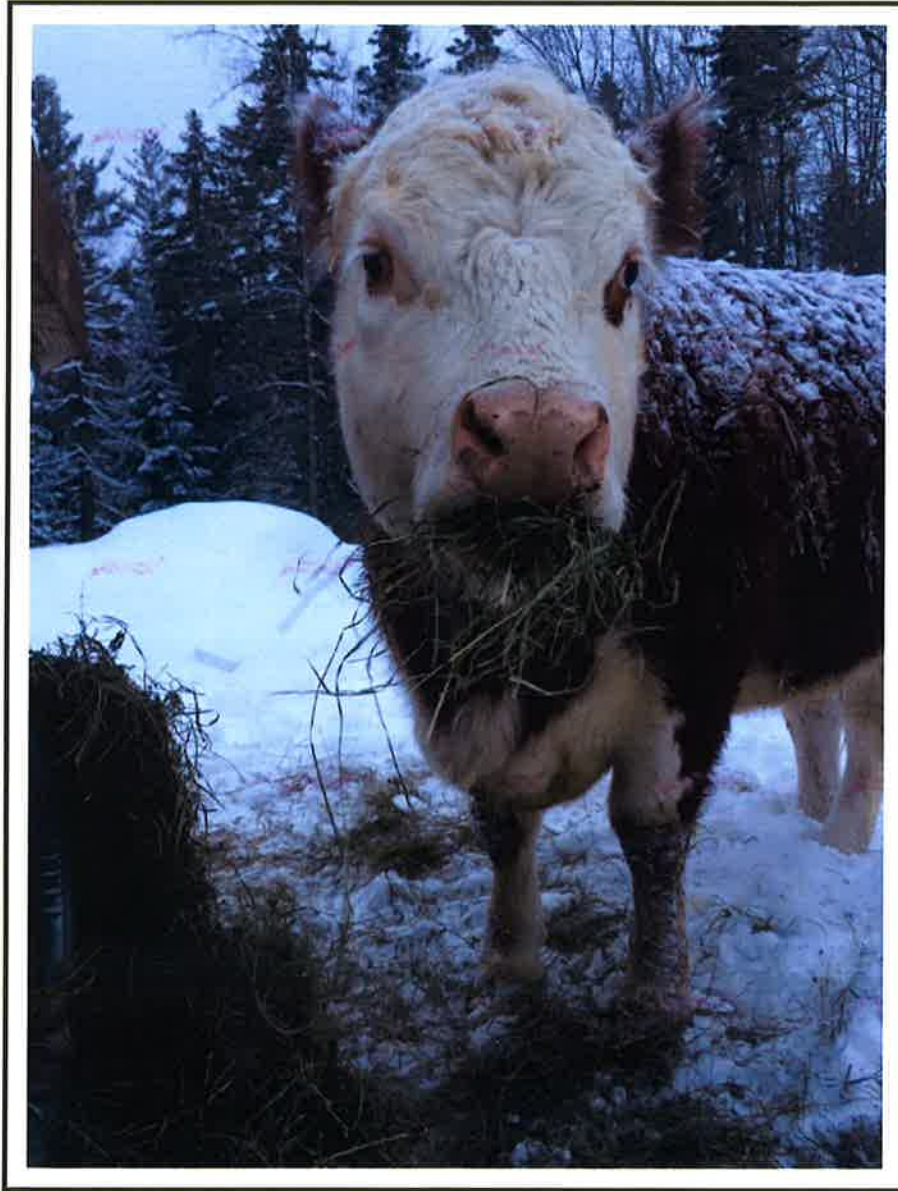


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ANNUAL REPORT

For the 12 months ending June 30, 2014



One of our many "other" residents... part of our valued, rural landscape.

Town of Whitingham, Vermont



TOWN REPORT 2013-2014

PREPARED FOR TOWN MEETING - MARCH 3, 2015

*Town Report in two sections
Financial and Reports*

FINANCIAL SECTION

*Warning and Budgets
Fund Balances & Cemetery Detail
Minutes of Town Meeting - 2014
Voting Instruction, and
Notice to Voters*

WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, who are legal voters in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Municipal Center, in said Town of Whitingham, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business, to wit:

Article 1

To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$692,787.00** for the general use of the Town for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. **\$376,304.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$179,429.00** in anticipated revenues, and **\$137,054.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Article 3

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$7,509.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 4

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$70,335.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 5

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 6

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$1,243,512.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. **\$1,080,230.00** to be raised in taxes, offset by **\$114,800.00** in anticipated revenues and previous year balance of **\$48,482.00**.

Article 7

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$85,000.00** for the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

Article 8

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$73,531.00*** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 with **\$62,278.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$12,265.00** in anticipated donations.

Article 9

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016 for continued maintenance.

Article 10

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 11

To see if the Town will make taxes due and payable on or before November 2, 2016 with ninety-days' notice.

Article 12

To see if the Town will charge interest on delinquent taxes at a rate of one percent (1%) per month for the first three (3) months and one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month thereafter for fiscal year taxes.

**After the warning was posted, it was discovered that the \$73,531 figure entered was that from the prior year. An amendment will be made to appropriately change it to \$74,543.*

Article 13

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$16,400.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 14

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2016.

Article 15

To see if the Town will continue to allow the Selectboard to utilize the **\$120,000.00** user fee allocated for use of the school property as in the past, in the following manner: **\$110,000.00** for Town use of school property and **\$10,000.00** for Wings for fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 16

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$4,700.00** for Valley Youth Sports programming for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$1,795.00** for Wings for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 18

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$3,750.00** to support the work of the Visiting Nurse Association for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 19

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the operation of the Pool Learning Center, for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 20

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$2,500.00** for the Deerfield Valley Community Partnerships to assist with the cost of providing programming and activities to prevent youth drug and alcohol abuse, for the fiscal year July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016.

Article 21

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$2,100.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 22

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$1,200.00** for Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 23

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$1,000.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Cares for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Article 24

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$850.00** to the Women's Crisis Center.

Article 25

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$750.00** to support the Council on Aging now known as Senior Solutions.

Article 26

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$500.00** to support the work of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Article 27

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$305.00 to the Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program for general budget support.

Article 28

To see if the Town will allow the Whitingham Free Public Library to spend grant monies and donations at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and Library Director.

Article 29

To elect all Town Officers and fill all vacancies.

Article 30

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 28th day of January 2015.

Keith Bronson, Chair _____

Allan Twitchell, Vice Chair _____

Gregory Brown, Member _____

Karl Twitchell, Member _____

Robin Kingsley, Member _____
Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont

Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk* _____

Original Signed By:

Keith Bronson, Chair
Allan Twitchell, Vice Chair
Gregory Brown, Member
Robin Kingsley, Member
Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk*

COMPARATIVE BUDGET

Fiscal Year ♦ 13-14 ♦ 14-15 ♦ 15-16

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RECEIPTS	COMPLETED RECEIPTS BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED RECEIPTS BUDGET 7.1.13-6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
GENERAL FUND REVENUES				
Prior Fund Balance (newly inserted line)	\$ 48,036.00	\$ -	\$ 130,599.00	\$ 137,054.00
Animal Control Officer Fines	\$ -	\$ 215.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Communications Tower Income (New)	\$ -	\$ 13,058.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,080.00
Copier Fees	\$ 160.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimbursement	\$ 33,636.00	\$ 37,544.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 42,155.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,608.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,700.00
E-Waste Returns (new)	\$ -	\$ 289.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Late Homestead Penalty	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
0.5% for Act 68 Collection Taxes	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 7,910.00	\$ 6,775.00	\$ 6,900.00
Bank Interest	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 509.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 135.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Lister Training	\$ -	\$ 395.00	\$ 395.00	\$ -
Sale of Grand List	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other - Fire Department Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other - Fire Department Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other - Hazard Mitigaton Grant Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other - Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,160.00	\$ -	\$ -
Marriage Licenses	\$ 145.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 210.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,886.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Other - Power Company	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Center Use	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
Ambulance Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 82,099.00	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 21,727.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,314.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Overpayment (prepayment)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Property Taxes	\$ 472,261.00	\$ 505,258.00	\$ 386,819.00	\$ 376,304.00
Sale of Tax Maps	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Sale Fee Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 12,965.00	\$ 12,965.00	\$ 12,965.00	\$ 13,224.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,626.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,600.00
Traffic Fines	\$ 901.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 300.00
Transfer Station	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,314.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,500.00
Transfer Station Steel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,754.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Zoning Building Permits	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,697.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 681,319.00	\$ 772,463.00	\$ 692,788.00	\$ 692,787.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
Director - Civil Defense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fire Warden	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Moderator	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Selectboard (4)	\$ 7,878.00	\$ 7,878.00	\$ 7,878.00	\$ 7,878.00
Selectboard Chair	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 2,272.00
FICA	\$ 915.00	\$ 951.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 840.00
Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 11,865.00	\$ 11,901.00	\$ 11,880.00	\$ 11,790.00

