	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 600.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 822.50	\$ 1,794.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,954.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,820.71</b>	<b>\$ 3,951.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
Generator Contract	\$ 900.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Computer Contract	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,762.77	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 5,000.00
Copier Costs	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,048.58	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,200.00
Dog Tags	\$ 200.00	\$ 199.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Dues: VLCT and VTCMA	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Emergency Mgmt	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
State Fee - Dam	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ -	\$ 16.39	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,233.41	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sadawga Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 50.00	\$ 71.42	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Green Up Vermont State	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Legal Svcs - Town Council	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Mileage - Selectboard	\$ 400.00	\$ 131.78	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,379.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Town Newsletter (2)	\$ 400.00	\$ 191.48	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
OSHA Training	\$ -	\$ 214.20	\$ -	\$ 225.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ -	\$ 12.05	\$ -	\$ -

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES continued</b>				
Street Lights	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,433.44	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ 25.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Telephone-Ambulance	\$ 650.00	\$ 740.22	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Telephone/Fax 1st Floor	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Web Page	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 527.23	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,180.21</b>	<b>\$ 51,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,800.00</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>				
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,090.39	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Electricity	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,419.42	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 399.09	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,800.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 142.00	\$ 125.93	\$ 145.00	\$ 148.00
Heating Oil	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,468.51	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Mowing	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,080.00	see parks
Cleaning	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,671.25	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Propane For Generator	\$ 600.00	\$ 440.33	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Repairs To Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,227.22	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 10,050.00	\$ 10,052.14	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 104.00	\$ 97.24	\$ 109.00	\$ 116.00
Snow Removal/Custodial	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 1,730.30	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,930.00
Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,531.75	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,089.84	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	\$ 300.00	\$ 375.07	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 47,130.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,568.48</b>	<b>\$ 46,459.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,519.00</b>
<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
Electricity	\$ 300.00	\$ 202.31	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 435.44	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 637.75</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Duplicating	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 416.00	\$ 388.88	\$ 482.00	\$ 430.00
Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 7,347.00	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Mileage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 898.78	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Print Zoning Ordinance	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 350.00	\$ 151.21	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00
Print New Town Plan	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 239.00	\$ 255.54	\$ 285.00	\$ 301.00
Seminar - Planning Comm.	\$ 500.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Planning Comm Clerk Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ 405.96	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION continued</b>				
Supplies - Zoning Administrator	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 4,244.00	\$ 4,244.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,420.00
Windham Regional Dues	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,071.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,199.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,662.37</b>	<b>\$ 13,167.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,951.00</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD ADJUSTMENT</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 21.00	\$ 15.78	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 270.00	\$ 206.31	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 686.00</b>	<b>\$ 310.34</b>	<b>\$ 586.00</b>	<b>\$ 686.00</b>
<b>CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Overtime Coverage	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -
Patrol Coverage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,900.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
Waste Disposal	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 20,023.22	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Comingled Hauling	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Comingled Recycle	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,019.92	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,200.00
Compactor Hauling	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,045.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Electronics Recycling	\$ -	\$ 169.95	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Electricity	\$ 650.00	\$ 847.92	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,507.00	\$ 1,481.37	\$ 1,593.00	\$ 1,654.00
Freon Items	\$ 500.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 11,303.00	\$ 13,596.40	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Metals Hauling	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Metals Container Rent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 900.00
Metals Expenses	\$ -	\$ (396.55)	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 159.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Organics	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Recycling Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,129.11	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,400.00
Paper Hauling	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Pest Control	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,081.20	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>TRANSFER STATION continued</b>				
Professional Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Compactor Rent	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,049.80	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 84.00	\$ 1,119.02	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 1,178.00
Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,016.07	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Attendant Wages	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 16,952.40	\$ 19,317.00	\$ 19,626.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,082.79	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Telephone	\$ 400.00	\$ 370.09	\$ 400.00	\$ 425.00
Tire Removal	\$ 750.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 900.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$ -	\$ 220.00	\$ -	\$ 1,320.00
Trash Removal	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,500.39	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Trash Hauling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,760.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Uniforms (clothing allowance)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
WiFi Hotspot	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Windham County Solid Waste	\$ -	\$ 387.68	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 89,879.00</b>	<b>\$ 94,500.78</b>	<b>\$ 105,157.00</b>	<b>\$ 109,543.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	<u>BUDGET -FY 2019</u>	<u>ACTUAL - FY 2019</u>	<u>BUDGET - FY 2020</u>	<u>BUDGET FY 2021</u>
OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$ 11,949.00	\$ 11,947.80	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 12,230.00
INSURANCE	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,759.00	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 54,880.00
TAXES (P/R COUNTY)	\$ 23,510.00	\$ 21,687.10	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 25,334.00
SELECTBOARD OFFICE	\$ 82,782.00	\$ 78,058.90	\$ 83,205.00	\$ 87,133.00
TOWN REPORT formerly AUDITORS	\$ 800.00	\$ 161.06	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 895.74	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 1,715.00
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	\$ 83,137.00	\$ 75,013.22	\$ 83,222.00	\$ 86,156.00
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	\$ 37,647.00	\$ 32,051.18	\$ 38,512.00	\$ 39,164.00
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE formerly LISTERS	\$ 22,750.00	\$ 21,234.19	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 35,343.00
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 25,521.00	\$ 26,997.55	\$ 26,683.00	\$ 26,740.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 3,954.00	\$ 1,820.71	\$ 3,951.00	\$ 2,912.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 50,325.00	\$ 43,180.21	\$ 51,325.00	\$ 51,800.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER	\$ 47,130.00	\$ 41,568.48	\$ 46,459.00	\$ 46,519.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 700.00	\$ 637.75	\$ 700.00	\$ 750.00
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$ 13,199.00	\$ 18,662.37	\$ 13,167.00	\$ 12,951.00
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	\$ 686.00	\$ 310.34	\$ 586.00	\$ 686.00
CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 10,900.00	\$ -	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 14,150.00
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 89,879.00	\$ 94,500.78	\$ 105,157.00	\$ 109,543.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 560,544.00</b>	<b>\$ 523,486.38</b>	<b>\$ 581,945.00</b>	<b>\$ 608,406.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues & Course Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,300.00
Electricity	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,920.74	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,272.01	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 497.00	\$ 607.99	\$ 662.00	\$ 694.00
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 322.90	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Heating Oil	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,877.41	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,973.88	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
On-Site Mechanic	\$ -	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,158.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Facility Repair	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 9,141.77	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 185.00	\$ 162.62	\$ 164.00	\$ 176.00
Captain 1 Salary	\$ 854.00	\$ 854.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 910.00
Captain 2 Salary	\$ 854.00	\$ 854.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 910.00
Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 1,342.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,037.00	\$ 2,037.00	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 2,150.00
Lieutenant 1 Salary	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 759.00	\$ 782.00
Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 759.00	\$ 782.00
Supplies	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,139.92	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 700.00	\$ 672.60	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 69,127.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,120.09</b>	<b>\$ 80,284.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,046.00</b>
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE formerly TOWN HILL COMMITTEE</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 71.00	\$ 71.04	\$ 73.00	\$ 74.00
Improvements	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,415.01	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mowing	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 6,580.00
Municipal Employee Wages	\$ 927.00	\$ 976.04	\$ 951.00	\$ 966.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 52.00	\$ 54.86	\$ 55.00	\$ 58.00
Toilet Rental	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,496.95</b>	<b>\$ 8,004.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,878.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Ambulance Operations	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
DV Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DV Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
DV Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Health Care & Rehab Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00
Pool Learning Center	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
Southeastern VT Community	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Southeastern VT Economic Dev.(SeVEDS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,071.00
Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
WINGS (Summer)	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
WINGS (After school program)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Wm Disaster Animal Recovery	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,253.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,124.00</b>

The Selectboard will hold an  
**Informational Meeting**  
at their regular meeting on  
**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:30 pm**  
in the dining hall  
of the Whitingham Municipal Center,  
2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT  
**for the purpose of addressing questions  
related to this Annual Report.**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES  
WILL BE HELD AT 7:30  
following the Selectboard Meeting**

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising & Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,600.00
Donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
VT DOL Grants	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Halifax Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Interest	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Tax Appropriation	\$ 66,651.00	\$ 66,651.00	\$ 67,815.00	\$ 69,271.00
Trustee Fund Raising	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 8,307.65	\$ 6,600.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 79,426.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,958.65</b>	<b>\$ 81,140.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Association Dues	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
Audio/Video	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,849.92	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 439.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,084.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ 127.18	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contract Services	\$ 925.00	\$ 932.18	\$ 940.00	\$ 940.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 670.74	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 404.41	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 3,829.78	\$ 3,923.00	\$ 3,991.00
Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage/Professional Training	\$ 700.00	\$ 878.90	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ 89.91	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Periodicals	\$ 400.00	\$ 382.27	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Postage	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,366.37	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Program Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 683.11	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Programs/Activities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,107.69	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Librarian Retirement	\$ 1,521.00	\$ 1,515.38	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,699.00
Assistants Wages	\$ 22,730.00	\$ 22,991.31	\$ 23,426.00	\$ 23,842.00
Librarian Wages	\$ 27,040.00	\$ 26,940.00	\$ 27,851.00	\$ 28,324.00
Supplies	\$ 700.00	\$ 847.30	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 623.09	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,780.61	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 79,426.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,958.65</b>	<b>\$ 81,140.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2019	FY - 2019	FY - 2020	FY - 2021
<b>CEMETERY</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Trans From General Fund	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,175.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Commissioner Fee	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,994.60	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mowing	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 12,300.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,578.75	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Gravestone Repair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,048.35</b>	<b>\$ 19,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>



Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 10 am to 12 noon  
at the Jacksonville Fire Station

Veterinarian Miles Powers will be on hand to administer  
rabies and/or distemper shots for dogs and cats

**COST:** Rabies \$15 Distemper \$25 Rabies & Distemper combo \$35



Whitingham Town Clerk will be on hand to issue  
dog licenses to Whitingham residents.

**All dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The State of Vermont offers a spay program for low income Vermonters,  
**Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP).**  
Go to [VSNIP.vt.gov](http://VSNIP.vt.gov) or [VVSAHS.org](http://VVSAHS.org) for more information.

