

# 170<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

For the 12 months ended June 30, 2024



**Leon Corse** was first elected Town Moderator in 1985. 2025 will be his last year in the position. Here he is overseeing paper ballots at Town Meeting 2020. *Thank you for 40 years!!*

Photo courtesy of Deerfield Valley News.

The financial information in this report has been fully vetted by an independent auditing firm. Detailed financial questions will not be addressed at Town Meeting but can be answered before or after.

## Town Meeting

will be held at 10am on

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

at the TVMHS Gymnasium

**4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT**

**Polls open from 10am to 7pm.**

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

# Town of Whitingham

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

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Animal Control Officer	Doug Dix 802/272-952	(802) 380-0534 (cell)
Assessors Office	by appointment	(802) 368-2838
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	(802) 368-7543
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	(802) 368-7887
EMERGENCY-Statewide		<b>911</b>
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-7184 H
Firemen's Association		(802) 368-2900
Fire Warden	Dennis Pike	(802) 380-6192
Health Officer	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500
Highway Department	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-2466
Library	Kristine Sweetter	(802) 368-7506
Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT 05342		
Mailing Address: PO Box 500, Jacksonville, VT 05342		
Open: Monday 10am to 4pm		
Wednesday 2pm to 7pm		
Thursday 10am to 4pm		
Saturday 9am to 2pm		
Planning Commission Chair	Brad Lackey	(802) 249-4392
Selectboard Office	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500
Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Ground Floor, Jacksonville, VT		
Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342		
Sewer Department	Selectboard Office	(802) 368-7500
<b>Town Clerk / Treasurer / Tax Collector</b>		
		(802) 368-7887
Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Main Floor, Jacksonville VT		
Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342		
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am to 2pm		
Wednesday Evening 4pm to 6pm		
also 1st Saturday of month 9am to 12noon or by appointment		
Transfer Station	Larry Davis	(802) 368-7876
Physical Address: 4185 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT		
Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342		
Hours: Tuesday 9-2 and 5-7		
Thursday and Saturday 9-2		
Zoning Administrator	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500

**Vermont State Police 911**  
non-emergency (802) 722-4600  
**Wilmington Police Dept.** 464-8593

## 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 5 & 19  
March 5 & 19  
April 2, 16 & 30  
May 14 & 28  
June 11 & 25  
July 9 & 23  
August 6 & 20  
September 3 & 17  
October 1, 15 & 29  
November 12 & 26\*  
December 7 & 24\*  
January 7 & 21, 2026

**6:30 PM**

*unless otherwise posted*

\*subject to rescheduling

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## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at town clerk's office by February 2, 2025. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 22, 2025.

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

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

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

Registered Voters can log in at: [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov)

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

### **ON MEETING DAY:**

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

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

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

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

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

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

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

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

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

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

**CHECK IN**

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

**ENTER**

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

**MARK YOUR BALLOT**

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

**IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT**

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

**CHECK OUT**

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

**VOTE**

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

**LEAVE**

Leave the voting area.

**VOTER REGISTRATION – ONLINE ELECTION INFORMATION:**

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

Link for online voter registration: [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov)

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

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## Vermont Voter Bill of Rights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, At a meeting of the Selectboard on March 6, 2024 and throughout the year the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed in his or her stead.

	<u><b>TERM EXPIRES</b></u>
<b>SELECTBOARD CHAIR</b>	
Scott M. Reed	2025
<b>SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR</b>	
James Weber	2025
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Daniel Hollister	2025
Douglas Dix	appointed 05/29/24 2025
<b>DEERFIELD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION STUDY COMMITTEE</b>	
Phil Edelstein (appointed 12.11.24)	2026
<b>DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT</b>	
Keith Thompson	Term expires 05/10 2025
Lauren Fitzpatrick	Term expires 05/10 2025
Scott Lewis	Term expires 05/10 2025
<b>E-911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2025
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b> put on "pause" May 5, 2021	
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Vacant	2025
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>	
Gig Zboray	2025
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>	
<b>Chief</b> – Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2025
<b>First Assistant Chief</b> – Michael Stevens	2025
<b>Captains:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dennis Pike, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – David Briggs	2025
<b>Lieutenants:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sheldon Dix; 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Marshall Dix; 3 <sup>rd</sup> - James Weber	2025
<b>Chaplain</b> – James Weber	2025
<b>Training Officer</b> – Blake Janovsky, and Glen Merrill, Jr.	2025
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b> (State appointed)	
Dennis Pike, Sr. (five-year term)	Term expires 6/30 2028
<b>GRAND JUROR</b>	
Susan Cooke Johnson	2025
<b>GREENUP COORDINATORS</b>	
Aysha Peltz	2025
Todd Wahlstrom	2025
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Gig Zboray (reappointed 11/01/22)	Term expires 10/31 2025
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE</b>	
Linda A. Donaghue	resigned 07/26/24 2025
Donald McKinley	resigned 09/12/24 2025
Almira Aekus	appointed 09/18/24
Julie Muller	appointed 10/16/24

<b>ISSUING TICKET OFFICIAL</b>		
Dan Hollister		2025
Douglas Dix	appointed 05/29/24	2025
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>		
Fisher & Fisher Law Offices		2025
<b>LEGAL NEWSPAPER</b>		
Deerfield Valley News		2025
Brattleboro Reformer (alternate)		
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>		
David Farrington		2025
Doug LaPlante		2025
Rick Gramlin		2025
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE</b>		
Seth Boyd		2025
Aysha Peltz		2025
Erin Lackey		2025
Carol Millett		2025
Lyndsay Bushey Hesselback		2025
Elizabeth Weber	resigned 12/31/24	2025
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>		
Bradford Lackey		2026
Peter Barus		2027
Linda Donaghue	resigned 07/26/24	2025
Keith Thompson		2025
Joseph Saladino		2026
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>		
Adam Buursma		2025
<b>WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
Jenepher Burnell		2025
Peter Barus		2025
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>		
Lyman Tefft		2027
Troy Felisko		2026
Marshall Dix		2025
Vacant		2025
Vacant		2026
<b>ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR</b>		
Gig Zboray (three-year term)		2027



**OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM  
FOR THE YEAR 2024**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Leon L. Corse	1	2025
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	3	2025
<b>*TOWN TREASURER:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2025
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>	Scott Reed	2	2025
	James Weber	3	2027
	Craig S. Hammer (Resigned)	2	2026
	Lyman "Skip" Tefft (Appointed until 3/4/25)		
	Gregory Brown (Resigned)	3	2025
	Travis Wheeler	2	2026
<b>*DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2025
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE:</b>	Tanya Bernard	3	2025
	Cindy Holveck (Resigned)	3	2027
	Maryann Johnson (Appointed until 3/4/25)		
	Edith Brigham (Resigned)	3	2025
	Judith Bernard (Appointed until 3/4/25)		
	Shandell Soumar	3	2027
	Wendy Sergeant	3	2026
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Stanley Janovsky	3	2026
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>	Bradford S. Lackey	3	2026
	Madeline Klein	3	2027
	Joseph Saladino	3	2025
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Abigail Corse	2	02/01/2025
	Julie Muller	2	02/01/2025
	Elizabeth W. McKinley	2	02/01/2025
	Terry A. Morse	2	02/01/2025
	Susan Cooke Johnson	2	02/01/2025
	Seth Boyd	2	02/01/2025
	Mary Lemaire	2	02/01/2025
<b>WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:</b>			
	Jared Kingsley	3	2026
	Kristy Corey	3	2025
	Frank "Ed" Dornburgh	3	2027

\*Position will be an appointed position beginning March 5, 2025

# **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

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

### **March 5, 2024**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. e.s.t. at the Twin Valley Middle High School in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 10:00 a.m. Moderator Leon Corse led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Almira Aekus declared the polls open.

The moderator asked for and received permission from the electorate for State Representative Tristan Roberts to address them. Mr. Roberts gave a brief update on his participation in the legislature and asked the electorate if they had any comments or concerns for him to address. The main takeaway was that education taxes would be going up.

Announcements: Old Home Week survey was available at the meeting, DVFiber representative was available for questions in the entryway. Mr. Corse stated that after 39 years as moderator he would not be seeking reelection after his 40<sup>th</sup> year 2025. He explained that he would like to be available to guide his replacement. Mr. Corse thanked Alyah Walker for acting as page for the meeting.

Mr. Corse asked the Board of Civil Authority to introduce themselves and then proceeded to review the rules of procedures: Scott Reed, James Weber, Craig Hammer, Gregory Brown, Elizabeth McKinley, Susan Cooke Johnson, Abigail Corse, Seth Boyd, Mary LeMaire, Terry Morse, Julie Muller, and Almira Aekus.

At 10:20 a.m. the moderator declared the meeting open for business. The Moderator asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none.

#### **Article 1**

Voted to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, of **\$766,326.00** of which **\$397,604.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$267,982.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$100,740.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

#### **Article 2**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$193,425.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

#### **Article 3**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$21,000.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

#### **Article 4**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$60,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

### **Article 5**

Voted to authorize **\$1,628,053.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, of which **\$1,473,589.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$138,408.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$16,056.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 6**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$125,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

### **Article 7**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

### **Article 8**

Voted to authorize **\$94,180.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, with **\$80,155.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$14,025.00** in anticipated grants.

### **Article 9**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, for continued maintenance.

### **Article 10**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$22,950.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, with **\$19,916.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,200.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$1,834.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 11**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support economic development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

### **Article 12**

Voted to raise, and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities 2026.

### **Article 13**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the continuing support of ambulance operations by Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

### **Article 14**

Voted to 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 15**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, an organization that provides programming and activities for youth and families that promote healthy behaviors and prevent youth drug and alcohol use.

### **Article 16**

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

#### **Article 17**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$305.00** for Green Mountain RSVP for support of senior volunteer program with training and support for the volunteers who teach Bone Builder classes and who deliver meals in Whitingham in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 18**

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

#### **Article 19**

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

#### **Article 20**

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

#### **Article 21**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) to assist Whitingham in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance, weatherization, tax preparation, financial coaching, Head Start services, thrift stores, and micro business development, to families and individuals in need in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 22**

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

#### **Article 23**

Voted to raise 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 24**

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

#### **Article 25**

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

#### **Article 26**

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

### **Article 27**

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

### **Article 28**

Voted to authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2024, 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 29**

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 30**

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

A motion was made by Sherry Adams, seconded by Mary Lemaire, that the service article have a representative from the group available to speak to that request and if a representative was not available, they have someone from town represent the article. After discussion of pros and cons of the motion Sherry Adams and Mary Lemaire withdrew the motion.

James Weber stated the selectboard was interested in a non-binding vote from the electorate as to what direction they would like the selectboard to take regarding policing. They would like to know if the voters would like policing to stay as is, increase, or decrease the hours. Travis Wheeler stated he felt the town had adequate coverage. David Farrington stated in the past the town would have a state police officer that lived in the area and encouraged putting pressure on the state to get more coverage. Mr. Weber said that there would be a substantial increase in cost if the town were to get more coverage. Elaine Foster questioned what the \$14,000 per year covered. Mr. Weber said the Wilmington police patrol and go to emergencies if they are available and assist the state police as they are 56 minutes away from the Town of Whitingham. Abigail Crosby spoke in favor of leaving coverage as is. Lyman Tefft questioned if the town could specify when they would like coverage and was told no. William Sellman spoke of an accident that occurred on a corner above his house on 8A and the dangerous situation for people that waited 45 minutes for police to respond to the call. He questioned the use of a constable as was done many years ago. Gregory Brown stated the constable provided minimal duties such as dog issues and was at times unreliable due to lack of training which could have put the town in jeopardy. Lise Barus questioned where the crime rate statistic for Whitingham were. Abigail Corse stated there has been a rise in incidents at the school where police presence is needed. Christopher Walling spoke regarding increase in break-ins, mental health issues, and drugs. He stated he used to leave his home unlocked, but not anymore. Elaine Foster stated she does not have children in school but works with children. She said that with the increased mental health level in schools and/or community, a resource officer in the school separate from the police would be helpful. She said she would like more coverage in the community but would need more information as she does not know what the crime rate is. Kristine Sweeter spoke about last year being a rough year with an active shooter and two murders in town. She felt the town should support increased police presence. Allan Twitchell spoke regarding the court system not working. He said a person can be arrested in the morning, released, and then be arrested again all in the same day.

Mr. Weber asked the electorate if they were happy with the number of newsletters being sent out now or if they would like more. After a few comments, it was a consensus that more information would be better.

**Article 31**

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

Moderator, 1 year	Leon L. Corse
Treasurer, 1 year	Almira L. Aekus
Selectboard, 2 years (2 members)	Craig Hammer and Travis Wheeler
Selectboard, 3 years	James Weber
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year	Almira L. Aekus
Library Trustee, 3 years (2 members)	Cindy Holveck and Shandell Soumar
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Madeline Klein
School Director, 2 years (TVUUSD)	Jared Kingsley
School Director, 3 years (TVUUSD)	Frank "Ed" Dornburgh

The floor meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, This 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

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

**NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 1015**  
**NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 273**  
**HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR – 68**

# ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES

## TOWN OF WHITINGHAM SPECIAL TOWN MEETING April 24, 2024

The Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitingham Municipal Center in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 6:30 p.m. Leon Corse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Corse asked the Board of Civil Authority to introduce themselves and proceeded to review the rules of procedures: Scott Reed, James Weber, Craig Hammer, Gregory Brown, Travis Wheeler, Elizabeth McKinley, Susan Cooke Johnson, Seth Boyd, Mary LeMaire, Julie Muller, and Almira Aekus.

At 6:35 p.m. the moderator declared the meeting open for business. The Moderator asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none.

### Article 1

**Voted pursuant to the petition filed in accordance with Title 24, Section 1973, to disapprove the ordinance entitled "Town of Whitingham Dog Ordinance" enacted and passed by the Whitingham Selectboard on January 24, 2024, which will cause the Animal Control Ordinance before that date to go back into effect.**

### Article 2

**Voted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. section 1530, to authorize the Selectboard to pay the Collector of Delinquent Taxes a salary in lieu of penalties to become effective March 5, 2025.**

### Article 3

**Voted pursuant to 32 V.S.A. section 1224, that the voters authorize the Selectboard to pay the Town Clerk a salary in lieu of salary and fees to become effective March 5, 2025**

The floor meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, This 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

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

**NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 1017  
NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – N/A  
HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR ESTIMATE – 63**

**ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**December 18, 2024**

The Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitingham Municipal Center in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 6:30 p.m. Leon Corse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 6:35 p.m. the moderator declared the meeting open for business. The Moderator asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none.

**ARTICLE 1.**

Voted to authorize the Selectboard to appoint the municipal treasurer at the end of the current term. This authorization would remain in effect until rescinded by the majority vote of the registered voters present and voting at an annual or special town meeting, duly warned for that purpose.

**ARTICLE 2.**

Voted to authorize the Selectboard to appoint the delinquent tax collector at the end of the existing term. This authorization would remain in effect until rescinded by the majority vote of the registered voters present and voting at an annual or special town meeting, duly warned for that purpose.

