



**Town of Whitingham  
Office of the Selectboard**

**MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022**

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The Whitingham Selectboard held a regular meeting at 6:30pm in the Selectboard Office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Selectboard members present: Scott M. Reed, Chair; Greg Brown, Craig Hammer, and Robin Kingsley.

Others attending: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator; Almira Aekus, Clerk/Treasurer; Dave DiCantio, Chief Sewer Plant Operator; Ron Pastore, resident.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Scott M. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Changes to the agenda were noted on the meeting copy.

**Hearing of Visitors**

None.

**Set the tax rate**

Almira Aekus came to the table, the Grand List has not been lodged yet but she was told the number is accurate. Ms. Aekus suggested the Municipal Tax Rate to be set at \$.774 per \$100 and the local agreement rate at \$.003. **A motion was made by Greg Brown to set the 2022/2023 municipal tax rate at \$.774 per \$100 and the local agreement tax rate at \$.003, for a combined tax rate of \$.777 per \$100 as recommended by the Town Treasurer, seconded by Robin Kingsley, all in favor.**

The Vermont Department of Taxes provided the Education Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2023 – the Non-Homestead Tax Rate is \$1.5365 (last year \$1.6017) and the Homestead Tax Rate is \$1.5729 (last year \$1.6852).

Last year the residential/school combined rate was 2.4266. The projected 2023 rate would be 2.3474, a decrease of .0792.

Last year the non-residential/school combined rate was 2.3431. The projected 2023 rate would be \$2.311 an increase of .0321.

**Transfer Station: adjust fees**

Ms. Aekus provided the board with more financial information for the Transfer Station. Mr. Pastore spoke to the board explaining that he doesn't generate a lot of trash; he doesn't feel

it's fair to create a \$200 sticker fee. Discussion ensued regarding a smaller increase to the sticker or purchasing bags to sell.

Ms. Aekus will run more numbers and Gig will research buying our own bags to sell and the cost of a 100 pound scale.

**Sewer: Executive Session to discuss employee work assignments**

**A motion was made by Greg Brown to enter into executive session to discuss employee work assignments under the provisions of Title 1, Section 312(g) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Gig Zboray and Dave DiCantio, seconded by Robin Kingsley, all in favor.**

Executive session was exited at 8:02pm.

**Approval of Payables Warrant – July 14, 2022**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to approve Payables Warrant #2302, dated July 14, 2022, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor.**

**Approval of Payroll Warrant – July 14, 2022**

**A motion was made by Robin Kingsley to approve Payroll Warrant #2301 dated July 14, 2022, seconded by Greg Brown, all in favor.**

**Review and approve Minutes of June 29, 2022**

**A motion was made by Greg Brown to accept the Minutes of June 29, 2022, as written, seconded by Craig Hammer, all in favor.**

**Other business**

**Accept resignation of Deputy Health Officer** A letter of resignation from the position of Deputy Health Officer was received from Jenepher Burnell. The board accepted the resignation with regret and appointed Scott M. Reed to sign a thank you letter.

**Plaque for placeholder on war memorial** Saladino Property Maintenance will be building the new monument to match the most recent addition to the war memorial at Town Hill. He asked what the board wanted for a place holder plaque. Gig will take photos of the current plaque, and check with the Memorial Day Committee to see if they have ideas for what the wording or design might be on the temporary plaque.

**Safety** Wade Masure of VLCT conducted an inspection of the Jacksonville Fire House and the Municipal Center. He found a few things that need to be addressed. He noted that VLCT is offering safety grants of up to \$10,000 with no local match required. Mr. Masure's report of his inspection will not be available for several weeks. However, he found that none of the safety lights in the Municipal Center work, the water heater is leaking, the Fire House does not have fire alarms and needs gfi outlets. All those items are grant fundable.

**Fuel tank for school generator** test results indicate water and sediment in the fuel. It could be condensation. Suggest pouring a jug of power serve in it and crack the tank open to let out the water and sediment.

Order to reappraise Gig noted that today we received the official order from the State of Vermont to reappraise all properties.

**Adjourn**

**A motion to adjourn was made by all.**

Scott M. Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
~Gig Zboray