

# *169th* **ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the 12 months ended June 30, 2023**



New sewer equipment in background. In foreground are three representatives from Kingsbury Construction; two engineers from Weston & Sampson; Dave DiCantio, our prior sewer plant operator; Gig Zboray, and Scott Reed.

The financial information in this report has been fully vetted by an independent auditing firm. Detailed financial questions will not be addressed at Town Meeting but can be answered before or after.

**Town Meeting**  
will be held at 10am on  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**  
at the **TVMHS Gymnasium**  
**4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT**  
**Polls 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](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org).

# Town of Whitingham

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

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
Animal Control Officer	Dan Hollister	(802) 380-0534 (cell) <b>Vermont State Police 911</b>
Assessors Office	by appointment	(802) 368-2838 non-emergency (802) 722-4600
Bookkeeper	Marylee Putnam	(802) 368-7543 <b>Wilmington Police Dept. 464-8593</b>
Cemetery Commission	Town Clerk	(802) 368-7887
EMERGENCY-Statewide		<b>911</b>
Fire Chief	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-7184 H
Firemen's Association		(802) 368-2900
Fire Warden	Dennis Pike	(802) 380-6192
Health Officer	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500
Highway Department	Stanley Janovsky	(802) 368-2466
Library	Kristine Sweeter	(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		
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		
Sewer Department	Selectboard Office	(802) 368-7500
<b>Town Clerk / Treasurer / Tax Collector</b>		
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		
<b>Transfer Station</b>		
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		
Zoning Administrator	Gig Zboray	(802) 368-7500

## 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

## SELECTBOARD MEETINGS:\*

February 7 & 21  
March 6 & 20  
April 3 & 17  
May 1, 15 & 29  
June 12 & 26  
July 10 & 24  
August 7 & 21  
September 4 & 18  
October 2, 16 & 30  
November 13 & 27\*  
December 11 & 25\*  
January 8 & 22, 2025

**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](mailto:almira@whitinghamvt.org)

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at town clerk's office by February 4, 2024. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 24, 2024.

**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: [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov)

Online registration can be found at: [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov)

### **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: [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov)

Link for Election Results: [electionarchive.vermont.gov](http://electionarchive.vermont.gov)



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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 8, 2023 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><b>TERM EXPIRES</b></u>
<b>SELECTBOARD CHAIR</b>	
Scott M. Reed	2024
<b>SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR</b>	
James Weber	2024
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Daniel Hollister	2024
<b>DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT</b>	
Keith Thompson	Term expires 05/10 2024
Lauren Fitzpatrick	Term expires 05/10 2024
<b>E-911 COORDINATOR</b>	
Marylee Putnam	2024
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP</b> put on "pause" May 5, 2021	
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>	
Vacant	2024
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR</b>	
Gig Zboray	2024
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>	
<b>Chief</b> – Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2024
<b>First Assistant Chief</b> – Michael Stevens	2024
<b>Captains:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dennis Pike, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – David Briggs	2024
<b>Lieutenants:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sheldon Dix; 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Marshall Dix; 3 <sup>rd</sup> - James Weber	2024
<b>Chaplain</b> – James Weber	2024
<b>Training Officer</b> – James Weber	
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b> (State appointed)	
Dennis Pike, Sr. (five-year term)	Term expires 6/30 2028
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Gig Zboray (reappointed 11/01/22)	Term expires 10/31 2025
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER</b> (State appointed)	
Vacant	
<b>GREENUP COORDINATORS</b>	
Aysha Peltz	2024
Todd Wahlstrom	2024
<b>HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE</b>	
Linda A. Donaghue	2024
Donald McKinley	2024

<b>ISSUING TICKET OFFICIAL</b>	
Dan Hollister (appointed 10/05/22)	2024
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>	
Fisher & Fisher Law Offices	2024
<b>LEGAL NEWSPAPER</b>	
Deerfield Valley News	2024
Brattleboro Reformer (alternate)	
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>	
David Farrington	2024
Doug LaPlante	2024
Rick Gramlin	2024
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE</b>	
Seth Boyd	2024
Aysha Peltz	2024
Erin Lackey	2024
Carol Millett	2024
Lyndsay Bushey Hesselback	2024
Elizabeth Weber	2024
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	
Bradford Lackey	2026
Peter Barus	2024
Linda Donaghue	2025
Keith Thompson	2025
Joseph Saladino (appointed 4/5/23)	2026
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Adam Buursma	2024
<b>WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Jenepher Burnell	2024
Peter Barus	2024
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	
Lyman Tefft	2024
Troy Felisko	2026
Marshall Dix	2025
Vacant	2025
Vacant	2026
<b>ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
Gig Zboray (three-year term)	2024



# **OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**MODERATOR:** Leon L. Corse 1 2024

**TOWN CLERK:** Almira L. Aekus 3 2025

**TOWN TREASURER:** Almira L. Aekus 1 2024

**SELECTBOARD:** Scott Reed 2 2025  
James Weber 2 2024  
Craig S. Hammer 2 2024  
Gregory Brown 3 2025  
Robin Kingsley (resigned 12/14/23) 3 2026

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:** Almira L. Aekus 1 2024

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE:** Kristen Breeden 3 2024  
Tanya Bernard 3 2025  
Adam Ranslow 3 2024  
Edith Brigham 3 2025  
Wendy Sergeant 3 2026

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Stanley Janovsky, Jr. 3 2026

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:** Bradford S. Lackey 3 2026  
Adam Ranslow 3 2025  
Dana F. Dix (deceased) 3 2024  
Joseph Saladino (appointed April 2023) 3

2024

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:** Abigail Corse, Julie Muller,  
Mary Lemaire, Elizabeth W. McKinley,  
Terry A. Morse, Susan Cooke  
Johnson, & Seth Boyd 2 2025

**WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL  
DISTRICT:**

Jared Kingsley 3 2024  
Kristy Corey 3 2025  
Kristen Breeden (resigned) 3 2026  
Katherine MacLean (appointed & resigned due to employment at  
the school)  
Frank (Ed) Dornburgh (appointed January 2024)

# **ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

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

### **March 7, 2023**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. e.s.t at the Twin Valley Middle High School in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 10:00 a.m. Leon Corse, Moderator led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Almira Aekus declared the polls open.

The moderator asked for and received permission from the electorate for State Representative Tristan Roberts to address them. Mr. Roberts gave a brief update on his participation in the legislature and asked the electorate if they had any comments or concerns for him to address. Several voters expressed their opposition with reasons to the proposed affordable energy bill.

Leon Corse, Moderator reviewed the rules of procedure and went through the following announcements:

The Twin Valley Spanish travel group were selling refreshments in the lobby.

The Ladies Benevolent Society "LBS" would be serving a lasagna dinner in the cafeteria. The cost would be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children.

The Moderator asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the reading of the warning. There were none. He asked the Board of Civil Authority to introduce themselves: Scott Reed, James Weber, Craig Hammer, Robin Kingsley, Gregory Brown, Elizabeth McKinley, Susan Cooke Johnson, Abigail Corse, Seth Boyd, Terry Morse, Mary LeMaire, and Almira Aekus. At 10:37 a.m. the moderator declared the meeting open for business.

#### **Article 1**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

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

#### **Article 4**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

#### **Article 5**

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

#### **Article 6**

Voted to 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**

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

#### **Article 8**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, an organization that provides programming and activities for youth and families that promote healthy behaviors and prevent youth drug and alcohol use.

#### **Article 9**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for Deerfield Valley Food Pantry for the purpose of providing supplemental food assistance to area families in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 10**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$305.00** for Green Mountain RSVP for support of senior volunteer program with training and support for the volunteers who teach Bone Builder classes and who deliver meals in Whitingham in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 11**

To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,203.00** for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **ARTICLE DIED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION**

#### **Article 12**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$46,000.00** 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**

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

#### **Article 14**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** for Senior Solutions-The Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc. to serve elders and assist with funding the community meal, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

#### **Article 15**

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

#### **Article 16**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,071.00** to Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

#### **Article 17**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000.00** for Twin Valley Youth Sports, an organization that provides all students in Whitingham, grades pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup>, the opportunity to play the organized sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball.

#### **Article 18**

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

#### **Article 19**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's summer programming providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

#### **Article 20**

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

#### **Article 21**

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

#### **Article 22**

Voted to 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**

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 24**

Voted to 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**

Voted to 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**

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

#### **Article 27**

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

#### **Article 28**

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

#### **Article 29**

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

#### **Article 30**

Voted to 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**

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$5,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026.

#### **Article 32**

Voted to 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**

Voted to appropriate **\$320,164.57** as a result of funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the Grant Match Fund.

#### **Article 34**

Voted against establishing a reserve fund to be called the Cell Tower Fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804.

#### **Article 35**

Voted to appropriate **\$252,000.00** as a result of the cell tower lease buyout, to the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund.

#### **Article 36**

Voted to 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**

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.

Added an article to discuss any business that may come before the meeting. Moderator ruled the article was non-binding and allowed it. Linda Farrington spoke in honor of Dana Dix who had served the town in many ways during his lifetime. He will be greatly missed.

### **Article 38**

Elected all Town Officers required by law. Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium, 4299 Vermont Route 100, Whitingham, Vermont with the following results:

<b>Moderator, 1 year</b>	Leon L. Corse
<b>Treasurer, 1 year</b>	Almira L. Aekus
<b>Selectboard, 2 years</b>	Scott Reed
<b>Selectboard, 3 years</b>	Robin Kingsley
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year</b>	Almira L. Aekus
<b>Road Commissioner, 3 years</b>	Stanley A. Janovsky, Jr.
<b>Library Trustee, 3 years</b>	Wendy Sergeant
<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years</b>	Bradford S. Lackey
<b>School Director (TVUUSD)</b>	Kristen A. Breeden

The floor meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, This 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

**Attest:**

**Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk**

**NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – 997**

**NUMBER WHO VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 115**

**HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR – 90 Estimate**

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b><u>TAX APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES</u></b>				
Fire Dept Appropriation	\$ 115,165.00	\$ 115,165.00	\$ 126,826.00	\$ 193,425.00
Current Tax	\$ 392,583.00	\$ 329,719.41	\$ 323,476.00	\$ 399,887.00
Parks (formerly Town Hill)	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Voted Articles	\$ 46,074.00	\$ 46,074.00	\$ 92,424.00	\$ 52,924.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 576,772.00</b>	<b>\$ 513,908.41</b>	<b>\$ 557,726.00</b>	<b>\$ 667,236.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND - Article 1</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 17,929.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Copier Fees Collected	\$ 325.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimb	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 56,559.50	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 58,175.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,938.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,950.00
Late Homestead Penalty	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
.5% for Educ Tax Coll	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,586.28	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00
Equalization	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Interest	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,879.93	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 20,000.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,476.28	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Municipal Center Use	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
SWIP Grant	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Sewer Bookkeeping Revenue	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 81,001.89	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,330.58	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,906.33	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Tax Sale Fee Revenues	\$ -	\$ 3,110.78	\$ -	\$ -
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 9,450.36	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,437.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
Municipal Fines	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
E-Waste Revenue	\$ 600.00	\$ 455.07	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
Trans Station Stickers & Fees	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 79,352.50	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Transfer Station Steel	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Zoning	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,207.75	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 207,501.00</b>	<b>\$ 330,247.25</b>	<b>\$ 260,332.00</b>	<b>\$ 267,982.00</b>

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b>EXPENSES - Article 1 Continued</b>				
<b>OTHER EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 883.00	\$ 870.46	\$ 928.00	\$ 952.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308.00
Retirement	\$ 48.00	\$ -	\$ 49.00	\$ 54.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 513.00	\$ -	\$ 534.00	\$ 550.00
Fire Warden Salary	\$ 205.00	\$ -	\$ 213.00	\$ 224.00
Moderator Stipend	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Selectboard Member	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00
Selectboard Member(Partial Year)	\$ -	\$ 384.80	\$ -	\$ -
Selectboard Member	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00
Selectboard Member	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00
Selectboard Member	\$ 2,101.00	\$ 1,459.32	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,256.00
Selectboard Chair	\$ 2,419.00	\$ 2,419.00	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 2,516.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,597.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,436.58</b>	<b>\$ 13,105.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,753.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Liability/Property/Bond	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 34,141.62	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,110.50	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 59,252.12</b>	<b>\$ 59,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>
<b>TAXES (P/R, COUNTY)</b>				
County Tax	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 31,943.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 32,000.00
VT Department of Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 561.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,504.23</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD OFFICE</b>				
Equipment	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 4,346.82	\$ 4,721.00	\$ 5,355.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308.00
Health Insurance	\$ 22,538.00	\$ 28,536.15	\$ 24,761.00	\$ 25,382.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.30	\$ 129.00	\$ 103.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 203.17	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 4,006.00	\$ 3,857.10	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 4,900.00
Office Administrator Salary	\$ 59,341.00	\$ 59,341.00	\$ 61,715.00	\$ 70,000.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,366.84	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,108.82	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Training/Meeting/Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 97,728.00</b>	<b>\$ 98,913.20</b>	<b>\$ 101,792.00</b>	<b>\$ 111,348.00</b>



	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b>TOWN REPORT</b>				
Supplies & Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 232.82	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 232.82</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 89.00	\$ 63.20	\$ 68.00	\$ 71.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 58.00	\$ 55.90	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00
Health Officer Salary	\$ 861.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 922.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 9.17	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,758.00</b>	<b>\$ 998.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,273.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,312.00</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,505.19	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,800.00
Election & Programming	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 500.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,912.00	\$ 3,841.00	\$ 4,660.00	\$ 4,837.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278.00
Health Insurance	\$ 22,898.00	\$ 19,909.17	\$ 24,761.00	\$ 25,382.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.30	\$ 129.00	\$ 103.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 2,569.00	\$ 2,506.85	\$ 2,697.00	\$ 2,915.00
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 13,077.00	\$ 13,573.48	\$ 20,963.00	\$ 21,592.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 22,065.00	\$ 22,065.00	\$ 22,948.00	\$ 25,636.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,264.49	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,437.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Telephone	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,691.74	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,700.00
Training	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,094.03	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 91,024.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,041.25</b>	<b>\$ 102,508.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,943.00</b>
<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>				
Bookkeeper Wages	\$ 13,077.00	\$ 11,294.37	\$ 14,756.00	\$ 15,199.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 2,317.00	\$ 2,089.66	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 2,574.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148.00
Mileage	\$ 400.00	\$ 519.13	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,162.00	\$ 1,119.05	\$ 1,209.00	\$ 1,291.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,612.38	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 554.44	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Training/Seminars	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.41	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Treasurer/Current Tax Collector Salary	\$ 17,217.00	\$ 17,217.00	\$ 17,906.00	\$ 18,443.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 38,673.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,656.44</b>	<b>\$ 40,820.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,305.00</b>

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b>ASSESSOR'S OFFICE</b>				
Outside Appraisal Service	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,823.29	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Assessor's Clerk Wages	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,473.44	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Computer Licenses	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Support	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Training	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Reimburse Employee Internet	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 918.00	\$ 342.22	\$ 918.00	\$ 574.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.00
Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ 11.79	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ 29.34	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 554.43	\$ 500.00	\$ 560.00
Town Map Updates	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 38,278.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,969.51</b>	<b>\$ 37,778.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,427.00</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,989.68	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 1,913.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,752.92	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 1,688.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,906.33	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Tax Sale	\$ -	\$ 3,109.66	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28,156.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,758.59</b>	<b>\$ 29,301.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,211.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 92.00	\$ 112.84	\$ 107.00	\$ 122.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ 709.05	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous/WCHS	\$ 600.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Training	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Animal Control Officer Wages	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,681.89</b>	<b>\$ 3,327.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,549.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Outside Audit Of Accounts	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,000.00
Generator Contract	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 873.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,600.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,477.96	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Contract	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,034.06	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Copier Costs	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 3,736.68	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dog Tags	\$ 200.00	\$ 168.69	\$ 200.00	\$ 175.00
VLCT AND VTCMA	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,777.00	\$ 2,869.00	\$ 2,958.00

	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES (continued)</b>				
Emergency Management	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
State Fee - Dam	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 812.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Green Up Vermont Local	\$ 100.00	\$ 32.97	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Green Up Vermont State	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Internet (Municipal Build)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,996.16	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
IT Service/Cyber Security	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 6,837.49	\$ 7,415.00	\$ 7,415.00
Legal Notices	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 787.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Services - Town Council	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,591.98	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mileage - Selectboard	\$ 200.00	\$ 110.62	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Reimburse HWY for Municipal Employee	\$ 5,151.00	\$ 5,151.00	\$ 6,494.00	\$ 6,689.00
Town Newsletter	\$ 450.00	\$ 381.55	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
OSHA Training	\$ -	\$ 85.89	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Street Lights	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,763.58	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.14	\$ -	\$ -
*Transfer Out to Special Fund	\$ -	\$ 252,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Web Page	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,289.34	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 78,176.00</b>	<b>\$ 321,208.31</b>	<b>\$ 80,828.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,637.00</b>
<b>*Funds transferred to Town Highway Garage Renovation/Replacement Fund Per Article 35 of 2023 town meeting</b>				
<b>MUNICIPAL CENTER</b>				
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,714.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Electricity	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,152.04	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 5,500.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,943.06	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 8,500.00
Heating Oil	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,824.45	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Cleaning	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Repairs To Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,560.19	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,445.29	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Bathroom/Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,403.27	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,473.26	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 5,400.00
Telephone	\$ 475.00	\$ 554.43	\$ 500.00	\$ 560.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,069.99</b>	<b>\$ 55,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,960.00</b>
<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>				
Electricity	\$ 200.00	\$ 184.10	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 161.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 345.85</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Duplicating	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 500.00	\$ 343.08	\$ 484.00	\$ 376.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mileage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 26.79	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 76.36	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 310.00	\$ 298.22	\$ 322.00	\$ 344.00
Seminar - Planning Commisioners	\$ 500.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Planning Commission Clerk Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Supplies - Zoning Administrator	\$ 150.00	\$ 24.63	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 4,589.00	\$ 4,589.00	\$ 4,773.00	\$ 4,917.00
Windham Regional Membership	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,195.57	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
Windham Regional Meetings	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,099.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,671.65</b>	<b>\$ 11,889.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,370.00</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 21.00	\$ 16.88	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 55.25	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 18.00	\$ 14.63	\$ 23.00	\$ 26.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 10.80	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Zoning Board Clerk Wages	\$ 270.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 704.00</b>	<b>\$ 322.56</b>	<b>\$ 820.00</b>	<b>\$ 827.00</b>
<b>CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Patrol Coverage	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,612.63	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,612.63</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,150.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
Waste Disposal (Compactor)	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 24,251.85	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Comingled Hauling	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 11,220.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 14,100.00
Comingled Recycle	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,425.72	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Compactor Hauling	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,250.00
Electronics Recycling	\$ 325.00	\$ 71.36	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 886.83	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 1,886.25	\$ 2,108.00	\$ 1,913.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00
Freon Items	\$ 600.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,573.95	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 50.00	\$ 24.63	\$ -	\$ 103.00
Mattresses	\$ -	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Metals Hauling	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,740.00	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 6,800.00
Metals Container Rental	\$ 800.00	\$ 894.24	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Metals Expenses	\$ -	\$ (1,041.13)	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ 107.69	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 338.20	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Organics	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Recycling Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,012.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Paper Hauling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 6,120.00
Pest Control	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,244.16	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Paper Compactor Rental	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,726.00	\$ 3,726.00
Repairs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 135.50	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 13.31	\$ -	\$ -
Assistant Attendant Wages	\$ 4,613.00	\$ 10,785.95	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,000.00
Attendant Wages	\$ 20,811.00	\$ 8,154.00	\$ 22,360.00	\$ 18,000.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,068.06	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 554.43	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Tire Removal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,329.63	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
Trash Removal (C&D)	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 11,596.20	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Trash Hauling (C&D)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,980.00	\$ 13,056.00	\$ 13,200.00
Uniforms	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Wifi Hotspot	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 130,209.00</b>	<b>\$ 124,949.33</b>	<b>\$ 163,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 164,717.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>BUDGET Summary for Article 1</b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
Tax Collections	\$ 392,583.00	\$ 329,719.41	\$ 323,476.00	\$ 399,887.00
General Fund Revenues	\$ 207,501.00	\$ 330,247.25	\$ 260,332.00	\$ 267,982.00
Fund Balance	\$ 74,855.00	\$ 56,313.00	\$ 156,963.00	\$ 100,740.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 674,939.00</b>	<b>\$ 716,279.66</b>	<b>\$ 740,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 768,609.00</b>
<b>Department Budgets</b>				
Other Employee Wages	\$ 12,597.00	\$ 11,436.58	\$ 13,105.00	\$ 13,753.00
Insurance	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 59,252.12	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Taxes (P/R, County)	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 32,504.23	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 33,000.00
Selectboard Office	\$ 97,728.00	\$ 98,913.20	\$ 101,792.00	\$ 111,348.00
Town Report	\$ 400.00	\$ 232.82	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Board of Health	\$ 1,758.00	\$ 998.27	\$ 1,273.00	\$ 1,312.00
Town Clerk's Office	\$ 91,024.00	\$ 86,041.25	\$ 102,508.00	\$ 106,943.00
Financial Operations	\$ 38,673.00	\$ 35,656.44	\$ 40,820.00	\$ 42,305.00
Assessor's Office	\$ 38,278.00	\$ 14,969.51	\$ 37,778.00	\$ 27,427.00
Tax Collector's Office	\$ 28,156.00	\$ 33,758.59	\$ 29,301.00	\$ 29,211.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,912.00	\$ 2,681.89	\$ 3,327.00	\$ 3,549.00
General Expenses	\$ 78,176.00	\$ 321,208.31	\$ 80,828.00	\$ 83,637.00
Municipal Center	\$ 46,875.00	\$ 50,069.99	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 63,960.00
Historical Society	\$ 700.00	\$ 345.85	\$ 750.00	\$ 700.00
Planning Commission	\$ 13,099.00	\$ 8,671.65	\$ 11,889.00	\$ 11,370.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$ 704.00	\$ 322.26	\$ 820.00	\$ 827.00
Contract Law Enforcement	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 7,612.63	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 14,150.00
Transfer Station	\$ 130,209.00	\$ -	\$ 163,530.00	\$ 164,717.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 674,939.00</b>	<b>\$ 764,675.59</b>	<b>\$ 740,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 768,609.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT - Article 2</b>				
Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues & Course Fees	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,192.37	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 25,697.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,826.45	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,582.28	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 3,017.00	\$ 3,087.82	\$ 3,062.00	\$ 3,267.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136.00
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 426.75	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Heating Oil	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 9,285.52	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,800.00
Insurance	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,476.04	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
On-Site Mechanic	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,268.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,200.00
Generator Propane	\$ 600.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,345.75	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Facility Repair	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,054.95	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 4,131.82	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 220.00	\$ 686.33	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00
Captain 1 Salary	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,098.00
Captain 2 Salary	\$ 947.00	\$ 947.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 1,015.00
Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 1,397.00	\$ 1,397.00	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 1,497.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 2,396.00
Lieutenant Salary	\$ 814.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 847.00	\$ 872.00
Lieutenant 2 Salary	\$ 814.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 847.00	\$ 872.00
Lieutenant 3 Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 832.00
Firefighter Nominal Fee	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,380.15	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 1,994.00	\$ 1,894.52	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 900.00	\$ 554.43	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 115,165.00</b>	<b>\$ 108,234.18</b>	<b>\$ 126,826.00</b>	<b>\$ 193,425.00</b>
<b>PARKS COMMITTEE - Article 3</b>				
*Improvements	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,326.59	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 13,050.00
Mowing	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00
Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,426.59</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
<b>*Includes \$6,000.00 for a new plaque on the memorial monument</b>				

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS Articles 13-27</b>				
Ambulance Operations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
DV Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DV Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
DV Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
Health Care & Rehab. Services	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ -	\$ 1,203.00
Parks Committee-Pavilion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,500.00	\$ -
Senior Meals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
SE VT Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
SE VT Economic Dev (SeVEDs)	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00	\$ 4,071.00
Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Windham Disaster Animal Recovery	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
WINGS (Summer)	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
WINGS (After school program)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,074.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,074.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,221.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,924.00</b>

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 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm**  
 in the Selectboard Office of the  
 Whitingham Municipal Center,  
 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT



	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>LIBRARY - Article 8</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Fundraising/Donations	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 10,190.92	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 8,525.00
VT DOL Grants	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Halifax Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 69,271.00	\$ 76,266.00	\$ 80,155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,261.92</b>	<b>\$ 90,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 94,180.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$ 85.00	\$ 63.75	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
Association Dues	\$ 65.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Audio/Video	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,505.10	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Automation Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Books/Magazines	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,083.71	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Software	\$ 200.00	\$ 74.19	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Contract Services	\$ 975.00	\$ 972.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,189.81	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Equipment Service	\$ 480.00	\$ 550.29	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,005.35	\$ 4,702.00	\$ 4,780.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275.00
Maintenance & Cleaning	\$ 400.00	\$ 211.50	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage/Professional Training	\$ 400.00	\$ 754.21	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ 54.85	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Periodicals	\$ 300.00	\$ 459.02	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,233.18	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Program Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 784.29	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Programs/Activities	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 6,890.54	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,000.00
Librarian Retirement	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 1,880.96	\$ 2,271.00	\$ 2,280.00
Assistants Wages	\$ 25,239.00	\$ 24,457.50	\$ 33,651.00	\$ 28,700.00
Librarian Salary	\$ 29,990.00	\$ 28,937.70	\$ 27,810.00	\$ 33,735.00
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 550.04	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,350.03	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ 192.90	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85,134.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,799.92</b>	<b>\$ 92,294.00</b>	<b>\$ 94,180.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>CEMETERY - Article 10</b>				
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,834.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 6,070.00	\$ 6,070.00	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 19,916.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,070.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,950.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Commissioner Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Mowing	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,800.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,937.50	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,600.00
Gravestone Repair	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,037.50</b>	<b>\$ 23,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,950.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY - Article 5</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current Tax	\$ 1,195,474.00	\$ 1,195,474.00	\$ 1,162,380.00	\$ 1,473,589.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 92,200.00	\$ -	\$ 267,038.00	\$ 16,056.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 24.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Share Municipal Employee	\$ 5,151.00	\$ 5,151.00	\$ 6,494.00	\$ 6,689.00
State Aid	\$ 124,136.00	\$ 127,916.60	\$ 127,917.00	\$ 131,719.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,416,961.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,328,565.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,563,829.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>
<b>LABOR</b>				
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 30,326.00	\$ 32,217.31	\$ 37,323.00	\$ 38,405.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,166.00
Overtime	\$ 60,869.00	\$ 67,713.58	\$ 74,412.00	\$ 76,644.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 26,759.00	\$ 28,201.23	\$ 31,712.00	\$ 35,141.00
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1998	\$ 66,025.00	\$ 73,633.20	\$ 79,482.00	\$ 81,867.00
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 53,257.00	\$ 59,675.20	\$ 66,203.00	\$ 68,189.00
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 47,054.00	\$ 53,628.64	\$ 59,752.00	\$ 61,545.00
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 52,767.00	\$ 57,956.68	\$ 65,693.00	\$ 67,664.00
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 54,409.00	\$ 60,963.52	\$ 67,401.00	\$ 69,423.00
Municipal Employee - Aug 2007	\$ 52,042.00	\$ 58,829.36	\$ 64,940.00	\$ 66,888.00
Wages - (Emergency Help)	\$ -	\$ 737.50	\$ -	\$ -
Vacation Buy Back	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,469.60	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 453,508.00</b>	<b>\$ 495,025.82</b>	<b>\$ 556,918.00</b>	<b>\$ 577,932.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>Highway (continued)</b>				
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 115,556.00	\$ 97,050.81	\$ 121,927.00	\$ 126,197.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 800.00	\$ 621.37	\$ 800.00	\$ 630.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 677.00	\$ 649.71	\$ 744.00	\$ 744.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 117,033.00</b>	<b>\$ 98,321.89</b>	<b>\$ 123,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 127,571.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>				
Chains	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,587.80	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Chloride	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,311.60	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Crack Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Culverts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 6,246.99	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 66,914.14	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,698.77	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,864.44	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 254.99	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,387.21	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Gravel	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,308.34	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Guardrails	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,700.40	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 102.00	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CDL, Drug Testing, Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,215.90	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Paging Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Paving	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 345,484.22	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Postage	\$ 120.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 150.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 16,742.45	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 103,026.90	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Salt	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 50,982.63	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 83,166.75	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Stone	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,830.18	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,839.85	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 900.00	\$ 947.26	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,293.10	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Tires	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,720.34	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,621.73	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 846,420.00</b>	<b>\$ 811,361.99</b>	<b>\$ 883,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 922,550.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>HIGHWAY BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
<b>Article 5</b>				
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Current Taxes	\$ 1,195,474.00	\$ 1,195,474.00	\$ 1,162,380.00	\$ 1,473,589.00
Anticipated Revenues	\$ 129,287.00	\$ 152,431.50	\$ 134,411.00	\$ 138,408.00
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$ 92,200.00	\$ -	\$ 267,038.00	\$ 16,056.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,416,961.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,347,905.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,563,829.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,053.00</b>
<b>SEWER</b>				
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Current User Fees	\$ 298,050.00	\$ 294,490.47	\$ 331,539.00	\$ 377,297.00
Grant - Pollution Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Fees	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,949.08	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,000.00
Loan Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 701,175.35	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,896.40	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,000.00
Sludge Revenue	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,028.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 308,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,539.30</b>	<b>\$ 341,039.00</b>	<b>\$ 384,397.00</b>
<b>LABOR</b>				
Bookkeeping Services	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
FICA/Medicare - Town Share	\$ 5,974.00	\$ 5,778.54	\$ 6,107.00	\$ 1,192.00
Vermont Childcare Payroll Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69.00
Reimburse User Penalties	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,896.40	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 4,914.00	\$ 3,971.02	\$ 4,928.00	\$ -
Assistant Operator Wages	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 24,423.32	\$ 32,448.00	\$ 8,050.00
Plant Operator Salary	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 41,589.24	\$ 40,560.00	\$ -
Treasurer Salary	\$ 3,196.00	\$ 3,190.00	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 3,527.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 88,216.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,280.52</b>	<b>\$ 91,299.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,270.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	\$ 27,069.00	\$ -	\$ 24,761.00	\$ -
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,710.82	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Life & Accident Insurance	\$ 534.00	\$ 81.78	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ 311.96	\$ 248.00	\$ 300.00
Workers' Compensation	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,191.02	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,003.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,295.58</b>	<b>\$ 28,809.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>

	<b>FY 2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>SEWER PLANT EXPENSES</b>				
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -
Chemicals	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Contracted Services	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,716.93	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
Electricity	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 11,755.06	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Heating	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 941.54	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Mileage - Operator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 244.97	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 850.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Postage	\$ 450.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
Repairs: Facility & Equipment	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,841.62	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Repairs: Line & Pump	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,839.50	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Simon Operations Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,293.00
Sludge Removal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 17,575.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,962.19	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,368.28	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,500.00
Outside Testing	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,210.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 21,500.00
Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 403.23	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 83,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,386.32</b>	<b>\$ 87,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 228,493.00</b>
<b>PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>				
Expenditures - Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Plant Improvement - Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Plant Improvement - Bond	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 83,131.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 103,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 123,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,131.00</b>

**2024 PROJECTED TAX RATE IF ALL ARTICLES PASS AS WRITTEN  
BASED ON THE 2023 GRANDLIST**

<b>ARTICLE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>
1	General Fund	\$ 399,887.00
2	Fire Department	\$ 193,425.00
3	Parks	\$ 21,000.00
4	Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 60,000.00
5	Highways	\$ 1,473,589.00
6	Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 125,000.00
7	Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund	\$ 50,000.00
8	Whitingham Free Public Library	\$ 80,155.00
9	Municipal Facilities Fund	\$ 10,000.00
10	Cemetery Operation	\$ 19,916.00
11	Economic Development	\$ 6,000.00
12	Old Home Week	\$ 20,000.00
13	Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$ 20,000.00
14	Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$ 1,000.00
15	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00
16	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
17	Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 305.00
18	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	\$ 1,203.00
19	Senior Meals/Terrie Dumaine	\$ 1,500.00
20	Senior Solutions - The Council on Aging for Southeaster VT, Inc.	\$ 750.00
21	Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc (SEVCA)	\$ 1,200.00
22	Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$ 4,071.00
23	Twin Valley Youth Sports	\$ 6,000.00
24	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDart)	\$ 250.00
25	Wings Community Program's (Summer Program)	\$ 1,795.00
26	Wings Community Program's (After School Program)	\$ 11,000.00
27	Women's Freedom Center	\$ 850.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,511,896.00</b>
	<b>2024 Projected Rates: (based on 1% of FY 2023 grand list value which equals \$2,745,323.00)</b>	
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate	0.915
	Projected Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.004</u>
	Projected Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>0.919</b>
	<b>2023 Rates:</b>	
	Municipal Tax Rate	0.756
	Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.0036</u>
	Municipal & Local Agreement Tax Rate Total	<b>0.7596</b>
	Projected local tax increase of	\$ 0.1594

## WAGES BY POSITION - FY 23

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Vacation Buyback</u>
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,475.00		
Assessor's Clerk	\$ 4,473.00		
Bookkeeper	\$ 11,294.00		
Collector of Taxes - Penalties	\$ 26,968.00		
Emergency Management Director	\$ -	Paid in FY 2024	
Equipment Operator - Sept. 1998	\$ 59,675.00	\$ 10,943.00	
Equipment Operator - Oct. 2018	\$ 53,629.00	\$ 9,173.00	
Equipment Operator - June 2007	\$ 57,957.00	\$ 11,476.00	
Equipment Operator - Jan. 1994	\$ 60,964.00	\$ 11,802.00	
Fire Chief	\$ 2,237.00		
Fire Chief -Assistant	\$ 1,397.00		
Fire Dept - 1st Captain	\$ 1,025.00		
Fire Dept - 2nd Captain	\$ 947.00		
Fire Dept - 1st Lieutenant	\$ 814.00		
Fire Dept - 2nd Lieutenant	\$ 814.00		
Fire Dept - Mechanic	\$ 3,268.00		
Fire Warden	\$ -	Paid in FY 2024	
Health Officer	\$ 861.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 17,552.00		
Library Assistant	\$ 6,906.00		
Librarian	\$ 28,938.00		
Moderator	\$ -	Paid in FY 2024	
Municipal Employee - Aug. 2007	\$ 58,829.00	\$ 10,259.00	
Road Commissioner - Aug. 1998	\$ 73,633.00	\$ 14,060.00	\$ 1,470.00
Selectboard Office Administrator	\$ 59,341.00		
Selectboard - Chair	\$ 2,419.00		
Selectboard - Member (Part year)	\$ 385.00		
Selectboard - Member (Part year)	\$ 1,459.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,101.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,101.00		
Selectboard - Member	\$ 2,101.00		
Sewer - Chief Operator	\$ 41,589.00		
Sewer - Assistant Operator	\$ 24,423.00		
Sewer Treasurer	\$ 3,190.00		
Sewer Penalties	\$ 3,896.00		
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 22,065.00		
Town Clerk - Assistant (1)	\$ 9,082.00		
Town Clerk - Assistant (2)	\$ 4,491.00		
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 16,502.00		
Transfer Station Asst. Attendant	\$ 10,581.00		
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 8,154.00		
Transfer Station - Hazardous Waste	\$ 205.00		
Treasurer	\$ 17,217.00		
Zoning Administrator	\$ 4,589.00		
Zoning Clerk	\$ 225.00		

	6/30/2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	6/30/2023
	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Share Gain + Interest</u>	<u>Reinvested</u>	<u>Invested</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>		<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>(loss)</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>SADAWGA CEMETERY</b>							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,569.78	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,569.78	0.67%	\$47.64	\$1,617.42
Emery E. Reed	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$268.23	\$9,105.96
J.D. Sylvester	\$3,117.95	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,117.95	1.32%	\$94.63	\$3,212.58
Amos W. Pike	\$6,257.40	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,257.40	2.66%	\$189.92	\$6,447.32
Wells Winchester	\$3,117.96	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,117.96	1.32%	\$94.63	\$3,212.59
William D. Faulkner	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$268.23	\$9,105.96
Arthur H. Lyons	\$6,257.37	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,257.37	2.66%	\$189.92	\$6,447.29
Frank C. Wheeler	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$268.23	\$9,105.96
Clifford G. Brown	\$2,967.41	1.26%	\$0.00	\$2,967.41	1.26%	\$90.06	\$3,057.47
Nathan B. Alfred	\$6,257.37	2.66%	\$0.00	\$6,257.37	2.66%	\$189.92	\$6,447.29
Hal H. Allard	\$13,073.85	5.55%	\$0.00	\$13,073.85	5.55%	\$396.80	\$13,470.65
Dorothy Smith	\$2,881.37	1.22%	\$0.00	\$2,881.37	1.22%	\$87.45	\$2,968.82
Lurissa S. Brown	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$268.23	\$9,105.96
Elmer R. Houghton	\$3,720.03	1.58%	\$0.00	\$3,720.03	1.58%	\$112.91	\$3,832.94
John Sawyer	\$1,182.70	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,182.70	0.50%	\$35.90	\$1,218.60
Irvin Brown	\$2,128.76	0.90%	\$0.00	\$2,128.76	0.90%	\$64.61	\$2,193.37
Royal Faulkner	\$5,913.31	2.51%	\$0.00	\$5,913.31	2.51%	\$179.47	\$6,092.78
Sara Faulkner	\$2,773.90	1.18%	\$0.00	\$2,773.90	1.18%	\$84.19	\$2,858.09
Carroll E. White	\$1,161.15	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,161.15	0.49%	\$35.24	\$1,196.39
<b>JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY</b>							
Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,569.78	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,569.78	0.67%	\$47.64	\$1,617.42
Oscar Pike	\$1,569.78	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,569.78	0.67%	\$47.64	\$1,617.42
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$3,117.96	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,117.96	1.32%	\$94.63	\$3,212.59
Miles Wilcox	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$268.23	\$9,105.96
F. & F.E. Hager	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$0.00	\$8,837.73	3.75%	\$268.23	\$9,105.96
C.L. Stickney	\$11,934.19	5.07%	\$0.00	\$11,934.19	5.07%	\$362.21	\$12,296.40
William A. Brown	\$3,117.95	1.32%	\$0.00	\$3,117.95	1.32%	\$94.63	\$3,212.58
William Pouliotte	\$1,999.80	0.85%	\$0.00	\$1,999.80	0.85%	\$60.70	\$2,060.50
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,462.22	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,462.22	0.62%	\$44.38	\$1,506.60
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$4,128.58	1.75%	\$0.00	\$4,128.58	1.75%	\$125.31	\$4,253.89
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,655.48	1.55%	\$0.00	\$3,655.48	1.55%	\$110.95	\$3,766.43
The Moody Family	\$764.50	0.32%	\$0.00	\$764.50	0.32%	\$23.20	\$787.70
Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,170.62	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,170.62	0.50%	\$35.53	\$1,206.15





# FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

FUND	BALANCE		INTEREST	EXPENDITURES	DEPOSITS	FUND BALANCE		Expenditure Description
	AS OF JULY 1, 2022	AS OF JUNE 30, 2023				AS OF JUNE 30, 2023		
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 683,818.00	\$ 4,880.00	\$ 4,880.00	\$ (1,067,246.00)	\$ 836,251.00	\$ 457,703.00	Operating budget	
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 37,062.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 47,342.00		
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 412.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,698.00		
EAMES FUND	\$ 177,274.00	\$ 915.00	\$ 915.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178,189.00		
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 79,851.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 120,591.00		
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 87,190.00	\$ 694.00	\$ 694.00	\$ -	\$ 10,925.00	\$ 98,809.00		
GRANT MATCH FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 322,683.00	\$ 322,683.00	from ARPA funds below	
HAZARD MITIGATION	\$ 47,997.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 635.00	\$ (5,537.00)	\$ 40,269.00	\$ 83,364.00	Scoping Study	
**HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 359,238.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,404,710.00)	\$ 1,328,566.00	\$ 283,094.00	Operating Budget	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 242,171.00	\$ 1,261.00	\$ 1,261.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 343,432.00		
HIGHWAY GARAGE FUND	\$ 94,196.00	\$ 991.00	\$ 991.00	\$ (13,801.00)	\$ 302,000.00	\$ 383,386.00	Engineering	
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 68,588.00	\$ 718.00	\$ 718.00	\$ -	\$ 43,896.00	\$ 113,202.00		
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 235,557.00	\$ 7,149.00	\$ 7,149.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,706.00		
CEMETERY OPERATION FUND	\$ 8,587.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16,038.00)	\$ 9,285.00	\$ 1,834.00	Operating budget	
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,332.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,345.00		
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 23,992.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 235.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 29,227.00		
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 31,607.00	\$ 251.00	\$ 251.00	\$ (4,841.00)	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 35,657.00	Cott Systems Contract	
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 138,608.00	\$ 774.00	\$ 774.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 159,382.00		
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 46,709.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,008,624.00)	\$ 1,005,539.00	\$ 43,624.00	Operating budget/w sewer const.	
SEWER BOND	\$ 192,265.00	\$ 942.00	\$ 942.00	\$ -	\$ 83,131.00	\$ 276,338.00	To be used for bond payment	
CIVIL DEFENSE - GENERATOR	\$ 5,046.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00	\$ (5,099.00)	\$ -	\$ -	Used for fence at Town Hill	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 22,834.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (600.00)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 28,234.00	Blueberry Festival (band)	
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 2,319.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,319.00		
ARPA	\$ 160,082.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (322,683.00)	\$ 162,601.00	\$ -	Moved to grant match fund	
***LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article	\$ 4,641.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (86,800.00)	\$ 84,262.00	\$ 2,103.00	Operating budget	
***LIBRARY FUND (Donations)	\$ 25,095.00	\$ 253.00	\$ 253.00	\$ (10,724.00)	\$ 17,302.00	\$ 31,926.00	Operating budget offset	
***LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (Donations)	\$ 11,799.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,890.00		
	\$ 2,793,129.00	\$ 21,302.00	\$ 21,302.00	\$ (3,946,703.00)	\$ 4,436,350.00	\$ 3,304,078.00		
*Includes the fund balance of \$156,963.00 appropriated in 2023 for fiscal year 2024, \$200,000.00 kept as a reserve to avoid borrowing money in anticipation of taxes leaving a fund balance of \$100,740.00 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2025.								
**Includes the fund balance of \$267,038.00 appropriated in 2023 for fiscal year 2024, leaving a fund balance of \$16,056 to be appropriated to fiscal year 2025.								
***Funds are controlled by Library Trustees								
NOTE: Davenport fund is invested in George Putnam Balanced Fund-Class A								
TOWN OF WHITINGHAM - FINANCIAL OPERATIONS								
The fiscal year 2023 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

Once again, another year has passed, and I'm pleased to say that we only had 61 animal related matters. The majority of those were nuisance (barking) complaints. Due to the number of complaints received about barking dogs and the difficulty in substantiating those complaints in order to issue a citation the Selectboard determined that "disturbances" should be removed from the Animal Control Ordinance. The board adopted an updated Dog Ordinance on January 24, 2024.

I would like to thank the Selectboard, business administrator, health officer, town clerk and most of all the continued support from the townspeople.

The following is a breakdown of the calls that were responded to:

- 3 running-at-large
- 1 dog bite
- 48 nuisance complaints
- 2 deceased animals
- 3 welfare checks
- 2 information/education requests
- 3 warnings (verbal/written)
- 10 citations
- 2 court proceedings

As a reminder, if you own a dog(s) 6 months old or older, they must be current with their vaccinations and licensed with the town no later than April 1, 2024.

As always, I am more than happy to answer any questions or concerns that are Animal Control related. I can be reached at **(802) 380-0534** or at [aco@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:aco@whitinghamvt.org). If you have any wildlife concerns, please contact Vermont Fish & Wildlife Rich Watkin.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dan Hollister*

Whitingham Animal Control Officer/Humane Investigator

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Land sales for 2023 have been strong throughout the year. Our Common Level of Appraisal {CLA} and Coefficient of Dispersion {COD} have changed.

CLA is now 85.93

COD is now 23.71

Reappraisal is now underway and expected to be completed by April 2025. Postcards are being sent out 2 weeks prior to inspection. If you are not at home on the day of the site visit, a doorknob card will be left to set up an appointment.

And you can call or e-mail at a time that would be convenient for you. Phone **802-368-2838** or [howard@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:howard@whitinghamvt.org).

Thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Howard A. Dix*

Assessor Clerk

**ASSESSOR'S DATA**  
**2022 AS BILLED Grand List**  
**Tax Book Report**  
**\*\*\* GRAND TOTALS \*\*\***

	<b>MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>NON-RESI</b>
Taxable parcels	1,128		
Acres	23,634.70		
Land	72,416,800		
Building	209,352,600		
Real	281,769,400	86,142,400	195,627,000
Add			
(+) Non-Approved Contracts		0	202,700
(+) Non-Approved Farm Contracts		0	0
(+) Inventory	0		
(+) Equipment	0		0
Subtract			
(-)Veteran	400,000	360,000	40,000
(-)Farm Stab	0	0	0
(-)Current Use	7,525,900	2,059,000	5,466,900
(-)Contracts	202,700	0	202,700
(-)Special Exempt		0	49,770
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>2,736,408.00</b>	<b>837,234.00</b>	<b>1,900,703.30</b>
Homestead	188,393,400		
Housesite	161,972,100		
Lease	0.00		
Non-Tax Count	26		
Non-Tax Val.	7,095,400		

LATE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION PENALTY IS WAIVED

<b>RATE NAME</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>GRAND LIST</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>TOTAL RAISED</b>
Non-Residential Ed.	1.5365		1,898,676.30		2,917,316.29
Homestead Ed.	1.5729		837,234.00		1,316,885.40
Local Agreement	0.0030		2,736,408.00		8,209.89
Town	0.7740		2,736,408.00		2,117,979.81
<b>TOTAL TAX</b>					<b>6,360,391.39</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Howard Dix*

**CURRENT USE EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**  
(Tax Year 2022)

Property Owner	Street #	Street name	Lane Use Acres	Land Use Exemption Value
186 NATE FLYNN ROAD LLC	186	NATE FLYNN RD	163.7	\$ 156,200.00
ALLEN SCOTT & ALLEN KEITH	234	ALLEN RD	89	\$ 104,300.00
AXTELL SARAH	133	ALLARD RD	138	\$ 178,500.00
BERBERIAN J KRISTINE LIFE ESTATE	1793	FAULKNER RD	80.36	\$ 122,300.00
BETIT ANTOINETTE LIFE ESTATE	6178	VT RTE 100	70	\$ 112,800.00
BETIT BRIAN	771	FAULKNER RD	25.4	\$ 38,000.00
BETIT STEVEN P	0	BRICKHOUSE RD	118	\$ 177,200.00
BORTELL RITA	0	BURRINGTON HILL RD	155	\$ 102,600.00
BOYD MARSHALL LIVING TRUST BOYD REVOCABLE	859	ALLARD RD	34.7	\$ 46,800.00
BRIGGS DAVID & JOAN	64	BEAR LN	56	\$ 68,400.00
CAPO JAMES A	203	PIKE RD	81.18	\$ 84,000.00
CARRIS EMILY	184	CORSE RD	85.7	\$ 126,900.00
CAWLEY DAVID C & SUSAN A	447	NATE FLYNN RD	30.4	\$ 36,900.00
COE BROOKSANY	73	SPRAGUE BROOK RD	126.94	\$ 114,900.00
COREY JUSTIN A & KRISTY R	1755	VT RTE 8A	68.5	\$ 79,800.00
CORSE FARM	1085	CORSE RD	299	\$ 421,100.00
CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS LLC	773	CORSE RD	177.41	\$ 410,900.00
CORSE FARM MAPLE PRODUCTS,LLC	0	WILM CROSS RD	90.34	\$ 169,700.00
CORSE VANESSA M & ROY C	489	WILM CROSS RD	106.6	\$ 214,300.00
CORSE WAYNE	4840	VT RTE 100	88	\$ 120,800.00
CORSE WAYNE	871	RUBA RD	186.91	\$ 121,400.00
CORSE WAYNE C	0	FAULKNER RD	10.62	\$ 61,700.00
CROSBY ROBERT A JR	2465	COLLINS RD	48.44	\$ 67,100.00
DAIELLO STEVEN	0	COLLINS RD	1.24	\$ 4,400.00
DAVID ANTHONY J & MEGHAN E	1091	GATES POND RD	103.95	\$ 110,000.00
DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTMAN INC	641	FOWLER RD	28.8	\$ 36,500.00
DICKIE PAUL A & FLORENCE	8208	VT RTE 100	46.3	\$ 53,800.00
DIX LARRY R	3029	VT RTE 8A	31	\$ 81,400.00
DIX SHELDON DEAN REVOCABLE TRUST	4292	VT RTE 100	35.3	\$ 59,500.00
DONELAN EDWARD J & LAURA A	408	GATES POND RD	70.76	\$ 73,500.00
EADE DAVID L	190	MERRIFIELD RD	89.5	\$ 61,700.00
EDELSTEIN PHILIP	48	HURD LN	130.93	\$ 126,300.00
FRANK HENRY & DENISE	103	GREEN RD	42.4	\$ 58,500.00
GOLDSMITH CALVIN R & MICHELLE C	0	MCMILLAN RD	53.36	\$ 72,800.00
HENRY MASON	0	NORTH HILL RD	11	\$ 38,100.00
INGWERSEN KRISTIAN	2316	FAULKNER RD	113.13	\$ 156,700.00
JEWELL CLEARING TRUST	0		45.2	\$ 32,800.00
KINGMAN LAWRENCE E	0	FOWLER RD	25	\$ 74,800.00
KOSKI CHELSEA M	617	GINNY MORSE RD	36	\$ 34,500.00
LANDMARK TRUST USA INC	1009	SADDADA RD	12.4	\$ 13,700.00
LAPIERRE KATHLEEN FARON	9943	VT RTE 100	60.4	\$ 76,700.00

LEHRER NANCY D	0	VT RTE 100	44.55	\$ 86,300.00
LEWIS SCOTT	0	BONE LANE	25.3	\$ 45,500.00
MORSE STEVEN A & TERRY A	40	MAPLE HILL LN	365.7	\$ 829,800.00
MURPHY THOMAS A & ANNE M	0	VT RTE 8A	15.8	\$ 49,100.00
O HANLON KERRY & KATHLEEN	214	BIRDVILLE RD	26.7	\$ 40,300.00
PAPRIN YALE I	900	VT RTE 8A	105.8	\$ 74,300.00
PINE LAKES ESTATE LLC	1761	KENTFIELD RD	326	\$ 412,900.00
PLUMB REAL ESTATE TRUST	785	LONE PINE RD	146.4	\$ 116,300.00
PORCELLO FREDERICK A & PATRICIA A	843	CHAPEL HILL RD	73.2	\$ 202,500.00
PORCELLO III FREDRICK A	0	SADDADA RD	70	\$ 87,000.00
PROCTER MARY E	488	FAULKNER RD	57.7	\$ 96,200.00
PUSTIZZI ALBERT	1070	FOWLER RD	53.2	\$ 79,500.00
ROBOHM JOHN & JOHANNA J	467	BUTLER BROOK RD	83.8	\$ 112,800.00
RODELL MICHAEL	0	KENTFIELD RD	182.1	\$ 117,000.00
SANBORN YASUKO REVOCABLE TRUST	0	STREETER HILL ROAD	371.4	\$ 167,100.00
SCOTT ERIC J & CLAUDIA	896	FOWLER RD	79.9	\$ 94,900.00
SILVERMAN JEFFREY P	320	PRATT RD	72.52	\$ 85,400.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	0	SADDADA RD	45	\$ 82,200.00
SPRAGUE DAYLE B LIFE ESTATE	2245	BURRINGTON HILL RD	100	\$ 263,900.00
SPRAGUE MARTIN & KAREN	1631	VT RTE 100	2	\$ 87,300.00
STREPPA LEWIS D & VIRGINIA M	1226	BURRINGTON HILL RD	31.4	\$ 34,100.00
THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER	0	VT RTE 100	37.4	\$ 31,200.00
TWITCHELL ALLAN	243	GOODNOW RD	39.9	\$ 54,500.00
TWITCHELL CLYDE C JR ENHANCED LIFE ESTATE	761	GREEN RD	58.1	\$ 82,100.00
TWITCHELL DAVID M & MELISSA A	1106	TOWN HILL RD	54.2	\$ 118,300.00
TWITCHELL KARL P	549	GREEN RD	27.8	\$ 40,600.00
WERSHOVEN FAMILY TRUST	482	BURRINGTON HILL RD	34.41	\$ 55,900.00

**Total Land Use Exemptions**

**\$ 7,849,300.00**

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

In the year of 2023, 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 great. Their contract was renewed this year at the same rate as the last contract.

The normal care and maintenance of the cemeteries was completed throughout the year with just a little additional tree and tree branch removal in the fall in specific cemeteries. These specific problem spots will be looked at closer in 2024 to determine a course of action, if any. Select gravestone repair will continue in 2024. 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.

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

We are saddened at the death of Dana Dix who served as a Cemetery Commissioner for many years. Our condolences to his family. Joe Saladino was appointed to fill the vacancy.

*Brad Lackey, Chair, Joe Saladino, 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](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

As Whitingham's Emergency Management Director, I continue to attend quarterly meetings with other EMDs and Fire Chiefs in the area and attend storm briefings as they come up. I'm very thankful that the July and December rainstorms stayed in the stream banks; other towns had some heavy damage. I prepared the annual update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) and won grant funding to hire a consultant to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The draft was submitted for state and FEMA review and approval in January of 2024.

~Gig Zboray, EMD

### FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	Notes
1971	Chevy Brush Truck 50gpm pump	20 year	1995	free	\$ 140,000	SOLD 2023*
1992	GMC Rescue Truck	20yrs	2012	\$41,000	\$ 600,000	Still in Service
1996	Freightliner Pumper (refurb. 2021)	20 yrs	2041	\$100,000	\$ 800,000	
2001	Freightliner Tanker 2450 gal tank/1250 gpm	20yrs	2021	\$180,000	\$ 800,000	Still in Service
2006	Freightliner Pumper 1000 gal. tank/1250 gpm	20yrs	2026	\$160,000	\$ 700,000	
2018	Chevy Rescue PU	20yrs	2038	\$43,300	\$ 100,000	
2012	Mission Trailer	15yrs	2027	\$10,405	\$ 20,000	
2012	Artic Cat Prowler Side by Side	10yrs	2022	\$14,265	\$ 30,000	
2012	Artic Cat Snowmobile	10yrs	2022	\$12,000	\$ 20,000	see note (1)
1990s	12 Scott Air-Paks	12 yrs	2023		\$ 96,000	replace 24/25

(1) paid by Firemen's Association

\* 2024 GMC 1-ton 3500 dually chassis ordered, delivery expected 24/25



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had another record year with emergency calls.

The Department responded to 333 calls. Calls consisted of Automatic/CO2-16, Brush Fire-3 Chimney Fire-1, Dispatched Cancelled enroute-36, Good intent-7, MVA's-19, Power lines down-3, Service calls-15, Vehicle fire-1, Structure fire-1, First Response-233. Mutual Aid was provided to Colrain MA-1, Dover-1, Guilford-1, Halifax-1, Readsboro-1, Rowe MA-2, and Wilmington-1.

The Department decided to upgrade our 1971 Chevy Suburban Brush Unit. Being a classic and what we were asking of the truck as far as working it, we thought it would be better to sell the truck now before anything happened to it and put the money towards the purchase of a new brush unit, more modern and designed for what we needed to provide for those types of emergencies. We are happy to say that after posting the truck on the web, we received our full asking price of \$35,000. We purchased the 1971 truck in 1975 from NE Power for around \$2000. In 2007, with some hostility I ignored, I decided to have the truck body fixed and re-painted for \$7000. We performed a few upgrades over the years but kept all original parts, which helped on the sale. Over the years the truck has cost the town 12 to 14k. I believe we've gotten our money's worth. We are happy to say the truck went to a private collector in NY. The gentleman who purchased the truck was ecstatic and in disbelief of the near perfect condition. It deserves the retirement for which it is receiving now and that the public can enjoy viewing in parades.

We purchased a GM 1 Ton 4X4 Chassis with dual wheels and 4 doors to replace the old unit. It's a gas-powered unit and will handle the job with safety and ease. No more sitting on 5 gal pails when we have more than 3 people in the truck responding. At the time of this report, we haven't received the chassis, but are expecting to receive it sometime in April 2024.

Our Air Packs are reaching the end of their service time. Most of our air bottles have reached the 15-year limit where we can't have them re-tested for safety reasons. Maybe some people don't realize that we have 2216 pounds of pressure strapped to our backs, so we really don't want those failing. This 15-year limit is per the National Firefighters Protection Agency. Two of the actual packs we use are not even up to date per the NFPA for they lack a third notification of low air alarm. The budget increase in the Equipment line item is to replace some of the packs this year and the rest next year. A new air pack costs approximately \$13,000. We need to replace 10 in total. We're doing what we can to limit this price for taxpayers.

I would like to express my huge thanks to the members of the Fire Department. Many hours of training, and responses and time away from family were spent this last year responding to the calls. 333 calls are a lot to ask of volunteers. The stipend line item surely makes the many hours of emergency service in our town a good incentive to show up for training and to respond to emergencies.

I would like to thank the Townspeople of Whitingham for their continued support of the Whitingham Fire Department.

Thank you,

*Stanley Janovsky Jr*  
Fire Chief

## 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 TWELVE years of small steps, but Gig finally won **~\$1.2 MILLION** (*with no local match required*) to proceed with design and construction of a large, multifaceted project 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. Construction is expected in the spring/summer of 2025.

In conjunction with that large project, Gig is seeking grant funding to do a scoping study of the properties downstream (from the Municipal Center to the intersection of 100/112) to lower access/create a flood plain.

In January of 2023 Gig applied for a FEMA grant to buyout the burned structure on Route 112; some steps have been taken but as of January 26, 2024, FEMA still has not awarded nor denied the grant application.

Gig applied for and won \$11,150 grant to update our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. An RFP was created, and Threat Owl won the project. Public meetings were held, the final plan will go through the state and FEMA approval process in 2024. Then the Selectboard will adopt it.

When the snow melted in the spring of 2023 it was discovered that the retaining wall at the Eames Village Park is now bowed out and collapsing. Unfortunately repair projects of this nature (using grant funding) require a scoping study as the first step. Gig is seeking grant funding to help defray the cost of the study.

## HEALTH OFFICER

In 2023 one Rental Housing Inspection was completed (thanks for the help, Pete Bernard), and correspondence was required to address a leaking septic pump station. Two complaints were received about septic issues. One was forwarded to VT DEC to address. The other is being followed up on.

A grant application was submitted in January of 2023 for a FEMA buyout of the burned house on Route 112. This was deemed by the Selectboard to be the best option to clear up 2022’s Health Order and to have the residents vacate the property. We are still awaiting a decision from FEMA.

~Gig Zboray, THO

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had a busy and tedious 3 mud seasons this past year which seems to be the new norm. Much stone and other materials were used to help combat the mud. Many overtime hours were spent dragging roads. We purchased an old broken-down pony grader, approximately 80 to 100 years old, which was headed to the scrap yard from the Town of Wardsboro, to design and build a second box scraper to help the dragging process. This unit was designed with up and down separate hydraulics to raise and lower the box and is operated inside the cab of the John Deere tractor. It has proven to work very well. With the knowledge of fabrication and welding the highway crew built the unit for approximately \$800. The original box scraper we built many years ago also needed some wheel upgrades. After the Fire Department extrication training on a Dodge Caravan the rear axle looked like a perfect candidate for the box. We cut the axle out of the van, retrofitted it to the box scraper and now have 16" wheel capabilities which are much more plentiful when we need to replace the tires.

Gravel prices have unfortunately hit an all-time high. With costs at \$18.70 a ton delivered; the budget had to be raised for next year to try to keep up with graveling the roads. I asked for and received the ok from the Rt 9 project engineer to put our trucks in line of the State Paving Project to haul and keep all the asphalt millings we transported to the highway garage. We then screened the millings with the new sand screen (that we also built last year) with 2" screens for sand and incorporated the used asphalt millings into the gravel pile which in turn added greatly to the gravel amount we were able to place onto dirt roads. The cost of this was only fuel, some wear and tear but was far cheaper than the \$18.70 a ton of crushed gravel.

Some culverts were changed. Unfortunately, the plastic culverts that were replaced in the late 90's and early 2000's are failing. Not all, but some. Frost and freezing temperatures make the plastic very brittle and prone to crushing. After seeing some evidence of this, I haven't installed any plastic since 2014. We only use aluminized, and poly dipped steel culverts now which will last much longer.

We received the new 1-ton chassis, and it's off to Viking to have the central hydraulics, sander and plow installed. At the time of this report, we have not taken delivery of the truck yet. We also ordered a new Mack chassis this summer to replace the 2009 truck. With the Mack Corp. strike, the delivery time will be approximately 1 year just on the chassis alone, and another 8 months to have the truck completed.

March brought one of the largest snowstorms we've had to deal with, (yes during another mud season,) not so much in inches but close, but in a 24-hour period. Depending on what part of town you lived in, it ranged from 47 to 54 inches. Unfortunately, many mailboxes were hit. Please note your mailboxes are not supposed to be within 3 feet of the edge of the road. Please mark your mailboxes with an orange type of marker 3 to 4 feet over your mailbox so we can see whereabouts the box is when they are buried.

Paving was done on Town Hill Rd., Sadawga Lake, Burrington Hill, and a shim on Merrifield Rd. Allstates Asphalt received the paving bid during this last paving season.

I would like to thank the highway crew for their hard work and the Townspeople of Whitingham for their continued support of the highway department.

*Stanley Janovsky Jr.*  
Road Commissioner

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Equipment Description	Normal Life Span	Year Replacement	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement \$	Notes
2015	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2030	\$190,000	\$ 300,000	
2013	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2028	\$180,000	\$ 300,000	
2009	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2024	\$160,000	\$ 300,000	
2007	Mack Dump Truck	15yrs	2027	\$129,000	\$ 300,000	
2013	GMC 1 Ton	5yrs	2018	\$63,000	\$ 100,000	Still in service
2012	Chevy 2500 pick up	5yrs	2017	\$35,000	\$ 90,000	Still in service
1996	Caterpillar Grader	15yrs	2011	\$214,000	\$ 500,000	Still in service
2019	Komatsu Loader	15yrs	2034	\$190,000	\$ 300,000	
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	\$ 40,000	
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	\$ 90,000	

*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.*

**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

**LAND ONLY**

Land behind Municipal Center  
Land in front of Jacksonville Fire House  
Eames Park  
Small strip of land Route 112 -along North River  
Small strip of land Route 100 - pull off -across from Harriman Reservoir  
Small strip of land corner of Route 100 and Corse Road

**CEMETERIES**

Blanchard  
Boyd  
Carley  
Coleman  
Cutting  
Davidson  
Gates also known as Fuller  
Green  
Jacksonville  
Riverview  
Roberts  
Sadawga  
Wheeler also known as Jewell

**CLOCK**

Clock in the tower of Jville Church

## INVENTORY OF IT EQUIPMENT

Device ID	Description	Brand	Approximate	Warranty Expires	Windows 11 compatible
			Purchase Date		
TOW-D01-W10	Assistant Clerk	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D02-W10	Assessor's Office	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D03-W10	Records Lookup	Dell	10/2/2020	10/3/2025	yes
TOW-D04-W10	Town Clerk	Dell	4/18/2020	7/1/2023	yes
TOW-D05-W10	Clerk's window	Dell	10/11/2016	1/10/2018	NO
TOW-D06-W10	Bookkeeper	Dell	4/18/2020	7/18/2023	yes
TOW-D07-W10	Highway	HP	7/9/2017	7/21/2017	NO
TOW-D08-W11	Sewer	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027	yes
TOW-L05-W10	Selectboard Office	HP	hard drive destroyed and ecycled		n/a
TOW-L03-W10	Town Clerk	HP	6/12/2020	6/11/2021	yes
TOW-L04-W10	Assessor's Laptop	Dell	1/11/2021	1/13/2025	yes
TOW-L05-W11	Selectboard Office	Dell	11/18/2022	11/19/2027	yes
	Assessor's Office	Brother	2022	not on IT contract	
	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	
3GE05984	Selectboard copier	Canon	8/1/2022	not on IT contract	

\* Purchased with COVID-19 grant money

# Whitingham Free Public Library



## 2022 - 2023 REVIEW

### ***Our Mission***

The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of life-long learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs.

### **Vermont Afterschool Inc.'s Expanding Access Grant Funds Library Summer Camp**



**Summer Reading Camp  
"All Together Now!"**

The library was awarded \$12,803 to expand its existing one week Summer Reading Camp to two weeks. The Grant was a reimbursement grant that funded staff, equipment, supplies, and enrichment programs. We partnered with Wings Community Programs. 25 children registered, as well as additional attendees at our open afternoon programs including a magic show and story tellers.

Camp enrichment programs

included hands on science activities with The Grafton Nature Museum, Bonnyvale Environmental Center, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum and The Museum of Innovation and Science. We enjoyed interactive storytelling presentations with renowned storytellers, Diane Edgecomb and Simon Brooks. We were amazed by Tom Joyce and his Comedy Magic Show. To the delight of the children, Whitingham's own, Angel Colford, led a creative art class featuring the 4 seasons.

The children also enjoyed arts and crafts, stories, games, independent exploration and play and face painting.

Our partnership with Wings included free lunch and snacks funded through the FDA Summer Food Program and was graciously delivered to the library daily by the kitchen staff at Twin Valley Elementary School.

We hope to secure future funding to continue these amazing enrichment programs for library summer camp.

Looking forward to Summer Camp 2024:  
"Adventure Begins at Your Library!"



Thank you!

Thank you to the towns of Whitingham & Halifax  
for your continued support and patronage.

Kristine, Lois, Lisa and Trustees:  
Edie Brigham, Tanya Bernard, Kristin Breeden,  
Cathy Bell, Adam Ranslow and Wendy Sergeant

### **2022-2023 Statistics**

- 6,250 PATRON VISITS  
AN INCREASE OF 22%
- 7,520 ITEMS CIRCULATED  
AN INCREASE OF 15%
- 7,810 WIFI SESSIONS  
AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 50%
- WE BORROWED OVER 200  
ITEMS AND LENT 50 ITEMS  
THROUGH THE VERMONT  
INTERLIBRARY LOAN SYSTEM.

### **Library of Things**

- MUSEUM PASSES
- SNOWSHOES
- 3 IN 1 OUTDOOR GAME  
(PICKLEBALL, BADMITTON,  
VOLLEYBALL)
- HOUSEHOLD TOOLS
- PUZZLES
- GIANT GAMES
- ACTIVITY BACKPACKS
- LAPTOPS & PORTABLE PRINTER
- PORTABLE DVD PLAYER
- CD PLAYER

### **Community Food Shelf**

Our little Community Food Shelf  
sees many food and non-food  
items come and go anonymously  
throughout the week. Please  
help yourself to what you need,  
leave what you don't and donate  
what you can.  
Thank you for your donations!

### **Activity Backpacks**

Have you checked out our  
themed Activity Backpacks?

Each backpack features a  
variety of fiction and non-  
fiction books, art and science  
activities, games and more!

#### **Themes:**

Construction  
Forest Friends  
Ocean  
Dinosaurs  
Space  
Gardening

# Whitingham Old Home Week

Old Home Week 2026 is approaching quickly!

Come out to meet new people, help the community and share ideas!

We are gathering volunteers to help make this event an amazing celebration of community spirit, connection, and history!

Tentative Event Dates:

**July 2026**  
**24 - 26**

Save the date!

**Volunteers needed for:**  
**Beautification\***

**Fireworks**

**Publicity**

**Events\***

**Hospitality\***

**Parade\***

**History\***

Pick one that calls to you or just sign up to be a general volunteer!

\*Chairperson still needed



Please contact:

Amy or Gig

[amy@fieldstonearts.com](mailto:amy@fieldstonearts.com)

[gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org)

to join the party!



## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

The summer of 2023 brought many visitors to Town Hill. We continue to slowly perform maintenance to structures and fixtures as the budget allows, while making a dedicated effort to improve the grounds overall.

A couple of pieces of worn playground equipment were removed this spring. Efforts to trim the brush back along the perimeter of the property continued. A redesign of the parking area on the ballfield side improved the safety of traffic flow entering and exiting the parking area. The placement of boulders along the perimeter enhanced protection against unwanted vehicle traffic in the grassy areas. Most importantly, the work added considerable green space where more picnic tables and grills can be installed. The ballfield was tilled, grass removed, and new material added.

Many thanks to the Selectboard and Road Crew for installing a protective fence around the communication equipment, working on the parking area, delivering material for the ballfield and for cutting brush. Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance continues to do a great job groundskeeping and being alert to scheduled events and activities ahead of time. Thanks to Donnie Boyd for trimming brush along the ballfield and roadside and for spreading the new material on the ballfield. The annual Bolognani Memorial Softball Tournament provides overall field maintenance.

Thanks to voter support at the last Town Meeting, we are excited to add a pavilion style addition to the Town Hill pavilion in the Spring of 2024. The project will greatly improve available covered space for gatherings as well as provide an ADA accessible picnic area. Continued playground enhancements and the installation of a plaque at the war memorial are on the list for summer 2024. Our budget request includes \$6,000 for the plaque.

The Eames Village Park in Jacksonville continues to be a peaceful spot in the village with picnic tables and benches along the river. The Selectboard is seeking grant funding to assess potential maintenance needs of the retaining wall.

Flowers were planted at the Municipal Center, Eames Park, Village Bridge, Town Hill, Village of Whitingham. Thank you to Pete and Tanya Bernard for planting and maintaining flowers at the Jacksonville Pond Bridge.

Many thanks,

*Seth Boyd, Chair; Aysha Peltz Wahlstrom, Carol Millett, Erin Lackey, Lyndsey Bushey-Hesselback, Elizabeth Weber.*

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission met three times in 2023. We met with a representative from the Windham Regional Commission to discuss local planning needs; we conducted a site plan review and reviewed the draft update of the town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. We welcome Joe Saladino to our group.

*Brad Lackey, Chair; Peter Barus, Clerk; Linda Donaghue, Keith Thompson & Joseph Saladino*

## SELECTBOARD

In the calendar year 2023 we held 24 regular meetings, and 1 special meeting.

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 - see Transfer Station report for more information.
- Continued progress on Hazard Mitigation – see Hazard Mitigation report for more information.
- Approved purchase of new brush truck for Fire Department and sale of the old one.
- Approved purchase of one new copier/printer in this fiscal year and one in the next.
- Created a town Facebook account, which thankfully has not been controversial or abusive.
- Accepted resignation of Chief and Assistant sewer plant operators – see Sewer Department report.
- Created a “Payment Method Policy” to prevent financial fraud.
- Approved purchase of a new 1-ton truck for highway department.
- Worked with an engineer to determine whether it is feasible to build a new, larger highway garage at the same location.

We offer our thanks to:

**Wayne W. Wood** for conducting our HHW collection events, and to **Dennis Pike** who took the proper training and will conduct the events in the future.

**Aysha Peltz** and **Todd Wahlstrom**, coordinators of Green Up Day and for the generous donation to the pavilion improvement project at Town Hill.

**Andrew and Karen Zephir** for their generous donation to the pavilion project.

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

**Doug LaPlante** and **Rick Gramlin** for joining the Memorial Day committee.

**Joseph Saladino** for filling vacancies on the Planning Commission and Cemetery Committee.

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 (resigned 12/14/23)*

## SEWER DEPARTMENT

The year 2023 brought us great progress on our sewer improvements project AND some more bad news from the state. As reported last year, 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. Funding of those costs are out of reach of our sewer users. In an act of desperation Gig Zboray applied for and won **\$1 MILLION** of Bernie Sanders Congressionally Directed Spending. She then applied for and won a local cost share waiver ensuring that we get the full million and not have to pay \$250,000 towards the million.

Gig also ensured that all the proper paperwork was completed to win **\$1 MILLION** of ARPA grant funding.

Our project was always going to have a pollution control grant but until this year we didn't know how much or when that money would be awarded. The pollution control grant is **\$1,046,762**, we are using that up now.

With the \$2 million in additional grant funding, we are planning to move forward with much of the project as originally designed (not just replacing the aging process equipment but updating and upgrading the buildings and the collection system as well). We anticipate that we will get all the necessary improvements and updates as well as backup generators and some additional equipment with a final bond payment LESS than originally calculated.

In 2023 the Selectboard accepted the resignations of both the Chief and Assistant Operators. We are now contracting with Simon Operations Services to run the plants.

The BAD NEWS is that the state recently provided us with a copy of our draft discharge permit for the Whitingham plant. This permit mandates that we address phosphorus in our effluent as well as potentially some metals. This process starts with a dilution study by 2025. That study may indicate that expensive equipment could be required to address the problem, requiring design for construction by 2028. At this point we have no idea what the financial ramifications of these state mandates will be.

~Prepared by  
Gig Zboray on behalf of  
The Selectboard.

Left: old RBC Feb. 2018  
Right: new RBC Jan. 2024  
Both at Jacksonville plant.



# TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Delinquent Taxes As of July 1, 2022	\$	81,033.30
Abatement	\$	-
Taxes Billed for tax year 2022 (FY 2023)	\$	6,361,599.09
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,442,632.39</b>
2022 Current Taxes Collected	\$	6,291,799.40
Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$	81,001.89
Difference between actual & reports	\$	31.41
Delinquent Taxes as of July 2023	\$	69,799.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,442,632.39</b>

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

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

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**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023**

<b><u>Parcel ID</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>
06-J035-	BETIT, CLAIRE
05-0119-	BOYD, KENT
05-0132-	BOYD, THOMAS
08-0704	BRINDLEY-HOWE, DAWN, ET. AL.
12-1181	BUTTERFIELD, CARL, ET. AL.
12-1180	BUTTERFIELD, CARL E., ET. AL.
06-0041	CHAMBERS, JONATHAN, ET. AL.
12-1101	COONEY, KEVIN
06-0362-02	CRAWFORD, KRISTY
05-0122-	DIX, DOUGLAS, ET. AL.
05-0109	EDEN, JOHN C.
05-0261-	ESS & SEA REAL ESTATE LLC
09-0940	FELTON, JEANETTE M.
09-0835	FELTON, NATHANIEL H., ET. AL.
05-0171	GOULD, ELEANOR
05-0080	GRAZIANO, LOUIS A.
09-0861	HICKS, BRIAN D., ET. AL.
12-1101-01	HOLT, JOHN H.
05-0132-01	JANOVSKY, WADE A., ET. AL.
09-0949	KRASTINS, BRYAN
12-1128-	KRZEMINSKI, HELEN
09-0832	LOCKHART, JAMES, ET. AL.
12-1152-01	MCHUGH, BARBARA, ET. AL.
08-0689-01	MINEAU, WAYNE
05-0291	PENNEY, MATTHEW
06-J041-	PERRY, KEVIN L., ET. AL.
05-0237	PHELPS, CARLINE E., ESTATE OF
12-1139	PHELPS, JOEL, ET. AL.
09-0963	SALVATORE, JOSEPH, ET. AL.
05-0076	SOLSKY, MICHAEL, ET. AL.
05-0242	SOUSA, ALAN
05-0239	STACY, JUSTIN
07-0522	THOMAS, BRUCE A., ET. AL.
05-0285-01	VIERA, SANDRA M., ET. AL.
06-0498	WALLACE, CALVIN B., ET. AL.
05-0087-	WATERS, RICHARD C. J.
<b>TOTAL 2022 DELINQUENT TAXES ON 6/30/2023:</b>	<b><u>\$82,405.08</u></b>

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Vital Statistics records that were issued and or filed in the Town of Whitingham for calendar year 2023: 7 Births, 13 Deaths, and 12 Marriage Licenses.

There were 287 dog licenses issued in 2023. 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, pet dealer, or have a working farm dog, 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 466 land records which totaled 1294 pages, 98 property transfer tax returns, and 6 survey maps that were recorded, indexed, and scanned. The records include real estate transfer deeds, mortgages, discharges, assignments, powers of attorney, and other documents.

In September, the town clerk and assistant 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 cannot express how thankful I am to be able to spend time with my fellow town clerks and treasurers.

A huge thank you to Marylee Putnam for serving as my assistant town clerk for the past 18 years and as assistant treasurer for the past 16 years. Thank you Angi Dornburgh for joining the team this year as an assistant town clerk.

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

Best,



Town Clerk

## TRANSFER STATION

The post-pandemic economy is still increasing costs at the Transfer Station. The cost of hauling away all things has gone up again this year. These increased costs may force us to increase the per-bag price and the cost of the annual permit/sticker in September. 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 Town Clerk's office as well to avoid the attendant having to deal with cash.

We again offer great thanks to our former Selectboard Chair, **Wayne W. Wood**, for coming back to town to oversee two Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in 2023. Due to his training certificates, his services saved the town thousands of dollars for these required events. **Dennis Pike** has now taken the HAZWOPER training and will be running the HHW collection events in the future.

Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held in Spring and Fall. 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.

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

### **Recycling Matters!**

According to an environmental footprint calculator we saved:

245 trees

5,338 gallons of oil

552,604 hours of electricity

73,866 gallons of water

by our municipal recycling in 2023.

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

### ***Medical Shed***

If you have unused medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, raised toilet seats, etc.) in GOOD, CLEAN condition please consider donating them to the medical shed at the Transfer Station for others to use.

*Thank you.*

## **ZONING AND FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR**

In 2023 I reviewed 63 zoning permits (10 more than last year). One application was rejected. Of the 62, eight were for new dwellings, six subdivisions, three boundary line adjustments, two accessory dwelling units, the balance were mostly for garages, other storage buildings or renovations that add square footage.

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 2023 the ZBA met for seven public hearings.

We have two vacancies, if you are interested in serving on the ZBA, please contact Gig at (802) 368-7500 or by email at [gig@whitinghamvt.org](mailto:gig@whitinghamvt.org).

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



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# **D.V.C.C.**

## **Deerfield Valley Community Cares**

### **END OF HEATING SEASON REPORT 2022 - 2023**

This was a strange winter — 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.

The 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. The 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, 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 twenty 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 offered to take it over. When winter approaches, we will publish their contact numbers in the Valley News and provide their information to the fuel companies we deal with. 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 29<sup>th</sup> year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

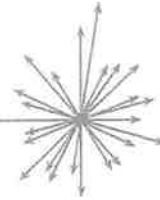
- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events (Family Halloween Event, February Break Family Extravaganza, Blueberry Family Fun Frenzy)
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 4-8
- Implementing Sticker Shock- collaborating with local retailers and youth on a community campaign to eliminate liquor sales to minors
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with middle and high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sending newsletters on alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues
- Sponsoring empowerment/leadership groups for middle and high school students
- Sponsoring tobacco awareness activities and offering virtual vaping/smoking cessation programs for high school students
- Supporting the Voices of Hope Group
- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales to prevent selling to minors
- Recognizing local retailers that pass state compliance checks
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free and installing cigarette buttlers at businesses with 802 Quits Cessation information
- Supporting the Student Assistance Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations for parents
- Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- Supporting the creation of a teen room (the Vault) and free teen clothing distribution at OSEC
- Promoting Take Back Day and distributing RX return envelopes

Most DVCP initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for other 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 Director, Jen Nilsen-Community and School Programs Coordinator, Shelley Park, Family Engagement Coordinator



## Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2023

### Who Are We

DVFiber was formed in 2020 as a municipality for the special purpose of bringing universal high-speed fiber optic internet service to all homes and businesses in our 24-town district. We are governed by a board whose members are appointed by the selectboards in each member town. When completed, the network will be community owned and operated under contract providing a service to its customers that meets or exceeds national standards.

### Year Four Budget

	FY 2023		FY 2024
	Budget	Actual (Projected)	Budget
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	\$453,805	\$3,706	\$503,697
<b>Grant Revenue - Construction</b>	\$9,990,031	\$6,335,630	\$9,158,716
<b>Grant Revenue - Ops</b>		\$485,081	\$794,608
<b>Other Revenue</b>	\$15,000	\$216,700	\$50,000
<b>Net Revenue</b>	\$10,458,836	\$7,041,117	\$10,507,021
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>Admin Costs</b>	\$499,354	\$350,888	\$534,670
<b>Operating Costs</b>	\$693,452	\$321,792	\$813,635
<b>Construction Costs</b>	\$9,376,819	\$6,335,630	\$9,158,716
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$10,569,625	\$7,008,310	\$10,507,021
<b>Annual Net Cash Flow</b>	\$(110,789)	\$32,807	-

\*FY 2022 Financial Statements can be found in our FY 2022 Audit

**Welcome**

We are pleased to share with you our accomplishments through our first three years.

**Years One & Two (2021-2022)**

Our volunteers established our organization, formed a public/private partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI), received \$26 million in grant funding, and connected pilot customers.

**Year Three (2023)**

DVFiber started network construction and connected its first customers in Readsboro.

**Next Up for Connection:**

Halifax (2024-2025)

Marlboro (2024-2025)

Stamford (2023-2024)

Whitingham (2023-2024)

**Towns Post-2025:**

Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Jamaica, Londonderry, Newfane, Putney, Searsburg, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, Weston, Wilmington, Windham & Winhall

**Stay Connected**

Scan the QR code or visit [DVFiber.net](http://DVFiber.net) to order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter.

**Contact Us**

844.383.6246

[info@mydvfiber.net](mailto:info@mydvfiber.net)

## DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry has remained open and busy during the 2022-2023 year with the use of the normal distribution method in which items are chosen as needed. We continue to provide a week's worth of supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in Wilmington, Whitingham, Marlboro, Halifax, Dover, Readsboro and Searsburg.

The items we offer include non-perishable staples, health care products, meats, eggs, dairy, fresh produce and bread at every distribution. All families are offered the same foods and their family size determines the amount.

Fundraising events and food drives by local schools and businesses were held and their support is very much appreciated. It is important to emphasize that items donated have to be in date. We have also received monetary donations to purchase foods from area businesses and the Vermont Food Bank. Our many sources of food allows us to be very efficient in the spending of funds donated to us.

Our family numbers remained roughly the same as in 2021-2022 for most of the year, fluctuating a little up or down. The weather does not affect us, and it usually does not affect those who need food. We have always been busy and open to serve those who need us.

Local dedicated volunteers assist Board Members in distributing 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. This year we were humbled to receive the American Legion's Citizenship Award at this year's Memorial Day Celebration.

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. We maintain 3 ambulances and cover 247 square miles. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 14 volunteers, five full-time paid staff and part-time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 904 calls as of October 2023 of which 131 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 2022 we had 11,280 volunteer hours in 2023 we had 9975 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,

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Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

Phone: 802-464-5557

P.O. Box 854

Fax: 802-464-4728

34 Route 100 South  
Wilmington, VT 05363

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

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

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



volunteer  
*do good, feel good*



## Green Mountain RSVP - Whitingham Annual Town Report – FY 2023

Green Mountain Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (GMRSVP) is an AmeriCorps Seniors program that engages people 55 and older in volunteer activities with local non-profits to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement. GMRSVP is focused on addressing social isolation, healthy aging, and food insecurity.

Two leaders from the Whitingham/Jacksonville Bone Builder class successfully completed the leader certification training in October. They are part of a leadership team facilitating the strength and balance class in the Whitingham Municipal Building twice a week for up to 18 participants. In addition to training leaders, weights and supplies for these classes are provided by GMRSVP. Volunteers deliver meals on wheels for the Jacksonville program twice a week and help with the community meals. AARP Tax assistance, transportation, and companionship services are available to Whitingham residents through programs in neighboring towns. GMRSVP volunteers make Sunshine Cards that send cheerful messages to isolated seniors during the long winters.

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. GMRSVP serves Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties.

Contact GMRSVP Program Director Corey Mitchell at 802-674-4547 to learn more about GMRSVP and how you can volunteer in Whitingham.



## HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$1,203.00 from the Town of Whitingham at the 2024 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 use 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 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2023, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 3,690 people in Windham and Windsor counties. 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 use 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 use 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.

## HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 12 clients, three from Halifax, five from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$184,576.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$144,356.00.

Our committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair  
257-7982

Al Dacey  
257-5879

Don McKinley  
368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Linda Donaghue  
368-2313

## The MOOVer

We celebrated our 27th anniversary in 2023. 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. A few people thought we'd never 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

The Senior Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been servicing the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and the Dovers. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Jacksonville site on Tuesday's and Thursday's for a suggested donation of \$5 for each nutritional meal. We have provided approximately 35 meals each day on Tuesday and Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 125 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 9 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, 5 regular volunteer drivers that deliver Meals on Wheels, and 4 on call volunteers.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We receive approximately \$35,800 in state aid, seniors' individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$37,000 for utilities, raw food cost, and supplies.

We are requesting \$1,500 from the town of Whitingham. This essential program would not be possible without community support.

*Terrie Dumaine*

Senior Meals Coordinator



### **Detailed 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 time period of 10/01/22-9/30/23.**

**Information & Assistance:** 46 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 1-866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs. Extensive resources are also on our website: [www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org](http://www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org)

**Medicare Assistance:** 19 Calls or Office Visits. 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 help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Care Coordination Services:** We provided 12 residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 118 hours) to enable them to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions' case manager meets clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure the services needed to support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 9 residents received 1,042 Home-Delivered Meals provided by The Dumaine House. We also supported community meal gatherings at the Jacksonville Municipal Center, provided by The Dumaine House and other meal sites in our region.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds to local organizations to help them operate these meal programs. However, the funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support these meals and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Our volunteers provided home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping or other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matched Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions provides many other services, including caregiver respite, grants for special needs, transportation, 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, 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 FY2023:

**Weatherization:** 1 home (1 person) received weatherization services.

**Emergency Heating System Replacements:** 1 home (1 person) received emergency heating system repairs or replacements.

**Tax Preparation:** 4 households (4 people) received assistance preparing tax returns or accessing rebates and refunds.

**Family Services / Crisis Resolution:** 8 households (9 people) received 24 services (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Housing Assistance:** 1 household (1 person) received assistance to obtain or stay in sustainable housing.

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 4 households (4 people) received 7 assists to receive emergency heating fuel or to avoid utilities disconnects.

The combined value of services provided to Whitingham residents exceeded \$11,463.00.

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 2024

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 do on its own. **Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (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). A new CEDS input process will be completed in 2024.

### 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 (based on a population of 1,357) to support SeVEDS.**

In 2023, 21 communities, representing 86% 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. To build **regional economic development capacity**. SeVEDS uses municipal funding to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and help regional partners.
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.** In FY23 we helped bring close to **\$7 Million** to our region – funding that supports the work of our region's towns, businesses and nonprofits.