**ARTICLE 3.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, This 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024

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

**NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 1058**  
**NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – N/A**  
**HIGHEST NUMBER VOTING FROM THE FLOOR - 18**



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	A	B	C	D	E
1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
3					
4	<b>TAX APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES</b>				
5	Fire Dept Appropriation	\$ 126,826.00	\$ 126,826.00	\$ 193,425.00	\$ 161,986.00
6	Current Tax (see note 1a)	\$ 323,476.00	\$ 244,543.11	\$ 397,604.00	\$ 425,246.00
7	Parks	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
8	Voted Articles (see note 1b)	\$ 92,424.00	\$ 91,221.00	\$ 52,924.00	\$ 52,924.00
9	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 557,726.00</b>	<b>\$ 477,590.11</b>	<b>\$ 664,953.00</b>	<b>\$ 661,156.00</b>
10	Note 1a: Current Tax for FY25 is lower than prior Town Report due to corrections made to Town Clerk budget at Town Meeting 2024				
11	Note 1b: Voted Articles amount is lower than prior Town Report because \$1203 appropriation for HCRS was not approved by voters				
12					
13	<b>GENERAL FUND - Article 1</b>				
14	<b>REVENUES</b>				
15	Copier Fees Collected	\$ 150.00	\$ 28.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00
16	Current Use Tax VT Reimbursement	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 62,205.00	\$ 58,175.00	\$ 62,200.00
17	Dog Licenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 2,000.00
18	Late Homestead Penalty	\$ 50.00	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ -
19	.5% for Education Tax Collected	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 9,340.75	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 9,341.00
20	FRCF Grant - Culvert Replacement (Muni Cntr)	\$ -	\$ 21,561.38	\$ -	\$ -
21	Bank Interest	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 19,553.70	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
22	Liquor Licenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
23	Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,797.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
24	Municipal Center Use	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,300.00
25	SWIP Grant (Transfer Station)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
26	Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 4,000.00
27	Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 66,345.64	\$ -	\$ -
28	Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,915.21	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
29	Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,875.52	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
30	State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.36	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.00
31	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,680.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,000.00
32	Municipal Fines	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 4,566.50	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,000.00
33	Transfer Station-Insurance Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 10,239.93	\$ -	\$ -
34	E-Waste Revenue	\$ 600.00	\$ 248.92	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00

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1		<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
2		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
35	Transfer Station Stickers & Fees	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 76,069.50	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
36	Transfer Station Steel	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
37	Zoning	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,554.57	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
38	<b>General Fund Revenues TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 260,332.00</b>	<b>\$ 360,889.74</b>	<b>\$ 267,982.00</b>	<b>\$ 257,371.00</b>
39					
40	<b>EXPENSES - Article 1 Continued</b>				
41					
42	<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>				
43	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 928.00	\$ 900.94	\$ 952.00	\$ 1,040.00
44	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308.00	\$ 60.00
45	Retirement	\$ 49.00	\$ 98.89	\$ 54.00	\$ 80.00
46	Emergency Management Director	\$ 534.00	\$ 1,047.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 572.00
47	Fire Warden Salary	\$ 213.00	\$ 418.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 520.00
48	Moderator Stipend	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00
49	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,346.00
50	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,346.00
51	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,346.00
52	Selectboard Member	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 1,202.88	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 2,346.00
53	Selectboard Chair	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,617.00
54	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,105.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,863.71</b>	<b>\$ 13,753.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,773.00</b>
55					
56	<b>INSURANCE</b>				
57	Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 36,281.92	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 38,100.00
58	Workers' Compensation	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,694.22	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
59	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 59,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,976.14</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,100.00</b>
60					
61	<b>TAXES (Payroll,County)</b>				
62	County Tax (Note 1)	\$ 23,500.00	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
63	VT Department of Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 653.08	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
64	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 653.08</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
65	Note 1: FY24 County Taxes to be billed and paid in FY25				
66					
67					

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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
68					
69	<b>SELECTBOARD OFFICE</b>				
70	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
71	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,721.00	\$ 4,512.65	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 5,569.00
72	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308.00	\$ 320.00
73	Health Insurance	\$ 24,761.00	\$ 16,523.25	\$ 25,382.00	\$ 15,777.00
74	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 129.00	\$ 103.20	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00
75	Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 214.25	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
76	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 4,165.73	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 5,278.00
77	Selectboard Administrator Salary	\$ 61,715.00	\$ 61,715.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 72,800.00
78	Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,004.37	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
79	Telephone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,331.89	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
80	Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 173.92	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
81	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 101,792.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,744.26</b>	<b>\$ 111,348.00</b>	<b>\$ 104,547.00</b>
82					
83	<b>TOWN REPORT</b>				
84	Supplies & Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 273.61	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
85	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 273.61</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
86					
87	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
88	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 68.00	\$ 65.49	\$ 71.00	\$ 73.00
89	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
90	Mileage	\$ 150.00	\$ 13.62	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
91	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.33	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
92	Health Officer Salary	\$ 895.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 922.00	\$ 959.00
93	Supplies and Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 14.73	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
94	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,273.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,049.17</b>	<b>\$ 1,312.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,356.00</b>
95					
96	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
97	Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ 765.53	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 850.00
98	Election & Programming	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
99	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,660.00	\$ 4,369.79	\$ 4,684.00	\$ 3,638.00
100	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278.00	\$ 209.00

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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
101	Health Insurance	\$ 24,761.00	\$ 20,267.01	\$ 25,382.00	\$ 38,422.00
102	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 129.00	\$ 103.20	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00
103	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 2,697.00	\$ 2,729.33	\$ 2,785.00	\$ 2,538.00
104	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 20,963.00	\$ 19,162.36	\$ 21,592.00	\$ 15,200.00
105	Town Clerk Wages	\$ 22,948.00	\$ 22,948.00	\$ 23,636.00	\$ 35,000.00
106	Supplies & Postage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,201.47	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
107	Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk (ends 3.5.25)	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,680.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -
108	Telephone	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,937.74	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
109	Training	\$ 800.00	\$ 624.01	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
110	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 102,508.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,048.44</b>	<b>\$ 104,660.00</b>	<b>\$ 104,160.00</b>
111					
112	<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>				
113	Assistant Treasurer Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
114	Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 14,756.00	\$ 12,932.80	\$ 15,199.00	\$ 15,261.00
115	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 2,240.81	\$ 2,574.00	\$ 4,304.00
116	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148.00	\$ 248.00
117	Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,592.00
118	Life Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103.00
119	Mileage	\$ 450.00	\$ 662.13	\$ 550.00	\$ 750.00
120	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,209.00	\$ 1,208.74	\$ 1,291.00	\$ 2,828.00
121	Supplies & Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,290.54	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
122	Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.51	\$ 600.00	\$ 650.00
123	Training/Seminars	\$ 500.00	\$ 414.78	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
124	Treasurer/Current Tax Collector Wages	\$ 17,906.00	\$ 17,906.00	\$ 18,443.00	\$ 39,000.00
125	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 40,820.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,290.31</b>	<b>\$ 42,305.00</b>	<b>\$ 104,036.00</b>
126					
127	<b>ASSESSORS OFFICE</b>				
128	Outside Appraisal Service	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,782.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
129	Assessor's Clerk Wages	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,072.52	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,800.00
130	Assessor's Assistant Clerk Wages	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,500.00
131	Computer Licenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 420.08	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
132	Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
133	Computer Support	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,031.68	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00

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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
134	Computer Training	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
135	Reimburse Employee Internet (ends 6.30.25)	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -
136	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 918.00	\$ 696.82	\$ 574.00	\$ 788.00
137	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.00	\$ 45.00
138	Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
139	Retirement - Town Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181.00
140	Supplies & Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ 732.20	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
141	Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.51	\$ 560.00	\$ 650.00
142	Town Map Updates	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,710.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
143	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,778.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,640.31</b>	<b>\$ 27,427.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,264.00</b>
144					
145	<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
146	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 1,648.49	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 689.00
147	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 40.00
148	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 1,511.51	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 653.00
149	Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
150	Supplies & Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ 399.84	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
151	Reimburse Tax Penalties (ends 3.5.25)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,875.52	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
152	Tax Sale	\$ -	\$ 127.50	\$ -	\$ -
153	Training/Meeting/Seminar	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
154	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,301.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,562.86</b>	<b>\$ 29,211.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,382.00</b>
155					
156	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
157	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 107.00	\$ 102.89	\$ 122.00	\$ 130.00
158	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
159	Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 642.52	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
160	Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 800.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
161	Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.53	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
162	Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
163	Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,700.00
164	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,327.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,585.94</b>	<b>\$ 3,549.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,657.00</b>
165					
166					

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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
167	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
168	Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
169	Generator Contract	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 3,011.88	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
170	Computer Hardware	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
171	Computer Software	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
172	Computer Contract	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,354.34	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
173	Copier Costs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,198.23	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
174	Culvert Project/Grant FRCF	\$ -	\$ 22,569.38	\$ -	\$ -
175	DIBG Downstream Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 4,441.25	\$ -	\$ -
176	Dog Tags	\$ 200.00	\$ 122.76	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
177	Dues; VLCT	\$ 2,869.00	\$ 2,869.00	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 3,023.00
178	Emergency Management	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 250.00
179	State Dam Fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
180	Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,312.52	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
181	Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 100.00	\$ 93.42	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
182	Green Up Vermont State	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
183	Internet (Municipal Center)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,996.16	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,200.00
184	IT Service/Cyber Security	\$ 7,415.00	\$ 7,514.37	\$ 7,415.00	\$ 7,600.00
185	Legal Notices	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 369.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
186	Legal Services - Town Council	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,439.89	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
187	Mileage - Selectboard	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
188	Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,446.90	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
189	Reimburse HWY for Municipal Employee	\$ 6,494.00	\$ 6,494.00	\$ 6,689.00	\$ 6,957.00
190	Town Newsletter	\$ 400.00	\$ 421.01	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00
191	OSHA Training	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ -
192	Repairs to Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
193	Street Lights	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,011.76	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
194	Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ 0.37	\$ -	\$ -
195	Town Web Page	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,426.31	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
196	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 80,828.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,578.30</b>	<b>\$ 83,637.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,655.00</b>
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2		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
200	<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>				
201	Bottled Gas	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 396.06	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
202	Electricity	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 5,487.87	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
203	Equipment Replacement	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 7,831.97	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
204	Heating Oil	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,324.77	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
205	Cleaning	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,109.45	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
206	Repairs To Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,730.98	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
207	Repairs and Improvements (Note 1)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,130.34	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
208	Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 742.71	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
209	Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 5,067.52	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
210	Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.51	\$ 560.00	\$ 650.00
211	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,456.18</b>	<b>\$ 63,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,750.00</b>
212	Note 1: potential improvements for new Clerk and Treasurer positions and/or in preparation for Old Home Week				
213					
214	<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
215	Electricity	\$ 250.00	\$ 483.74	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
216	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 402.48	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
217	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 886.22</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>
218					

The Selectboard will hold an  
**Informational Meeting**  
**for the purpose of addressing questions related to this**  
**Annual Report**  
 at their regular meeting on  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm**  
 in the Selectboard Office of the  
 Whitingham Municipal Center,  
 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT

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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
219	<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
220	Duplicating	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
221	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 484.00	\$ 348.96	\$ 376.00	\$ 391.00
222	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00
223	Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
224	Mileage	\$ 400.00	\$ 426.19	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
225	Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ 21.70	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
226	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.14	\$ 344.00	\$ 371.00
227	Seminar - Planning Commissioners	\$ 500.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
228	Planning Commission Clerk Wages	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 300.00
229	Supplies - Zoning Administrator	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
230	Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 4,773.00	\$ 4,773.00	\$ 4,917.00	\$ 5,114.00
231	Windham Regional Membership	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,432.89	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,745.00
232	Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
233	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,889.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,469.88</b>	<b>\$ 11,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,644.00</b>
234					
235	<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>				
236	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 27.00	\$ 38.35	\$ 29.00	\$ 42.00
237	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
238	Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 476.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00
239	Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
240	Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
241	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.43	\$ 26.00	\$ 40.00
242	Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 42.58	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
243	Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 375.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 550.00
244	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 820.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,217.36</b>	<b>\$ 827.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,279.00</b>
245					
246	<b>CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
247	Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
248	Patrol Coverage	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 8,064.57	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
249	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,064.57</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>
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2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
252	<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
253	Waste (Trash) Disposal	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 22,399.55	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
254	Comingled Hauling (now zero-sort)	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 14,100.00	\$ -
255	Comingled Recycle (now zero-sort)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,291.44	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
256	Compactor (Trash) Hauling	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 7,940.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,250.00
257	Electronics Recycling	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
258	Electricity	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 879.35	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
259	Equipment Purchase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
260	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 2,108.00	\$ 1,366.17	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 1,669.00
261	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 96.00
262	Freon Items	\$ 600.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
263	Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,749.74	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
264	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103.00	
265	C&D (Mattresses)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
266	Metals Hauling	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
267	Metals Container Rental	\$ 900.00	\$ 894.24	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
268	Metals Expenses	\$ -	\$ (1,640.96)	\$ -	\$ -
269	Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ 214.84	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
270	Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 918.69	\$ 400.00	\$ 700.00
271	Organics	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00
272	Paper Recycling Expense (now zero-sort)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,308.60	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
273	Paper Hauling (now zero-sort)	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 6,120.00	\$ -
274	Pest Control	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,165.48	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
275	Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
276	Paper/Recycling Compactor Rental	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,726.00
277	Repairs (Note 1)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,327.55	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
278	Retirement - Town Share	\$ -	\$ 80.01	\$ -	\$ 45.00
279	Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,830.51	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,100.00
280	Attendant Wages	\$ 22,360.00	\$ 16,393.32	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,720.00
281	Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 791.11	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
282	Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.51	\$ 600.00	\$ 650.00
283	Tire Removal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,216.70	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
284	Portable Toilet Rental	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,360.00

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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
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285	Trash Removal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,546.10	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
286	Trash Hauling	\$ 13,056.00	\$ 12,080.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00
287	Uniforms	\$ 750.00	\$ 591.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
288	Zero-Sort Recycling	\$	\$	\$	\$ 10,000.00
289	Zero-Sort Hauling	\$	\$	\$	\$ 19,100.00
290	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 163,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 123,898.95</b>	<b>\$ 164,717.00</b>	<b>\$ 173,191.00</b>
291	Note 1: The trash compactor needs significant repairs and added safety gate				
292					
293	<b>BUDGET SUMMARY for Article 1</b>				
294					
295	<b>Revenues:</b>				
296	Tax Collections	\$ 323,476.00	\$ 244,543.11	\$ 399,887.00	\$ 425,246.00
297	General Fund Revenues	\$ 260,332.00	\$ 360,889.74	\$ 267,982.00	\$ 257,371.00
298	Fund Balance	\$ 156,963.00	\$ 32,826.44	\$ 100,740.00	\$ 138,827.00
299	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 740,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 638,259.29</b>	<b>\$ 768,609.00</b>	<b>\$ 821,444.00</b>
300					
301	<b>Department Budgets</b>				
302	Other Employee Wages	\$ 13,105.00	\$ 12,863.71	\$ 13,753.00	\$ 14,773.00
303	Insurance	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 62,976.14	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 66,100.00
304	Taxes (Payroll/County)	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 653.08	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
305	Selectboard Office	\$ 101,792.00	\$ 89,744.26	\$ 111,348.00	\$ 104,547.00
306	Town Report	\$ 400.00	\$ 273.61	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
307	Board of Health	\$ 1,273.00	\$ 1,049.17	\$ 1,312.00	\$ 1,356.00
308	Town Clerk's Office	\$ 102,508.00	\$ 95,048.44	\$ 104,660.00	\$ 104,160.00
309	Financial Operations	\$ 40,820.00	\$ 38,290.31	\$ 42,305.00	\$ 104,036.00
310	Assessor's Office	\$ 37,778.00	\$ 18,640.31	\$ 27,427.00	\$ 30,264.00
311	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 29,301.00	\$ 26,562.86	\$ 29,211.00	\$ 11,382.00
312	Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,327.00	\$ 2,585.94	\$ 3,549.00	\$ 3,657.00
313	General Expenses	\$ 80,828.00	\$ 100,578.30	\$ 83,637.00	\$ 87,655.00
314	Municipal Center	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 45,456.18	\$ 63,960.00	\$ 58,750.00
315	Historical Society	\$ 750.00	\$ 886.22	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,100.00
316	Planning Commission	\$ 11,889.00	\$ 9,469.88	\$ 11,370.00	\$ 11,644.00