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk	\$ 16,392.00	\$ 16,637.40	\$ 16,802.00	\$ 17,307.00
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 8,557.00	\$ 8,557.00	\$ 8,771.00	\$ 11,100.00
FICA	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,019.89	\$ 3,228.00	\$ 3,462.00
Retirement	\$ 1,677.00	\$ 1,655.42	\$ 1,801.00	\$ 1,821.00
Health Insurance	\$ 21,410.00	\$ 20,379.42	\$ 21,450.00	\$ 21,990.00
Reimburse Fees to Town Clerk	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,666.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,600.00
Ballot Clerks - Elections (was at wages)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 288.09	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Computer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Programming & Election Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ -
Supplies and Postage	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,166.43	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Telephone	\$ 800.00	\$ 806.90	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00
Town Clerk Training	\$ 400.00	\$ 249.90	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	\$ 72,486.00	\$ 70,426.45	\$ 76,152.00	\$ 77,580.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector	\$ 4,919.00	\$ 4,991.74	\$ 5,043.00	\$ 5,196.00
FICA	\$ 1,563.00	\$ 1,759.91	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,698.00
Retirement	\$ 1,073.00	\$ 1,239.70	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 1,221.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,045.97	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 19,196.70	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Tax Sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 24,255.00	\$ 28,234.02	\$ 26,307.00	\$ 26,615.00
Sub-total this page	\$ 108,606.00	\$ 110,561.47	\$ 114,339.00	\$ 115,985.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15- 6.30.16
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS				
Bookkeeping	\$ 31,464.00	\$ 25,485.00	\$ 32,253.00	\$ 33,222.00
Treasurer	\$ 6,363.00	\$ 6,358.00	\$ 6,522.00	\$ 7,800.00
FICA	\$ 2,898.00	\$ 2,380.00	\$ 2,967.00	\$ 3,042.00
Retirement	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,368.00	\$ 1,596.00
Computer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contract Services	\$ 570.00	\$ -	\$ 570.00	\$ 570.00
Mileage (\$100 Bkpr/balance Treas)	\$ 630.00	\$ 561.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
Supplies & Postage (Bkpr \$500/Treas bal)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,087.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 540.00	\$ 506.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 621.00
Training	\$ 390.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
	\$ 45,705.00	\$ 37,532.00	\$ 46,773.00	\$ 49,371.00
SELECTBOARD ADMIN				
Selectboard Admin	\$ 39,291.00	\$ 39,288.00	\$ 40,275.00	\$ 41,484.00
Assistant	\$ 9,990.00	\$ 4,377.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00
FICA	\$ 4,473.00	\$ 4,014.00	\$ 4,554.00	\$ 4,521.00
Retirement	\$ 2,544.00	\$ 2,482.00	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 2,742.00
Insurance	\$ 9,147.00	\$ 9,147.00	\$ 9,348.00	\$ 9,540.00
Equipment	\$ 390.00	\$ 894.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Mileage	\$ 600.00	\$ 246.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 1,714.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 2,700.00
Telephone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,119.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,575.00
Mtgs, Seminars, Training, Related	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	\$ 71,985.00	\$ 64,431.00	\$ 71,937.00	\$ 73,362.00
TOWN REPORT				
Wages	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,804.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,944.00
Employment Costs	\$ 759.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 777.00	\$ 660.00
Town Reports / Related Mileage	\$ 900.00	\$ 463.00	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies and Postage	\$ 510.00	\$ 372.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 393.00
	\$ 6,969.00	\$ 6,253.00	\$ 5,997.00	\$ 5,997.00
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Salary	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 3,600.00
Employment Costs	\$ 330.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 315.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 270.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
Telephone	\$ 258.00	\$ 161.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 258.00
	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 4,743.00
Sub-total this page	\$ 129,777.00	\$ 110,382.00	\$ 129,825.00	\$ 133,473.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
MUNICIPAL CENTER				
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,776.00	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 2,190.00
Electricity	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 6,006.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,728.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Employment Costs	\$ 900.00	\$ 541.00	\$ 1,116.00	\$ 1,116.00
Event / Rental Clean-Up	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Generator Propane (w/Jack Fire D.)	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Heating Oil	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 5,901.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mowing	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,080.00
Cleaning/OS - Municipal Center	\$ 14,999.00	\$ 13,061.00	\$ 14,999.00	\$ 14,999.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,492.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00
Telephone (Security)	\$ 180.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
Custodian/Snow Removal/Related	\$ 1,636.00	\$ 1,472.00	\$ 1,743.00	\$ 1,747.00
Bathroom / Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,217.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 1,965.00
	\$ 59,145.00	\$ 47,086.00	\$ 59,273.00	\$ 59,277.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Electricity	\$ 660.00	\$ 527.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	\$ 960.00	\$ 827.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
TAXES				
County Tax	\$ 16,050.00	\$ 14,948.00	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 14,700.00
VT Dept E and T	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,684.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 2,400.00
	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 17,632.00	\$ 16,620.00	\$ 17,100.00
TOWN NURSE				
Town Nurse	\$ 14,798.00	\$ 14,793.00	\$ 15,168.00	\$ 15,623.00
FICA	\$ 1,134.00	\$ 1,132.00	\$ 1,162.00	\$ 1,191.00
Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,314.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
	\$ 18,732.00	\$ 17,307.00	\$ 19,130.00	\$ 19,614.00
Sub-total this page	\$ 96,087.00	\$ 82,852.00	\$ 95,983.00	\$ 96,951.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
LISTERS				
Wages x 3 plus Assistant	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,002.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
FICA	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,063.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,149.00
Computer License	\$ 500.00	\$ 694.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 700.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00
Computer Support	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Computer Software/Disaster Recovery	\$ 1,150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer Training/Convert	\$ 600.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies and Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 986.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
Printed Tax Bill Forms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ 483.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 517.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Town Map Update	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
	\$ 24,300.00	\$ 16,185.00	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 22,899.00
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Duplicating	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
FICA	\$ 564.00	\$ 251.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 420.00
Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
Mileage	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 968.00	\$ 1,483.00	\$ 1,485.00
Print Zoning Ordinance	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Print New Town Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retirement	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
Seminar - Planning / Zoning	\$ 900.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Planning Commission Clerk	\$ 642.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Supplies - Zoning Admin	\$ 200.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Town Plan Update	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Zoning Admin	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 1,987.00	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 4,920.00
Windham Regional Member	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,615.00	\$ 2,530.00	\$ 2,700.00
Windham Regional Reps - Meetings	\$ 2,733.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 2,733.00	\$ 2,000.00
Whitingham Village Enhancement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 15,339.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 15,306.00	\$ 14,805.00
ZONING BOARD - ADJUSTMENT				
Zoning Board Clerk	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
FICA	\$ 13.00	\$ -	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00
Legal Notices	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Legal Services	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Zoning Board Chairman	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies and Postage	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
	\$ 408.00	\$ -	\$ 408.00	\$ 408.00
Sub-total this page	\$ 40,047.00	\$ 24,127.00	\$ 37,964.00	\$ 38,112.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
Equipment		\$ -		
Employment Costs (FICA/Retirement)	\$ 180.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 198.00
Mileage	\$ 260.00	\$ 139.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 750.00
Miscellaneous/Windham Cty Humane Soc	\$ 750.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 780.00
Supplies	\$ 120.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Telephone	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 450.00
Training	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Wages - Office Assistance	\$ 750.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Wage - ACO	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 653.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 2,547.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 4,668.00
CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Hearings	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Overtime Coverage	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Patrol Coverage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	\$ 10,900.00	\$ -	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 10,900.00
INSURANCE				
Liability/Property/Bond Insurance	\$ 28,388.00	\$ 27,777.00	\$ 31,080.00	\$ 29,100.00
Workmen's Comp	\$ 17,623.00	\$ 16,233.00	\$ 17,517.00	\$ 16,500.00
	\$ 46,011.00	\$ 44,010.00	\$ 48,597.00	\$ 45,600.00
Sub-total this page	\$ 60,751.00	\$ 46,557.00	\$ 63,337.00	\$ 61,168.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14- 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
TRANSFER STATION				
Attendant	\$ 15,606.00	\$ 14,762.00	\$ 15,996.00	\$ 16,476.00
Attendant's Assistant	\$ 768.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 789.00	\$ 900.00
Clerical Assistance	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 1,112.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
FICA	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,296.00	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 1,467.00
Waste Disposal	\$ 32,355.00	\$ 20,337.00	\$ 31,050.00	\$ 27,000.00
Electricity	\$ 450.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pest Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,099.00	\$ 1,281.00	\$ 750.00
Repairs / Site Work / Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 747.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Retirement	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 117.00
Telephone	\$ 237.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Tire Removal - (was Miscellaneous)	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Trash Removal	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,090.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 720.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 780.00
WCSW Meetings / Related Expense	\$ 720.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
Windham County Solid Waste	\$ 16,284.00	\$ 16,090.00	\$ 17,760.00	\$ 18,753.00
	\$ 83,997.00	\$ 67,618.00	\$ 84,753.00	\$ 81,903.00
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Audit of Accounts	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Civil Defense - Generator Contract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Contract	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Computer Hardware/Repairs/Related Svc	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Computer Software	\$ 500.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Copier Costs	\$ 3,249.00	\$ 3,249.00	\$ 3,249.00	\$ 3,330.00
Dog Tags	\$ 240.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Dues - VLCT, VTCMA	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 2,497.00	\$ 2,793.00	\$ 2,880.00
Flowers - Memorial Day and Town	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,712.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Green-Up Vermont - State	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Green-Up Vermont - Local	\$ 50.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Legal Notices	\$ 600.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 450.00
Legal Services - Town Counsel	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 5,365.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,260.00
Liquor Licensing Control (see receipts)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Marriage Licenses	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Mileage/Misc - Selectboard	\$ 960.00	\$ 458.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
Mileage Municipal Employee	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 2,942.00	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 3,690.00
Newsletter (2)	\$ 600.00	\$ 591.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 450.00
Overpmt of Taxes - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Use School Property	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Seminars/Dues/Course Fees-Selectboard	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Street Lights	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 3,332.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 3,900.00
Fees to State	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 964.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Service charge bank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Telephone - Ambulance	\$ 600.00	\$ 414.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Telephone - Fax/Web Connect:FO,High,SB	\$ 450.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
VT Coalition of Municipalities (dues)	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VT Trails and Greenways Council	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Town Web Page	\$ 780.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 161,979.00	\$ 155,443.00	\$ 166,587.00	\$ 165,195.00
Sub-total this page	\$ 245,976.00	\$ 223,061.00	\$ 251,340.00	\$ 247,098.00

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WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
SELECTBOARD BUDGET SUMMARY				
Animal Control	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 2,547.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 4,668.00
Board of Health	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 4,743.00
Contract Law Enforcement	\$ 10,900.00	\$ -	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 10,900.00
Employees and Officials	\$ 11,865.00	\$ 11,901.00	\$ 11,880.00	\$ 11,790.00
Financial Operations - Bookkeeper/Treas	\$ 45,705.00	\$ 37,532.00	\$ 46,773.00	\$ 49,371.00
General Expenses	\$ 161,979.00	\$ 155,443.00	\$ 166,587.00	\$ 165,195.00
Historical Society	\$ 960.00	\$ 827.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
Insurance	\$ 46,011.00	\$ 44,010.00	\$ 48,597.00	\$ 45,600.00
Listers	\$ 24,300.00	\$ 16,185.00	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 22,899.00
Municipal Center	\$ 59,145.00	\$ 47,086.00	\$ 59,273.00	\$ 59,277.00
Planning Commission	\$ 15,339.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 15,306.00	\$ 14,805.00
Selectboard Admin	\$ 71,985.00	\$ 64,431.00	\$ 71,937.00	\$ 73,362.00
Taxes	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 17,632.00	\$ 16,620.00	\$ 17,100.00
Tax Collector	\$ 24,255.00	\$ 28,234.02	\$ 26,307.00	\$ 26,615.00
Town Clerk	\$ 72,486.00	\$ 70,426.45	\$ 76,152.00	\$ 77,580.00
Town Nurse	\$ 18,732.00	\$ 17,307.00	\$ 19,130.00	\$ 19,614.00
Town Report	\$ 6,969.00	\$ 6,253.00	\$ 5,997.00	\$ 5,997.00
Transfer Station	\$ 83,997.00	\$ 67,618.00	\$ 84,753.00	\$ 81,903.00
Zoning Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408.00	\$ 408.00
	\$ 680,836.00	\$ 597,540.47	\$ 692,788.00	\$ 692,787.00
Sub-total	\$ 680,836.00	\$ 597,540.47	\$ 692,788.00	\$ 692,787.00

Town Meeting provides an opportunity to learn about the various components that make up your taxes; provides an opportunity to participate in public discussion around appropriation requests, and to engage in the various votes that can occur during the meeting. It is your opportunity to participate in ways that are meaningful to you in an important component of your Town's government.

Town Meeting 2015 will be held in Jacksonville at the Municipal Center - first Tuesday in March (as always) March 3, 2015. Come vote - observe - question. LBS has planned to serve lunch mid-day.

Your presence is important and welcomed!

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TOWN HILL CEMETERIES FIRE DEPARTMENT	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
TOWN HILL				
Electricity	\$ 96.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00
Employment Costs	\$ 144.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Improvements	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 2,108.00	\$ 1,926.00	\$ 1,926.00
Mowing / Related	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 4,125.00
Toilet Rental	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	\$ 7,758.00	\$ 6,757.00	\$ 7,509.00	\$ 7,509.00
CEMETERIES				
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,633.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
FICA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commissioner's Fee	\$ -	\$ (30.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ 32.00	\$ -	\$ -
Mowing	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Cemetery Flowers	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,518.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Gravestone Repairs	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 15,075.00	\$ 14,653.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Association Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues and Course Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 722.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,936.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 2,078.00	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 2,820.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,183.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
FICA	\$ 442.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 445.00
Fuel - Generator Propane	\$ -	\$ 103.00	\$ -	\$ -
Gasoline and Diesel	\$ 600.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Heating Oil	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,846.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
Insurance	\$ 1,949.00	\$ 2,007.00	\$ 1,949.00	\$ 1,949.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,776.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00
Facility Repair	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,853.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,636.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Retirement	\$ 140.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00
Captain 1	\$ 773.00	\$ 773.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 793.00
Captain 2	\$ 773.00	\$ 773.00	\$ 793.00	\$ 793.00
Assistant Chief	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 1,185.00
Fire Chief	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 1,901.00	\$ 1,901.00
Lieutenant	\$ 670.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 687.00	\$ 687.00
2nd Lieutenant	\$ 670.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 687.00	\$ 687.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 600.00	\$ 559.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Telephone	\$ 730.00	\$ 671.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
	\$ 65,175.00	\$ 47,915.00	\$ 70,335.00	\$ 70,335.00

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Whitingham Free Public Library	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
RECEIPTS				
Balance from Previous Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trustees Fund Raising	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 2,758.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
Donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,202.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Interest Earnings	\$ 17.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
VT DOL Grant	\$ 155.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous Grants				
Tax Appropriation	\$ 54,480.00	\$ 54,480.00	\$ 61,766.00	\$ 62,278.00
Halfax Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	\$ 66,252.00	\$ 69,128.00	\$ 73,531.00	\$ 74,543.00
EXPENSES				
Automation (new 2010-2011)	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
Advertising	\$ 100.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 180.00
Association Dues	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Books/Magazine/Audio/Video	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,016.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 10,700.00
Audio Visual	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,299.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,300.00
Cleaning Service	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 400.00
Computer Maint	\$ 75.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Computer Software	\$ 65.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 925.00
Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 626.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Service	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
FICA	\$ 2,849.00	\$ 2,831.00	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 3,440.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 535.00	\$ 889.00	\$ 1,406.00	\$ 1,406.00
Librarian Salary	\$ 23,565.00	\$ 24,463.00	\$ 24,270.00	\$ 24,945.00
Librarian's Retirement	\$ 1,237.00	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,375.00
Library Assistants*	\$ 13,676.00	\$ 12,252.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Mileage / Prof Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 343.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Periodicals	\$ -	\$ 672.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00
Postage	\$ 900.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00
Programs / Activities	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Program Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 857.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 700.00
Telephone / Internet	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,911.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00
VT on Line Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147.00
	\$ 66,252.00	\$ 69,128.00	\$ 73,531.00	\$ 74,543.00
*Ass't Librarian, Youth Services, Program Ass't.				

LIBRARY SPONSORED MOVIE NIGHTS and OTHER EVENTS / HAPPENINGS

Regularly scheduled Workshops and Lectures are anticipated to include:
 Gentle Yoga; Hoopnotica; Healthy Cooking; as well as plans for a visit from Lake Champlain
 Author
 Ron Krupp, who wrote: "Woodchuck's Guide to Gardening" and his latest "Lifting the Yoke"

Tuesday mornings with Tianna - 10 AM toddler and pre-school Story Hour

Check us out on Facebook while our Web-site is being re-constructed.