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current Tax	\$ 1,091,197.00	\$ 1,091,331.64	\$ 1,129,863.00	\$ 1,250,726.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
State Aid	\$ 119,146.00	\$ 119,007.92	\$ 119,146.00	\$ 119,146.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 54,304.00	\$ 87,109.18	\$ 76,786.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,264,647.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,297,463.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,249,009.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,882.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>LABOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 25,474.00	\$ 24,245.39	\$ 25,897.00	\$ 26,478.00
Overtime	\$ 57,023.00	\$ 55,951.00	\$ 58,449.00	\$ 59,384.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 18,731.00	\$ 18,495.07	\$ 19,465.00	\$ 20,767.00
Road Commissioner (21 yrs.)	\$ 61,855.00	\$ 61,855.00	\$ 63,401.00	\$ 64,415.00
Wages Equip. Operator (19 yrs.)	\$ 45,280.00	\$ 45,086.72	\$ 46,412.00	\$ 47,155.00
Wages Equip. Operator (2 yrs.)	\$ -	\$ 24,680.00	\$ 38,376.00	\$ 41,167.00
Wages Equip. Operator (11 yrs.)	\$ 44,820.00	\$ 44,630.88	\$ 45,940.00	\$ 46,675.00
Wages Equip. Operator (25 yrs.)	\$ 46,327.00	\$ 46,300.80	\$ 47,485.00	\$ 48,245.00
Wages Municipal Emp. (12 yrs.)	\$ 37,524.00	\$ 39,748.85	\$ 38,462.00	\$ 39,078.00
Wages Equip. Operator (2 yrs.)	\$ 40,163.00	\$ 10,547.55	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 377,197.00</b>	<b>\$ 371,541.26</b>	<b>\$ 383,887.00</b>	<b>\$ 393,364.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 125,357.00	\$ 105,989.87	\$ 144,262.00	\$ 145,178.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 678.94	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 3,893.00	\$ 3,841.79	\$ 4,646.00	\$ 4,120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 130,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,510.60</b>	<b>\$ 149,908.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,098.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
Chains	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,113.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Chloride	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,106.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 908.77	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Crack Repair	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,080.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Culverts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,625.54	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,810.16	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 44,422.11	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,990.30	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,274.25	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,117.98	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,241.94	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Gravel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,879.60	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
HIGHWAY EXPENSES continued	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
Guardrails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,475.29	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 86.50	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CDL DrugTest Misc	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,539.15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Paging Service	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 754.10	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 438,546.29	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 117.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maint	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 76,175.46	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Salt	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 32,661.19	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 72,960.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Stone	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,671.20	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,619.02	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 400.00	\$ 569.96	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Telephone	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,816.12	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,900.00
Tires	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,880.88	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 11,541.57	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 12,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 757,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 815,411.88</b>	<b>\$ 792,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 826,420.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,264,647.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,297,463.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,325,795.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,882.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
<b>SEWER</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current User Fees	\$ 184,400.00	\$ 179,293.44	\$ 190,963.00	\$ 200,621.00
Grant Monies	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,080.91	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 34,718.00	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,392.57	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Sludge Revenue	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 187,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 227,554.92</b>	<b>\$ 196,863.00</b>	<b>\$ 207,121.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>LABOR</b>				
Bookkeeping Services	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,712.00	\$ 4,500.67	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 4,962.00
Reimburse User Penalties	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,392.57	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 3,164.00	\$ 3,200.49	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 3,563.00
Plant Assistant Wages	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,656.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 9,144.00
Plant Operator Salary	\$ 48,242.00	\$ 48,242.00	\$ 49,448.00	\$ 50,239.00
Treasurer Salary	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 3,072.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 69,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,373.73</b>	<b>\$ 71,172.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,812.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 26,362.00	\$ 22,818.68	\$ 26,618.00	\$ 28,597.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,666.08	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,682.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,258.87	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 1,330.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,784.94	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,262.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,528.57</b>	<b>\$ 33,003.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,609.00</b>
Please see sewer report for more detailed information				
<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES</b>				
Chemicals	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,110.49	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,300.00
Contracted Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,977.35	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Electricity	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,262.39	\$ 15,375.00	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,289.37	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00
Grant Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 7,700.00	\$ -	\$ -
Heating	\$ -	\$ 1,308.21	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Mileage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 687.68	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,625.53	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 5,000.00
Plant Operating Fee	\$ 400.00	\$ 740.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES continued</b>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2019</u>	<u>FY - 2020</u>	<u>FY - 2021</u>
Repairs: Facility & Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,189.22	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,264.89	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 5,125.00
Repairs: Meters	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sludge Removal	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,990.00	\$ 30,750.00	\$ 32,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,739.82	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	\$ 650.00	\$ 821.22	\$ 850.00	\$ 925.00
Outside Testing	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,903.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,200.00
Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 500.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 72,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,151.87</b>	<b>\$ 76,688.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,700.00</b>
Project Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 55,548.80	\$ -	\$ -
<b>PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>				
Plant Improvements (Reserve)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 36,586.52	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Plant Improvements (Bond)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Total PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,586.52</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>

## TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN

### GENERAL FUND

<b>Article 2 - General Fund</b>	\$	358,851.00		
<b>Article 3 - Parks (fka Town Hill)</b>	\$	18,878.00		
<b>Article 4 - Fire Department</b>	\$	76,046.00		
<b>Article 5 - Fire Department Equipment Fund</b>	\$	20,000.00		
<b>Article 6 - Highways</b>	\$	1,250,726.00		
<b>Article 7 - Highway Equipment Fund</b>	\$	85,000.00		
<b>Article 8 - Hazard Mitigation Fund</b>	\$	25,000.00		
<b>Article 10 - Highway Garage Renovation &amp;/or Replacement</b>	\$	50,000.00		
<b>Article 11 - Library</b>	\$	69,271.00		
<b>Article 12 - Municipal Facilities Fund</b>	\$	10,000.00		
<b>Article 13 - Deerfield Valley Rescue</b>	\$	15,000.00		
<b>Article 16 - Town Cemeteries</b>	\$	19,550.00		
<b>Article 19 - Brattleboro Area Hospice</b>	\$	400.00		
<b>Article 20 - Deerfield Valley Community Cares</b>	\$	1,000.00		
<b>Article 21 - Deerfield Valley Community Partnership</b>	\$	2,500.00		
<b>Article 22 - Deerfield Valley Food Pantry</b>	\$	500.00		
<b>Article 23 - Senior Meals</b>	\$	1,500.00		
<b>Article 24 - Green Mountain RSVP</b>	\$	305.00		
<b>Article 25 - Health Care &amp; Rehabilitation Services</b>	\$	1,203.00		
<b>Article 26 - Senior Solutions</b>	\$	750.00		
<b>Article 27 - Southeastern VT Econ. Dev. (SeVEDS)</b>	\$	4,071.00		
<b>Article 28 - Twin Valley Youth Sports</b>	\$	6,000.00		
<b>Article 29 - Visiting Nurse &amp; Hospice</b>	\$	4,000.00		
<b>Article 30 - WinDART</b>	\$	250.00		
<b>Article 31 - WINGS (Summer)</b>	\$	1,795.00		
<b>Article 32 - WINGS (After school program)</b>	\$	10,000.00		
<b>Article 33 - Women's Freedom Center</b>	\$	850.00		
<b>Article 34 - Economic Development</b>	\$	10,000.00		
<b>Article 35 - Old Home Week</b>	\$	2,000.00		
	\$	2,045,446.00	\$	0.757
 Projected Local Agreement	\$	8,500.00	\$	0.003

# **WAGES BY POSITION - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>WAGES</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 822.50	
Assistant Town Clerk - 13 years	\$ 5,497.20	
Assistant Town Clerk - under 1 year	\$ 3,005.71	
Bookkeeper - 7 years	\$ 11,907.00	
Emergency Management Director - 2 years	\$ 500.00	
Collector of Taxes -24 years	\$ 22,887.44	
Fire Chief	\$ 2,037.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 1,270.00	
1st. Captain	\$ 854.00	
2nd. Captain	\$ 854.00	
1st. Lieutenant	\$ 740.00	
2nd. Lieutenant	\$ 740.00	
Fire Mechanic	\$ 1,545.00	
Fire Warden	\$ 200.00	
Health Officer - 6 years	\$ 796.00	
Library Assistant	\$ 7,111.16	
Library Assistant	\$ 15,880.15	
Librarian	\$ 26,940.00	
Library - other	\$ 240.00	
Listers - previous- 7/1 to town mtg	\$ 3,146.53	
Assessor's Clerk & Lister - 4 years	\$ 8,773.23	
Moderator - 34 years	\$ 100.00	
Municipal Employee - 12 years	\$ 44,627.75	\$ 9,630.51
Osha Training	\$ 214.20	
Planning Clerk (2 people)	\$ 400.96	
Road Commissioner - 21 years	\$ 61,885.00	\$ 12,020.84
Selectboard Office Administrator - 7 years	\$ 44,726.00	
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,300.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,000.00	
Sewer - Chief Operator - 14 yrs.	\$ 48,242.00	
Sewer - Assistant Operator - 1 year	\$ 8,319.40	
Sewer - Treasurer - 13 years	\$ 2,950.00	
Sewer - Penalties	\$ 2,235.98	
Town Clerk - 26 yrs. as assistant or clerk	\$ 18,006.00	
Town Clerk fees	\$ 15,787.00	
Transfer Station Attendant - 2 years	\$ 17,289.00	
Treasurer -13 years	\$ 13,521.00	
Truck Driver - 12 years	\$ 44,630.88	\$ 9,192.24
Truck Driver - 25 years	\$ 46,300.79	\$ 9,599.66
Truck Driver (Part Year)	\$ 10,547.55	
Truck Driver (Part Year)	\$ 24,680.00	\$ 7,006.50
Truck Driver - 20 years	\$ 45,086.72	\$ 9,269.76
Windham Regional Representatives	\$ 840.00	
Zoning Administrator - 6 years	\$ 4,244.00	
Zoning Clerk	\$ 206.31	

	6/30/2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2018-2019	2018-2019	6/30/2019
	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Share Gain + Interest</u>	<u>Invested</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>		<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>SADAWGA CEMETERY</b>						
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,398.41	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,398.41	0.67%	\$1,512.57
Emery E. Reed	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$8,515.68
J.D. Sylvester	\$2,777.58	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,777.58	1.32%	\$3,004.33
Amos W. Pike	\$5,574.31	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,574.31	2.66%	\$6,029.38
Wells Winchester	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$3,004.34
William D. Faulknker	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$8,515.68
Arthur H. Lyons	\$5,574.29	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,574.29	2.66%	\$6,029.35
Frank C. Wheeler	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$8,515.68
Clifford G. Brown	\$2,643.48	1.26%	\$0.00	\$2,643.48	1.26%	\$2,859.28
Nathan B. Alfred	\$5,574.29	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,574.29	2.66%	\$6,029.35
Hal H. Allard	\$11,646.65	5.55%	\$0.00	\$11,646.65	5.55%	\$12,597.44
Dorothy Smith	\$2,566.82	1.22%	\$0.00	\$2,566.82	1.22%	\$2,776.37
Lurissa S. Brown	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$8,515.68
Elmer R. Houghton	\$3,313.93	1.58%	\$0.00	\$3,313.93	1.58%	\$3,584.47
John Sawyer	\$1,053.59	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,053.59	0.50%	\$1,139.60
Irvin Brown	\$1,896.38	0.90%	\$0.00	\$1,896.38	0.90%	\$2,051.19
Royal Faulkner	\$5,267.79	2.51%	\$0.00	\$5,267.79	2.51%	\$5,697.83
Sara Faulkner	\$2,471.08	1.18%	\$0.00	\$2,471.08	1.18%	\$2,672.81
Carroll E. White	\$1,034.39	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,034.39	0.49%	\$1,118.83
<b>JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY</b>						
Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,398.41	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,398.41	0.67%	\$1,512.57
Oscar Pike	\$1,398.41	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,398.41	0.67%	\$1,512.57
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$3,004.34
Miles Wilcox	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$8,515.68
F. & F.E. Hager	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,872.96	3.75%	\$8,515.68
C.L. Stickney	\$10,631.39	5.07%	\$0.00	\$10,631.39	5.07%	\$11,499.30
William A. Brown	\$2,777.58	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,777.58	1.32%	\$3,004.33
William Pouliotte	\$1,781.50	0.85%	\$0.00	\$1,781.50	0.85%	\$1,926.93
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,302.60	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,302.60	0.62%	\$1,408.94
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$3,677.89	1.75%	\$0.00	\$3,677.89	1.75%	\$3,978.14
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,256.43	1.55%	\$0.00	\$3,256.43	1.55%	\$3,522.27
The Moody Family	\$681.03	0.32%	\$0.00	\$681.03	0.32%	\$736.63
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,042.83	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,042.83	0.50%	\$1,127.96