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317	Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$ 820.00	\$ 1,217.36	\$ 827.00	\$ 1,279.00
318	Contract Law Enforcement	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 8,064.57	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 14,150.00
319	Transfer Station	\$ 163,530.00	\$ 123,898.95	\$ 164,717.00	\$ 173,191.00
320	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 740,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 638,259.29</b>	<b>\$ 766,326.00</b>	<b>\$ 821,444.00</b>
321					
322					
323	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT - Article 2</b>				
324	Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
325	Dues & Course Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,488.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
326	Dispatch Services	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 26,211.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
327	Electricity	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,981.85	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
328	Equipment Purchase	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,814.95	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
329	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,062.00	\$ 3,200.41	\$ 3,267.00	\$ 3,246.00
330	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136.00	\$ 187.00
331	Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 317.29	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
332	Heating Oil	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,604.26	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
333	Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,802.48	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,786.00
334	On-Site Mechanic	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.32	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,300.00
335	Generator Propane	\$ 600.00	\$ 3.80	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
336	Repairs to Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,541.01	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
337	Facility Repair	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 938.34	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
338	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,130.67	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
339	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 740.00	\$ 825.75	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00
340	Captain 1 Salary	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,098.00	\$ 1,142.00
341	Captain 2 Salary	\$ 985.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,057.00
342	Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 1,557.00
343	Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 2,396.00	\$ 2,492.00
344	Lieutenant Salary	\$ 847.00	\$ 847.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 907.00
345	Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 847.00	\$ 847.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 907.00
346	Lieutenant 3 Salary	\$ -	\$ 423.50	\$ 832.00	\$ 865.00
347	Firefighter Nominal Fee	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
348	Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,713.01	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

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349	Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,702.68	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
350	Telephone	\$ 900.00	\$ 910.74	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
351	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 126,826.00</b>	<b>\$ 115,134.06</b>	<b>\$ 193,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 161,986.00</b>
352					
353	<b>PARKS COMMITTEE - Article 3</b>				
354	Improvements	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 4,311.45	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 12,450.00
355	Mowing	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00
356	Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00
357	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,411.45</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
358					
359	<b>APPROPRIATIONS - Articles 14-28</b>				
360	Ambulance Operations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
361	DV Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
362	DV Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
363	DV Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
364	Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
365	Health Care & Rehab Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00
366	Moover/Southeast Vermont Transit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
367	Parks Committee-Pavilion	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
368	SE VT Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
369	SE VT Economic Dev (SeVEDs/BDCC)	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00
370	Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
371	Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
372	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
373	WINGS (Summer)	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
374	WINGS (After school programs)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
375	Windham Disaster Animal Recovery	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
376	Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
377	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 91,221.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,721.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,924.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,924.00</b>
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381					
382	<b>LIBRARY - Article 8</b>				
383	<b>REVENUES</b>				
384	Fundraising/Donations	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 5,335.83	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00
385	Appropriated from prior year		\$ 2,103.00		
386	Grants - Fiber Grant (internet)		\$ 3,168.68		\$ 3,000.00
387	VT DOL Grants	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
388	Halifax Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
389	Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,011.78	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
390	Transfer From General Fund	\$ 76,266.00	\$ 76,266.00	\$ 80,155.00	\$ 85,265.00
391	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 90,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,185.29</b>	<b>\$ 94,180.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,290.00</b>
392					
393	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
394	Advertising	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
395	Association Dues	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
396	Audio/Video	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 907.45	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
397	Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00
398	Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,815.77	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
399	Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ 105.99	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
400	Contract Services	\$ 975.00	\$ 980.10	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
401	Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,648.46	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
402	Equipment Service	\$ 450.00	\$ 625.86	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
403	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,702.00	\$ 4,489.15	\$ 4,780.00	\$ 5,230.00
404	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
405	Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
406	Mileage/Professional Training	\$ 400.00	\$ 286.45	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
407	Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ 58.12	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
408	Periodicals	\$ 450.00	\$ 481.86	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
409	Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,176.42	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
410	Program Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,007.37	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
411	Programs/Activities	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 5,726.34	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
412	Librarian Retirement	\$ 2,271.00	\$ 2,146.44	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,670.00

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413	Assistants Wages	\$ 27,810.00	\$ 28,710.50	\$ 28,700.00	\$ 31,600.00
414	Librarian Wages	\$ 33,651.00	\$ 31,558.03	\$ 33,735.00	\$ 36,775.00
415	Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 706.70	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
416	Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,688.94	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,780.00
417	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 300.00	\$ 295.34	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
418	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 92,294.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,185.29</b>	<b>\$ 94,180.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,290.00</b>
419					
420	<b>CEMETERY - Article 11</b>				
421	<b>REVENUE</b>				
422	Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00
423	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,568.00
424	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
425	Transfer From General Fund	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 19,916.00	\$ 18,682.00
426	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,116.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,350.00</b>
427					
428	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
429	Commissioner Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
430	Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 307.95	\$ -	\$ -
431	Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
432	Mowing	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,800.00
433	Operations & Maintenance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 6,000.00
434	Gravestone Repair	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
435	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,797.95</b>	<b>\$ 22,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,350.00</b>
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1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
437	<b>HIGHWAY - Article 5</b>				
438					
439	Current Tax	\$ 1,162,380.00	\$ 1,162,380.00	\$ 1,473,589.00	\$ 1,470,503.00
440	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 267,038.00		\$ 16,056.00	\$ 72,434.00
441	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 547.00	\$ -	\$ -
442	Town Share Municipal Employee	\$ 6,494.00	\$ 6,494.00	\$ 6,689.00	\$ 6,957.00
443	State Aid	\$ 127,917.00	\$ 131,719.03	\$ 131,719.00	\$ 131,719.00
444	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,563,829.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,301,140.03</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,613.00</b>
445					
446	<b>LABOR</b>				
447	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 37,323.00	\$ 35,238.95	\$ 38,405.00	\$ 39,926.00
448	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 2,296.00
449	Overtime	\$ 74,412.00	\$ 71,864.21	\$ 76,644.00	\$ 79,710.00
450	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 31,712.00	\$ 32,053.59	\$ 35,141.00	\$ 37,839.00
451	Road Commission - Aug. 1998	\$ 79,482.00	\$ 79,482.00	\$ 81,867.00	\$ 85,142.00
452	Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 66,203.00	\$ 65,294.64	\$ 68,189.00	\$ 70,917.00
453	Equipment Operator - Sept. 2018	\$ 59,752.00	\$ 59,507.84	\$ 61,545.00	\$ 64,007.00
454	Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 65,693.00	\$ 65,433.76	\$ 67,664.00	\$ 70,371.00
455	Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 67,401.00	\$ 67,153.56	\$ 69,423.00	\$ 72,200.00
456	Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 64,940.00	\$ 64,936.48	\$ 66,888.00	\$ 69,564.00
457	Vacation Buy Back	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,194.38	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
458	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 556,918.00</b>	<b>\$ 542,159.41</b>	<b>\$ 577,932.00</b>	<b>\$ 601,972.00</b>
459					
460	<b>INSURANCE</b>				
461	Health Insurance	\$ 121,927.00	\$ 102,451.20	\$ 126,197.00	\$ 155,727.00
462	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.20	\$ 630.00	\$ 620.00
463	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 744.00	\$ 577.90	\$ 744.00	\$ 744.00
464	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 123,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,648.30</b>	<b>\$ 127,571.00</b>	<b>\$ 157,091.00</b>
465					
466	<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
467	Chains	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,759.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
468	Chloride	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
469	Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
470	Crack Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,336.57	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
471	Culverts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,841.88	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
472	Cutting Edges	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,498.96	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
473	Diesel Fuel	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 52,087.50	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

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	A	B	C	D	E
1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
474	Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,096.27	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
475	Equipment Hired	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,618.65	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
476	Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,391.49	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
477	Gasoline	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,663.74	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
478	Gravel	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 90,039.68	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
479	Guardrails	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
480	Heating Oil	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,572.48	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
481	Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
482	CDL, Drug Testing, Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,384.32	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
483	Paging Service	\$ -	\$ 96.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
484	Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 390,423.53	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
485	Postage	\$ 130.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
486	Facility Repairs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,058.93	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
487	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 83,897.74	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
488	Salt	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 44,113.45	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
489	Winter Sand	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 56,228.67	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
490	Stone	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 19,550.44	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
491	Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,227.76	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
492	Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
493	Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,351.34	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
494	Telephone	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,398.62	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
495	Tires	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,985.16	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
496	Uniforms	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,175.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
497	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 883,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 849,935.78</b>	<b>\$ 922,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 922,550.00</b>
498					
499	<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>				
500	Labor	\$ 556,918.00	\$ 542,159.41	\$ 577,932.00	\$ 601,972.00
501	Insurance	\$ 123,471.00	\$ 103,648.30	\$ 127,571.00	\$ 157,091.00
502	Expenses	\$ 883,440.00	\$ 849,935.78	\$ 922,550.00	\$ 922,550.00
503	<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,563,829.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,495,743.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,613.00</b>
504					
505	<b>Total Highway Revenues</b>				
506	Current Taxes	\$ 1,162,380.00	\$ 1,162,380.00	\$ 1,473,589.00	\$ 1,470,503.00
507	Anticipated Revenues	\$ 134,411.00	\$ 138,760.00	\$ 138,408.00	\$ 138,676.00
508	Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 267,038.00	\$ 194,603.00	\$ 16,056.00	\$ 72,434.00
509		<b>\$ 1,563,829.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,495,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,681,613.00</b>



	A	B	C	D	E
1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
510	<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>				
511					
512	<b>REVENUES</b>				
513	Current User Fees	\$ 331,539.00	\$ 315,726.56	\$ 377,294.00	\$ 374,854.00
514	Delinquent Sewer Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
515	Grant - Pollution Control	\$ -	\$ 897,831.61	\$ -	\$ -
516	Grant - Bernie CDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
517	Grant Monies	\$ -	\$ 825,906.61	\$ -	\$ -
518	Sewer Hookup Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
519	Interest on Fees	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,985.18	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
520	Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 586,837.92	\$ -	\$ -
521	Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 132.92	\$ -	\$ -
522	Penalties	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,338.48	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
523	Sludge Revenue	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
524	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 341,039.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,634,939.28</b>	<b>\$ 384,394.00</b>	<b>\$ 381,854.00</b>
525					
526	<b>LABOR</b>				
527	Bookkeeping Services (Note 1)	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 4,000.00
528	FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 6,107.00	\$ 2,055.20	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 639.00
529	VT Childcare Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69.00	\$ 37.00
530	Reimburse User Penalties (Note 2)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,338.48	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
531	Retirement - Town Share	\$ 4,928.00	\$ 250.20	\$ -	\$ -
532	Assistant (weekend testing)	\$ 32,448.00	\$ 10,607.60	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,355.00
533	Plant Operator Salary	\$ 40,560.00	\$ 9,146.56	\$ -	\$ -
534	Treasurer Salary (Note 3)	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 3,424.00	\$ -
535	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 91,299.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,154.04</b>	<b>\$ 17,167.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,031.00</b>
536	Note 1: stipend to town for all expenses related to billing and collections				
537	Note 2: reimbursing sewer penalties to the treasurer will end March 5, 2025				
538	Note 3: the appointed Town Treasurer will be the Sewer Treasurer, the town will be paid a bookkeeping service fee from the Sewer Dept.				
539					
540	<b>INSURANCE</b>				
541	Health Insurance	\$ 24,761.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
542	Liability Insurance	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,712.60	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
543	Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ (17.20)	\$ -	\$ -
544	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 248.00	\$ 197.69	\$ 300.00	\$ 67.00
545	Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,503.78	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
546	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,809.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,396.87</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,267.00</b>

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	A	B	C	D	E
1		FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
547					
548	<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES</b>				
549	Chemicals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 631.40	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
550	Contracted Services	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
551	Electricity	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,537.94	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 25,600.00
552	Equipment Purchases	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,048.58	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
553	Heating (Note 1)	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
554	Mileage - Operator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
555	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 975.69	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
556	Mowing	\$ -	\$ 960.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
557	Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 850.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
558	Postage	\$ 450.00	\$ 607.70	\$ 500.00	\$ 625.00
559	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 3,724.01	\$ -	\$ -
560	Repairs: Facility & Equipment	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,301.34	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
561	Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 458.56	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,000.00
562	Simon Operation Contract	\$ -	\$ 89,078.68	\$ 118,293.00	\$ 118,000.00
563	Sludge Removal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
564	Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,325.57	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
565	Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,484.73	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
566	Outside Testing	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 13,730.26	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00
567	Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
568	Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 458.95	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 500.00
569	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 159,123.41</b>	<b>\$ 228,493.00</b>	<b>\$ 230,425.00</b>
570	Note 1: plants are now using electric heat				
571					
572	<b>SEWER PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>				
573	Expenditures - Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
574	Plant Improvement - Reserve	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
575	Plant Improvement - Bond	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00
576	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 137,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>

**FUND BALANCES AS OF  
JUNE 30, 2024**

FUND	BALANCE		INTEREST	EXPENDITURES		DEPOSITS		FUND BALANCE		Expenditure Description
	AS OF JULY 1, 2024					AS OF JUNE 30, 2024				
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 457,703.00		\$ 19,554.00	\$ (856,526.00)	\$ 818,926.00	\$ 439,657.00		Operating budget		
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 47,342.00		\$ 1,161.00	\$ (368.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 58,135.00				
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 45.00			\$ 2,045.00				
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 3,698.00		\$ 677.00			\$ 4,375.00				
EAMES FUND	\$ 178,189.00		\$ 3,733.00			\$ 181,922.00		New brush truck		
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 120,591.00		\$ 3,706.00	\$ (54,922.00)	\$ 76,320.00	\$ 145,695.00		Reappraisal to take affect 2025		
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 98,809.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ (64,227.00)	\$ 30,963.00	\$ 67,545.00				
GRANT MATCH FUND	\$ 322,683.00		\$ 6,939.00			\$ 329,622.00				
HAZARD MITIGATION	\$ 83,364.00		\$ 2,266.00			\$ 110,630.00				
**HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 283,094.00			\$ (1,495,743.00)	\$ 1,301,140.00	\$ 88,491.00		Operating Budget		
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 343,432.00		\$ 7,230.00	\$ (127,879.00)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 322,783.00		New dump truck chase		
HIGHWAY GARAGE FUND	\$ 383,386.00		\$ 8,302.00	\$ (4,021.00)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 437,667.00		Engineering		
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 113,202.00		\$ 2,489.00			\$ 115,691.00				
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 242,706.00		\$ 14,271.00			\$ 256,977.00				
CEMETERY OPERATION FUND	\$ 1,834.00			\$ (17,798.00)	\$ 23,200.00	\$ 7,236.00		Operating budget		
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,345.00		\$ 33.00			\$ 1,378.00				
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 26,226.00		\$ 688.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 31,914.00				
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 35,657.00		\$ 845.00	\$ (3,245.00)	\$ 9,461.00	\$ 42,718.00		Cott Systems Contract		
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 159,382.00		\$ 2,526.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 211,908.00				
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 43,624.00			\$ (3,524,514.00)	\$ 2,634,996.00	\$ (845,894.00)		Operating budget/w sewer const.		
SEWER BOND	\$ 276,338.00		\$ 3,546.00		\$ 83,131.00	\$ 363,015.00		To be used for bond payment		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 28,234.00		\$ 620.00	\$ (750.00)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 34,104.00		Blueberry Festival (band)		
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00					\$ 2,319.00				
TAX SALE FUND	\$ -			\$ (90.00)	\$ 2,049.00	\$ 1,959.00		Operating budget		
***LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article	\$ 2,103.00			\$ (93,185.00)	\$ 91,082.00	\$ -				
***LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 31,926.00		\$ 1,011.00	\$ (8,514.00)	\$ 21,512.00	\$ 45,935.00				
***LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 11,890.00		\$ 309.00			\$ 12,199.00				
***LIBRARY FIBER CONNECT	\$ -				\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00				
	<b>\$ 3,301,077.00</b>		<b>\$ 81,951.00</b>	<b>\$ (6,251,782.00)</b>	<b>\$ 5,355,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,487,026.00</b>				

\*Includes the fund balance of \$100,740.00 appropriated in 2024 for fiscal year 2025, \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes leaving a fund balance of \$138,827.00 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2026.

