

168th

ANNUAL REPORT

For the 12 months ended June 30, 2022



Whitingham Volunteer Fire Fighters and First Responders
See page 19 for more information.

Town Meeting
will be held at 10am on
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
at the TVMHS,
4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT
Polls will open
from 10am to 7pm.

You may request a ballot be mailed to you by contacting
(802) 368-7887, or via email at almira@whitinghamvt.org.

Town of Whitingham

www.whitinghamvt.org

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	
Animal Control Officer	Dan Hollister	(802) 380-0534 (cell)	Vermont State Police 911
Assessors Office	by appointment	(802) 368-2838	non-emergency (802) 722-4600
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	(802) 368-7543	
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	(802) 368-7887	Zoning Administrator
EMERGENCY-Statewide		911	Gig Zboray (802) 368-7500
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-7184 H	
Firemen's Association		(802) 368-2900	
Fire Warden	Dennis Pike	(802) 380-5209	
Health Officer	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500	
Highway Department	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-2466	
Library	Kristine Sweetter	(802) 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 10am to 4pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm

Holidays Observed:

New Years Day

Presidents Day

Town Meeting Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving & Friday

Christmas Eve (half day)

Christmas Day

Planning Commission Chair Brad Lackey (802) 249-4392

Selectboard Office Gig Zboray (802) 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 (802) 368-7538

Town Clerk / Treasurer / Tax Collector

Almira Aekus (802) 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 Larry Davis (802) 368-7876

Physical Address: 4185 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT

Mailing Address: PO Box 529, Jacksonville, VT 05342

Hours: Tuesday 9-2 and 5-7

Thursday and Saturday 9-2

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:*

February 8 & 22

March 8 & 22

April 5 & 19

May 3, 17 & 31

June 14 & 28

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

September 6 & 20

October 4 & 18

November 1, 15 & 29

December 13 & 27

January 17 & 31, 2024

6:30 PM

unless otherwise posted

**subject to rescheduling*

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

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at town clerk's office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 25, 2023.

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, where 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 (for example: 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

Return your spoiled ballot and 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 9, 2022 and throughout the year the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed in his or her stead.

	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
SELECTBOARD CHAIR	
Scott M. Reed	2023
SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR	
Craig Hammer	2023
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Daniel Hollister	2024
DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	
Phil Edelstein	Term expires 05/10 2023
Keith Thompson	Term expires 05/10 2023
Lauren Fitzpatrick	Term expires 05/10 2023
E-911 COORDINATOR	
Marylee Putnam	2023
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP put on "pause" May 5, 2021	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	
Vacant	2023
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	
Gig Zboray	2023
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	
Chief – Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2023
First Assistant Chief – Michael Stevens	2023
Captains: 1 st – Dennis Pike, 2 nd – David Briggs	2023
Lieutenants: 1 st – Sheldon Dix, 2 nd – Marshall Dix	2023
Chaplain – Seth Boyd	2023
Training Officer - vacant	
FIRE WARDEN	
Dennis Pike, Sr.	Term expires 6/30 2023
HEALTH OFFICER (State appointed)	
Gig Zboray (reappointed 11/01/22)	Term expires 10/31 2025
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER (State appointed)	
Jenepher Burnell (resigned 07/08/22)	
GREENUP COORDINATORS	
Aysha Peltz	2023
Todd Wahlstrom	2023
HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	
Linda A. Donaghue	2023
Donald McKinley	2023

ISSUING TICKET OFFICIAL

Dan Hollister (appointed 10/05/22) 2023

LEGAL COUNSEL

Fisher & Fisher Law Offices 2023

LEGAL NEWSPAPER

Deerfield Valley News 2023

Brattleboro Reformer (alternate)

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Dana Dix 2023

David Farrington 2023

Craig Hammer (resigned 03/10/22) 2023

PARKS COMMITTEE

Seth Boyd 2023

Aysha Peltz 2023

Erin Lackey 2023

Carol Millett 2023

Lyndsay Bushey Hesselback 2023

Elizabeth Weber 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION

Bradford Lackey 2023

Peter Barus 2024

Linda Donaghue 2025

Keith Thompson 2025

Vacant 2023

TREE WARDEN

Adam Buursma 2023

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Jenepher Burnell 2023

Peter Barus 2023

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Lyman Tefft 2024

Troy Felisko 2023

Craig Aekus 2023

Dana Dix 2025

Marshall Dix 2025

ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Gig Zboray (three-year term) 2024

OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 2022

MODERATOR:	Leon L. Corse	1	2023
TOWN CLERK:	Almira L. Aekus	3	2025
TOWN TREASURER:	Almira L. Aekus	1	2023
SELECTBOARD:	Scott Reed	3	2023
	James Weber (Remainder of a 3 year term)	2	2024
	Craig S. Hammer	2	2024
	Gregory Brown	3	2025
	Christopher Walling (Resigned)	2	2023
	Robin Kingsley (Appointed)		
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Almira L. Aekus	1	2023
LIBRARY TRUSTEE:	Kristen Breeden	3	2024
	Tanya Bernard	3	2025
	Adam Ranslow	3	2024
	Edith Brigham	3	2025
	Maryanne Cheveralls	3	2023
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Stanley Janovsky	3	2023
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	Bradford S. Lackey	3	2023
	Adam Ranslow	3	2025
	Dana F. Dix	3	2024
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Abigail Corse, Julie Muller, Dana Homer, Elizabeth W. McKinley, Terry A. Morse, Susan Cooke Johnson, & Seth Boyd	2	2/1/23
WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:	Jared Kingsley	3	2024
	Kristy Corey	3	2025
	Lyndsay Bushey-Hesselbach	3	2023

**ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES
TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2022**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Selectboard voted to use the Australian ballot system for all items on the Warning for 2022 annual town meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, were warned and notified to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 Vermont Route 100, in Jacksonville, VT on March 1, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot on the following town business:

Article 1

Voted to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, of **\$674,939.00** of which **\$392,583.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$207,501.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$74,855.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Article 2

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$115,165.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 3

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 4

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$22,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 5

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$11,003.00** for the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023:

- **\$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** for **Dumaine, Terrie**, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley, to offset the cost of providing the community meals.
- **\$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.
- **\$1,200.00** for **Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)** to assist in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance,

financial coaching, Head Start services, thrift stores, and micro business development, to families and individuals.

- **\$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.

Article 6

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for **Deerfield Valley Rescue** for continuing support of ambulance operations, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 7

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$4,071.00** to **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 8

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** for **Twin Valley Youth Sports**, an organization that provides all students in Whitingham, grades pre-k through 6th, the opportunity to play the organized sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 9

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for **Wings Community Programs after school programing** for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12th grade, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 10

Voted to authorize **\$85,134.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations and **\$2,538.00** appropriated from prior year fund balance.

Article 11

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 12

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$20,550.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with **\$6,070.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$13,480.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Article 13

Voted to authorize **\$1,416,961.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, of which **\$1,195,474.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$129,287.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$92,200.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Article 14

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Article 15

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 16

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00**, to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 17

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$31,500.00** for the Litigation Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 18

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, for continued maintenance.

Article 19

Voted to authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2022, 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 20

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 21

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Article 22

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

Article 23

Elected all Town Officers required by law. Polls were open from 10am to 7pm at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, Vermont with the following results:

MODERATOR, 1 year	Leon L. Corse
TREASURER, 1 year	Almira L. Aekus
TOWN CLERK, 3 years	Almira L. Aekus
SELECTBOARD MEMBER, 2 years (vote for 2)	Craig Hammer and James Weber
SELECTBOARD MEMBER, 3 years	Gregory Brown
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, 1 year	Almira L. Aekus
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 years	Adam Ranslow
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 years (vote for 2)	Tanya Bernard & Edith Brigham
SCHOOL DIRECTOR (TVUUSD), 1 year	Lyndsay Bushey-Hesselbach
SCHOOL DIRECTOR (TVUUSD), 3 years	Kristy Corey

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this first day of March 2022.

Attest: *Almira L. Aekus*

Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk

NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 981

NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 266

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

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
TAX APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES				
Fire Dept Appropriation	\$ 78,789.00	\$ 78,789.00	\$ 115,165.00	\$ 126,826.00
General Fund Appropriation	\$ 400,745.00	\$ 322,569.79	\$ 392,583.00	\$ 323,476.00
Parks Committee	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 15,000.00
Voted Articles	\$ 35,124.00	\$ 35,124.00	\$ 46,074.00	\$ 92,424.00
TOTAL	\$ 527,608.00	\$ 449,432.79	\$ 576,772.00	\$ 557,726.00
GENERAL FUND REVENUES - Article 1				
Cell Tower Buyout	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 17,407.00	\$ 17,731.61	\$ 17,929.00	\$ -
Copier Fees Collected	\$ 300.00	\$ 154.25	\$ 325.00	\$ 150.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimbursement	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 56,804.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,500.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,912.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,000.00
Late Homestead Penalty	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
.5% for Educ Tax Collection	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,794.70	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,600.00
Equalization	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
FEMA Buyout Grant	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Interest	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,891.16	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,800.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 375.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,113.08	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
SWIP Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Municipal Center Use	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 101,933.01	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 29,735.09	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 26,430.51	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,450.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 22,625.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Municipal Fines	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,250.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,400.00
E-Waste Revenue	\$ 500.00	\$ 581.28	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Transfer Station Stickers & Fees	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 39,951.80	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 98,000.00
Transfer Station Steel	\$ 300.00	\$ 488.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 450.00
Zoning	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,779.27	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 200,044.00	\$ 608,052.26	\$ 207,501.00	\$ 260,332.00

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
EXPENSES - Article 1 continued				
OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 870.00	\$ 860.32	\$ 883.00	\$ 928.00
Retirement	\$ -	\$ 43.75	\$ 48.00	\$ 49.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 513.00	\$ 534.00
Fire Warden Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 213.00
Moderator Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,185.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ -	\$ 2,185.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,185.00
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,185.00
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 2,419.00	\$ 2,516.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 12,164.07	\$ 12,597.00	\$ 13,105.00
INSURANCE				
Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 32,978.78	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,540.65	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,519.43	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
TAXES (P/R,COUNTY)				
County Tax	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 21,819.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00
VT Dept Emp & Training	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 335.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 22,154.44	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00
SELECTBOARD OFFICE				
Equipment	\$ 1,700.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,429.00	\$ 4,153.90	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 4,721.00
Health Insurance	\$ 24,251.00	\$ 20,267.14	\$ 22,538.00	\$ 24,761.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ 129.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 129.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 214.57	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 3,618.00	\$ 3,618.44	\$ 4,006.00	\$ 4,166.00
Office Administrator Salary	\$ 57,894.00	\$ 57,894.00	\$ 59,341.00	\$ 61,715.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,291.60	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 952.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 96,492.00	\$ 88,717.55	\$ 97,728.00	\$ 101,792.00
TOWN REPORT				
Supplies & Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 126.67	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 400.00	\$ 126.67	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00

	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Deputy Health Officer Wages	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 87.00	\$ 60.31	\$ 89.00	\$ 68.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 53.00	\$ 52.56	\$ 58.00	\$ 60.00
Health Officer Salary	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 895.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 965.37	\$ 1,758.00	\$ 1,273.00
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE				
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 900.00	\$ 351.40	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 750.00
Election & Programming	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,696.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,822.00	\$ 3,925.66	\$ 3,912.00	\$ 4,660.00
Health Insurance	\$ 24,251.00	\$ 15,935.12	\$ 22,898.00	\$ 24,761.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ 129.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 129.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 2,345.00	\$ 2,762.61	\$ 2,569.00	\$ 2,697.00
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 12,430.00	\$ 9,858.10	\$ 13,077.00	\$ 20,963.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 21,527.00	\$ 21,527.00	\$ 22,065.00	\$ 22,948.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,736.88	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 22,625.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,450.37	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,600.00
Training	\$ 800.00	\$ 509.50	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
TOTAL	\$ 89,275.00	\$ 86,506.64	\$ 91,024.00	\$ 102,508.00
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS				
Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 17,443.00	\$ 10,103.02	\$ 13,077.00	\$ 14,756.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 2,619.00	\$ 1,954.10	\$ 2,317.00	\$ 2,499.00
Mileage	\$ 400.00	\$ 413.81	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,049.89	\$ 1,162.00	\$ 1,209.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,754.38	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	\$ 625.00	\$ 476.46	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Training/Seminars	\$ 500.00	\$ 251.11	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Treasurer/Current Tax Collector Salary	\$ 16,797.00	\$ 16,797.00	\$ 17,217.00	\$ 17,906.00
TOTAL	\$ 42,234.00	\$ 33,799.77	\$ 38,673.00	\$ 40,820.00

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
ASSESSORS OFFICE				
Outside Appraisal Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,678.75	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Assessor's Clerk Wages	\$ 17,778.00	\$ 5,344.29	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Computer Licenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 366.60	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Support	\$ 500.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Computer Training	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Reimburse Employee Internet	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 408.83	\$ 918.00	\$ 918.00
Mileage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20.10	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ -	\$ 112.39	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Telephone	\$ 650.00	\$ 476.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Town Map Updates	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 39,048.00	\$ 16,622.41	\$ 38,278.00	\$ 37,778.00
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 2,008.83	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,913.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,438.00	\$ 1,717.71	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,688.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ 436.60	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 26,430.51	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Tax Sale	\$ -	\$ 357.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 26,798.00	\$ 30,950.65	\$ 28,156.00	\$ 29,301.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 92.00	\$ 95.63	\$ 92.00	\$ 107.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 438.86	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 600.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 2,519.49	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 3,327.00
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Ambulance Operations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Generator Contract	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,437.25	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,450.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Contract	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,449.18	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Copier Costs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,528.05	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dog Tags	\$ 250.00	\$ 173.37	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Dues, VLCT AND VTCMA	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,869.00
Emergency Management	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
GENERAL EXPENSES Continued				
State Dam Fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,107.18	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.55	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Green Up Vermont State	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Internet (Municipal Building)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,996.16	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
IT Service/Cyber Security	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.04	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 7,415.00
Legal Notices	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 771.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Services - Town Council	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,548.56	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mileage - Selectboard	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Reimb. Highway for Muni Employee	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 5,151.00	\$ 6,494.00
Town Newsletter	\$ 450.00	\$ 365.16	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00
OSHA Training	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Street Lights	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,268.98	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Telephone-Ambulance	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Web Page	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 644.10	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 86,264.00	\$ 76,668.81	\$ 78,176.00	\$ 80,828.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER				
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 708.81	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 6,000.00
Electricity	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,822.83	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,900.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 323.97	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Heating Oil	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,407.86	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Cleaning	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Propane For Generator	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Repairs To Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,592.74	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,688.56	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 767.11	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,322.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Telephone	\$ 425.00	\$ 481.07	\$ 475.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 48,525.00	\$ 37,614.95	\$ 46,875.00	\$ 55,000.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Electricity	\$ 250.00	\$ 208.93	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 542.39	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 750.00	\$ 751.32	\$ 700.00	\$ 750.00

