

ELECTION DAY RESULTS
TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 4, 2025

Article 1

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

Article 2

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

Article 3

Voted 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

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

Article 5

Voted to authorize **\$1,681,613.00** 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

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

Article 7

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

Article 8

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

Article 9

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

Article 10

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

Article 11

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

Article 12

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

Article 13

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

Article 14

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

Article 15

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

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

Article 24

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

Article 25

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

Article 26

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

Article 27

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

Article 28

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

Article 29

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

Article 30

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

Article 31

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

Article 32

Passed over (Objection to consideration) that 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. The following individuals were elected.:

- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years (No candidate voted)
- Library Trustee for a term of three years (2) – Judy Bernard & Tanya Bernard
- Library Trustee for a term of two years (1) – Angela Dornburgh
- Selectboard member for a term of one year – Rick Gramlin
- Selectboard member for a term of two years - Lyman “Skip” Tefft
- Selectboard member for a term of three years – Scott Reed
- Town Clerk for a term of three years – Almira Aekus
- Town Moderator for a term of one year – Seth Boyd
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of 3 years – Kristy Corey

Dated at Whitingham this 4th day of March 2025

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