\*\*Includes the fund balance of \$16,056.00 appropriated in 2024 for fiscal year 2025, leaving a fund balance of \$72,434.00 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2026.

\*\*\* 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 2024 audit, performed by Sullivan and Powers of Montpelier, Vermont went well and will be available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully, Almira Aekus, Treasurer - Marylee Putnam, Bookkeeper

	6/30/2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	6/30/2024
	Invested	Share	Invested	Share Gain + Interest	Invested	Reinvested	Invested
	Balance	Percent	Balance	Percent	Balance	Balance	Balance
<b>SADAWGA CEMETERY</b>							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,617.42	0.67%	\$1,617.42	0.67%	\$95.11	\$1,712.53	
Emery E. Reed	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$535.44	\$9,641.40	
J.D. Sylvester	\$3,212.58	1.32%	\$3,212.58	1.32%	\$188.90	\$3,401.48	
Amos W. Pike	\$6,447.32	2.66%	\$6,447.32	2.66%	\$379.11	\$6,826.43	
Wells Winchester	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$188.90	\$3,401.49	
William D. Faulkner	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$535.44	\$9,641.40	
Arthur H. Lyons	\$6,447.29	2.66%	\$6,447.29	2.66%	\$379.11	\$6,826.40	
Frank C. Wheeler	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$535.44	\$9,641.40	
Clifford G. Brown	\$3,057.47	1.26%	\$3,057.47	1.26%	\$179.78	\$3,237.25	
Nathan B. Alfred	\$6,447.29	2.66%	\$6,447.29	2.66%	\$379.11	\$6,826.40	
Hal H. Allard	\$13,470.65	5.55%	\$13,470.65	5.55%	\$792.09	\$14,262.74	
Dorothy Smith	\$2,968.82	1.22%	\$2,968.82	1.22%	\$174.57	\$3,143.39	
Lurissa S. Brown	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$535.44	\$9,641.40	
Elmer R. Houghton	\$3,832.94	1.58%	\$3,832.94	1.58%	\$225.38	\$4,058.32	
John Sawyer	\$1,218.60	0.50%	\$1,218.60	0.50%	\$71.65	\$1,290.25	
Invin Brown	\$2,193.37	0.90%	\$2,193.37	0.90%	\$128.97	\$2,322.34	
Royal Faulkner	\$6,092.78	2.51%	\$6,092.78	2.51%	\$358.26	\$6,451.04	
Sara Faulkner	\$2,858.09	1.18%	\$2,858.09	1.18%	\$168.06	\$3,026.15	
Carroll E. White	\$1,196.39	0.49%	\$1,196.39	0.49%	\$70.35	\$1,266.74	
<b>JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY</b>							
Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,617.42	0.67%	\$1,617.42	0.67%	\$95.11	\$1,712.53	
Oscar Pike	\$1,617.42	0.67%	\$1,617.42	0.67%	\$95.11	\$1,712.53	
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$188.90	\$3,401.49	
Miles Wilcox	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$535.44	\$9,641.40	
F. & F.E. Hager	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$9,105.96	3.75%	\$535.44	\$9,641.40	
C.L. Stickney	\$12,296.40	5.07%	\$12,296.40	5.07%	\$723.04	\$13,019.44	
William A. Brown	\$3,212.58	1.32%	\$3,212.58	1.32%	\$188.90	\$3,401.48	
William Pouliotte	\$2,060.50	0.85%	\$2,060.50	0.85%	\$121.16	\$2,181.66	
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,506.60	0.62%	\$1,506.60	0.62%	\$88.59	\$1,595.19	
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$4,253.89	1.75%	\$4,253.89	1.75%	\$250.13	\$4,504.02	
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,766.43	1.55%	\$3,766.43	1.55%	\$221.47	\$3,987.90	
The Moody Family	\$787.70	0.32%	\$787.70	0.32%	\$46.32	\$834.02	
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,206.15	0.50%	\$1,206.15	0.50%	\$70.92	\$1,277.07	

<b>CUTTING CEMETERY</b>									
Amos Brown	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$188.90	\$3,401.49		
Burrows Family	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,212.59	1.32%	\$188.90	\$3,401.49		
C.L. Stickney	\$6,447.32	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,447.32	2.66%	\$379.11	\$6,826.43		
<b>CARLEY CEMETERY</b>									
Charlotte V. Sage	\$4,253.89	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,253.89	1.75%	\$250.13	\$4,504.02		
<b>RIVERVIEW CEMETERY</b>									
Unspecified	\$13,404.17	5.52%	\$0.00	\$13,404.17	5.52%	\$788.18	\$14,192.35		
<b>OTHER UNSPECIFIED</b>									
Column total	\$57,728.32	23.79%	\$0.00	\$57,728.32	23.79%	\$3,394.48	\$61,122.80		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$242,705.92</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$242,705.92</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$14,271.35</b>	<b>\$256,977.27</b>		
							<b>Column total</b>		
							<b>\$14,271.34</b>		
							<b>\$256,977.17</b>		
							<b>Actual value</b>		

NOTE: Funds are invested in the following:  
 1) MFS Total Return Fund A  
 2) MFS Governmental Securities Fund A  
 3) MFS Bond Fund A

**2025 PROJECTED TAX RATE IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN  
BASED ON THE 2024 GRANDLIST**

<b>ARTICLE</b>		<b>TAXES TO BE</b>
<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RAISED</b>
1	General Fund	\$ 425,246.00
2	Fire Department	\$ 161,986.00
3	Parks	\$ 21,000.00
4	Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 60,000.00
5	Highways	\$ 1,470,503.00
6	Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 125,000.00
7	Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund	\$ 50,000.00
8	Whitingham Free Public Library	\$ 85,265.00
9	Municipal Facilities Fund	\$ 20,000.00
10	Historical Society Buildings	\$ 40,000.00
11	Cemetery Operation	\$ 18,682.00
12	Economic Development	\$ 6,000.00
13	Old Home Week	\$ 25,000.00
14	Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$ 20,000.00
15	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00
16	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
17	Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00
18	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc	\$ 1,203.00
19	Senior Meals/Terrie Dumaine	\$ 1,500.00
20	Senior Solutions - The Council on Aging for Southeaster VT, Inc.	\$ 750.00
21	Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc (SEVCA)	\$ 1,200.00
22	Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$ 4,071.00
23	Southeast Vermont Transit/The MOOver	\$ 1,000.00
24	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00
25	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDart)	\$ 250.00
26	Wings Community Program's (Summer Program)	\$ 1,795.00
27	Wings Community Program's (After School Program)	\$ 11,000.00
28	Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,561,606.00</b>
	<b>2025 Projected Rates: (based on 1% of FY 2024 grand list value which equals \$2,774,904.00)</b>	
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate	0.9974
	Projected Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.0005</u>
	Projected Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>0.9979</b>
	<b>2024 Rates:</b>	
	Municipal Tax Rate	0.9032
	Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.0047</u>
	Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>0.9079</b>
	Increase of \$.09	

## WAGES BY POSITION - FY 24

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Wages</b>	<b>Overtime</b>	<b>Vacation Buyback</b>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 780.00		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 565.00		
Assessor's Clerk	\$ 6,073.00		
Assessor's Clerk (Reappraisal)	\$ 3,036.00		
Bookkeeper	\$ 12,933.00		
Collector of Taxes - Penalties	\$ 22,393.00		
Emergency Management Director	\$ 1,047.00		
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 65,295.00	\$ 12,076.00	
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 59,508.00	\$ 10,210.00	
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 65,433.00	\$ 11,535.00	
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 67,154.00	\$ 12,737.00	
Fire Chief	\$ 2,326.00		
Fire Chief -Assistant	\$ 1,453.00		
Fire Dept - 1st Captain	\$ 1,066.00		
Fire Dept - 2nd Captain	\$ 985.00		
Fire Dept - 1st Lieutenant	\$ 847.00		
Fire Dept - 2nd Lieutenant	\$ 847.00		
Fire Dept - 3rd Lieutenant	\$ 424.00		
Fire Dept - Mechanic	\$ 4,028.00		
Fire Warden	\$ 418.00		
Health Officer	\$ 895.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 20,088.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 8,622.00		
Library Maintenance (cleaning)	\$ 240.00		
Librarian	\$ 31,558.00		
Moderator	\$ 125.00		
Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 64,937.00	\$ 12,152.00	
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1998	\$ 79,482.00	\$ 13,155.00	\$ 1,194.00
Selectboard Office Administrator	\$ 61,715.00		
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,516.00		
Selectboard - Member (part year)	\$ 1,203.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,185.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,185.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,185.00		
Sewer - Chief Operator	\$ 3,707.00		
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 3,058.00		
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 5,440.00		
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 7,550.00		
Sewer Treasurer	\$ 3,324.00		
Sewer Penalties	\$ 4,125.00		
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 22,948.00		
Town Clerk - Assistant (1)	\$ 8,576.00		
Town Clerk - Assistant (2)	\$ 10,586.00		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 17,485.00		
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 860.00		
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 636.00	\$ 334.00	
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 16,393.00		

## WAGES BY POSITION - FY 24

<b>Wages Continued</b>		
Transfer Station - Hazardous Waste		\$ 215.00
Treasurer	\$ 17,906.00	
Zoning Administrator	\$ 4,773.00	
Zoning Clerk	\$ 525.00	
<b>Firefighter Nominal Fee Breakdown</b>		
Firefighter	\$ 1,630.00	
Firefighter	\$ 559.00	
Firefighter	\$ 30.00	
Firefighter	\$ 4,140.00	
Firefighter	\$ 3,096.00	
Firefighter	\$ 3,909.00	
Firefighter	\$ 933.00	
Firefighter	\$ 60.00	
Firefighter	\$ 1,598.00	
Firefighter	\$ 4,932.00	
Firefighter	\$ 75.00	
Firefighter	\$ 2,150.00	
Firefighter	\$ 513.00	
Firefighter	\$ 75.00	
Firefighter	\$ 6,300.00	
	\$ 30,000.00	



## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

We had an incredible number of animal control complaints that came through the Selectboard Office in 2023. Most of the complaints involved barking, which is nearly impossible to confirm. Selectboard members, staff and the Animal Control Officer at the time spent entirely too much time on the topic. After consulting with the town attorney and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Selectboard decided to alleviate this problem by updating the Animal Control Ordinance to remove barking as a finable offence. The new ordinance was adopted in January. A petition was filed to call for a town vote on the new ordinance. At a special town meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the voters voted down the new ordinance and the prior one was reinstated.

As a reminder, if you own a dog(s) 6 months old or older, they must be current with their vaccinations and licensed with the town no later than April 1, 2025.

Our new Animal Control Officer is Doug Dix (802) 272-9520.

If you have any wildlife concerns, please contact Rich Watkin, Vermont Fish & Wildlife. Game Warden (802) 257-7101.

## **ASSESSORS OFFICE**

The Assessors office has been very busy with the property reappraisal. I had to send out postcards and make up PRC and door knocker cards for the professional assessors to take out in the field for inspections. I scheduled appointments for the Assessors to go back and reinspect those that weren't home when they were doing the assigned roads.

There have been several transfers to record this past year, due to land and house sales.

The Assessors have been out collecting data for the reappraisal. Inspections have been completed and now all data must be compiled to come up with new land schedules and replacement cost. Everyone will be getting a Change of Appraisal Notice in the spring. At which time you will have a chance to grieve your new values and be able to set up for a hearing.

The new current 2024 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 71.33 and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 22.67.

Respectfully submitted,

*Howard A. Dix*

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

Point of fact: just because your property value is likely to go up DOES NOT mean your property taxes are going up significantly if at all.

12/31/2024  
11:45 am

2023 AS BILLED Grand List  
Tax Book Report  
\*\*\* GRAND TOTALS \*\*\*

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	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NONHOMESTEAD
TAXABLE PARCELS	1,126		
ACRES	23,636.74		
LAND	72,714,600		
BUILDING	210,256,400		
REAL	282,971,000	86,255,600	196,715,400
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	7,876,000	2,446,900	5,429,100
(-) CONTRACTS	202,700	0	202,700
(-) SPECIAL EXEMP.		0	49,770
GRAND LIST	2,745,323.00	834,487.00	1,912,365.30
HOMESTEAD	190,650,200		
HOUSESITE	163,759,500		
LEASE	0.00		
NON-TAX COUNT	26		
NON-TAX VAL.	7,095,400		

LATE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION PENALTY IS WAIVED

RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X GRAND LIST	= TOTAL RAISED
NONHOMESTEAD ED.	1.6188	1,910,338.30	3,092,455.64
HOMESTEAD ED.	1.7927	834,487.00	1,495,984.80
LOCAL AGREEMENT	0.0036	2,745,323.00	9,883.07
TOWN	0.7560	2,745,323.00	2,075,464.17
TOTAL TAX			6,673,787.68

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024  
(Tax Year 2023)**

Parcel ID	Property Owner	Street #	Street Name	Acres	Land Use
					Exemption Value
08-0786	186 NATE FLYNN ROAD LLC	186	NATE FLYNN RD	163.7	\$ 156,200.00
06-0512	ALLEN SCOTT & ALLEN KEITH	234	ALLEN RD	89	\$ 104,300.00
06-0489	AXTELL SARAH	133	ALLARD RD	138	\$ 178,500.00
05-0172	BERBERIAN J KRISTINE LIFE ESTATE	1793	FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$ 122,300.00
05-0238	BETIT ANTOINETTE LIFE ESTATE	6178	VT RTE 100	70	\$ 112,800.00
05-0183	BETIT BRIAN	771	FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$ 38,000.00
05-0180	BETIT STEVEN P	0	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$ 177,200.00
08-0810	BORTELL RITA	0	BURRINGTON HILL RD	155	\$ 102,600.00
09-0869	BOYD MARSHALL LIVING TRUST BOYD RE	859	ALLARD RD	34.7	\$ 46,800.00
05-0143	BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64	BEAR LN	56	\$ 68,400.00
07-0520	CAPO JAMES A	203	PIKE RD	81.18	\$ 84,000.00
05-0231	CARRIS EMILY	184	CORSE RD	85.7	\$ 126,900.00
11-0788	CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447	NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$ 36,900.00
09-0924	COE BROOKSANY	73	SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$ 114,900.00
09-0973	COREY JUSTIN A & KRISTY R	1755	VT RTE 8A	68.5	\$ 79,800.00
05-0188	CORSE FARM	1085	CORSE RD	299	\$ 421,100.00
05-0188	CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	773	CORSE RD	177.41	\$ 410,900.00
05-0225	CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS,LLC	0	WILM CROSS RD	90.34	\$ 169,700.00
05-0228	CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489	WILM CROSS RD	106.6	\$ 214,300.00
04-0054	CORSE WAYNE	871	RUBA RD	186.91	\$ 121,400.00
05-0225	CORSE WAYNE	4840	VT RTE 100	88	\$ 120,800.00
05-0260	CORSE WAYNE C	0	FAULKNER RD	10.62	\$ 61,700.00
06-0402	CROSBY ROBERT A JR	2465	COLLINS RD	48.44	\$ 67,100.00
06-0398	DAIELLO STEVEN	0	COLLINS RD	1.24	\$ 4,400.00
06-0400	DAVID ANTHONY J & MEGHAN E	1091	GATES POND RD	103.95	\$ 110,000.00
06-0443	DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTMAN INC	641	FOWLER RD	28.8	\$ 36,500.00
07-0531	DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208	VT RTE 100	46.3	\$ 53,800.00
12-1141	DIX LARRY R	3029	VT RTE 8A	31	\$ 81,400.00
06-0455	DIX SHELDON DEAN REVOCABLE TRUST	4292	VT RTE 100	35.3	\$ 59,500.00
06-0414	DONELAN EDWARD J & LAURA A	408	GATES POND RD	70.76	\$ 73,500.00
07-0561	EADE DAVID L	190	MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$ 61,700.00
11-1026	EDELSTEIN PHILIP	48	HURD LN	130.93	\$ 153,000.00
08-0765	FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103	GREEN RD	42.4	\$ 58,500.00
09-0971	GOLDSMITH CALVIN R & MICHELLE C	0	MCMILLAN RD	53.36	\$ 72,800.00
04-0056	HENRY MASON	0	NORTH HILL RD	11	\$ 38,100.00
05-0069	INGWERSEN KRISTIAN	2316	FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$ 156,700.00
01-0002	JEWELL CLEARING TRUST	0		45.2	\$ 32,800.00