	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Duplicating	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 400.00	\$ 321.24	\$ 500.00	\$ 484.00
Legal Notices	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mileage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 285.44	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 400.00
Print Zoning Ordinance	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 9.29	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00
Print New Town Plan	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 280.00	\$ 279.75	\$ 310.00	\$ 322.00
Seminars-Planning Commission	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Planning Commission Clerk Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 360.00
Supplies - Zoning Admin.	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 4,477.00	\$ 4,477.00	\$ 4,589.00	\$ 4,773.00
Windham Regional Member	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,148.34	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,057.00	\$ 8,821.06	\$ 13,099.00	\$ 11,889.00
ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 21.00	\$ 26.81	\$ 21.00	\$ 27.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 229.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ -	\$ 23.45	\$ 18.00	\$ 23.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 62.09	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 270.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 375.00
TOTAL	\$ 686.00	\$ 716.85	\$ 704.00	\$ 820.00
CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Overtime Coverage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Patrol Coverage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,321.07	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 5,321.07	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 14,150.00

	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
TRANSFER STATION				
Waste Disposal	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,612.78	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Comingled Hauling	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,695.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 12,250.00
Comingled Recycle	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,318.62	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Compactor Hauling	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 12,250.00
Electronics Recycling	\$ 325.00	\$ 343.90	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,093.56	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,756.00	\$ 1,955.95	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 2,108.00
Freon Items	\$ 400.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,708.59	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ 50.02	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Mattresses	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Metals Hauling	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,725.00
Metals Container Rental	\$ 800.00	\$ 861.12	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00
Metals Expenses	\$ -	\$ (2,570.84)	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ 1.68	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 261.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
Organics Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Recycling Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 117.15	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Paper Hauling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,160.00
Pest Control	\$ -	\$ 1,110.98	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Compactor Rental	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,588.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,726.00
Repairs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 1,298.00	\$ 1,114.12	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -
Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 2,174.00	\$ 6,331.64	\$ 4,613.00	\$ 5,200.00
Attendant Wages	\$ 20,775.00	\$ 17,824.04	\$ 20,811.00	\$ 22,360.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 992.76	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 476.46	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Tire Removal	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 911.25	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
Trash Removal	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,371.98	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Trash Hauling	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,530.62	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 13,056.00
Uniforms	\$ 750.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Wifi Hotspot	\$ 140.00	\$ 181.50	\$ 140.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 116,538.00	\$ 112,513.38	\$ 130,209.00	\$ 163,530.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY FOR ARTICLE 1 OF TOWN MEETING WARNING

BUDGET Summary for Article 1				\$ 740,771.00
Revenues				
Tax Collections	\$ 400,745.00	\$ 322,570.00	\$ 392,583.00	\$ 323,476.00
General Fund Revenues	\$ 200,044.00	\$ 608,052.26	\$ 207,501.00	\$ 260,332.00
*Fund Balance	\$ 66,100.00	\$ -	\$ 74,855.00	\$ 156,963.00
Total	\$ 666,889.00	\$ 930,622.26	\$ 674,939.00	\$ 740,771.00
*FY 2024 fund balance appropriation includes \$18,000 from cell tower lease buyout				
Department Budgets				
Other Employee Wages	\$ 12,230.00	\$ 12,164.00	\$ 12,597.00	\$ 13,105.00
Insurance	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,519.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
Taxes (P/R, County)	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 22,154.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00
Selectboard Office	\$ 96,492.00	\$ 82,717.55	\$ 97,728.00	\$ 101,792.00
Town Report	\$ 400.00	\$ 126.67	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Board of Health	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 965.37	\$ 1,758.00	\$ 1,273.00
Town Clerk's Office	\$ 89,275.00	\$ 86,506.64	\$ 91,024.00	\$ 102,508.00
Financial Operations	\$ 42,234.00	\$ 33,799.77	\$ 38,673.00	\$ 40,820.00
Assessors Office	\$ 39,048.00	\$ 16,622.41	\$ 38,278.00	\$ 37,778.00
Tax Collector's Office	\$ 26,798.00	\$ 30,950.65	\$ 28,156.00	\$ 29,301.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 2,519.49	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 3,327.00
General Expenses	\$ 86,264.00	\$ 76,668.81	\$ 78,176.00	\$ 80,828.00
Municipal Center	\$ 48,525.00	\$ 37,614.95	\$ 46,875.00	\$ 55,000.00
Historical Society	\$ 750.00	\$ 751.32	\$ 700.00	\$ 750.00
Planning Commission	\$ 13,057.00	\$ 8,821.06	\$ 13,099.00	\$ 11,889.00
Zoning Board - Adjustment	\$ 686.00	\$ 716.85	\$ 704.00	\$ 820.00
Contract Law Enforcement	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 5,321.07	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 14,150.00
Transfer Station	\$ 116,538.00	\$ 112,513.38	\$ 130,209.00	\$ 163,530.00
Total	\$ 666,889.00	\$ 585,452.99	\$ 674,939.00	\$ 740,771.00

	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
FIRE DEPARTMENT - Article 2				
Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues & Course Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,661.09	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,070.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,233.69	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,500.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,492.13	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 833.00	\$ 720.81	\$ 3,017.00	\$ 3,062.00
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 282.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Heating Oil	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,776.99	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 778.36	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
On-Site Mechanic	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,500.00
Generator Propane	\$ -	\$ 329.74	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 640.95	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,121.53	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 4,077.85	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Retirement -Town Share	\$ 199.00	\$ 198.88	\$ 220.00	\$ 740.00
Captain 1 Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,066.00
Captain 2 Salary	\$ 924.00	\$ 924.00	\$ 947.00	\$ 985.00
Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,363.00	\$ 1,363.00	\$ 1,397.00	\$ 1,453.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 2,326.00
Lieutenant Salary	\$ 794.00	\$ 794.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 847.00
Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 794.00	\$ 794.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 847.00
Firefighter Nominal Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 985.23	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,812.00	\$ 1,994.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 700.00	\$ 476.46	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$ 78,789.00	\$ 75,094.96	\$ 115,165.00	\$ 126,826.00
PARKS COMMITTEE - Article 4				
Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,237.41	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,050.00
Mowing	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 5,912.50	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00
Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,950.00	\$ 12,949.91	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 15,000.00

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS - Articles 6-21				
Ambulance Operations-DV Rescue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -
Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
Health Care & Rehab Services	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00
Parks Committee (pavillion expansion)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,500.00
SE VT Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
SE VT Economic Dev. Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00
Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
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	\$ -	\$ -
Windham Disaster Animal Response Tea	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
WINGS (Summer program)	\$ 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
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00
TOTAL	\$ 35,124.00	\$ 35,124.00	\$ 46,074.00	\$ 92,424.00

On the cover



Whitingham Fire Department volunteers (left to right): Brooke Castine, Stanley Janovsky, Jr., Chief; Tyler Janovsky; Blake Janovsky; Dennis Pike, 1st Captain; Marshall Dix, 2nd Lieutenant; Amanda Pike; Andrew Downs (rear); De Mola (front); James Walker; Lyman Tefft; James Weber, Training Officer; David Briggs, 2nd Captain; Glen Merrill, Michael Stevens, Assistant Chief.

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
LIBRARY - Article 22				
REVENUES				
Prior year Fund Balance			\$ 2,538.00	\$ 2,103.00
Fundraising/Donations	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00
Grant Money	\$ -	\$ 4,731.95	\$ -	\$ -
Grants Parent/Child Ctr	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VT DOL Grants	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Halifax Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 76,266.00
TOTAL	\$ 82,596.00	\$ 87,427.95	\$ 85,134.00	\$ 92,294.00
EXPENSES				
Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
Association Dues	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00
Audio/Video	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,423.20	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,051.18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ 133.55	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contract Services	\$ 940.00	\$ 899.10	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,925.36	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Equipment Service	\$ 450.00	\$ 540.34	\$ 480.00	\$ 450.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,991.00	\$ 4,123.99	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,702.00
Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage/Professional Training	\$ 800.00	\$ 24.92	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Periodicals	\$ 450.00	\$ 588.62	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00
Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,087.34	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Program Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 895.98	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Programs/Activities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,541.88	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Librarian Retirement	\$ 1,699.00	\$ 1,874.06	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,271.00
Assistants' Wages	\$ 23,842.00	\$ 24,755.42	\$ 25,239.00	\$ 33,651.00
Librarian Salary	\$ 28,324.00	\$ 29,984.33	\$ 29,990.00	\$ 27,810.00
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 514.36	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 917.97	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 221.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$ 82,596.00	\$ 85,325.10	\$ 85,134.00	\$ 92,294.00

	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
CEMETERY - Article 24	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE				
Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
Prior year fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,480.00	
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 6,070.00	\$ 22,250.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 21,410.00	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 23,450.00
EXPENSES				
Commissioner Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,870.78	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mowing	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 13,800.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 12,462.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Gravestone Repair	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 26,303.28	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 23,450.00
HIGHWAY - Article 25				
REVENUES				
Current Tax	\$ 1,182,611.00	\$ 1,182,611.00	\$ 1,195,474.00	\$ 1,162,380.00
Grant Monies	\$ -	\$ 25,233.92	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Share Municipal Employee	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 5,008.00	\$ 5,151.00	\$ 6,494.00
State Highway Supplement	\$ -	\$ 13,784.32	\$ -	\$ -
State Aid	\$ 124,136.00	\$ 124,544.91	\$ 124,136.00	\$ 127,917.00
State Paving Grant	\$ -	\$ 175,043.64	\$ -	\$ -
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 89,452.00	\$ -	\$ 92,200.00	\$ 267,038.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,401,207.00	\$ 1,526,255.79	\$ 1,416,961.00	\$ 1,563,829.00
LABOR				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 29,605.00	\$ 28,487.67	\$ 30,326.00	\$ 37,323.00
On-Site Mechanic	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -
Overtime	\$ 59,384.00	\$ 57,453.48	\$ 60,869.00	\$ 74,412.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 24,187.00	\$ 24,079.53	\$ 26,759.00	\$ 31,712.00
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1998	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 66,025.00	\$ 79,482.00
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 51,958.00	\$ 53,756.96	\$ 53,257.00	\$ 66,203.00
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 45,906.00	\$ 47,494.67	\$ 47,054.00	\$ 59,752.00
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 51,480.00	\$ 53,262.04	\$ 52,767.00	\$ 65,693.00
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 53,082.00	\$ 54,919.04	\$ 54,409.00	\$ 67,401.00
Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 50,773.00	\$ 52,767.04	\$ 52,042.00	\$ 64,940.00
Vacation Buy Back	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,200.04	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 440,790.00	\$ 438,115.47	\$ 453,508.00	\$ 556,918.00

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 BUDGET	FY 2024 BUDGET
Highway (continued)				
INSURANCE				
Health Insurance	\$ 148,797.00	\$ 87,589.35	\$ 115,556.00	\$ 121,927.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 800.00	\$ 720.75	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 632.98	\$ 677.00	\$ 744.00
TOTAL	\$ 153,797.00	\$ 88,943.08	\$ 117,033.00	\$ 123,471.00
HIGHWAY EXPENSES				
Chains	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,412.56	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Chloride	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,137.20	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,071.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Crack Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Culverts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 19,403.46	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 41,900.91	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,170.33	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,865.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 224.69	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,785.18	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Grant Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 9,992.40	\$ -	\$ -
Gravel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 87,026.79	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Guardrails	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,278.63	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 331.50	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CDL/Drug Testing/Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,568.75	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Paging Service	\$ -	\$ 119.40	\$ -	\$ -
Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 382,284.99	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Postage	\$ 120.00	\$ 129.20	\$ 120.00	\$ 130.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,891.01	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 83,191.28	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Salt	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 34,427.39	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 80,354.35	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Stone	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,645.38	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,904.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 900.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 910.00
Telephone	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,127.06	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Tires	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,021.52	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,440.58	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 806,620.00	\$ 821,611.71	\$ 846,420.00	\$ 883,440.00

HIGHWAY BUDGET SUMMARY	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Article 25	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE				
Current Taxes	\$ 1,182,611.00	\$ 1,182,611.00	\$ 1,195,474.00	\$ 1,162,380.00
Anticipated Revenues	\$ 129,144.00	\$ 343,644.79	\$ 129,287.00	\$ 134,411.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 89,452.00	\$ -	\$ 92,200.00	\$ 267,038.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,401,207.00	\$ 1,526,255.79	\$ 1,416,961.00	\$ 1,563,829.00
EXPENSE				
Labor	\$ 440,790.00	\$ 438,115.47	\$ 453,508.00	\$ 556,918.00
Insurance	\$ 153,797.00	\$ 88,943.08	\$ 117,033.00	\$ 123,471.00
Highway Expense	\$ 806,620.00	\$ 821,611.71	\$ 846,420.00	\$ 883,440.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,401,207.00	\$ 1,348,670.26	\$ 1,416,961.00	\$ 1,563,829.00
SEWER				
REVENUES				
Current User Fees	\$ 311,989.00	\$ 287,328.83	\$ 298,050.00	\$ 331,539.00
Interest on Fees	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,514.74	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,700.00
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 18,179.00	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,179.95	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,300.00
Reserve-Bond	\$ -	\$ 86,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve-Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sludge Revenue	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 322,489.00	\$ 407,982.52	\$ 308,250.00	\$ 341,039.00
EXPENSES				
LABOR				
Bookkeeping Services	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,760.00	\$ 4,861.05	\$ 5,974.00	\$ 6,107.00
Reimburse User Penalties	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,179.95	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Retirement-Town Share	\$ 3,889.00	\$ 3,741.89	\$ 4,914.00	\$ 4,928.00
Assistant Wages	\$ 11,332.00	\$ 9,865.42	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 32,448.00
Plant Operator Salary	\$ 50,892.00	\$ 50,002.20	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 40,560.00
Treasurer Salary	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 3,196.00	\$ 3,324.00
TOTAL	\$ 77,617.00	\$ 75,194.51	\$ 88,216.00	\$ 91,299.00