First Thursday of the month features Silver Screen Classics
 Fourth Thursday of the month features new releases (PG, PG-13, R)

Upcoming Movies include:

The Best of Me (Romance: "you never forget your first love")
 Directed by Michael Hoffman

Birdman (Comedy / Drama) - Starring Michael Keaton and Emma Stone
 (Top SAG Award 2015)

American Sniper (Biography / Action / War) - Directed by Clint Eastwood

Boyhood (A special Drama ... 12 years in the making) - Directed by Richard Linklater

The 2nd Saturday of the month the Library offers family friendly movies (G and PG)

Family friendly titles, as well as related activities, are currently available
 by calling the Library at 368-7506

**Note: All Movies are Shown in the Main Hall of the Municipal Center,
 Village of Jacksonville**

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(TAXES TO BE RAISED THROUGH) APPROPRIATIONS	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	COMPLETED EXPENDED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.15 - 6.30.16
	13-14 REQUESTED	13-14 EXPENDED	14-15 REQUESTED	15-16 REQUESTED
Ambulance Operations	\$14,050.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$10,000.00
Brattleboro Hospice	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Council on Aging	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Economic Development	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Deerfield Valley Community Cares (NEW)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Home Health Care and Rehab Svcs	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,203.00	\$ -
Southeastern VT Community Cares	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Old Home Week	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Pool Learning Center	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Valley Youth Sports (NEW)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,700.00
Windham County RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
WINGS (NEW / "Separate Programming")	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,795.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
Sub-total those above	\$ 26,608.00	\$ 26,558.00	\$ 39,708.00	\$ 42,450.00
Funds Administered Through General Fund				
Cemeteries	\$ 15,075.00	\$ 14,653.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00
Fire Department Operations Fund	\$ 65,175.00	\$ 47,915.00	\$ 70,335.00	\$ 70,335.00
Library Appropriation (from General Fund)	\$ 54,480.00	\$ 54,480.00	\$ 61,766.00	\$ 62,278.00
General Fund Appropriation	\$ 681,319.00	\$ 651,706.00	\$ 692,788.00	\$ 692,787.00
Town Hill	\$ 7,758.00	\$ 6,757.00	\$ 7,509.00	\$ 7,509.00
Sub-total those above	\$ 823,807.00	\$ 775,511.00	\$ 848,798.00	\$ 849,309.00
Individual Fund Appropriations				
Fire Equipment Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Highway Operations Fund	\$ 942,439.00	\$ 1,120,351.00	\$ 1,005,351.00	\$ 1,080,230.00
Civil Defense - Generator Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Facilities Capital Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Town Property Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub-total those above	\$ 1,047,439.00	\$ 1,215,351.00	\$ 1,110,351.00	\$ 1,190,230.00
Sub-totals totaled	\$ 1,897,854.00	\$ 2,017,420.00	\$ 1,998,857.00	\$ 2,081,989.00

WHITINGHAM *17th ANNUAL* MAPLE FEST

MARCH 28-29, 2015

Sugar Houses Open; Numerous Artisan Gallery Spaces

Craft Fair/Lunch at Twin Valley Middle / High School

Saturday - at Jacksonville Municipal Center

Pancake Breakfast and Sugar on Snow Ham Dinner

Sunday - at Jacksonville Municipal Center

Pancake Breakfast, Sleigh Rides, and all the rest

Get your program or view full schedule at:

www.townofwhitingham-vt.org

www.whitingham-maplefest.us

HIGHWAY	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	EXPENDED COMPLETED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15	PROPOSED BUDGET 7.1.14 - 6.30.15
REVENUE				
State Aid	\$ 119,386.00	\$ 119,247.00	\$ 114,800.00	\$ 114,800.00
State Paving Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Previous Year Balance	\$ 109,249.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 48,482.00
FEMA Grant	\$ -	\$ 302,305.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Current Taxes	\$ 942,439.00	\$ 942,439.00	\$ 1,005,351.00	\$ 1,080,230.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 2,094.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 1,171,074.00	\$ 1,366,085.00	\$ 1,320,151.00	\$ 1,243,512.00
DISBURSEMENTS - WAGES				
Road Commissioner	\$ 55,208.00	\$ 55,203.00	\$ 56,589.00	\$ 58,287.00
Highway Crew (4)	\$ 157,612.00	\$ 156,996.00	\$ 163,344.00	\$ 168,246.00
Municipal Employee (1)	\$ 43,655.00	\$ 34,529.00	\$ 46,539.00	\$ 47,937.00
Associated Overtime Wage Budget	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 44,786.00	\$ 50,190.00	\$ 51,696.00
Office Assistance	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 848.00	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 1,710.00
FICA	\$ 23,424.00	\$ 21,565.00	\$ 24,345.00	\$ 25,311.00
Retirement	\$ 15,988.00	\$ 15,172.00	\$ 16,234.00	\$ 18,198.00
	\$ 345,597.00	\$ 329,099.00	\$ 358,951.00	\$ 371,385.00
INSURANCE				
Health Insurance	\$ 116,437.00	\$ 75,975.00	\$ 127,078.00	\$ 127,200.00
Life and Accident Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,110.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 2,758.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3,936.00
	\$ 119,077.00	\$ 79,693.00	\$ 132,268.00	\$ 132,246.00
HIGHWAY EXPENSES				
			CURRENT	PROPOSED
Chains	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,213.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Chloride	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,649.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Crack Sealing	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Culverts	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,795.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,467.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 53,849.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Electricity	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,777.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 42,166.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Equipment Purchased	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,009.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Gasoline	\$ 720.00	\$ 7,373.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Grant Expenditure (Bridge)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gravel	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 55,068.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 8,960.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Mileage	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
CDL, Drug Test, Misc	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,468.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Roadside Mowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Paging Service	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 834.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Postage	\$ 120.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Paving	\$ 395,000.00	\$ 356,479.00	\$ 395,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,316.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 40,327.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Salt	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 28,582.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Salt Additive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Winter Sand	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 47,855.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Stone	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,690.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,466.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Street Sweeper Bristles	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 320.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 321.00
Tires	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,839.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Telephone	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,212.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00
Uniforms	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,308.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	\$ 706,400.00	\$ 711,559.00	\$ 716,880.00	\$ 739,881.00
HIGHWAY SUMMARY				
WAGES	\$ 345,597.00	\$ 329,099.00	\$ 358,951.00	\$ 371,385.00
INSURANCE	\$ 119,077.00	\$ 79,693.00	\$ 132,268.00	\$ 132,246.00
EXPENSES	\$ 706,400.00	\$ 711,559.00	\$ 716,880.00	\$ 739,881.00
DEFICIT (FEMA)			\$ 112,052.00	
	\$ 1,171,074.00	\$ 1,120,351.00	\$ 1,320,151.00	\$ 1,243,512.00

SEWER COSTS OF OPERATION	COMPLETED BUDGET 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	COMPLETED EXPENDED 7.1.13 - 6.30.14	CURRENT BUDGET FY 14-15	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 15-16
SEWER OPERATIONS - LABOR				
FICA	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 3,888.00	\$ 4,050.00
Reimb. User Penalties	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,943.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,419.00	\$ 2,868.00
Clerk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commissioners	\$ 609.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00
Chief Operator	\$ 43,270.00	\$ 43,269.00	\$ 44,136.00	\$ 47,052.00
Assistant	\$ 1,310.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Admin Svcs	\$ 418.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 432.00
Financial Svcs	\$ 418.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 432.00
Treasurer	\$ 2,669.00	\$ 2,668.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,781.00
Janitorial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 55,784.00	\$ 54,814.00	\$ 57,093.00	\$ 60,925.00
INSURANCE				
Health Insurance	\$ 21,410.00	\$ 13,377.00	\$ 21,448.00	\$ 21,990.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 1,638.00	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 2,100.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 470.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 720.00
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 2,282.00	\$ 1,314.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 2,280.00
	\$ 25,752.00	\$ 16,902.00	\$ 25,395.00	\$ 27,090.00
SEWER PLANT EXPENSES				
Chemicals	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Contracted Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,231.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Electricity	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,484.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
20 Yr Evaluation Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Repairs - Facility & Equip.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 968.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Repairs - Line & Pump	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Repairs - Meters	\$ 500.00	\$ 548.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sludge Removal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,224.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 300.00	\$ 533.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 580.00
Travel / Mileage / Auto Allowance - Chief Op	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,975.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Outside Testing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,246.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 200.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	\$ 37,300.00	\$ 42,263.00	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 49,280.00
SEWER BUDGET SUMMARY				
LABOR	\$ 55,784.00	\$ 54,814.00	\$ 57,093.00	\$ 60,925.00
INSURANCE	\$ 25,752.00	\$ 16,902.00	\$ 25,395.00	\$ 27,090.00
EXPENSES	\$ 37,300.00	\$ 42,263.00	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 49,280.00
	\$ 118,836.00	\$ 113,979.00	\$ 125,688.00	\$ 137,295.00
SEWER REVENUE				
Capital Improvement Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Current User Fees	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 94,109.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Delinquent Sewer Fees	\$ -	\$ -		
Interest from Bank (Special Fund Revenue)	\$ -	\$ 281.94		
Interest on Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,566.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Investment Income Sewer Hook-up	\$ -	\$ -		
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -		
Penalties	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,944.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Sewer Hook-up Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,344.00		
Sewer Hook-up Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Sludge Revenue	\$ -	\$ 2,880.00		
	\$ 103,200.00	\$ 102,124.94	\$ 103,200.00	\$ 103,200.00

*Rates to be adjusted to meet expenses.

**FUND BALANCES AS OF
JUNE 30, 2014**

FUND	BALANCE	INTEREST	EXPENDITURES	DEPOSITS	FUND BALANCE
	AS OF JULY 1, 2013				AS OF JUNE 30, 2014
*GENERAL FUND	\$ 376,671.00	\$ 509.00	\$ (662,284.00)	\$ 752,757.00	\$ 467,653.00
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FUND	\$ 27,836.00	\$ 26.00	\$ (8,667.00)	-	\$ 19,195.00
ACT 60 (WHITINGHAM, WILMINGTON)	\$ 21,491.00	\$ 22.00	-	-	\$ 21,513.00
M & W ALLEN FUND (Historical)	\$ 1,933.00	\$ 2.00	-	-	\$ 1,935.00
DAVENPORT FUND	\$ 1,965.00	-	-	289.00	\$ 2,254.00
EAMES FUND	\$ 173,994.00	\$ 176.00	-	-	\$ 174,170.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 111,992.00	\$ 32.00	\$ (14,838.00)	-	\$ 97,186.00
GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL	\$ 38,041.00	\$ 41.00	-	11,267.00	\$ 49,349.00
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ (112,052.00)	-	\$ (1,120,351.00)	\$ 1,366,085.00	\$ 133,682.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 185,330.00	\$ 88.00	\$ (169,141.00)	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 91,277.00
LITIGATION FUND	\$ 67,845.00	\$ 69.00	-	-	\$ 67,914.00
MASS INVESTORS TRUST (cemetery)	\$ 203,469.00	\$ 15,596.00	-	-	\$ 219,065.00
CEMETERY OPERATION	\$ 332.00	-	\$ (14,653.00)	15,675.00	\$ 1,354.00
WHEELER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 1,297.00	\$ 1.00	-	-	\$ 1,298.00
OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 11,818.00	\$ 12.00	-	-	\$ 11,830.00
RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	\$ 12,144.00	\$ 10.00	\$ (4,307.00)	1,391.00	\$ 9,238.00
TAX SALE FUND	\$ 23,069.00	-	\$ (7,204.00)	-	\$ 15,865.00
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 253,153.00	\$ 255.00	-	-	\$ 253,408.00
SEWER HOOK-UP	\$ 26,389.00	\$ 27.00	-	-	\$ 26,416.00
SEWER OPERATION FUND	\$ 22,427.00	\$ 145.00	\$ (113,980.00)	102,125.00	\$ 10,717.00
CIVIL DEFENSE - GENERATOR	\$ 14,936.00	\$ 15.00	-	-	\$ 14,951.00
MUNICIPAL CENTER KITCHEN	\$ 970.00	-	-	600.00	\$ 1,570.00
FLOOD RELIEF	\$ 2,046.00	-	\$ (2,046.00)	-	\$ -
WHITINGHAM ANIMAL FUND	\$ 1,994.00	-	-	100.00	\$ 2,094.00
LIBRARY OPERATION (Voted Article)	\$ -	-	\$ (69,128.00)	69,128.00	\$ -
***LIBRARY FUND (DONATIONS)	\$ 14,840.00	\$ 38.00	\$ (37,211.00)	39,965.00	\$ 17,632.00
***LIBRARY CERTIFICATE (DONATIONS)	\$ 11,327.00	\$ 40.00	-	-	\$ 11,367.00
	\$ 1,495,257.00	\$ 17,104.00	\$ (2,223,810.00)	\$ 2,434,382.00	\$ 1,722,933.00

*Deposits include the fund balances appropriated in 2014 for fiscal year 2015

***Funds are controlled by Library Trustees

NOTE: Davenport fund is invested in George Putnam Balanced Fund-class A

All funds with the exception of the Davenport fund, cemetery fund and the library's money market and certificate of deposit are on deposit at Merchants Bank

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM - FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

The financial review for 2014, performed by Sullivan and Powers of Montpelier, Vermont went well.

