

# **166th ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the 12 months ended June 30, 2020**



Hybrid Selectboard meeting-December 2020. Stan Janovsky, Howard Dix, Craig Hammer, Chris Walling, Phil Edelstein (on screen), Scott Reed and Wayne W. Wood. Masks on, 6 feet apart.

**Town Meeting**  
**will be conducted by Australian Ballot only**  
**on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.**

**Polls will be at the**  
**Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville**  
**from 10am to 7pm.**

**Ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters.**



# Town of Whitingham

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

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	
Animal Control Officer	Dan Hollister	380-0534 (cell)	Vermont State Police 911
Assessors Office (fka Listers)	Thursday 9-2	368-2838	non-emergency (802) 722-4600
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	368-7543	
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	368-7887	Zoning Administrator
EMERGENCY-Statewide		911	Gig Zboray 368-7500
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	368-7184 H	
Firemen's Association		368-2900	
Fire Warden	Allan Twitchell	368-2823	
Health Officer	Gig Zboray	368-7500	
Highway Department	Stanley Janovsky	368-2466	

**Library** Kristine Sweetser 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 11am to 5pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm

**Planning Commission Chair** Brad Lackey 249-4392

**Selectboard Office** Gig Zboray 368-7500

Physical Address: 2948 VT Route 100, Ground Floor, Jacksonville, VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm

Meeting Nights 6pm to end of meeting

**Sewer Department** Dave DiCantio 368-7538

**Tax Collector / Town Clerk /Treasurer**

Almira Aekus 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** Jen Herzig 368-7876

Physical Address: 4185 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Hours: Sunday 12-4 Tuesday 9-2 and 5-7

Thursday and Saturday 9-2

**All hours posted subject to  
change due to Corona Virus**

## Holidays Observed:

New Years Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
Presidents Day  
Town Meeting Day  
Easter, Transfer Station Closed  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving & Friday  
Christmas Eve (half day)  
Christmas Day

## SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:\*

February 10 & 24  
March 10 & 24  
April 7 & 21  
May 5 & 19  
June 2, 16 & 30  
July 14 & 28  
August 11 & 25  
September 8 & 22  
October 6 & 20  
November 3 & 17  
December 1, 15 & 29  
January 12 & 26, 2022

**6:30 PM**

*unless otherwise posted*

*\*subject to rescheduling*

## COVID-19 CHANGES TO TOWN MEETING

The Corona Virus / COVID-19 Pandemic and the mandatory health and safety requirements issued by the Center for Disease Control, the Vermont Department of Health, the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the VT Secretary of State's office have created maximum occupancy limits that will not allow us to hold our annual Town Meeting in the normal fashion in 2021. Also, there is no explicit authority in Vermont law for municipalities to conduct town meetings that are held from the floor by electronic means.

At their regular meeting on December 16, 2020 the Selectboard voted to apply the Australian ballot system for all items on the Warning for 2021 annual Town Meeting pursuant to Act 162 of the year 2020. Therefore, on March 2, 2021 **ALL ARTICLES ON THE TOWN MEETING WARNING WILL BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.**

The polls will be held at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT from 10am to 7pm. Social distancing will be practiced.

All registered, active voters will receive ballots in the mail. We encourage early voting to avoid congregating at the polls.

To vote early you must fill out your ballots as directed. Stuff your ballots into the "inner" envelope. **YOU MUST SIGN** the inner envelope. After signing the inner envelope, you can stuff it into the outer envelope and choose from the following options:

- mail it via the USPS, the outer envelope has the postage prepaid,
- you may drop off your stuffed and signed inner envelope in the new drop box in front of the Municipal Center,
- you may bring your ballots to the Town Clerk's business window during normal business hours, or
- you may vote at the polls (please bring your ballots with you).

All ballots must be received by 7pm on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.



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**Town Clerk**  
PO Box 529  
Jacksonville, VT 05342  
(802) 368-7887  
[almira@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org)

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at town clerk's office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 20, 2021.

**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, 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: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

### **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 ("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

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: <https://www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>

Link for Election Results: <http://vtelectionarchive.sec.state.vt.us/>



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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 25, 2020 the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be 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>	
Wayne W. Wood	2021
<b>SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR</b>	
Scott Reed	2021
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Daniel Hollister	
<b>BROADBAND COMMITTEE</b>	
Doug Amidon	2021
Rod Bemis	2021
Wayne Corse	2021
Phil Edelstein	2021
Michael Edwards	2021
Doug Fruge'	2021
Olivia Kennett	2021
Michael Mandracchia	2021
Michael Patton	2021
<b>E-911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2021
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b>	
Gretchen Havreluk	2021
Jenepher Burnell (resigned)	2021
Phil Edelstein	2021
Seth Boyd	2021
Carrie Northrup	2021
Karen Hein (appointed 08/12/2020)	2021
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray	2021
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>	
Wayne W. Wood	2022
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>	
Chief – Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2021
First Assistant Chief – Michael Stevens	2021
Captains – 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dennis Pike, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – David Briggs	2021
Lieutenants – 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sheldon Dix, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Marshall Dix	2021
Chaplain – Seth Boyd	2021
Training Officer - vacant	
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b>	
Allan L. Twitchell (appointed 7/1/18)	Term expires 6/30 2023
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Gig Zboray	Term expires 10/31 2022
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Jenepher Burnell	Term expires 10/31 2022



<b>GREENUP COORDINATORS</b>	
Aysha Peltz	2021
Todd Wahlstrom	2021
<b>HIGHWAY GARAGE COMMITTEE</b>	
Marshall Dix	2021
Richard Lemaire	2021
Allan Twitchell	2021
Scott Reed	2021
Richard Tefft	2021
Donald Boyd	2021
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE</b>	
Linda A. Donaghue	2021
Donald McKinley	2021
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>	
Fisher & Fisher Law Offices	2021
<b>LEGAL NEWSPAPER</b>	
Deerfield Valley News	2021
Brattleboro Reformer (alternate)	
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>	
Dana Dix	2021
David Farrington	2021
Craig Hammer	2021
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE</b> (previously known as Town Hill Committee)	
Seth Boyd	2021
Aysha Peltz	2021
Erin Lackey	2021
Heather Woods (resigned)	2021
Carol Millett	2021
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	
Bradford Lackey	2023
Peter Barus	2021
Linda Donaghue	2022
Keith Thompson	2022
Vacant	2023
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Adam Buursma	2021
<b>WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Jenepher Burnell	2021
Kristine Sweeter	2021
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	
Lyman Tefft	2021
Troy Felisko	2023
Craig Aekus	2023
Dana Dix	2022
Marshall Dix	2022
David Dumaine (resigned)	2022
Vacant	2021
<b>ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray (three-year term)	2021

# **OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 2020**

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Leon L. Corse	1	2021
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	3	2022
<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2021
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>			
	Wayne W. Wood	3	2022
	Scott Reed	3	2023
	Craig S. Hammer	2	2022
	Phil Edelstein	3	2021
	Wayne C. Corse Resigned	2	
	Christopher Walling Elected		2021
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2021
<b>TOWN AGENT:</b> (Office eliminated per Statutes effective March 2, 2021)	Tanya Bernard	1	2021
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR:</b> (No longer elected per Statutes, but Selectboard may choose to appoint)	Susan Cooke Johnson	1	2021
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE:</b>			
	Helen Krzeminski	3	2021
	Marianne Johnson	3	2022
	Tyler Colford	3	2021
	Edith Brigham	3	2022
	Maryanne Cheveralls	3	2023
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	3	2023
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>			
	Bradford S. Lackey	3	2023
	Tyson Dix – (Resigned)	3	2022
	Dana F. Dix	3	2021
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Abigail Corse, Tyson Dix (resigned), Dana Homer, Elizabeth W. McKinley, Terry A. Morse, Susan Cooke Johnson, & Seth Boyd	2	2022
<b>OFFICERS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Robert M. Fisher	1	2021
<b>CLERK:</b>	Therese Lounsbury (appointed)	1	2021
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Christine Richter	1	2021
<b>WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:</b>			
	Lesia Trowt	3	2021
	Kristy Corey	3	2022
	Christy A. Betit	3	2023

## **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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.

Leon Corse, Moderator went through the following announcements:

Benefit dinner for Robin Kingsley on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Whitingham Municipal Center.

Selectboard member Wayne Corse could not attend the meeting as he was in Florida with his ill father-in-law. Carol Millett was at the meeting and was asking voters to complete a Town Hill survey.

Moderator trivia: How many Selectboard members have served since the moderator became moderator? Moderator stated he would buy the first individual with the correct answer lunch. After lunch the moderator announced that no one got the correct answer. The correct answer was 30.

At 10:00 a.m. the Cub Scout Troop 461 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Almira Aekus declared the polls open.

The Moderator asked if there were any objections with dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none. He asked the Board of Civil Authority to introduce themselves: Wayne Wood, Scott Reed, Craig Hammer, Tyson Dix, Elizabeth McKinley, Dana Homer, Susan Cooke Johnson, Abigail Corse, Seth Boyd, and Almira Aekus. At 10:10 a.m. the moderator declared the meeting open for business.

### **Article 1**

Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers.

### **Article 2**

Voted to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 of **\$608,406.00** of which **\$358,851.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$194,893.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$54,662.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 3**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$18,878.00** for the Parks Committee (formerly known as Town Hill Committee) for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

### **Article 4**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$76,046.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

### **Article 5**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

### **Article 6**

Voted to authorize **\$1,369,882.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 of which **\$1,250,726.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$119,156.00** in anticipated revenues.

### **Article 7**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

### **Article 8**

A Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

State Representative John Gannon addressed the electorate.

### **Article 9**

Voted to establish a reserve fund to be called the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund to be used to address the renovation or replacement of the Town Highway Garage in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804.

#### **Article 10**

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

#### **Article 11**

Voted to authorize **\$82,596.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations.

#### **Article 12**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 for continued maintenance.

#### **Article 13**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

#### **Article 14**

Voted to authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2020 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 15**

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 16**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 with **\$19,550.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue.

#### **Article 17**

Voted to enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provision of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82.

#### **Article 18**

Voted to grant an exemption pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840 for a period of five years for the property owned by Unity Lodge 89 Free and Accepted Masons and used exclusively for the purposes of that organization for a five-year period beginning with July 1, 2020 tax year.

#### **Article 19**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$400.00** for Brattleboro Area Hospice for delivery of volunteer hospice care, bereavement care and advance care planning services in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 20**

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.

State Representative Laura Sibilila addressed the electorate.

At 12:25 p.m. Moderator recessed the meeting until 1:30 for lunch.

Meeting reconvened from lunch at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Article 21**

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 22**

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 23**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing the community meals, to Dave and Terrie Dumaine, who provide the meals to the senior citizens in the valley.

#### **Article 24**

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 25**

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 26**

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 27**

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 28**

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 29**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings.

#### **Article 30**

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

#### **Article 31**

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 32**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Article 33**

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

#### **Article 34**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

#### **Article 35**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026.

#### **Article 36**

Voted to allow the Whitingham Free Public Library to spend grant monies and donations at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and Library Director.



### **Article 37**

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

Voted to suggest the town offer free childcare during future Town Meetings to encourage young parents, who may not have the ability to find and/or fund childcare, to attend and participate in town meeting. Discussion: Kristy Corey questioned who would be organizing that. Ms. Corse thought maybe the school or Selectboard could get the ball rolling. She suggested the care could possibly be done by high school students that need community service. Mary Lemaire questioned if the service would need to be provided by a qualified daycare. Elaine Foster stated she works with the regulating agency for childcare and as long as the parents are onsite there would not be regulations required. She agreed to help with support of the service.

Voted to recommend the selectmen uphold the right to bear arms as outlined in Chapter 1, Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution. The article was called and Moderator ruled the motion carried but there were 7 people who asked for a paper ballot. The results of the ballot were: 64 votes cast; 43 yes and 21 no, the article passed.

### **Article 38**

Elected the following officers as 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 VT Route 100, Whitingham, Vermont with the following results:

**Moderator, 1 year** - Leon L. Corse  
**Treasurer, 1 year** - Almira L. Aekus  
**Selectboard, 1 year** - Phil Edelstein  
**Selectboard, 2 years** - Craig Hammer  
**Selectboard, 3 year** - Scott Reed  
**Town Grand Juror, 1 year** - Susan Cooke Johnson  
**Town Agent, 1 year** - Tanya Bernard  
**Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year** - Almira L. Aekus  
**Road Commissioner, 3 years** - Stanley A. Janovsky, Jr.  
**Library Trustee, 3 years** - Maryann Cheveralls  
**Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years** - Bradford S. Lackey  
**School Director, 1 year** - Lesa Trowt  
**School Director, 2 years** - Kristy Corey  
**School Director, 3 years** - Christy Ann Betit

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

Attest: *Almira L. Aekus*

NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 890  
NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 386  
HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR - 105

## **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

### **TOWN OF WHITINGHAM SPECIALTOWN MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2020**

A Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 Vermont Route 100 in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning. Australian Ballot Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the following results:

Christopher Walling was elected as a Selectboard member for the remainder of a term of two years that expires March 2021.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 13, 2020

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

NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 943  
NUMBER WHO VOTED BY ABSENTEE BALLOT - 30  
TOTAL NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 169

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES</b>				
Fire Dept Appropriation	\$ 80,284.00	\$ 80,284.00	\$ 76,046.00	\$ 78,789.00
GF Appropriation	\$ 301,248.00	\$ 224,653.32	\$ 358,851.00	\$ 400,793.00
Parks formerly Town Hill	\$ 8,004.00	\$ 8,004.00	\$ 18,878.00	\$ 12,950.00
Voted Articles	\$ 42,253.00	\$ 42,253.00	\$ 50,124.00	\$ 35,124.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 431,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 355,194.32</b>	<b>\$ 503,899.00</b>	<b>\$ 527,656.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>				
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 16,412.01	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 17,407.00
Copier Fees Collected	\$ 300.00	\$ 303.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimb	\$ 44,458.00	\$ 44,181.00	\$ 44,181.00	\$ 48,800.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,847.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,700.00
Late Homestead Penalty	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
.5% for Educ Tax Coll	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,920.71	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Equalization	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 9,962.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Interest	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 14,170.53	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 375.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 274.91	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Municipal Center Use	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
SWIP Grant	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 61,282.55	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,906.60	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,220.76	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,726.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Municipal Fines	\$ 100.00	\$ 978.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
E-Waste Revenue	\$ 600.00	\$ 516.53	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
Trans Station Stickers & Fees	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 34,211.40	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 36,500.00
Transfer Station Steel	\$ 800.00	\$ 296.35	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
Zoning	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,488.68	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 189,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 273,852.53</b>	<b>\$ 194,893.00</b>	<b>\$ 200,044.00</b>
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 870.00	\$ 879.09	\$ 870.00	\$ 870.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fire Warden Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Moderator Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES cont.</b>				
Selectboard-Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00
Selectboard-Chair	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,239.09</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,230.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,805.60	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 24,250.00	\$ 25,313.95	\$ 21,880.00	\$ 22,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 56,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,119.55</b>	<b>\$ 54,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>
<b>TAXES (P/R &amp; COUNTY)</b>				
County Tax	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,534.00	\$ 22,534.00	\$ 23,000.00
VT Dept Emp & Training	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,452.20	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,986.20</b>	<b>\$ 25,334.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,800.00</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD OFFICE</b>				
Equipment	\$ 900.00	\$ 233.58	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,700.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 3,507.00	\$ 3,183.65	\$ 3,563.00	\$ 4,429.00
Health Insurance	\$ 25,868.00	\$ 34,274.89	\$ 28,597.00	\$ 24,251.00
Mileage	\$ 650.00	\$ 507.36	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 2,636.00	\$ 2,636.14	\$ 2,795.00	\$ 3,618.00
Selectboard Office Admin. Salary	\$ 45,844.00	\$ 45,844.00	\$ 46,578.00	\$ 57,894.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,685.35	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 999.10	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 194.79	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 83,205.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,558.86</b>	<b>\$ 87,133.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,492.00</b>
<b>TOWN REPORT</b>				
Supplies & Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 191.12	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 191.12</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Deputy Health Officer Wages	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.77	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 85.00	\$ 58.58	\$ 86.00	\$ 87.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ 42.53	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 47.00	\$ 46.81	\$ 50.00	\$ 53.00
Health Officer Salary	\$ 816.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 829.00	\$ 840.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 40.75	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,698.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,030.44</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,730.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>				
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 600.00	\$ 580.88	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 900.00
Election & Programming	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 3,407.00	\$ 3,282.08	\$ 3,597.00	\$ 3,822.00
Health Insurance	\$ 26,618.00	\$ 15,097.56	\$ 23,755.00	\$ 24,251.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 1,866.00	\$ 1,963.82	\$ 2,085.00	\$ 2,345.00
Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$ 12,075.00	\$ 11,367.89	\$ 12,268.00	\$ 12,430.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 18,456.00	\$ 18,456.00	\$ 18,751.00	\$ 21,527.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,911.63	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,600.00
Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,726.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,385.72	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Training	\$ 700.00	\$ 585.17	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 83,222.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,356.75</b>	<b>\$ 86,156.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,275.00</b>
<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>				
Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 16,948.00	\$ 12,725.03	\$ 17,219.00	\$ 17,443.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 2,358.00	\$ 1,912.89	\$ 2,394.00	\$ 2,619.00
Mileage	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 797.00	\$ 975.17	\$ 845.00	\$ 1,050.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,531.55	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 596.12	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
Training/Seminars	\$ 400.00	\$ 233.26	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Treas/Current Tax Col Salary	\$ 13,859.00	\$ 13,859.00	\$ 14,081.00	\$ 16,797.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 38,512.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,833.02</b>	<b>\$ 39,164.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,234.00</b>
<b>ASSESSORS OFFICE</b>				
Outside Appraisal Service	\$ -	\$ 9,562.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Assessor's Clerk Wages	\$ -	\$ 8,815.00	\$ 17,550.00	\$ 17,778.00
Computer Licenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 886.96	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Computer Support	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Computer Training	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Reimburse Emp. Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 1,194.00	\$ 674.34	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 1,360.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 397.12	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Lister	\$ 5,202.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lister	\$ 5,202.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lister	\$ 5,202.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies & Postage	\$ 750.00	\$ 267.03	\$ 800.00	\$ -
Telephone	\$ 650.00	\$ 596.16	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Town Map Updates	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,744.11</b>	<b>\$ 35,343.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,048.00</b>