SEWER (continued)				
INSURANCE				
Health Insurance	\$ 29,390.00	\$ 16,245.40	\$ 27,069.00	\$ 24,761.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,630.33	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ -	\$ 172.93	\$ 534.00	\$ 200.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 148.07	\$ 200.00	\$ 248.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,038.38	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL	\$ 35,690.00	\$ 21,235.11	\$ 33,003.00	\$ 28,809.00
SEWER PLANT EXPENSES				
Chemicals	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,500.00
Contracted Services	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Electricity	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,453.47	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 53.09	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Heating	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 773.46	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Mileage - Operator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 315.76	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 800.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Repairs: Facility & Equipment	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,005.33	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 5,500.00
Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 6,200.00	\$ -	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Sludge Removal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 10,375.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 750.74	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,283.79	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00
Outside Testing	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 5,230.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
Training	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
TOTAL	\$ 87,725.00	\$ 39,000.64	\$ 83,900.00	\$ 87,800.00
Bond Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 65,408.66	\$ -	\$ -
Construction Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Project Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 65,408.66	\$ -	\$ -
PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT				
Expenditures - Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ 54,752.61	\$ -	\$ -
Plant Improvements - Reserve	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Plant Improvement - Bond	\$ 113,457.00	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00
TOTAL	\$ 121,457.00	\$ 148,752.61	\$ 103,131.00	\$ 133,131.00
Notes:				
Sewer capital improvement fund allocation to be increased in future budgets by 5% every fiscal year				
Projected unit rate based on the current number of users and proposed budget = \$1,394.46 annual single user fee				

**2023 PROJECTED TAX RATE IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN
BASED ON THE 2022 GRANDLIST**

ARTICLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	TAXES TO BE RAISED
1	General Fund	\$ 323,476.00
2	Fire Department	\$ 126,826.00
3	Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 40,000.00
4	Parks	\$ 15,000.00
5	Grand List Reappraisal Fund	\$ 20,000.00
6	Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$ 15,000.00
7	Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00
8	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00
9	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
10	Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00
11	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc	\$ 1,203.00
12	Parks - Expand and remodel the picnic pavilion at Town Hill Common	\$ 45,500.00
13	Senior Meals/Terrie Dumaine	\$ 1,500.00
14	Senior Solutions - The Council on Aging for Southeaster VT, Inc.	\$ 750.00
15	Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc (SEVCA)	\$ 1,200.00
16	Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$ 4,071.00
17	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00
18	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDart)	\$ 250.00
19	Wings Community Program's (Summer Program)	\$ 1,795.00
20	Wings Community Program's (After School Program)	\$ 10,000.00
21	Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00
22	Whitingham Free Public Library	\$ 76,266.00
24	Cemetery Operation	\$ 22,250.00
25	Highways	\$ 1,162,380.00
26	Economic Development	\$ 6,000.00
27	Hazard Mitigation Fund	\$ 25,000.00
28	Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 100,000.00
29	Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund	\$ 50,000.00
30	Municipal Facilities Fund	\$10,000.00
31	Old Home Week	\$ 5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,074,622.00
	2023 Projected Rates: (based on 1% of FY 2022 grand list value which equals \$2,736,408.00)	
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate	0.7581
	Projected Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.003</u>
	Projected Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	0.7611
	2022 Rates:	
	Municipal Tax Rate	0.774
	Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.003</u>
	Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	0.777

WAGES BY POSITION - FY 22

Job Title	Wages	Overtime	Vacation Buyback
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,250.00		
Assessor's Clerk	\$ 5,344.00		
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 9,858.00		
Bookkeeper	\$ 10,103.00		
Collection of Taxes - Penalties	\$ 26,431.00		
Emergency Management Director	\$ 500.00		
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 53,757.00	\$ 8,637.00	
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 47,495.00	\$ 8,243.00	
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 53,262.00	\$ 10,265.00	
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 54,919.00	\$ 9,417.00	
Fire Chief	\$ 2,182.00		
Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 1,363.00		
1st Captain	\$ 1,000.00		
2nd Captain	\$ 924.00		
1st Lieutenant	\$ 794.00		
2nd Lieutenant	\$ 794.00		
Fire Mechanic	\$ 2,380.00		
Fire Warden	\$ 200.00		
Health Officer	\$ 840.00		
Highway Mechanic	\$ 280.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 19,027.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 5,728.00		
Librarian	\$ 29,984.00		
Moderator	\$ -		
Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 52,767.00	\$ 8,790.00	
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1998	\$ 64,415.00	\$ 12,101.00	\$ 1,200.00
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,360.00		
Selectboard - Member (part year)	\$ 1,375.00		
Selectboard - Member (part year)	\$ 675.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,050.00		
Selectboard Office Administrator - 2015	\$ 57,894.00		
Sewer - Assistant - 2022	\$ 9,865.00		
Sewer - Chief Operator	\$ 50,002.00		
Sewer Penalties	\$ 3,180.00		
Sewer Treasurer - 2006	\$ 3,112.00		
Town Clerk	\$ 21,527.00		
Town Clerk fees	\$ 22,625.00		
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 17,824.00		
Transfer Station Backup Attendant	\$ 6,332.00		
Treasurer/Current Tax Collector	\$ 16,797.00		
Zoning Administrator	\$ 4,477.00		
Zoning Board of Adjustment Clerk	\$ 375.00		

	6/30/2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	21-22 Capital	6/30/2022
	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Share Gain + Interest</u>	<u>Reinvested</u>	<u>Invested</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>(loss)</u>	<u>Balance</u>
SADAWGA CEMETERY							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,750.28	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,750.28	0.67%	-\$180.50	\$1,569.78
Emery E. Reed	\$9,853.93	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,853.93	3.75%	-\$1,016.20	\$8,837.73
J.D. Sylvester	\$3,476.47	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,476.47	1.32%	-\$358.52	\$3,117.95
Amos W. Pike	\$6,976.90	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,976.90	2.66%	-\$719.50	\$6,257.40
Wells Winchester	\$3,476.48	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,476.48	1.32%	-\$358.52	\$3,117.96
William D. Faulkner	\$9,853.93	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,853.93	3.75%	-\$1,016.20	\$8,837.73
Arthur H. Lyons	\$6,976.87	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,976.87	2.66%	-\$719.50	\$6,257.37
Frank C. Wheeler	\$9,853.93	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,853.93	3.75%	-\$1,016.20	\$8,837.73
Clifford G. Brown	\$3,308.62	1.26%	\$0.00	\$3,308.62	1.26%	-\$341.21	\$2,967.41
Nathan B. Alfred	\$6,976.87	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,976.87	2.66%	-\$719.50	\$6,257.37
Hal H. Allard	\$14,577.13	5.55%	\$0.00	\$14,577.13	5.55%	-\$1,503.28	\$13,073.85
Dorothy Smith	\$3,212.68	1.22%	\$0.00	\$3,212.68	1.22%	-\$331.31	\$2,881.37
Lurissa S. Brown	\$9,853.93	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,853.93	3.75%	-\$1,016.20	\$8,837.73
Elmer R. Houghton	\$4,147.77	1.58%	\$0.00	\$4,147.77	1.58%	-\$427.74	\$3,720.03
John Sawyer	\$1,318.69	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,318.69	0.50%	-\$135.99	\$1,182.70
Ivin Brown	\$2,373.53	0.90%	\$0.00	\$2,373.53	0.90%	-\$244.77	\$2,128.76
Royal Faulkner	\$6,593.25	2.51%	\$0.00	\$6,593.25	2.51%	-\$679.94	\$5,913.31
Sara Faulkner	\$3,092.85	1.18%	\$0.00	\$3,092.85	1.18%	-\$318.95	\$2,773.90
Carroll E. White	\$1,294.66	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,294.66	0.49%	-\$133.51	\$1,161.15
JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY							
Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,750.28	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,750.28	0.67%	-\$180.50	\$1,569.78
Oscar Pike	\$1,750.28	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,750.28	0.67%	-\$180.50	\$1,569.78
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$3,476.48	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,476.48	1.32%	-\$358.52	\$3,117.96
Miles Wilcox	\$9,853.93	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,853.93	3.75%	-\$1,016.20	\$8,837.73
F. & F.E. Hager	\$9,853.93	3.75%	\$0.00	\$9,853.93	3.75%	-\$1,016.20	\$8,837.73
C.L. Stickney	\$13,306.43	5.07%	\$0.00	\$13,306.43	5.07%	-\$1,372.24	\$11,934.19
William A. Brown	\$3,476.47	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,476.47	1.32%	-\$358.52	\$3,117.95
William Pouliotte	\$2,229.75	0.85%	\$0.00	\$2,229.75	0.85%	-\$229.95	\$1,999.80
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,630.35	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,630.35	0.62%	-\$168.13	\$1,462.22
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$4,603.30	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,603.30	1.75%	-\$474.72	\$4,128.58
E.L. & James Roberts	\$4,075.80	1.55%	\$0.00	\$4,075.80	1.55%	-\$420.32	\$3,655.48
The Moody Family	\$852.40	0.32%	\$0.00	\$852.40	0.32%	-\$87.90	\$764.50
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,305.22	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,305.22	0.50%	-\$134.60	\$1,170.62

CUTTING CEMETERY							
Amos Brown	\$3,476.48	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,476.48	1.32%	-\$358.52	\$3,117.96
Burrows Family	\$3,476.48	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,476.48	1.32%	-\$358.52	\$3,117.96
C.L. Stickney	\$6,976.90	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,976.90	2.66%	-\$719.50	\$6,257.40
CARLEY CEMETERY							
Charlotte V. Sage	\$4,603.30	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,603.30	1.75%	-\$474.72	\$4,128.58
RIVERVIEW CEMETERY							
Unspecified	\$14,505.20	5.52%	\$0.00	\$14,505.20	5.52%	-\$1,495.87	\$13,009.33
OTHER UNSPECIFIED							
	\$62,470.14	23.79%	\$0.00	\$62,470.14	23.79%	-\$6,442.31	\$56,027.83
Column total	\$262,641.89					-\$27,085.25	\$235,556.64
TOTAL	\$262,641.75	100.00%	\$0.00	\$262,641.89	100.00%	-\$27,085.24	\$235,556.51
							Actual value

NOTE: Funds are invested in the following:

- 1) MFS Total Return Fund A
- 2) MFS Governmental Securities Fund A
- 3) MFS Bond Fund A

**FUND BALANCES AS OF
JUNE 30, 2022**

FUND	BALANCE		INTEREST	EXPENDITURES	DEPOSITS	FUND BALANCE		Expenditure Description
	AS OF JULY 1, 2021					AS OF JUNE 30, 2022		
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 340,955.00	\$ 2,891.00	\$	\$ (714,623.00)	\$ 1,054,595.00	\$	\$ 683,818.00	Operating budget
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 26,993.00	\$ 69.00	\$	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$	\$ 37,062.00	
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 4.00	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 1,985.00	
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 3,735.00	\$ (473.00)	\$	\$ -	\$ 24.00	\$	\$ 3,286.00	
EAMES FUND	\$ 176,907.00	\$ 367.00	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 177,274.00	
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 61,670.00	\$ 151.00	\$	\$ (2,270.00)	\$ 20,000.00	\$	\$ 79,551.00	Accessories new fire truck
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 76,030.00	\$ 159.00	\$	\$ -	\$ 11,001.00	\$	\$ 87,190.00	
HAZARD MITIGATION	\$ 42,497.00	\$ 103.00	\$	\$ (42,118.00)	\$ 47,515.00	\$	\$ 47,997.00	Scoping study
**HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 181,652.00	\$ -	\$	\$ (1,348,670.00)	\$ 1,526,256.00	\$	\$ 359,238.00	Operating Budget
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 216,106.00	\$ 470.00	\$	\$ (59,405.00)	\$ 85,000.00	\$	\$ 242,171.00	New pickup
HIGHWAY GARAGE FUND	\$ 44,048.00	\$ 148.00	\$	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$	\$ 94,196.00	
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 68,447.00	\$ 141.00	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 68,588.00	
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 262,642.00	\$ (27,085.00)	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 235,557.00	
CEMETERY OPERATION FUND	\$ 13,480.00	\$ -	\$	\$ (26,303.00)	\$ 21,410.00	\$	\$ 8,587.00	Operating budget
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,329.00	\$ 3.00	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 1,332.00	
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 21,944.00	\$ 48.00	\$	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$	\$ 23,992.00	
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 22,986.00	\$ 54.00	\$	\$ (3,835.00)	\$ 12,402.00	\$	\$ 31,607.00	Cott Systems Contract
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 184,933.00	\$ 428.00	\$	\$ (54,753.00)	\$ 8,000.00	\$	\$ 138,608.00	Repair bank @Whitingham
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 27,613.00	\$ -	\$	\$ (294,887.00)	\$ 313,983.00	\$	\$ 46,709.00	Operating budget
SEWER BOND	\$ 106,042.00	\$ 223.00	\$	\$ -	\$ 86,000.00	\$	\$ 192,265.00	To be used for bond payment
CIVIL DEFENSE - GENERATOR	\$ 5,035.00	\$ 11.00	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 5,046.00	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 21,229.00	\$ -	\$	\$ (4,395.00)	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ 22,834.00	Ballfield & Blueberry Festival
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 2,319.00	
ARPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ 160,082.00	\$	\$ 160,082.00	
***LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article	\$ 2,538.00	\$ -	\$	\$ (85,325.00)	\$ 87,428.00	\$	\$ 4,641.00	Operating budget
***LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 27,139.00	\$ 64.00	\$	\$ (9,144.00)	\$ 7,036.00	\$	\$ 25,095.00	Operating budget offset
***LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 11,743.00	\$ 56.00	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ 11,799.00	
	\$ 1,951,993.00	\$ (22,168.00)	\$	\$ (2,645,728.00)	\$ 3,508,732.00	\$	\$ 2,792,829.00	
*Includes the fund balance of \$74,855.00 appropriated in 2022 for fiscal year 2023, \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes, and \$270,000.00 from the cell tower buyout, of which \$18,000.00 from the cell tower buyout is part of the prior year fund balance being appropriated in fy 2024 budget.								
**Includes the fund balance of \$92,200.00 appropriated in 2022 for fiscal year 2023.								
***Funds are controlled by Library Trustees - Library Operation Voted Article includes \$2,368 appropriated in 2022 for fiscal year 2023.								
NOTE: Davenport fund is invested in George Putnam Balanced Fund-Class A								
TOWN OF WHITINGHAM - FINANCIAL OPERATIONS								
The fiscal year 2022 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								

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This year as your Animal Control Officer I handled 72 different animal related matters. That is approximately 62% less than last year's 137 calls, which I think is great.