Respectfully, Almira Aekus, Treasurer - Marylee Putnam, Bookkeeper

	6/30/2013 Invested Balance	2013-2014 Share Percent	2013-2014 Purchases	2013-2014 Invested Balance	2013-2014 Share Percent	13-14 Capital Gain + Interest Reinvested	6/30/2014 Invested Balance
SADAWGA CEMETERY							
H.E. Blanchard	\$1,355.93	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,355.93	0.67%	\$103.94	\$1,459.87
Emery E. Reed	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$585.16	\$8,219.00
J.D. Sylvester	\$2,693.22	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,693.22	1.32%	\$206.45	\$2,899.67
Amos W. Pike	\$5,405.01	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,405.01	2.66%	\$414.31	\$5,819.32
Wells Winchester	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$206.45	\$2,899.68
William D. Faulkner	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$585.16	\$8,219.00
Arthur H. Lyons	\$5,404.99	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,404.99	2.66%	\$414.31	\$5,819.30
Frank C. Wheeler	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$585.16	\$8,219.00
Clifford G. Brown	\$2,563.20	1.26%	\$0.00	\$2,563.20	1.26%	\$196.48	\$2,759.68
Nathan B. Alfred	\$5,404.99	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,404.99	2.66%	\$414.31	\$5,819.30
Hal H. Allard	\$11,292.92	5.55%	\$0.00	\$11,292.92	5.55%	\$865.64	\$12,158.56
Dorothy Smith	\$2,488.87	1.22%	\$0.00	\$2,488.87	1.22%	\$190.78	\$2,679.65
Lurissa S. Brown	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$585.16	\$8,219.00
Elmer R. Houghton	\$3,213.28	1.58%	\$0.00	\$3,213.28	1.58%	\$246.31	\$3,459.59
John Sawyer	\$1,021.60	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,021.60	0.50%	\$78.31	\$1,099.91
Royal Brown	\$1,838.78	0.90%	\$0.00	\$1,838.78	0.90%	\$140.95	\$1,979.73
Royal Faulkner	\$5,107.80	2.51%	\$0.00	\$5,107.80	2.51%	\$391.53	\$5,499.33
Sara Faulkner	\$2,396.03	1.18%	\$0.00	\$2,396.03	1.18%	\$183.66	\$2,579.69
Carroll E. White	\$1,002.98	0.49%	\$0.00	\$1,002.98	0.49%	\$76.88	\$1,079.86

JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY

Vira A. Farnsworth	\$1,355.93	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,355.93	0.67%	\$103.94	\$1,459.87
Oscar Pike	\$1,355.93	0.67%	\$0.00	\$1,355.93	0.67%	\$103.94	\$1,459.87
Geo. & Herb. Porter	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$206.45	\$2,899.68
Miles Wilcox	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$585.16	\$8,219.00
F. & F.E. Hager	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$0.00	\$7,633.84	3.75%	\$585.16	\$8,219.00
C.L. Stickney	\$10,308.50	5.07%	\$0.00	\$10,308.50	5.07%	\$790.19	\$11,098.69
William A. Brown	\$2,693.22	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,693.22	1.32%	\$206.45	\$2,899.67
William Pouliotte	\$1,727.39	0.85%	\$0.00	\$1,727.39	0.85%	\$132.41	\$1,859.80
Shepard Faulkner	\$1,263.04	0.62%	\$0.00	\$1,263.04	0.62%	\$96.82	\$1,359.86
A.H.A. & Edw. Eames	\$3,566.18	1.75%	\$0.00	\$3,566.18	1.75%	\$273.36	\$3,839.54
E.L. & James Roberts	\$3,157.53	1.55%	\$0.00	\$3,157.53	1.55%	\$242.04	\$3,399.57
The Moody Family	\$660.34	0.32%	\$0.00	\$660.34	0.32%	\$50.62	\$710.96

Myrtle D. Winther	\$1,011.15	0.50%	\$0.00	\$1,011.15	0.50%	\$77.51	\$1,088.66
CUTTING CEMETERY							
Amos Brown	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$206.45	\$2,899.68
Burrows Family	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$0.00	\$2,693.23	1.32%	\$206.45	\$2,899.68
C.L. Stickney	\$5,405.01	2.66%	\$0.00	\$5,405.01	2.66%	\$414.31	\$5,819.32
CARLEY CEMETERY							
Charlotte V. Sage	\$3,566.18	1.75%	\$0.00	\$3,566.18	1.75%	\$273.36	\$3,839.54
RIVERVIEW CEMETERY							
Unspecified	\$11,237.19	5.52%	\$0.00	\$11,237.19	5.52%	\$861.37	\$12,098.56
OTHER UNSPECIFIED							
TOTAL	\$203,468.84	100.00%	\$0.00	\$203,468.83	100.00%	\$15,596.65	\$219,065.48

NOTE: Funds are invested in the following:

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

**ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014**

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. e.s.t. At the Whitingham Municipal Center in the Town of Whitingham, Vermont agreeable to the warning.

At 10:00 a.m. Moderator Leon Corse led the salute to the flag. Town Clerk Almira Aekus declared the polls open. The moderator appointed the Board of Civil Authority as ballot clerks for the duration of the meeting. Mr. Corse asked for and received permission to dispense with the reading of the warning.

Article 1

Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2

Voted to Passover the article. Article read: To allow the Selectboard to utilize the **\$120,000.00** user fee allocated for use of the school property in the following manner: **\$60,000.00** for School Security; **\$10,000.00** for Wings; and **\$50,000.00** for the upkeep of fields and use of the school property and facilities for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 3

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$692,788.00** for the general use of the Town for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. **\$386,819.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$175,370.00** in anticipated revenues, and **\$130,599.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance.

Article 4

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$7,509.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 5

A Voted to raise and appropriate **\$70,335.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 6

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 7

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$1,320,151.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. **\$1,005,351.00** to be raised in taxes, offset by **\$114,800.00** in anticipated revenues and the balance of **\$200,000.00** appropriated from the fiscal year 2014, anticipated FEMA reimbursement.

Article 8

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$75,000.00** for the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

Article 9

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$73,531.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 with **\$61,766.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$11,765.00** in anticipated donations.

Article 10

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2014– June 30, 2015 for continued maintenance.

Article 11

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$14,500.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 12

Voted to make taxes due and payable on or before November 1, 2014 with ninety-day' notice.

Article 13

Voted that the Town will charge interest on delinquent taxes at a rate of one percent (1%) per month for the first three (3) months and one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month thereafter for fiscal year taxes.

Article 14

Voted that the Town will raise and appropriate **\$16,400.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

11:20 a.m. The Moderator asked for any received the permission of the electorate to all State Representative Ann Manwaring to address them. Ms. Manwaring gave a brief over of issues in the legislature and spoke in regards to education funding and economic development.

The annual town meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m. the Moderator reconvened the town meeting and asked for and received the electorate's approval to allow State Representative John Moran to address them. Mr. Moran gave a brief summary of his part in the legislature and answered questions from the voters.

Article 15

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for support of Old Home Week activities for 2016.

Article 16

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$3,750.00** to support the work of the Visiting Nurse Association for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 17

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the operation of the Pool Learning Center, for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Article 18

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,500.00** for the Deerfield Valley Community Partnerships to assist with the cost of providing programming and activities to prevent youth drug and alcohol abuse, for the fiscal year July 1, 2014– June 30, 2015.

Article 19

Voted to raise and appropriate **\$2,100.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Voted to combine Article 20 – 25 and to raise and appropriate \$3,758.00. Articles read as follows:

Article 20

To raise and appropriate **\$1,203.00** to support the work of Home Health Care and Rehab Services.

Article 21

To raise and appropriate **\$750.00** to the Women's Crisis Center.

Article 22

To raise and appropriate **\$750.00** to support the Council on Aging now known as Senior Solutions.

Article 23

To raise and appropriate \$500.00 to support the work of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Article 24

To raise and appropriate \$305.00 to the Windham County Retired Senior Volunteer Program for general budget support.

Article 25

To raise and appropriate \$250.00 to Brattleboro Area Hospice Inc. for general budget support.

Article 26

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 27

Defeated the article " to grant an exemption pursuant to 32 V.S.A. section 3840 for a period of ten years for the property owned by the Deerfield Valley Sportsmen's Club, Inc. and used exclusively for the purposes of that organization for a ten year period beginning with the July 1, 2014 tax year." A paper ballot was called for. There were 65 votes cast; 22 yes and 43 no. The article was defeated.

Article 28

To elect all Town Officers and fill all vacancies. Australian ballot polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the following individuals elected to office:

TOWN MODERATOR, 1 year	Leon L. Corse
TREASURER, 1 year	Almira L. Aekus
SELECTMAN, 3 years	Keith A. Bronson
SELECTBOARD, 2 years	Gregory S. Brown
SELECTBOARD, 1 year	Robin W. Kinglsey
LISTER, 3 years	Clyde C. Twitchell
TOWN GRAND JUROR, 1 year	Susan Cooke Johnson
TOWN AGENT, 1 year	Susan Cooke Johnson
ROAD COMMISSIONER, 3 years	Stanley A. Janovsky, Jr
COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1 year	Almira L. Aekus
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 years	Anna Ryan
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 years	Bradford S. Lackey

Article 29

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

Dr. Karen Hein reported on the Green Mountain Health Care Reform.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 4th day of March 2014.

A TRUE RECORD

Attest: _____
Almira L. Aekus, Town Clerk

NUMBER OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST - 849
NUMBER WHO VOTED AUSTRALIAN BALLOT - 179
HIGHEST NUMBER VOTED FROM THE FLOOR - 65

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Town of Whitingham & Town of Whitingham School District Annual Meeting on March 3, 2015

VOTER REGISTRATION

The last day to register to vote in the March 3, 2015 Annual Town and Town School District Meeting is **Wednesday, February 25, 2015, by 5:00 o'clock p.m.**

If you have already registered to vote in Whitingham, please check the posted Voter Checklist to verify that your name appears, if not, contact the Town Clerk at 368-7887.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Voters who expect to vote by absentee ballot on Election Day may apply in person to the Clerk for absentee ballots no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day before the election. 17 V.S.A. section 2531. An authorized representative may apply on or behalf of a voter not later than 12:00 noon on the day before the election, or **March 3, 2015**. Those who expect to vote by absentee ballot and receive ballots by mail, and who are applying for addition to the checklist at the same time, must have requested the ballots no later than **Wednesday, February 25, 2015, by 5:00 pm**, for the Annual Town Meeting. 17 V.S.A. section 2532.

ON TOWN MEETING DAY

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, a Selectman, or other member of the Board of Civil Authority call an immediate meeting of the Board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may appeal to a judge, who will settle the matter that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683 for more information.

If you know voters who have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or can't read, let them know they may bring a friend or relative **who is a registered voter** to help them vote.

If you know a voter who cannot get from the car into the polling place, let them know that a ballot may be brought their car by town election officials.

DO NOT

- Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Leave campaign materials in the voting booth or building containing a polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's office at 1-800-439-8683
(Accessibly by TDD) 1-800-VOTE

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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

PAPER BALLOTS
TOWN AND TOWN 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 direction on the ballot as to how many to vote for ("Vote for not more than two").
2. WRITE-IN. To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot.

IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT

Ask an election official for another ballot. Three ballots is the limit.

CHECK OUT

1. Go to the "Out" or "Exit" checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

VOTE Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box.

LEAVE Leave the voting area.



*Joey Crafts with his Largemouth Bass
Fishing Derby 2015*



Former Home of Fred Morse, Veteran of the Civil War

160th Annual Report

for the 12 months ending
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Notice to the Voters

*Thank you, Louise, for being our Cover Girl. (Our apologies to Thelma who was elsewhere).
Appreciation to Pete and Tanya Bernard for sharing the photo.*

**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM
STATE OF VERMONT, WINDHAM COUNTY, SS
CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT REMEMBERED, At meetings of the Selectboard during 2014 the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed in his or her stead.

CHAIR, SELECTBOARD	
Keith Bronson	2014
VICE CHAIR, SELECTBOARD	
Allan Twitchell	2014
FIRE WARDEN	
Allan L. Twitchell	2015
FIRE CHIEF	
Stanley Janovsky, Jr.	2015
FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF	
Michael Stevens	2015
CAPTAINS	
Dennis Pike, 1 st . & David Briggs, 2 nd	2015
LIEUTENANTS	
Sheldon Dix, 1 st & Marshall Dix, 2 nd	2015
CHAPLAIN	
Seth Boyd	2015
TRAINING OFFICER	
Jeff Silverman	2015
TREE WARDEN	
Peter Bernard	2015
FENCE VIEWERS	
Clyde C. Twitchell & Steven Morse	2015
TOWN HILL COMMITTEE	
Raymond S. Boyd, Keith A. Bronson, Steven P. Betit, Alan K. Hadley & Aysha Peltz	2015
MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE	
Stewart B. Reynolds	2015
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR	
Allan L. Twitchell	2015
E-911 COORDINATOR	
Marylee Putnam	2015
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE	
Jenepher Burnell and Kristine Sweeter	2015
SERVICE OFFICER	
Jane Boyd	2015
HEALTH OFFICER	
Gig Zboray	
DOG WARDEN/ANIMAL CONTROL	
Daniel Hollister	2015

TOWN NURSE	
Jane Boyd	2015
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	
Gig Zboray	
LEGAL COUNCIL	
Fisher & Fisher Law Offices	2015
LEGAL NEWSPAPER	
Deerfield Valley News	2015
Brattleboro Reformer, alternate	
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION	
Bradford Lackey, Chair	2015
Annmary Block-Reed (resigned)	2016
Linda Donaghue	2016
Phil Edelstein	2017
Peter Barus	2015
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	
Scott Reed	2015
Lyman Tefft	2015
Dana Dix	2016
Marshall Dix	2016
Troy Felisko	2017
Craig Aekus	2017
David Dumaine, Chair	2016
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	
Clyde Twitchell, Jr.	2015
HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	
Linda A. Donaghue & Donald McKinley	2015
SEWER COMMISSION	
Marshall Dix, David Dumaine & Lyman Tefft	2015



Morse Sugar House

**OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM
FOR THE YEAR 2014**

MODERATOR:	Leon L. Corse	1	2015
TOWN CLERK:	Almira L. Aekus	3	2016
TOWN TREASURER:	Almira L. Aekus	1	2015
SELECTBOARD:	Robin Kinglsey	3	2015
	Allan L. Twitchell	3	2016
	Keith A. Bronson	2	2017
	Gregory S. Brown	3	2016
	Karl P. Twitchell	2	2015
LISTERS:	Clyde C. Twitchell	3	2017
	Judith D. Carrier	3	2015
	Jenepher L. Burnell	3	2016
COLLECTOR OF TAXES:	Almira L. Aekus	1	2015
TOWN AGENT:	Susan Cooke Johnson	1	2015
TOWN GRAND JUROR:	Susan Cooke Johnson	1	2015
LIBRARY TRUSTEE:	Daniel Kehoe (Resigned)	3	2015
	Marianne Johnson	3	2016
	Tyler Colford	3	2015
	Kimberly Hicks	3	2016
	J. Kristine Berberian	3	2017
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Stanley Janovsky	3	2017
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	Bradford S. Lackey	3	2017
	Linda Brown	3	2016
	Dana F. Dix	3	2015
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	David I. Allen, Earle S. Holland, III, Elizabeth W. McKinley, Terry A. Morse, Leon Peters, Charles Richter and Vanda N. Warner	2	2015

OFFICERS FOR THE WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR:	Leon L. Corse	1	2015
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	Seth D. Boyd	3	2017
	John G. Doty	3	2015
	Dwight E. Williams	3	2016
	Aimee B. Reed	2	2016
	Nicole Crafts	2	2015



Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 759 911 calls and 138 transfers from Hospital to Hospital in 2014 of which 96 were in the town of Whitingham.

