

# **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 Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium at 4299 VT Route 100, in said Town on March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business from the floor:

### **Article 1**

To accept the reports of the Town Officers.

### **Article 2**

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021 of **\$608,406.00** of which **\$358,851.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$194,893.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$54,662.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

### **Article 3**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$18,878.00** for the Parks Committee (formerly known as Town Hill Committee) for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 4**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$76,046.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 5**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 6**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,369,882.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 of which **\$1,250,726.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$119,156.00** in anticipated revenues?

### **Article 7**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021?

### **Article 8**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

### **Article 9**

Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund to be used to address the renovation or replacement of the Town Highway Garage in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

### **Article 10**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00**, or any other amount, to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund?

#### **Article 11**

Shall the voters authorize **\$82,596.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 with **\$69,271.00** 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 the sum of **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 for continued maintenance?

#### **Article 13**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

#### **Article 14**

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2020 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 the sum of **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 with **\$19,550.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue?

#### **Article 17**

Shall the Town of Whitingham enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provision of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?

#### **Article 18**

Shall the voters grant an exemption pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840 for a period of five years for the property owned by Unity Lodge 89 Free and Accepted Masons and used exclusively for the purposes of that organization for a five-year period beginning with July 1, 2020 tax year?

#### **Article 19**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 20**

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

#### **Article 21**

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

#### **Article 22**

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

#### **Article 23**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 24**

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

#### **Article 25**

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

#### **Article 26**

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

#### **Article 27**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,071.00** to Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region?

#### **Article 28**

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

#### **Article 29**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 30**

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

#### **Article 31**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's summer programming providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

**Article 32**

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

**Article 33**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$850.00** for the Women's Freedom Center for general operating support to provide services to domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691?

**Article 34**

Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021?

**Article 35**

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

**Article 36**

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 37**

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

The following article will be voted by Australian ballot:

**Article 38**

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

- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
- Library Trustee for a term of three years
- Road Commissioner for a term of three years
- Selectboard member for a term of one year
- Selectboard member for a term of two years
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Town Agent for a term of one year
- Town Grand Juror for a term of one year
- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of one year
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of two years
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 29th day of January 2020 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Wayne Wood, Vice Chair

Wayne Wood

Wayne Corse, Member

Wayne Corse

Craig Hammer, Member

Craig Hammer

Scott Reed, Member

Scott Reed

Attest: Almira Aekus, Town Clerk

Almira Aekus

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This 30 day of JAN A.D. 2020 at  
10 o'clock 20 minutes A.M. and  
Recorded in Vol. 12 at Page 190  
of LAND RECORDS  
Attest Almira Aekus  
Town Clerk