I would once again like to thank the Whitingham Selectboard, town health officer, town clerk, and townspeople for their continued support.

The incidents responded to include:

- 12 running at large
- 2 dog bites
- 37 nuisance complaints
- 5 missing dogs/cats
- 2 dogs surrendered
- 2 animal cruelty complaints
- Hav-a-heart trap setups
- welfare checks
- information/education
- warnings (verbal/written)
- 2 court proceedings

Please remember if you own an animal, you are responsible for its care and behavior. As a reminder, if you own a dog(s) 6 months old or more they must be current with their vaccinations and licensed with the Town no later than April 1, 2023. Start looking for a vet or clinic appointment now; don't wait till the last minute to set an appointment.

I am more than happy to answer any Animal Control related questions. I can be reached at (802) 380-0534 or by email at aco@whitinghamvt.org.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Hollister

Whitingham ACO/Humane Investigator

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies **IS** in Vermont and it **IS DEADLY**.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal (but still needs immediate medical attention).
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a #10 SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)



ASSESSOR'S DATA
2021 AS BILLED Grand List
Tax Book Report
***** GRAND TOTALS *****

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESI
Taxable parcels	1,124		
Acres	23,630.36		
Land	72,070,100		
Building	206,647,400		
Real	278,717,500	86,412,600	192,304,900
Add			
(+) Non-Approved Contracts		0	202,700
(+) Non-Approved Farm Contracts		0	0
(+) Inventory	0		
(+) Equipment	0		0
Subtract			
(-)Veteran	360,000	360,000	0
(-)Farm Stab	0	0	0
(-)Current Use	7,519,000	2,049,900	5,469,100
(-)Contracts	202,700	0	202,700
(-)Special Exempt		0	49,770
GRAND LIST	2,706,358.00	840,027.00	1,867,860.30
Homestead	185,691,900		
Housesite	159,999,600		
Lease	0.00		
Non-Tax Count	26		
Non-Tax Val.	7,095,400		

LATE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION PENALTY IS WAIVED

RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST	=	TOTAL RAISED
Non-Residential Ed.	1.6017		1,865,833.30		2,988,505.28
Homestead Ed.	1.6852		840,027.00		1,415,613.44
Local Agreement	0.0034		2,706,358.00		9,201.62
Town	0.7380		2,706,358.00		1,997,292.47
TOTAL TAX					6,410,612.81

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Dix

ASSESSORS OFFICE

In 2022 we had many Land and Housing sales which has put the town in a situation where the state is requiring us to do a reappraisal. Our current Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) have changed.

CLA is now 95.41%

COD is now 20.54%

The State is mandating us to reappraise. The town has contracted with NEMRC to do the reappraisal at a cost of \$117,600 plus miscellaneous expenses. The current balance of the reappraisal fund is \$87,277.00 (at December 31, 2022). The Selectboard has written an article on the Warning to add \$22,000.00 to it. Along with state funding, that will cover the cost of the appraisal and leave a little extra.

Howard Dix

Assessors Clerk



Some improvements to Town Hill Common in 2022; paved parking area, new retaining wall and the memorial was added on to make it symmetrical.

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022
(TAX YEAR 2021)**

		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	163.7	\$ 157,300.00
ALLEN SCOTT & ALLEN KEITH	234 ALLEN RD	89	\$ 104,600.00
AXTELL SARAH	133 ALLARD RD	138	\$ 179,100.00
BERBERIAN J KRISTINE LIFE ESTATE, ET. AL.	1793 FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$ 122,600.00
BETIT ANTOINETTE LIFE ESTATE	6178 VT RTE 100	70	\$ 113,300.00
BETIT BRIAN	771 FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$ 38,200.00
BETIT STEVEN P	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$ 178,100.00
BORTELL RITA	BURRINGTON HILL RD	153	\$ 86,600.00
BOYD MARSHALL LIVING TRUST BOYD	859 ALLARD RD	34.7	\$ 47,100.00
BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64 BEAR LN	56	\$ 68,800.00
CAPO JAMES A	203 PIKE RD	81.18	\$ 84,600.00
CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447 NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$ 37,100.00
COREY JUSTIN & KRISTY R	1755 VT RTE 8A	68.5	\$ 80,300.00
CORSE FARM	1085 CORSE RD	299	\$ 420,400.00
CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	773 CORSE RD	177.41	\$ 320,000.00
CORSE ROY C & VANESSA M	FAULKNER RD	10.62	\$ 61,600.00
CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489 WILMINGTON CROSS RD	106.6	\$ 214,500.00
CORSE WAYNE	871 RUBA RD	186.91	\$ 122,700.00
CORSE WAYNE	4840 VT RTE 100	187.34	\$ 209,200.00
CORSE WAYNE & HERRICK JENNIFER W	73 SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$ 115,900.00
CROSBY ROBERT & LUANNE M TRUST	2465 COLLINS RD	48.44	\$ 67,100.00
DAIELLO STEVEN	COLLINS RD	1.24	\$ 4,400.00
DAVID ANTHONY J & MEGHAN E	1091 GATES POND RD	103.95	\$ 110,500.00
DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTSMAN INC	641 FOWLER RD	28.8	\$ 36,600.00
DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208 VT RTE 100	46.3	\$ 54,100.00
DIX SHELDON DEAN REVOCABLE TRUST	4292 VT RTE 100	35.3	\$ 62,800.00
DIX LARRY R	3029 VT RTE 8A	31	\$ 81,500.00
DONELAN EDWARD J & LAURA A	408 GATES POND RD	70.76	\$ 74,100.00
EADE DAVID L	190 MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$ 62,400.00
EDELSTEIN ALICE R	48 HURD LN	130.93	\$ 153,800.00
FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103 GREEN RD	42.4	\$ 58,800.00
HANLEY RICHARD TRUSTEE HANLEY REVOCABLE TRUST	214 BIRDVILLE RD	26.7	\$ 40,500.00
HAZARD KYLE P & STURTEVANT MELISSA A	MCMILLAN RD	55.8	\$ 72,900.00
HENRY MASON & GRAZIANO DANIEL	NORTH HILL RD	11	\$ 38,200.00
INGWERSEN KRISTIAN	2316 FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$ 320,200.00
KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	FOWLER RD	25	\$ 75,000.00
KOSKI CHELSEA M & MORSE JEFFREY B	617 GINNY MORSE RD	36	\$ 41,200.00
LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009 SADDADA RD	12.4	\$ 13,500.00
LAPIERRE KATHLEEN FARON	9943 VT RTE 100	60.4	\$ 77,100.00
LEHRER NANCY D	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$ 86,700.00
LEWIS SCOTT & GROSS ANNE H	BONE LANE	25.3	\$ 45,600.00

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022
(TAX YEAR 2021)**

MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40 MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$	831,200.00
MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$	49,200.00
PAPRIN YALE I	900 VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$	75,100.00
PETERSON ELIZABETH RESCH ROBINSON ET AL		45.2	\$	33,200.00
PINE LAKES ESTATE LLC	1761 KENTFIELD RD	326	\$	415,200.00
PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785 LONE PINE RD	146.4	\$	117,400.00
PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843 CHAPEL HILL RD	73.2	\$	203,100.00
PORCELLO III FREDRICK A	SADDADA RD	70	\$	87,600.00
PROCTER MARY E & MATUSZESKI WILLIAM	488 FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$	96,400.00
PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070 FOWLER RD	53.2	\$	79,900.00
ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA	467 BUTLER BROOK RD	83.8	\$	113,300.00
RODELL MICHAEL	KENTFIELD RD	182.1	\$	118,400.00
SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	STREETER HILL ROAD	371.4	\$	170,000.00
SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896 FOWLER RD	79.9	\$	95,500.00
SILVERMAN JEFFREY	320 PRATT RD	72.52	\$	85,600.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	SADDADA RD	45	\$	82,000.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	2245 BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$	263,800.00
SPRAGUE MARTIN & KAREN	1631 VT RTE 100	2	\$	87,300.00
STREPPA LEWIS D & VIRGINIA M	1226 BURRINGTON HILL RD	31.4	\$	34,300.00
THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	VT RTE 100	37.4	\$	31,500.00
TWITCHELL ALLAN	243 GOODNOW RD	39.9	\$	53,800.00
WERSHOVEN CHRISTINE	482 BURRINGTON HILL RD	34.41	\$	56,200.00
TOTAL LAND USE EXPENTIONS			\$	7,519,000.00



They can't help you
if you can't be
found.

PLEASE mark your
property with your
911 address!

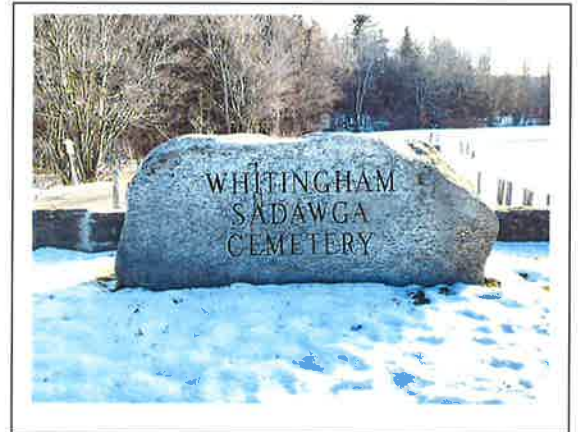
CEMETERY COMMISSION

In the year of 2022, 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 lettering of the Jacksonville and Whitingham / Sadawga Cemeteries was engraved by Shea Monuments on the two new stones that were set the previous year. There were no gravestones repaired this past year, but the budget line item was increased to do more this coming year in hopes to get caught up with the amount needing repair. After performing an annual update to all the Town of Whitingham cemetery maps it will be our hope to place them on the Town website in the upcoming year.

And thank you to Almira for helping to keep cemetery records/paperwork filed and organized.

Dana Dix, Chair; Brad Lackey, Clerk; and Adam Ranslow



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Whitingham Economic Development Group was put on pause in 2021. If you are interested in bringing this group back into service, please contact Gig at 368-7500 or via email at gig@whitinghamvt.org.

EDUCATION FUNDING LITIGATION STATUS

Boyd v. State of Vermont

Update for 2023 Town Report

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 was 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 alleged that the State was 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 alleged that the State's constitutional violation was reflected in the disparity between the educational opportunities offered by the Twin Valley schools and larger schools in Vermont.

The Plaintiffs also alleged that the State was 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 pointed 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 alleged, was necessary to provide Whitingham students with the limited educational opportunities that were also the subject of the lawsuit.

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

The Plaintiffs asked for an injunction against the aspects of the education funding and property taxation systems that they alleged were unconstitutional; and believed that the changes they sought would benefit students and taxpayers not only in Whitingham, but across Vermont.

In March 2022, the Vermont Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's decision awarding the State summary judgment against the Plaintiffs, bringing the lawsuit to an end.

While the appeal was pending, the legislature enacted a two-year moratorium on the excess spending penalty and changed how the number of equalized pupils would be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Waite and James Valente

Costello, Valente & Gentry

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

In 2022 I attended quarterly meetings and took two trainings. I also attended a few residual COVID-19 briefings and storm preparedness briefings. I continue to work with other agencies on our Flood Hazard Mitigation project in Jacksonville Village and I prepared the annual update of the Local Emergency Management Plant (LEMP). The town was recently awarded grant funding to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The process will likely start in 2023. ~Gig Zboray, EMD

Build a Preparedness Kit

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Masks (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications. About half of all Americans take a prescription medicine every day. An emergency can make it difficult for them to refill their prescription or to find an open pharmacy. Organize and protect your prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and vitamins to prepare for an emergency.
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Whitingham Volunteers had another busy year with training and answering the call to emergencies.

The department responded to 267 calls. Brush Fires 2, Building Fires 3, Chimney Fire 1, Dispatched Canceled in route 31, Fire/Co Alarms 12, Search and Rescue lost person 1, MVA 7, Power Lines down 5, Service Calls 8, Vehicle Fire 2. Mutual Aid was also given, Charlemont MA 1, Colrain MA 2, Heath MA 1, Dover 2, Halifax 1, Marlboro 3, Readsboro 3, Wilmington 5. Rescue Calls 177.

The Fire Department Stipend has worked well with more members at trainings and answering the calls.

The newly refurbished truck we purchased from Rawlings, Maryland is still working out beyond our expectations. The firefighting capabilities that the truck has, has made our job safer and the benefit to the town will make the department better for years to come.

As I've said in the past our Air-Pak units are getting closer to replacement. This is not cheap by any means, but we need to start thinking about replacement soon. Each unit is approximately \$8,000 with two tanks for each unit. We have 12 Air-Pak's in our inventory.

We updated our cascade compressor while also doing some work to the fill station in 94 Rescue 1. New filters and an updated moisture blow-off system were installed at a cost of \$7,000. The compressor is used to fill the Air-Pak bottles the firefighters use to enter a burning building or toxic environment.

Soon we will be purchasing a new brush truck to haul a skid unit with pump and to pull the rescue trailer which carries the UTV brush rescue and the snowmobile and rescue sled. The cost of this unit should be around \$125,000. This unit will replace the 1971 Suburban.

I would like to thank all our volunteers and their families for their dedication. I would also like to thank the Townspeople of Whitingham for their support.

Thank you,

Stanley Janovsky Jr.

Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

1971	Chevy Brush Truck 50 gpm pump	20 yrs	1995	Free	\$	100,000	Still in Service
1992	GMC Rescue Truck	20yrs	2012	\$41,000	\$	300,000	Still in Service
2001	Freightliner Tanker 1000 gal tank / 125C	20yrs	2021	\$180,000	\$	325,000	Still in Service
2006	Freightliner Pumper 2450 gal. tank / 12'	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 (1)
1996	Freightliner Pumper (refurb. 2021)	20 yrs	2041	\$100,000	\$	400,000	
1990s	12 Scott Air-Paks	12 yrs	2023		\$	96,000	replace 23/24
(1) paid by Firemen's Association							

FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

In Jacksonville Village

The “Stanley Committee” was formed with members from town staff (Stanley Janovsky, Jr. and Gig Zboray), Windham Regional Commission (WRC), Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (WCNRCD), several departments of the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and VTrans. It’s been 11 years, but we continue working on a large, multifaceted project with its main focus to widen the river to bankful 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 at the Municipal Center. With some funding available to us from the ANR’s Water Infrastructure Sponsorship Program (WISPr) because of the sewer project we are also working on smaller projects along the riverbank in Jacksonville.

In **2022** we made the following progress:

- The Scoping Study was completed.
- The Selectboard held a required public hearing for review of the Scoping Study
- Applied for and denied a grant for design and construction
- Continue to seek funding
- Continued to work with other agencies to determine best use of WISPr funds

HEALTH OFFICER

During 2022 the Health Officer with the support of the Selectboard, worked diligently to address a property with a resident who was living in a camping trailer and allowing their septic hose to dump into a field on their property. We tried working with the resident and eventually had to file a Health Order in the court system to attempt to get the property into compliance. The judge had ordered that the property must be vacated by December 1, 2022, if the owners did not meet certain conditions. The conditions were not met. As of December 31, 2022 we are still waiting for the judge to follow through of his court order.

~Gig Zboray, THO

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The spring of 2022 was a rough mud season. Warmer than normal temperatures and a late thaw made for some deep mud holes. Much stone was used to help these areas and make passable though not easy. Many overtime hours were spent dragging roads in the evening to try and keep up.

Many hours were spent in the spring helping the Sewer Department fix the landslide behind the Whitingham plant. The highway department used the trucks mostly to haul rock needed for the stabilization. Also, the loader and backhoe were used to bring the stone across Route 100 from the dumpsite.

The summer was busy, we were able to pave roads that were supposed to be paved in the fall of 2020. Collins, Gates Pond, Reed Hill as well as Heberd Hill Roads were paved at this time. Later in the summer Town Hill Road was reclaimed and new pavement was put in place as well as the parking area in front of the playground.

Future paving will be overlaying existing pavement that is due to be resurfaced.

Many tons of gravel were spread on many of the dirt roads.

A new Salt Shed was erected using funds from the previous year fund balance. The Shed was built in house using our equipment and manpower. Pete Bernard built the wood structure which now holds 200 tons of salt compared to the old shed which held 60 tons.

We will be looking to replace the 1-ton dump truck this year, for its 5 years past its replacement date.

I would like to thank the highway crew, The Selectboard, Gig, Almira and Marylee for their help.

Thank you,

Stan Janovsky Jr.

Road Commissioner



The new Salt Shed

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	
2013	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2028	\$180,000	\$ 275,000	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$160,000	\$ 250,000	
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$129,000	\$ 250,000	
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$63,000	\$ 80,000	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 PU	5yrs	2017	\$35,000	\$ 70,000	Still in service
1996	Caterpillar Grader	15yrs	2011	\$214,000	\$ 400,000	Still in service
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	
2022	GMC Sierra pick up	7 yrs	2029	\$50,000	\$ 75,000	

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.

The Selectboard will hold an
Informational Meeting
for the purpose of addressing questions related to this
Annual Report
 at their regular meeting on
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm
 in the Selectboard Office of the
 Whitingham Municipal Center,
 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM

INVENTORY OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

TRANSFER STATION

Compactor
2 containers
Shed
Dog shelter
1 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
Town Highway Salt Shed, 2022
Shelter & playground Town Hill
Green Mountain Hall
Number 9 Schoolhouse

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

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

Inventory of IT Equipment

Device ID	Description	Brand	Approximate Purchase Date	Warranty Expires
TOW-D01-W10	Assistant Clerk	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025
TOW-D02-W10	Assessor's Office	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025
TOW-D03-W10	Records Lookup	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025
TOW-D04-W10	Town Clerk	Dell	4/18/2020	7/1/2023
TOW-D05-W10	Clerk's window	Dell	10/11/2016	1/10/2018
TOW-D06-W10	Bookkeeper	Dell	4/18/2020	7/18/2023
TOW-D07-W10	Highway	HP	7/9/2017	7/21/2017
TOW-D08-W11	Sewer	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027
TOW-L01-W10	Selectboard Office	HP	11/1/2015	7/24/2017
TOW-L03-W10	Town Clerk	HP	6/12/2020	6/11/2021
TOW-L04-W10	Assessor's Laptop	Dell	1/11/2021	1/13/2025
	Selectboard spare laptop	HP	7/15/2016	not on IT contract
	Elections laptop	HP	1/1/2018	not on IT contract
*	Meeting Owl	Owl Labs	2021	not on IT contract
*	Projector	Epson	2021	not on IT contract
* Purchased with COVID-19 grant money				



Whitingham Free Public Library

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

The Librarians and Trustees of The Whitingham Free Public Library would like to thank the tax payers and contributors from the towns of Whitingham and Halifax for their generous and heartfelt support.

Kristine Sweeter, Director/ Librarian - Lois Lapointe, Assistant Librarian -
Lisa Miller, Youth Librarian/ Librarian Assistant, Edie Brigham, Trustee Chair

Got Grants?

ARPA Grant Round 1 \$3,549

1 staff laptop, 2 patron desktops, 2 sets of table & chairs, 3 staff desk chairs, 3 patron desk chairs

ARPA Grant Round 2 \$1,183

portable indoor/outdoor sound system, Epson business projector, 2 Lego motion S.T.E.M kits

Children's Literacy Foundation - Rural Libraries Grant - Value \$4,175

\$2,000 in new, high-quality children's books for the public library

\$500 in new books for Halifax School library & 3 storytelling presentations

1 storytelling presentation at Pitter-patter Child Care, Halifax

\$250 mini grant option to support a special initiative in your library

VT Depart of Libraries - Summer Performer Grant \$300

Southern Vermont Natural History Museum program @ Jacksonville Blueberry Festival

Vermont Humanities - Vermont Reads with Pettee Memorial Library

book discussion set - The Most Costly Journey

Stories of Migrant Farm workers in Vermont Drawn by New England Cartoonists.

Vermont Humanities - Speakers Bureau Presentation

Catching People's Stories with Vermont Author, Jane Beck

Jane Beck explores the use of the recorded interview, reflecting on why people tell stories, what they mean to individuals, and examples of how they are used.

2021-2022 Statistics

11, 900 library holdings

6,560 items circulated a 10% increase

5,110 in person visits. 62% increase

2,186 adults and kids attended 188 events

1,500 registered patrons

234 interlibrary loans requested

72 interlibrary loans sent other libraries

Programs

afterschool programs, author visits,

book group, community food shelf, craft group, FDA

summer food program, homeschool group, movies,

ping pong, rhyme time, summer camp, tea parties,

VT Reads, yoga, and more!

Our 2022 Partners

Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival

Efficiency Vermont

Halifax School

Deerfield Valley Lion's Club

Pettee Memorial Library

Readsboro Community Library

Southern Vermont Natural History Museum

Town of Whitingham

United Way/211

USDA Summer Food Program with WINGS

Vermont Humanities

WINGS Community Programs

Through our membership with MHEC (Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium) we saved \$4,173 in purchases.

OLD HOME WEEK 2026 IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING.

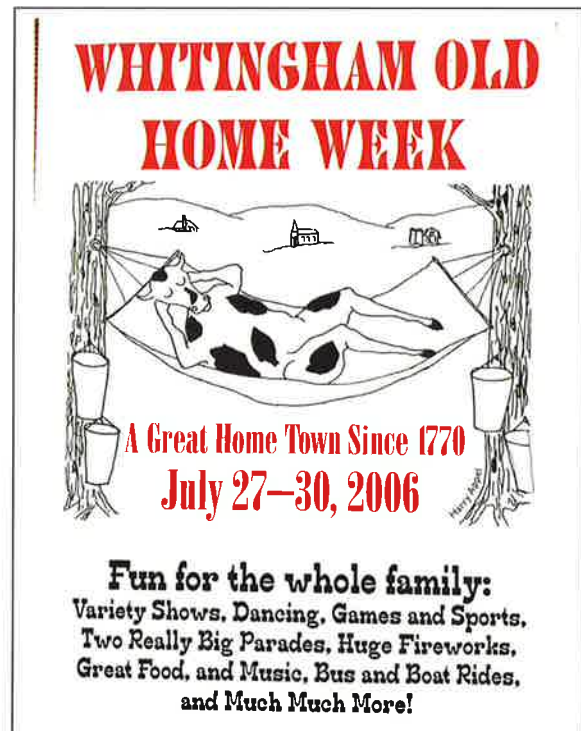
We need LOTS of interested volunteers to make this another spectacular event. To start with we especially need an overall Chairperson(s).

We also need committee chairs for:

- Hospitality
- Food/Paper
- Children's Parade
- Children's Events
- Crafts/Quilts
- Historical Society
- Tractor Pull
- Parade
- Sports
- Dance
- Fireworks
- Variety Show
- Beautification
- etc.

Past experience has taught us that we need to book the bands and Shriners very early.

Please contact Gig at (802) 368-7500 or via email at gig@whitinghamvt.org to join the fun.



PARKS COMMITTEE

The Park's Committee enjoyed an active year!

Eames Village Park in Jacksonville saw a return of activity related to the opening of the local stores and bakery. The small space provides picnic tables, flowers and shade trees creating a great spot for a picnic lunch or gathering in the center of the village. Thanks to Tyson Dix for keeping the grass mowed at the Municipal Center and Eames Park.

The town sponsors summer flowers at these locations: Municipal Center, Eames Village Park, Jacksonville Church, welcome sign and bridge in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Pond bridge, Town Hill, Sadawga Lake Bridge, and Whitingham Church/Historical Society. The planting and continuous care take a lot of volunteers! Thanks to all those who help out - including Tanya Bernard for assuming care for the Jacksonville Pond bridge flowers and thanks to Pete Bernard for helping to get the planters in place and cleaned up at the end of the season.

Town Hill Park realized some important improvements this year! The perimeter brush was cut back around the playground. Several worn playground pieces were removed, and two new playground structures were installed. The stone retaining wall in front of the memorial monuments was also replaced. Another memorial monument was built creating an attractive setting to honor all who have served. The parking area on the playground side of the road was also paved during the Town Hill Road paving project. A solar light was installed on top of the flagpole to assure the flag is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The electrical power to the building was repaired. As a reminder, a Wi-Fi hotspot is available for public use.

Town Hill Park continues to be an important and historical asset where the community can gather. Sunrise Easter service, Memorial Day Service, Green-up Day, Hungry Lion Bike Tour, local softball tournaments, picnics and spectacular sunsets all happen on Town Hill!

Future plans include a fence protecting the generator and propane tank, placement of boulders along the perimeter to protect the green spaces, brush cutback around the ball field, replacement of picnic tables and grills, continued development of the playground, and a pavilion type expansion of the building.

Special thanks to all who pitched in this year: Deerfield Property Maintenance and Mike Stevens for building the stone wall and installing playground equipment, Joseph Saladino and Duff Brown for erecting the new memorial monument, Donnie Boyd for mowing the grass around the ballfield, Nate Felton for removing trees, Bolognani softball tournament for the ball field maintenance and the Town Highway Crew for removing the old stone wall, grading the parking area and for the new paving. Gig, Almira, and the Selectboard for their continued guidance and support.

*Seth Boyd, Lyndsey Bushey-Hesselbach, Erin Lackey,
Carol Millett, Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom, and Elizabeth Weber*

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Whitingham Planning Commission met five times in 2022. Most of those meetings focused around the Town Plan; reviewing the recommendations in it to determine if any need to be addressed. We worked with the Zoning Administrator to address a zoning issue on Parsons Road and the Chair and ZA met with the property owner. We supported the ZA in filing a flood plain zoning violation against a property on VT Route 8A.

In the coming year(s) we will be updating the Town Plan including the Land Use maps. If you are interested in this project, we have one official opening on the Planning Commission and can make room for more helpers. Contact Gig at (802) 368-7500 or via email if you are interested.

Brad Lackey, Chair; Peter Barus, Clerk; Keith Thompson, and Linda Donaghue

Special thanks goes out to Brad Lackey for his **TWENTY YEARS** of service on the Planning Commission in 2023!!

thank
you!

SELECTBOARD

In 2022 we accepted the resignation of Chris Walling and welcomed Robin Kingsley back on the board in his stead.

We held 25 regular meetings, 8 special meetings, and 1 emergency meeting in calendar year 2022.

ATVs were a controversial topic in 2022. We updated our ATV ordinance in April to allow use on Lone Pine Road, we already had approved of Bosley Hill Road, Tunnel Street and Freezing Hole Road. The ATV club came back and asked for a system of roads to get from Lone Pine to Jacksonville Village. That caused quite an uproar. The club pulled their request. At this time we are not aware of any plans to move forward with their expansion into Whitingham. Rest assured, we heard your complaints!