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,813.74	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,760.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 1,249.85	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,438.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,220.76	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,683.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,284.35</b>	<b>\$ 26,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,798.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 137.00	\$ 92.76	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
Mileage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 607.12	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 600.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 52.37	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Animal Cont. Officer Wages	\$ 1,794.00	\$ 1,212.50	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,951.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,314.75</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Ambulance Operations	separate article	separate article	separate article	\$ 15,000.00
Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Generator Contract	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 722.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 734.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 800.00	\$ 739.99	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Contract	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,653.69	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Copier Costs	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,447.13	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dog Tags	\$ 200.00	\$ 218.67	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Dues, VLCT and VTCMA	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,648.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,756.00
Emergency Mgmt.	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
State Fee - Dam	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 727.35	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Green Up Vermont State	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Internet (Municipal Building)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
IT Services/Cyber Security	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,600.00
Legal Notices	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 399.50	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Svcs - Town Council	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,563.55	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Mileage - Selectboard	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,747.84	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Town Newsletter (2)	\$ 400.00	\$ 399.96	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00
*Reimb. HWY for Municipal Emp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,008.00
OSHA Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Street Lights	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,421.96	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 562.89	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Telephone-Ambulance	\$ 750.00	\$ 805.94	\$ -	\$ 900.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES continued</b>				
Town Web Page	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 526.54	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 51,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,620.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 71,264.00</b>
*Municipal Employee was paid some of their wages out of Town Hill, Transfer Station & Municipal Center in prior year's budgets				
<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>				
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,226.46	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Electricity	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,183.75	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 1,086.60	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 145.00	\$ 129.01	\$ 148.00	see highway
Heating Oil	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,498.57	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Mowing	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ -
*Cleaning	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 9,462.50	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
Propane For Generator	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Repairs To Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,537.76	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 10,300.79	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,000.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 109.00	\$ 101.92	\$ 116.00	see highway
Snow Removal/Custodial	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,773.20	\$ 1,930.00	see highway
Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 843.91	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,173.22	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Telephone	\$ 425.00	\$ 407.95	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,459.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,575.64</b>	<b>\$ 46,519.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,525.00</b>
Moved municipal employee to highway and will reimburse highway for town's portion of using municipal employee				
*Increased cost due to Covid-19 protocol cleaning				
<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
Electricity	\$ 300.00	\$ 199.41	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 199.41</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Duplicating	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 482.00	\$ 331.60	\$ 430.00	\$ 400.00
Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Mileage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 569.39	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Print Zoning Ordinance	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Print New Town Plan	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 285.00	\$ 260.47	\$ 301.00	\$ 280.00
Seminar-Planning Comm.	\$ 500.00	\$ 334.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION continued</b>				
Planning Com. Clerk Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Supplies - Zoning Admin.	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Zoning Admin. Salary	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,420.00	\$ 4,477.00
Windham Regional Member	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,104.35	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,167.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,140.21</b>	<b>\$ 12,951.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,057.00</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD - ADJUSTMENT</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 21.00	\$ -	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 9.81	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 586.00</b>	<b>\$ 94.81</b>	<b>\$ 686.00</b>	<b>\$ 686.00</b>
<b>CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Overtime Coverage	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Patrol Coverage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,900.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,150.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
Waste Disposal	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,276.11	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Comingled Hauling	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,995.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Comingled Recycle	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 4,443.48	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 6,000.00
Compactor Hauling	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Electronics Recycling	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 325.00
Electricity	\$ 650.00	\$ 822.71	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 1,593.00	\$ 1,491.15	\$ 1,654.00	\$ 1,756.00
Freon Items	\$ 500.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,467.54	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Metals Hauling	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Metals Container Rental	\$ 750.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00
Metals Expenses	\$ -	\$ (833.72)	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Organics	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Recycling Expense	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,414.65	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paper Hauling	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>TRANSFER STATION continued</b>				
Professional Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 337.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Compactor Rental	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 897.04	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 1,127.74	\$ 1,178.00	\$ 1,298.00
Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,722.15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,174.00
Attendant Wages	\$ 19,317.00	\$ 17,514.56	\$ 19,626.00	\$ 20,775.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 482.93	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 400.00	\$ 402.97	\$ 425.00	\$ 500.00
Tire Removal	\$ 750.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,100.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$ -	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
Trash Removal	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 11,198.49	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Trash Hauling	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 500.00	\$ 479.71	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Wifi Hotspot	\$ 140.00	\$ 121.20	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 105,157.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,842.39</b>	<b>\$ 109,543.00</b>	<b>\$ 116,538.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 12,239.09	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 12,230.00
INSURANCE	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 58,119.55	\$ 54,880.00	\$ 55,000.00
TAXES (P/R COUNTY)	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 24,986.20	\$ 25,334.00	\$ 25,800.00
SELECTBOARD OFFICE	\$ 83,205.00	\$ 89,558.86	\$ 87,133.00	\$ 96,492.00
TOWN REPORT	\$ 500.00	\$ 191.12	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 1,030.44	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 1,730.00
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	\$ 83,222.00	\$ 72,356.75	\$ 86,156.00	\$ 89,275.00
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	\$ 38,512.00	\$ 32,833.02	\$ 39,164.00	\$ 42,234.00
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 22,744.11	\$ 35,343.00	\$ 39,048.00
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 26,683.00	\$ 25,284.35	\$ 26,740.00	\$ 26,798.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 3,951.00	\$ 2,314.75	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 2,912.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 51,325.00	\$ 42,620.00	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 71,264.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER	\$ 46,459.00	\$ 42,575.64	\$ 46,519.00	\$ 48,525.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 700.00	\$ 199.41	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$ 13,167.00	\$ 11,140.21	\$ 12,951.00	\$ 13,057.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	\$ 586.00	\$ 94.81	\$ 686.00	\$ 686.00
CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 10,900.00	\$ -	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 9,150.00
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 105,157.00	\$ 96,842.39	\$ 109,543.00	\$ 116,538.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 581,945.00</b>	<b>\$ 535,130.70</b>	<b>\$ 608,406.00</b>	<b>\$ 651,889.00</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues & Course Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,081.26	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,181.00	\$ 23,300.00	\$ 24,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,944.74	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,646.26	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 662.00	\$ 767.56	\$ 694.00	\$ 833.00
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 305.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Heating Oil	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,850.56	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,608.96	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
On-Site Mechanic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,435.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Generator Propane	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,037.71	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Facility Repair	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 13,572.70	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 164.00	\$ 170.37	\$ 176.00	\$ 199.00
Captain 1 Salary (1st resp mgr.)	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,000.00
Captain 2 Salary	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 924.00
Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 1,363.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 2,182.00
Lieutenant Salary	\$ 759.00	\$ 759.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 794.00
Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 759.00	\$ 759.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 794.00
Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,189.80	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,185.40	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone	\$ 700.00	\$ 393.89	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 80,284.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,423.46</b>	<b>\$ 76,046.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,789.00</b>
<b>PARKS (formerly Town Hill)</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 73.00	\$ 72.65	\$ 74.00	\$ -
Improvements	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,666.01	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Mowing	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 6,580.00	\$ 6,750.00
Municipal Employee Wages	\$ 951.00	\$ 1,000.22	\$ 966.00	\$ -
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 55.00	\$ 57.46	\$ 58.00	\$ -
Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,004.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,746.34</b>	<b>\$ 18,878.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,950.00</b>



	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Ambulance Operations	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	see general fund
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
DV Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DV Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
DV Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Health Care & Rehab Serv	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
SE VT Economic Dev (SeVED)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00
Southeastern VT Community	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Senior Meals (Terrie Dumaine)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
WINGS (Summer)	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
WINGS (After school program)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Wm Disaster Animal Recovery	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 42,253.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,253.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,124.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,124.00</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising/Donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,525.00
VT DOL Grants	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Halifax Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Interest	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Transfer From Gen Fund	\$ 67,815.00	\$ 67,815.00	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00
Trustee Fund Raising	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 2,314.44	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 81,140.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,629.44</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Audio/Video	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,433.15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,573.09	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.83	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contract Services	\$ 940.00	\$ 928.44	\$ 940.00	\$ 940.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 984.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Service	\$ 450.00	\$ 488.08	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 3,923.00	\$ 3,899.48	\$ 3,991.00	\$ 3,991.00
Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ 457.77	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage/Prof. Training	\$ 800.00	\$ 469.54	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>LIBRARY continued</b>				
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ 15.14	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Periodicals	\$ 450.00	\$ 497.51	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 908.01	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Program Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 437.29	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Programs/Activities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,176.34	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Librarian Retirement	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.16	\$ 1,699.00	\$ 1,699.00
Assistants Wages	\$ 23,426.00	\$ 23,571.12	\$ 23,842.00	\$ 23,842.00
Librarian Salary	\$ 27,851.00	\$ 27,830.60	\$ 28,324.00	\$ 28,324.00
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 504.39	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 402.96	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,731.18	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 81,140.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,629.53</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>
<b>CEMETERY</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ 355.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Trans From General Fund	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 19,550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,355.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Commissioner Fee	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mowing	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,418.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Gravestone Repair	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,152.50</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current Tax	\$ 1,129,863.00	\$ 1,129,863.00	\$ 1,250,726.00	\$ 1,182,611.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Town Share Municipal Employee		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,008.00
State Highway Supplement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Aid	\$ 119,146.00	\$ 122,126.40	\$ 119,146.00	\$ 124,136.00
Prior year fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,452.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,249,009.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,004.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,882.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,401,207.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>LABOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 25,897.00	\$ 24,306.19	\$ 26,478.00	\$ 29,605.00
Overtime	\$ 58,449.00	\$ 46,197.08	\$ 59,384.00	\$ 59,384.00
Vacation Buy Back	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 19,465.00	\$ 19,051.74	\$ 20,767.00	\$ 24,187.00
Road Commissioner-Aug. 1998	\$ 63,401.00	\$ 63,401.00	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 64,415.00
Equipment Operator-Sept.1998	\$ 46,412.00	\$ 46,384.00	\$ 47,155.00	\$ 51,958.00
Equipment Operator-Oct. 2018	\$ 38,376.00	\$ 40,284.64	\$ 41,167.00	\$ 45,906.00
Equipment Operator-Jun. 2007	\$ 45,940.00	\$ 45,926.40	\$ 46,675.00	\$ 51,480.00
Equipment Operator-Jan. 1994	\$ 47,485.00	\$ 47,465.60	\$ 48,245.00	\$ 53,082.00
*Municipal Employee-Aug. 2007	\$ 38,462.00	\$ 41,676.60	\$ 39,078.00	\$ 50,773.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 383,887.00</b>	<b>\$ 374,693.25</b>	<b>\$ 393,364.00</b>	<b>\$ 440,790.00</b>
Based on last year's OT the budget for OT should be approx. \$54,000.00, but left the \$59,384.00 in case we have a harsh winter				
*Prior years had the employee in 4 different budgets - town will reimburse highway for its portion of municipal employee				
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 144,262.00	\$ 81,194.13	\$ 145,178.00	\$ 148,797.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 787.26	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,646.00	\$ 3,509.38	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 4,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 149,908.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,490.77</b>	<b>\$ 150,098.00</b>	<b>\$ 153,797.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
Chains	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,915.45	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Chloride	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,814.08	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Crack Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,999.72	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Culverts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 22,162.27	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,359.22	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 38,207.74	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,188.06	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 913.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,228.34	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Gravel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 53,574.91	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Guardrails	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,199.70	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 161.24	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CDL, Drug Test, Misc.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,909.02	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Paging Service	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 835.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 379,819.12	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.20	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,587.26	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 58,140.35	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Salt	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 27,390.30	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 61,068.75	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Stone	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,243.28	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 700.00	\$ 592.70	\$ 700.00	\$ 900.00
Telephone	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,890.69	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
Tires	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,026.60	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 12,571.26	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 792,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 733,461.51</b>	<b>\$ 826,420.00</b>	<b>\$ 806,620.00</b>
<b>SEWER</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current User Fees	\$ 190,963.00	\$ 193,153.63	\$ 244,135.00	\$ 311,989.00
Interest on Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,727.67	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,200.00
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 32,812.00	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Penalties	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,527.23	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,000.00
Reserve-Bond	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve-Cap Improvement	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sludge Revenue	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,861.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 196,863.00</b>	<b>\$ 253,081.53</b>	<b>\$ 250,635.00</b>	<b>\$ 322,489.00</b>
<b>LABOR</b>				
Bookkeeping Services	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
FICA/Medicare-Town Share	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 4,579.14	\$ 4,962.00	\$ 4,760.00
Reimburse User Penalties	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,527.23	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,200.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 3,326.59	\$ 3,563.00	\$ 3,889.00
Assist. Plant Operator Wages	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,408.40	\$ 9,144.00	\$ 11,332.00
Plant Operator Salary	\$ 49,448.00	\$ 49,448.00	\$ 50,239.00	\$ 50,892.00
Treasurer Salary	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 3,112.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,172.00</b>	<b>\$ 71,745.36</b>	<b>\$ 73,812.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,617.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 26,618.00	\$ 31,670.92	\$ 28,597.00	\$ 29,390.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,702.97	\$ 1,682.00	\$ 1,900.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 1,094.73	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,200.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,082.52	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,003.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,551.14</b>	<b>\$ 34,609.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,690.00</b>

	COMPLETED	EXPENDED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	FY - 2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022
<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES</b>				
Chemicals	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,628.79	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,100.00
Contracted Services	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,575.00
Electricity	\$ 15,375.00	\$ 14,297.17	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 4,176.31	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 4,500.00
Heating	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,540.71	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,700.00
Mileage - Operator	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 717.87	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 27.24	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Plant Operating Fee-VT	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00
Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Repairs: Facility & Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,919.05	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 1,064.97	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 6,200.00
Sludge Removal	\$ 30,750.00	\$ 19,645.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 1,491.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 850.00	\$ 991.54	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,000.00
Outside Testing	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 5,562.28	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 6,800.00
Training	\$ 225.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 750.00	\$ 132.24	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 76,688.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,734.43</b>	<b>\$ 82,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,725.00</b>
<b>PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>				
Plant Improvements (Reserve)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,785.79	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Plant Improvements (Bond)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 113,457.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,785.79</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 121,457.00</b>
<b>SEWER REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 196,863.00</b>	<b>\$ 253,082.00</b>	<b>\$ 250,635.00</b>	<b>\$ 322,489.00</b>
<b>SEWER EXPENSES</b>				
Labor	\$ 71,172.00	\$ 71,745.36	\$ 73,812.00	\$ 77,617.00
Insurance	\$ 33,003.00	\$ 37,551.14	\$ 34,609.00	\$ 35,690.00
Sewer Plant Expense	\$ 76,688.00	\$ 58,734.43	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 87,725.00
Plant Capital Improvement	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 28,785.79	\$ 59,514.00	\$ 121,457.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 196,863.00</b>	<b>\$ 196,816.72</b>	<b>\$ 250,635.00</b>	<b>\$ 322,489.00</b>



**2021/22 PROJECTED TAX RATE IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN  
BASED ON THE 2020 GRANDLIST**

<b>ARTICLE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>PROJECTED TAX RATE PER \$100 VALUE</b>
1	General Fund	\$ 400,745.00	0.1503
2	Fire Department	\$ 78,789.00	0.0295
3	Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 20,000.00	0.0075
4	Parks	\$ 12,950.00	0.0049
5	Charities (Local Support Organizations)	\$ 35,124.00	0.0132
6	Library	\$ 69,271.00	0.02597
7	Library allow library to spend grant monies	\$ -	
8	Town Cemeteries	\$ 19,550.00	0.0075
9	Highways	\$ 1,182,611.00	0.4434
10	Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 85,000.00	0.0032
11	Hazard Mitigation Fund	\$ 25,000.00	0.0094
12	Authorization to purchase land	\$ -	
13	Land purchase for new garage	\$ 20,000.00	0.0075
14	Town Highway Garage Renovation / Repair	\$ 50,000.00	0.0188
15	Municipal Facilities Fund	\$ 10,000.00	0.0038
16	Set tax due date	\$ -	
17	Set interest	\$ -	
18	Economic Development	\$ 6,000.00	0.0023
19	Old Home Week	\$ 2,000.00	0.0008

Projected Municipal Tax Rate	0.7565
Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.0035</u>
Projected Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>0.76</b>

Please note: Rates are based on the 2020 grandlist

2020 Rates:	
Municipal Tax Rate	0.7762
Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.0035</u>
Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>0.7797</b>

**WAGES BY POSITION**  
**7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020**

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,212.50	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 5,313.64	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 5,865.00	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 189.25	
Bookkeeper	\$ 12,725.03	
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00	
Collector of Taxes - Penalties	\$ 22,220.76	
Deputy Health Officer	\$ 25.77	
Fire Chief	\$ 2,088.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 1,302.00	
1st Captain	\$ 875.00	
2nd Captain	\$ 875.00	
1st Lieutenant	\$ 759.00	
2nd Lieutenant	\$ 759.00	
Fire Mechanic	\$ 3,435.00	
Fire Warden	\$ 200.00	
Health Officer	\$ 816.00	
Library Assistant	\$ 16,202.88	
Library Assistant	\$ 7,302.24	
Library Assistant	\$ 66.00	
Librarian	\$ 27,830.60	
Assessor's Clerk	\$ 8,815.00	
Moderator	\$ 100.00	
Municipal Employee	\$ 45,468.80	\$ 7,886.02
Planning Clerk	\$ 150.00	
Road Commissioner	\$ 63,401.00	\$ 8,069.91
Selectboard Office Administrator	\$ 45,844.00	
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,360.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	
Sewer - Chief Operator	\$ 49,448.00	
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 8,408.40	
Sewer Treasurer	\$ 3,024.00	
Sewer Penalties	\$ 2,527.23	
Town Clerk	\$ 18,456.00	
Town Clerk fees	\$ 15,726.00	
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 17,514.56	
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 624.00	
Treasurer	\$ 13,859.00	
Equipment Operator	\$ 46,384.10	\$ 8,111.66
Equipment Operator	\$ 40,284.64	\$ 6,209.25
Equipment Operator	\$ 45,926.40	\$ 7,866.00
Equipment Operator	\$ 47,465.60	\$ 8,899.85
Windham Regional Representatives	\$ 240.00	
Zoning Administrator	\$ 4,350.00	