CUTTING CEMETERY							
Amos Brown	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$226.75	\$3,004.34
Burrows Family	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,777.59	1.32%	\$226.75	\$3,004.34
C.L. Stickney	\$5,574.31	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,574.31	2.66%	\$455.07	\$6,029.38
CARLEY CEMETERY							
Charlotte V. Sage	\$3,677.89	1.75%	\$0.00	\$3,677.89	1.75%	\$300.25	\$3,978.14
RIVERVIEW CEMETERY							
Unspecified	\$11,589.18	5.52%	\$0.00	\$11,589.18	5.52%	\$946.10	\$12,535.28
OTHER UNSPECIFIED							
	\$49,911.58	23.79%	\$0.00	\$49,911.58	23.79%	\$4,074.59	\$53,986.17
Column total	\$209,842.14						\$226,972.84
TOTAL	\$209,842.09	100.00%	\$0.00	\$209,842.14	100.00%	\$17,130.70	\$226,972.79
							Column total
							Actual value

NOTE: Funds are invested in the following:

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

**FUND BALANCES AS OF  
JUNE 30, 2019**

FUND	BALANCE		INTEREST	EXPENDITURES	DEPOSITS	FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2019
	AS OF JULY 1, 2018					
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 440,559.00	\$ 2,658.00	\$ (637,604.00)	\$ 540,656.00	\$	\$ 346,269.00
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 9,823.00	\$ 34.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$	\$ 19,857.00
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 1,947.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 1,952.00
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 2,699.00	\$ 264.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 2,963.00
EAMES FUND	\$ 173,862.00	\$ 433.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 174,295.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 128,629.00	\$ 341.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$	\$ 148,970.00
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 45,309.00	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ 9,936.00	\$	\$ 55,360.00
***HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 131,090.00	\$ -	\$ (1,297,465.00)	\$ 1,210,355.00	\$	\$ 43,980.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 223,987.00	\$ 530.00	\$ (151,223.00)	\$ 85,000.00	\$	\$ 158,294.00
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 134,312.00	\$ 164.00	\$ (55,246.00)	\$ -	\$	\$ 79,230.00
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetary)	\$ 209,842.00	\$ 17,131.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 226,973.00
CEMETERY OPERATION	\$ 12,195.00	\$ -	\$ (24,079.00)	\$ 20,175.00	\$	\$ 8,291.00
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,306.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 1,309.00
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 15,613.00	\$ 41.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$	\$ 17,654.00
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 7,897.00	\$ 20.00	\$ (1,906.00)	\$ 1,404.00	\$	\$ 7,415.00
TAX SALE FUND	\$ -			\$ 35,057.00	\$	\$ 35,057.00
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 188,557.00	\$ 513.00	\$ (10,012.00)	\$ -	\$	\$ 179,058.00
SEWER HOOK-UP	\$ 26,574.00	\$ -	\$ (26,574.00)	\$ -	\$	\$ -
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 10,840.00	\$ -	\$ (237,604.00)	\$ 227,555.00	\$	\$ 791.00
CIVIL DEFENSE - GENERATOR	\$ 12,161.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 12,191.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER KITCHEN	\$ 399.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 399.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 6,213.00	\$ -	\$ (1,316.00)	\$ 4,000.00	\$	\$ 8,897.00
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 2,319.00
LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (78,959.00)	\$ 78,959.00	\$	\$ -
***LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 17,565.00	\$ 20.00	\$ (9,470.00)	\$ 4,545.00	\$	\$ 12,660.00
****LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 11,528.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 11,568.00
	\$ 1,815,226.00	\$ 22,342.00	\$ (2,531,458.00)	\$ 2,249,642.00	\$	\$ 1,555,752.00

\*Includes the fund balance of \$91,607.00 appropriated in 2019 for fiscal year 2020 and \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes.

\*\*Includes the fund balance of \$76,786.00 appropriated in 2019 for fiscal year 2020 - deficit of \$32,806.00

\*\*\*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 2019 audit, performed by Sullivan and Powers of Montpelier, Vermont went well and is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully, Almira Aekus, Treasurer - Marylee Putnam, Bookkeeper

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This year as your Animal Control Officer I handled 142 different animal related issues. I would like to thank the town residents for getting their dogs registered in a timely manner this past year. The support of the Whitingham Selectboard, Town Health Officer, Town Clerk and the townspeople is greatly appreciated. I continue to attend training workshops to better serve your community; this year's workshops included Animal Crime Scene Investigation Levels 1-4 as well as Pet CPR.

The incidents responded to included:

- 32 Running at large
- 10 Not registered
- 3 Dog bite – 3 people needing medical attention
- 21 Nuisance complaints
- 6 Missing dogs/cats
- 5 Found dogs/cats
- 4 Stray dogs
- 1 Potentially Vicious Dog Hearing
- 1 Animal Cruelty complaints
- 4 Injured pets (4 domestic pets)
- 3 Hav-a-heart trap setups
- 1 Kennel Inspection
- 4 Welfare Checks (2 domestic pet)
- 1 Volunteer Surrenders (1 cat)
- 1 Re-homed
- 5 Information/Education
- 10 Warnings (verbal /written)
- 43 Citations issued

I would like to remind everyone *again* – if you have an animal, you are responsible for its care and behavior. You are also responsible for having your dog(s) licensed with the Town and to make sure all vaccinations are up to date. **New licenses are due no later than April 1, 2020.**

The Town Clerk has scheduled a **shot clinic at the Jacksonville Firehouse on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon.** Throughout the year there are places that offer reduced cost shots; please check your local Tractor Supply and Windham County Humane Society.

I am happy to answer any Animal Control related questions from anyone. You can reach me at (802) 380-0534 or by email at [aco@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:aco@whitinghamvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Hollister

Whitingham ACO/Humane Investigator

**ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**  
**Formerly known as Lister's Office**

At Town Meeting 2019 the Town of Whitingham voters elected to eliminate the elected Lister position and use professional assessors. NEMRC was hired to perform the duties required. As a former Lister, I was hired as Assessor's Clerk (formerly known as Lister's Clerk) to work along with NEMRC staff to perform the local tasks of recording transfers, building permit inspections, change of appraisal notices and various other duties and responsibilities within the Assessor's Office.

As Assessor's Clerk I have attended many seminars to keep current with state standards.

The recent Equalization Study conducted by the state, effective January 1, 2020, reveals the Coefficient of Dispersion at 12.2% and the Common Level of Appraisal at 102.25%.

The Assessor's Office is open Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. If you have any questions, please call me at 368-2838.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Howard A. Dix*

Assessor's Clerk

**Selectboard Update**

**Great River Hydro Tax Appeal Information**

Great River Hydro filed a tax appeal. The prior tax stabilization agreement listed a value of \$58,107,900 for tax years 2017 and 2018; they wanted to initiate a new agreement listing the current market value at \$30,000,000 based on an income analysis.

For reference purposes it is noted that the assessed value during the late 1990's was as high as \$92,000,000 and has steadily declined since. The Board of Civil Authority upheld the town's listed value forcing Great River Hydro to run their appeal through the court system. This case can have a significant impact on the town's tax rate. It is currently scheduled for trial in January 2021.

**Assessor's Data**  
**2018 AS BILLED Grand List**  
**Tax Book Report**  
**\*\*\* GRAND TOTALS \*\*\***

	<b>MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>NON-RESI</b>
Taxable parcels	1,139		
Acres	23,626.80		
Land	72,544,700		
Building	203,167,900		
Real	275,712,600	86,619,900	189,092,700
Add			
(+) Non-Approved Contracts		0	202,700
(+) Non-Approved Farm Contracts		0	0
(+) Inventory	0		
(+) Equipment	0		0
Subtract			
(-)Veteran	360,000	360,000	0
(-)Farm Stab	0	0	0
(-)Current Use	7,223,800	1,996,800	5,227,000
(-)Contracts	202,700	0	202,700
(-)Special Exempt		0	49,770
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>2,679,261.00</b>	<b>842,631.00</b>	<b>1,838,159.30</b>
Homestead	184,332,000		
Housesite	159,445,800		
Lease	0.00		
Non-Tax Count	28		
Non-Tax Val.	7,118,800		

<b>RATE NAME</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>TOTAL RAISED</b>
Non-Residential Ed.	1.5560		1,836,132.30		2,857,021.80
Homestead Ed.	1.9696		842,631.00		1,659,645.94
Local Agreement	0.0032		2,679,261.00		8,573.62
Town	0.6115		2,679,261.00		1,638,368.35
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>					<b>6,163,609.71</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Howard Dix*

# **CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (TAX YEAR 2018)**

<b><u>PROPERTY OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT USE ACRES</u></b>	<b><u>LAND USE EXEMPTION VALUE</u></b>
186 NATE FLYNN ROAD LLC	186 NATE FLYNN RD TH 36	163.7	\$160,100.00
ANDERSON RICHARD A & DORIS E	1226 BURRINGTON HILL RD TH 7	31.4	\$34,800.00
AXTELL SARAH	133 ALLARD RD TH 5	138	\$180,400.00
BERBERIAN J KRISTINE	1793 FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$124,300.00
BETIT BRIAN	771 FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$38,600.00
BETIT ROY, ANTOINETTE & BRENT E.	6178 VT RTE 100	87.1	\$129,900.00
BETIT STEVEN P	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$179,900.00
BLOOD PHILIP T & CYNTHIA J	SADDADA RD TH 52	70	\$88,600.00
BORTELL RITA	BURRINGTON HILL	153	\$88,900.00
BOYD MARSHALL L	859 ALLARD RD TH 5	34.7	\$47,600.00
BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64 BEAR LN	56	\$69,700.00
CAPO JAMES A & KAY ELLEN	203 PIKE RD TH 32	81.18	\$85,900.00
CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447 NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$37,600.00
CORSE FARM	1089 CORSE RD TH 15	299	\$430,100.00
CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	CORSE RD	162.3	\$311,000.00
CORSE ROY C & VANESSA M	FAULKNER RD & MAPLE DR	10.62	\$62,200.00
CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489 WILMINGTON CROSS RD	106.6	\$182,200.00
CORSE WAYNE	871 RUBA RD	186.91	\$125,700.00
CORSE WAYNE	4840 VT RTE 100	187.34	\$214,200.00
CORSE WAYNE & HERRICK JENNIFER W	73 SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$117,800.00
CROSBY ROBERT & LUANNE M TRUST	2465 COLLINS RD TH 25	48.44	\$68,400.00
DAIELLO STEVEN	2590 COLLINS RD	1.1	\$3,900.00
DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTMAN INC	641 FOWLER RD	28.8	\$37,100.00
DENHAM EDWARD A & MARSHA A	LONE PINE RD TH40	70.45	\$74,800.00
DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208 VT RTE 100 W/S	46.3	\$54,800.00
DIX LARRY R	3029 VT RTE 8A	31	\$82,100.00
EADE DAVID L	190 MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$63,700.00
EDELSTEIN ALICE R	48 HURD LN	130.93	\$156,000.00
FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103 GREEN RD TH 43	42.4	\$59,400.00
HANLEY RICHARD TRUSTEE HANLEY REVOC	214 BIRDVILLE RD TH 21	26.7	\$40,900.00
HAZARD KYLE P & STURTEVANT MELISSA A	OFF MCMILLAN RD	55.8	\$73,700.00
INGWENSEN KRISTIAN	2316 FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$232,600.00
JEWELL CLEARING TRUST	OUT OF READSBORO BY CEMETERY	45.2	\$33,900.00
KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	FOWLER RD	25	\$75,300.00
LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009 SADDADA RD	12.4	\$14,200.00
LAPIERRE KATHLEEN FARON	9943 VT RTE 100	60.4	\$78,100.00
LEHRER NANCY D	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$87,300.00
MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40 MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$827,400.00
MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$49,400.00
OSBORN JEREMY	416 FIVE FOX LANE	69	\$74,000.00
PAPRIN YALE I	900 VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$76,700.00
PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785 LONE PINE RD TH 40	146.4	\$119,600.00
PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843 CHAPEL HILL ROAD	73.2	\$204,100.00
PROCTER MARY E & MATUSZESKI WILLIAM	488 FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$97,700.00
PURJES DAN & EDNA	1761 KENTFIELD RD	326	\$460,400.00
PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070 FOWLER RD	53.2	\$80,700.00
ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA J	467 BUTLER BROOK RD TH 27	83.8	\$114,900.00
RODELL MICHAEL	KENTFIELD & NATE FLYNN RDS.	182.1	\$121,200.00
SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	STREETER HILL RD TH 68	371.4	\$175,500.00
SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896 FOWLER RD	79.9	\$96,800.00

SEARS CHRISTOPHER	338 DIX LANE TH 50	129.4	\$156,900.00
SILVERMAN JEFFREY & BUNNELL KATHARINE	320 PRATT RD TH 35	65.6	\$80,400.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE BLOOD	2245 BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$267,800.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE C	SADDADA RD TH52	45	\$83,700.00
THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	VT RTE 100 TOBEY BROOK RD	37.4	\$32,000.00
TWITCHELL ALLAN	243 GOODNOW RD TH 3	39.9	\$56,000.00
WERSHOVEN CHRISTINE	482 BURRINGTON HILL RD W/S TH7	34.41	\$56,800.00
WILKINSON ALICE S	71 BONE LN	25.3	<u>\$46,100.00</u>
			\$7,223,800.00

\$44,466.17 would have been billed and collected by the town if the properties were not in current use.  
The state payment to town for current use was \$44,458.00.