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

- Continued oversight of the sewer improvement project – see Sewer Department report for more information
- Continued oversight management of the Transfer Station, unfortunately we had to raise the rates - see Transfer Station report for more information
- Oversaw improvements at Town Hill including a new retaining wall and adding to the Veterans Memorial monument so it looks more cohesive.
- Continued our efforts to sue the State of Vermont over their education funding methods - see Education Funding Litigation report.
- Approved cell tower lease buy-out. Rather than receiving a monthly lease payment we accepted a payout of \$270,000 for use of the land behind the Transfer Station. \$18,000 will be appropriated for the 23/24 budget and the balance will be addressed with Articles 34 and 35 on the Warning to set up a special fund and appropriate \$18,000 each year to the General Fund until the balance is expended.
- Held a public hearing for the proposed flood hazard mitigation project at the Municipal Center - see Flood Hazard Mitigation report.
- Worked with NEMRC to propose changes to equalized property values in hopes of lowering the value enough to avoid a full town wide reappraisal. Unfortunately, it was not enough. The reappraisal will begin in 2023.
- Accepted \$320,164.67 of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds as “revenue replacement using the standard allowance”. Article 33 on the Warning asks the voters to appropriate those funds into a new “Grant Match Fund”. Just about every grant we apply for requires a 20% local match so this new fund would provide that match.
- Adopted an updated Purchasing Policy
- Adopted an updated Traffic Ordinance to set a speed limit on the entire length of Parsons Road at 35mph.

- Accepted a proposal from Stevens & Associates at a cost of \$18,400 for a conceptual review of a new highway garage on the existing lot in its existing location to look at options available due to site constraints.
- Updated contract with Wilmington Police to provide patrol coverage in Whitingham for \$14,000 for the fiscal year 22/23.

We offer our thanks to:

Wayne W. Wood for conducting our HHW collection event.

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

Claudia Greene, clipper of newspaper articles and proofreader of this Annual Report.

Members of town committees.

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

We appreciate the opportunity to serve as Selectboard members

Scott M. Reed, Chair

James Weber, Vice Chair

Greg Brown

Craig Hammer

Robin Kingsley

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## Get outside on Green Up Day, May 6th.

We know it isn't your litter, but Vermont needs our help to be beautiful! Pick up your free Green Up supplies from your Volunteer Town Coordinator and spend an hour or two picking up litter around your town. It makes a huge difference, and it feels great to give back to your community.

### Be *safe* on Green Up Day.

- Tie your trash bag closed when full – keep your good work in the bag!
- Wear long pants and boots and always check your body for ticks.
- If you see a needle or sharp material –do not put it in your bag with the other trash. Put it in a thick plastic container, clearly mark "DO NOT RECYCLE" and duct tape the lid on, then put it into the regular trash. Visit [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov) for further information.
- Road Caution – Always work facing oncoming traffic.
- Wear gloves.
- Report your trash pickup stats to your town coordinator.

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The year 2022 brought us some progress on our sewer improvements project. A bid to replace the main process equipment in both plants was accepted. The winning (and only) bidder was Kingsbury Construction with a cost of \$3,506,300. Engineering costs for this phase of the project are \$385,781 bringing the total construction costs to \$3,892,081. The cost to rebid the project was \$41,516. As you may recall, the initial bid came in at \$4,696,200 which was \$781,200 over the voted bond amount. The project had to be rescoped and rebid.

Once the new bid was accepted the job was immediately shut down because the contractor only has 365 days to complete the project. With post-pandemic supply chain issues, the shutdown allows them to order and receive the process equipment. Actual construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023.

During a pre-bid site visit to the Whitingham plant it was discovered that much of the riverbank behind the building had eroded away. Immediate repairs had to be made in order to keep the building stable and to get the work done before the water rose too high. Our **great thanks** for the quick response and job well done by A&S Logging, Bill Hunt, our town crew and Selectboard members who helped. Also, to Great River Hydro for allowing us to use their property for staging.

In 2022 our Sewer Plant Chief Operator restructured his job. He is now working part time with a smaller salary, only doing tasks required to keep the town's and his licensing. A job opening for a 30-hour per week Sewer Plant Assistant to cover all the tasks he is no longer doing was advertised. We had one applicant, Laurie Brown. Welcome!

In December 2022 we were notified that our project won Bernie Sander's Congressionally Directed Spending of \$1,000,000.00. See the press release inside of back cover.

**Reminder:** don't flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper into the sewer system. We recently had to have some of the lines pumped to clear a blockage at a cost of \$5,800. That expense gets passed on to the sewer users.



New retaining wall behind the Whitingham Sewer Plant as seen from the boat launch.

**TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

|                                          |           |                     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JULY 1, 2021      | \$        | 102,699.37          |
| ABATEMENT                                | \$        | -                   |
| TAXES BILLED FOR TAX YEAR 2021 (FY 2022) | \$        | 6,410,612.81        |
| <b>TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED</b>             | <b>\$</b> | <b>6,513,312.18</b> |
|                                          |           |                     |
| TAXES COLLECTED (Current)                | \$        | 6,330,345.87        |
| TAXES COLLECTED (Delinquent)             | \$        | 101,933.01          |
| DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022     | \$        | 81,033.30           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$</b> | <b>6,513,312.18</b> |

**Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.**

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January 5, 2023

Selectboard  
Town of Whitingham, Vermont  
2948 VT Rte 100  
Jacksonville, Vermont 05342

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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

*Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.*

Members of The American Institute and Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants

# DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

| <u>Parcel ID</u>              | <u>NAME</u>                                  | <u>TAX YEARS</u>    |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 09-0945-                      | AQUINO RAMON A. & KIM R.                     | 2021                |
| 06-0043-                      | BERKSHIRE PROPERTY SERVICES LLC              | 2021                |
| 06-0363-03                    | BERNARD, SARAH J.                            | 2021                |
| 06-J035-                      | BETIT, CLAIRE                                | 2021                |
| 06-J034-                      | BOYD, JUSTIN                                 | 2021                |
| 05-0119-                      | BOYD, KENT                                   | 2021                |
| 05-0132-                      | BOYD, THOMAS                                 | 2021                |
| 05-0300-                      | BROCHU, KEVIN & DEBORAH                      | 2021                |
| 12-1181                       | BUTTERFIELD, CARL, ET. AL.                   | 2021                |
| 06-0362-02                    | CRAWFORD, KRISTY                             | 2021                |
| 05-0122-                      | DIX, DOUGLAS & LAURIE                        | 2021                |
| 05-0261-                      | ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE LLC                    | 2021                |
| 08-0622-                      | FOOTE, JOHN P.                               | 2021                |
| 05-0163-                      | GOUIN, ANDREW A.                             | 2021                |
| 06-0498                       | GREEN REAL ESTATE (WALLACE, CALVIN, ET. A.L) | 2021                |
| 12-1122                       | HARRIS, JOHN W., JASON J., & AMANDA          | 2021                |
| 03-0038-                      | HERZIG, NORMAN & JENNIFER                    | 2021                |
| 12-1101-01                    | HOLT, JOHN H.                                | 2021                |
| 09-0949                       | KRASTINS, BRYAN                              | 2021                |
| 12-1128-                      | KRZEMINSKI, HELEN                            | 2021                |
| 09-0832                       | LOCKHART, JAMES & BARBARA                    | 2021                |
| 12-1152-01                    | MCHUGH, BARBARA & WILLIAM                    | 2020 & 2021         |
| 08-0689-01                    | MINEAU, WAYNE                                | 2021                |
| 06-0337                       | NORTON, JOSEPH & YOLA                        | 2021                |
| 05-0159-02                    | NSSI LLC                                     | 2021                |
| 05-0094-                      | PELOSI, ROBERT A.                            | 2021                |
| 06-J041-                      | PERRY, KEVIN L. & APRIL L.                   | 2021                |
| 05-0237                       | PHELPS, CARLINE E, ESTATE OF                 | 2021                |
| 12-1139                       | PHELPS, JOEL                                 | 2021                |
| 09-0875                       | RANSLOW, ADAM C. & HOLLY B.                  | 2021                |
| 08-0828-03                    | REYNOLDS, BERNARD R.                         | 2021                |
| 09-0963                       | SALVATORE, JOSEPH & JOANNE                   | 2020 & 2021         |
| 08-0747                       | SAMPIERI, KENNETH                            | 2021                |
| 03-0035-                      | SANDELLA, JOHN                               | 2020 & 2021         |
| 08-0640                       | SHARKEVICH, GARY ALLAN, JR.                  | 2021                |
| 05-0076                       | SOLSKY, MICHAEL LINDA                        | 2021                |
| 06-0356                       | STM REAL ESTATE, LLC                         | 2021                |
| 12-0997-                      | URBAN SURF 4 KIDS                            | 2021                |
| 05-0285-01                    | VIERA, SANDRA M. & ALFANI, PAOLA             | 2021                |
| 05-0087-                      | WATERS, RICHARD C. J.                        | 2021                |
| 05-0297-                      | WOLFE, JONATHAN K.                           | 2021                |
| DELINQUENT TAXES 2020         |                                              | \$ 766.36           |
| DELINQUENT TAXES 2021         |                                              | \$ 80,266.94        |
| <b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b> |                                              | <b>\$ 81,033.30</b> |

## **Town of Whitingham Annual Report Fiscal Year 7/1/2021-06/30/2022**

### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

The Town Clerk's office oversees all land documents, vital records and town records as required by Vermont Statutes. Other duties include election preparation and results, voter checklist maintenance, voter registration, clerk and voting member of the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement, issuing marriage licenses, liquor licenses, dog licenses, Green Mountain Passports, sale of transfer station stickers and tokens, oaths of officers, and serves as notary public

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the uptick in new cases when it was time to decide how to handle the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, the Selectboard voted to err on the side of caution and chose to conduct the meeting entirely by Australian ballot. There was a total of 981 registered voters on the checklist, of which 266 voted. It was sad not to see everyone at town meeting, but we were thankful that the Selectboard made voter safety a top priority. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the town meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Vital Statistics records that were issued and or filed in the Town of Whitingham for calendar year 2022: 16 Births, 11 Deaths, and 6 Marriage Licenses. Betty Appel's death is included in the death record count. Betty was 100 at the time of her death.

There were 287 dog licenses issued in 2022. We 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 needed. When licensing your dog(s), you must present a current rabies certificate and a certificate of spaying/neutering.

There were 554 land records which totaled 1721 pages, 116 property transfer tax returns, and 4 survey maps that were recorded, indexed, and scanned. The records included real estate transfer deeds, mortgages, discharges, power of attorney, etc.

There were two requests to the Board of Abatement and those requests will be heard in early January 2023. I would like to thank the boards which consist of the Selectboard and Justices of the Peace for all their time given for these hearings as well as the time they give during the election process. It went very smoothly.

In September, the town clerk attended a two-day conference for the Vermont Municipal Clerk's and Treasurer's Association which was held at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. I can't express how thankful I am to be able to spend time with my fellow town clerks and treasurers.

We said goodbye to longtime resident, educator, friend, and past Justice of the Peace Vanda Warner. Vanda served as a Justice of the Peace for more than 30 years and I am beyond thankful to have had her sitting beside me at several of the annual town meetings as the Chair of the Board of Civil Authority, her dedication to the democratic process, and for being my friend. Vanda will be greatly missed.

A huge thank you to Marylee Putnam for serving as assistant clerk, assistant treasurer, and bookkeeper for many years. It is comforting to know the office is in good hands when I am not there.

As always, I wish you a very Happy and Health New Year! See you at the town meeting.

Best,



Town Clerk



## TRANSFER STATION

The post-pandemic economy has forced some changes at the Transfer Station recently. The cost of hauling away all things has more than doubled. In the past we were paid for paper and containers recycling but now we pay more for that per ton than we do for garbage. These increased costs forced us to increase the per-bag price and the cost of the annual permit/sticker. Permits can only be purchased at the town clerk's office because we had some trouble with out-of-towners using our facility. We'd appreciate if you would also purchase your punch cards at the clerk's office as well to avoid the attendant having to deal with cash.

Our best wishes continue to be with **Jennifer Herzig**. Our gratitude to **Dave Munson** for stepping up and begrudgingly taking over as Transfer Station attendant in Jen's absence. He pointed out that the attendant never has two days off in a row. To alleviate that problem, we closed the Transfer Station on Sundays for the foreseeable future. Welcome **Larry Davis**, our new attendant.

The share shed/swap shop has been closed and cleaned out. Please bring your useable items to Twice Blessed or another thrift shop for reuse.

We offer great thanks to our former Selectboard Chair, **Wayne W. Wood**, for coming back to town to oversee our Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. Due to his training certificates his services saved the town thousands of dollars for this required event.

Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held in May and October of 2023. Whenever possible we recommend you choose non-toxic alternatives. Select the least toxic products available and buy only the amount you need to use.

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

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.

If you have any questions or concerns please Gig at 368-7500 or via email [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

### Recycling Matters!

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

276 trees

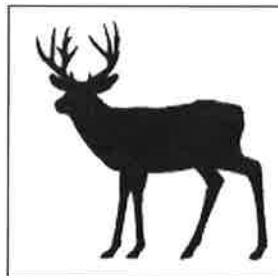
6,214 gallons of oil

638,007 hours of electricity

83,265 gallons of water

by our municipal recycling in 2022.

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/footprint/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/footprint/)



Deer carcasses don't go in the landfill. Please dispose of them properly!

# TRANSFER STATION HELP WANTED



We need a backup Transfer Station Attendant to cover when the regular attendant is not available, and possibly to cover all Sundays (if we reopen on Sundays). Contact Gig at (802) 368-7500 or via email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org) if you are interested.

## WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The WRC receives most of its funding through performance-based grants and/or contracts. Town assessments constitute a small but very important percentage of funding (typically 5 percent of total budget in a given year). For the 2022 fiscal year, the WRC's total budget of approximately \$1.5 million dollars was derived from 53% regional project grant funding, 11% town technical assistance funding, 29% percent state performance-based contract funding, and 7% from town assessments.

The WRC works in the areas of assistance to towns on planning and zoning; regional plans; transportation including bike, pedestrian & transit; community development including block grant support; energy; project review; natural resources; GIS mapping support for towns; and all-hazards emergency planning. Each member town appoints two commissioners, who represent that town's interest in regional affairs. Of the total budget, \$356,000, about 24%, will be expended on grants (brownfields, Windham Wood Heat) or consultant services (brownfields, regional plan update, Windham Wood Heat).

The vast majority of the WRC's revenue sources are tied to contracts with specific scopes of work, guidelines and/or performance measures that are negotiated between all of the state's 11 regional planning commissions and the state agency that manages the funds and/or program in question. Whitingham has received assistance with the town plan and bylaws, flood hazard and river corridor bylaws, transportation system inventories (road erosion, bridge and culvert, signs, etc.), to name a few. This assistance, especially with the town plan, was timely and valuable, as it allowed the development of an updated plan and zoning regulation to maintain continuity in a time of great changes in the region and indeed the world.

