

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 2, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Selectboard voted to use the Australian ballot system for all items on the Warning for 2021 annual town meeting pursuant to Act 162 of the year 2020.

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, were warned and notified to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 Vermont Route 100, in Jacksonville, VT on March 2, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot on the following town business:

Article 1

Voted to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 of **\$666,889.00** of which **\$400,745.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$200,044.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$66,100.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Results: Yes – 290, No – 72 and Blank 8

Article 2

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$78,789.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Results: Yes – 332, No – 35 and Blank 3

Article 3

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Results: Yes – 329, No – 38 and Blank 3

Article 4

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Results: Yes – 286, No – 78 and Blank 6

Article 5

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$35,124.00** for the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

- **\$400.00** for **Brattleboro Area Hospice** for delivery of volunteer hospice care, bereavement care and advance care planning services.
- **\$1,000.00** for **Deerfield Valley Community Cares**, an organization that provides fuel assistance for those not on state aid.
- **\$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.
- **\$500.00** for **Deerfield Valley Food Pantry** for the purpose of providing supplemental food assistance to area families.

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 with **\$19,550.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue.

Results: Yes – 306, No – 49 and Blank 15

Article 9

Voted to authorize **\$1,401,207.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 of which **\$1,182,611.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$129,144.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$89,452.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Results: Yes – 301, No – 53 and Blank 16

Article 10

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

Results: Yes – 291, No – 62 and Blank 17

Article 11

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Results: Yes – 250, No – 97 and Blank 23

Article 12

Voted **against** the purchase of 12 acres at 1177 Town Hill Road, at a cost of \$20,000.00 for use as a future site of a Town Highway Garage.

Results: Yes – 159, No – 186 and Blank 25

Article 13

Article 12 above was defeated

In the event that Article 12 above passes, shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for the purchase of 1177 Town Hill Road for use a future site of a Town Highway Garage?

Results: Yes – 155, No – 187 and Blank 28

Article 14

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00**, to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund.

Results: Yes – 238, No – 108, Over vote - 1, and Blank 23

Article 15

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 for continued maintenance.

Results: Yes – 296, No – 55 and Blank 19

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, 1 year

Almira L. Aekus	325
Overvote	1

John Robohm	1
Blank	41

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 1 year

Adam Ranslow	309
Dana Dix	1
Blank	56

Rodney Bemis	2
Overvote	0

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 years

Dana Dix	314
Jimmy Sprague	1
Overvote	0

Rodney Bemis	3
Richard Tefft	1
Blank	49

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 years (vote for 2)

Kristen Breeden	295
Overvote	0

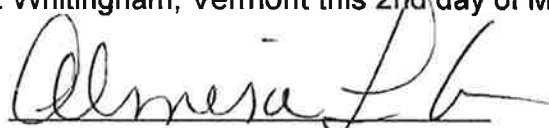
Adam Ranslow	262
Blank	179

SCHOOL DIRECTOR (TVUUSD), 3 years

Jared D. Kingsley	313
Overvote	0
Blank	55

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 2nd day of March 2021.

Attest:


Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk


Board of Civil Authority Member


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NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 964

NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 368

HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR – N/A – Australian Ballot Only

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

RECEIVED FOR RECORD

This 12 day of MAR A.D. 2021 at

09 o'clock 00 minutes A.M. and

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Attest


Town Clerk