# MAPLE FESTIVAL



**March 21 & 22, 2020**

**Free Magic Show performed by Tom Joyce**  
**Sunday, March 22 at 1pm**

**Get up to date information on their Facebook page**

**[www.facebook.com/Whitingham-Maple-Festival](https://www.facebook.com/Whitingham-Maple-Festival)**

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

In the year of 2019, the mowing and trimming, along with spring and fall clean-ups were again done by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance. And yet again they kept the cemeteries looking great. The contract for mowing and trimming will need to be renewed at the end of 2020.

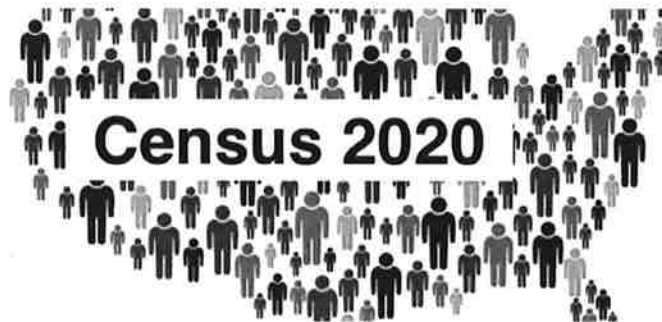
Ten gravestones in the Jacksonville and Sadawga Cemeteries were repaired by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance this past year and many more will be done this coming year to see if we can get caught up with the amount needing repair. The upcoming repairs will be mostly funded from the cemetery investment funds. New signage at the Jacksonville and Sadawga Cemeteries are slated for the upcoming year; large boulders with lettering is proposed which will have a higher upfront cost but will last much longer than the wooden signs. And like previous years, we will also be working on updating some of the cemetery maps in the upcoming year.

*Dana Dix, Chair; Brad Lackey, Clerk; and Tyson Dix*

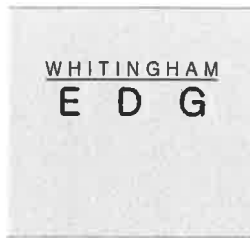
## CENSUS 2020

The 2020 U.S. Decennial Census begins in March and April.

Every ten years the US Constitution requires an 'enumeration' of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as "The Census." For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than 675 billion dollars will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding on-line, over the telephone or with a traditional, short form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. **It is critical that everyone participate and that all household members be included.** *Make sure that our community counts!*







## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

### **2019 Annual Report**

Members of the Whitingham Economic Development Group (WEDG) during the year 2019 included Gretchen Havreluk, Chair; Jenepher Burnell, Phil Edelstein, Kyle Frey, and Seth Boyd. Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator attended regularly.

During 2019 WEDG worked on the following projects:

- ✓ The new town website went live in February 2019
- ✓ Contacted local businesses inviting them to list their business on the town website and/or review what was currently posted there
- ✓ Met with Jim Dassatti of the Living History Museum to discuss his request for town funds to create a "self-guided historical driving tour of the Deerfield Valley"
- ✓ Coordinated with the Library to begin offering various computer/internet classes to our local businesses
- ✓ Organized, in coordination with the Library, the Blueberry Festival in July with a Street Market, live music and a car show.
- ✓ Seth lead us in a strategic planning activity to create future projects and goals of the EDG.
- ✓ Hosted a presentation by Matrix Design Group regarding their proposal to provide fiber optic connections to each address in Whitingham
- ✓ Phil worked with VTel for the much anticipated second VTel cell tower on Streeter Hill

A mission of the Economic Development Group is to encourage families to move to town and educate their students to improve our economy and lower our education cost. In light of this need we are trying to bolster our local businesses in brochures and on the town website. If you have a business, please let us know so that we can include your information in our publications.

We are also interested in creating videos of the different aspects of town that make this a wonderful place to live. We'd like to use social media advertising to increase our family population and tourism. If you can help, please let us know.

To reach the WEDG please call Gig at 368-7500 or email her at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

## EDUCATION FUNDING LITIGATION UPDATE as of 12/31/19

### Boyd v. State of Vermont

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

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

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

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

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

In October and November 2019, after lengthy negotiations between the Plaintiffs and the State, the Plaintiffs gained access to previously inaccessible data maintained by the Vermont Agency of Education. Having obtained that data, the Plaintiffs anticipate that the factual record will be complete early in 2020 and that the case will move toward resolution later in the year.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

As Emergency Management Director during 2019 I:

- Continued to attend EMD roundtable meetings, networking with other EMD's and Fire Chiefs.
- Sent four situation reports regarding weather events to the EOC at VEM.
- Participated in the HHW event as a HazMat technician.
- Ordered additional preparedness handbooks from VEM at no charge.
- Appointed Gig Zboray as Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Gig attended many meetings with the "Stanley Committee" to address Flood Hazard Mitigation projects in Jacksonville Village.

*Wayne Wood, EMD*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Whitingham Fire Department I would like to thank the town for their continued support. There has been many hours of training, dedicated care, hard work, and service to this great community and surrounding communities.

Whitingham Fire and First Response responded to 212 calls. There was 1 brush fire, 1 chimney fire, 11 dispatched and cancelled in route, 12 smoke and CO alarms, 3 good intent, 13 MVA, 3 service calls, 154 first response. We provided mutual aid to the following, 1 Halifax, 4 West Dover, 4 Wilmington, 1 Readsboro. There were also 4 non-emergency 911 harassment calls which involved help from the police.

The good news for our town is that there were no building fires in Whitingham last year which is remarkable and a great thing. Although toned out for a couple, they ended up being furnace problems.

New tires were purchased for 94 Tanker 1 and 94 Engine 2. A new set of tire chains were purchased for 94 Engine 2. We've performed a great amount of maintenance on all the fire department equipment with the help of David Briggs. Some pump work, brake work, oil changes, undercoating and tune ups were all done in-house saving the town thousands compared to years past.

94 Rescue 1 which is a 1992 unit is currently at Dingee Machine for Cascade upgrades and should be completed within a few weeks of the time of writing this report (12/31/19).

I would personally like to thank our members for all their hard work and dedication. You guys and gals are the best and I can't thank you enough!

We have booster tickets available. \$10 a month or if you pay for a year which is \$110 you get one month free for a chance to win \$1,000 every month. We have the monthly drawings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 10:00 am at the Jacksonville Fire Station. I would like to thank my mom for keeping the books and being treasurer since 1980. Next year will be her 40<sup>th</sup> year of donating her time monthly to the Booster Club. ***Thank you, Nancy Janovsky.***

If you would like to volunteer for the Fire Department, please call me at 368-2466. All help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you all - the townspeople and all our members - for helping our town and this great community we live in.

Yours truly,

*Stanley Janovksy, Jr.*

Fire Chief

**PLEASE make sure your 911# is visible from the road so we can find you!**

*A few minutes or even seconds could make the difference of saving your home or your LIFE!*

## **FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION**

### **In Jacksonville Village**

#### **“The Stanley Committee”**

In 2019, Stanley Janovsky and Gig Zboray met with officials from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (several different divisions) and the Windham Regional Commission in an effort to make some progress on flood hazard mitigation projects in Jacksonville. Stanley requested that this group begin to meet on a regular basis and so it came to be called the “Stanley Committee”.

Although all involved agree the projects need to be completed, it is difficult to get the complicated project moving. In 2019 we started the following efforts:

- Applied for *and won* a Municipal Planning Grant to hire a manager to oversee the complicated project and to apply for more grant funding to reduce the construction cost to the town.
- Applied for *and won* a Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation Community Facilities Technical Assistance Support Program grant, which at a minimum will provide the required grant match funds for the Municipal Planning Grant.
- Applied for a FEMA Buyout Grant to purchase the Kingsley property downstream of the Municipal Center, matching grant funds will be provided by Community Development Block Grant funds managed by Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. If this grant is won the house and garage will be torn down, the river widened to bankfull width and the backyard will be lowered to provide access to the flood plain.
- Applied for *and won* a VTrans Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant for funding of a scoping study of the Municipal Center/Fire House lot to look at widening the river to bankfull width, removing the undersized cement bridge, replacing the undersized culvert which will likely be replaced with a longer structure to allow easier ingress/egress of the fire equipment, moving the electric pole in front of the firehouse, stabilizing the riverbank on each side but especially where cement bridge removed.
- Worked with VTrans to plan for the stabilization of the landslide area of Holbrook Road.
- Began the process to reclassify the entrance of the Municipal Center as a town highway, which could produce more grant funding opportunities in the future.
- Notified the sewer engineers of the opportunity to combine funding of that project with this under the ANR “WISPr” program to reduce cost to the town.

## HEALTH OFFICERS

During 2019 we stayed up to date on “list serve” emails that are focused on town health officer issues and what other officers around the state might be struggling with and the advice given. Gig participated in two training webinars. One rental housing inspection was conducted. Water testing was conducted on one rental housing property. Several letters were written about garbage being spread by animals.

The Vermont Health Department urges residents to have their water wells tested. Contact the Department of Health Laboratory at (800) 660-9997 to find out more.

*Gig Zboray, Health Officer*

*Jenepher Burnell, Deputy Health Officer*

### *Excerpt from 1907 Health Officers Report:*

“The world moves, and today is moving rapidly, and those who do not keep up with its progress will be left behind. The fact that we have the most delightful scenery, the most healthful and invigorating breezes, the sweetest water flowing from a thousand springs in the mountainside and a people, rugged, hardy, healthful and brave...” A.A. Butterfield, Health Officer

### **Health Department Offering Free Kits to Test Your Home for Radon**

*Protect your family during National Radon Action Month by ordering your kit today*

BURLINGTON, VT – Radon is colorless, odorless and can invade your home. But you won’t know if this naturally occurring, radioactive gas is present at unsafe levels in your home – unless you test for it.

That’s why the Health Department is making it easy for Vermonters to find out if their homes have high levels of radon – by offering free test kits.

Breathing air with radon can increase your risk of getting lung cancer. Radon decays into radioactive particles that damage lung tissue and can lead to lung cancer over the course of a person’s lifetime. If you smoke and your home has high levels of radon, your risk of getting lung cancer is especially high.