This past year has been busy for Deerfield Valley Rescue. On top of providing around the clock pre-hospital emergency medical care for the towns we serve, Deerfield Valley Rescue celebrated its 40th year in service. Things have changed over the forty years and members have come and gone, all but one, Merrill Mundell has been an active volunteer with DVR for all 40 years, and we applaud his dedication. We have gone from having one ambulance to four.

We would like to recognize the following members that live in Whitingham and Jacksonville AJ Bartlett, Betty Hillman, Dennis Pike, Sr., Stephanie Pike, Sean Sanderson, Skip Tefft, and Lori Williams. We would like to see all employers encourage workers to become members of Deerfield Valley Rescue and then make every effort to make the employee available to respond to emergency calls when practical.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire and Police departments, we are a completely independent organization. We strive to maintain this financial independence along with our autonomy. We would like to thank Whitingham Fire and Rescue Department for the all the help they provide us throughout the year. It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The 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.

DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our ride along program @ dvrescue.org. Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at 34 Route 100 South in Wilmington.

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,

Deerfield Valley Rescue



Animal Control Officer

This year has been a much busier year than last year in Whitingham. Last year the town had 8 calls and this year the town had 31 calls that were responded to. In order to better serve the community, I've attended several training workshops. Additionally, I've been on hand for shot clinics at the Windham County Humane Society, and am happy to provide information to anyone about these clinics.

This year there were a variety of calls. The calls that were responded included:

- 7 Running at large
- 1 Not Registered
- 3 Dog Bite
- 1 Cat Bite
- 2 Dog Complaints
- 1 Animal Cruelty Complaint
- 1 Injured Pet
- 1 Injured Wildlife
- 2 Hav-a-heart trap setups
- 2 Impounded Dogs
- 2 Re-homed
- 3 Miscellaneous
- 2 Written Warnings
- 3 Citations Issued



After each call had been taken care of, a report came back to the town to note.

More often than one imagines, it has been important to remind folks that when you have an animal, you are responsible for its care and behavior. All calls received are followed up on. With the Town Clerk, I have been reminding dog-owners that they must have them licensed and up to date on all vaccinations by April 1, 2015.

A shot clinic is being planned at the Jacksonville Firehouse this year, with an eye toward making this an annual event. Apart from this, the Windham County Humane Society holds shot clinics monthly; anyone who wishes to can check their website for dates <http://www.wchs4pets.org/>.

I am happy to answer Animal Control related questions from anyone at 802-464-5040 or 802-380-0534 or via e-mail at danhollisteraco@gmail.com.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel Hollister

Cemetery Commission Report

The Commissioners have continued to work on computerizing the two large cemeteries and to get the stones repaired. We continue to urge families to fix their family plots and maintain attractive surroundings.

Our goal for 2015 is to see the majority of these monuments corrected.

There was a total of 5 burials and sales of 2 plots.

*Dana Dix
Linda Brown
Brad Lackey*



Town Hill – February 2015

Whitingham Fire Department Report

The Whitingham Fire Department has had a busy year. The call volume was up a little from the previous year. The Department responded to 2 Building Fires, 6 Brush Fires, 1 Car Fire, 4 CO Alarms/Smoke Alarms, 9 Dispatch Cancelled in Route, 3 Flooded Basements, 3 Good Intent, 12 MVA's, 4 Sprinkler Alarms, 3 Mutual Aid to Halifax, 2 Mutual Aid to Heath MA, 4 Mutual Aid to Readsboro, and 6 Mutual Aid to Wilmington. We also had a total of 84 First Response Calls for a total of 141 Calls.

I would like to thank our volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

If you do not have a 911 number visible from the road on your house or mailbox, **WE CANNOT FIND YOU!!!** So please make sure you have one.

The Fire Departments First Response has been a great asset to the Town of Whitingham. It has been working out great! Deerfield Valley Rescue has been a great and professional organization to work with, and makes my decision to ask for the ending of service of WASI the right thing to do at this time.

We are always in need of new volunteers. If you are thinking you might like to volunteer for the Fire Department, and or The First Response Squad please call 802 368 2466.

The Rescue Truck has been refurbished and is working out very well. Total cost was around \$20,000.00 with all the upgrades, bodywork, lighting and paint. We also use this truck for First Responses.

I would like to thank the Townspeople and those people who send donations throughout the year for their support of the Whitingham Fire Department.

Thank you,

Stanley Janovsky Jr. Fire Chief



Firemen's Benefit, December 2014

Health Officer Report 2014

Overall, 2014 was a relatively quiet year in the Health Officer's domain. The following were addressed:

- Four animal bites (reports filed) – these incidences are kept in check when the Town ordinance that requires animals be leashed is adhered to.
- Two calls concerning private wells.
- One complaint of excessive garbage in the yard of a rental property. Because the issue was addressed in a timely manner, a Health Order was avoided.
- One septic complaint, a plumber was called to the property (at the property owner's expense) and verified that the septic was working fine.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at (802) 368-7286.

Gig Zboray, Health Officer - Jenepher Burnell, Deputy Health Officer



The Whitingham Historical Society

If you visited our museum this past summer you would have noticed some major changes to the front of the building. Last fall Peter Bernard with some help from his dad (Kenny) removed and replaced the rotted front porch and steps. Peter returned this spring and installed a new walkway, reseeded the lawn, and reset the flagpole. It all looks wonderful!

On October 21, 2014, approximately 30 people came to hear Ed Chrostowski from Worcester MA., discussed his hobby of metal detecting, and shared his experiences exploring an old cellar hole deep in the woods of the southeastern portion of Whitingham with a metal detector. He brought along many of the items he has discover so far, as well as maps and charts of the location. He explained how he went about dating each artifact, and then using them as "time-line" showed how the homestead had been occupied from the early 1900 all the way back to the establishment of Whitingham in 1770. The event was a real "crowd pleaser!"

The Whitingham Historical Society is always looking for anyone interested in helping to preserve the history of our town. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact our president, Stella Stevens at 368-2448

The museum is open Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Memorial Day to October. The building is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.



Highway Department

2014-2015 was another busy year for the Highway Department. As we all know the Wilmington Cross Road project took up most of our time last summer. Much gravel was needed to prepare the road before paving. This involved leveling up certain areas of the road for safer travel in the winter months. Murdock's Hill, and the hill south of Roy Corse's place took some time to prepare for these areas that had seen many spinouts and wrecks over the years. In the summer of 2015 we still have a little shoulder work left to finish on the Cross Roads. Fowler Road and Fuller Hill Roads were also completed.

This summer's projects will be Mill Hill, Gates Pond, and Ginny Morse Roads. We are still in the process of upgrading the class of Gates Pond to Class 2 instead of 3. All the traffic counts are done, while I was surprised of the count of 1200 cars a day average for Gates Pond. The one reason why its still in the process is that I have to make sure the road is 22 ft. wide. Some areas right now are not, so this is one area I have to make sure happens before I proceed with the upgrade of class. The upgrade from Class 3 to 2 will mean approximately 40+ thousand dollars increase in State Aid for Class 2 Roads in town. Ginny Morse Road will be done for the events of Old Home Week 2016, which the last time it was paved was 2006. We are planning on reclaiming, under drain and new culverts on all these projects before we pave.

We have ordered another Mack Chassis and it should be here in July if not before, and then sent to the body manufacturer.

We also did some bodywork to old truck 3 and repainted it. It's still used for shouldering and for our backup truck if needed. The truck is now 20 years old.

The Winery Bridge decking was also replaced last fall with a CDBG-DR2 grant, awarded by the Agency of Commerce & Community Development. Thank you to Gig and Bonnie Jo for your help in fostering the grant work.

The Road Salt seems to be an ongoing problem. With bad weather in the south, the salt demand is at an all-time high, therefore the price of the demand is at an all-time high and the price increase to us was 40% for the winter of 2014-2015. We did not budget for this because we have no way of knowing this number for we have to wait for the State Of Vermont AOT to get first dibs on the salt.

Mike Boyd has hit 20 years of service for the town and we would like to congratulate and thank him on that milestone. That's a lot of ice storms!

Thank you to all the Voters of the Town Of Whitingham for your continued support of the Highway Department.

Stanley Janovsky, Jr.

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. The Committee approved one new loan in the past year, and one older loan was paid off: we have served sixteen clients this year, with current loans amounting to \$159,402.50 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$167,071.10.

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	Al Dacey	Don McKinley	T. Hunter Wilson	Patty Webster	Linda Donaghue
257-7982	257-5879	368-2376	464-5129	464-8153	368-2313



Municipal Center Fundraiser

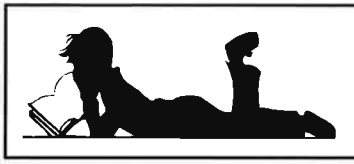
Zoning Administrator

In 2014 I attended two training seminars for Zoning Administrators, which were very educational. Working with the Planning Commission on the recently adopted Zoning Bylaw update was also very enlightening. I enjoyed these opportunities to become more knowledgeable in the position of Zoning Administrator.

As far as permits are concerned we had 7 less than last year. The breakdown of the 32 permits issued in 2014 were: 8 sheds/accessory buildings; 5 renovations; 4 sub-divisions; 4 single family homes; 4 decks, 2 demolitions, 2 change of use, 2 signs, and one primitive camp.

I would like to thank the Planning Commission and the Selectboard for their support.

Gig Zboray



Whitingham Free Public Library

Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to the taxpayers and contributors from the towns of Whitingham and Halifax for their generous and heartfelt support.

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

2014 Highlights

Spring Renovations

We successfully completed spring renovations within our projected three week goal. As the snow melted and the air began to warm a small army of volunteers helped us pack, label and move hundreds of boxes of books and furniture into a storage container located in the Municipal parking lot.

We would like to thank all of the patrons who took boxes of books home to foster for a few weeks.

- repaired and painted the walls, and ceiling
- refinished wood trim and shelving
- installed new carpeting and window shades
- installed a new patron's computer desk to accommodate new technology
- installed a well designed library circulation desk for efficiency and to protect confidentiality.

Increased Summer Hours

- We increased our summer hours to include Fridays 4- 7 pm to coincide with The Whitingham Farmer's Market.

An Array of Programming

- We added Healthy Lifestyle programs:
Gentle Yoga for Healthy Aging, HoopFit Classes and Healthy Cooking Classes
- "Teen Thursdays" were scheduled throughout the summer.
Activities included Basketball, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Board Games, Xbox Games, Crafts, and Movies. Snacks, pizza and beverages were provided by the library.
All participants received a copy of Divergent.

Increased Free Downloadable Audio and E-books

Circulation of free downloadable Audio and E-books increased 85%!

- Over 700 books were downloaded

We continue to strive to provide high quality services, materials and programs that meet the needs of our community. We would like to thank all the volunteers that assist us daily, help us with fundraising, and pitch in for special projects and for their general support.

Please visit our website www.readwithus.org to browse our catalog, download free audio and e-Books, take an online class or research your family history with Heritage Quest. Find us on Facebook and Pinterest.

