

WARNING

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT, in said Town on March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

Article 1

To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2 **(by paper ballot)**

Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?

Article 3

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 of **\$581,945.00** of which **\$301,248.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$189,090.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$91,607.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 4

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$8,004.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020?

Article 5

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$80,284.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020?

Article 6

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020?

Article 7

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,325,795.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 of which **\$1,129,863.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$119,146.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$76,786.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 8

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020?

Article 9

Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Hazard Mitigation Fund to be used to address flooding hazards in the Town in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Article 10

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$66,000.00**, or any other amount, to fund the Hazard Mitigation Fund?

Article 11

Shall the voters authorize **\$81,140.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 with **\$67,815.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

Article 12

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 for continued maintenance?

Article 13

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020?

Article 14

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2019 with ninety-days' notice; to be made by physical delivery to the tax collector before 2pm on that date or with a first-class postmark on or before that date?

Article 15

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

Article 16

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$19,500.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 with **\$19,000.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$500.00** in anticipated revenue?

Article 17

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

Article 18

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

Article 19

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$2,500.00** for Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, an organization that provides programming and activities for youth and families that promote healthy behaviors and prevent youth drug and alcohol use?

Article 20

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

Article 21

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

Article 22

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

Article 23

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$1,203.00** for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 24

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

Article 25

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$1,200.00** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Whitingham in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need?

Article 26

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** for Twin Valley Youth Sports, an organization that provides all students in Whitingham, grades pre-k through 6th, the opportunity to play the organized sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball?

Article 27

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

Article 28

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

Article 29

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's 2018 Celebrate Summer program that provides 4 weeks of summer programming, arts and physical activities for youth, entering Kindergarten through those entering 5th grade?

Article 30

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for Wings Community Programs that provide after school programs for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12th grade?

Article 31

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$850.00** for the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children in the town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 33

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$4,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020?

Article 33

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$4,000.00** for the Historical and Recreational Park of the Deerfield Valley to match grant funds that promote multi-town economic development and tourism through the research, placement, and construction of historical markers and kiosks to be linked to a self-guided historical trail along Route 100?

Article 34

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

Article 35

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

Article 36

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

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot:

Article 37

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

- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Clerk for a term of three years
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Lister for a term of three years
- Grand Juror for a term of one year
- Town Agent for a term of one year
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- School Director for a term of two years

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 30th day of January 2019 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Keith Bronson, Chair

Keith Bronson

Gregory S. Brown, Vice Chair

Gregory S. Brown

Allan Twitchell, Member

Allan Twitchell

Karl Twitchell, Member

Robin Kingsley, Member

Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk*

Almira Aekus

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09 o'clock 00 minutes A M. and
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Attest

Almira Aekus

Town Clerk