“Testing is the *only* way to know whether your home has too much radon,” said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD. “More than 52,000 Vermonters have already tested their homes. Make 2020 the year you check whether yours is safe from this dangerous gas.”

One in seven Vermont homes has high levels of radon. Radon gas enters homes from the surrounding soil and bedrock. It doesn’t matter where or how old your home is – it can still have high levels of radon.

The Health Department’s kits test the air in your home over time because radon levels can change daily, weekly and seasonally. If you do get a high result, there are steps you can take to reduce the level of radon in your home.

**Request your free kit today.** Email your name, mailing address, physical address and phone number to [radon@vermont.gov](mailto:radon@vermont.gov) or call 1-800-439-8550.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had another busy year in 2019. There were many storms which didn't bring much snow, but the ice accumulations raised havoc on overtime and the sand budget. There were also a lot of thaws and rain accompanied by warmer than normal temps which made mud season a bit busier for the department than in recent years. Many hours at night were spent dragging damaged roads from the day's happenings. Some residents ask why the roads aren't posted in the spring like most all other towns do, my reply has always been, "It's not our job to close them, it's our job to keep them open."

Kentfield Road and Poverty Row were repaved last summer from the intersection of Nate Flynn Road to Town Hill Road. Many culverts were changed along with ditching. The project was also shouldered.

Many problem trees were cut on various roads around town with help from D&E Tree along with the Village of Jacksonville Electric Co.

Ditching was done on many other roads around town for better drainage. We don't get many long slow rainy days that much anymore; it seems to just rain an inch or two in a short time which makes gravel roads a little more susceptible to potholes which means the grader is out more often taking care of them. Some higher traffic roads were scraped 3-4 times while also receiving pothole maintenance.

Culverts were replaced on many other roads in town, with many more that need replacing in the upcoming construction season.

Next year's paving project is planned to be all of 8A. I will be applying for a State Paving Class 2 Grant to help with the cost, though it's not guarantee we will receive it.

Paving is expensive but, in my opinion, I think the town roads look ok for the number of miles of paved roads in town.

Dam Road was planned to be reclaimed last summer but the paving budget bid prices were much higher than expected so there wasn't enough in the budget to do this. We will start doing some more ditching this summer along with much patching to try to hold this until approximately 2022 for paving and tentatively reclaimed sooner.

I received a Better Back Roads Grant for \$14,000 to replace some culverts on Reed Hill Road and for rip rap in the ditches for water quality runoff into Jacksonville Pond. The pavement will be patched and will be scheduled for paving in 2021 tentatively along with Town Hill Road. I've also applied for a Better Back Roads Grant for a Road Erosion Inventory of \$10,000 which Windham Regional Commission will help perform.

We're almost to that point, though it's been a long hard process, where the pavement will be almost caught up and if the paving budget stays consistent, we may be able to pave a couple of miles of dirt roads that are high traffic areas with much spring mud and headaches. This is NOT a guarantee! Price wise, overall, it's probably close to the same, but the ease of pavement in these areas will make life much easier for some folks in town and on our equipment.

Respectfully yours,

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*

Road Commissioner

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY/REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	
1975	1975 Chevy Brush Trk.	20 yrs	1995	Free	\$100,000	Still in Service
1985	Chevy E-One Pumper	20yrs	2005	\$80,000	\$295,000	Still in Service
1992	GMC Rescue Truck*	20yrs	2012	\$41,000	\$300,000	Still in Service
2001	Freightliner Tanker	20yrs	2021	\$180,000	\$325,000	
2006	Freightliner Pumper	20yrs	2026	\$160,000	\$295,000	
2018	Chevy Rescue PU	20yrs	2038	\$43,300	\$75,000	
2012	Mission Trailer	15yrs	2027	\$10,405	\$15,000	
2012	Artic Cat Prowler Side by Side	10yrs	2022	\$14,265	\$25,000	
2012	Artic Cat Snowmobile	10yrs	2022	\$12,000	\$17,000	(Paid for by Association)

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY/REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	
2015	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2030	\$190,000	\$ 300,000.00	
2013	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2028	\$180,000	\$ 275,000.00	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$160,000	\$ 250,000.00	
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$129,000	\$ 250,000.00	
1995	Ford Dump Truck	10yrs	N/A	\$51,000	N/A	Still in service
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$63,000	\$ 80,000.00	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 PU	5yrs	2017	\$35,000	\$ 70,000.00	Still in service
1996	Cat Grader	15yrs	2011	\$214,000	\$400,000	Still in service
2003	JD Back Hoe	15yrs	2018	\$82,000	\$150,000	Still in service
2019	Komatsu Loader	15yrs	2034	\$190,000	\$250,000	
2009	JD Tractor 6330	20yrs	2029	\$89,000	\$130,000	(Paid with FEMA Funds)
1997	1987 Bomag Roller	15yrs	2012	\$20,000	\$80,000	Still in service
2007	1985 Eager Beav Trailer	15yrs	2022	\$7,000	\$20,000	
1988	Morbark Chipper	20yrs	2008	\$15,000	\$50,000	Still in service

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

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

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

**TRANSFER STATION**

Compactor  
2 containers  
Shed  
Dog shelter

**LAND WITH BUILDINGS**

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

**LAND ONLY**

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

**CEMETERIES**

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

**The Harriman Reservoir Greeter Program**

is looking for volunteers to provide information to boaters to prevent invasive aquatic species from being introduced into the Harriman Reservoir. They anticipate the position to be on weekend and holiday mornings only.

If you are interested, please contact Jack Widness at 464-8981  
or by email at [john-widness@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-widness@uiowa.edu)





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## Whitingham Free Public Library 2019 Year in Review

### 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.

Volume 120 Issue 2019



*It takes a Village! (or a Valley!)*

**Partnerships and collaboration within a community are created to reach more people and make a bigger difference than any one organization could accomplish on its own.**

Reaching out to more children and adults in our community, and "thinking outside the library" is our goal.

- A Community Guided Snowshoe Walk with volunteer, Karen Hein, was offered through our partnership with the Vermont Department of Health in Brattleboro.
- Partnering with Pettee Memorial Library for the past several years, we participate in Vermont Reads, a grant program with Vermont Humanities inviting people across the state to read the same book and participate in a wide variety of community activities related to the book's themes.
- As part of the Annual Twin Valley 2nd Grade field trip to The Eric Carl Museum, we provide books to all the students while partnering with TVES and Pettee Memorial Library to provide the admission and transportation.
- 2019 Summer Reading Kick-off performance with Musician Stephen Coronella was held at Twin Valley Elementary School, in partnership with Pettee Memorial Library, and Halifax School.
- Free lunch was available to all children in our community on Mondays for 6 weeks during summer camp. Through the USDA Summer Food Program, organized by the WINGS Community Programs, Rotary Volunteers delivered lunch to our location.
- We provided two summer programs partnering with WINGS Summer Camp:
  1. Mad Science Stage Show: "Destination Moon" with Pettee Memorial Library
  2. Summer Encore Theater: "The Sun, The Moon and the Stars".
- We partnered with our Town Select-board & Almira Aekus, Town Clerk, to provide two composting programs and present the new composting regulations for 2020.
- Together with Whitingham Economic Development Group and the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival we organized a "Street Market" during the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival.
- Partnering with the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club, our annual Halloween Pizza Party continues to increase in participants and volunteers each year.
- Other Community Partners include The Whitingham & Halifax Historical Societies, SASH (Support And Services At Home), and Senior Meals.

If your organization would like to be a Library Partner please contact Kristine 368-7506

- The Stats : ✓ approx 9,000 patrons visited our library ✓ 2,030+ people attended 185 events and programs  
✓ Library Summer Camp participation increased by 75% ✓ 8,460+ items were circulated including Ebooks and audio downloads ✓ The library has 11,425+ books, audio books, dvd's and 20 periodical subscriptions ✓ over 27,000 audio books and eBooks are available through Listen Up! Vermont (LUV) ✓ 1,000+ publications available through VT Online Library ✓ 500 online classes available for free through Universal Class ✓ 616 monthly Wi-Fi log-ins on average  
✓ Over 70 interlibrary loans were sent to other Vermont libraries

## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Formerly known as Town Hill Committee

The Parks Committee is pleased to report several accomplishments over the past year. Our new committee is energized and excited to chip away at a committed list of deferred maintenance items while also eagerly looking forward to what the future of Town Hill could be as it is one of the town's most valued assets.

During the early summer, a day-long work bee was organized to remove weeds, clean, maintain equipment and replace the wood chip material around all of the play areas with 10" of certified playground mulch. Play structures were repaired and the sandbox was refreshed with new sand. Thank you to the O'Hearn/Lackey family, Woods family, Corse Excavating, and Scott Reed for equipment and tool use and for lots of labor for this project!

Thank you to the Road Crew for removing two large trees and stumps from behind the war monuments and several dead trees and brush on the softball field side of the road. In addition, they helped with picnic table repairs, parking lot maintenance, and tree limb removal after storms.

Also, thanks to Gordy Moore, Donny Boyd, and Pete Bernard for repairing the softball field backstop and Scott Reed for quickly repairing a section of the lawn after vehicle damage was discovered.

Many thanks to the three annual softball tournament organizers who maintain the softball field yearly: Lackey/O'Hearn Family, Bolognani/Boyd Family, and Hammer Family.

You may have noticed that the local Cecil A. Davis Legion Post 17 added a new war monument to recognize those who served in Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, and the Gulf War/War on Terrorism. Thanks to Dana Dix for coordinating the installation and construction of this important and historical addition.

Next summer (2020) we plan to continue maintaining and repairing existing equipment and structures as well as add a few selective new playground pieces. The retaining wall in front of the war monuments needs to be replaced. In coordination with the Selectboard, we are researching a new system for surveillance cameras.

Town Hill use is open to the public and is "first come first served." Please carry out all trash and respect the area.

Recently, the Selectboard approved a change to the name and duties of the Town Hill Committee - which has now become the Whitingham Parks Committee. The Parks Committee will now also help with communication and coordination of the maintenance of Eames Park in Jacksonville and the grounds/recreation area at the Municipal Center.

Please watch for a Parks Committee survey near Town Meeting Day. We are looking for your feedback and suggestions as we establish long term plans for Town Hill and Eames Park. We encourage you to participate!

Thank you.

The Whitingham Parks Committee

*Seth Boyd, Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom,  
Erin O'Hearn Lackey, Heather Buckels Woods, Carol Millett*

## PLANNING COMMISSION

In March we heard complaints from a visitor regarding a new structure on Lake Sadawga. A zoning permit had been issued but the property owner did not follow what was allowed in the permit. Part of the enforcement action was reporting the property the Vermont Shorelands Protection and to Vermont Wetlands Program. Through most of 2019 that property was in the state review process. Now that the process is over, the property owner submitted a new zoning application which, due to the non-conforming nature of the lot, required a Zoning Board of Adjustment public hearing. The ZBA approved the application in early 2020.

The issue above really made it apparent that the current Zoning Regulation is not exactly clear and concise. We have had many conversations regarding how best to clarify several issues. Also because of the above applicant a new definition was added.

Throughout the spring we worked diligently with John Bennett of the Windham Regional Commission to update the Zoning Regulations, clarifying procedure and adding definitions where needed.

In May we heard from Green Lantern Solar about their proposed project on the school property. Due to wetlands area on the property the project was canceled.

In July we began working with Alyssa Sabetto of the Windham Regional Commission on Article VII of the Zoning Regulation, Flood Hazard Area Regulations. Brad Lackey met with the Selectboard to discuss River Corridor Protection and the board felt they did not want to regulate any more of private property than necessary.

The long process of updating the entire Zoning Regulations is nearly complete. The last steps are to organize the document in a consistent manner throughout and then hold the required public hearing before passing it on to the Selectboard. Look for announcements of the hearing.

