



**Town of Whitingham
Office of the Selectboard**

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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The Whitingham Selectboard held a regular meeting at 6:30pm in the dining hall of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Selectboard members present: Scott M. Reed, Chair; James Weber, Vice Chair; Rick Gramlin, Craig Hammer, and Skip Tefft.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrator; Stanley Janovsky, Road Commissioner; Marylee Putnam, Treasurer; Aimee Reed, Donnie Boyd, Seth Boyd, Liz Fournier, John Rohbohm, Johanna Rohbohm, Gretchen Havriluk, residents; Rachel Littlehale, Town Clerk; Olga Peters, Deerfield Valley News; Tim Jones, Don Mills and Kyle Buxton of Green Mountain Power.

Attending remotely: Emily Carris-Duncan, state representative.

Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Changes to the agenda were noted on the meeting copy of the agenda.

Hearing of Visitors for concerns not on the agenda

The school's informational meeting is scheduled for tonight also. Kristy Corey, chair of the School Board is available to answer any questions people might have on the school budget and can be reached via email at kcorey@tvhs.k12.vt.us or kcorey@twinvalley.wswsu49.org.

Emily Carris-Duncan, state representative, provided an update on a new bill.

Green Mountain Power, proposed projects

Tim Jones of Green Mountain Power here to propose projects and work agreements for several areas of town. In speaking with Mr. Janovsky this morning there is some more work for them to do on the road work from prior projects. As soon as spring weather allows, they will finish up the prior projects.

The new projects are slated for Chapel Hill Road/Saddada Road/Cyrus Road/Dix Lane and Wilmington Cross Road/Murdock Lane/Bear Lane/Fuller Hill Road

Program ends September 30th of this year, all work must be complete by then.

After reviewing the proposed work this morning with Mr. Janovsky, it was determined that changes need to be made to the agreement. They will come back next month with updated information/agreement.

Animal Control issue

There is an ongoing issue with a barking dog on School Street, the dog owners were invited to this meeting to try to reach a satisfactory resolution for all parties, they declined the invitation. Mr. Weber noted that the Selectboard had updated the Dog Ordinance to do away with barking, but a petition demanded a town vote and the new ordinance was voted down.

Informational session to discuss proposed budget and Town Report

Mrs. Fournier questioned what the “municipal facilities fund” is and if we had always had it? Yes, it is a fund to maintain municipal facilities.

Mrs. Havreluk, general fund page 12, delinquent tax, why is there nothing budgeted? We don't budget it under delinquent, it is budgeted into the current tax line. Selectboard Office, page 19, line 308, asked and answered. Confused about town clerk salary listed on page 29, explained that the prior Clerk was paid from July 1 through March 4. Questioned retirement in the Fire Department budget, Ms. Putnam answered.

Mr. Robohm questioned who gets retirement in the Fire Department, the answer is Stan Janovsky and Dennis Pike because they are full-time employees.

Mrs. Havreluk questioned Article 4 on the Warning, economic development for \$6,000, the answer is there are now 2 members in the Economic Development Group (looking for more) and much of the funds are set aside to build a new town website in the future.

Mrs. Robohm commented that two people are not a group as it is related to Economic Development. She complained that the library's portion of the website is awful. More discussion around the website.

Mrs. Havreluk noted that it is a well put together report and wanted to thank whoever put it together (Gig).

Olga Peters of Deerfield Valley news: what are the biggest increases we had to address in the proposed budget? Nothing in particular.

Mr. Robohm, page 15, line 154 tax sales, Mrs. Putnam will do some research, she believes that amount is attorney fees for a tax sale in the prior year. Page 16, line 170, we needed to have a “single audit” due to the large amount of grant funds expended. Law enforcement – asked and answered.

Mrs. Robohm, what are we doing about the garage fund? Mr. Weber explained the latest status of the garage. Out of the Economic Development Fund, what are the expenses? Ms. Putnam will look up. Assistant town clerk, why is there a budget line for it? No plans for an

assistant right now, but it is there in case it is needed. Ms. Putnam is the official assistant town clerk right now, without extra pay.

Highway

Nothing special to discuss, Mr. Janovsky met with Green Mountain Power this morning.

Sewer

The project is still on a temporary shutdown; it is scheduled to restart on March 2nd and substantial completion on April 3rd, not including the new roofs.

Approval of Payables Warrant – February 19, 2026

A motion was made by James Weber to approve Payables Warrant #W2634 dated February 19, 2026, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Approval of Payroll Warrant – February 19, 2026

A motion was made by James Weber to approve Payroll Warrant #W2633 dated February 19, 2026, seconded by Skip Tefft, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2026

A motion was made by Scott M. Reed to accept the Minutes of February 4, 2026, as written, seconded by Craig Hammer, four in favor, Mr. Weber abstained.

Other business:

Discuss who will read which article on Warning at Town Meeting articles were assigned.

Seth Boyd requested patience at Town Meeting this year. He is the new moderator, and we have a new town clerk. He requested a new process at town meeting where everyone is to get a name tag, colored based on whether they are a Whitingham registered voter or not.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Craig Hammer, seconded by Rick Gramlin, all in favor.

Scott M. Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
~Gig Zboray