Kristine Sweeter, Director/Librarian
Lois Lapointe, Assistant Librarian

Tyler Colford
Library Trustee Chair



LISTER'S DATA

**2013 AS BILLED
Grand List Tax Book Report**

***** GRAND TOTALS *****

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESI		
Taxable Acres	1,166				
Acres	23,295.54				
Land	70,488,600				
Building	224,321,100				
Real	294,809,700	99,169,900	195,639,800		
Add					
(+) Non-Approved Contracts		0	237,200		
(+) Non-Approved Farm Contracts		0	0		
(+) Inventory	0				
(+) Equipment	0		0		
Subtract					
(-) Veteran	440,000	400,000	40,000		
(-) Farm Stab	0	0	0		
(-) Current Use	7,258,970	2,091,600	5,167,370		
(-) Contracts	237,200	0	237,200		
(-) Special Exemp.		0	0		
GRAND LIST	2,868,735.30	966,783.00	1,904,324.30		
Homestead	202,716,800				
Housesite	180,894,400				
Lease	0.00				
Non-Tax Count	25				
Non-Tax Val.	7,192,000				
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY:			5,324.40		
RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST	=	TOTAL RAISED
Non-Residential Ed.	1.3123		1,901,952.30		2,495,932.01
Homestead Ed	1.4794		966,783.00		1,430,258.85
Local Agreement	0.0030		2,868,735.30		8,606.84
Town	0.5830		2,868,735.30		1,672,472.11
TOTAL TAX					5,612,594.21

Respectfully Submitted,
Clyde C. Twitchell, Jenepher L. Burnell, Judith Carrier

Planning Commission

2014 Annual Report

The Planning Commission is pleased to report that the Zoning Regulations have been updated. We are grateful for the assistance of planner, John Bennett, from the Windham Regional Commission, as well as Wayne Corse and other concerned community members.

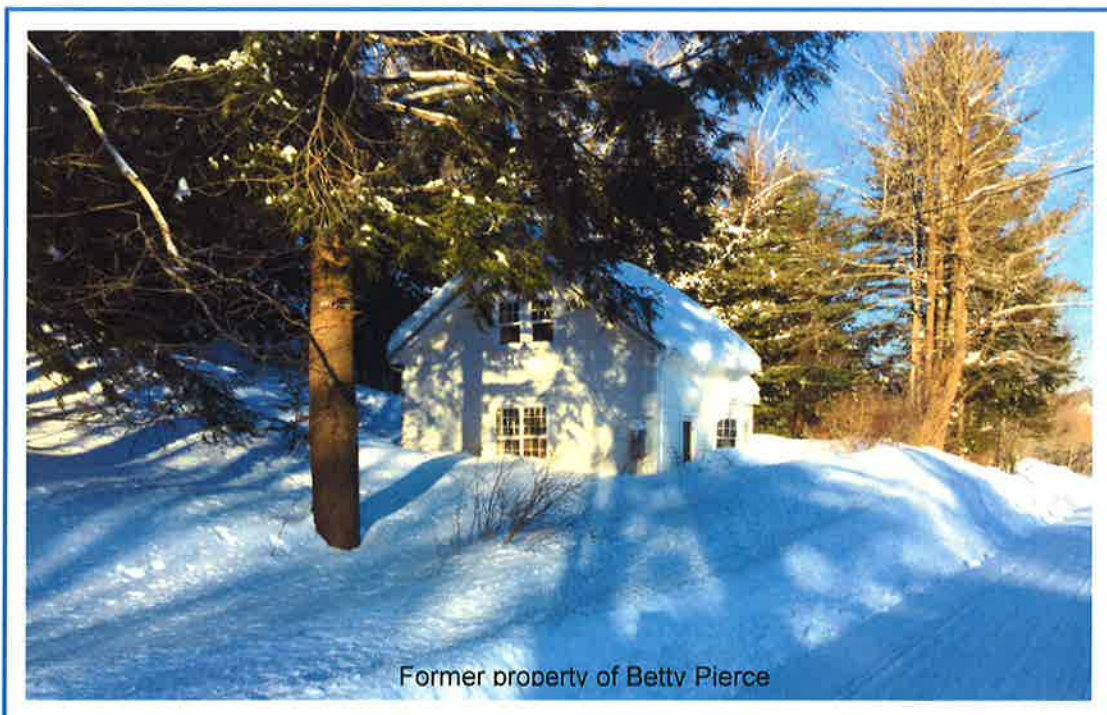
Aspects of the Regulations targeted for evaluation were the existing zoning districts and plans to include two additional districts, rural and conservation, as well as examining signage and home occupations. The results of our comprehensive work were submitted to the Selectboard and subsequently adopted November 19, 2014. The document is available on the town's website, as well as hard copies at the office of the Town Clerk.

Jenepher Burnell and Kristine Sweeter continue their roles as Whitingham's representatives to the Windham Regional Commission. Jen also serves as the point person in efforts to renew Village Designation to Whitingham and was successful in attaining a similar status in Jacksonville.

The Commission regrettably accepted the resignation of Annmary Block-Reed after many years of dedicated service in January 2014. We were pleased to welcome Kristen Breeden as our newest member of the Commission. Gig Zboray has continued with the challenge of Zoning Administration and she had become a valuable asset to the Commission.

On the immediate horizon is the mandatory review of the Town Plan. We will be conducting a survey to get residents opinions on a variety of issues. When the survey is ready notices will be posted around town and on the town website at www.townofwhitingham-vt.org. We are grateful for the input of the community and hope to see participation as the review process moves forward. We wish to express our appreciation to the Town Clerk, Almira Aekus, the Selectboard and other town officials for their ongoing support.

*Bradford Lackey, Chair Linda Donaghue, Clerk
Phil Edelstein Peter Barus Kristen Breeden*





ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

2014 seems to have passed in the night (many have commented it felt like the year passed by at an unusual pace). The Selectboard Office activities and concerns focused both in areas of predictability as well as in the realm of the unexpected. The substance of 2014 largely revolved around the following:

- *With Listers, discuss Equalized Education Study, Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) as well as Co-efficient of Dispersion (COD) figures. It was observed manner of assessments creates obstacles for individuals who wish to borrow money; Listers to address.
- *With Road Commissioner, meet, discuss, address thoroughfare/landscape concerns of a Birdville Road resident.
- *Through Town Attorney, engage Mr. George Sansoucy as Expert Witness in TransCanada suit.
- *Meet and discuss with representative from State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, details related to donation of land provided by Baruzzi Family to Atherton Meadows. State responded to questions about the impact on taxes by noting State pays 1% of assessed value (payment in lieu of taxes). Selectboard acknowledged the gift of land provided by the Baruzzi Family to the State.
- *Review Highway Department heating needs with Road Commissioner; research waste oil heating units, suitable for the Town Highway Garage; purchase / install / working well !
- *Ongoing discussion and addressing of vandalism issues at Town Hill with various citizens, law enforcement and other support personnel. Consider and post award for information leading to arrest.
- *Provide routine approval of driveway permits and miscellaneous paperwork in regard to State Highways.
- *With WRC, participate in additional discussions related to TransCanada toward additional support from the State.

- *Meet with citizen concerned with safe snowmobile passage, approving particular short-term allowances for shoulder travel.
- *Periodically meet with Financial Operations principles.
- *Throughout the year, communicate with Legislators on various topics of concern.
- *With Road Commissioner, discuss Library's request to place a container in the Municipal Center parking lot for 4-5 weeks, during a library renovation.
- *Research, discuss, approve installation of an air exchange system for the Municipal Center, in anticipation of increased efficiency in cooling and between season heating, particularly as relates to the main meeting space.
- *With Whitingham Economic Development Group, gratefully receive long-awaited Route 100 Scenic By-Way signage; Gratitude to Wayne Corse who provided a barn-side for a banner, while we waited.
- *Act 60 discussions
- *From Planning Commission, receive notice of resignation of Annmary Block-Reed; accepted with regret.
- *With Town Clerk, review and approve, Tobacco and Liquor licenses for the Town.
- *Provide approval for Vermont Agency of Transportation grant paperwork.
- *Periodic Economic Development related discussion.
- *Meet with President of Sadawga Lake Association relative to anticipated work, summer and Fall of 2014.
- *Conduct extensive research and engage in discussion relative to potential solar array project for the Town, including site considerations and numerous technical contemplations, giving consideration to how such might affect the General Fund and others.
- *Preliminary discussion of a potential business plan the Town might put in place for prospective business owners, who are giving serious consideration for a move here. Note the possibility of considering incentives for any business who are adding additional employees.
- *Ongoing monitoring of Web pages, periodically giving consideration to potential changes; maintain awareness of Social Media needs and related concerns; periodic interaction with VLCT in this regard.
- *Receive and discuss with Deerfield Valley Rescue, quarterly reporting throughout 2014; reports revealing between 5.15.13 and 4.30.2014 there were 100 calls, with 60 being answered by the Paramedic/Intermediate crew; 31 no-transport, and a better than anticipated subscription drive. Response times were noted as averaging 15 minutes on-the-scene, with first responders ahead. Deerfield Valley Rescue hired four of five applicants from Whitingham, who applied for work on the ambulance. Chief Janovsky noted the call response has been 100%.
- *In conjunction with Whitingham Economic Development Group, secure donation of picnic tables at the Municipal Center, anticipated for use by Farmers' Market, basketball players, the Library during outside programming, as well as others.
- *With Listers, set tax rate of .592; local agreement tax rate of .003.
- *Consider request for installation of "Amish Library" at a convenient location in Town. Discuss potential installation at Village Park, with winter removal, or possible location in Whitingham Village.
- *Research, discuss, approve change of copying equipment for Main and Lower Level Offices; noting copiers are now printing Town Reports as well as historical records.

- *Through Selectboard Office, establish workplace Health and Safety Committee, that will contribute toward providing reduced insurance costs to the Town.
- *In conjunction with Town Hill Committee, address list of repairs requested by insurers for Town Hill Park.
- *Continue to hear complaints of Birdville resident relative to topographic concerns, working with resident's attorney; on-site meeting toward final resolution.
- *Hear routine concerns related to Animal Control; ongoing coordination with ACO.
- *Research, apply for and secure grant award for Bridge #47; awarded (up to) \$16,000 (Grant Reference: CDBG-DR2) Awarded by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, with directional assistance provided by Windham Regional Commission as well as frequent input provided by Road Commissioner, Stanley Janovsky.
- *Approve agreement between Deerfield Valley Rescue and the Town for 2014-2015.
- *Approve and maintain contract with Windham County Humane Society in support of Animal Control.
- *Selectboard Chair, Keith Bronson, attend Vermont School and Municipal Leadership Conference on Education, Property Tax and Funding Reform in South Burlington.
- *Re-appointment of Jane Boyd as Town Service Officer.
- *Approve 2014-2015 Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Whitingham
- *Approve amended Town Emergency Operations Plan 2014-2015
- *Adopt National Incident Management System (NIMS) as a basis for all incident management
- *With Planning Commission Chair, approve Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant, which pays Windham Regional Commission for Help in revising Town Plan.
- *With appreciation for excellent coverage, consider and provide annual renewal of Animal Control Officer Contract for Dan Hollister
- *With school principles, consider and discuss a variety of concerns related to a broadened, shared school, including use of the Transfer Station, along with discussion of how to make it equitable (school secured a dumpster); recycling is at no additional cost to the Town, and continues as in the past.
- *It was noted in one discussion, while some school is discussing what color astro-turf to put down, the local school is "keeping track of pencils" (Mr. Seth Boyd)
- *Consider assigning income from SBA Tower rental to a specific need, such as Municipal Building Repair, with suggestion that it could be an "annual negotiation" (pending)
- *Hear, consider and approve a proposal from Vermont Telecommunications Authority, regarding a project that will provide expanded emergency communications as well as cellular telephone for those within a ½ mile of Route 100, Route 8A and Route 112 poles; VT Telecommunications Authority indicating Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile and two Canadian providers will be accessible, (noting AT&T is being courted but may or may not sign on).
- *Circulate and sign Resolution for Sustainable Education Funding Reform in Vermont, intended to cap spending.
- *Routinely address State Road concerns
- *With Planning Commission recommendation, approve and welcome the addition of Kristen Breeden as a new Planning Commission member.

- *With Town Attorney, work out details of Vermont Telecommunications Authority use of Municipal Center property as well as their tie to the generator for the Selectboard approved emergency communications system.
- *With Planning Commission, address protocols leading to acceptance of 2014 Town of Whitingham Zoning Regulations; Public Hearing and Approval of Final Draft 11.19.14; available on Town Website.
- *In conjunction with Planning Commission, acknowledge the dedicated assistance of Wayne Corse in providing valued input on the revised Zoning Districts, along with other concerned citizens.
- *Throughout 2014, engage as required, in various bid processes.
- *Routinely interact, across committees and departments in relation to Town business and related concerns.
- *With particular assistance from Whitingham Economic Development Group, begin process of organizing Old Home Week Committee structure and related matters relevant to OHW 2016. Selectboard gratefully acknowledges the past Chairs, Linda and Leon Corse, who, with prior committee chairs and members have provided report detail that assists in the process; Selectboard acknowledges their willingness to provide guidance to incoming chairs and committee members and serve in an advisory capacity to incoming general Chairs / Chair Couple(s).
- *Review Honora Winery Act 250 materials prior to forwarding to the Planning Commission.
- *At request of Planning Commission, approve Municipal Planning Grant, awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development; grant provides for Windham Regional Commission and other assistance in updating the Town Plan.
- *Listen to presentation by Jennifer Fitzgerald relative to considerations for additional support to local Senior population; Fitzgerald was joined by Claudia Greene and Sarah Axtell from Whitingham.
- *Accept Lister's report of Errors and Omissions
- *Petition for Redetermination of 2014 Equalization Study as undertaken by Property Valuation and Review for the Town of Whitingham, received by the Town on December 22, 2014 specifically requesting redetermination of 3057 Kentfield Road, Parcel 11-1019.