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 page two**

Parcel ID	Property Owner	Street #	Street Name	Land Use	
				Acres	Exemption Value
06-0446	KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	0	FOWLER RD	25	\$ 74,800.00
09-0740	KOSKI CHELSEA M	617	GINNY MORSE RD	36	\$ 34,500.00
12-1061	LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009	SADDADA RD	12.4	\$ 13,700.00
07-0566	LAPIERRE KATHLEEN FARON	9943	VT RTE 100	60.4	\$ 76,700.00
05-0093	LEHRER NANCY D	0	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$ 86,300.00
02-0024	LEWIS SCOTT	0	BONE LANE	25.3	\$ 45,500.00
09-0846	MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40	MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$ 829,800.00
09-0914	MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	0	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$ 49,100.00
06-0346	O HANLON KERRY & KATHLEEN	214	BIRDVILLE RD	26.7	\$ 40,300.00
09-0918	PAPRIN YALE I	900	VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$ 74,300.00
08-0791	PINE LAKES ESTATE LLC	1761	KENTFIELD RD	326	\$ 412,900.00
10-0999	PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785	LONE PINE RD	146.4	\$ 116,300.00
12-1071	PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843	CHAPEL HILL RD	73.2	\$ 202,500.00
12-1062	PORCELLO III FREDRICK A	0	SADDADA RD	70	\$ 87,000.00
05-0181	PROCTER MARY E	488	FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$ 96,200.00
06-0429	PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070	FOWLER RD	53.2	\$ 79,500.00
06-0405	ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA J	467	BUTLER BROOK RD	83.8	\$ 112,800.00
11-1016	RODELL MICHAEL	0	KENTFIELD RD	182.1	\$ 117,000.00
11-1025	SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	0	STREETER HILL ROAD	371.4	\$ 167,100.00
06-0445	SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896	FOWLER RD	79.9	\$ 94,900.00
09-0967	SILVERMAN JEFFREY P	320	PRATT RD	72.52	\$ 85,400.00
12-1060	SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	0	SADDADA RD	45	\$ 82,200.00
09-0948	SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	2245	BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$ 263,900.00
06-0336	SPRAGUE MARTIN & KAREN	1631	VT RTE 100	2	\$ 87,300.00
08-0828	STREPPA LEWIS D & VIRGINIA M	1226	BURRINGTON HILL RD	31.4	\$ 34,100.00
07-0569	THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	0	VT RTE 100	37.4	\$ 31,200.00
08-0737	TWITCHELL ALLAN	243	GOODNOW RD	39.9	\$ 54,500.00
08-0739	TWITCHELL CLYDE C JR ENHANCED LIFE	761	GREEN RD	58.1	\$ 82,100.00
08-0738	TWITCHELL DAVID M & MELISSA A	1106	TOWN HILL RD	54.2	\$ 118,300.00
08-0738	TWITCHELL KARL P	549	GREEN RD	27.8	\$ 40,600.00
08-0760	WERSHOVEN FAMILY TRUST	482	BURRINGTON HILL RD	34.41	\$ 55,900.00

**TOTAL LAND USE EXEMPTIONS**

**\$ 7,876,000.00**

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

In the year of 2024, the mowing and trimming, along with spring and fall clean-ups were still being performed by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance. And yet again they kept the cemeteries looking great.

Some of the cemeteries were looked at for specific tree “clean-up” to cut down on debris removal & protect against gravestone deconstruction. It was decided that Green Cemetery, on Head Of The Pond Road, would be worked on first. There is currently brush hogging scheduled for one section and we are working on the large maple trees to be cut. Gravestone repairs were done over the past year and will continue into 2025. After performing an annual update to all the Town of Whitingham cemetery maps it will be our hope to place them on the Town website in the upcoming year.

And thank you to Almira for helping to keep cemetery records/paperwork filed and organized.

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

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

There is funding available for an Economic Development Group, we just need interested participants to bring the group back to life. If you are interested, please contact Gig at 368-7500 or via email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

As Whitingham’s Emergency Management Director, I continue to attend quarterly meetings with other EMDs and Fire Chiefs in the area. I attended an area informational session about statewide dispatching and one about the Deerfield River Basin Plan. I attend storm briefings as they come up. I participated in the statewide Binary Blizzard training. I prepared the annual update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was updated by a contractor with grant funding I won.

*Gig Zboray, EMD*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department responded to a total of 207 calls last year. This is down from 333 from the previous year. That's good news.

Calls were AFA/CO alarms 23, MVA 13, power lines down 4, vehicle fire 1, dispatched cancelled in route 15, good intent 4, service calls 3. Mutual Aid was given to Colrain 1, Dover 2, Halifax 1, Marlboro 1, Monroe MA 2, Readsboro 1, Rowe MA 1 and Wilmington 1.

The department received our new Brush 1 Unit and it is housed in Whitingham Station. Much maintenance was performed on all the apparatus. **Thank you, Dave Briggs**, for working on the units for us.

Capt. Dennis Pike applied for and won a grant for 1 new air pack unit to go along with the other 6 we purchased. **Thank you, Dennis Pike, Sr.**

We need to order 3 more after the next fiscal year starts which will mean all packs have been replaced and upgraded. Extra bottles were also purchased.

**We need volunteers.** We will train you. If you wish to volunteer, come to a meeting which is held every second Monday evening at 6pm at Jacksonville Station.

Thank you to our Volunteers and their families.

Thank you to the Townspeople of Whitingham for your support of the Whitingham Fire Department.

Thank you,

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*

Fire Chief

New Brush Truck, replaces the Suburban.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

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

(1) paid by Firemen's Association

# FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

## In Jacksonville Village

Since recovering from TS Irene Stanley Janovsky, Jr. and Gig Zboray have worked with the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (WCNRCD), several departments of the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and VTrans. After thirteen years of small steps, with a **~\$1.2 MILLION** (*with no local match required*) grant that Gig won, we are in the design process and will proceed to construction in 2025 of a large, multifaceted project to widen the river to bankful width, to remove the undersized cement bridge, and replace the existing undersized culvert with a longer structure to allow easier ingress/egress of the fire equipment, to move the electric pole, and to stabilize the riverbank at the Municipal Center.

In conjunction with that large project, Gig won grant funding to do a scoping study of the properties downstream (from the Municipal Center to the intersection of 100/112) to lower access/create a flood plain. That project was completed in 2024 with four potential projects that can address flood mitigation. We have applied for and won a FEMA grant to buy out 2984 VT Route 100, next door to Jacksonville Fire House. We will seek grant funding to increase floodplain access on those properties.

In 2024 we were notified that we won FEMA funding to buyout 568 VT Route 112. An appraisal has been completed, the property owners have agreed to the value, the town attorney is working on the closing documents and as of this writing Gig is working on a bid for demolition of the structure.

Gig applied for and won a \$11,150 grant to update our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. That project was completed in 2024 by Threat Owl, LLC, FEMA approved our new plan. And the grant has been closed out.

When the snow melted in the spring of 2023 it was discovered that the retaining wall at the Eames Village Park is now bowed out and collapsing. Unfortunately repair projects of this nature (using grant funding) require a scoping study as the first step. We are seeking grant funding for a scoping study to look at all the culverts along the stream from Reed Hill Road down to the park as a potential way to get funding to fix the retaining wall. A grant for a smaller study just to look at the problem was not awarded.

We heard a presentation by MSK Engineers and Fitzgerald Environmental on the results of a scoping study of two possible flood hazard mitigation projects at 63 VT Route 112 (across the river from the parking area used by the church). The Selectboard and Road Commission agreed that the larger project would be more beneficial. Grant funding will be sought for design and construction.

*Report prepared by Gig Zboray, EMD*



## HEALTH OFFICER

In 2024, the Board of Health (BOH) sought property owner cooperation to address a failing or non-existent septic system. When that didn't work a Health Order was issued against the property requiring access to conduct a dye test or proof that the property owners were working with an engineer to design and permit a septic system. The state issued a wastewater permit, but the property owners did not contract with any firms to build the system. The BOH was prepared and started steps in the court system to seek an injunction requiring the property owners to install and construct a septic system by November 30, 2024, or the premises shall be vacated. On November 5<sup>th</sup> the Town Health Officer (THO) agreed to allow three more months to find a contractor. This case remains a high priority for the BOH.

A grant application was submitted in January of 2023 for a FEMA buyout of the burned house on Route 112. This was deemed by the Selectboard to be the best option to clear up 2022's Health Order and to have the residents vacate the property. FEMA awarded that grant application, and the property should be demolished in 2025.

*~Gig Zboray, THO*

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Whitingham Historical Society is an established (not for profit) organization made up of interested members, mostly residents of Whitingham. The Green Mountain Hall in the former Sadawga Village is a grand historic building that is owned by the Town of Whitingham and leased to the Historical Society. The building contains a historic museum of artifacts, documents, photos, and various items that represent a glimpse of how life used to be. In preparation for Old Home Week in 2026, the Town was recently awarded a Vermont Department of Historic Preservation (VDHP) grant to repair the slate roof and steeple, replace the asphalt shingle roof on the front porch with a period-appropriate slate roof, re-glaze and paint the original windows, as well as some interior repairs. The estimated cost for this work is \$22,050; we won the maximum grant available at 50% of the estimated costs. The town will cover the required grant match using existing funds in the Grant Match Fund. There is an article on the Warning for Town Meeting requesting \$40,000 for painting the exteriors of Green Mountain Hall and the #9 School House. We appreciate your support of Article 10.

We share a sincere THANK YOU to Stella Stevens, Betsy McKinley, Henry Millett, and Bill Coombs who have all recently stepped down from leadership positions but remain vital members.

Interested in the rich history of Whitingham? Please join us! Watch your mailboxes in the spring for an opportunity to become a member and support the Historical Society.

The museum is open to the public June-August on Sundays 2-4PM. We hope to see you there!

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

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had another busy year as always. With many storms, snow, ice, wind and rain, mother nature kept us on our toes.

We had a little more than normal mud season last spring, we also had another last December bringing some muddy roads at an unwanted time of year. The department had to haul a lot of stone to those areas as well as dragging roads day and night to make the roads passable.

Many culverts were replaced on numerous roads.

We installed underdrainage and changed culverts on McMillan and Faulkner Roads sections to prepare for paving of parts of these roads to combat mud seasons in these areas.

Paving was performed on Merrifield, Faulkner, Fuller Hill, Fowler, and McMillan Roads. Paving was done by Allstates Asphalt.

The summer of 2025 will see paving done on Gates Pond, Mill Hill areas.

We received a new Mack Chassis to replace the 2009 which is currently waiting for the body and plow frame, hydraulics to be installed. Also, we ordered another chassis to replace the 2007 Mack.

A grant was awarded to replace the decking on Bridge 63 which will be completed this coming summer.

Employee **Michael Boyd** celebrated 30 years of service to the Highway Department last year.



Thank you to the Townspeople for your support.

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*

Road Commissioner.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	Notes
2015	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2030	\$ 190,000	\$ 300,000	
2013	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2028	\$ 180,000	\$ 300,000	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$ 160,000	\$ 300,000	
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$ 129,000	\$ 300,000	
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$ 63,000	\$ 100,000	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 pick up	5yrs	2017	\$ 35,000	\$ 90,000	Still in service
1996	Caterpillar Grader	15yrs	2011	\$ 214,000	\$ 500,000	Still in service
2019	Komatsu Loader	15yrs	2034	\$ 190,000	\$ 300,000	
2009	John Deere Tractor 6330	20yrs	2029	\$ 89,000	\$ 130,000	(Paid with FEMA Funds)
1997	1987 Bomag Roller	15yrs	2012	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000	Still in service
2007	1985 Eager Beav Trailer	15yrs	2022	\$ 7,000	\$ 40,000	
1988	Morbark Chipper	20yrs	2008	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000	Still in service
2021	Caterpillar Back Hoe	15yrs	2036	\$ 141,500	\$ 151,500	
2022	GMC Sierra pick up	7 yrs	2029	\$ 50,000	\$ 90,000	
2024	Mack Chassis	15 yrs	2039	\$ 150,000	\$ 325,000	body ordered
2025	Mack Chassis	15 yrs	2040	\$ 150,000	\$ 325,000	ordered

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

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

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

**TRANSFER STATION**

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

**LAND WITH BUILDINGS**

Municipal Center w/small shed  
Fire Station - Jacksonville  
Fire Station - Whitingham  
Sewer Plant - Jacksonville  
Sewer Plant - Whitingham  
Town Highway Garage  
Town Highway Salt Shed, 2022  
Shelter & playground Town Hill  
Green Mountain Hall  
Number 9 Schoolhouse

**LAND ONLY**

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

**CEMETERIES**

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

**CLOCK**

Clock in the tower of J'ville Church

**SEWER**

1 Connex box (storage)  
2 buildings

## INVENTORY OF IT EQUIPMENT

Device ID	Description	Brand	Approximate Purchase Date	Warranty Expires	Windows 11 compatible
TOW-D01-W10	Assistant Clerk	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D02-W10	Assessor's Office	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D03-W10	Records Lookup	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D04-W10	Town Clerk	Dell	4/18/2020	7/1/2023	yes
TOW-D06-W10	Bookkeeper	Dell	4/18/2020	7/18/2023	yes
TOW-D08-W11	Sewer	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027	yes
TOW-D09-W11	Highway	Dell	11/6/2024	11/6/2029	yes
TOW-L03-W10	Town Clerk	HP	6/12/2020	6/11/2021	yes
TOW-L04-W10	Assessor's Laptop	Dell	1/11/2021	1/13/2025	yes
TOW-L05-W11	Selectboard Office	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027	yes
TOW-L06-W11	Town Clerk	Dell	12/17/2024	12/18/2028	yes
TOW-D05-W10	Clerk's window	Dell	hard drive destroyed and ecycled		NO
TOW-D07-W10	Highway	HP	hard drive destroyed and ecycled		NO
TOW-L05-W10	Selectboard Office	HP	hard drive destroyed and ecycled		n/a
*	Meeting Owl	Owl Labs	2021	not on IT contract	
*	Projector	Epson	2021	not on IT contract	
2YJ35720	upstairs copier	Canon	7/1/2024	not on IT contract	
3GE05984	downstairs copier	Canon	8/1/2022	not on IT contract	
	Assessor's Office	Brother	2022	not on IT contract	
	Selectboard spare laptop	HP	7/15/2016	not on IT contract	
	Elections laptop	HP	1/1/2018	not on IT contract	

\* Purchased with COVID-19 grant money

# Whitingham Free Public Library



## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

### **Our Mission**

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

### ***Whitingham Free Public Library Awarded \$17,000 VT Fiber Connect Transition Grant***

#### 2024—2034 Fiber Connect Transition Grant

In April 2024 the Whitingham Library was awarded \$17,000 through the Vermont Department of Libraries Fiber Connect Transition Grant. This is a 10 year grant which the library can use funds to upgrade internet equipment and pay for internet fees.