**FUND BALANCES AS OF  
JUNE 30, 2020**

FUND	BALANCE		INTEREST	EXPENDITURES	DEPOSITS		FUND BALANCE	
	AS OF JULY 1, 2019						AS OF JUNE 30, 2020	
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 346,269.00	\$	14,171.00	\$ (654,556.00)	\$	614,878.00	\$	320,762.00
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 19,857.00	\$	283.00	\$ -	\$	10,000.00	\$	30,140.00
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 1,952.00	\$	20.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,972.00
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 2,963.00	\$	172.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	3,135.00
EAMES FUND	\$ 174,295.00	\$	1,851.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	176,146.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 148,970.00	\$	1,694.00	\$ (45,253.00)	\$	20,000.00	\$	125,411.00
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 55,360.00	\$	595.00	\$ -	\$	9,920.00	\$	65,875.00
HAZARD MITIGATION	\$ -	\$	176.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$	25,000.00	\$	23,976.00
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 43,980.00	\$	-	\$ (1,193,645.00)	\$	1,252,004.00	\$	102,339.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 158,294.00	\$	2,293.00	\$ -	\$	85,000.00	\$	245,587.00
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 79,230.00	\$	804.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	80,034.00
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 226,973.00	\$	14,348.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	241,321.00
CEMETERY OPERATION FUND	\$ 8,321.00	\$	-	\$ (19,152.00)	\$	21,355.00	\$	10,524.00
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,309.00	\$	3.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,312.00
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 17,654.00	\$	202.00	\$ -	\$	2,000.00	\$	19,856.00
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 7,415.00	\$	107.00	\$ -	\$	8,367.00	\$	15,889.00
TAX SALE FUND	\$ 35,057.00	\$	-	\$ (35,057.00)	\$	-	\$	-
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 179,058.00	\$	1,898.00	\$ (12,786.00)	\$	8,000.00	\$	176,170.00
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 791.00	\$	-	\$ (197,918.00)	\$	237,082.00	\$	39,955.00
SEWER BOND	\$ -	\$	5.00	\$ -	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,005.00
CIVIL DEFENSE - GENERATOR	\$ 12,191.00	\$	128.00	\$ (2,470.00)	\$	-	\$	9,849.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER KITCHEN	\$ 399.00	\$	-	\$ (262.00)	\$	-	\$	137.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 8,897.00	\$	-	\$ (1,318.00)	\$	4,000.00	\$	11,579.00
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	2,319.00
LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article)	\$ -	\$	-	\$ (72,315.00)	\$	72,315.00	\$	-
***LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 12,660.00	\$	156.00	\$ (4,767.00)	\$	10,807.00	\$	18,856.00
***LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 11,568.00	\$	175.00	\$ -	\$	-	\$	11,743.00
	<b>\$ 1,555,782.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,081.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,240,699.00)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,388,728.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,742,892.00</b>

\*Includes the fund balance of \$54,662.00 appropriated in 2020 for fiscal year 2021 and \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes.

\*\*\*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 2020 audit, performed by Sullivan and Powers of Montpelier, Vermont went well and is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully, Almira Aekus, Treasurer - Marylee Putnam, Bookkeeper

	6/30/2019 Invested Balance	2019-2020 Share Percent	2019-2020 Withdrawals	2019-2020 Invested Balance	2019-2020 Share Gain + Interest Percent	19-20 Capital Reinvested	6/30/2020 Invested Balance
<b>SADAWGA CEMETERY</b>							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,512.57	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,512.57	0.67%	\$95.62	\$1,608.19
Emery E. Reed	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$538.31	\$9,053.99
J.D. Sylvester	\$3,004.33	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,004.33	1.32%	\$189.92	\$3,194.25
Amos W. Pike	\$6,029.38	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,029.38	2.66%	\$381.14	\$6,410.52
Wells Winchester	\$3,004.34	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,004.34	1.32%	\$189.92	\$3,194.26
William D. Faulknker	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$538.31	\$9,053.99
Arthur H. Lyons	\$6,029.35	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,029.35	2.66%	\$381.14	\$6,410.49
Frank C. Wheeler	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$538.31	\$9,053.99
Clifford G. Brown	\$2,859.28	1.26%	\$0.00	\$2,859.28	1.26%	\$180.75	\$3,040.03
Nathan B. Alfred	\$6,029.35	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,029.35	2.66%	\$381.14	\$6,410.49
Hal H. Allard	\$12,597.44	5.55%	\$0.00	\$12,597.44	5.55%	\$796.33	\$13,393.77
Dorothy Smith	\$2,776.37	1.22%	\$0.00	\$2,776.37	1.22%	\$175.51	\$2,951.88
Lurissa S. Brown	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$538.31	\$9,053.99
Elmer R. Houghton	\$3,584.47	1.58%	\$0.00	\$3,584.47	1.58%	\$226.59	\$3,811.06
John Sawyer	\$1,139.60	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,139.60	0.50%	\$72.04	\$1,211.64
Irvin Brown	\$2,051.19	0.90%	\$0.00	\$2,051.19	0.90%	\$129.66	\$2,180.85
Royal Faulkner	\$5,697.83	2.51%	\$0.00	\$5,697.83	2.51%	\$360.18	\$6,058.01
Sara Faulkner	\$2,672.81	1.18%	\$0.00	\$2,672.81	1.18%	\$168.96	\$2,841.77
Carroll E. White	\$1,118.83	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,118.83	0.49%	\$70.73	\$1,189.56
<b>JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY</b>							
Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,512.57	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,512.57	0.67%	\$95.62	\$1,608.19
Oscar Pike	\$1,512.57	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,512.57	0.67%	\$95.62	\$1,608.19
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$3,004.34	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,004.34	1.32%	\$189.92	\$3,194.26
Miles Wilcox	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$538.31	\$9,053.99
F. & F.E. Hager	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,515.68	3.75%	\$538.31	\$9,053.99
C.L. Stickney	\$11,499.30	5.07%	\$0.00	\$11,499.30	5.07%	\$726.92	\$12,226.22
William A. Brown	\$3,004.33	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,004.33	1.32%	\$189.92	\$3,194.25
William Pouliotte	\$1,926.93	0.85%	\$0.00	\$1,926.93	0.85%	\$121.81	\$2,048.74
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,408.94	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,408.94	0.62%	\$89.06	\$1,498.00
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$3,978.14	1.75%	\$0.00	\$3,978.14	1.75%	\$251.47	\$4,229.61
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,522.27	1.55%	\$0.00	\$3,522.27	1.55%	\$222.66	\$3,744.93
The Moody Family	\$736.63	0.32%	\$0.00	\$736.63	0.32%	\$46.57	\$783.20
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,127.96	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,127.96	0.50%	\$71.30	\$1,199.26



## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This year as your Animal Control Officer I handled 91 different animal related issues. This year's numbers do not include non-licensed dogs due to the Corona / COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has changed things for many people and how we all do things. I would like to thank the Whitingham Selectboard, Town Health Officer, Town Clerk and the townspeople for their continued support.

The incidents responded to included:

- 24 Running at large
- 4 Dog bite
- 29 Nuisance complaints
- 6 Missing dogs/cats
- 7 Stray dogs
- 2 Potentially Vicious Dog Hearing
- 2 Animal Cruelty complaints
- 2 Hav-a-heart trap setups
- 2 Welfare Checks
- 15 Information/Education
- 8 Warnings (verbal /written)

Please remember if you have an animal, you are responsible for its care and behavior. You are also responsible for having your dog(s) licensed with the Town and to make sure all vaccinations are up to date. **New licenses are due no later than April 1, 2020.**

Please see the "VSNIP" report under agency reports for information about Tractor Supply vaccination clinics.

I am happy to answer any Animal Control related questions from anyone. You can reach me at (802) 380-0534 or by email at [aco@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:aco@whitinghamvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Hollister

Whitingham ACO/Humane Investigator

## ASSESSORS OFFICE

As you are aware, 2020 has been a trying year for all. We have been doing most of our work remotely, which is a feat in itself. Much of the permit inspections have been put off until spring. Land sales have been moving very rapidly causing our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) and Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) to change:

COD is now at 16.56%

CLA is now at 100.64%

If our COD continues to rise, we will have to consider doing a full blown reappraisal.

The Assessors Office is Thursday 9am-2pm. If you have any questions, please call 368-2838.

*Howard Dix,*  
Assessors Clerk

January 20, 2021

### SUMMARY OF THE GREAT RIVER HYDRO TAX APPEAL CASE

Great River Hydro LLC v. Town of Whitingham  
Docket No. 319-9-19 Wmcv

This case is a tax appeal filed by Great River Hydro LLC ("Great River"), grieving its valuation for 2019. Great River has also appealed its 2020 value. The facility, known as the Harriman facility, includes a generation station, a reservoir and flowage land. Great River's facility extends outside of Whitingham, but this case addresses only the portion of the facility within Whitingham. The Town set the April 1, 2019 taxable value at \$58,064,500. The value has remained the same for several years, and was agreed to by the State, Town, and Great River's predecessor in a prior settlement. Great River produced an appraisal by Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. and its consultant Ann Bulkley. The State and Town produced an appraisal by its consultant Brian Fogg.

The values are summarized as follows:

Town list value: \$58,064,500.

In 2019, the tax rate (education and town) was \$2.2297 per \$100 of value. The tax due for Whitingham was \$1,294,664.16.

State and Town consultant's value: \$60,163,500.

Great River's consultant's value: \$40,000,000.

### State and Town's Value

Mr. Fogg used two methods of valuation – a sales (sales comparison) approach, and an income (discounted cash flow) approach. Mr. Fogg calculated that the sales comparison value of the entire Harriman facility (including property outside of Whitingham) was \$67,650,000. (102,500,000 KWh times \$0.66/kWh). Using a discounted cash flow analysis, Mr. Fogg determined that the value of the entire Harriman facility was \$63,100,000. He reconciled the results of his sales and income analyses (\$67,650,000 and \$63,100,000) and concluded that the fair market value of the entire facility was \$65,375,000. He allocated \$60,163,500 – about 92% of the total – to the Town of Whitingham.

### Great River's Value

Ms. Ann Bulkley of Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. used three methods of valuation – an income approach, a cost approach, and a sales comparison approach. Her income approach incorporated a discounted cash flow analysis yielding a value of \$46,800,000. Her cost approach identified a replacement cost (less depreciation) of both a natural gas-fired generation plant and a hydroelectric generation plant, at \$42,429,000 and \$32,864,000, respectively. Her sales approach value is \$31,096,000.

Ms. Bulkley's sales comparison approach used only two sales, one of which the Town believes it can prove was not an arm's length transaction.

### Summary

Great River paid, on average, about \$0.67/kWh-yr. for TransCanada's fleet of 13 hydros, which produce about 1.5 billion kWh-yr. If Great River's valuation for the Harriman Station - \$45 million, \$0.44/kWh-yr. - is applied across all 13 hydros in the fleet, the fleet lost \$0.23/kWh-yr. or about \$340 million (1.5 billion X \$0.23) of value in two years. The State and Town are confident that the trial court will find this incredible, and will understand that a recent arms-length sale of the asset is good evidence of its value. A trial court judge will find that including only one credible sale in a comparable sales analysis is unreasonable.

The State and Town's concluded value on a per kilowatt hour basis is in line with what Great River actually paid for the entire fleet on a per kilowatt hour basis. Mr. Fogg's reports and analysis have been accepted as credible by the courts. Further, analysis undertaken by Mr. Fogg indicates that Great River's own expectations about a return on equity, using Great River's own financials and other public sources, were much more in line with his analysis than Great River's report produced in this case.

Overall, the State and Town believe that the trial court will accept its value of \$60,163,500. However, efforts to resolve the matter at mediation were unsuccessful, with the two parties being unable to bridge the gap between the two values. The trial in this matter is likely to be in the later spring or early summer, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Fisher,*

Town Attorney



**ASSESSOR'S DATA**  
**2019 AS BILLED Grand List**  
**Tax Book Report**  
**\*\*\* GRAND TOTALS \*\*\***

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESI
Taxable parcels	1,134		
Acres	23,586.26		
Land	72,266,600		
Building	205,620,100		
Real	277,886,700	86,516,500	191,370,200
Add			
(+) Non-Approved Contracts		0	202,700
(+) Non-Approved Farm Contracts		0	0
(+) Inventory	0		
(+) Equipment	0		0
Subtract			
(-)Veteran	320,000	280,000	40,000
(-)Farm Stab	0	0	0
(-)Current Use	7,391,500	2,149,700	5,241,800
(-)Contracts	202,700	0	202,700
(-)Special Exempt		0	49,770
GRAND LIST	2,699,725.00	840,868.00	1,860,386.30
Homestead	184,289,700		
Housesite	159,236,500		
Lease	0.00		
Non-Tax Count	27		
Non-Tax Val.	7,118,800		
RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST = TOTAL RAISED
Non-Residential Ed.	1.5597		1,858,359.30 2,898,483.18
Homestead Ed.	1.9867		840,868.00 1,670,552.51
Local Agreement	0.0030		2,699,725.00 8,099.89
Town	0.6670		2,699,725.00 1,800,715.86
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>			<b>6,377,851.44</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Howard Dix*

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020  
(TAX YEAR 2019)**

		LAND USE	LAND USE
			EXEMPTION
<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
186 NATE FLYNN ROAD LLC	186 NATE FLYNN RD TH 36	163.7	\$ 158,300.00
ANDERSON RICHARD A & DORIS E	1226 BURRINGTON HILL RD TH	31.4	\$ 34,400.00
AXTELL SARAH	133 ALLARD RD TH 5	138	\$ 178,800.00
BERBERIAN J KRISTINE LIFE ESTATE	1793 FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$ 123,400.00
BETIT ANTOINETTE LIFE ESTATE	6178 VT RTE 100	70	\$ 131,300.00
BETIT BRIAN	771 FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$ 38,300.00
BETIT STEVEN P	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$ 178,700.00
BLOOD PHILIP T & CYNTHIA J	SADDADA RD TH 52	70	\$ 87,900.00
BORTELL RITA	BURRINGTON HILL	153	\$ 87,300.00
BOYD MARSHALL L	859 ALLARD RD TH 5	34.7	\$ 47,300.00
BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64 BEAR LN	56	\$ 69,100.00
CAPO JAMES A	203 PIKE RD TH 32	81.18	\$ 85,100.00
CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447 NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$ 37,300.00
COREY JUSTIN A & BIRCH KRISTY R	1755 VT RTE 8A	68.5	\$ 74,300.00
CORSE FARM	1085 CORSE RD TH 15	299	\$ 426,100.00
CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	CORSE RD	162.3	\$ 309,200.00
CORSE ROY C & VANESSA M	FAULKNER RD & MAPLE DR	10.62	\$ 62,000.00
CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489 WILMINGTON CROSS RD	106.6	\$ 215,900.00
CORSE WAYNE	871 RUBA RD	186.91	\$ 123,700.00
CORSE WAYNE	4840 VT RTE 100	187.34	\$ 211,900.00
CORSE WAYNE & HERRICK JENNIFER W	73 SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$ 116,500.00
CROSBY ROBERT & LUANNE M TRUST	2465 COLLINS RD TH 25	48.44	\$ 67,800.00
DAIELLO STEVEN		0.64	\$ 2,300.00
DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTMAN INC	641 FOWLER RD	28.8	\$ 36,800.00
DENHAM EDWARD A & MARSHA A	LONE PINE RD TH40	70.45	\$ 74,100.00
DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208 VT RTE 100 W/S	46.3	\$ 54,300.00
DIX SHELDON DEAN REVOCABLE TRUST		35.3	\$ 63,200.00
DIX, LARRY R	3029 VT RTE 8A	31	\$ 81,800.00
EADE DAVID L	190 MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$ 62,800.00
EDELSTEIN ALICE R	48 HURD LN	130.93	\$ 154,700.00
FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103 GREEN RD TH 43	42.4	\$ 59,000.00
HANLEY RICHARD TRUSTEE HANLEY RE	214 BIRDVILLE RD TH 21	26.7	\$ 40,600.00
HAZARD KYLE P & STURTEVANT MELISS	OFF MCMILLAN RD	55.8	\$ 73,100.00
HENRY MASON & GRAZIANO DANIEL	OFF OF NORTH HILL READSBOR	11	\$ 38,300.00
INGWERSEN KRISTIAN	2316 FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$ 321,100.00
KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	FOWLER RD	25	\$ 75,100.00
LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009 SADDADA RD	12.4	\$ 14,000.00
LAPIERRE KATHLEEN FARON	9943 VT RTE 100	60.4	\$ 77,500.00

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**  
(TAX YEAR 2019)

		LAND USE	LAND USE
		ACRES	EXEMPTION
<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>		<u>VALUE</u>
LEHRER NANCY D	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$ 86,900.00
MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40 MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$ 823,400.00
MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$ 49,300.00
PAPRIN YALE I	900 VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$ 75,600.00
PETERSON ELIZABETH RESCH ROBINSON	OUT OF READSBORO BY CEMETERY	45.2	\$ 33,400.00
PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785 LONE PINE RD TH 40	146.4	\$ 118,100.00
PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843 CHAPEL HILL ROAD	73.2	\$ 203,400.00
PROCTER MARY E & MATUSZESKI WILLIAM	488 FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$ 97,000.00
PURJES DAN & EDNA	1761 KENTFIELD RD	326	\$ 457,000.00
PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070 FOWLER RD	53.2	\$ 80,100.00
ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA J	467 BUTLER BROOK RD TH 27	83.8	\$ 114,000.00
RODELL MICHAEL	KENTFIELD & NATE FLYNN RDS.	182.1	\$ 119,300.00
SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	STREETER HILL RD TH 68	371.4	\$ 171,800.00
SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896 FOWLER RD	79.9	\$ 95,900.00
SEARS CHRISTOPHER	338 DIX LANE TH 50	129.4	\$ 155,500.00
SILVERMAN JEFFREY & BUNNELL KATHARINE	320 PRATT RD TH 35	65.6	\$ 79,700.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE BLOOD	2245 BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$ 265,500.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE C	SADDADA RD TH52	45	\$ 83,100.00
THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	VT RTE 100 TOBEY BROOK RD	37.4	\$ 31,700.00
TWITCHELL ALLAN	243 GOODNOW RD TH 3	39.9	\$ 55,300.00
WERSHOVEN CHRISTINE	482 BURRINGTON HILL RD W/S TH7	34.41	\$ 56,400.00
WILKINSON ALICE S	71 BONE LN	25.3	\$ 45,800.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS</b>			<b>\$ 7,391,500.00</b>

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

In the year of 2020, 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 fantastic. The contract for mowing and trimming was posted for bids in November and Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance had the winning bid. The contract is for a three-year period starting January 1, 2021.