Each year, it seems the list of acknowledgements of those who have provided in some fashion, particular efforts that have contributed to the increased quality of life in Jacksonville and Whitingham, grows. We are humbled and grateful. Apart from those mentioned in the foregoing narrative, additional mention of **Don McKinley**, who enthusiastically brought forward ideas related to the potential of a solar project for the Town of Whitingham; **Karen Pratt**, who quietly organizes the magazine rack in the Municipal Center Hall, week in and week out; **Todd Wahlstrom** and **Aysha Peltz** who continue to organize and manage local Green-Up efforts in the Spring.

Then there is **Wanda Walkowiak** who once again adopted all the flower barrels along Route 100 and 112, planting and watering them throughout the season is an immense undertaking that everyone who lives and travels here notices and enjoys; **Blayne and Lacey Collamore** and the **Walter Joneses** for funding the flowers at the "Bridge of Flowers" on Jacksonville Hill, who with **Cathy Bell** and the **Ken Bernard family** keep

them watered and trim; **Adam Buursma** for his efforts on behalf of the Whitingham Economic Development Group, building and manning an outdoor pizza oven throughout the Farmers' Market season, donating all profits toward the running of the market and EDG in general; **Don and Betsy McKinley** for their provision of Christmas trees at the Historical Society and the Kiosk area at the Municipal Center for all who enjoy the lights and presence of the trees and **Christine Clough**, who has been facilitating monthly pot-luck gatherings at the Municipal Center, creating additional opportunities to connect in the community.

There are others, far less visible, who move in the community quietly or unseen, who contribute both in large and small ways. These are often groups of individuals who have been doing things for so long, they tend to blend into the background of the day-to-day. We are aware of your considerable presence; to you too, though nameless, we are so grateful. Each effort, large or small; each kind gesture; each idea shared; each notice of something that needs doing... contributes in so many ways to the quality of life in this place we call home.

Our Fire Department, Road Commissioner, Highway Crew, retired workers, various contractors, and Municipal Center Staff continue to remind us of what is important and (at times) of some things that aren't. There are numerous ways in which we find ourselves working together... it is the minds and hearts that show up in the workplace or at our table that provide a healthy, balanced weaving together of thoughts, ideas, observations – all making a contribution.

We think many feel as do we, a certain privilege for living in this community. Thank you for the part you played in keeping us in that place we recognize and identify as the Vermont Way of Life and perhaps even more so the way of life that is unique to the Town of Whitingham and the Village of Jacksonville. The Whitingham Economic Development Group has recently begun to identify us as ***Essential Vermont*** in various promotional materials. We would agree... the Town of Whitingham and Village of Jacksonville – our community and surroundings - are indeed, ***Essential Vermont***.

May 2015 treat you well.

Sincerely,

The Whitingham Selectboard

Keith Bronson, Chair - Allan Twitchell, Vice Chair

Greg Brown - Robin Kingsley - Karl Twitchell

Town of Whitingham Annual Report Fiscal Year 2013/2014

TOWN CLERK REPORT

During fiscal year 2014 there were 469 land records recorded. There were 15 marriage certificates, 7 birth certificates, 12 death certificates and 0 burial permits issued and or filed. Just a reminder, the vital records are not listed in the Town Report, they are public records and individuals can review them at the Town Clerk's office.

There were 247 dog licenses issued for the year 2014. Dog owners are reminded that it is State Law, that dog (s) must be licensed. Dog licenses run from April 1st to March 31st. The fee for licensing a dog is \$12 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$16 for un-altered dogs. When licensing your dog, you must present a current rabies certificate and a certificate of spaying/neutering.

The scanning of land records project has been going very well. We currently have land records scanned, indexed and linked in the New England Municipal Resource Company (NEMRC) software back to 1985 and will continue this project as time and funding permit. We have digitized over 100 survey maps and are in the process of linking them to the software as well. This will help in searches and will help preserve the originals, as they will not need to be handled as much. Some of the funding for this project has come from the Records Preservation Fund. The fund was set up several years ago when the state increased the recording fee to include \$1 per page to be placed in a preservation fund.

I would like to thank my two assistants Marylee Putnam and Judy Carrier for their continued help and support in the office. I would also like to thank Amanda Root Carrier who scanned and linked a lot of land records from January to September. It was wonderful having Amanda here and I wish her well.

As always, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk, *Almira L. Aekus*



TAX COLLECTOR'S SUMMARY SUMMARY

JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

Delinquent Taxes 6/30/2013	\$ 107,436.72
Taxes Billed 2013	<u>\$ 5,612,594.21</u>
Total to be collected	\$5,720,030.93
Delinquent Taxes Paid	\$ 81,222.53
Current Taxes Paid	\$ 5,531,857.27
Delinquent	<u>\$ 106,951.13</u>
Total Collected	\$5,720,030.93

Town Nurse's Report

The fastest growing population in our Town is that of Senior Citizens. We have many over 80 and 90 year olds living alone at home. As neighbors, friends and family members we must strive to keep these individuals safe and active.

New to our community is SASH (Support and Services at Home). Many individuals and couples have been referred to this program. For more information please contact Becky at 464-0438, or me at 368-7785.

From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 2,346 miles were logged to provide the following:

- Home visits and supplies
- Assessment
- Support
- Referral to health care agencies and physicians
- Monitoring of blood pressure, blood sugar, nutrition and hygiene
- Dressing changes
- Medication assistance per MD orders
- Providing information regarding resources available
- Follow-up with physicians
- Monitoring and dispensing of adaptive equipment in the "loan closet"

I would like to thank the Select Board and the town's people for allowing this senior to serve as the Town Nurse, a most rewarding position.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jane Boyd*



Jessica's Closet Fund Raiser, December 2014



TRANSFER STATION

Positive strides are being made in diverting our waste from the landfill. In 2013 we recycled 24.72% of our waste. This year we increased that by 10.61%. **In 2014 we diverted 35.33% of our waste (97.15 tons).** This is great. Thank you for all that you have done to make this possible; going forward we appreciate your continued assistance in further increasing this rate!

The Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) is being implemented by the State. Beginning July 1, 2015 the following items are banned from landfills:

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages
- PET and HDPE plastic containers, bottle and jugs
- Corrugated cardboard
- White and mixed paper
- Newspaper, magazines, paper mail and envelopes
- Box board
- Paper bags

All of these items are already collected in the appropriate recycling bins at the Transfer Station.

Leaf and yard debris as well as clean wood waste will be banned from landfills beginning July 1, 2016; household food scraps will be banned by 2020.

In Whitingham we are ahead of Act 148, also known as “pay as you throw”. It simply means the more you recycle the less you pay to dispose of your garbage. Not only do you benefit financially by recycling but you are doing the environment a great service by diverting items from the landfill. Your ongoing help in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Clyde Twitchell, Jr.
Gig Zboray

WSWMD ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

July 1, 2014 was the start date for implementation of Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, and WSWMD staff and town supervisors have spent considerable time assisting member towns in gearing up for the law. Most town transfer stations were already offering recycling along with trash collection so they were in compliance with the first phase of the law. However, starting July 1, 2015, Variable Rate Pricing (VRP), or Pay-As-You-Throw, becomes mandatory, and the District will pass an ordinance on behalf of member towns that requires trash haulers to register with WSWMD and provide a copy of their VRP plan. For information on Act 148 please visit the WSWMD's website: www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

During the past year, WSWMD continued to operate our 20-year old dual stream material recycling facility (MRF) in Brattleboro, losing significant amounts of recyclable materials to single stream programs being offered by some haulers. The District has over 100 roll-off containers that are utilized at town transfer stations and 24-7 recycling drop-off centers, and District trucks haul the boxes to the MRF. The District decided to continue providing the 24-7 recycling boxes until at least December 2015 to determine the impact of Act 148 on quantities of recyclables dropped off, and the extent of illegal dumping of trash in the boxes.

Due to a stagnant world economy, both the volume and value of the recyclable materials collected has decreased over the past two years, necessitating a 9 percent increase in the assessments to the member towns for FY 2015. Fortunately, the increase in the FY 2016 budget was contained to just 5.6 percent despite additional educational program requirements of Act 148.

The District conducted 8 Household Hazard Waste (HHW) collections this year in Brattleboro, Guilford, Halifax, Newfane, Wardsboro, Westminster, Wilmington, and Winhall. A total of 595 households participated in the collections. WSWMD has increased household participation rates in the HHW collection every year since 2010 through use of direct mailing notices to residents. Act 148 eventually requires that four HHW collections per year be offered in each town.

In May 2014, WSWMD joined the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, primers, coatings, sealers, stains, shellacs, waterproofing and rust preventatives. We now offer year-round collection at our Brattleboro convenience center so that residents no longer have to wait for a hazardous waste collection event to recycle leftover paint products.

The District continues to grow its composting facility, which accepts food scraps and non-recyclable paper from the Town of Brattleboro's residential curbside collection program, the only such program in Vermont. By 2020, curbside residential food scrap collection will be mandatory. Our composting facility is also processing food scraps from supermarkets, and other large generators. With a grant from Vermont ANR, composting programs are being established at four regional middle and high schools in the District. In addition, the District began selling its compost to residents in the fall.

A project was started in 2014 to install solar panels on the 25-acre closed landfill owned by WSWMD. This will directly benefit member towns by providing lower cost electricity to towns and school districts.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents. We also provide educational materials about reuse, recycling, composting, and we sell discounted backyard composters at the District office.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director

The Windham Regional Commission



The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The WRC is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission is 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 the coming year. Whitingham is currently represented by Kristine Sweeter and Jenepher Burnell. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. The 10 professional staff of the WRC provides support to the Committees, as well as to our member towns.

The Commission assists towns with activities in a number of different areas including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; testing, technical support and cleanup funding for the redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites which are those sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances; natural resources; transportation planning; infrastructure and capital improvement planning; traffic counts; emergency planning; energy planning; 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; development and management of capital improvement projects; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses.

Our relationship with our towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the Commission is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was just updated through a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns and is ultimately approved by our towns. We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively. We assist with projects between and among towns, build and augment the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and provide 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.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We assisted 23 towns at their request with plans, zoning and zoning administration, flood hazard area regulation updates, and community revitalization. Staff and the WRC's Project Review Committee received and reviewed 109 Act 250 applications and 9 Section 248 applications. Culvert inventories, road/infrastructure inventories, traffic studies and/or sign inventories were provided for 18 towns. We assisted all of our towns with the development and submittal of Local

Emergency Operations Plans and other requirements to maximize benefits related to the Emergency Relief Assistance Fund, which provides state funding to match federal dollars in the event of a federally-declared disaster. We have led the region's response to the announcement of the closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee, including understanding what the economic impacts will be and what the decommissioning process will entail. As part of the Irene Recovery Project collaboration funded by the U.S. Economic Development Agency we completed 17 long-term recovery plans for the hardest hit villages and downtowns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us."

Funding for the Windham Regional Commission is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. While town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget – about 7 percent of a \$1.2 million budget for FY 2015 – it is virtually the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the Commission's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources that enable us to serve you across the range of activities mentioned above. We have based our budget on a modest increase in the per resident assessment rate from \$1.83 to \$1.88. The \$1.88 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$2530 from Whitingham for the new fiscal year. Whitingham may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2015, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



Windham Regional Commissioners Report Year ending June 2014

As appointed Whitingham Commissioners to the Windham Regional Commission, Jenepher Burnell and Kristine Sweeter serve on the Planning Coordination Committee. The purpose of this committee is to promote effective coordination among and between member towns, state agencies and WRC during member's Town Plan preparation and review processes.

WRC continues to provide helpful information to The Whitingham Economic Development Group of which Kristine and Jenepher are members.

Jenepher serves on the Community Development Committee, as well. The purpose of this committee is to help member towns with housing, community resources and economic development issues and projects. Jenepher was successful in obtaining Village Center Designations for Whitingham (approved February 2013) and Jacksonville (approved January 2014) Villages for 5 years. These Village Designations benefit Business Owners with tax credits, facade improvement tax credits, code improvement tax credits and give priority consideration for a variety of grants to both Business Owners and Municipalities.

Respectfully,

Kristine Sweeter & Jenepher Burnell

**Homemade
Homegrown
Handcrafted
PRODUCTS**

FRIDAYS 4 - 7 pm
June 20th thru Oct 10th
Whitingham Municipal Center
Jacksonville, VT
Contact: Kristine Sweeter,
Market Manager - 802-368-7508
Sponsored by the Whitingham Economic Development Group
Essential Vermont



WHITINGHAM EDG

As most are aware, Whitingham Economic Development Group took some big steps in 2014... the most obvious being the Farmers' Market. At the start of 2014, there was discussion relative to potential activities EDG might become involved in, focusing in a variety of areas from craft/open studio events, to projection events, food based events featuring local businesses, and an emerging conversation relative to the possibility of a portable,

wood-fired pizza oven along with figuring out how it might best be utilized.

In the early Spring, Phil Edelstein came to the table with interest in becoming part of EDG. Phil's ideas for Economic Development "focused on the need for Broadband at all houses, Whitingham's steady population growth while some neighboring towns lost 20% of their full time residents, continuing responsible population growth by marketing the town for its quality of life, attracting new people and families who can work from home."

Not long after, Jen Burnell, local Windham Regional Representative, business-owner, and Lister - also came to the table expressing interest in becoming part of EDG. Jen's experience as a local business owner, as well as her involvement with Windham Regional brings forward considerations from those realms, in particular.