#### 2024 Summer Camp: Adventure Begins At Your Library Ages 4 3/4 - 9 yrs.

The Library partners with Wings Programs to provide a FREE Summer Camp in June, after TVES closes for summer break. This is a time when there is little to no camp options for families with children entering kindergarten in the fall. Our 1/2 day camp includes free lunch through the FDA Summer Food Program. Our play-based program, a research-based teaching method that uses play to help children develop skills and learn about the world around them, offers opportunities to explore, learn, play, form friendships and lasting memories. This year, our 30 available slots were filled with a waiting list. STEAM activities included forest & stream exploration, fort and fairy house building, bubble & slime experiments, Lego creations, and arts & crafts. Vermont Museum of Natural History visited with Turtles to Toads and Mad Science took us "Up! Up! and Away!" Children enjoyed Yoga with Amy from Weeping Willow Yoga, read books to training Guide Dogs, visited the North River Bakery to decorate yummy cupcakes, and enjoyed a painting class led by Tanya Bernard. Join our team this summer, we are always looking for community volunteers to share their skills and talents. 2025 Summer Reading Theme: "Color Our World"

#### Mini-Grant Awarded to Whitingham Library Little Free Food Pantry

Through donations from the community and other organizations our little food pantry provides a variety of non-perishable food, personal hygiene, and pet items. Registration is not necessary and the pantry is open to all during library operating hours. In addition, our food pantry received a \$250 mini-grant from Price Chopper/Market 32, and a generous donation from Jim and Pat Kidney, and diapers from EES. Thank to all for your generous donations!



#### **NEW Streaming Service NEW**

*We're thrilled to announce that the new streaming service is now available for Free with unlimited access to our library patrons!*

*Sign up with your library card at [www.biblioplus.com](http://www.biblioplus.com) to start streaming their selection of films and TV series today!*

*The biblio+ app is available for download on Apple devices (iPhone, iPad, Apple TV), Android phone and tablet, Amazon Fire TV, and Roku, or stream directly from [www.biblioplus.com](http://www.biblioplus.com).*

#### **2023—2024 Statistics**

- 6,230+ PATRON VISITS
- 6,730 ITEMS CIRCULATED
- 7,535 WIFI SESSIONS
- 1,409 REGISTERED ADULTS
- 242 REGISTERED CHILDREN
- 1,659 ADULTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDED OVER 110 PROGRAMS
- 11,300+ HOLDINGS

#### **Library of Things**

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

#### **Thank you!**

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

Kristine, Lois, Lisa and

Trustees:

Tanya Bernard, Judy Bernard, Mark Halverson, M.A. Johnson, Wendy Sergeant, Shandell Soumar

# Whitingham Old Home Week

*Honor the Past, Look to the Future*

## July 24 - 26, 2026

Save the date!



Old Home Week 2026 is approaching quickly!

Come out to meet new people, help the community and share ideas!

We are gathering volunteers to help make this event an amazing celebration of community spirit, connection, and history!

Volunteers needed for:

\*Beautification

Fireworks

Publicity

\*History

\*Hospitality

Parade\*

\*Events (lots of rolls to fill)

Pick one that calls to you or just sign up to be a general volunteer!

\*Chairperson still needed

Please contact Amy or Gig to join in the fun!  
[amy@fieldstonearts.com](mailto:amy@fieldstonearts.com)      [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org)

## PARKS COMMITTEE

The year 2024 brought a much-requested expansion to the pavilion at Town Hill. A 20'x30' covered space was added to the existing structure. The design allows for an open-air setting and enables care givers to view children on the playground. Thank you to Travis Wendel and Pioneer Timber Frames for constructing the structure. Doug Dix of Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance generously installed the ADA compliant walkway as well as graded and seeded the area after construction. Thanks to Pete Bernard for the final painting. The new building saw increased use over the summer as a local outdoor gathering place. Thanks to Donnie Boyd and the Highway Department crew for continued mowing and maintenance of the ball field.

Continued maintenance and replacement of playground equipment, picnic tables, and outdoor grills are on the priority list.

Flowers were planted and maintained at several locations throughout Whitingham and the Village of Jacksonville.

*Seth Boyd, Chair; Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom, Carol Millett, Erin Lackey, Lyndsey Bushey-Hesselback, Elizabeth Weber (resigned).*



## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission didn't conduct any "regular" meetings in 2024. We did conduct two site plan review hearings. In 2025 we will meet on a more regular basis to work on the required updates to the Town Plan which expires in 2026. We will apply for grant funding for professional help to help us with the process.

We accepted the resignation of Linda Donaghue in June. Linda was an active member of the Planning Commission for decades. We wish her well in her new home.

Linda's resignation leaves a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Are you interested in joining us as we plan for future land use in the Town of Whitingham? If so, please contact Gig at 368-7500 or via email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

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



## SELECTBOARD

In the calendar year 2024 we held 21 regular meetings, 3 special meetings, and two special town meetings.

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

- Regretfully accepted the resignations of Craig Hammer (8/22/24) and Greg Brown (11/7/24). Lyman (Skip) Tefft was appointed to fill one vacancy, the other will be filled by election at Town Meeting in March.
- Continued oversight of the sewer improvement project – see Sewer Department report for more information.
- Continued oversight management of the Transfer Station - see Transfer Station report for more information.
- Continued progress on Hazard Mitigation – see Hazard Mitigation report for more information.
- Approved purchase of a new truck for highway department (one truck was approved last year). Approved the purchase of two truck bodies from Viking-Cives for the two new dump trucks for highway department that was purchased/approved last year.
- Entered into contract with MSK Engineers for final design and oversight of construction of the culvert project at the Municipal Center for \$107,286 (fully grant funded). Construction will go out to bid soon and scheduled for 2025.
- Adopted a new Dog Ordinance, then received a petition to call for a vote on the new ordinance which was voted down at a special town meeting.
- Approved Fire Department purchase of a truck body for the new brush truck.
- Approved a contract with JG Design Services to draw the plans for expanding the pavilion at Town Hill for an amount not to exceed \$1,200. Then approved a contract with Pioneer Timber Frames of \$46,000 for construction.
- Signed a grant agreement in the amount of \$43,740 (with no local match required) for a scoping study of the downstream properties from the Municipal Center to potentially create access to a floodplain. Entered into contract with MSK Engineers to conduct the scoping study, and with Windham Regional Commission to provide technical support.
- Appointed Joseph Saladino to the Cemetery Commission to fill a vacancy until the next town election.
- Worked with the Zoning Administrator and town attorney to file a court case against a property owner that built a structure without a permit. That case was eventually resolved with the property owner paying a \$5,000 fine and attorney fees.
- Heard many complaints about dog issues and the Animal Control Officer. The board then appointed Doug Dix as the Animal Control Officer on May 1, 2024.
- Worked with the Town Health Officer to issue a Health Order against the property owners of 7783 VT Route 100 for failed septic system. This case is ongoing.
- Received several complaints of traffic speeding in Whitingham village, then there was an accident where a driver crashed into the church porch. Windham Regional Commission conducted a traffic study which indicated that the results are not unusual

Commission conducted a traffic study which indicated that the results are not unusual compared to other data they collect in the region, especially on state highways. They suggested that a radar feedback sign might help the situation. We have our eye out for grant opportunities.

- Worked with the Zoning Administrator on a violation in the Flood Hazard Area at 490 VT Route 112.
- Allowed students with adult supervision from TVMHS to hold a small farmers market at the Municipal Center during the summer.
- Accepted a generous donation of Kingsbury Construction Company to install fencing in a small area at Jacksonville Cemetery.
- Entered into contract with BDCC for services directly related to the Congressionally Directed Spending grant of \$1,000,000 we received from Senator Bernie Sanders for the sewer project.
- Approved and adopted the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was updated by Threat Owl, LLC and funded with a grant from Vermont Emergency Management.
- Renewed contract Wilmington Police Department for patrol services.
- Continued to complain to VTrans about their culvert collapsing in front of 2037 VT Route 100 in Jacksonville.
- Accepted the resignations of Linda Donaghue and Donald McKinley from the Housing Rehabilitation Committee. Both served on the committee for many years. Almira Aekus and Julie Muller were appointed to fill the vacancies.
- Worked with the property owner of 2984 VT Route 100 to pursue a FEMA buyout of the property. The grant was awarded in December 2024.
- Selectboard Administrator worked with the Historical Society to apply for a 2025 Vermont Historic Preservation Grant for repairs to the slate roof, replace damaged ceiling, and miscellaneous rot repair. We won that grant; it requires a 50% local match.
- Met with Casella Waste Management. They required a change from dual stream to single-stream recycling. In the autumn we started combining recycled containers with the paper in the compactor.
- Heard a presentation by MSK Engineers and Fitzgerald Environmental on the results of a scoping study for two possible flood hazard mitigation projects at 63 VT Route 112.
- Adopted VT-Alert for town wide alerts.
- Scheduled special town meeting to ask the voters to change the elected positions of Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector to appointed positions.

We offer our thanks to:

**Dennis Pike** for conducting our HHW collection events.

**Aysha Peltz** and **Todd Wahlstrom**, coordinators of Green Up Day. They are passing the baton for 2025 after many, many years of running this event. Our heartfelt thanks to you both.

**Claudia Greene**, clipper of newspaper articles to enable us to have a searchable folder of town specific clippings. And proofreader of this Annual Report (sorry Claudia, some things we could not change).

**Greg Brown** and **Craig Hammer** for their service on the Selectboard.

**Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance** for seeding around the Town Hill pavilion after construction and for installing the walkway.

**Kingsbury Construction Co.** for the new fencing at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Members of town committees.

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

*We appreciate the opportunity to serve as Selectboard members*

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*

*James Weber, Vice Chair*

*Lyman (Skip) Tefft*

*Travis Wheeler*

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The year 2024 brought more progress on our sewer improvements project. The Jacksonville plant reached “substantial completion” on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Whitingham plant on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Substantial completion means the main base bid was completed (i.e. the process equipment/new RBCs were completely installed, tested and functioning).

Change orders were signed and the work completed for renovations to the labs/offices at both plants. Jacksonville included mold remediation within the office, bathroom, entryway, and garage; installation of PVC wall panels in these spaces; new toilet and sinks installed. New counters and toolboxes at Jacksonville lab. Whitingham included mold remediation and installation of PVC wall panels, new toilet and sink.

In 2025 we expect to replace the tank hatches, replace process tank ventilation system, install exterior LED lighting, work on the collection system, install generators at each plant, and install influent metering. All to be covered by the CDS grant of \$1,000,000 we received last year.

We need to replace the roofing at both plants. We recently contacted a contractor that can do the work and submit the specific paperwork required for grant funding so that expense will hopefully be covered by the Bernie CDS grant.

It’s been a frustrating project since June. The engineer and contractor were not able to get the change orders agreed to for the additional work. The contractors “demobilized” and we are not officially on their schedule for next year yet. As of this writing, it is being worked on. We hope to have the entire project complete by the end of 2025.

As of this writing, the state has not issued the new discharge permit for the Whitingham plant. The draft permit mandates that we address phosphorus in our effluent as well as potentially some metals. This process starts with a dilution study by 2025. That study may indicate that expensive equipment could be required to address the problem, requiring design for construction by 2028. At this point we have no idea what the financial ramifications of these state mandates will be.

~Prepared by  
Gig Zboray on behalf of  
The Selectboard.

**DELINQUENT SEWER FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024**

<b>Account</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
J03	BEAULAC, MARC & JENNIFER	
W31	BERGERON, EDWARD	
J10	BETIT, JESSICA	
W25	BROCHU, KEVIN	
J17-A	CAVA, MARCELLA	
J73	CROWTHER, JOSHUA	
J69	DIX, CHARLES & TERRY	
W31-B	DIX, DAVID & WANDA	
J72	DORNBURGH, FRANK & ANGI	
J09	ELLIS, PETER	
W06-B	ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE LLC	
J04	FOURNIER, WYATT	
W15	GOODNOW, REBECCA J.	
W21-C	HOWES, JAY D.	
J54	JACKSONVILLE DAYS OF OLD	
J44	JG BUILDING LLC	
J65	JOHNSON, KERI	
W17	KUNESCH, STEPHEN & MELISSA	
J28	LARBERG, MARKANNE	
J46	MAYNARD, SCOTT & ALLISON	
J68-C	MILEWSKI, TRACY	
J67	MORNEAULT, AMY	
W27	NORTHRUP, CARRIE	
J08	PERRY, KEVIN & APRIL	
W08	PRICE, JANE	
W28	RHODES, GAROLD	
W07	RUBINO, NICHOLAS	
W13	SENECAL, AARON	
W17-1	VIERIRA, SANDRA	
J01	WALLACE, CALVIN	
J16		
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT SEWER 6/30/24</b>		<b>\$51,361.55</b>

**Tax Collector Summary**  
**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

Delinquent Taxes As of July 1, 2023	\$ 69,799.69
Abatement	\$ -
Taxes Billed for tax year 2023 (FY 2024)	<u>\$ 6,673,787.68</u>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$ 6,743,587.37</b>
2023 Current Taxes Collected	\$ 6,589,898.11
Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$ 66,345.64
Difference between actual & reports	\$ -
Delinquent Taxes as of July 2024	<u>\$ 87,343.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,743,587.37</b>

**Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.**  
Certified Public Accountants

<p>77 Barre Street  P.O. Box 947  Montpelier, VT 05601  802/223-2352  <a href="http://www.sullivanpowers.com">www.sullivanpowers.com</a></p>	<p>Richard J. Brigham, CPA  Chad A. Hewitt, CPA  Jordan M. Phummer, CPA  VT Lic. #92-000180</p>
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January 21, 2025

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, 2024.