A few more gravestones were repaired by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance in 2020 and many more will be done in 2021 to see if we can get caught up with the amount needing repair. We would like to thank Andrew Greenfield for paying to have 4 gravestones repaired in Green Cemetery, off Kentfield Road. Further gravestone repairs in the upcoming years will be mostly funded from the cemetery investment funds.

A big thank you goes out to Wayne Corse for donating two flat boulders for the new signage at Jacksonville and Whitingham/Sadawga Cemeteries. We also want to thank Kenny Bernard & Wayne Corse for setting the two boulders, they look great. The lettering is slated to be placed on the boulders in the spring.

We now have the cemetery maps for Jacksonville (new section) and Whitingham/Sadawga Cemeteries totally updated and in digital form on the computer. It will be much easier to keep the maps up-to-date yearly from now on.

Finally, we would like to thank Tyson Dix for his service on the Cemetery Commission, it is greatly appreciated. Tyson has moved out of town and therefore had to resign from the position.

*Dana Dix, Chair; Brad Lackey, Clerk; and Tyson Dix*

## **Corona Virus / COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic**

The Corona Virus first arrived in town with news that a Readsboro resident had tested positive and a close contact had volunteered at a fund raiser hosted in the Whitingham Municipal Center. The Municipal Center was closed to the public on March 7, 2020 for a thorough cleaning.

The Municipal Center was again closed to the public in mid-March. The Governor issued the "stay home stay safe" order on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Municipal employees worked/stayed at home as much as possible but by nature municipal work is essential so our employees did all they could to follow the many guidelines to stay healthy on the job. The Selectboard continued to meet, holding hybrid meetings to allow virtual attendance of the public. The Transfer Station had been closed for a time but reopened with limited hours on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Access to the Town Clerk's office was available by appointment. Essential programs were switched over to cloud-based services so access could be remote as needed. By the end of March our regular cleaning subcontractor suspended services, we are thankful for RSI Premier Cleaning and Restoration for stepping in for regular cleaning services of the Municipal Center and additional disinfection required during the pandemic.

By April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Governor allowed "small steps" towards reopening; at that time some municipal employees were not fully back on the job because their supervisor deemed it unsafe and/or unnecessary.

By May 6<sup>th</sup>, all town employees completed the required VOSHA training to return to work and appropriate signage was hung. Safety items were provided (masks, thermometers, sanitizers, etc.) and employees conducted daily health checks before starting work. The Governor's "Play Smart and Play Safe" order in early May allowed a phased restart of outdoor recreation however the rules for cleaning were difficult for the town to maintain so port-a-potties were not ordered for Town Hill. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Selectboard adopted an Exposure Control Work Plan to keep employees safe and made a statement showing their support of wearing facemasks in public.

Plans were in the works for the installation of a business window to allow people access to the Town Clerk without coming into the office. A custom drop box was made by Gordie Moore, Windham Architectural Metals, and installed in front of the Municipal Center to allow people to drop off items without coming in the building. The drop box was paid for with a grant from the Secretary of State's office. *Thank you Gordie!*

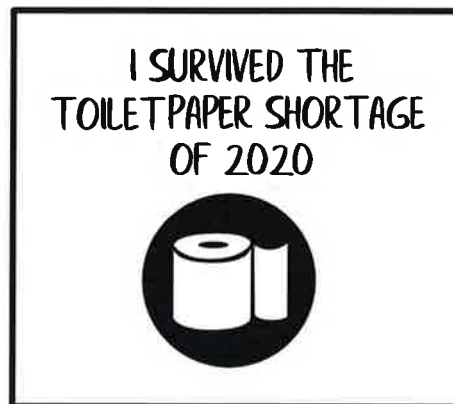
In August it was decided that the normally required petitions for funding would be cancelled for 2021. Agencies that received funding for 19/20 could request the same amount of funding for 20/21 without a petition and candidates running for office would not need a petition to get their name on the ballot. VTel Wireless installed equipment at Town Hill to provide a free wi-fi signal to the area for the duration of the pandemic.

Almira won grant funding of \$19,349 to digitize land records. Gig won grant funding to cover COVID related expenses which totaled \$11,617.76 from March to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The majority of the expenses related to COVID-19 occurred in the fiscal year 20/21 and you will not see them reflected in the 19/20 budget.

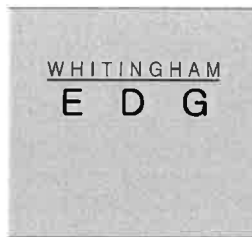
On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Selectboard reviewed their responses to the pandemic and found that they (and the town employees) did all that we could as we stumbled through this strange new pandemic world with constantly changing rules and regulations. The only suggestion of what we could do better for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave was to have a trailer full of toilet paper ready and to work better with the school to understand what their plans are.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Selectboard decided to follow health and safety precautions and voted that all items on the Warning for Town Meeting 2021 would be voted by Australian ballot, there will be no gathering on Town Meeting Day except for the voting. Informational meetings will be held with remote access for the public on February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm during regular Selectboard meetings. The link to the meetings can be found on [www.whitinghamvt.org](http://www.whitinghamvt.org).

Australian Ballot Polls will be held from 10am to 7pm at the Whitingham Municipal Center on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.



Craig Hammer, Selectboard Member; Stanley Janovsky, Jr., Road Commissioner; Robert Fisher, Town Attorney; Scott Reed, Selectboard Vice Chair and Wayne Wood, Selectboard Chair attend "hybrid" Selectboard meeting on May 20, 2020.



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

### **2020 Annual Report**

Members of the Whitingham Economic Development Group (WEDG) during the year 2020 included Gretchen Havreluk, Chair; Jenepher Burnell (resigned in May), Phil Edelstein, Kyle Frey (resigned in February), and Seth Boyd. Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator attended regularly. Carrie Northrup joined the group in March and Karen Hein in August.

During 2020 WEDG worked on the following projects:

- ✓ Continued oversight of the town website
- ✓ Updated list of activities to do in and around Whitingham on website
- ✓ Updated description of Whitingham in the Deerfield Valley Real Estate Magazine
- ✓ Updated description of Whitingham on the Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce website
- ✓ Encouraged residents to complete the Census 2020 survey
- ✓ Discussed with the school about offering an EMS class
- ✓ Met with BDCC and art teacher from school to discuss how students could be engaged to work with EDG to create short videos for use in advertising the town

A mission of the Economic Development Group is to encourage families to move to town and educate their students to improve our economy and lower our education cost. In light of this need we are trying to bolster our local businesses in brochures and on the town website. If you have a business, please let us know so that we can include your information in our publications.

We are still interested in creating videos of the different aspects of town that make this a wonderful place to live. We'd like to use social media advertising to increase our family population and tourism. If you can help, please let us know.

To reach the WEDG please call Gig at 368-7500 or email her at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

## EDUCATION FUNDING LITIGATION UPDATE as of 12/31/20

### Boyd v. State of Vermont

On October 27, 2017, Twin Valley High School student Sadie Boyd, Whitingham resident Madeline Klein, and the Town of Whitingham commenced a lawsuit alleging that the State of Vermont is violating Whitingham students' right to equal educational opportunity and Whitingham resident taxpayers' right to not be taxed disproportionately and compelling the Town to violate the Vermont Constitution.

The Plaintiffs allege that the State is violating Whitingham students' constitutional right to equal educational opportunity, a right recognized by the Supreme Court of Vermont in the landmark 1997 decision in *Brigham v. State*, by funding their education based on the number of "equalized pupils" rather than on the actual cost of educating students. The Plaintiffs allege that the State's constitutional violation is reflected in the disparity between the educational opportunities offered by the Twin Valley schools and larger schools in Vermont.

The Plaintiffs also allege that the State is harming Whitingham resident taxpayers, whose education property tax rate increased by more than 30 cents in FY2018, despite a nearly \$300,000 reduction in education expenditures. The Plaintiffs point to several factors responsible for the increase in the tax rate, none greater than the State's penalty for so-called "excess spending," spending which, the Plaintiffs allege, is necessary to provide Whitingham students with the limited educational opportunities that are also the subject of the lawsuit.

Finally, the Plaintiffs allege that the State is compelling the Town of Whitingham to violate the Vermont Constitution by compelling it to participate in a system that violates the rights of both Whitingham students and resident taxpayers.

The Plaintiffs are asking for an injunction against the aspects of the education funding and property taxation systems that they allege are unconstitutional; and believe that the changes they seek will benefit students and taxpayers not only in Whitingham, but across Vermont.

From the early spring to the early fall of 2020, expert and fact witnesses for the Plaintiffs and the State were deposed. In October, the State moved for summary judgment on the Plaintiffs' claims. Briefing on the motion was completed in December, and the parties are awaiting the Court's decision. After the Court rules on the motion, it is possible that the decision will be appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court later in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Adam Waite and James Valente*  
Attorneys at Law



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wayne W. Wood served as Emergency Management Director (EMD) and Gig Zboray as Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) for the Town of Whitingham. During 2020:

- EMD sent three situation reports regarding weather events to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Vermont Emergency Management (VEM).
- EMD obtained independent medical guidance at the beginning of the pandemic.
- EMD applied for a FEMA grant to purchase a stand-alone radio system, to be used during a town-wide emergency.
- EMD participated in the Household Hazardous Waste event, saving the town approximately \$10,000.
- At no cost to the town, EMD provided Emergency Preparedness handbooks, available at the Municipal Center.
- EMC attended a number of COVID-19 briefings.
- EMC continued to oversee Flood Hazard Mitigation projects in Jacksonville Village.
- EMC updated our Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).

*Wayne W. Wood, EMD*

### Seven Emergency Preparedness Tips You May Not Know

- Set yourself up to receive warning messages ([vem.vermont.gov/vtalert](https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert))
- Establish multiple family meeting spots.
- Have a family communication plan in place.
- Make sure everyone in your family carries an “ICE” (in case of emergency) card.
- Make a go-bag for everyone in your household.
- Keep important documents ready to grab and go.
- Plan an emergency outfit.

Get more information here: <https://lifehacker.com/seven-emergency-preparedness-tips-you-may-not-know-1787063633>

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Whitingham Fire Department responded to a total of 220 emergency calls in 2020 including 1 brush fire, 15 smoke/CO alarms, 8 dispatched cancelled in route (this happens when a fire officer responds directly in a personal vehicle, investigates and declares "under control / hold all apparatus in quarters" to dispatch; or a caller tells the operator they are ok after accidentally pushing a medic alert button), 12 motor vehicle accidents, 5 powerlines down, 4 service calls, 1 unauthorized burning; Mutual Aid was given to 1 Dover, 1 Halifax, 5 Readsboro, 1 Stamford, 3 Wilmington.

Our First Responders arrived at 124 calls in Whitingham and 39 in Halifax.

The department decided to replace the 1985 E-One Pumper that is housed in the Whitingham station. In March of 2020 before COVID-19 really started hitting our country hard, after a continued search for approximately 3 years, a used piece of apparatus came up for sale in Maryland. The 1996 pumper looked to be in excellent shape through some photos. I brought the idea of purchasing a used truck to the Selectboard. For as long as I have been on the department and as far as I can remember, we have always bought new trucks to replace the old. I told them my plan and asked permission to drive to Maryland and check out the truck. Dave Briggs, Tyler Janovsky and I took the trip to Rawlings, Maryland. We were impressed with the condition of the truck and the firefighting capabilities of the unit. We road tested the truck in the mountains of West Virginia and found that the trucks gearing was what is desired in our mountainous terrain.

After returning we had a meeting with the Firemen's Association to see how they felt about the purchase of a used truck. With no objections I brought it to the Selectboard and asked permission to begin negotiations with price for the truck and they granted the permission. We purchased the truck for \$33,500. We then delivered the truck to Dingee Machine, the company who built our last 2 trucks, to refurbish and paint the truck to new condition. At the time of this report, we have not received an invoice for the refurbish but by Town Meeting I should have the total cost. We are hoping and expecting the total cost not to be over \$120,000. We have been told from a couple of fire apparatus dealers who looked at the truck after we bought it, to build the truck new would be close to, if not more than, \$400,000. That being said, I see no problem in this truck serving our community for the next 20+ years. I would like to thank Dave Briggs and Tyler Janovsky for their time for taking the trip to look at the truck with me.

**Please put reflective 911 numbers of your address visible from the road so we can find you in case of an emergency!**

I want to thank all our volunteers for all their dedication and volunteered time to the fire department and to the Town of Whitingham and our neighbors.

Sincerely yours,

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*  
Fire Chief

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	Notes
1971	Chevy Brush Truck	20 yrs	1995	Free	\$100,000	Still in Service
1985	Chevy E-One Pumper	20yrs	2005	\$80,000	\$295,000	see note (1)
1992	GMC Rescue Truck	20yrs	2012	\$41,000	\$300,000	Still in Service
2001	Freightliner Tanker	20yrs	2021	\$180,000	\$325,000	Still in Service
2006	Freightliner Pumper	20yrs	2026	\$160,000	\$295,000	
2018	Chevy Rescue PU	20yrs	2038	\$43,300	\$75,000	
2012	Mission Trailer	15yrs	2027	\$10,405	\$15,000	
2012	Artic Cat Prowler Side by Side	10yrs	2022	\$14,265	\$25,000	
2012	Artic Cat Snowmobile	10yrs	2022	\$12,000	\$17,000	see note (2)
1996	Freightliner Pumper (refurb. 2021)	20 yrs	2041	\$100,000	\$400,000	see note (3)

(1) Will go out of service when refurbished truck goes into service

(2) paid by Firemen's Association

(3) refurbished in 2021, will go into service in 2021 and replace the 1985 Pumper



"before" photo 1996 pumper truck purchased in 2020



"after" photo, not quite complete but close, January 2021

# FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

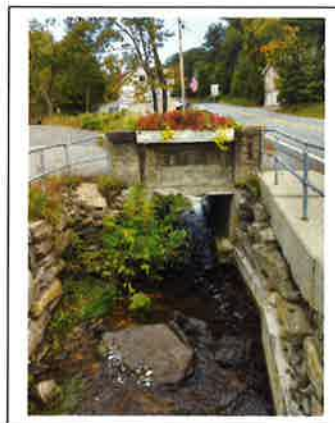
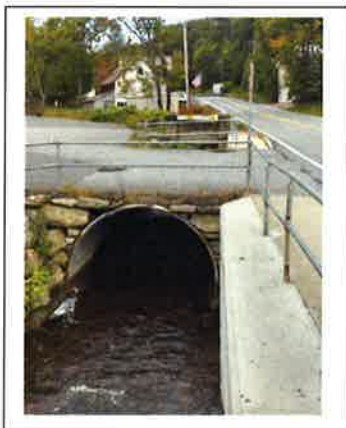
## In Jacksonville Village

### The “Stanley Committee”

In 2019, Stanley Janovsky and Gig Zboray met with officials from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (several different divisions) and the Windham Regional Commission in an effort to make some progress on flood hazard mitigation projects in Jacksonville. Stanley requested that this group begin to meet on a regular basis and so it came to be called the “Stanley Committee”.

Although all involved agree the projects need to be completed, in the past it has proven difficult to get the complicated project moving. In **2020** we made the following progress:

- Continued to work with VTrans on this large, multifaceted project to widen the river to bankfull width, to remove the undersized cement bridge, to 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.
- Continued to work with VEM and FEMA on a buyout grant for a house downstream which the river runs under.
- Executed a grant agreement with VTrans for funding (\$40,000) to conduct a Scoping Study.
- Worked with our Municipal Project Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for engineering services to conduct a Scoping Study.
- Reviewed and accepted a bid for the Scoping Study – to be prepared by MSK Engineers and finalized by September 2021.
- Reviewed and accepted a bid for an Archaeological Resource Assessment of the property adjacent to the Municipal Center in preparation for the FEMA buyout.
- Reclassified the entrance to the Municipal Center lot as a town highway which will allow better grant opportunities for the culvert replacement.
- Applied for and received an extension of time on the Municipal Planning Grant from May to September (COVID-19 extension).



## HEALTH OFFICER

During 2020 I received uncountable updates from the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development regarding the COVID-19/Corona Virus Pandemic. I ensured that all town employees had the health and safety equipment as well as required training they needed to return to work full time after the Governor issued the “stay home, stay safe” order.

Aside from the pandemic it was a quiet year as far as public health needs go.

~Gig Zboray  
Town Health Officer



2020 brought us remote meetings and trainings to keep us safe from the Corona Virus. I know I look forward to in-person events again.

I include this in my annual report for its historical value.



### Masks On Vermont

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it's never been more important for us all to take steps to slow its spread, especially for those at higher risk of serious illness. That means wearing a face mask or covering when you can't always stay six feet away from people you don't live with.

When You <b>DO</b> Need a Mask	When You <b>DON'T</b> Need a Mask
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Unable to always stay 6 feet apart from others you don't live with (work, riding the bus, ride share, school)</li><li>→ On a busy and crowded street, trail or bike path</li><li>→ At home, if you have symptoms and you live with other people</li><li>→ Indoors with people you do not live with (even if physically distant)</li><li>→ Going to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor or hospital</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Exercising, playing sports, or other physical activity that makes you breathe more heavily</li><li>→ On uncrowded trails, bike paths or neighborhoods – <i>bring one just in case!</i></li><li>→ At home with people you live with and no one has symptoms</li><li>→ Outside with friends or family when you can stay 6 feet apart</li><li>→ Eating or drinking while seated at a restaurant or other food service establishment</li></ul>

#### Individuals who should **NEVER WEAR** a mask

- Children under the age of 2
- Anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious
- Anyone who is unable to remove the mask without assistance

For more information visit:  
[HealthVermont.gov/MasksOnVT](https://HealthVermont.gov/MasksOnVT)





## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The winter of 2019-2020 did not bring much snow but brought much freezing rain and ice. With all the ice we were still able to keep the salt tonnage to around 390 tons for the year.

Mud season was not too bad. We were able to keep up with our drag boxes in the evenings before the re-freeze. Mud season did not require much material of stone and sand on most roads, but the usual spots were about average due to thawing later in the spring when temps are a little higher during the day.

Summertime brought many projects such as changing culverts on various roads, grading, adding gravel, and lots of ditching.

VT Route 8A was paved from VT Route 112 to the Heath, MA line.

We received a grant from Better Back Roads for \$14,760.00 to install a couple new culverts, and stone line the ditches on Reed Hill. This project was completed in the fall of 2020.

Dam Road was reclaimed to smooth it out and start the process of changing the many culverts on it for paving in the future. There is no timeline as of now for repaving. It will be a work in progress.

Because of COVID-19, the State suspended the Class 2 and Structures grants until 2021 so none were given for 2020.

Sprague Brook Road has been discontinued, 1700' of Head of Pond Road was reclassified to Class 3 from 4, and 40'X82' of new road was laid out at the entrance of the Municipal Center. This will allow us to be eligible for some grants to help with changing the big culvert at the entrance.

The Highway Dept. purchased a new 2021 Caterpillar backhoe for a cost of \$141,500.00, with the trade allowance of \$30,000 it was the winning bid. Caterpillar was also the unanimous choice of the highway employees to recommend to the Selectboard the purchase over John Deere, Case, and JCB.

Paving projects for 2021 will be shim and top part of Gates Pond Road, Collins Road, Hebard Hill Road, and Reed Hill Road. I am looking to put new pavement on Parsons Road from the intersection of Gates Pond Road to Stone House Road which is approximately 4000'. Parsons Road has caused many headaches over the years for the Highway Dept. and its inhabitants with above normal amounts of mud in mud season. I cannot even come close to the figure of what the amount of stone that has been placed on the road over the years to combat the spring mud season. It is for this reason that I believe it is for the public good and necessity, in light of the equipment hours and man hours to keep this section of road passible, that I think this section should be paved. At the time of this report a hearing has not occurred yet, but depending on public input from the hearing, that will decide if the project is a go.

The Highway Department will also be looking to send out bids to replace the 1-ton dump truck and the pickup for 2021.

I would like to thank all the employees, the staff at the Municipal Center and the townspeople for the support of the Highway Department.

Sincerely yours,

*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	\$ 300,000.00	
2013	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2028	\$180,000	\$ 275,000.00	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$160,000	\$ 250,000.00	
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$129,000	\$ 250,000.00	
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$63,000	\$ 80,000.00	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 PU	5yrs	2017	\$35,000	\$ 70,000.00	Still in service
1996	Caterpillar Grader	15yrs	2011	\$214,000	\$400,000	Still in service
2003	John Deere Back Hoe	15yrs	2018	\$82,000	\$150,000	see note (4)
2019	Komatsu Loader	15yrs	2034	\$190,000	\$250,000	
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	\$20,000	
1988	Morbark Chipper	20yrs	2008	\$15,000	\$50,000	Still in service
2021	Caterpillar Back Hoe	15yrs	2036	\$141,500	151,500	see note (4)

(4) this back hoe will be traded for 2021 model, delivery delayed due to pandemic

*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.*

## HIGHWAY GARAGE COMMITTEE

The Whitingham Highway Garage Committee was created on January 2, 2020 and was funded with \$50,000 by voter approval at Town Meeting March 2020. Members are Marshall Dix, Chair; Richard Lemaire, Vice Chair; and members Scott Reed, Allan Twitchell, Richard Tefft, and Donnie Boyd. Gig Zboray was appointed as Clerk.

The Committee engaged an engineering firm to do a feasibility study on the current garage. The study found the garage structure to be inadequate for the future needs of the Highway Department and in very poor condition. It also found the current site to be inadequate for the growth of the garage required to meet future needs.

The Committee then put out advertisements seeking land (by donation or purchase) for a new highway garage site. They looked at, and discussed, 8 parcels throughout town and found all but one to be insufficient to meet the needs. The Committee recommended to the Selectboard to add an article to the Warning for Town Meeting 2021 looking for approval of the purchase of the Twitchell Farm, a 12-acre parcel located at 1177 Town Hill Road (parcel ID # 08-0738.00), for \$20,000 contingent of permits. Article 12 asks for approval of the purchase. Article 13 seeks to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to pay for the purchase of the Twitchell farm. **We recommend you vote yes on Articles 12 and 13.** At our request, the Selectboard engaged the town attorney to draw up a purchase agreement of the property contingent on voter approval.

If the voters approve and fund the purchase of the Twitchell farm, the next steps on this project include engaging an engineering firm to do a design plan for the lot with estimated construction costs, followed eventually by building concept, design and then construction.

**The Highway Garage Committee recommends you vote YES on the following articles:**

**YES on Article 12 to approve the purchase the Twitchell Farm property.**

**YES on Article 13 to raise an appropriate \$20,000 to purchase the property**

**YES on Article 14 to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to fund the Town Garage Fund.**





**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  
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 Jville Church



## Whitingham Free Public Library 2020 Year in Review

### 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.



2020 gave us all challenges never before imagined and put us to the test.

This is our story.....

- \* Saturday, March 7th, it was business as usual, we had seen our average of 40 patrons that day and circulated 60 books.
- \* Monday, March 9th, we closed due to a possible exposure with-in the community and in the Municipal Center. We disinfected the library, washed and put away toys and stuffed animals.
- \* Wednesday, March 11th, we reopened to business as usual. Not knowing the worst was yet to come.
- \* Saturday, March 14th, with guidance from The VT Department of Libraries' and Kristine Sweeter, Library Director, the Trustees closed the library to the public with remote and curbside services available and to reassess on April 1st. A draft pandemic preparedness plan was written.
- \* Monday, March 16 — Saturday, March 28th, we offered remote services as well as curbside pick-up and home delivery service. During this time 30 patrons were served, 8 deliveries were made and 112 books and dvds were circulated.
- \* Monday, March 30th, our curbside and delivery service was suspended as a non-essential service during lock down.
- \* Monday, March 30th — Friday, May 8th, we continued to offer remote reference services. We added additional e-book and audio services through the Dept of Libraries and RB Digital. We continued to share resources, up to date information and assistance through direct email, phone calls, social media and on the town website. Kristine was in contact with patrons and staff daily, and checked in with trustees and the town clerk regularly. During this time we sent bi-weekly email news letters and Front Porch Forum posts, we reached nearly 5000 people through daily and weekly Facebook posts. Staff attended virtual trainings and meetings with the VT Department of Libraries. Kristine assisted several patrons with e-books and audio books, the U.S. Census completion, and other reference questions and necessities. 1 Patron was connected to the Windham Humane Society, for assistance in the event she was hospitalized and needed pet care assistance.
- \* Saturday, May 9th — Saturday, July 25th, we reopened for curbside and delivery service following the VT reopening guidelines. During this time Library updates were completed including new window installation, the carpeting was professional deep cleaned, a new copier was installed, 2 sneeze guards were installed and a staff laptop was upgraded.
- \* Monday, July 27th, we reopened to allow the public inside the building following state guidelines. At this time Whitingham Library was only 1 of 35 libraries fully open.
- \* Nearly 2,000 Wifi log-ins were reported March—July. Patrons were able to work, continue school and connect with family.
- \* Our Summer Reading Program was re-imagined into weekly take home kits including free books, crafts, snacks and other activities. Our program participation increased by 8% and is continuing once a month throughout the school year.
- \* Partnering with WINGS Community Programs we offered 3 successful drive-in theater movies with up to 35 people and 12 cars attending.
- \* Through-out September we hosted a Community Healing Art Project featuring colorful handmade prayer flags. 22 Flags were created by participants and displayed at the Library. We would like to thank Martha Phelps for organizing this event and for Laverne McIntyre who sewed all the flags for our display.
- \* Along with the Deerfield Valley Lions Club was we gave away 70 pumpkins to families for carving and hosted our first Jack-o-lantern Walk and Trick or Treat Event. We displayed 40 Jack-o-Lanterns and gave away 80 treat bags.
- \* Kids Club Thanksgiving & Christmas Kits featured fun holiday projects and books, including gingerbread ornaments.
- \* Kristine applied for and received a generous donation from Harbor Freight to build a tool lending library for our community.
- \* Giant indoor/outdoor games and puzzles were added to our collection, including giant Jenga, Yahtzee, Checkers and Uno.
- \* We became a Wifi Hotspot through a Grant with VT Dept. of Public Service.

July 2019 — June 2020

**6,045 Patron visits. 5,725 WiFi sessions. 5,040 items circulated. 1,812 children and adults attended 117 programs**

## PARKS COMMITTEE

The Parks Committee had a fairly quiet summer season under the COVID-19 pandemic. In May of 2020 VT Governor Phil Scott's Executive Order included no use of picnic tables, playground equipment, no contact sports, or public gatherings.

On Town Hill, we took delivery of a new piece of playground equipment that will be installed in early summer 2021. We were unable to secure a contractor to repair the stone wall but intend to have the work completed in the spring of 2021. We did not rent port-a-potties over the summer to discourage public gatherings. Unfortunately, the annual local Softball Tournaments were also cancelled by the organizers in an effort to avoid public gatherings as well.

On a positive note, in cooperation with the Town and V-TEL a WIFI Hot Spot was installed on Town Hill. It is available for public use while on-site. Thank you to Phil Edelstein for his work that resulted in the installation of this service improving local access and connectivity. Thank you to Wayne Corse and Corse Excavating for clearing the trees and brush that was necessary for this service to function.

Many thanks to Doug Dix of Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance for great care of the grounds and mowing. Thanks to Donnie Boyd for mowing the brush around the softball field and picnic area.

At the Eames Park in Jacksonville Village, we intend to install additional picnic table-style seating for the summer of 2021. Thank you to Heather Hebert of the Jacksonville Store for watering the flowers daily. Many thanks additionally to Gig Zboray, Almira Aekus, Pastor Doug and Mary Lou Laplante, Sandy Crowningshield, Peter and Tanya Bernard for helping to plant and water the flower planters throughout town.

We hope that next summer will allow for a more regular use of the parks and a return of local events.

Thank you.

*Seth Boyd , Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom, Carol Millett,  
Erin Lackey, Heather Buckles Woods (resigned)*

## PLANNING COMMISSION

In January 2020, the Planning Commission consisted of Brad Lackey (Chair), Peter Barus (Clerk), Phil Edelstein, and Linda Donaghue. Phil Edelstein had to resign when he was elected to the Selectboard in March. Phil had served on the Planning Commission since 2012, thank you Phil!. Keith Thompson volunteered to fill the vacancy and has provided great help to us already. *Thank you Keith!*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we only met 6 times this year. The Zoning Regulation updates continued throughout the year, including substantial reorganizing by Zoning Administrator Gig Zboray. A great deal of assistance on this project came from John Bennett of the Windham Regional Commission.

In June we held our Annual Reorganizational meeting, Brad Lackey was elected Chair, Peter Barus was elected Clerk. The Clerk's stipend was changed to \$30 per meeting, invoiced per annum. No zoning changes were deemed necessary for the pandemic emergency.

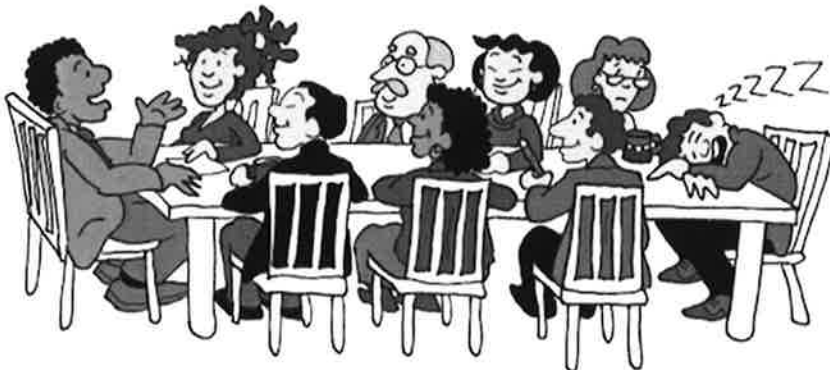
In October we held a Site Plan Review Hearing for change of use.

The final review of Zoning Regulations continued through December. We hope the updated regulations will go through the proper process to be adopted in 2021 and our years of work on the project will be done.

There continues to be a vacancy on the Planning Commission. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Gig at 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org). We usually meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

*Whitingham Planning Commission:*

*Brad Lackey, Peter Barus, Keith Thompson and Linda Donaghue*



## SELECTBOARD

We can all agree that 2020 was a challenging year that we never want to repeat. We would like to offer our gratitude to all town employees for keeping the town functioning at professional capacity despite the world-wide COVID-19/Corona Virus pandemic. We all scrambled at the start of the pandemic to determine the best ways to keep employees and residents safe and healthy, there were some stumbles, but we are happy with the transitions and adaptations we all made to keep things going.

We accepted the resignation of Wayne Corse on July 15, 2020 and welcomed Christopher Walling who won the vacated seat by special election on October 13, 2020.

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

- Oversight of Animal Control issues, Assessors Office, Flood Hazard Mitigation projects in Jacksonville, Highway Department, Municipal Center maintenance and use, Sewer Department including extensive upgrades project, Parks Committee, Transfer Station
- Creation of Highway Garage Committee to determine best options for an improved garage (see their report on page 48 for more information)
- Continue to oversee lawsuit against the State of Vermont regarding Education Funding Method (see attorney's report on page 40)
- Oversee Great River Hydro tax appeal (see attorney's report on pages 31 and 32)
- Creation of Broadband Committee to evaluate the technologies and financing options available to bring broadband to all of Whitingham (see DVFiber report on pages 69 and 70 for more information)
- Voted to become a founding member of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District
- Made efforts and had some success in asking residents to clean up their properties for the enjoyment of all
- Approved purchase of, and improvements to, a "new to us" fire truck
- Adopted: ATV Ordinance, Clothing Allowance Policy, and Vacation Sell Back Policy
- Reclassified 3 roads (see highway report on pages 46 and 47)
- Approved purchase of new backhoe
- Approved installation of fiber optic internet services at the Municipal Center
- Accepted proposal for Cyber Security/IT services
- Voted to have all Articles on Warning for Town Meeting on the ballot due to COVID-19
- We held 24 regular meetings and 7 special meetings

*We offer our gratitude to:*

**Aysha Peltz and Todd Wahlstrom**, coordinators of Green Up Day.

**Members of town committees** – the hours you serve are greatly appreciated.

**Flower Brigade** – those who have volunteered to plant and care for flowers barrels all summer long.

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

*We appreciate the opportunity to serve as Selectboard members*

*Wayne W. Wood, Chair; Scott Reed, Vice Chair  
Craig Hammer, Phil Edelstein, and Christopher Walling*

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The year 2020 proved to be yet another year requiring patience with the sewer improvements project. We moved into phase 2 of our 3-phase project. The engineers began their “final design” segment of the project which, when complete, will bring the project through drawings and specifications, including all technical criteria for permit and funding approval from state and other agencies; determination of probable construction costs; preparation of construction bid documents; and draft construction contract documents among other tasks.

The project went through Historic Preservation Review as well as the Environment Information Document & Environment Report and a hazardous materials assessment. The result of these items led to the state issuing a “finding of no significant impact” for the project.

Our biggest hurdle and uncontrollable concern was getting a majority of sewer users to respond to the Median Household Income (MHI) survey. Initially paper surveys were mailed or delivered to every sewer user address, reminder post cards were mailed or delivered twice. The importance of getting folks to respond is extremely important towards funding eligibility for the construction phase of the project. We needed the responses of the sewer users because the entire town’s MHI was just \$100 over getting the best funding possible. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, not enough responses were received to make the survey valid. ***Responding to this survey will afford us the best possible funding package for this project, and help reduce costs to the users. We urge you to respond as quickly as possible so that costs can be minimized.***

The Selectboard heard many complaints about the rate increase. Our two wastewater facilities have been in service for 40 years, and require refurbishment. These costs are unavoidable and will prevent future treatment system failures, adverse impacts to the environment, unexpected emergency wastewater hauling costs and potential fines. We have worked with our engineers to keep the scope of refurbishment as small as possible, keeping the wastewater facilities mostly as they are, and making improvements to improve energy and treatment efficiency.

We regularly hear complaints about not using water meters in the billing process anymore. Many of the meters are broken, they fail easily because of debris in the well water. State rules do not allow the town to install or maintain meters anymore. The expense to replace all the meters and to pay a professional plumber to install and maintain them is far too expensive and will significantly add to our annual operation and maintenance costs. The two recent rate increases, and the anticipated increase next year will cover the cost of the future bond payments and fund a capital improvements fund which should grow over the next 20 years so that the sewer department and its users are not in this predicament again. On the bright side sewer users have been paying very low rates for nearly 40 years.

**The Selectboard recommends that you vote YES on the Sewer Bond ballot.**



## Whitingham Wastewater System Improvements

This March at Town Meeting, the Town of Whitingham will have a special ballot asking all residents whether they should approve a bond for the improvements to the two wastewater treatment facilities (WWTFs) in the villages of Whitingham and Jacksonville.

Why am I being asked to vote on this? I'm on my own septic system.

Why is the entire town being asked to approve a project that will benefit only those on Town sewer? Due to the funding source for this project (Vermont's State Revolving Loan Fund Program, or "SRF Program"), the Selectboard needs the authorization of all its voters, not just those who use Town sewer. **The costs for this project will be borne ONLY by those connected to the Whitingham or Jacksonville WWTFs, residents on septic systems will see no tax increases by voting yes!**

Why is this project needed?