In 2022 the WRC provided a finalized culvert inventory and provided maps and data to the town; a traffic speeds summary; grants-in-aid work (pre-construction site visits with Whitingham, scoping report and maps); Whitingham engineering consultants' (MSK) Scoping Report review for the Jacksonville flood resilience project and grant requirements; a review of the draft Municipal Planning Grant application prepared by the Town; and discussed the Wastewater Infrastructure Program (WISPr) and Whitingham Clean Water Projects.

John Bennett retired from the WRC on September 30th after more than 20 years of service as Associate Director, and was indispensable in the process of updating the Town Plan and other Planning Commission projects.

*Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, WRC Commissioner*

Jenepher Burnell also serves as a WRC Commissioner.

## **ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR**

In 2022 I reviewed 53 zoning permits (8 more than last year). One application was denied. Of the 52, seven were for new dwellings. As usual most of the applications were for garages or other storage buildings.

Most people respond to a friendly request for compliance with the Zoning Regulations, but in 2022 this office, with the Selectboard, pursued a zoning violation in the Flood Zone, which requires attorney assistance to take it through the court system. It's on ongoing process.

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 2022 the ZBA met for two public hearings.

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

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## DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNITY CARES

This winter of 2021/22 was strange – not as much snow as usual, but a lot of wind and freezing rain or ice to contend with, and some isolated, really cold days and nights. The price of every kind of fuel went up considerably. Fortunately, there were plenty of jobs available for those who could work.

DVCC was able to help 57 families in the valley this winter. The breakdown of numbers was as follows: Wilmington 15, Whitingham 11, Dover, 11 Jacksonville 8, Marlboro 4, Wardsboro 3, Searsburg 2, Halifax 2 and Readsboro 1. Tot total amount of money we spent was \$55,161.00.

As usual, we received some generous help from those people who usually try to donate to the fund. Most of the towns within the valley contributed, as well as many of the local businesses and civic organizations. The members of the Propane Dover fuel buying group were again responsible for our biggest donations, and we are grateful to all of those who were able to help. Your generosity is responsible for helping less fortunate families in our community to stay warm and comfortable throughout the winter.

As far as fund-raising for next winter (22/23), we are sorry to say that for the third year, the Best Dam Walk/Run will not be held. There are just not enough people who have the time to volunteer for the amount of work that is required to run this event anymore. We hope to be able to come up with an event, or perhaps several events, that will help us raise money going forward. In the meantime, our regular appeal letter will be coming out in July, and we will continue to apply for whatever grants we can find and hope for positive results.

On a personal note, after nineteen years with the DVCC, I will be handing over the management at the end of this year to Kristin Mumford and Kevin Ryan. They live in Dover and have graciously offered to take it over. When fall approaches we will publish their contact numbers in the Valley News and provide their information to the fuel companies we must deal with. I am sure they will continue to serve the community well. I thank you for the opportunity to have worked with many of you, and hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

*Sue Spengler*

Director  
Deerfield Valley Community Cares Fund

## Neighbors helping neighbors

## Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 28th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We are fortunate to have incredibly dedicated staff including Jen Nilsen, Shelley Park and newly hired Tucker Boyd on our team. 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 (parent education & tips), Parenting During the Pandemic Talk-Track-Secure.
- *Trainings:* Annual Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors.
- *Community Events:* Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes); Summer Family Fun Frenzy Event; and partnered with Wings Community Programs on Hike 100 and Winter Place.
- *Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.
- *Partnering with Voices of Hope:* Provided funding. Work included education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; Narcan education to businesses and community members; information regarding addiction and opioids; and access to resources.

### School Activities:

- *Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (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 programs to support students to quit vaping or smoking.
- *Presentations/Speakers:* 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.

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

DVCP holds meetings every other month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. The DVCP office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

For more information: 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



## **Deerfield Valley Communications Union District 2022 Year in Review**

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District's (DVCUD, dba DVFiber) accomplishments in 2022 include:

- Developing its working partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, ME;
- Receiving an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant for \$4.1 million for pre-construction activities such as high-level design, final design and engineering, pole studies, and a "make ready" process;
- Receiving a second ARPA grant for \$21.9 million to fund the construction of 513 miles of fiber optic cable capable of connecting up to two-thirds of the more than 7,700 unserved and underserved addresses in our communications union district (CUD);
- Contracting with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) to manage our grant reporting because these grants require specific and detailed reports to the Vermont Communications Broadband Board (VCBB);
- Adding an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Governing Board for quicker decision making because the pace and volume of work have increased significantly. Also for that reason, we hired Gabrielle Ciuffreda of Guilford to be full-time executive director and anticipate hiring additional administrative support in the 2023 budget.

### **Thank You**

We are grateful to the Select Boards of all our member towns for their continued support and for appointing capable and dedicated representatives and alternates who have committed not just their talents but thousands of hours of their time to bring us to this point of construction. These volunteers serve the public on DVFiber's Governing Board and its working committees (Operations, Communications, and Finance and Audit Committees). This committee structure is key to keeping us on track as we do our work. These volunteers are the foundation of DVFiber's success as your community-owned and -operated high-speed fiber optic Internet service provider.

Our commitment from the beginning has been to ensure that all on-grid homes and businesses in our municipal district have access to the 21st century technology that will be the basis for our continued growth and prosperity. This means not just availability of the technology but to be sure that affordability is not an obstacle to customer access and use.

For more information and to follow the latest developments and learn more about DVFiber, be sure to sign up for DVFiber's newsletter at [dvfiber.net](http://dvfiber.net).

Contact Phil Edelstein, Lauren Fitzpatrick, and Keith Thompson if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get involved. They can be reached at [whitingham@dvfiber.net](mailto:whitingham@dvfiber.net).

## DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry remained open throughout our 2021-2022 year with the use of curbside delivery distribution method as well as normal distribution method as COVID-19 levels rose and fell throughout the year. We continue to provide a week's worth of supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need.

All customers are given non-perishable staples, health care items, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution. All families are offered the same items, and the amount is based on family size. Special offerings round out the distributions when available and include items like bake mixes, seasonal items and gift cards at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an increase in monetary donations. Although we agreed not to accept donations of food, thankfully, we have had enough funds to purchase all the items on the pick list for our customers. Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds donated to us.

The Board of Directors is unsure of when Fundraising activities will resume. Former events included an August Motorcycle Ride, a Fill-The-Bus event in the fall and a Holiday Concert. For this reason, **donations from all available sources are greatly appreciated.**

Our numbers have continued to decrease slightly during 2021 and 2022 both in numbers of families and numbers of people served. We attribute this change to other food resources made available through federal pandemic-related funding and other unknown reasons. We have always been busy and open to serve those who need us.

Local dedicated volunteers distribute the food to our customers. We do our best to have a friendly atmosphere, clean, safe buildings to work in and welcome any interested person to contact a member of our Board of Directors to join us.

Respectfully submitted

*Evon Mack*

President





Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 16 volunteers four full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 925 calls as of December 31<sup>ST</sup> 2022 of which 124 were in the town of Whitingham.

This past year has once again been a very challenging year for us. Our volunteer ranks are shrinking and the cost of operating continues to rise. The nation's EMS system is facing a crippling work force shortage. In 2021 we had 16,554 volunteer hours in 2022 we had 11,280 hours. This results in having to pay for the coverage from per-diem outside employees. The Government sets the National fee schedule for ambulances at the first of every year. Ambulance providers must accept this rate as payment in full for services provided to Medicare and Medicaid patients. In 2022 this resulted in \$108,786.61 in Medicare charges and \$61,9763.45 Vermont Medicaid charges being written off for DVR. When fuel prices increased we didn't get an increase in what we could charge we have to absorb this expense. Last year fuel cost was \$7,744.03 this year \$12,772.52.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. This through your town contribution and annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal. 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 information on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,

*DVR*

Connecting Volunteers Age 55 and Older to Service Opportunities in  
Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties

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



volunteer  
*do good, feel good*



## **Green Mountain RSVP - Whitingham Annual Town Report – FY 2022**

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSPV), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who volunteer in their community. GMRSPV helps local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers engaging them in the service of others and helping community partners meet their mission.

Your town's funds help us continue supporting and developing programs for older adults who wish to volunteer. Federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program cover our staff and administrative costs. GMRSPV serves Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties.

Green Mountain RSVP recruits and trains the volunteer instructors for the Bone Builder exercise classes on Mondays and Fridays at the Town Hall, enjoyed by over twenty area residents. The classes resumed in-person meetings in August 2021. Two other Bone Builder groups in Wilmington and Brattleboro have also been providing classes twice a week on zoom since the pandemic started. In addition to supporting the two instructors, we provide all the weights so that residents can attend free of charge. We recruit and train the class instructors and provide technical assistance and continuing education. We are still looking for volunteer instructors to train as walking group leaders. Training through the Arthritis Foundation is available, and a group could meet at the town hall. GMRSPV volunteers help with our Sunshine Card projects which provide many area seniors living alone, on meals-on-wheels routes, or at housing sites with a handmade postcard with a positive message during the winter or for Older Americans Month in May. The GMRSPV volunteer coordinator attends the senior meal to provide information about AARP Tax-Aide, transportation options, Senior Solution programs, and fraud awareness. Three GMRSPV volunteer drivers deliver meals on wheels to area residents and two volunteers help with the community meal each week.

78% of GMRSPV volunteers continued to serve during the pandemic. Programming pivoted to serve the community and focused on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. GMRSPV's recruitment efforts broadened to fill new and existing needs.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Steve Ovenden in Windham County at (802)254-7515 to learn more about GMRSPV and how you can volunteer in Whitingham.

## **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$1,203.00 from the Town of Whitingham at the 2023 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. During FY22, HCRS provided 5,255 hours of services to 35 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.

The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

***Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:*** HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

***Children, Youth, and Families Program:*** We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

***Kindle Farm School:*** Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

***Developmental Services (DS):*** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

***Residential Services:*** HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

***Emergency Services:*** This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially-trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Whitingham for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

# MOO<sub>VER</sub>!

We celebrated our 26th anniversary in 2022. 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. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided almost six million rides since.

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 eleven 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 Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been serving 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 \$5 for each nutritional meal. We have provided approximately 35 meals each Tuesday and Thursday in 2022. We also coordinate the delivery of an average of 140 meals each week for the Meals on Wheels program.

We rely on, and are grateful for, the 7 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, 5 regular volunteer drivers that deliver Meals on Wheels, and 8 on call volunteers

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We receive approximately \$34,000 in State Aide, Senior's individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$37,500 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies, offset by other local charitable support and individual donations.

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' Annual Report to the Town of Whitingham**

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), Windsor 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.

**This is a summary of services provided to Whitingham residents in the last year (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).**

**Information and Assistance:** 56 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources, and obtain assistance with benefits. We also provide assistance 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 website at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** 6 Whitingham residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 20 older adults with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 90.75 hours) to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with adults in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the individual's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes if not for these services. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and assists those facing challenges of abuse, neglect, or exploitation using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 44 residents received 1,791 Meals on Wheels provided by The Dumaine House. We financially supported these home-delivered meals. We have also supported community meals through The Dumaine House and other meal sites in our region, but please note that most community senior meal sites have been closed since the advent of COVID-19.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that we provide to local organizations to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program and does not 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.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Senior Solutions provides volunteers who serve isolated older Vermonters through home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping and other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients.

**Caregiver Respite:** We provide respite assistance through grants for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

**Transportation:** Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for older Vermonters, that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for individuals without Medicaid who require medical transportation.

**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.

*Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Whitingham.*

*Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director*

## **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action 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, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In the community of Whitingham SEVCA has provided the following services during FY2022:

**Weatherization:** 7 homes (23 people) received weatherization services.

**Emergency Heating System Replacements:** 4 homes (7 people) received emergency heating system repairs or replacements.

**Tax Preparation:** 4 households (4 people) received tax credits & refunds totaling \$1,811.

**Family Services / Crisis Resolution:** 13 households (22 people) received 49 services (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Housing Assistance:** 3 households (6 people) received assistance to obtain or stay in sustainable housing.

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 6 households (10 people) received 13 assists.

The combined value of services provided to Whitingham residents exceeded \$49,168.00.

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 Whitingham Town Report March 2023**

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to advance. **SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy.** BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It was developed with input from communities across Southern Vermont, and is available online at [www.sovermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds)

### **Background & Request**

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Whitingham to appropriate \$4,071.00 (based on a population of 1357) to support SeVEDS.**

In 2022, 19 communities, representing over 80% of Windham residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring over **\$8 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and nonprofits.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding.**

### **BDCC Implements SeVEDS-Led Programs for Communities, Small Businesses, and Workforce Development**

- Our **Business Services Team** provides access to technical assistance, microlending, and business succession services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that in 2022 provided career training and support to **550** students in area High Schools. The **Welcoming Communities** program supported **61** New Americans who have filled positions in **19** local companies. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Our **Community Programs** include the **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** and **The Southern Vermont Economy Project**, both of which help towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources.

### **More SeVEDS-Led Programming**

For a deeper overview of our programs in FY22, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). You can download our annual report, or call the office to receive your own copy 802-257-7731 x230. To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects, the Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit [www.sovermontzone.com](http://www.sovermontzone.com).

Our website also features upcoming events and trainings, ongoing programs, and resources. You can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources.



# 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 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 housing 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, umpires, and our concession booth run by parents from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school. Funding for sponsored programs comes from town appropriations, registration fees, concessions, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs. TVYS has installed a concession booth, which was built and donated by Dave Powell at Innovative Construction, that offers food and drinks for the spring baseball season and the fall soccer season. This has been an outstanding addition to our programs. The baseball field has undergone a major facelift with the installation of a new digital scoreboard in left field in the spring of 2022. Justin Corey at JC Electric donated his time and material to install underground power to the scoreboard, as well as a power pedestal for electrical power to the concession booth. TVYS hired Wayside Fences to installed a 5 foot tall and 120 foot long chain link fence along the ditch line to prevent soccer balls from going into Route 100. This has been a huge safety upgrade for our athletes playing soccer. TVYS continues to raise funds to renovate the baseball outfield and soccer field. The scope of the work to be done was provided by Linden Landscapes from Wethersfield, CT, and surveyed by KML Survey and Design from Jacksonville, VT and to date, TVYS has raised approximately \$62,000 towards the goal of \$150,000.