The professional assistance supplied by the Windham Regional Commission was paid for by a 2018 Municipal Planning Grant, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. We are grateful for the funds granted and the help they provided!

**The Planning Commission is in need of a new member.** We have been meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Town Clerk's office. If you are interested, please join us at a monthly meeting. If you would like more information please contact Gig at 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

*Bradford Lackey, Chair  
Linda Donaghue, Phil Edelstein, and Peter Barus*

## SELECTBOARD

2019 proved to be a year of change. Karl Twitchell, Allan Twitchell and Keith Bronson resigned from the board. At Town Meeting in March Wayne Wood and Wayne Corse were elected. Craig Hammer and Scott Reed were elected at a special election in May. Robin Kingsley, the only remaining member of the prior board took a leave of absence in June and resigned in early January 2020 for health reasons.

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

- Oversight of Animal Control issues, Assessors Office, efforts to address Flood Hazard Mitigation in Jacksonville, Highway Department, Municipal Center maintenance and use, Sewer Department, Town Hill including change in name and authority to "Parks Committee", Transfer Station
- Update and/or adopt town policies/plans including Purchasing Policy
- Continue to oversee lawsuit against the State of Vermont regarding Education Funding Method
- Met with Great River Hydro representatives regarding tax stabilization (see Assessors Report)
- Correspondence with state representatives regarding opposition to a Carbon Tax
- Change parking rules at Eames Village Park and paint lines for parking spaces
- Invasive species were addressed. Informational fliers created to address the Emerald Ash Borer and Japanese Knotweed
- Met with Wilmington and Readsboro Selectboards resulting in a multi-town broadband/fiber optics committee with members from Whitingham, Wilmington, Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax, Stamford, and Brattleboro
- We held 23 regular meetings and 9 special meetings (not including a special luncheon for town employees)

*We offer our gratitude to:*

The outgoing Selectboard members: **Keith Bronson** (1999, chair since 2013), **Greg Brown** (2004), **Karl Twitchell** (2004), **Allan Twitchell** (1999), and **Robin Kingsley** (2013) for their many, many years serving the Town of Whitingham. That is a combined 75 years of service and institutional knowledge!



Karl, Allen, Keith, Robin and Greg 2016 Old Home Week parade

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

**Sherry Adams**, for many years serving on the Kitchen Committee.

**Claudia Greene**, for volunteering to index newspaper articles.

**Seth Boyd**, for conducting sessions to enable us to prepare a Strategic Plan.

**Members of town committees** – the hours you serve are greatly appreciated.

**Flower Brigade** – those who have volunteered to plant and care for flowers barrels all summer long.

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

*We appreciate the opportunity to serve as Selectboard members*

*Wayne Wood, Vice Chair*

*Wayne Corse, Craig Hammer and Scott Reed*

We would like to encourage all residents to actively participate in the **US Census** this year, as the results will determine how more than \$675 Billion are annually distributed to states and localities for key programs for the next decade. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for this town.

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The year 2019 proved to be a year requiring patience. The engineers engaged to prepare the 20-year evaluation and the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for both plants were behind schedule and didn't submit the report until July. The PER requires state approval in order to move our project forward to the design phase. The state had concerns with redundancy and were initially requiring two Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC) at each plant. Several of us from the town met with the state and toured the two plants with our engineer on October 25, 2019. We proved there was not room enough on either property to install two RBC units and that the cost was excessive. Yet it took until mid-January 2020 for common sense to prevail with help from our state representatives.

The two delays mean that the design phase had not begun in 2019 therefore construction won't be until 2021.

Meanwhile, a different pack of media began deteriorating in a fashion similar to what caused a state ordered shut-down of the Jacksonville plant in 2018. The media was sloughed off to reduce some of the weight it carried and then we were able to strap the media in such a way that it still functioned.

The Selectboard held many discussions about the new fixed rate billing method that was implemented in 2018 or going back to a combination rate (fixed + volumetric using water meters). The sewer engineers were engaged to determine what the cost would be to install new water meters for every account. That cost will not be determined until we move forward to phase 2 of our 3-phase project.

*Dave DiCantio*, Sewer Plant Chief Operator

*Jennifer Herzig*, Sewer Plant Assistant

**TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY**  
**July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019**

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JULY 1, 2018	\$	78,859.90
TAXES BILLED AUGUST 1, 2018	\$	6,163,609.71
<b>TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,242,469.61</b>

TAXES COLLECTED (Current)	\$	6,083,610.32
TAXES COLLECTED (Delinquent)	\$	78,859.90
DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 201	\$	79,999.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,242,469.61</b>

**PAYMENTS TO THE STATE OF VERMONT FOR EDUCATION TAXES COLLECTED**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>		<u>Payment to State</u>
2009	\$	55,659.78
2010	\$	271,546.94
2011	\$	220,676.99
2012	\$	181,474.19
2013	\$	43,387.83
2014	\$	107,206.85
2015	\$	272,219.69
2016	\$	263,049.66
2017	\$	65,719.71
2018	\$	212,737.90
2019	\$	340,445.86
2020 projected payment	\$	284,180.93

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019**

<b>NAME OF TAXPAYER</b>	<b>2018</b>	
APPLIANCE DISTRIBUTORS	*	
AQUINO, RAMONE, ET. AL.	*	
BARTLETT, ALLAN J.	*	
BERKSHIRE PROPERTY	*	
BETIT, BRIAN	*	
BETIT, CLAIRE	*	
BETIT, JOSEPH	*	
BIRD, BRIAN & AMY	*	
BOYD, JUSTIN	*	
BOYD, KENT	*	
BOYD, THOMAS	*	
BROCHU, KEVIN & DEBORAH	*	
CHAFE, RICHARD J. SR., ET. AL.	*	
COOLBRITH, GEORGE C.	*	
COONEY, KEVIN	*	
DIX, DAVID & WANDA	*	
ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE	*	
FLEISCHMAN, MARK H.	*	
FOOTE, JOHN P.	*	
FOX, DIANE P.	*	
GIARD, JOANNE M.	*	
GOUIN, ANDREW A.	*	
GROSSBERNDT, DONALD	*	
HARRIS JOHN W. & ??	*	
HERZIG, NORMAN A. & JENNIFER R.	*	
HICKS, BRADLEY A.	*	
HUGHES, LACY	*	
JANOVSKY, WAIDE A. & HEIDI	*	
KRZEMINSKI, HELEN	*	
LARSON, JAY T., ET. AL.	*	
LOCKHART, JAMES, ET. AL.	*	
MCNARY, JUSTIN & JENNIFER	*	
MNEAU, WAYNE	*	
NORTON, JOSEPH, ET. AL.	*	
PELOSI, ROBERT A	*	
PERRY, KEVIN & APRIL	*	
PHELPS, CARLINE E., ESTATE OF	*	
POWERS, ALICE, ESTATE OF	*	
RANSLOW, ADAM C.	*	
REYNOLDS, BERNARD R.	*	
REYNOLDS, DONALD A.	*	
ROSITO, PAUL V.	*	
SANDELLA, JOHN	*	
SOLSKY, MICHAEL & LINDA	*	
SWIANTEK, STEVEN S.	*	
VANDUYNE, EDWARD A.	*	
VIERA, SANDRA M.	*	
WATERS, RICHARD C.	*	
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT</b>	<b>\$79,999.39</b>	
As in the past town report, the delinquent tax list does not list the amount of delinquency for any individual taxpayer. The reason for the omission is because of a Supreme Court decision along with a legislative decision regarding the disclosure of confidential tax bill information.		

## Town of Whitingham Annual Report Fiscal Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

### TOWN CLERK REPORT

During fiscal year 2019 there was a total of 1285 pages of land records recorded and 86 property transfers filed. During the 2019 calendar year there were 10 marriage certificates, 12 birth certificates, 7 death certificates, and 9 burial permits issued and or filed. Just a reminder, the vital records are not listed in the town report due to potential identity theft issues. The records are public and available for review at the town clerk's office.

There were 363 dog licenses issued in 2019. I would like to remind dog owners that by state law their dog (s) must be licensed annually. Dog licenses run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The fee for licensing a dog is \$13 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$17 for un-altered dogs. If you are a dog breeder or pet dealer, a special license is required. When licensing your dog(s), you must present a current rabies certificate and a certificate of spaying/neutering. **There will be a rabies clinic on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville fire house.** Dr. Miles Powers will be there administering the vaccine shots and we will be there to issue dog licenses.

I would like to thank Marylee Putnam who has served as assistant clerk and assistant treasurer for several years, and also Jessica Betit. Jessica replaced Tammy Wood whose business had grown, and she no longer had time to work in the office. Many thanks to Tammy for the time she worked in the office. The office gets rather busy and I am so very thankful to have or had them in the office.

In September I attended the two-day Vermont Municipal Clerk's and Treasurer's Association annual meeting and conference in Fairlee. There were multiple sessions that each count toward the clerk and treasurer certification. It is my intention to file my paperwork this year for certified municipal clerk as I have met all of the requirements. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the annual meeting and spend time with other Vermont clerks and treasurers.

As always, it has been a pleasure serving as your town clerk. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2020 and look forward to seeing you in the office and hopefully at the voter polls in March, August and November.

Best,

*Almira L. Nelson*



## TRANSFER STATION

The Whitingham Transfer Station became an individual waste-management entity on July 1, 2018. This change allows us more control over some of the costs associated with handling our wastes. You won't notice many changes; they are mostly in the background (reporting and managing). We are providing more waste education and outreach than was ever provided to our residents before. You may have already seen some new pamphlets and flyers around – if you haven't, they are available at <http://www.whitinghamvt.org/TownDepartments/transfer-station>.

An important document that we have created is the **A-Z Disposal and Recycling Options Guide** which is a comprehensive list of waste items and how to properly dispose of them. Copies of the guide are available in the Town Clerk's office, at the Transfer Station or on our website. We will also have copies available at Town Meeting.

Act 148 bans food scraps from the state landfill for all on July 1, 2020. We accept **FOOD SCRAPS ONLY** at the Transfer Station (\$10 per gallon). Small covered buckets are available; however, we strongly encourage back-yard composting. More information about composting can be found on the state Department of Environmental Conservation website (<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/organic-materials>).

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

The Transfer Station now accepts the following during regular business hours:

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

**Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held on May 16 and October 3, 2020.**

More information about household hazardous waste can be found on the state DEC website (<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/HHW>). Choose non-toxic alternatives when possible. Select the least toxic products available and buy only the amount you need to use.

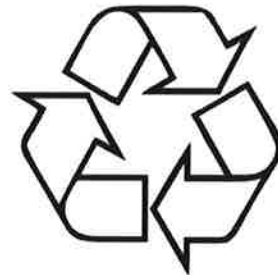
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jen at the Transfer Station at 368-7876 or Gig in the Selectboard Office at 368-7500.

### **Recycling Matters!**

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

242 trees  
5,651 gallons of oil  
772,384 hours of electricity  
72,969 gallons of water

by our Municipal Recycling.



## **WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION**

### **WHITINGHAM COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

As appointed Whitingham Commissioners to the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), Jenepher Burnell and Kristine Sweeter serve on the Planning Coordination Committee. The purpose of this committee is to promote effective coordination among and between member towns, state agencies and WRC during member's Town Plan preparation and review processes. The Town Commissioners make recommendations which would be most beneficial for the Town of Whitingham including but not limited to reviewing the planning process and regional plan updates.

WRC continues to provide helpful information to the Whitingham Economic Development Group of which Jenepher is a member, to the Whitingham Planning Commission and to the Selectboard Office.

