

Whitingham Town Meeting and Election Results

March 5, 2024

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 upkeep and maintenance of town parks (Parks Committee budget) 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 for 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 6th, 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 12th 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.

Discussion to be put in official minutes.

Article 31

Election of Town officers required by law with the following results:

Town Moderator, 1 year – Leon L. Corse

Town Treasurer, 1 year – Almira L. Aekus

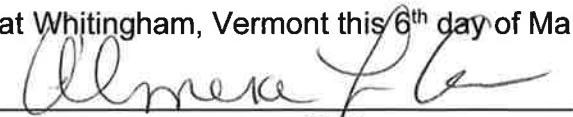
Selectboard, 2 years – Craig Hammer and Travis Wheeler

Selectboard, 3 years – James Weber

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – Almira L. Aekus
Library Trustee, 3 years – Cindy Holveck and Shandell soumar
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years – Madeline Dix Klein
School Director, 2 years – Jared Kingsley
School Director, 3 years – Ed Dornburgh

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 6th day of March 2024

Attest:


Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk