

# **WARNING**

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

### **March 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School Gymnasium at 4299 VT Route 100, in said Town, on March 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

#### **Article 1**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2026, 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 2**

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 3**

Shall the voters authorize **\$106,900.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, with **\$87,350.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$19,550.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

#### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support economic development in Whitingham for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 5**

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 6**

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 7**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the continuing support of ambulance operations by Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

#### **Article 8**

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 9**

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 10**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of The MOOver/Southeast Vermont Transit to provide transportation services to residents of the town?

### **Article 11**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200.00** for Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) to assist in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance, 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 12**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,032.00** to Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS/BDCC) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region?

### **Article 13**

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

### **Article 14**

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

### **Article 15**

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 16**

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

### **Article 17**

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 18**

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 19**

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 20**

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, of **\$822,562.00** of which **\$538,493.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$268,272.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$15,797.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

### **Article 21**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$172,451.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

### **Article 22**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$80,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

### **Article 23**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,715,081.00** for the maintenance and repair of town highways for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, of which **\$1,448,478.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$146,235.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$120,368.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

### **Article 24**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$125,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027?

### **Article 25**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

### **Article 26**

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, 2026 – June 30, 2027?

### **Article 27**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$30,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, for continued maintenance?

### **Article 28**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$26,750.00** for the operation of town cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, with **\$20,940.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,150.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$4,660.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

### **Article 29**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$5,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2036?

### **Article 30**

To discuss any other non-binding 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
- Cemetery Commissioner, remainder of a three-year term
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Road Commissioner for a term of three years
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Town Clerk remainder of a three-year term
- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three 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

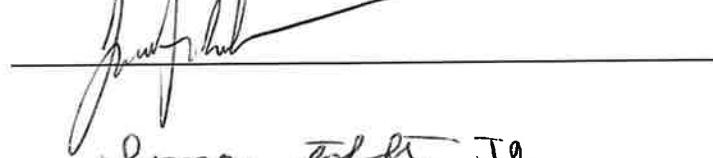
**Polls open from 10am to 7pm at the Twin Valley Middle High School Gymnasium, 4299 VT Route 100, Whitingham, VT.**

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 21st day of January 2026 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

*Scott M. Reed, Chair*



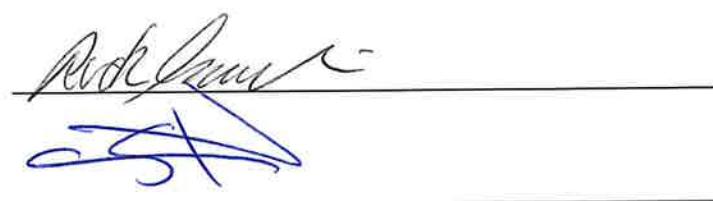
*James Weber, Vice Chair*



*Lyman Tefft, Jr., Member*



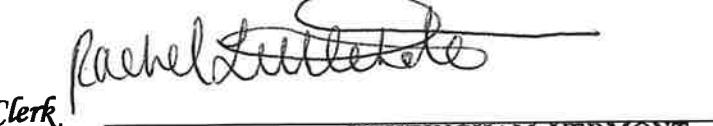
*Rick Gramlin, Member*



*Craig Hammer, Member*



Attest: *Rachel Littlehale, Town Clerk*



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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

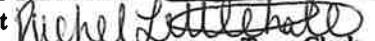
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6 o'clock 55 minutes A M. and

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Attest 

Rachel Littlehale

Town Clerk