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

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

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

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024**

<u>Parcel ID</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
05-0225-02	AGRILLO, PAUL M.	
06-J035-	BETIT, CLAIRE	
06-J034	BOYD, JUSTIN	
05-0119-	BOYD, KENT	
05-0132-	BOYD, THOMAS	
06-0362-02	CRAWFORD, KRISTY	
06-0494	CROWTHER, JOSHUA	
06-0485	DIX, CHARLES H., ET.. AL.	
08-0574	DIX, DAVID, ET. AL.	
05-0122-	DIX, DOUGLAS, ET. AL.	
05-0109	EDEN, JOHN C.	
05-0261-	ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE LLC	
08-0622	FOOTE, JOHN P.	
06-0322	GARRITY, WILLIAM M.	
99-17LE	GOODNOW, REBECCA J.	
05-0171	GOULD, ELEANOR	
12-1122	HARRIS, JOHN, ET. AL.	
04-0056	HENRY, MASON	
09-0861	HICKS, BRIAN D., ET. AL.	
12-1101-01	HOLT, JOHN H.	
06-J001	JACKSONVILLE DAYS OF OLD	
06-J012	JG BUILDING LLC	
12-1128-	KRZEMINSKI, HELEN	
09-0832	LOCKHART, JAMES, ET. AL.	
06-0337	NORTON, JOSEPH, ET. AL.	
06-J041-	PERRY, KEVIN L., ET. AL.	
05-0237	PHELPS, CARLINE E., ESTATE OF	
05-0124	POWERS, ALICE	
09-0875	RANSLOW, ADAM C., ET. AL.	
03-0035	SANDELLA, JOHN	
05-0076	SOLSKY, MICHAEL, ET. AL.	
05-0239	STACY, JUSTIN, ET. AL.	
12-0997	URBAN SURF 4 KIDS	
06-0498	WALLACE, CALVIN B., ET. AL.	
05-0087-	WATERS, RICHARD C. J.	
06-J048-02	WEBER, JAMES, ET. AL.	
2022 Delinquent taxes		\$3,454.05
2023 Delinquent taxes		\$83,889.57
<b>Total Delinquent taxes as of 6/30/2024</b>		<b>\$87,343.62</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Well, as I sit and write my final town clerk report I am both sad that this will be my last report and excited for the next chapter in life. I will be forever grateful to Buddy Holland for asking me to serve as his assistant town clerk back in 1993 and for the voters that elected me as collector of taxes back in 1995, town clerk in 2004, and treasurer in 2007. I have learned so much over the years, met and got to know many wonderful people, and unfortunately had to say goodbye to way too many. I laughed, cried, and yes, even lost a little sleep now and then, but in the end, things always had a way of working out.

My hope for my replacement is that they always look to the future of the town, beyond when their term as town clerk is over. That they think of the residents, land records, town meetings, elections, assessments, and vital records as Whitingham's history in the making. I hope they use discretion with the information pertaining to residents that passes over their desk.

The town clerk's office oversees all land documents, vital records and town records as required by Vermont Statutes. Other tasks include election preparation and results, voter checklist maintenance, voter registration, clerk and voting member of the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement, issues marriage licenses, dog licenses, Green Mountain Passports, sale of transfer station stickers and tokens, oaths of officers, and notary public.

Vital Statistics records that were issued and or filed in the Town of Whitingham for calendar year 2024: 10 Births, 12 Deaths, and 4 Marriage Licenses.

There were 271 dog licenses issued in 2024. We would like to remind dog owners that by state law their dog(s) must be licensed annually. Dog licenses run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The fee for licensing a dog is \$15 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$19 for un-altered dogs. If you are a dog breeder or pet dealer, a special license is needed. When licensing your dog(s), you must present a current rabies certificate and a certificate of spaying/neutering.

There were 421 land records which totaled 1419 pages, 117 property transfer tax returns, and 6 survey maps that were recorded, indexed, and scanned. The records include real estate transfer deeds, mortgages, discharges, assignments, power of attorney, and other documents.

A huge thank you to Marylee Putnam for serving as my assistant town clerk for the past 19 years and as assistant treasurer for the past 17 years. I would not have been able to do the three positions without her. Thank you to the following individuals who are or have served as assistant town clerks or worked in some capacity in the town clerk's office: Judith Carrier, Cheree Caruso Villeneuve, Angi Dornberg, Anita Kingsley, Susan Taylor, Jessica Betit, Debra Stone, Willy Zboray, Kylie Reed, and Amanda Root Carrier. Each one of them played an important part in maintaining Whitingham's history.

As always, I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year! See you at the town meeting and THANK YOU for allowing me to serve you the voters as your town clerk for so many years. Love and gratitude to everyone.

Best,

*Amirca L. Adams*

Town Clerk



## TRANSFER STATION

The biggest change at the Transfer Station happened in late fall when we transitioned to single stream recycling. For many years we had either been paid for our paper or paid a much lower per ton price for it. Casella Waste Management no longer has the capacity to bale our paper separately therefore will be charging us the same per ton price for paper and containers. With this change in price, it only made sense to add the containers to the paper in the compactor to save us on hauling costs. The recycling compactor we rent from Casella broke down pretty quickly after we started combining the recyclables. Casella is not charging us for hauling recyclables until they replace that compactor.

The trash compactor needs some significant repairs. As of this writing the Selectboard is waiting for more information to determine if repairing, replacing or renting a compactor is the best option for the Town. You will likely notice the increase to the repairs line in the Transfer Station budget.

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

We offer great thanks to **DENNIS PIKE** for taking over Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

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

Thanks to **Charlie Rinaldi** for taking over as backup attendant and to **Dave Munson** for his years as primary or backup attendant.

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

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

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

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

### **Recycling Matters!**

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

268 trees

7,318 gallons of oil

673,365 hours of electricity

80,799 gallons of water

by our municipal recycling in 2024.

Improvement over last year!!

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

### ***Medical Shed***

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

*Thank you.*

## ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

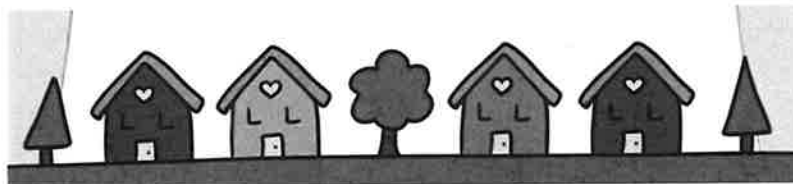
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*Gig Zboray*



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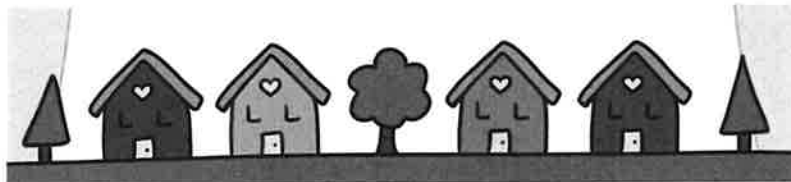
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# DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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

Celebrating our 30th year, we have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events (Family Halloween Event, February Break Family Extravaganza, Blueberry Family Fun Frenzy)
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 4-8
- Implementing Sticker Shock- collaborating with local retailers and youth on a community campaign to eliminate liquor sales to minors
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with middle and high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sponsoring empowerment/leadership groups for middle and high school students
- Sponsoring tobacco awareness activities and offering virtual vaping/smoking cessation programs for middle and high school students
- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales to prevent selling to minors
- Recognizing local retailers that pass state compliance checks
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free and installing cigarette buttlers at businesses with 802 Quits Cessation information
- Supporting the Student Assistance Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations for parents
- Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- Supporting the teen room (the Vault) and free teen clothing distribution at OSEC
- Promoting Take Back Day and distributing RX return envelopes

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford-DVCP Director, Jen Nilsen-Community and School Programs Coordinator, Shelley Park, Family Engagement Coordinator

## DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

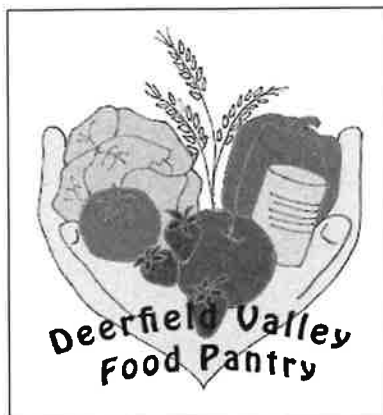
The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry is located at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. Our dedicated volunteers spent the 2023-2024 year distributing a week's worth of supplemental food assistance to households in Dover, Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham and Wilmington. There are no income restrictions, and we are an Equal Opportunity Provider. No one is ever turned away.

Shelf-stable staples, meats, eggs, dairy, fresh produce, bread, health care products and more are offered at every distribution. All families are offered the same foods, and their family size determines the amount. Distributions occur from 1-3 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday and from 9-11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Each household may visit the food pantry once per month.

Our customer numbers have risen compared to last year with the peak being in November, when we had 114 households (for a total of 282 people). Donations in many forms and local fundraisers have helped to ensure that our monetary needs are met. Our many sources of food allow us to be very efficient in the spending of funds generously donated to us. We are very proud of the fact that we recycle all of the cardboard and plastic wrappings our foodstuffs are packed in. We also provide and encourage our customers to continue using reusable shopping and produce bags when they visit our Food Pantry. Our sincere thanks to local businesses and organizations who have had and continue to plan fundraisers on our behalf.

Our volunteer base continues to be strong, although we have had to say goodbye to longtime friends, but hopefully welcome new ones to our fold. The enthusiasm and satisfaction of helping others is infectious and heartwarming. The donated hours by our volunteers are very appreciated.

Any individual or family in the Deerfield Valley needing food assistance is welcome to attend one of our distributions.





**Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.** is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the residents and visitor of our communities. Our Combination EMS Agency (Paid and compensated “volunteers”) covers 247 square miles, operating 3 Ambulances out of 2 stations (Wilmington and Jacksonville). The core of our agency is made up of approximately 14 volunteers, 5 full-time paid staff and 2 per-diem employees. For the time period of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, DVR has responded to 875 calls of which 123 were in the town of Whitingham.

In November we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, commemorated by a very successful banquet and fundraiser at the Hermitage Club. We thank those who made this event and our first 50 years a success.

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

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area. Should you want to become a part of our organization or learn what we do, please stop and see us or give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

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P.O. Box 854

Fax: 802-464-4728

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Wilmington, VT 05363

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



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

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Dear Whitingham Voters,

Thank you for approving \$305 in funding to Green Mountain RSVP at the 2024 Town Meeting.

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

During the period funded, 6 Whitingham residents were active Green Mountain RSVP volunteers. Their service included:

- Leading in-person Bone Builders classes twice a week
- Administering the Deerfield Valley Food Shelf
- Creating Sunshine Cards, which are given to homebound seniors.

These 6 volunteers served a combined total of 435 hours in the 2024 Program Year. Whitingham residents benefitted from the service of these RSVP volunteers as well as from the service of RSVP volunteers who are residents of other towns and who volunteer in Whitingham (as Meals on Wheels drivers and food delivery drivers).

Free, volunteer-led Bone Builders classes meet twice a week year-round and help participants improve their balance and muscle strength, which leads to fewer falls and improved bone density. These positive outcomes help people age in place and live independently for longer. There is a twice-weekly class at the Municipal Center. The class averages an attendance of 6 people per class.

Voter-approved funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs that help Vermont seniors age-in-place.

We remain committed to reinvesting the talents of our seniors into local communities.

Thank you for your support.



## **HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (HCRS)**

### **Narrative Report from FY24 for Town of Whitingham**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health, substance use, community rehabilitation and treatment, and developmental services programs. HCRS also offers 24/7 emergency services for anyone experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis.

During FY24, HCRS provided 7,282 hours of services to 48 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 12 clients, three from Halifax, five from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$143,543.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$211,505.00.

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  
380-1294

Julie Muller  
380-5905

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Mike Mandracchia  
368-2658

## The MOOver

We celebrated our 28th anniversary in 2024. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Whitingham, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors. A few people thought we'd never survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over six million rides since.

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Schoonmaker



## SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM

The Senior Meal program, taking place in Jacksonville, has been servicing the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and the Dovers. 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 for a suggested donation of \$5 for each nutritional meal. We have provided approximately 40 meals on Tuesday and Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 125 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 8 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, 5 regular volunteer drivers that deliver Meals on Wheels, and 3 on call volunteer drivers.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$37,000 in State Aide, Seniors individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$39,500 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies, offset by other local charitable support and individual donations. We were fortunate to receive weekly produce from Howe Community Garden (Wilmington) & Good Bunch Farm (Shelburne, MA) this helped to offset our food budget as well as provide free local produce for the Seniors in the valley. Senior Solutions contracted with Good Bunch Farm for our valley to receive 6 crop shares each week Summer & Fall this year. We are not sure if this program will continue next year.

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

*Terrie Dumaine,*

Senior Meal Coordinator



## SENIOR SOLUTIONS

### Detailed Report to the Town of Whitingham

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

**This is a summary of services provided to Whitingham residents in the time period of 7/1/2023-6/30/2024.**

**Information & Assistance:** 48 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs. Extensive resources are also on our website:

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

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

**In-Home Care Coordination Services:** We provided 10 residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 72 hours) to enable them to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions case manager meets clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure services that support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Nutrition Services and Meal Programs:** We partnered with Deerfield Valley Meals and TRIO Community Meals to provide 1,285 Home-Delivered Meals, plus community meal gatherings in our region.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to supplement their operating costs for these meal programs. The funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding to meet operating costs. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support these meal programs and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Our volunteers provided home visits, telephone reassurance, and respite for family caregivers. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients. 1 resident received 56 hours of volunteer service.

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

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

*Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director*

## SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate the root causes of poverty.*

SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing, and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a Community Solar program, and a Thrift Store Voucher Program.

**SEVCA has served a total of 16 unduplicated households comprised of 34 people in Whitingham between Oct 2023 and the end of September 2024.** Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In Whitingham, SEVCA's impact in FY2024 included:

- No-cost weatherization services that reduce a household's energy costs and make homes healthier and safer valued at least \$11,052.
- Fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on valued at least \$3,643.
- 5 Households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- **The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Whitingham exceeded \$14,700. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.**

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 increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Whitingham for their support.

Josh Davis, Executive Director  
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## SeVEDS Impact Statement for Whitingham Town Report March 2025

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to do on its own. **Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy.** BDCC, Southeastern Vermont’s Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), a 5 year regional plan that is developed with extensive regional input. The CEDs was updated in 2024 to inform the region’s economic direction through 2029. The plan’s central tenet is: **‘Southern Vermont must adapt to the rapid pace of innovation, continuing climate change impacts, and trending demographic shifts.’** The full document is available at [www.sovermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds).

### Background & Request

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

In 2024, 22 communities, representing 86% of Windham region residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. To build **regional economic development capacity**. SeVEDS uses municipal funding to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding.** In FY24 we helped bring over **\$7.5 Million** to our region – funding that supports the work of our region’s towns, businesses and nonprofits.

### Program Impacts

- BDCC’s newly expanded **Business Services** provides technical assistance and lending. We work with businesses of any size, from startup to retirement. We encourage every local business to reach out – if we can’t help, we’ll connect you with someone who can. We’ll also connect local business owners with new **“BizConnect” events now happening every month around the region.** 3 Whitingham businesses are on our current client roster.
- Regionally, we **support jobs** for the many Whitingham folks who commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area’s largest employers.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that provides career training and support to students in area High Schools, including **Twin Valley**. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20’s-40’s advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- **The Welcoming Communities** program has supported **207** New Americans who have filled positions in **51** local companies, keeping our regional economy thriving.
- **The Southern Vermont Economy Project** helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources. A recent example is a Grant Writing Workshop in August of 2024, which included an attendee from Jacksonville.
- Historically, BDCC’s **finance and grant management staff** worked directly with the Town of Whitingham to submit an application for funding for the **Whitingham Sewer Upgrade** through the Congressionally Directed Spending Program, via EPA, that was received through Sen. Sanders’ office. This included drafting the cost share waiver request (which was granted), and putting together all the grant application components.

### More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). There you can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources, or download our annual report (you can also call the office to receive your own copy: 802-257-7731).

**Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation**  
76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com) 802-257-7731

# Twin Valley Youth Sports

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

Twin Valley Youth Sports is run by a Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. We have added 3 new board members in 2024. We welcome Susie Hanna (Secretary), Alicia Mathiau and Justin Corey to our board. This makes TVYS a full board of 7 members. We have a full and operational website at [www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com](http://www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com) that is managed by our web designer, Fran Cunningham. This site offers all the information anyone would need about TVYS, as well as houses our registration forms for each season. We have gone to a fully online registration and payment method starting with our 2024/25 basketball season. We also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. We are also adding a non-contact type of payment, Zettle by Paypal and Venmo, as options for payment at our concession stands beginning in our winter 2024/25 basketball season. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, umpires, and our concession booth run by parents from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, concessions, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs. TVYS is extremely excited about the finished project of the "Renovate the Field" project at TVES. The renovation was completed by Davenport from Greenfield, Ma and was completed in September 2024. Baseball in the Spring of 2025 will be the first teams on the newly renovated field.