The Whitingham and Jacksonville WWTFs were built in the early 1980s with an intended service life of 20 years. These plants performed far beyond all expectations and still continue to operate to this day. That said, once these facilities exceeded their service life, repair costs began to increase. Some parts, like pumps or building roofs, were replaced or repaired. Other parts failed and were not put back into service as the WWTFs were still able to treat sewage.

Then in 2018 a larger piece of equipment at the Jacksonville plant that is responsible for eliminating pollutants in the wastewater failed. The failure of the Jacksonville Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) required a shutdown of the plant while repairs were made. Sewage that continued to flow to the Jacksonville WWTF had to be pumped and hauled to Brattleboro for disposal. This repair and hauling cost of nearly \$100,000.00 depleted the reserve fund. After this incident, the State of Vermont required the Town to perform a comprehensive analysis of the two facilities to identify what other components were at risk of failure and need replacement. The goal of this analysis was to provide a look forward to the next 20 years to ensure that residents continue to have the benefit of a centralized WWTF.

**A WWTF is a crucial piece of municipal infrastructure** that protects the environment and fosters economic growth. Craft brewers often look to villages with municipal treatment plants for locations as their wastewater is more easily treated by a WWTF than with an on-site septic system (i.e. leachfield).

What does this project include?

The project proposed by our engineers consist of a complete rehabilitation of both the Whitingham and Jacksonville WWTFs. It brings both buildings up to modern code, with improvements to insulation, ventilation and lighting that will make it more energy efficient. All of the process equipment will be replaced, providing a new 20-year service life and reduced repair costs.

The project also includes improvements to the collection system. Over the years, the manholes in the road have deteriorated, allowing rainwater and groundwater to enter the

sewer network, increasing the amount of water needed to be treated. This project will “tighten up” the collection system so the sewer plants only treat sewage instead of rainwater or groundwater.

#### Who Pays for this project?

**The actual cost for this project will be borne solely by the users of the municipal sewer system.** The Town is participating in the SRF Program which provides long-term, low-interest loans to municipalities. In addition to the loan, the SRF Program also includes additional subsidies that can further reduce the price of the project. This includes up to \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 to cover construction costs. It could also include more subsidies that would come from the federal government as part of an infrastructure bill.

#### What happens if this bond is not approved?

**Voting no on this bond will not keep sewer rates at their current level in the long term.** Without the bond, the sewer users will be solely responsible for keeping the two WWTFs operational. At a bare minimum, the RBC at Jacksonville needs to be replaced, a project that would cost at least \$500,000. Without the assistance of the State’s long term, low interest loan with principal forgiveness, 100% of this cost will be borne by the sewer users. Additional rate hikes will be needed to raise these funds.

In addition to the RBC replacement, other pieces of the WWTFs will also require replacement in the coming years. If the Town waits until a component fails to replace it, the repair costs will need to include pumping and hauling wastewater to Brattleboro at a cost of over \$3,000 **per day**. These costs will only increase as time goes on. By securing State SRF financing, these costs can be spread out over 20 years to reduce the impacts to sewer users instead of being immediately due if the Town elects to go on its own with future repairs.

#### Is this project economical?

The cost increase to sewer users as a result of this bond is a small fraction of the cost of a new on-site leachfield. New leachfields can cost upwards of \$40,000, and many of the properties in each village do not have enough land to locate their own septic system. This proposed project represents the most economical way to ensure that the Villages’ sewage is adequately treated for the next 20 years.

#### I have more questions about this project. How can I ask them?

If you have questions regarding this project, there will be two informational meetings before Town Meeting Day on **February 10 and February 24 at 6:30pm** the zoom link is available on [www.whitinghamvt.org](http://www.whitinghamvt.org). If you are unable to attend these meetings, but still have questions, contact Gig Zboray at the Selectboard Office at 368-7500 or [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org). A video presentation of the project by the engineers is linked on the homepage of [www.whitinghamvt.org](http://www.whitinghamvt.org) (DV News article).



## TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JULY 1, 2019	\$	79,999.39
ABATEMENT	\$	-
TAXES BILLED FOR TAX YEAR 2019 (FY 2020)	\$	6,379,873.77
<b>TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,459,873.16</b>
TAXES COLLECTED (Current)	\$	6,295,899.89
TAXES COLLECTED (Delinquent)	\$	61,282.55
DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2020	\$	102,690.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,459,873.16</b>

Note: Because of the pandemic, we did not hold the normal tax sale in fiscal year 2020. We will be holding one in late spring or early summer which will get the sales back on schedule.

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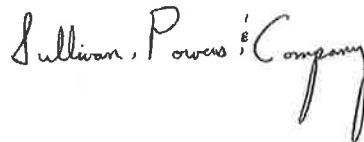
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January 22, 2021

Selectboard  
Town of Whitingham, Vermont  
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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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



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**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020**

<b>NAME OF TAXPAYER</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
AQUINO, RAMONE, ET. AL.	*	*
BARTLETT, ALLAN J.	*	*
BERNACKI, PETER, ET. AL.		*
BETIT, CLAIRE		*
BIRD, BRIAN & AMY	*	*
BOYD, JUSTIN		*
BOYD, KENT	*	*
BOYD, THOMAS	*	*
BROCHU, KEVIN & DEBORAH		*
COOLBRITH, GEORGE C.	*	*
DIX, DAVID & WANDA		*
EDEN, JOHN C.		*
ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE		*
FOOTE, JOHN P.	*	*
GOUIN, ANDREW A.	*	*
GRAZIANO, LOUIS A.		*
GROSS, TODD		*
GROSSBERNDT, DONALD		*
HARRIS JOHN W. , ET. AL.	*	*
MASON, HENRY		*
HERZIG, NORMAN A. & JENNIFER R.		*
HICKS, BRADLEY A.		*
HICKS, BRIAN D., ET. AL.		*
HOLT, JOHN H.		*
JANOVSKY, WADE A. & HEIDI		*
KRZEMINSKI, HELEN		*
LOCKHART, JAMES, ET. AL.	*	*
MINEAU, WAYNE		*
NEVILLE, LORRAINE S.		*
NORTON, JOSEPH, ET. AL.		*
ORENSTEIN, MARVIN D.		*
PELOSI, ROBERT A	*	*
PERRY, KEVIN & APRIL	*	*
POWERS, ALICE, ESTATE OF		*
RANSLOW, ADAM C.		*
REYNOLDS, DONALD A.		*
SALVATORE, JOSEPH, ET. AL.		*
SANDELLA, JOHN	*	*
SOLSKY, MICHAEL & LINDA	*	*
SWIANTEK, STEVEN S.		*
VANDUYNE, EDWARD A.		*
VIERA, SANDRA M.		*
WATERS, RICHARD C.		*
WILSON, RICHARD E., ET. AL.		*
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT</b>	<b>\$18,716.84</b>	<b>\$83,973.88</b>

As in the past town report, the delinquent tax list does not list the amount of delinquency for any individual taxpayer. The reason for the omission is because of a Supreme Court decision along with a legislative decision regarding the disclosure of confidential tax bill information.

NOTE: Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the tax sale was postponed until the 2021 fiscal year. As of the printing of this report, there is only one remaining 2018 delinquent taxpayer. We will schedule a tax sale for the 2018 and 2019 delinquent taxes in the Spring of 2021.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Wow!!! What a year, who would have thought that 2020 annual town meeting would be the last large gathering for most of our residents for the remainder of 2020? In thinking back to our town meeting and all of the people that attended the meeting as well as the increased number of voters that went through the polling place to vote in the 2020 Presidential Primary and less than a week later COVID-19 hit Whitingham and the whole country right in the face. I would say Whitingham and Vermont in general dodged a bullet. What if that virus hit just before town meeting and we didn't know it? This report could have potentially reflected a whole different outcome. I am beyond thankful that it played out like it did.

A week after town meeting the daily business took a drastic turn, the Whitingham Municipal Center and town offices were closed to the public and pretty much deemed non-essential. As soon as we closed the clerk and treasurer's offices to the public, we brainstormed to figure out ways to keep business as near usual as possible and keep office personnel safe. We were fortunate enough to have fairly large office spaces and were able to continue to work behind the scenes to keep things running. Thankfully, we had NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) for town finance, clerk, and grand list as within a week of closing the office to the public, we had NEMRC move all of the records to a cloud-based system.

While the office was closed to the public, we were working behind the scenes searching records for attorneys, realtors, appraisers, surveyors, and property owners. We would meet people outside in the parking lot to notarize documents for them as well as other various tasks associated with the town clerk and finance offices.

Being able to conduct business in a timely and safe way for the public and employees became a priority. COVID-19 made us look at so many aspects of the normal everyday happenings of the town offices. Plexiglass became a premium item for most businesses, and we were no exception. We have been very fortunate to have Peter Bernard working for the town and his skills as a master carpenter and a great problem solver have been such a great asset for the town. Peter put together plexiglass shields for the counter and assistant town clerk area and later in the year for the primary and general elections.

In June Kylie Reed came to work for the summer to scan land records. She ended up scanning records back to 1946 as well as indexing some of them. The next step was converting the scanned images to conform to the new Cott System and index them there. When Kylie started, we had no idea as to what was coming our way for the land records as later in the year all of the NEMRC land records were converted to the Cott System. A huge thank you to Kylie for the scanning and also for all of her help leading up to and including working the polls for the primary election. I'm not sure I would have gotten through it without her. She has a very strong work ethic and will be a great asset to her future employers. I wish her well for her senior year and beyond.

We reopened the town clerk's office to the public on June 15 and soon figured out that the entry way for the town clerk's office was very small. If there was a customer at the counter there was no way for the next person to come in and maintain social distancing. It was also hard for those coming in to see if there was someone already at the counter. The Selectboard approved the

the purchase and installation of a glass service window on the wall between the hallway and the town clerk's office which has a slot in the bottom for documents. Peter installed and trimmed the window and it was officially put to use in late October. Gordy Moore of Windham Architectural Metals made a beautiful outside drop box for documents, ballots and non-cash payments, thank you Gordy. The drop box was up and in use in October and came in very handy for the November tax payments and the ballots for the general election. As an added bonus both items ended up being paid for in full by COVID-19 grants from the State of Vermont.

Because of COVID-19, many at the state level realized the need for land records to be digital and available online, a grant became available to towns to do just that. The catch was that there was a very small window between getting the grant and having the new system up and running by November 1<sup>st</sup> (I'm guessing they didn't think about a primary election and general election falling within the same timeline and I might add, the largest election turnout in election history). I did apply for and was awarded a grant which paid for two new computers, a scanner, and the conversion of the land records from NEMRC to Cott Systems. The new system is fairly user friendly and much easier to navigate than NEMRC.

Those of you that came to the primary and general election to vote saw a very different polling place. Tape marking six-foot social distancing, full plexiglass shields in front of the election officials, hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes, pens that were sanitized after each use, and although you may not have witnessed this, the booths were wiped down after every use. I am beyond thankful for the election's division at the Vermont Secretary of State's Office as they were proactive in making sure Vermont's elections went very smoothly. General election ballots were mailed to all active voters in the state by the Secretary of State's Office. Voters voted by mail, outside drop box, hand delivered them or came to the polls to vote. Whitingham had a rather impressive turnout with eighty-three percent voting in the general election.

There was a total of 1,249 pages of land records recorded and 103 property transfer tax returns filed during the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. During the calendar year 2020 there were 10 marriage certificates, 14 birth certificates, 10 death certificates, and 4 burial permits issued and or filed. The records are public and available for review at the town clerk's office.

There were 295 dog licenses issued in 2020. I 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 \$13 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$17 for un-altered dogs. If you are a dog breeder or pet dealer, a special license is required. When licensing your dog(s), you must present a current rabies certificate and a certificate of spaying/neutering. There will not be a rabies clinic this year because of COVID-19. Hopefully we will be able to have one next year.

Just a note, the town clerk office hours have changed slightly to accommodate for added workload and a temporary reduction in staff that were a result of COVID-19. The office is now open Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The clerk is usually in the office on Fridays, but uses the day to focus on recording, research and anything

and anything else that may need to be done.

I would like to thank Marylee Putnam who has served as assistant clerk and assistant treasurer for several years, and Jessica Betit who worked from January to March of 2020.

As always, it has been a pleasure serving as your town clerk. I wish you all a very safe, happy and healthy 2021.

Best,

*Almira L. Nekus*



Plexiglas sneeze guards built and install by Peter Bernard.

## TRANSFER STATION

The Whitingham Transfer Station continues to be an individual waste-management entity and we feel things are running smoothly.

Due to the pandemic, we held one of two scheduled Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Wayne W. Wood for overseeing this event with his Department of Defense credentials, it saved the town approximately ten thousand dollars! The HHW removal company charged us \$2,432 this year because they only had to come and remove the items, they did not have to run the event. We received a grant from VT ANR for \$3,000.

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.

Act 148 banned food scraps from the state landfill on July 1, 2020. We accept **FOOD SCRAPS ONLY** at the Transfer Station (\$10 per gallon), however, **we strongly encourage back-yard composting**.

If you have usable building materials that you no longer need please post them for reuse on sites like Facebook or freecycle.com; donate them to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity or you can post a flyer at the Transfer Station.

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.)
- Mercury Bulbs (fluorescent tubes, Circulines, HID, Mercury Vapor, U-Tube and CFLs)
- Mercury Thermostats
- Paint

**Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held on May 15 and October 16, 2021.** We recommend you choose non-toxic alternatives when possible. Select the least toxic products available and buy only the amount you need to use.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jen at the Transfer Station at 368-7876 or Gig in the Selectboard Office at 368-7500.

### Recycling Matters!

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

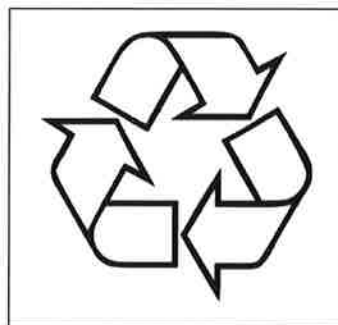
289 trees

6,522 gallons of oil

667,059 hours of electricity

87,076 gallons of water

by our Municipal Recycling in 2020.



## ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

In 2020 I issued 35 zoning permits (1 more than last year). Of the 35 four were for new dwellings (same as last year). As usual most of the applications were for garages or other storage buildings.

I continued to work closely with the Planning Commission updating the Zoning Regulation to be a clear and concise document. We had hoped to finalize the project in 2020 but the pandemic forced us to cancel several meetings. Look for notices of Public Hearings on the topic in 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

*Gig Zboray*



## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is empowered to grant relief from the strict application of the Zoning Regulation (waivers), approve certain uses of land (conditional use), and hear appeals of actions taken by the Zoning Administrator.

In 2020 the ZBA met for one hearing in January.

**There are several open seats on the ZBA.** We only meet as necessary. If you are interested in a seat on the ZBA please contact Gig at 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

*Craig Aekus, Dana Dix, Marshall Dix, Troy Felisko, and Lyman Tefft, Jr.*

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

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) provides a broad range of volunteer-based services for living and dying well, focusing on end-of-life, bereavement, and advance care planning. Our programs reflect our community's values of kindness, decency, and dignity. Founded in 1979 on the belief that no one should die alone, we are committed to offering all services free of charge.

The organization is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. Our hospice care volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of where a patient resides: at home, in a hospital, a long-term care facility or some other location. Our bereavement support groups create a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support, and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bi-monthly bereavement e-newsletter, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

Through our advance care planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, BAH offers trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance care plans. With the goal of increasing the number of people locally with advance directives, Taking Steps Brattleboro has worked with over 1,000 people since late 2015; 611 have completed the Advance Care process and 537 have registered their directives with the State of Vermont.

**\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are providing most of our Bereavement and Advance Care services online and by phone as of December 2020. Earlier in the year, we met clients outdoors, and secured a meeting space with adequate space and ventilation to use for small meetings and support groups into the colder weather. We are currently limiting in-person contact in accordance with state guidelines and providing our hospice care volunteers with safe-practices training and PPP. We plan to resume offering end-of-life-related educational programs and volunteer training at a variety of locations in Windham County when safe to do so.**

All of our services are offered free of charge. We feel privileged to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors and are grateful for the community's partnership to mobilize our mission. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In 2019-2020, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 12 Whitingham/Jacksonville residents. Four residents began their advance directives, and four others completed them. Four people received bereavement services. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at [www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)



The Deerfield Valley Community Cares fuel assistance fund has been in existence since 2004. Our aim is to help individuals or families who do their best to make ends meet, but sometimes fall short during the heavy winter months when fuel bills eat up a large part of their income. These are the people who fall through the cracks – cannot qualify for any kind of state or federal aid because their income is a little too much – but do not have enough to make it through the winter. Most of these people are working, some at several jobs, and some are seniors on fixed incomes. One accident, or illness, or a month without the usual amount of income can put these people far enough behind so that they cannot catch up without help.

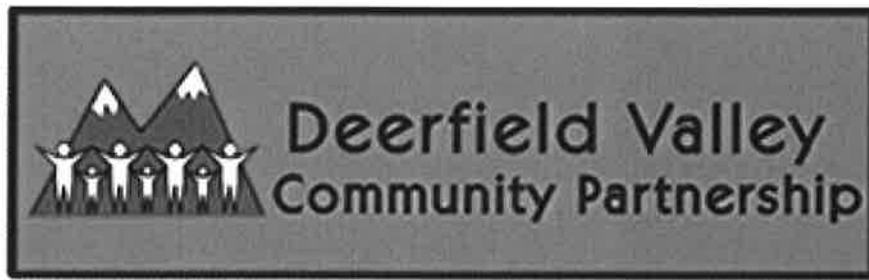
Our money is raised through fundraisers like the Best Dam Walk, which is now being run for us by the Rotary Club. This past year the Walk was cancelled because of the COVID 19 pandemic. We also apply for a number of grants and we send out an annual appeal letter to all residents of the Deerfield Valley. Many businesses, civic organizations and churches contribute each year, as well as most of the towns within the valley.