### Program Impacts

- We support jobs for the majority of Whitingham folks, many of whom commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area's largest employers.
- 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. In 2023, **three** Whitingham businesses received this direct help. We encourage any local small businesses to reach out!
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that in 2023 provided career training and support to students in area high schools. Whitingham students attending **Twin Valley Middle/High School, the Windham Regional Career Center, or BUHS** benefit directly from this work.
- The **Welcoming Communities** program has supported **80** New Americans who have filled positions in **49** local companies, keeping our regional economy thriving.
- Our **Community Programs** include the **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** and the **Southern Vermont Economy Project**, both of which help towns and nonprofits 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.
- BDCC's **finance and grant management staff** has worked with the Town of Whitingham to submit an application for funding for the **Whitingham Sewer Upgrade** through the Congressionally Directed Spending Program, via EPA, that was received through Sen. Sanders' office. This included drafting the cost share waiver request (which was granted), and putting together all the grant application components.

### More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). There you can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates, including state and federal economic and community development resources, or download our annual report (you can also call the office to receive your own copy: 802-257-7731 x2) [www.sovermontzone.com](http://www.sovermontzone.com).

**Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation**  
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# 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 houses our registration forms for each season. We also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, 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 recently hired Tri-State Folding Partitions to install 6 folding basketball hoops that lower to 8 feet and raise to 10 feet with the push of a button at the Old School Community Center. The wiring of these basketball hoops was completed by Justin Corey from JC Electric. This will be a great addition for our basketball players, coaches, as well as our community who uses the Old School Community Center gymnasium on a regular basis. TVYS also purchased an AED this spring and was able to have it ready and in service for our 2023 fall soccer season. This is an important step in the safety of all who are involved in our baseball and soccer programs at the field at Twin Valley Elementary School should the unthinkable happen. 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. The project is going out to bid in late October and early November 2023. We are hopeful that a bid will be submitted within the budgeted amount of the project.

Twin Valley Youth Sports participates in the West River Valley Baseball League. In the spring of 2023, we were able to field a softball team for the girls for the first time in several years. This is a true testament of how our programs have grown over the years. The baseball program had 107 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the West River Baseball League, which included Dummerston, Townshend, Wardsboro, Dover, Putney, and Newbrook.

Our basketball program was a success in the winter of 2023. 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 games against other area teams such as Bennington, Arlington, Manchester and Hinsdale, NH. TVYS also fielded a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team in the Berkshire County League in Massachusetts which was an outstanding addition to the schedule due to the rigorous competition that was provided. Our boy's won the Berkshire County basketball championship in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of joining the league. In 2023/24, we will again field a boys 5/6 team, as well as adding a girls 5/6 team in this league. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2023 was 96.

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 (2023), TVYS fielded a girls 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, a boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team, a girls 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team and two 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 2023 was 139.

We are excited about the direction our programs are 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: 2023

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Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Windham and Windsor counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro)



## **Women, Infants & Children (WIC), Family and Child Health**

**WIC continues to be an important part of the Brattleboro Local Health Office.**

- We have provided WIC food benefits, nutrition support and breast/chest feeding education to nearly 700 families.
- Our team has prioritized translating resources to meet the needs of *all* of our clients. Through advocating at state and federal levels we are proud to now offer resources in Dari and Pashto to our clients from Afghanistan.
- To help parents struggling with substance use, we created a group of community providers, health professionals and recovery experts. This Substance Use, Recovery and Perinatal Health (SURPH) Coalition brings professionals and the community together to improve outcomes for families.



## **Immunizations and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases**

**Our team has been a leader in vaccinations for our community.**

- We host monthly vaccination clinics at the Needle Exchange Program and through our partnership with the Ethiopian Community Development Council have vaccinated New Vermonters from Afghanistan, Ukraine and Central America.
- With a focus on the most underserved in our community, we work towards preventing the spread of illness through education and outreach at vaccine clinics held in local homeless shelters and motels. Our goal is to ensure access for every member of our community.
- We have established strong partnerships with local long-term care facilities to handle illness outbreaks and help keep residents and staff safe.



## **Community-Wide Impact**

**We prioritize making community-wide impacts.**

- In response to the historic flooding in our area, we distributed hundreds of water testing kits in the community. We also offered resources at Disaster Recovery Centers, working together with FEMA.
- We work extensively with local partners to improve access to physical activity and healthy foods.
- We partnered with local organizations to install sunscreen dispensers and provide skin cancer prevention information at Retreat Farm and Living Memorial Park.



## TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

**The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)**, under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: [VSNIP.Vermont.Gov](http://VSNIP.Vermont.Gov). VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

**Facts:** Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!

***Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!*** 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP      Executive Director: VVSA



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 in 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 *21 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *110 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *31 new homeowners* in 2023 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 were *36 under construction and 14 completed projects* spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2024.

**Housing Development:** WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. This year, the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating *27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls, and contributes to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes within the village and is planned to break ground in 2024. The Central & Main 25-unit development in downtown Windsor will also be breaking ground in 2024. This year, WWHT completed work 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 allows us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

**Property Management:** WWHT owns *83 residential properties* housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management 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 the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. 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. Between Windsor's SASH program and SASH For All, we had over *120 participants connected to health and wellness resources.*

Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

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



# The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

## 2023 Annual Report



2023 was a busy year for the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team's (VDART's) regional response teams in Windham County and beyond. WinDART was activated by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets in March to provide pet sheltering services alongside the American Red Cross's human services after a long-term power outage in Brattleboro, VT caused the opening of a warming shelter at the Brattleboro Union High School. Only one person took advantage of the shelter (with her German Shepherd pictured here), and we were able to provide a warm and safe place for both of them to stay together.

In July, the catastrophic flooding that Vermont experienced once again triggered an activation for pet sheltering services. With assistance from teams across the state, including WinDART, the

Central Vermont DART stood up a pet shelter near the Barre Auditorium, where dozens of residents from Barre and Montpelier were evacuated to safety. Under CVDART's leadership, 47 volunteers provided 1,700 hours of round-the-clock assistance to 72 animals (including this rain-soaked kitty) for a period of 26-days, assisting 38 families. Several animals will remain in foster care until they can be reunited with their families. This was an unprecedented response for VDART and its local teams, and demonstrated that our year-round training and drills allow us to respond efficiently and effectively in order to keep pets and their families together through crisis.



In exciting news, WinDART recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Wilmington to use the Old School Community Center as a pet sheltering location for the Deerfield Valley. This will ensure that animals have a designated area to be sheltered close to their human families. WinDART will be participating in a state-wide drill being organized by the Vermont Emergency Management Agency in 2024, and hopes to use the space as part of the drill to test its suitability. WinDART is grateful to the towns of Whitingham, Wilmington, Dover, Halifax and Newfane for recognizing the importance of our work and supporting these life-saving services with yearly town meeting allocations.



Our volunteers braved cold rainy weather in April to host a Pet Food Drive at the Shaw's in Wilmington, securing \$200 worth of pet food for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. And WinDART volunteers once again participated in several community events throughout the summer and fall 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. We distributed disaster planning materials 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.

In September, WinDART organized a free Pet First Aid class instructed by Halifax veterinarian Dr. Sue Kelly and hosted by the Vermont EMS Academy in Newfane. Members of the team and the general public learned how to identify and manage some common issues like burns, lacerations, chemical exposures and hypothermia until their pets could be brought to a veterinarian for follow-up treatment.





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).

WRC assists towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; addressing natural resource issues, including watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; energy resilience and planning; transportation related projects, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that 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.

2023 will most likely be noted for weather-related disasters, beginning with the late-December heavy snow and flooding, the historical heavy snow and related damage from the March storm, and the summer flooding, with the July 8<sup>th</sup> flooding being the worst since Irene for the towns in the northwest of the region. WRC staff support municipal disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, response, and recovery, as well as direct support of State Emergency Operations Center functions. It was also a year when the governor and legislature recognized the limited capacity of rural towns. Programs like the Municipal Energy Resilience Program in support of town building efficiency, and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program in support of high-need towns, will hopefully become models for future statewide initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 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 \$3,584.45. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2024 and 2023 Annual Report, 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 providing after-school and summer programming. The TVMHS Wings Staff is excited to welcome Shannon Trumble on board as the new site coordinator. 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 2022-2023 school year, 131 TVMHS youth and 145 TVES youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling 8205 student hours at TVMHS and 16498 student hours at TVES. 2023 school year is off to an amazing start as well!
- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the 2022-2023 school year prioritizing student-led programming. TVES students enjoyed participating in programs led by their own grade-level peers. 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. Wings received the privilege of being a pilot for a new VT Afterschool/UVM job skill curriculum called Possible Futures. This pilot was introduced in summer of 2023 and will be expanded in coming months.
- Whitingham students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: Girls on the Run, Dungeons & Dragons, Performing Arts, Kindergarten Fun, Disc Golf and Jr. Iron Chef, just to name a few of our most popular programs!
- TVES and TVMHS youth filled 163 Wings summer camp 2023 slots enjoying a summer of fun, connection, and joy! 51 TVES & TVMHS students performed in the Wings' performing arts production "Willy Wonka". 109 TVES students, grades K-5, participated in Celebrate Summer & Stepping Stones camp. 37 TVMHS students kayaked, swam, hiked, and spent time adventuring outside during the Outdoor Adventures camp. 41 students participated in Wings Readsboro Summer Fun camp. Fifty six 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.
- Wings partnered with the Whitingham Free Public Library and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to offer additional summer camp programs during the summer 2023. Forty one youth participated in these additional camp offerings during which the library campers explored the wonders of reading 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!
- The Vault, a student driven and inspired safe space staffed by Wings and DVCP, continued throughout the summer and school year, welcoming students to socialize with peers and lean on trusted adults.
- Wings maintains high standards for learning, enrichment, wellness and academic programming. We have established partnerships with multiple organizations to intentionally add unique opportunities for all of our students, including Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Trout Unlimited, DVCP, municipal agencies and local craftsmen.

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 - Shannon Trumble

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Boyd & Keli Gould Project Co-Directors  
October 2023

# **WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER**

## **Statement of Services**

### **And Report to the Town of Whitingham**

The Women's Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor 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 providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to survivors and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, 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 survivors and their 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 southern Windsor County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes, this means assisting them to get to us, and other times, it means us going to them somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 144 people, and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,099 people** (623 women, 2 non-binary individuals, 31 men, and 444 children) who had been abused. These figures include 9 survivors and their 3 children from Whitingham. In addition, we provided 50 community outreach activities, including school presentations and workshops, to over 700 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor Counties.

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 5, 2024**

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 5, 2024, 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, 2024 – June 30, 2025, of **\$768,609.00** of which **\$399,887.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$267,982.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$100,740.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 2**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$193,425.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 3**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$21,000.00** for the upkeep and maintenance of town parks (Parks Committee budget) for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$60,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 5**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,628,053.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, of which **\$1,473,589.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$138,408.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$16,056.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 6**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$125,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 7**

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, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 8**

Shall the voters authorize **\$94,180.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, with **\$80,155.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$14,025.00** in anticipated grants?

#### **Article 9**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, for continued maintenance?



#### **Article 10**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$22,950.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, with **\$19,916.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,200.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$1,834.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

#### **Article 11**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support economic development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 12**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2026?

#### **Article 13**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the continuing support of ambulance operations by Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

#### **Article 14**

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 15**

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 16**

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 17**

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 18**

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 19**

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 20**

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 21**

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 22**

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 23**

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 24**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250.00** for the Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team ("WinDART") to assist in the care and sheltering of pets in the event of a local emergency?

#### **Article 25**

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 26**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade?

#### **Article 27**

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 28**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2024, with ninety-days' notice; to be made by physical delivery to the tax collector before 2pm on that date or with a first-class postmark on or before that date?

#### **Article 29**

Shall the voters make overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof for the first three (3) months and thereafter one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136?

#### **Article 30**

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

The following article will be voted by Australian ballot:

**Article 31**

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 (2)
- Selectboard member for a term of two years (2)
- 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
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of two years
- School Moderator (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- School Clerk (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- School Treasurer (TVUUSD) for a term of one year

**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 24th day of January 2024 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*



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*James Weber, Vice Chair*



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*Greg Brown, Member*



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*Craig Hammer, Member*



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Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk*



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Fun events for all ages happen at the Municipal Center.



Clockwise: Bone Builders, kids magic show , Senior Meals Christmas Party, painters at summer camp, TVMHS kids help out at Thanksgiving meal, adults who participated in Trunk or Treat, kids camp.



# NOTES



**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**  
will be scheduled for  
**Spring and Fall**  
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 Gymnasium,  
4299 VT Route 100  
Whitingham, VT

on

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5<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 21 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 2nd from 10am-12pm.**

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

Please keep your dogs leashed!