Through the Spring, EDG discussion continued to thresh-out a variety of considerations related to potential activities that might be fostered during 2014. "Branding" - an increasingly important consideration, was also in the mix. EDG landed on "Essential Vermont" as a "brand" that would potentially work for the Town of Whitingham and Village of Jacksonville, agreeing to give it a "test drive". (We have ideas about what makes us "Essential Vermont"... what are yours? Bring them

to Town Meeting and drop a note in our "in box" at our display there, or send us an e-mail at Whitinghamedg@gmail.com.)

In a survey conducted at Town Meeting 2014, residents noted a restaurant, farmers' market, increased events, an exercise facility and filling empty spaces (like Briggs, Marilla's and the Whitingham Store) as important considerations. From this listing, EDG felt the suggestions of a farmers' market and more events were in the realm of possibility for 2014.

Following background research, Kristine Sweeter, long-time EDG member, observed a farmers' market would be relatively easy to organize for the coming market season. There was discussion; the idea began to take on life as various members made observations and suggestions; potential vendor names began to populate a list. EDG was birthing the beginnings of what would become the Whitingham Farmers' Market in mid-June.

A membership fee was set at a very affordable \$39, intended to help off-set some of the expenses related to the market, such as signage, advertising, equipment, and musician honoraria. Organizing considerations surfaced thoughts around those things, plus traffic, use of the Municipal Center parking lot, and managing support of the market through EDG member efforts.

Background information relative to what is allowable (by the State) at Farmers' Markets (baked goods, for instance, as well as food) was researched. Discussion centered around market make-up and the question of what constitutes a Farmers' Market traditionally, what is the flavor and focus EDG envisions for Whitingham - what works in this area against the larger backdrop.



Inviting local businesses to run specials during market hours quickly surfaced as an invitation EDG would extend, as an extension of the market as well as one of economic development generally.

Throughout, there arose other considerations that included discussion of potential businesses that could work here and strategies for developing that arena. Particular events - special weekends or days - also continued to be discussed, as were ongoing considerations around vacant business properties and how they might be re-populated.

Community beautification considerations were brought to the table, both through work with Windham Regional Commission as well as from the minds of EDG members. Street Banners became an important consideration and the appropriate legwork was done to obtain permission to utilize Jacksonville Electric poles for the banners. At this point that project is ready to be moved forward to completion, with an eye to having the banners in place prior to Old Home Week 2016.

EDG acknowledges the library's work to become officially credentialed through the State of Vermont's "Ambassadors Program", toward providing informational facilities, to those who have questions beyond what is posted on the kiosk.



Many know (through personal experience), the Pizza oven idea was carried through to completion by Adam Buursma, another long-time EDG member. Adam designed and built a sweet domed brick oven that he could place in the bed of one of his commercial vehicles, for transport to the market. He and Dave Munson (Senior Meals 'guy') became

the operators. Corn on the cob (thank you John Betit), meal and dessert pizza were on the menu. Proceeds of the sales were donated to EDG toward additional off-set of market expenses.

As vendors arrived, populated the grounds, made sales, and EDG got experience... various shifts were made to more efficiently and effectively manage the market and advertise. One noticed, as the market ran from one week to the next, there was a rhythm established... a kind of heart-beat. The market took on a life of its own.

Leon Peters had already designed a fabulous logo with a giant tomato and tractor (which has been sooo much fun!) Todd Wahlstrom created some also-fabulous signage for EDG, utilizing the red tomato visible in all of the market written materials and flyers. A market-season banner was placed on the lawn in front of the Jacksonville Fire Department. Music arrived!

We were extraordinarily blessed by local musicians: George Adair, John Wheeler, Greg Burnell and Colby Dix. With the addition of music and the creation of a staging area for it, as well as tables and chairs for sitting and eating, another layer of Farmers' Market, Town of Whitingham, emerged.

Two picnic tables were generously donated and located near the basketball court, to further accommodate market goers, knowing that mid-week and at other times, library patrons and others would be grateful for their presence.

Dave and Joan Briggs were gracious in providing over-flow parking. The Municipal



Center Parking Lot, at times, was fully utilized so the overflow space became a very important addition to the market.

Vendors who participated in the market included:

Sherry Adams, Home-baked, handspun, knitted, crocheted, hand-crafted, live spinning

Almira Aekus, Jams, Preserves, related creations

Jane Barcomb, Saplings Natural, handmade goat milk soaps (sold round the world)

Catherine Bell, produce, baked goods, crafts, hand-made

Boyd Farm, produce of all kinds

Kristen Breeden, Heritage Farm, produce, starter plants, and herbs

Marcia and Julio Bruno, Little Turtle Jewelry, produce as available

Adam Buursma, a variety of pizza baked on site in his hand-built brick oven
 Charlene Candiloro, hoops and Hoopnotica
 Cara Cheyette, home-made bread, desserts, pre-made sandwiches, locally grown
 Anthony Contakos, Sailsmith Bags (canvas and nylon bags in a variety of styles)
 Deborah Canedy, eggs, veggies, scones, crochet, soaps, quilted, related
 Duff Boyd and Jenn Derby, produce, crafts, eggs, rabbits, chickens, chicks, home-baked
 Jane Givens, Red Barn Catering - home cooked meals served on site
 Amber Goodnow, handsewn, knitted, hand-crafted, home-made, canned, produce
 Isabelle Hadley, lavender plants and flowers, calendula salve, catnip, raspberries, scones
 Halifax Community Club / Joan Courser - ice cream and hot soup / stew in the fall
 Ladies Aid, Whitingham - various and sometimes Jacksonville Church with Coffee
 Bob and Nancy Leete – Buttons and Jewelry
 Bill Olenick, Back to the Land – Organic Vegetables
 Wild Hopes Farm / Natasha Kussius, handcrafted textiles, re-useable shopping bags, soy candles
 Carol Mandracchia, Handmade at the Academy – Maplefest
 Steve and Sandy Pentak, Owl Creek Farm – Blueberries in Season
 Muriel Phelps, Day Lilly Farm and Pet Care
 Mitche Pinion, home made, wood crates, candies, magnets, gourds, pumpkins granola
 Karen Landers, Honey, blueberries, jam, honey recipes
 Anna Ryan, quilts, knitted, crochet, shawls, baked goods, stuffed toys
 Sue Tefft, Jewelry, crafts, hats and scarves
 Craig and Donna Stone, Maple Syrup
 Todd Wahlstrom, Pottery with Lemonade “Princess” Lemonade by Ellis Wahlstrom

An end-of-season pot-luck and discussion took place at the Municipal Center on the 16th of October, with most of the regular vendors attending. Part of the evening was spent discussing the 2014 market season. Many expressed the feeling that the market was not just about monetary gain, but notably deposited itself solidly in the realm of building community spirit. Individuals spoke to the relaxed air of the market, opportunities to meet families traveling to their second homes up the valley as well as individuals and couples “passing through”. “All of this made the market fun, but interacting with friends and neighbors was the best, making up for the long winters when everyone stays at home.”



Looking forward, discussion touched upon possible changes in 2015, with vendors being asked to participate more directly, off-setting the low participation cost and providing a deepened sense of market ownership.



In other EDG discussion, the possibility of relevant grant-funding and a professional grant-writer emerged, leading to an interview. An abundance of information was shared, from every corner of what could be considered "economic development". A market analysis, lower range cost, was quoted at a likely cost of \$5000. EDG members were broadly focused in their interests and questions.

Allowing the shared information to simmer, while giving consideration to the market analysis and similar data collection, as well as other potential costs, acknowledging the size of EDG, the amount of hours individuals are available, and the need to focus on and continue to grow the Farmers' Market in 2015 toward long-term sustainability, EDG members determined the group not at the place of being appropriately organized around the hiring of a grant-writer at the present time, choosing to table the possibility for consideration at a later date.

Part of the foregoing discussion surfaced conversation about Whitingham's relationship to Mt. Snow and skiing. It was observed that the younger population that has moved here in recent years has not moved here because of skiing. "They are raising families, starting businesses, and so forth." It was observed and generally agreed that "Quality of Life" is part of that.

Considerations and discussion around Old Home Week 2016 have emerged, with EDG looking at how to bring Farmers' Market to that in an expanded, appropriate manner. Discussion related to processes EDG is already involved in and how best to inter-



weave those with Old Home Week considerations. Opportunities to align with others to share particular areas of responsibility are also being looked at.

Numerous conversations have emerged relevant to Social Media with observation that EDG's Facebook pages could benefit from increased visibility and publication of relevant news on a more regular basis (outside Farmers' Market season). Some further exploration of opportunities is currently underway, including the potential of a public presentation to local businesses on use of Social Media for increasing commerce.

Tri-Town Charter, the general parameters under which EDG has operated, is currently receiving review and update, to include more clearly the work and interests of the Whitingham Economic Development Group as relates to 2015 going forward. When complete, it will receive review by the Whitingham Selectboard.

Current considerations and discussions:

- * Continue to foster and build community spirit through EDG activities / events*
- * Continue to discuss and explore more deeply matters related to creation of local jobs*
- * Continue to foster the growth and establishment of Farmers' Market along with supportive involvement with Old Home Week / similarly related*
- * Continue to discuss the idea of increasing Whitingham's population, supporting local economy through hiring of local contractors and patronage of local business, as well as adding to the taxpayer base.*
- * Continue to foster the relationship between EDG and the Whitingham Selectboard*
- * Social media training for local business-persons as well as WEDG*
- * Establishment of a Business Person's Association*
- * Ongoing review and capitalization on the strengths of the town*
- * Continued discussion related to how EDG can be an effective resource to the community. 2014 has been an immensely full year in the Whitingham Economic Development Group. Group members have been meeting every month in the early morning hours, to advance various forms of economic development locally. Often the group is s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d to the max, sometimes by our own creative impulses. In 2014, the addition of Phil Edelstein and Jenepher Burnell shifted our focus somewhat, expanding our discussions and asking each of us to step up anew.*

We are grateful for the donation of the Colonial Light at the front of the Municipal Center that came near the end of the Farmers' Market season, providing additional lighting to the market as the days were shortening. It has been a welcome addition

to the front of the building - especially for those who are around late in the day. And comments tell us folks like how it looks!!! Our gratitude extends to so many in the market that "worked with us" this first season, as we were "green" and growing in understanding of how to do the market in the best possible way. People who pitched in when we were short of hands, those who offered suggestions and other forms of assistance - all of it so appreciated. And we are grateful to the Selectboard who approve the addition of new members as well as our expenditures, in addition to providing other types of support and feedback.



2015... What will it bring? We are deep into that question! But for sure, another Farmers' Market season, the benefits of joining Vermont Farmers' Market Association (with its NOFA tie, accessible web presence, and other support), and an ever-increasing understanding about what feels important to you in the realm of Economic Development for the Town of Whitingham and Village of Jacksonville.

May we say... thank you for your patronage and support! See you at the market in June! Our Best Wishes,

*Adam Buursma, Jen Burnell, Phil Edelstein, Kristine Sweeter, Todd Wahlstrom
Bonnie Jo Radasch, Office of the Selectboard and Karl Twitchell, Selectboard Member*



Farmers' Market Hooping it Up



Fishing Derby 2015 - Safety Crew



Around Town

Fish Whisperer



Summer Serenity



Farmers' Market 2014



WHITINGHAM TOWN INFORMATION

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(3.4, 3.18, 4.1, 4.15, 4.29, 5.13, 5.27, 6.10, 6.24, 7.8, 7.22, 8.5, 8.19, 9.2, 9.16, 9.30, 10.14, 10.28, 11.11, 11.25, 12.9)

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Mon-Friday 9 am – 2 pm

Wed eve 5 pm – 7 pm

Also - 1st Saturday of month 9-12 or by appointment

Holidays

Observed

Town Meeting Day
Martin Luther King Jr., as posted
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
July 4th
Labor Day

VLCT Town Fair Day – MC Staff Offices Closed
Columbus Day
Veterans Day, as posted
Thanksgiving Holidays (Thursday/Friday)
Christmas eve and Day, as posted
New Years Day

Animal Control Officers Pager 290-9916

Dan Hollister 464-5040 (H) 380-0534 (cell)

Financial Operations

Bookkeeper, Marylee Putnam 368-7543

Treasurer, Almira Aekus 368-7887

Fire Chief Stanley Janovsky 368-7184

Firemen's Association 368-2900

Fire Warden/Civil Defense

Allan Twitchell 368-2823

Health Officer - Gig Zboray – 368-7286

Email: whitinghamhealth@yahoo.com

Highway Department

Stanley Janovsky 368-2466

Listers Clyde Twitchell, Jenepher Burnell,
Judy Carrier 368-2838

Planning Commission

Brad Lackey, Chair 368-7914

Sewer Department

Dave DiCantio 368-7538

Library Kristine Sweeter, Librarian

PO Box 500, Jacksonville, VT 05342 368-7506

Open Monday 10 am – 4 pm

Wednesday 2 pm – 7 pm

Thursday 2 pm – 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 2 pm

Windham Regional Commission

Jenepher Burnell 368-2691

Kristine Sweeter 368-7506

Zoning Administrator

Gig Zboray – 368-7286

Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Dumaine, Chair 368-2977

EMERGENCY NUMBER

Emergency – Statewide 911

Vermont State Police - 802-254-2382



*Spring IS Coming
Howard and Edna Bemis, Boiling Sap*

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Safe Journeys - Happy Trails