Twin Valley Youth Sports participated in the Mohawk Youth Cal Ripken Baseball League in Colrain, Ma in the Spring of 2024. This league consisted of teams from West County, Colrain, Hawlemont/Rowe, Ashfield, and Buckland/Shelburne. This league fielded teams for T-ball (Pre-K), Rookies (grades K-1), Minors (1<sup>st</sup> year players in grades 2-4), and Majors (grades 4-6). The baseball program had 95 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the Colrain, Ma area. Some games played under the lights, as well as our home field at Twin Valley Elementary School. A softball team was fielded once again and our numbers in that program continue to be on the rise. This team played independent games against teams from the Brattleboro area and also hosted a tournament which was played at Town Hill in Whitingham. For the 2025 season, we are exploring league options in the Greenfield, Ma area.

Our basketball program was a success in the winter of 2024. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Fran Cunningham. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games amongst themselves, as well as weekly games against other area teams such as Bennington, Arlington, Manchester and Hinsdale, NH. TVYS also fielded a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girl's team in the Berkshire County League in Massachusetts, which was an outstanding addition to the schedule due to the rigorous competition that was provided. In 2024/25, we will again field a boys 5/6 team, as well as a girls 5/6 team in this league. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2024 was 113.

Our soccer program for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams continues to participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League based in Arlington, VT. The JWYSL consists of 8 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, Greenwich, NY, Taconic Valley, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and Twin Valley. The

JWYSL offers an all girls soccer teams in grades 3-6 and the number of girls joining continues to grow, as well as do our boys teams. This fall (2024), TVYS fielded 2 girls 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, 2 boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, 2 girls 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> grade team and 2 boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. There were over 50 Pre-K and K in our Saturday morning program. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were also divided by gender and these teams continued to build on their skills learned in Pre-k and Kindergarten and practiced 2 days a week and played intra-squad games. Due to the field at TVES being under construction, we played games and practiced at Baker Field in Wilmington. We would like to thank Buddy Hayford, The TVMHS athletic director, for allowing TVYS to share this space in Wilmington. We would also like to thank K2 Towing from Halifax for their generosity in providing a flatbed truck to assist in moving our soccer goals to Baker Field for the 2024 season. The Howe field space was also brought back to life this fall. 2 practice fields were made there to accommodate our large number of teams this past fall. We had new coordinators for our soccer program this year. Ryan Holton and Karina Martin did an outstanding job coordinating the sport of soccer. The total number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2024 was at a record high of 172.

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



Front row: Noah Moore, Omer Kaplan, Morgan Holton, Belle Mathiau, Delaney Keegan, Matthew Andrews.  
Back row: Kate Oyer, Scarlett Cimino.



# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

Brattleboro Local Health Office | 232 Main St. Suite 3, Brattleboro, VT  
802.257.2882 | [AHS.VDHBattleboro@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHBattleboro@Vermont.gov)

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to people in Windham and Windsor counties. Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/Brattleboro](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/Brattleboro)



## Improve Family and Child Health

Family and Child Health is an essential part of what we do

- We provided WIC food benefits, nutrition support, and breast/chestfeeding education to nearly 600 families in the past year
- Our team has prioritized meeting the needs of all of our clients. We are proud to offer both WIC appointments as well as nutrition education resources in multiple languages to meet the diverse needs of our community
- In partnership with several community partners, we have worked to get cribs, pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, as well as adult hygiene products to community members with the most need



## Protect Community Health

Our team has been a leader in vaccinations for our community

- The Brattleboro team has continued to prioritize vaccinations for a diversity of community members from vaccination clinics in partnership with local refugee resettlement agencies to going out to local farms to vaccinate farm workers along with on-site vaccination for community members facing barriers
- We have established strong partnerships with local long-term care facilities and hospitals in the district to assist in managing illness outbreaks and help keep residents and staff safe
- Our team continues to be a resource for preventative needs in the community. From large-scale COVID test kit distributions to getting condoms out to community partners, we prioritize prevention



## Create Resilient Communities

We prioritize making community-wide impacts

- In response to major barriers to accessing dental care, in October 2024 the Brattleboro office hosted a dental clinic in partnership with Windham County Dental Center that served 50 community members. We hope to host more clinics in the next year
- We also work extensively with local partners to improve access to physical activity, sunscreen, tick prevention, and emergency preparedness resources



## **DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”!**

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

**(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.**

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoued or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: [AnimalAidVT@gmail.com](mailto:AnimalAidVT@gmail.com) or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

### **THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”**

**VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them.** Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV) *Sue Skaskiw, Administrator*

***TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***



# The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

## 2024 Annual Report

2024 was another busy year for the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) and our network of regional teams across the state, with more catastrophic flooding in July that resulted in several activations and standby requests in central and northern Vermont. WinDART volunteers were on standby to assist after our Central Vermont DART (CVDART) was once again activated on July 10th to provide pet sheltering services to families who were forced from their homes. While the number of families who ultimately needed our services was relatively small compared to 2023 (2 families with 3 cats and 2 dogs), it was equally important to those families (and pets like this 17-year old pug) for us to be there.



WinDART once again hosted a

Pet Food Drive at the Shaw's in Wilmington to benefit the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. Food pantry staff reported that pet families sincerely appreciated the donation of food and our continued efforts to support these critical needs. We also participated in several community events throughout the summer and fall promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan. We distributed free disaster planning materials and goodies at the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival Market & Music event, the Wilmington Antique and Flea Market, and the Windham County Humane Society's Walk for Animals.



WinDART organized a free Pet First Aid class in Wilmington at the Old School, instructed by Halifax veterinarian Dr. Sue Kelly. Members of the team and the general public learned how to identify and manage some common issues like burns, lacerations, chemical exposures and hypothermia until their pets could be brought to a veterinarian for follow-up treatment.

WinDART chair Joanne Bourbeau presented at the

statewide Vermont Emergency Management Conference on the importance of community planning for pets in disasters and highlighted the group's response to the 2023 floods. More than 200 emergency management and public health officials, first responders and other NGOs who attended the conference appreciated the information we shared on this important topic. Joanne met up with Winnie, one of Vermont's rockstar Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) K9s. VDART is working with USAR to ensure that they have the necessary equipment and supplies on their rescue boats and vehicles to safely remove animals WITH their families when disaster strikes.





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

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

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resource planning, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; addressing transportation issues, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant applications and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, by assisting with projects in, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative.

Work highlights for 2024 include assisting towns with project development and applications to the state Hazard Mitigation and Flood Resilient Communities programs, piloting a multi-town housing planning charrette process, supporting several towns with their town plan and zoning updates, assisting with the management of wastewater engineering and implementation projects, continued collaboration with Green Mountain Power on engaging with towns around grid resiliency, and helping towns access the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. The WRC has also worked to bring more faculty and student engagement into the region, and this year brought in the University of Vermont, UMass-Amherst, and Norwich University on wastewater system mapping, housing and community connectedness, and river flood modeling, respectively. We are also updating the regional plan.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$3,744.17. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2025 and 2024 Annual Report, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."



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

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

Wings Community Programs have enjoyed another successful year serving Whitingham youth and families providing after-school and summer programming. Wings welcomed Joanne Fowler as co site coordinator along with Jill Sachs at TVES. Shannon Trumble coordinated programs at TVMHS for a second year.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 2023-2024 school year, 111 TVMHS youth and 119 TVES youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling over 9800 student hours at TVMHS and 23957 student hours at TVES
- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the 2023-2024 school year prioritizing social emotional learning and engagement.
- Whitingham students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: TVES boasted Girls on the Run, Theater Arts, and Kindergarten Builders (built towers and forts from recycled materials) along with 32 other unique programs. TVMHS students enjoyed weight lifting, wreath making, drama club, and tutoring in addition to 21 wellness, academic or enrichment activities. TVMHS created a rock band that performed on Hayford field in July.
- TVES and TVMHS youth filled 202 Wings summer camp 2024 slots, enjoying a summer of fun, connection, and joy! 39 TVES & TVMHS students performed in the Wings' performing arts production, "The Tempest.". 118 TVES students, grades K-5, participated in Celebrate Summer & Stepping Stones camp. 37 TVMHS students kayaked, swam, hiked, and spent time adventuring outside during the Outdoor Adventures camp. 56 students participated in Wings Readsboro Summer Fun camp, Wings Halifax Summer Fun camp, Museum and Library Camp. Seventeen TVMHS students honed their golf skills during the Wings Summer Golf Program in partnership with Mount Snow Golf Club. 21 High School students were hired as summer counselors.
- STOP, DROP, & READ was a HUGE success at summer camp! Students enjoyed 30 minutes a day of reading and writing, EVERY day of camp. 413 books were sent home with campers to be enjoyed and reread with their families.
- The Vault, a student driven and inspired safe space staffed by Wings and DVCP, continued throughout the school year, welcoming students to socialize with peers and lean on trusted adults. The Kickback Korner, staffed by Shannon at TVMHS, allows students the opportunity to have an afterschool snack, catch up on homework, play pool with friends and catch up on the day in a relaxed, positive- spirited, safe space. Wings created a Sports Club for athletes who have sports practices scheduled for later in the afternoon. Student athletes worked on homework or prepared for practice and games at the school, under supervision, instead of returning home and needing to find transportation back later for practice.
- Wings maintains high standards for learning, enrichment, wellness and academic programming. We have established partnerships with multiple organizations to intentionally add unique opportunities for all of our students, including Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Trout Unlimited, DVCP, municipal agencies and local craftsmen.

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

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Jill Sachs & Joanne Fowler

TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shannon Trumble

Respectfully submitted,  
*Katie Boyd & Keli Gould* Project Co-Directors

# Women's Freedom Center

## Statement of Services

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## Report to the Town of Whitingham

The Women's Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor County. We achieve this by educating the community about the root causes of violence, challenging the systems that perpetuate it, and providing comprehensive support and services. These include shelter, safe housing, and assistance for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and dating violence. Since our founding in 1974, we have supported survivors of these crimes and conducted educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help foster a community that does not tolerate violence.

We offer emergency support—including shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referrals—24/7, 365 days a year. Our services also include ongoing individual and group support, advocacy in legal, medical, housing, and social services, and collaboration with other agencies during the week. Given the rural nature of our service area and the isolation often experienced in abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting survivors wherever it is safe, whether that means helping them reach us or going to a secure location within their community.

During the fiscal year from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls, provided shelter to 153 individuals, and offered thousands of hours of individual and group support. We also provided advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation, and childcare to **986 people**, including 554 women, 6 non-binary individuals, 34 men, and 392 children, all of whom had experienced abuse. These figures encompass 6 survivors and their 2 children from Whitingham. Additionally, we conducted 67 community outreach activities, such as school presentations and workshops, reaching over 800 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

As a private, non-profit organization, the Freedom Center relies significantly on the generous support of our community to provide the free and confidential services that are essential to our mission. Your Town's contribution is crucial in helping us sustain and expand our programs, ensuring that survivors of violence receive the critical assistance they need and deserve. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment and support, which is vital to our ongoing efforts and to making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center

# **WARNING**

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

### **March 4, 2025**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School Gymnasium at 4299 VT Route 100, in said Town, on March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

#### **Article 1**

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

#### **Article 2**

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

#### **Article 3**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$21,000.00** for the upkeep and maintenance of town parks (Parks Committee budget) for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026?

#### **Article 4**

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

#### **Article 5**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,681,613.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, of which **\$1,470,503.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$138,676.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$72,434.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 6**

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

#### **Article 7**

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

#### **Article 8**

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

#### **Article 9**

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

#### **Article 10**

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

**Article 11**

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

**Article 12**

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

**Article 13**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026?

**Article 14**

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

**Article 15**

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 16**

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 17**

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 18**

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 19**

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

**Article 20**

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 21**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) to assist Whitingham in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance, weatherization, tax preparation, financial coaching, Head Start services, thrift stores, and micro business development, to families and individuals in need in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?



### **Article 22**

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 23**

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

### **Article 23**

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 23**

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

### **Article 26**

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 27**

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

### **Article 28**

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

### **Article 29**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2025, with ninety-days' notice; to be made by physical delivery to the tax collector before 2pm on that date or with a first-class postmark on or before that date?

### **Article 30**

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 31**

Shall the voters approve and access a 1% local options tax on rooms, meals & alcoholic beverages, and sales pursuant to 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated, section 138?

### **Article 32**

Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Beautification and Improvements Fund to be funded by the 1% Options Tax in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

**Article 33**


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

The following article will be voted by Australian ballot:

**Article 34**

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

- o Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- o Library Trustee for a term of three years (2)
- o Library Trustee for a term of two years (1)
- o Selectboard member for a term of one year
- o Selectboard member for a term of two years
- o Selectboard member for a term of three years
- o Town Clerk for a term of three years
- o Town Moderator for a term of one year
- o School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years
- o School Moderator (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- o School Clerk (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- o School Treasurer (TVUUSD) for a term of one year

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
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 This 23 day of JAN A.D. 2025 at  
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 Almira Aekus  
 Town Clerk


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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 22nd day of January 2025 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*

  
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*James Weber, Vice Chair*

  
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*Lyman Tefft, Jr., Member*

  
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*Travis Wheeler, Member*

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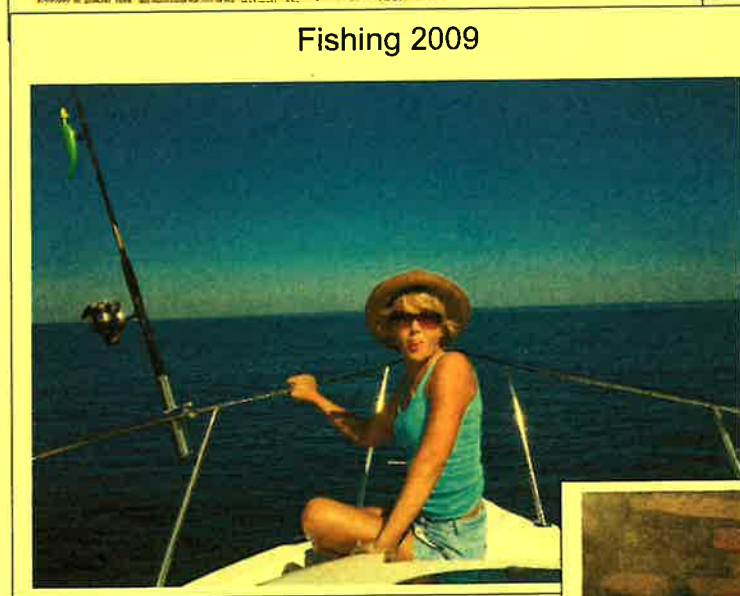
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Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk*

  
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# NOTES

Many thanks to **ALMIRA AEKUS** for 32 years of service to the town. We offer best wishes for a well-deserved Happy Retirement. One of her many accomplishments is that Almira digitized decades worth of land records so they are available online.



**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events  
will be scheduled for  
Spring and Fall  
at the Whitingham Transfer Station,  
look for fliers for more information.**

**TOWN MEETING and ELECTION POLLS  
will be at the  
Twin Valley Middle/High School Gymnasium,  
4299 VT Route 100  
Whitingham, VT  
on**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**

**TOWN MEETING STARTS AT 10am**

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

**Informational meeting regarding the budget and  
town report will be held on February 19 during  
regular Selectboard meeting starting at 6:30pm.**