The WRC Planning Coordination Committee has been tasked with town plan review and approvals, as the Commission finds it difficult to form peer panels of Commissioners. As a member, Kristine reviewed Newfane, Halifax and Wardsboro Town Plans in 2019. In coordination with WRC staff, the committee reviews town plans to ensure they meet state statutes and are compatible with other town plans and the Regional Plan.

Kristine attended 4 of 6 Planning Coordination Committee meetings in 2019. Jenepher attended 2 Planning Coordination Committee meetings and 3 Full Commission meetings where the budget is voted on and they hear from guest speakers about relevant topics to Windham County towns.

The Commissioners continue to keep the Whitingham Selectboard and Planning Commission informed on matters of interest, such as available grants, resources available from WRC and trainings available for municipal staff. The Commissioners also work with WRC and town officials on projects such as infrastructure in the Town of Whitingham.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jenepher Burnell & Kristine Sweeter*

## ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

In 2019 I issued 34 zoning permits (12 more than last year). Of the 34, one required Zoning Board of Adjustment review; and four were for new dwellings. As usual the majority of the applications were for garages or other storage buildings.

I continued to work closely with the Planning Commission throughout the year updating the Zoning Regulation trying to make it a clear and concise document. We should be finalizing that project in 2020. Look for notices of Public Hearings on the topic.

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 2019 the ZBA held one hearing for insufficient setback, which was approved.

**There may be several open seats on the ZBA after the election.** The ZBA only meets as necessary. If you are interested in a seat on the ZBA please contact Gig at 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitighamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitighamvt.org).

*David Dumaine, Chair  
Craig Aekus, Dana Dix, Marshall Dix, Phil Edelstein,  
Troy Felisko, and Lyman Tefft, Jr.*

# Brattleboro Area Hospice

191 Canal Street  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
(802) 257-0775/ (800) 579-7300  
[www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)

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

The organization is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long-term care facility or some other location. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish and distribute a bi-monthly, bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park. We provide community-based educational programs throughout the Windham County region on issues related to end-of-life, reaching over 400 people last year.

Through our advance care planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, BAH offers trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance care plans. With the goal to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people who have completed the Advance Care planning process, Taking Steps Brattleboro has worked with close to 1000 people on Advance Care Planning since late in 2015.

One hundred percent of our funding is local—we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. We feel privileged to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and are grateful for the community's partnership to mobilize our mission. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 3 Whitingham/Jacksonville residents. Two Whitingham/Jacksonville residents served as volunteers. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at [www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)

Hospice care  
is about more than  
helping people die  
with dignity, it's  
about helping them  
live out life with love.

~ *Serving Life* | OWN Documentary Club

## DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNITY CARES

The Deerfield Valley Community Cares fund was started in 2004 to help people in the 7 towns in our valley to keep warm through the winter. It was designed to help those families who fall thru the cracks because they do not make enough to qualify for State or Federal fuel assistance – but their incomes fall a little short during the winter months. We are not intended to keep people afloat repetitively, but to help our neighbors during times when they run into problems and cannot afford to pay the cost to heat their homes for a short term.

Our money is raised thru fundraising events, from an annual appeal letter, from grants which we apply for each year (and sometimes receive) and from contributions made by members of the Propane Dover fuel buying group. In addition, some local businesses contribute, and we request a yearly appropriation from each of the towns within the Deerfield Valley.

Our payments go directly to the fuel suppliers, and not to individual people or families. During the past fifteen winters, we have spent anywhere between \$58,000.00 in milder winters to \$98,500.00 during colder ones.

From September 2018 thru April 2019 we spent \$76,040 in total to help 87 families in the Deerfield Valley. Of that amount, 25 families were from Whitingham, and the cost of that help totaled approximately \$17,700.00.

We are grateful for the support that you have given us in the past and ask that you continue to help our efforts to keep your neighbors warm during the winter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue Spengler*

Director



## Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 25th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following drug and alcohol awareness programming and activities for parents and youth in our schools and communities:

### Community Activities:

*\*Monthly Community Meetings on Opioids:* Monthly meetings to address community needs around drug prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts in the Deerfield Valley. Work includes education on stigma around substance abuse disorders, misinformation regarding addiction and opioids, and access to resources.

*\*Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.

*\*Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues).

*\*Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds—prescription drug misuse prevention campaign.

*\*Trainings:* Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors and False ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers.

*\*Community Events:* Family Halloween Event, Parents Night Out, Choose sNOw events (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes), Family Fun Event during Blueberry Festival, and open gyms/game nights for families.

*\*Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol minors.

### School Activities:

*\*School Policy Work:* School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy.

*\*Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), middle school prevention group (Above the Influence), and sponsoring middle and high school students' attendance at the Eastern States Youth to Youth Leadership conference held at Bryant University in Rhode Island.

*\*Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.

*\*Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.

*\*Project Graduation:* Substance free event for high school students on TVMHS graduation night.

*\*Smoking Cessation (Not on Tobacco-N.O.T):* In-school program to support students to quit smoking. Facilitated by the Student Assistance Program Counselor.

*\*School Presentations/Speakers:* Presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.

*\*School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted, *Cindy Hayford*, DVCP Coordinator

## DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE

**In October 2019, Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. Celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Deerfield Valley.** Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a combination paid and volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community.

This past year has been more challenging then past years, with the volunteer ranks shrinking, our remaining volunteers have put in many hours of call time and training. Although our amazing volunteers continuously rise to meet the challenges additional help is greatly needed. If you have ever thought of joining now is the time you can make a difference in the lives of others. DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED US....NOW HELP US TO HELP YOU! The core of our agency is made up of approximately 16 active volunteers, and four full time paid staff. Potential members can sign up for our Ride A long Program @ [dvrescue.org](http://dvrescue.org). Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at our new location 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

We moved into 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November of 2017. Over the next several years we will continue to raise the money for this new location. Our Goal is \$625,000.00 to date we have raised \$390,000.00 from your generous support. We sent out proximately 10,000 letters for our annual appeal and subscription drive. We received back 700. If EVERYONE that received this subscribed we would reach this goal. This annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. If you have not sent in your subscription, please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards our new building.

DVR has responded to 752 calls and 82 no transports in 2019. 106 in the Town of Whitingham. Our volunteers spent 16,169 hours on call. WE NEED YOU!! YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT (send in your subscription) YOUR VOCAL SUPPORT (tell everyone you know to send in their subscription) AND YOUR PHYSICAL SUPPORT!!! (come volunteer)

All residents are asked to know their locatable address and to make sure children, family members and renters are aware of this address, so in the event of an emergency the information given would be correct. We also ask that your house numbers are noticeable from the roadway.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the community. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deerfield Valley Rescue*

Board of Directors





*Proudly Sponsored by Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging*

## An Invitation to Serve your Community

Serving Bennington, Windham and Windsor Counties  
160 Benmont Ave., Suite 90 Bennington, VT 05201  
802-772-7875 | [caliberti@svcoa.net](mailto:caliberti@svcoa.net) | [rsvpyt.org](http://rsvpyt.org)

### Whitingham Annual Town Report FY 2019

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP) connects volunteers age 55 and older to opportunities at nonprofit organizations with a positive impact to the towns within Bennington, Windsor, and Windham Counties. We are sponsored by the Southwestern VT Council on Aging (SVCOA).

GMRSVP trains volunteer instructors and provides weights, instruction materials and certification in order to offer the popular Bone Builders program in Jacksonville twice a week, year-round. The class is led by residents Ina Abildgaard and Linda Combs. Two GMRSVP volunteer drivers deliver meals on wheels to area residents on two days each week. GMRSVP staff attend the Senior Meal to assess volunteer needs, offer information about our volunteering opportunities and provide info about obtaining free rides to medical appointments through the Elderly and Disabled and Medicaid Dial-a-Ride programs.

All GMRSVP Volunteers enjoy the benefits of supplemental insurance, direct support from the volunteer coordinator, newsletters, volunteer recognition events, information and social gatherings, supplies and equipment. Nonprofit organizations benefit from GMRSVP recruitment and orientation of volunteers. DMV and Criminal Record Checks are done on all volunteers expected to work one on one with a child or senior which is a significant savings for organizations where volunteers are placed. We are seeking additional grants to support a new training program for older adults in our communities to educate them on financial exploitation.

Your Town's funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps. Your partnership within the Whitingham community can truly make a difference for Windham County with local volunteers helping their neighbors.

Contact Steve Ovenden in our Windham office at (802) 254-7515 for more information.

RSVP is  
Supported in part by The Corporation for National and Community Service  
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging



## **HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES**

### **Narrative Report for FY19 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 illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY19, HCRS provided 124 hours of services to 11 residents of the Town of Whitingham. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Whitingham.

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

## **HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

### **Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham**

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 13 clients, five from Halifax, four from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$124,855.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$210,818.00

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

Andy Rice, Chair  
257-7982

Al Dacey  
257-5879

Don McKinley  
368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Linda Donaghue  
368-2313

## Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meal program has taken place in Jacksonville at the Municipal Center since October of 2016 on a volunteer basis and we hope to continue this service for the next year. We receive funds from surrounding communities, the state Senior Solutions program and contributions from the recipients. We serve the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Wilmington, Readsboro, Halifax, Searsburg, Marlboro and the Dover's. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Jacksonville site on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This site not only offers a meal, it offers a community gathering as well. Not only do the seniors receive a meal, they have an opportunity to, twice a week, come out of their homes and be in community. We have celebrations for each of the holidays, once a month VNA comes and does blood pressure, and diabetic foot checks, as well flu shots and offering wellbeing information. We work with the SASH program, RSVP and Senior Solutions. For the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, the TVMS sends student leaders to help serve the meal as well as offering singalongs. In the spring, the TVMS hosts a meal at the school for the seniors. This is so much more than a "Senior Meal"; it is a positive place for the Seniors to gather, at what they call their "Senior Center". The meals on wheels program offers meals to homebound seniors. This program is essential as our 6 drivers deliver meals to approximately 50 homebound seniors in the valley twice a week, this provides an opportunity for well-being checks for the homebound who otherwise may not see anyone for weeks.

We provide approximately 40 meals on Tuesday and on Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 160 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 7 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, and 6 regular volunteer drivers.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$17,500 from the state and approximately \$8,000 last year from the seniors in a suggested donation of \$4/meal. Local non-profits have provided \$700 to help with the program, a few local residents provided produce from their gardens. We need a minimum of \$30,000 to keep the program running. Thank you for your continued support.

Peace,

*Terrie Dumaine,*  
Senior Meal Coordinator

**Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies (CARE)** is a tool designed to assist responders to potentially provide special assistance in the event of a wide-scale emergency.

Emergencies can take many forms. Ice storms, floods, fires, major traffic accidents and similar events can cause power outages, isolate individuals, or prompt the need for evacuation. For elders, or for people with certain disabilities, such events, if prolonged, can become life-threatening if no one is available to help.

For more information and to register for CARE visit [e911.vermont.gov/care](http://e911.vermont.gov/care).



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

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Whitingham SEVCA has provided the following services during FY2019:

- **Weatherization:** 1 home (7 people) was weatherized at a cost of \$5,542
- **Emergency Heating System Replacement:** 3 homes (8 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$5,759
- **Tax Preparation:** 3 households (3 people) received tax credits and refunds totaling \$4,369 and services valued at a total of \$629
- **VT Health Connect:** 1 household (3 people) received assistance to enroll or make changes in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$372
- **Family Services:** 14 households (35 people) received 58 services valued at \$623 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)
- **Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 10 households (18 people) received 16 assists valued at \$15,316

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

*Stephen Geller*, Executive Director  
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)  
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### **SeVEDS Impact Statement for Town Reports – 2020**

Thank you to the Selectboard and voters from the Town of Whitingham for your ongoing support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). Since 2007, (SeVEDS) has taken on shared economic challenges we face as a region. SeVEDS, founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), takes a proactive, long-term approach to economic development. Improving wages, attracting and keeping people, and fostering a healthy regional jobs base are all critical. But it is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect these things. SeVEDS creates strategies, attracts resources, and helps us act together regionally in order to build a vibrant economy. We use municipal funding in three key ways:

- (1) As **seed funding** to bring more money to the region (in FY19 \$415,924 of federal and state funding);
- (2) For **capacity** to write grants, to create the programs and research and planning; and
- (3) To **fund implementation** of programs & projects.

