

WARNING

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 Vermont Route 100, in Jacksonville, VT on March 1, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian ballot on the following town business:

Article 1

Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 of **\$674,939.00** of which **\$392,583.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$207,501.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$74,855.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 2

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$115,165.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 3

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 4

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$22,950.00** for the Parks Committee for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 5

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$11,003.00** for the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

- **\$1,000.00** for **Deerfield Valley Community Cares**, an organization that provides fuel assistance for those not on state aid.
- **\$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.
- **\$500.00** for **Deerfield Valley Food Pantry** for the purpose of providing supplemental food assistance to area families.
- **\$1,500.00** for **Dumaine, Terrie**, who provides the meals to the senior citizens in the valley, to offset the cost of providing the community meals.
- **\$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.
- **\$1,203.00** for **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.** to help support outpatient mental health and substance abuse services.
- **\$750.00** for **Senior Solutions-The Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, Inc.** to serve elders and assist with funding the community meal.

- **\$1,200.00** for **Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)** to assist in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services, including crisis intervention, housing, fuel assistance, weatherization, tax preparation, financial coaching, Head Start services, thrift stores, and micro business development, to families and individuals.
- **\$250.00** for the **Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (“WinDART”)** to assist in the care and sheltering of pets in the event of a local emergency.
- **\$1,795.00** for **Wings Community Programs summer programming** providing four weeks of academic, enrichment, and physical activity for students entering grades K-8.

Article 6

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for **Deerfield Valley Rescue** for continuing support of ambulance operations, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 7

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$4,071.00** to **Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)** to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 8

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, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 9

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for **Wings Community Programs after school programing** for Whitingham students Kindergarten through 12th grade, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 10

Shall the voters authorize **\$85,134.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with **\$69,271.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$13,325.00** in anticipated grants and donations and **\$2,538.00** appropriated from prior year fund balance?

Article 11

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 12

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$20,550.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, with **\$6,070.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$1,000.00** in anticipated revenue and **\$13,480.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 13

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,416,961.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, of which **\$1,195,474.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$129,287.00** in anticipated revenues and **\$92,200.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

Article 14

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023?

Article 15

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$25,000.00** to the Hazard Mitigation Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 16

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00**, to fund the Town Highway Garage Renovation and/or Replacement Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 17

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$31,500.00** for the Litigation Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 18

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, for continued maintenance?

Article 19

Shall the voters authorize payment of real estate taxes on or before November 1, 2022 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 20

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 21

Shall the voters raise and appropriate **\$6,000.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023?

Article 22

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

Article 23

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


- Town Moderator for a term of one year
- Town Treasurer for a term of one year
- Town Clerk for a term of three years
- Selectboard member for a term of two years, vote for no more than 2
- Selectboard member for a term of three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- Library Trustee for a term of three years, vote for no more than 2
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of three years
- School Director (TVUUSD) for a term of one year

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 19th day of January 2022 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

Scott M. Reed, Chair _____



Craig Hammer, Vice Chair _____


Greg Brown, Member _____


Christopher Walling, Member _____


James Weber, Member _____


Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk* _____


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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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This 20 day of JAN A.D. 2022 at
02 o'clock 10 minutes P M. and
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Town Clerk