Twin Valley Youth Sports participates in the West River Valley Baseball League. With limited girls participating, we were unable to field a softball team, however, several girls participated in the baseball program. The baseball program had 110 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the West River Baseball League, which included Dummerston, Townshend, Wardsboro, Dover, Putney, and Newbrook.

The basketball program was a success given the strict protocols that needed to be followed for indoor play. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Fran Cunningham. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games amongst themselves, as well as weekly scrimmages against other area teams such as Bennington, Brattleboro, Arlington, and Manchester. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2021/22 was 99.

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. The JWYSL consists of 8 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, 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, as well as do our boys teams. This fall (2022), TVYS fielded a girls 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, 2 boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, a girls 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team and a boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were also divided by gender and these teams continued to build on their skills learned in Pre-k and Kindergarten and practiced 2 days a week and played intra-squad games. The number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2022 was 129.

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.

## Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Windham County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Brattleboro Local Health Office:

**Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease, including protecting communities from COVID-19:** We've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. These collaborations have enabled us to host over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provide over 6,300 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Over the last year, the Brattleboro office has also been holding vaccination clinics in partnership with the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) for people coming from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Central America. Additionally, the Brattleboro office has been working across the region to assure fair and equitable access to COVID test kits, distributing 4,324 individual tests to community members and local partners.

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 19 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

**Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health:** To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment](http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment).

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 907 individuals from July 1, 2021 - June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. This includes services to new Vermonters from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Central America. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 56% percent of students in Windham County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

**Promoted health in all policies:** Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.



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. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 42 homeowners by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assist 41 new homeowners in 2022 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 140 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 40 Active projects spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties with 45 potential projects and awaiting shovel-readiness. Our Housing Retention Program has assisted renters and homeowners impacted by Covid in stabilizing their housing with access to relief funding.

**Housing Development:** WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meets the diverse housing needs of a community. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. The Bellows Falls Garage, slated of open at the end of March '23, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is proposed to create 25 new homes within the village and awaits the end of the appeal process. This year, WWHT worked on deep retrofits and renovations on 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades. The Central & Main development in downtown Windsor is entering into the permitting phase at the beginning of 2023.

**Property Management:** WWHT owns 878 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments with 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's VERAP program before it closed in the Fall of '22. We've expanded our supportive services capacity through participating in the SASH For All program, connecting residents of all ages to critical resources to meet their self-driven health and well-being goals. 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.

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# The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

## 2022 Annual Report

After focusing over 2 years on fundraising and distributing pet food to food insecure pet families across the state during the pandemic, VDART teams have started to pivot back to in-person meetings and trainings in preparation for the active storm season that has begun.



WinDART volunteers participated in several community events this summer promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan. Thanks to a generous donation from State Farm, we distributed 300 free go-bags at the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival Market & Music event, the Wilmington Antique and Flea Market, the Windham County Humane Society's Walk for Animals, and the Wilmington Trunk or Treat. The dog and cat themed nylon bags serve as a 'starter kit' for pet owners to assemble essential disaster supplies for their pets, and include a first aid kit, leash, collapsible bowls, and a few other items to help them get started.



WinDART organized a free Emergency Animal Sheltering workshop for new and current volunteers on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Training Matters in West Brattleboro. The course, which is a pre-requisite for VDART volunteer responders, covered small animal behavior and handling (dogs and cats) and our emergency shelter set-up protocols. It culminated with a mock shelter set-up exercise that allowed us to practice these skills in a real-life setting.

WinDART Board Chair Joanne Bourbeau joined the president of DART Command Central (DART CC) to speak and table at the annual Vermont Emergency Management Agency conference held in Killington in September. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak to local and state emergency managers and our partners in first response across the state on VDART's mission and capabilities, along with a new app being developed by DART CC to streamline sheltering protocols and data management. Our virtual presentation, Using technology to Improve Emergency Pet Sheltering During Disasters, can be viewed on YouTube at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=479iEGtggaM&list=PLkV2VZBHkd08eF1tz56yQyNt0sGDleJ67&index=9>.



WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Dover, Halifax, Newfane, Wilmington, and Whitingham, who once again appropriated money from their annual town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities.

***To learn more about our work go to [VermontDART.org](https://VermontDART.org)***



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

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), 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, between, 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 a project that is 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 town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2022 has been a busy year. We continued assisting towns with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) management and deliberation about how to use these funds. We successfully applied for Congressionally directed spending (an earmark) through Senator Sanders to collaborate with Green Mountain Power to assist towns with planning for greater electricity resiliency in the event of grid instability or outages using renewable energy and battery storage. This project will get underway in 2023. We are developing a report for the Windham Region Seniors' Health Collaborative, which seeks to prepare the region for the needs of our rapidly growing senior population. Our Brownfields program continues to assist with the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites, and we continue to assist our towns with flood mitigation, water quality, and habitat restoration projects.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. 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 \$3,432.89. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), 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.

Wings Community Programs has enjoyed another wonderful year serving Whitingham youth and families through the provision of after-school and summer programming. The TVMHS Wings Staff is excited to welcome Leanne Inderieden on board as the new site coordinator as of August 2022. Wings is incredibly appreciative of the dedication and commitment of Shelley Park in her role as site coordinator for the past 7 years at TVMHS. Sage Myska and Jill Sachs continue to work hard as TVES Wings co-site coordinators to offer an enriching after-school program at TVES. Wings would also like to express sincere gratitude to all of the talented and invested program leaders and tutors who have planned, prepared, and led engaging, high-quality after-school and summer programs.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 2021-2022 school year, 129 TVMHS youth and 120 TVES youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling 11,312 student hours at TVMHS and 12,499 student hours at TVES.
- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the 2021-2022 school year prioritizing student-led programming. As a result, Wings was invited to collaborate with Vermont Afterschool to design and write the Youth Led Programming Guidebook to be used as a model for other after-school projects across the state. TVES students enjoyed participating in programs led by their own grade-level peers including Language Club, during which students learned Spanish and ASL. TVMHS students had the opportunity to work on career-readiness skills through Wings' Work Based Training Program during which students were employed through Wings to lead after school programs to younger students with a mentor adult.
- Whitingham students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: Circus Minimus, Girls on the Run, Dungeons & Dragons, Performing Arts, and Jr. Iron Chef, just to name a few of our most popular programs!
- Wings hosted a virtual family outreach program, "Wings Community Cooks" on Wednesday evenings in March and April in partnership with DVCP's "Dinner Together" initiative. Local chefs ZOOMed us into their kitchens while families cooked delicious family dinners alongside from home.
- TVES and TVMHS youth filled 147 Wings summer camp 2022 slots enjoying a summer of fun, connection, and joy! Thirty-one TVES & TVMHS students performed in the Wings' performing arts production "Chasing Midnight: The Untold Story of a Wish and Star." Seventy-nine TVES students, grades K-5, participated in Celebrate Summer & Stepping Stones camp. Twenty-four TVMHS students kayaked, swam, hiked, and spent time adventuring outside during the Outdoor Adventures camp. Sixteen TVES & TVMHS students participated in Wings Readsboro Summer Fun camp. Five TVES students participated in the Wings Halifax Summer Fun camp. Seventeen TVMHS students honed their golf skills during the Wings Summer Golf Program in partnership with Mount Snow Golf Club. Twenty Whitingham students utilized the summer bus transportation to access the Celebrate Summer camp.
- Wings partnered with the Whitingham Free Public Library and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to offer additional summer camp programs during the summer 2022. Eighteen TVES youth participated in these additional camp offerings during which the library campers explored the wonders of the ocean through interactive story times, morning meetings and sharing, arts and crafts, cooking and outdoor exploration, and the museum campers met live animals, explored the trails and learned from experts about native wildlife and rehabilitative services for animals in the area!
- Wings and DVCP are partnering on the Quality Youth Development Project (QYD), a new project that gives our youth a say in creating a community where young people can thrive.

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.

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Jill Sachs & Sage Myska

TVMHS Site Coordinator - Leanne Inderieden

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

## WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

### Statement of Services

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### Report to the Town of Whitingham

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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,800 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 128 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 **936 people** (546 women, 3 non-binary individuals, 18 men, and 369 children) who had been abused. These figures include 4 survivors and their 2 children from Whitingham. In addition, we provided 38 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 600 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**

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

### **March 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium at 4299 VT Route 100, in said Town, on March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

#### **Article 1**

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, of **\$740,771.00** of which **\$323,476.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$260,332.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$156,963.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 2**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$126,826.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 3**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 5**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Reappraisal Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 6**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the continuing support of ambulance operations by Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 7**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Cares, an organization that provides fuel assistance for those not on state aid?

#### **Article 8**

Shall the voters 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 9**

Shall the voters 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 10**

Shall the voters 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 11**

Shall the voters 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 12**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$46,000.00**, or any other amount, of which **\$500.00** to be appropriated from the General Fund (donation received) and **\$45,500.00** to be raised in taxes, to expand and remodel the picnic pavilion at Town Hill Common?

#### **Article 13**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to offset the cost of providing Senior Meals, to Terrie Dumaine, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley?

#### **Article 14**

Shall the voters 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 15**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) to assist Whitingham in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance, weatherization, tax preparation, financial coaching, Head Start services, thrift stores, and micro business development, to families and individuals in need in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

#### **Article 16**

Shall the voters 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 17**

Shall the voters 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 18**

Shall the voters 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 19**

Shall the voters 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 20**

Shall the voters 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 21**

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

#### **Article 22**

Shall the voters authorize **\$92,294.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 with **\$76,266.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,925.00** in anticipated grants and donations and **\$2,103.00** appropriated from prior year fund balance?

#### **Article 23**

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 24**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$23,450.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 with **\$22,250.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,200.00** in anticipated revenue?

#### **Article 25**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,563,829.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 of which **\$1,162,380.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$134,411.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$267,038.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 26**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support economic development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 27**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 28**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 29**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024?

#### **Article 30**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 for continued maintenance?

#### **Article 31**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$5,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026?

### **Article 32**

Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Grant Match Fund to be used to pay required local match on grant awards in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

### **Article 33**

Shall the voters appropriate \$320,164.57 as a result of funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), or any other amount, to the Grant Match Fund?

### **Article 34**

Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Cell Tower Fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

### **Article 35**

Shall the voters appropriate \$252,000.00, or any other amount, as a result of the cell tower lease buyout, to the Cell Tower Fund, to be used to offset the General Fund by \$18,000.00 per year until the balance is expended?

### **Article 36**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2023 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 37**

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?

The following article will be voted by Australian ballot:

### **Article 38**

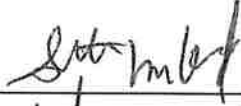
To elect all Town Officers required by law, e.g.:

- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Road Commissioner for a term of three years
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years

**Polls open from 10am to 7pm at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium, 4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT.**

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 25th day of January 2023 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

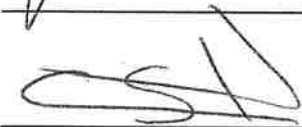
Scott M. Reed, Chair



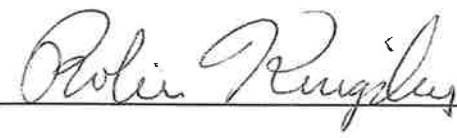
James Weber, Vice Chair



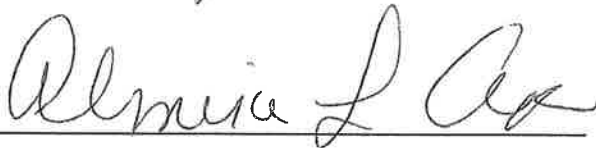
Greg Brown, Member



Craig Hammer, Member



Robin Kingsley, Member



Attest: Almira Aekus, Town Clerk

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
This 26 day of JAN A.D. 2023 at  
09 o'clock 00 minutes A M. and  
Recorded in Vol. 12 at Page 320  
of TOWN RECORDS  
Attest Almira Aekus Town Clerk

## **DRAFT PRESS RELEASE**

**(missing quote from Senator Sanders)**

### **Senator Bernie Sanders secures \$1 Million in Government Funding Omnibus for Whitingham sewer plants.**

WHITINGHAM, VT, January 25, 2023 Whitingham has two aging sewer plants that are 20 years beyond their life expectancy. In 2018 the Jacksonville plant was temporarily shut down by the state due to failing equipment. Since that time the town has been working with the state and engineers to ensure all the proper upgrades and improvements are made in a fiscally responsible way for the sewer users, most of whom are on fixed incomes.

In an act of desperation Gig Zboray, Whitingham's Selectboard Office Administrator, applied for Sander's Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) in hopes of securing funds to cover the balance of the sewer upgrades project. Before the pandemic engineers estimated the entire project at \$3.9M, that amount was approved by the voters. The one and only bid that came in after the pandemic started was just under \$4.7M. The project was rescoped to pare it down to only replacing the process equipment, leaving the buildings and sewer lines in a decrepit state. With this CDS funding Whitingham will be able to repair those items and purchase backup power generators as required making the two sewer plants ready for service for 20 years or more. Ms. Zboray noted, "I am so excited that this is happening for Whitingham! Bernie's staff was very helpful in the process."

These infrastructure upgrades are important for clean water, economic development, and housing in Vermont.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**  
**will be scheduled for**  
**May and October**  
**at the Whitingham Transfer Station,**  
**look for fliers for more information.**

**TOWN MEETING and ELECTION POLLS**  
**will be at the**

**Twin Valley Middle/High School,**  
**4299 VT Route 100**  
**Whitingham, VT**

**on**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**

**TOWN MEETING STARTS AT 10am**

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 10am to 7pm**

**Informational meeting regarding the budget and**  
**town report will be held on February 22 during**  
**regular Selectboard meeting starting at 6:30pm.**

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

**There will be a Veterinary Clinic at the Readsboro Town Office/School on**  
**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.**

**Rabies shot \$25, microchipping \$50, distemper/parvovirus \$25,**  
**flea & tick treatment & heartworm prevention also available .**

**Please keep your dogs leashed!**