### **Background & Request**

SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve. In 2019, thirteen communities funded SeVEDS, representing 74% of Windham residents. We leverage municipal investments alongside BDCC investment to secure bring in new dollars from state, federal and foundation sources. Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a regional plan funded by municipal investment. Its goals are simple: **Strengthen Business, Support People.**

This 2019 Southern Vermont CEDS, which is available online, is the region's next step towards becoming an Economic Development District to better coordinate federal support.

SeVEDS leads regional economic development with strategy and insight. SeVEDS helps to fund these initiatives which were have directly result from the CEDS and SeVEDS research:

- The new **Pipelines and Pathways Program** operates in all 4 high schools and since September has conducted 10 field trips, dozens of classes, and worked with 350 students so far. Through visits, speakers, work-based learning and events, we will connect 50+ employers to regional HS students this year. For regular updates on activities involving students at Twin Valley and BUHS please visit the BDCC web site blog.
- The Workforce Center of Excellence, which includes **Southern Vermont Young Professionals**, has since 2018 put on 20 networking events, 10 financial or homebuyer trainings, and engaged 500 young people living here.
- **BDCC Paid Internships** has placed 105 interns since 2014, visited over 20 campuses since 2017, and worked with over 175 employers. 25% of interns are hired on to stay. We place regional college students of all ages, and students returning for summer or for good.
- Building a **regional workforce development system** connecting people with opportunities, and employers with people. In FY'19 we helped 500 job-seekers and career-changers. We worked with 67 employers on everything from funding a new workforce training program, to welcoming students who may become future employees.
- Innovative services, lending and technical assistance for **small businesses and startups** through INSTIG8. In 2019 we worked with employers that provide 25% of the jobs in the Windham Region.
- **Capacity-building for communities** (Southern Vermont Economy Project and Community Facilities Assistance Program) helping towns and non-profits to improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 we provided 89 trainings (like a grant-writing workshop and broadband summits) with over 1,000 participants, plus 32 online webinars to help solve problems or find resources (7,000 views so far).



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**White River Junction VA Medical Center**  
**215 North Main Street**  
**White River Junction, VT 05009**  
**866-687-8387 (Toll Free)**  
**802-295-9363 (Commercial)**

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.  
Associate Medical Center Director

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

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

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

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 492 homecare visits to 26 Whitingham residents. This included approximately \$16,744 in unreimbursed care to Whitingham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 400 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 55 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 9 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 28 home visits to 5 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, and flu shots.

Whitingham's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)*





## The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team - 2019 Annual Report

*The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART) had a busy year once again, continuing to train local volunteers and build a strong regional response team here in Windham County.*

### Training & Planning

In October, team members participated in a statewide exercise hosted by the Vermont Division of Emergency Management, designed to assess the core capabilities within the mission areas of response and recovery following a statewide catastrophic incident. WinDART coordinated with the town of Londonderry, which injected a realistic animal scenario involving several families who refused to evacuate without their pets. The team used the exercise to not only test its activation protocols for volunteers through the VT-Alert system, but also as an opportunity to test its readiness to respond. Volunteers set up a temporary emergency shelter for pets at the Windham County Humane Society and practiced intake and sheltering procedures. The Brattleboro Reformer did a front-page feature article on our efforts, which resulted in more interest from potential volunteers.



We also deployed our new response trailer for the first time, which was partially funded by a \$1,500 grant from the Deerfield Valley Rotary Club. Town budget allocations from Whitingham, Wilmington and Dover made up the difference. Team members helped to inventory and organize equipment at a summer meeting. This new resource will allow WinDART to respond quickly with equipment in hand to set up a small temporary animal shelter anywhere in our service area!

### Public Education & Outreach Activities

WinDART tabled at the Wilmington Flea Market and Brattleboro Farmer's Market again this year. We provided free collars, leashes, pet identification, treats, and pet disaster planning materials to community members, and recruited a few new volunteers as well!



The team debuted our new banner at Dover's Blueberry Parade in August. We marched with the Windham County Humane Society and handed out homemade blueberry dog biscuits and pet emergency decals to the crowd.



In July, we conducted a special session on pet disaster planning for kids in Twin Valley Elementary School's summer WINGS program. The kids learned about creating a disaster kit for their pets at home and got to meet Andi the bearded dragon.



## **The Windham Regional Commission**

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. 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 the coming year. Whitingham is currently represented by Kristine Sweeter and Jenepher Burnell. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

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

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Past year highlights reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We have submitted an application for a VT Public Service Department Broadband Innovation Grant in collaboration with Valley Net and the Center on Rural Innovation to develop a feasibility analysis and business plan to improve access to high-speed broadband to underserved communities for the region as a whole. This work will be done in collaboration with towns. We've established a regional Emergency Management Directors (EMD) Roundtable, and have worked with EMDs and assistance agencies to create a Vulnerable Population Phone Tree to facilitate outreach to those most at risk during a disaster. We continue to help towns apply for grants to support compliance with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit compliance. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website ([www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org)). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 5% of a \$2.32 million budget for FY 2020, a substantial portion of which includes our brownfields revolving loan fund and modern wood heat and renewable energy grant funds. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$3,099. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2020, visit our website 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 had another successful year serving the youth within our communities. Across the 2018-2019 school year Wings served 304 students, grades K-12, at Twin Valley Elementary School and Twin Valley Middle High School combined, offering 165 academic, enrichment, and wellness programs and tutoring opportunities. Sage Myska, site coordinator at TVES, and Shelley Park, site coordinator at TVMHS, actively seek student input, voice, and choice, in developing high-interest level, engaging programs for all students.

This was also a year of transition for Wings as director, Andy Hauty, embarked on a new and exciting journey with his family in France. Maria Stewart and Katie Boyd have stepped into the leadership role as co-directors of Wings. In collaboration with the dedicated Wings staff, Maria and Katie aspire to soar to new heights for after school and summer programming.

Program highlights include:

- TVES Wings program soared with silks, recreated old-time, classic TV game shows, and brought words to life with the popular Readers Theater program. Sage Myska, with the assistance of Alexa Doty, designed an eclectic year of programs designed to expand learning into the after-school hours.
- TVMHS's FRESH program, facilitated by site coordinator, Shelley Park, promotes leadership, student voice, and skill building, while focusing on student interest and needs. Over the year, students assisted Christos Contakos in building the "tiny house" (that will be up for raffle as a Wings fundraiser in the Spring), initiated and led their own Dungeons & Dragons program, and assisted in younger student programming through the new mentorship program.
- Wings kicked off summer 2019 with the Wings Performing Arts Camp (PA) rehearsing for and ultimately performing classic tales with a new... "SPIN." Wings PA camp packed the house, at Memorial Hall, in July for three incredible performances filled with dance, acrobatics, circus arts and laughs. This production written by Wing's own Anansi, Aiden Kennedy, thrilled audiences with tales retold in a very Wings way!
- Celebrate Summer (CS), partnering with the towns of Wilmington and Whitingham, celebrated record numbers of attendance this summer! CS campers experienced farming at Boyd's Farm, designed and created claymation videos, learned to follow a compass home, danced to a story line, tie-dyed socks, and more! The Stepping Stone campers discovered the joy of water tables and reading nooks, but more importantly, left confident that, as they entered the Kindergarten classroom this fall, they would know how much fun school is going to be.
- Wings started two brand new middle school programs during the summer. In partnership with the Wilmington Recreation Department, Joe Carter, middle school summer camp director, ran an adventure-packed camp. From paddle boarding and kayaking to rock climbing and hiking, campers took full advantage of summer's sunshine and nature's beauty! Wings also began the Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program, as a youth leadership opportunity to mentor middle schoolers in the role of camp counselor for Wings Celebrate Summer Camp.

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, building support staff, the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children and youth of Whitingham.

TVES Site Coordinator & Celebrate Summer Director - Sage Myska Celebrate Summer Directors - Missy Jutras & Crystal Benz

TVMHS Site Coordinator & Performing Arts Co-Director - Shelley Park Middle School Summer Camp Director - Joe Carter

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

# **WARNING**

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

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium at 4299 VT Route 100, in said Town on March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

### **Article 1**

To accept the reports of the Town Officers.

### **Article 2**

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021 of **\$608,406.00** of which **\$358,851.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$194,893.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$54,662.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

### **Article 3**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$18,878.00** for the Parks Committee (formerly known as Town Hill Committee) for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$76,046.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 5**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 6**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,369,882.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 of which **\$1,250,726.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$119,156.00** in anticipated revenues?

### **Article 7**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021?

### **Article 8**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 9**

Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund to be used to address the renovation or replacement of the Town Highway Garage in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

### **Article 10**

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

#### **Article 11**

Shall the voters authorize **\$82,596.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

#### **Article 12**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 for continued maintenance?

#### **Article 13**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

#### **Article 14**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2020 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 15**

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 16**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 with **\$19,550.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue?

#### **Article 17**

Shall the Town of Whitingham enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provision of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?

#### **Article 18**

Shall the voters grant an exemption pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840 for a period of five years for the property owned by Unity Lodge 89 Free and Accepted Masons and used exclusively for the purposes of that organization for a five-year period beginning with July 1, 2020 tax year?

#### **Article 19**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$400.00** for Brattleboro Area Hospice for delivery of volunteer hospice care, bereavement care and advance care planning services in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

#### **Article 20**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Cares, an organization that provides fuel assistance for those not on state aid?

#### **Article 21**

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 22**

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 23**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing the community meals, to Dave and Terrie Dumaine, who provide the meals to the senior citizens in the valley?

#### **Article 24**

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 25**

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 26**

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 community meal, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 27**

Shall the voters 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 28**

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 29**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings?

#### **Article 30**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250.00** for the Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team ("WinDART") in order to assist in the care and sheltering of pets in the event of a local emergency?

#### **Article 31**

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 32**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade?

### **Article 33**

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 domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

### **Article 34**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 35**

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

### **Article 36**

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

### **Article 37**

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

The following article will be voted by Australian ballot:

### **Article 38**

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

- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Road Commissioner for a term of three years
- Selectboard member for a term of one year
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Town Agent for a term of one year
- Town Grand Juror for a term of one year
- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of two years
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 29th day of January 2020 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Wayne Wood, Vice Chair

Wayne Wood

Wayne Corse, Member

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Craig Hammer, Member

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Scott Reed, Member

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Attest: Almira Aekus, Town Clerk

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This 30 day of JAN A.D. 2020 at  
10 o'clock 20 minutes A.M. and  
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Attest

Almira Aekus  
Town Clerk

# NOTES

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events  
are scheduled for  
May 16 and October 3  
at the Whitingham Transfer Station,  
look for fliers for more information.**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:30pm  
in the dining hall of the Municipal Center

**TOWN MEETING**

will be held at the  
**TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL,**  
4299 VT ROUTE 100, JACKSONVILLE

on TUESDAY, MARCH 3 at 10am.

THE POLLS WILL ALSO BE AT THE SCHOOL  
10am – 7pm

**DOG LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED BY**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**RABIES CLINIC ON MARCH 7TH**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS LEASHED!**