This past winter (2019 – 2020) we spent \$87,457.00 and helped 102 families in the valley. Of those families, 18 were from Whitingham and 5 were from Jacksonville. Our financial needs depend not only on weather, but on the price of various fuels in a given year. Last winter, there were fewer job opportunities here because of the closing of the Hermitage Club. In addition, the various business closings caused by the pandemic, left many people unemployed for months from spring through part of the summer.

We are grateful for the support that the Town of Whitingham has given us in the past. We hope that you will help us again in our effort to keep your neighbors warm during the coming winter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Spengler*, Director



The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 26th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

### **Community Activities:**

*\*Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.

*\*Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), substance free community events.

*\*Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds—prescription drug misuse prevention campaign, Do Your Part statewide campaign.

*\*Trainings:* Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors and False ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers.

*\*Community Events:* Choose sNOw (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes). Note: annual events such as Blueberry Family Night, Parents Night Out, February Fun Event, Halloween Event were cancelled due to COVID-19.

*\*Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.

*\*Monthly Community Meetings on Addiction/Recovery:* Facilitated the start of the Opioid Task Force that evolved into the Voices of Hope Group and now participating as a partner. Work includes education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; information regarding addiction and opioids; support for those suffering from substance use disorder and their families, support for those in recovery, and access to resources.

### **School Activities:**

*\*School Policy Work:* School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy.

*\*Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), and middle school prevention group (Above the Influence).

*\*Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.

*\*Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.

*\*Smoking/Vaping Cessation:* Virtual program to support students to quit vaping or smoking.

*\*School Presentations/Speakers:* Virtual presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.

*\*School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

## **COVID-19 Response:**

*\*Outreach to Families and Youth:* Connection and positive engagement including: sharing information on local resources; gathering and sharing information on healthy, fun family activities; sending information through school food delivery program; sending yoyos home with food delivery with a positive message: "Life is full of ups & downs. The trick is to enjoy the ups and have courage during the downs".

*\* Hello Campaign:* Hello signs to let folks know we are thinking of them.

*\*Community Service:* Mask making to distribute to the community and raising funds for the food pantry.

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

Prior to COVID-19, DVCP held meetings once a month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings included dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. We hope to start up meetings again soon! The office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

We thank you for your past support.

For more information: please 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 Coordinator



## **What is DVFiber?**

DVFiber exists because of advocacy. For years, Vermonters around the state have decried the lack of reliable internet mixed with disinterested corporate provider response. Because Vermont is largely rural, financial incentives to serve every home and business simply do not exist for large or small corporate providers.

Communications Union Districts (CUDs) were first authorized under Vermont law in 2015. ECFiber became the first CUD in 2016, after operating as an association of towns since 2008. In June 2019, Gov. Scott signed H.513, which significantly expanded state support for CUDs, including planning grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance from the Public Service Department. At Town Meeting 2020, the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD) sprang to life after strong yea votes in Halifax, Marlboro, Stratton, Whitingham, and Wilmington. Work began immediately. Since March, fourteen more towns have expanded the district. Across the State, eight other CUDs are functioning at this point.

Each town sends one representative and one or more alternates to the governing board, which meets monthly. The governing board oversees all development, plans, and operations. Three committees, comprised of board members and community residents, move the work forward. They are our Vendor, Finance, and Communications Committees. Everyone involved volunteers time and energy.

DVFiber is the name of the service organization that DVCUD is creating. DVFiber is a municipality that functions like a not-for-profit business that is rapidly transforming into a regional service organization to secure reliable, affordable high speed access to the Internet. To date, DVFiber is powered by grants received from the Vermont Public Service Department, the federal government, Vermont Community Foundation, the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, and a number of private funders. We are guided by a business plan produced by the Windham Regional Commission. This plan includes an engineering plan, market analysis, sequence and schedule of work, finance models, and estimated construction costs, which will be considerable. Many who read this report may become disheartened when they understand the likely time it will take to bring broadband to their homes and businesses. But for the first time we have a path to the possible when there was none before.

Because DV Fiber cannot use tax money, we will undertake a continuous effort to fundraise, write grants, and advocate with State and Federal Legislatures for continued build-out financing until we are delivering high speed internet service to all home and business customers and our revenue streams are sufficient to offer municipal bonds.

Please visit our web site at [dvfiber.net](http://dvfiber.net) for a more complete description of our work. We are actively looking for volunteers to add to our already talented pool. If you have even a few hours per month and like to write, have a technology background, financial or organizational support experience, we would welcome you to join with your town representative Phil Edelstein and alternates Wayne Corse and Mike Mandracchia to continue our work.

Thanks to everyone as we construct this increasingly essential service.

Ann Manwaring, Chair  
Wilmington Representative  
[dvfiber.net](http://dvfiber.net)



## **Our Beginnings**

Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVFiber, DVCUD) had its beginnings in a broadband working group composed of 25-30 people from several towns in the Deerfield Valley. Many of us had been members of our individual Town Broadband Committees and had been working on solutions for several years. Frustrations ran high.

With the help of Representative Laura Sibia, we learned about a structure that had been put in place by the Legislature to create Communication Union Districts, special purpose municipalities composed of two or more towns. These Districts, known as CUDs, were created for the express purpose of extending high speed broadband to every underserved premise in our District by building out a network of fiber to the premises (FTTP), something commercial providers have not done.

At Town Meetings March 3, 2020, five towns voted to create the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District. Those towns were Halifax, Marlboro, Stratton, Whitingham and Wilmington. The District had its organizational meeting on April 9, 2020, at which time two more towns were accepted as members, Readsboro and Wardsboro. Since that time, we have grown to 16 towns as of October 21, 2020.

Our member towns are Brattleboro, Dover, Guilford, Halifax, Jamaica, Londonderry, Marlboro, Readsboro, Stamford, Stratton, Vernon, Wardsboro, Weston, Whitingham, Wilmington, and Windham. We are actively seeking additional Towns to join our efforts.

## **Organizational Activities**

Over our first few months, we established our organization by electing officers with Ann Manwaring as Chair, Steven John as Vice-Chair, Paul Butler as Treasurer, David Jones as Clerk and Donna Sebastian as Assistant Clerk. Further, we registered with the Secretary of State, established a DBA as DV Fiber, established IRS identification, created bank accounts, adopted by-laws, and wrote and adopted statements of our Mission, Vision, and Principles.

Our enabling Legislation calls for a Governing Board composed of Representatives from all member towns. That Board has been meeting monthly since our inception. To do the work of the District, we set up three working committees; a Finance and Audit Committee (the only committee required by the Legislation) chaired by Thomas Almeida of Wardsboro, a Vendor Committee chaired by David Jones of Halifax, and a Communications Committee chaired by Zon Eastes of Guilford.

## **Significant Events**

Prior to the existence of DVCUD, the Windham Regional Commission was awarded a Broadband Innovation Grant by the Vermont Department of Public Service to undertake a Feasibility Study and to develop a Business Plan. DVCUD worked closely with WRC staff and its consultants in the completion of these studies. In addition, we set up a web site at [www.dvfiber.org](http://www.dvfiber.org)

We were awarded a \$10,000 operating grant from the Vermont Community Foundation, and an \$8,000 grant from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation. We were awarded a \$100,000 grant from PSD to do a pole study in three towns and for legal and professional support. In addition, we have been invited to apply for a Northern Borders Commission grant to complete pole studies in the rest of our towns and to create a high-level design for our network.

## **Next Steps**

Our all-volunteer team of Governing Board Representatives and Alternates and interested citizens from member towns is proceeding on a multi-year path to achieve our mission on behalf of our community. We greatly appreciate the support provided by our State legislators, the Public Service Department, local Selectboards, Broadband Committees, and interested individuals. We can and will deliver on our promise to make affordable, high-speed broadband available to every home and business.

## Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry continues to provide supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. Every month enthusiastic volunteers serve approximately 100 families, representing around 250-300 people from local towns. Supplying our desired offerings can be challenging, but we continue to provide our customers with at least a week's worth of foods, including non-perishable staples, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution.

Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds generously donated to us. All the behind the scenes efforts by the Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers are greatly appreciated. Volunteer staffing is well coordinated and shifts are as short or long as a person can commit to. Any interested volunteers are urged to contact a current Board Member to join.

Although we have had to temporarily suspend donated food collection due to the pandemic, we have received generous monetary donations and grants to help us supplement this loss. In addition, we have lost all three of our major fundraisers this year due to COVID-19. So, no Annual Bike Ride in August, no Holiday Concert at Memorial Hall and no Fill the Bus at Shaw's this year. Fortunately, our Valley neighbors have stepped up their financial contributions and we have received significant grants and donations from charitable foundations, local associations and businesses. Our website and Paypal account have helped to encourage this very welcome generosity!

Our last "normal" distribution took place in February of 2020. Then the pandemic dramatically changed our ways of distribution. A set of procedures was written to address COVID-19 and to prevent infection. No shoppers can enter the building now and instead have bags of food placed directly into their vehicles. Limited numbers of volunteers prepare for distributions in order to comply with social distancing directives. New bags have been purchased and are being used to give out food for sanitary reasons.

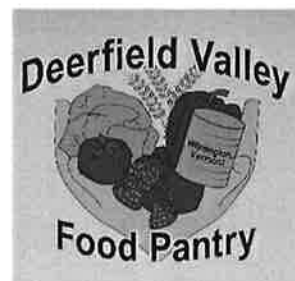
Using the additional monetary donations received as a result of the pandemic, we added a second monthly distribution for a few months to share those extra funds. This additional distribution started on May 30 and people were given meats, dairy products and fresh vegetables. As demand waned, we discontinued this extra event, but stand ready to implement it again if needed.

Local volunteers provide food to local needy customers each month. Your monetary support is needed as we continue this valuable service.

Respectfully submitted,

*Evon Mack*

On behalf of the Board of Directors



## **DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE**

Deerfield Valley Rescue has been in existence for 47 years. Made up of 5 full time staff and 25 volunteers providing around the clock service to the Valley and covering over 35,000 miles. From October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020, DVR has responded to 753 Emergency calls and 8 Non - Emergency calls. Our well-trained Emergency Providers have committed to over 16,000 on call hours so that we could make sure to give our Valley the best quality prehospital care it deserves.

This past year has once again been a very challenging year for us. Although the volunteer ranks are shrinking, the current volunteers continue to rise to meet the many challenges, not only by putting in extra on call hours but also putting extra training hours in as well. Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer? Do you think you have what it takes to become a volunteer? Now is the time to join our agency so that together WE can make a difference in the lives of others. We offer extensive in-house training for all positions including a Ride Along Program at no cost to you. **DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED US, NOW HELP US HELP YOU!!** Go to [dvrescue.org](http://dvrescue.org) to help make a difference TODAY or call the office at 464-5557 to set up a time to visit our new location at 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

Deerfield Valley Rescue moved to 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington in November 2017. Over the next several years we have continued our efforts to raise money for this location. We have sent out 10,000 letters for our Annual Appeal and Subscription Drive but have only received 700 in return.

This does not help us reach our goal of \$625,000. The Annual Subscription Drive continues to be a large source of our funding. With your generous support we could easily meet our goal so please, if you HAVE NOT sent back your subscription letter, please do so soon and consider making an extra donation towards our new facility in Wilmington. **WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, YOUR VOCAL SUPPORT AND YOUR PHYSICAL SUPPORT!!**

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 info on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

We would like to thank all those that support and continue to support us for It would not be possible for DVR to operate over the years without our local community. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of the Deerfield Valley and the visitors that come our way!!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Deerfield Valley Rescue Board of Directors*







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## **Whitingham Annual Town Report – FY 2020**

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSPV), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs. Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program.

GMRSPV recruits and trains the volunteer instructors for the popular Bonebuilders exercise classes on Mondays and Fridays at the Town Hall enjoyed by over twenty area residents. In addition to supporting the instructors, we provide all the weights so that residents can attend free of charge. Ina Abildgaard has led the group for ten years and Linda Combs has been instructing for five. The class is planning for re-opening with instructor Karen Pratt. Karen also assists with the community meal and meals on wheels once a week. Three GMRSPV volunteer drivers have delivered meals on wheels to area residents one or two days each week. A GMRSPV volunteer for the Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired has helped a local resident with errands and appointments over past two years.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSPV has not seen any increases in funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities. 38% of our volunteers continue to serve during COVID-19 and we are pivoting our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. We look forward to all our volunteers returning to service once deemed safe to.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Ovenden in our Windham County office at (802) 254-7515 to learn how you can volunteer in Whitingham.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)



Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

### **Green Up Day, May 1, 2021**

Whitingham and Jacksonville's Green Up Day this year was postponed due to COVID-19. On May 30<sup>th</sup> a socially distanced Green Up day occurred, and a few committed volunteers came out to clean up our local roads. Typically, approximately 95% of the roads in Jacksonville and Whitingham are greened-up each year, due to the pandemic and the date change, it was about 50%.

We are grateful to the people that dug through the spring growth to pick up trash. This confirmed why May 1<sup>st</sup> is a much better date to green up; by the 30<sup>th</sup> there was a lot of foliage on our roadsides making spotting trash difficult. We are hopeful that Green Up Day 2021 will be a safe time for us to gather again and clean up our town. We missed seeing our friends and neighbors for this annual event. Thank you for continuing to help keep our town Greened Up.

*Aysha and Todd Wahlstrom*

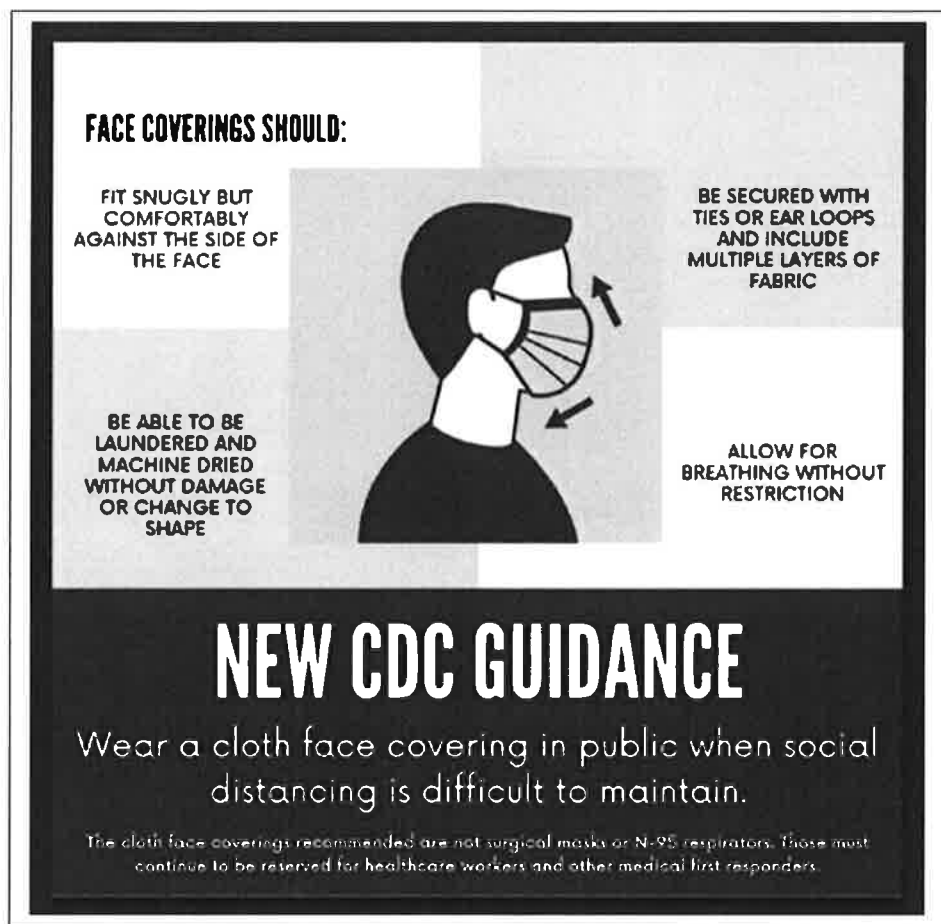
## **Health Care & Rehabilitation Services**

### **Narrative Report for FY20 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 illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY20, HCRS provided 624 hours of services to 29 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.



## The MOOver

We celebrated our 24th anniversary in 2020. 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. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over five million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

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 ten 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 Meals program taking place in Jacksonville has been a success this year. With the new Corona Virus restrictions, we have been serving our Seniors with curb side pick-up since March. This program serves the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and Dover. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Whitingham Municipal Center in Jacksonville on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a suggested donation of \$4 for each nutritional meal. We provide approximately 45 meals on Tuesday and Thursday. We also coordinate the delivery of an average of 175 meals each week for the Meals on Wheels program. There are 4 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, and 6 regular volunteer drivers who deliver Meals on Wheels. I would like to give a special thank you to those who have put in almost 1,800 hours of community service. This is a completely volunteer run program and without their help, this program would not be possible.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$29,000 in State Aide, Seniors individual contribution and town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$30,000 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies.

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  
(COUNCIL ON AGING FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)**

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), White River Junction 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.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Whitingham or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Whitingham residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).

**Information and Assistance:** 61 Calls and Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

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

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 8 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 67 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 5 Whitingham seniors received 783 home-delivered meals through The Dumaine House. We also supported community meals available to Whitingham residents through The Dumaine House and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. 1 Whitingham resident received respite grants.

**Transportation:** Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores. 2 Whitingham residents received services from a volunteer.

**Special Assistance:** Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Whitingham.

*Carol Stamatakis,*  
Executive Director.



**Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)** 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 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, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In the community of Whitingham SEVCA has provided the following services during FY2020:

- **Emergency Heating System Replacement:** 3 homes (10 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$12,040
- **Tax Preparation:** 5 households (8 people) received tax credits and refunds totaling \$136,888 and services valued at a total of \$1,059
- **Family Services:** 10 households (28 people) received 48 services valued at \$450 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)
- **Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 8 households (21 people) received 23 assists valued at \$8,532
- **Housing Assistance:** 3 households (3 people) received 3 assists valued at \$4,018

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

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### **SeVEDS Impact Statement for Town Reports – 2021**

SeVEDS, founded in 2007 as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), takes a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. Improving wages, attracting and keeping people in the region, and fostering a healthy regional jobs base are critical and beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together to build a vibrant regional economy. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.** We use municipal funding in three key ways:

- (1) To **fund implementation** of programs & projects.
- (2) For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs (see below), conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners - last year we helped bring another \$2.7 Million directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits (not including COVID relief).
- (3) As **seed funding** to leverage bringing more money into the region (in FY20 we administered \$635,699 of federal and state funding for BDCC & SeVEDS programs and projects)

### **Background & Request**

Our work is guided by the 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People**. The CEDS, available online at [www.seveds.com](http://www.seveds.com), is developed by the regions people and businesses. SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. In 2020, sixteen communities funded SeVEDS, representing 82% of Windham residents. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Whitingham to appropriate \$4,071.00 (based on a population of 1,357) to support SeVEDS.**

### **2020 Pandemic Response**

SeVEDS history includes leading regional economic development, and recovery, with strategy and insight. We took a leading role on charting the path for economic response and recovery for both Tropical Storm Irene and the closure of the VY Nuclear Plant. During the pandemic, BDCC adapted our regular programming to the current conditions, and to emerging needs. In March, we shift staff from full-time CEDS driven program work into the COVID-19 Impact team which provided support directly to regional establishments and entrepreneurs.

We remain focused on ensuring pandemic relief for small businesses and non-profits is understood and accessed locally. This has helped, and is still helping, direct resources to the Windham Region and to Whitingham:

- Over 500 regional businesses & non profits have direct technical assistance support from BDCC to help apply for federal and state relief. **Including two Whitingham businesses.**
- **9 Whitingham business with 41 employees received \$271,608 in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans <\$150k.**

**We've worked to serve local partners in economic development throughout the pandemic, including the Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber and Bitown:**

- *We have provided 15 webinars so far specific to COVID-19 Resiliency, along with How-to-Zoom webinars, municipal trainings on short and long term impacts of COVID-19.*
- *We convene twice monthly **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to ensure local people can be heard and get answers directly from legislators and state and federal officials.*
- *We convene twice monthly **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** so local officials have direct access to up to date information on economic recovery programs, direct access to their Windham and Federal delegations, and that needs for Windham County's COVID-19 economic recovery consistently heard.*

### Regular Programming

SeVEDS helps fund the following initiatives which stem from the CEDS strategies and SeVEDS research:

- **Capacity-building for communities.** BDCC's Southern Vermont Economy Project which helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 we've provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants, plus 43 online webinars to help solve problems and find resources. This fall we provided a Funders Roundtable and Grant Writing workshop to connect towns with the resources they need to achieve local goals, and help local officials and volunteers build the relationships and skills.
- **Direct technical assistance** - we help communities with **Community Facilities** projects through our USDA CF program which supports everything from planning through construction for town buildings, libraries, childcare and other essential facilities. We help communities with grant applications and fund-finding, and with running online meetings.
- The **Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** which operates in the regional high schools and serves all students attending Twin Valley, BUHS and the Windham Career Center. P3 was in full swing from September to March, with field trips, mock interview and professionalism workshops and career awareness classes. When COVID-19 halted in-person learning, P3 Pivoted to provide online resume and interview training for local LNA students at Vermont Technical College as they entered the job market. This winter P3 is bringing online career content to the regional high schools through Flexible Pathways so students graduate with skills they need to navigate the working world.
- We conduct survey-based research to identify promising career pathways in this region to increase access by underemployed, unemployed and young workers to jobs that will allow them to thrive here. Please check out our three 2020 **Hiring Needs Assessments** at the BDCC web site: Accounting and bookkeeping, manufacturing and production, and CDL Drivers.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** puts on monthly networking events, annual financial wellness and homebuyer trainings, and now a professional development scholarship fund.
- **BDCC Paid Internships** has placed 109 interns since 2014, visited over 20 campuses since 2017, and worked with over 175 employers. 25% of interns are hired on to stay. We place regional college students of all ages, and students returning for summer or for good.
- **Recruitment and Retention-** to welcome people to the region. We've recently launched the Southern Vermont Welcome Wagon chapter to connect local hosts with newcomers.
- BDCC's Workforce Center of Excellence is building a **regional workforce development system** connecting people with opportunities, and employers with people. We help fund or run a diverse range of workforce training programs that invest in people.
- In addition to relief and recovery, we continue to deliver innovative services, lending and technical assistance for **small businesses and startups** through INSTIG8 and REGENER8 for succession planning. In FY20 we supported employers that provide 25-30% of the jobs in this region, and dozens of local sole proprietors. **We worked with Sawyer-Bentwood to successfully apply for state funding that is enabling them to invest in new production equipment.**
- SeVEDS & BDCC visit every community, listen and learn, and keep adapting to serve you.

## **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 volunteer Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. 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 also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. 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, and umpires, which come from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school, parents, and other community members. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs.

Twin Valley Youth Sports continues to participation in the West River Valley Baseball League. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, our t-ball, baseball and softball seasons were cancelled in the Spring of 2020.

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. This season was to be the first season that included grade 3 in the league. The JWYSL consists of 9 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, Cambridge, NY, Greenwich, NY, Taconic Valley, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and Twin Valley. The JWYSL is able to offer an all girls soccer teams in grades 3-6 and the number of girls joining continues to grow! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the JWYSL cancelled its fall 2020 season. However, we were able to offer an in-house program 3 days a week for our 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, with intrasquad scrimmage games played on Saturdays. Kindergarten expanded practices to 2 days a week and the Pre-Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. The number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2020 was 87.

The basketball program was a huge success. The purchase and installation of a new, digital basketball scoreboard for the OSEC gym was a great addition to the overall atmosphere of the game of basketball. The scoreboard installation was kindly donated by JC Electric and will be enjoyed for many years to come. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Chris Walling. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 2 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games against the towns of Bennington, Manchester, Arlington, and Hoosick Falls, NY. We were also able to create 2 all girls basketball team for grades 5 & 6, and found like soccer, at this age we saw an increase in the number of girls joining. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2020 was 91.

We are excited about the direction our program is 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.

**The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)** helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs to have the pet neutered for \$27.00.

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

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**Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! CALL AHEAD TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT!

**VERMONT**

**Bennington:** 300 Depot St. 05201 802-440-9937 TIME: 5:00 – 7:30  
2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Claremont:** 419 Main St. 03743 603-543-3303 TIME: 10:00 – 11:30  
2.14.21 / 3.14.21

**Hinsdale:** 670 Brattleboro Rd. 03451 603-336-5274 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30  
2.14.21 / 3.14.21

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**North Adams:** 826 Curran Mem. Hwy 413-664-6950 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00  
2.21.21 / 3.21.21 / 4.18.21

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**DOGS MUST BE LICENSED WITH THE TOWN CLERK BY APRIL 1ST**

**The benefits of licensing a dog:**

- 1) identifies your dog if lost
  - 2) provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}
  - 3) bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven
  - 4) helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT
  - 5) **Worst case scenario, state statute §3590 allows the Selectboard to order the dog destroyed if not registered.**
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**Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT)** is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. In 2020, the **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 43 homeowners by providing low cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assisted 54 clients by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 135 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. Beyond these standard programs, the Homeownership department has acted quickly to administer the State's COVID Relief Funded Rehousing Recovery Program. This program granted funding for the rehab of 60 privately owned apartments which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to provide safe and affordable housing. The newly rentable apartments are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties.

**Housing Development:** In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. 2020 brought progress towards the planned development in downtown Bellows Falls. This project, the Bellows Falls Garage, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. In 2021, WWHT is planning the rehabilitation of 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these apartments will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades. Alongside these projects, with the help of COVID Relief Funds, the Housing Trust has purchased the former Dalem's Chalet in West Brattleboro. In partnership with Groundworks Collaborative, the Chalet will provide permanent supportive housing to people in our community experiencing chronic homelessness.

**Property Management:** WWHT owns 867 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments housing over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State. This year, over \$107,000 of rental relief was accessed. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.homemattershere.org](http://www.homemattershere.org)

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## The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team 2020 Annual Report

In February, the Windham Disaster Animal Response Team's (WinDART) board chair Joanne Bourbeau was a featured presenter at a day-long *Emergency Animal Sheltering* workshop in Woodstock, hosted by the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society.



Volunteers from across the state assembled for this mandatory training (including WinDART board member Lesley Pollitt). Attendees were trained in best practices for sheltering pets during emergencies using a real-life emergency



situation, and broke out into groups to practice protocols for admitting and sheltering pets. Hands-on workshops on dog, cat and rabbit behavior were also popular features.



Thanks to generous donations of disaster supplies from our friends at State Farm, Greater Good Charities, and the Humane Society of the United States, WinDART assembled 200 starter "disaster go-kits" for cats and dogs to be distributed to pet families here in Windham County. The Windham County Humane Society will be providing these supplies to adoptive families, and WinDART also gave the kits away during food pantry events.

WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Newfane, Halifax, Wilmington, Whitingham and Dover, who each appropriated \$250 from their town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities.

In March, WinDART, along with other affiliated disaster animal response teams in Central Vermont, the Upper Valley, and Chittenden County, turned our full attention to helping pet families stay together through the pandemic. Because no one should ever have to choose between feeding themselves, and feeding their pets, WinDART's parent organization, the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) quickly created an Emergency Assistance Fund and raised over \$10,000 through private donations and grants in order to provide pet food directly to families in need. Our volunteers went door-to-door in some cases, and hand-delivered thousands of pounds of pet food to local human food pantries and animal shelters. We worked in partnership with the Windham County Humane Society to deliver \$500 worth of pet food to the Vermont Food Bank initially, and later distributed another \$3,000 worth of pet food to local food pantries here in Windham County.





## The Windham Regional Commission

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

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including developing and implementing town plans and bylaws; community and economic development planning and implementation; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; enhanced town energy planning enabled by Act 174; transportation, including traffic counts (vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure as a result of flooding to the state; redevelopment of "Brownfields" (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects applying for permits through state Act 250 (land use) and Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications) and federal permitting processes; grant application 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, 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 projects that are beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state programs (Designated Downtowns and Village Centers) and municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

In 2020 we were able to continue to function with minimal disruption, and transition to remote operations, to serve the towns and people of the Windham Region. As the realities of the pandemic became evident, we organized training for towns on continuity of operations planning. We worked with the legislature, state agencies, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to make changes to statute to enable towns to continue with their operations while still conducting business in a publicly transparent manner. We arranged for a regular conference call for town emergency management directors and Selectboard chairs with local Vermont Emergency Management, Department of Health, and Agency of Human Services staff. Our website hosts a comprehensive COVID-19 resource guide for individuals, which was developed and maintained by local service organizations and other volunteers. Municipal applications to the Local Government Expense Reimbursement program were and continue to be supported by the WRC. Performance of our normal responsibilities and projects never ceased. Among these was the development of a regional broadband feasibility study and subsequent business plan to provide broadband internet access to the unserved and underserved in the region. The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District organized itself to implement this plan. We are here to support the towns of the region to meet the needs of their residents, conduct their business, and engage in looking forward through and beyond the pandemic.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. 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 \$3,148.34. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2021, visit our website 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.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 this year, Wings Community Programs had another successful year serving the youth within our communities. The Wings staff at both TVES and TVMHS, including site coordinators Shelley Park, Sage Myska, and Shannon Binford, as well as our dedicated and talented program leaders, have been remarkably flexible, adaptable, innovative and creative. Wings was able to continue providing programming including virtual and remote, academic, enrichment, physical activity, & wellness opportunities to the youth in our communities. Wings created ways to engage all of our families through a wide variety of programming and outreach efforts.

We are incredibly grateful to Sage Myska for her three years of service as site coordinator at TVES. Sage always found unique ways to challenge students while keeping safety and student interest as a primary focus. Upon Sage's resignation this summer, Shannon Binford joined the TVES Wings staff as site coordinator. Shannon and Shelley have worked hard to transition Wings back to in-person programming this fall by offering new and engaging outdoor-based programs for the students.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 19-20 school year, students at TVES and TVMHS engaged in a wide variety of exciting, high-quality programs, such as maskmaking with special effects artist Adam Morrow, student-led Dungeons & Dragons, claymation, guitar lessons, robotics, Taekwondo, and so much more!
- TVMHS' ten Jr. Iron Chef teams featured their mouth-watering, delectable dishes at the local Jr. Iron Chef competition in February 2020. Wings recognizes and appreciates Lonny Paige's dedication to the Jr. Iron Chef program- for initiating and growing this program, organizing the teams and local competition, and above all, providing this opportunity for the middle and high school students across our communities. Wings is also grateful for all our local coaches who mentor, teach, and guide our Jr. Iron Cheffers.
- This spring, Jen Nilsen and Shelley Park recognized and celebrated the graduating seniors through "Project Warm and Fuzzy." They collected 240 letters from family members, friends, teachers, staff, and coaches to give to each of the graduating seniors!
- During this spring's remote learning period, Wings reached out to families and youth across Whitingham and Wilmington by sending out birthday cards to students that were not able to celebrate their birthdays at school with friends; posting a "Hello" sign in each town and giving out free ice cream to youth who posed for a "hello" picture; as well as, sending out enrichment and creativity packs loaded with supplies for summer learning and recreation!
- This spring and summer, Twin Valley students had a blast traveling the world, dancing, juggling, acting, building with legos, video editing, writing & blogging creatively, building fairy houses, becoming trained babysitters through the Red Cross, and practicing leadership skills through our Virtual Student Leadership Team during our April Blast and Celebrate Summer virtual camps.
- Thanks to Shelley Park, the Wings & DVCP Hike 100 Community Challenge was a tremendous success with over 200 participants. This program encouraged youth, families, and community members to get outside to explore, enjoy, and hike all summer long!

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 and Wilmington.

TVES Site Coordinator - Shannon Binford

TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shelley Park

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Stewart & Katie Boyd, Project Co-Directors



## Women's Freedom Center

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 125 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,163 people** (711 women, 34 men, and 418 children) who had been abused. These figures include 4 survivors and 1 child from Whitingham. In addition, we provided 24 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 650 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center



## **WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

### **ARTICLE I**

Shall general obligation bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed Three Million, Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$3,915,000.00), subject to reduction by the application of federal and state grants-in-aid, and reserve funds for the purpose of financing the cost of upgrading and replacing components of the Town's sewer collection system and its wastewater treatment facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Three Million, Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$3,915,000.00)? As provided by statute, debt service on the sewer system improvement bond will be paid through user fees and charges.

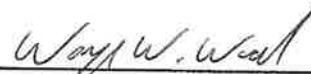
The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham are further notified that virtual informational meetings will be held on February 10 and February 24, 2021 at six thirty in the evening (6:30pm), for the purpose of discussing the proposition. Participation in the informational hearing is limited to virtual attendance via:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89435305438?pwd=N2NrbkJxNDJaRzIuZlA5ay9FdTVhQT09>  
or via telephone at (646) 876-9923. Meeting ID is 894 3530 5438, passcode is 11111.


Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Whitingham duly called, noticed and held on January 27, 2021. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Whitingham on January 28, 2021.


  
ATTEST: Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk

  
Wayne W. Wood, Selectboard Chair

  
Scott Reed, Selectboard Vice Chair

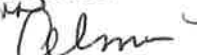
  
Phil Edelstein, Selectboard Member

  
Craig Hammer, Selectboard Member

  
Christopher Walling, Selectboard Member

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
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This 28 day of JAN A.D. 2021 at  
01 o'clock 30 minutes PM and  
Recorded in Vol. 12 at Page 233  
of LAND RECORDS

Attest   
Town Clerk

# **WARNING**

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

### **March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby 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**

Shall the voters 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?

#### **Article 2**

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

#### **Article 3**

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

#### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$12,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

#### **Article 5**

Shall the voters 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.
- **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing the community meals, to **Terrie Dumaine**, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley.
- **\$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.

- **\$1,203.00** for **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.** to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services.
- **\$750.00** for **Senior Solutions-The Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc.** to serve elders and assist with funding the community meal.
- **\$4,071.00** to **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.
- **\$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.
- **\$4,000.00** for **Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH** to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings.
- **\$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.
- **\$1,795.00** for **Wings Community Programs summer programming** providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8.
- **\$10,000.00** for **Wings Community Programs** that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **\$850.00** for the **Women's Freedom Center** for general operating support to provide services to domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the town.

#### **Article 6**

Shall the voters authorize **\$82,596.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

#### **Article 7**

Shall the voters allow the Whitingham Free Public Library to spend grant monies and donations at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and Library Director?

#### **Article 8**

Shall the voters 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?

#### **Article 9**

Shall the voters 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?

#### **Article 10**

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

#### **Article 11**

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

#### **Article 12**

Shall the voters approve 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?

#### **Article 13**

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 as a future site of a Town Highway Garage?

#### **Article 14**

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

#### **Article 15**

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

#### **Article 16**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2021 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 17**

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 18**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022?

#### **Article 19**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$2,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026?

#### **Article 20**

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

- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of one year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Library Trustee for a term of three years, vote for no more than 2
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years

**Polls open from 10am to 7pm at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, Vermont.**

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 27th day of January 2021 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Wayne W. Wood, Chair

Wayne W. Wood

Scott Reed, Vice Chair

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Craig Hammer, Member

Craig Hammer

Phil Edelstein, Member

Phil Edelstein

Christopher Walling, Member

Christopher Walling

Attest: Almira Aekus, Town Clerk

Almira Aekus

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
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This 28 day of JAN A.D. 2021 at  
01 o'clock 30 minutes P M. and  
Recorded in Vol. 12 at Page 227  
of LAND RECORDS

Attest

Almira Aekus  
Town Clerk

# NOTES

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events  
are scheduled for  
May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>  
at the Whitingham Transfer Station,  
look for fliers for more information.**

**Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic  
TOWN MEETING  
will be different this year.  
ALL ITEMS ON THE WARNING WILL BE  
VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT  
on TUESDAY, MARCH 2.  
THE POLLS WILL BE AT  
THE WHITINGHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER,  
2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT  
10am to 7pm**

**Informational meetings regarding the budget,  
town report and the sewer bond vote will be held  
on February 10 and February 24 during regular  
Selectboard meetings starting at 6:30pm.**

**Dog licenses must be renewed by APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Due to the pandemic the Town Clerk is not hosting a rabies clinic this year.**

**Please keep your dogs leashed!**