

WARNING

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the auditorium of the Twin Valley Middle/High School, in said Town on March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

Article 1

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

Article 2

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 of **\$557,044.00**, of which **\$223,657.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$196,826.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$136,561.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 3

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$7,775.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019?

Article 4

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$69,127.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019?

Article 5

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019?

Article 6

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,264,647.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 of which **\$1,091,197.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$119,146.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$54,304.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 7

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019?

Article 8

Shall the voters authorize **\$79,426.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 with **\$66,651.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$12,775.00** in anticipated grants and donations?

Article 9

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 for continued maintenance?

Article 10

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019?

Article 11

Shall the voters make taxes due and payable on or before November 1, 2018 with ninety-days notice?

Article 12

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 13

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$17,400.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019?

Article 14

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$350.00** for Brattleboro Area Hospice for general budget support in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 15

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 16

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 17

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 18

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 19

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 20

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the support of Pool Learning Center an organization that provides services to residents of the town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

Article 21

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 22

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$4,700.00** 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 23

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 24

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$250.00** for 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 25

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 26

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 27

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$850.00** for the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town?

Article 28

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$4,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019?

Article 29

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

Article 30

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 31

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

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot:

Article 32

To elect all Town Officers required by law:

- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- 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 two years
- Lister for a term of three years
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year
- Town Agent for a term of one year
- Grand Jurors 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 one year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- School Moderator for a term of one year
- School Director for a term of two years
- School Director for a term of three years

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 17th day of January 2018 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Keith Bronson, Chair

Allan Twitchell, Vice Chair

Gregory Brown, Member

Gregory Brown

Karl Twitchell, Member

Karl Twitchell

Robin Kingsley, Member

Robin Kingsley

Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk*

Almira Aekus

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
this 19 day of JAN A.D. 2018, at
09 o'clock 00 minutes A M. and
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Attest
Almira Aekus
Town Clerk