

## **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 7, 2017 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, 2017 – June 30, 2018 of **\$569,681.00**, of which **\$242,031.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$191,079.00** in anticipated revenues, and **\$136,571.00** appropriated from prior year's fund balance?

### **Article 3**

Shall the voters authorize payment of **\$110,000.00** for the Town Use of School Property for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018?

### **Article 4**

Shall the voters authorize **\$7,754.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018?

### **Article 5**

Shall the voters authorize **\$72,126.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018?

### **Article 6**

Shall the voters authorize payment of **\$20,000.00** to the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018?

### **Article 7**

Shall the voters authorize **\$1,262,952.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 of which **\$1,045,430.00** to be raised in taxes, offset by **\$119,146.00** in anticipated revenues and previous year balance of **\$98,376.00**?

### **Article 8**

Shall the voters authorize payment of **\$85,000.00** to the Highway Equipment Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018?

### **Article 9**

Shall the voters authorize **\$77,750.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 with **\$64,975.00** to be raised in taxes, and the balance to be offset by **\$12,775.00** in anticipated donations?

### **Article 10**

Shall the voters authorize payment of **\$10,000.00** to the Municipal Facilities Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 for continued maintenance?

### **Article 11**

Shall the voters appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the continuing support of Deerfield Valley Rescue for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018?

### **Article 23**

Shall the voters appropriate **\$4,700.00** to Twin Valley Youth Sports Program, 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? All players will benefit from competitive play, skill development, as well as social interaction and sportsmanship while in the program?

### **Article 24**

Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for Visiting Nurse and Hospice of 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 25**

Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$1,795.00** for Wings Community Program's 2017 Celebrate Summer program that provides 4 weeks of summer programming, arts and physical activities for youth, entering Kindergarten through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade?

### **Article 26**

Shall the voters 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 27**

Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$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 28**

Shall the voters appropriate **\$2,100.00** to support Economic Development in Whitingham for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018?

### **Article 29**

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

### **Article 30**

Shall the voters waive the rent of the Municipal Center, the sum of **\$300 per month**, to Dave and Terrie Dumaine who provide Senior Meals?

### **Article 31**

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 32**

Shall the town raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to be added to the litigation fund in the event we need to litigate with the State because of the inequality of the school tax?

### **Article 33**

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2017 by the Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

*Keith Bronson, Chair* \_\_\_\_\_

*Allan Twitchell, Vice Chair* \_\_\_\_\_

*Gregory Brown, Member* \_\_\_\_\_

*Karl Twitchell, Member* \_\_\_\_\_

*Robin Kingsley, Member* \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: *Almira Aekus, Town Clerk* \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING**  
**WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**7 MARCH 2017**

The legal voters of the Whitingham Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Twin Valley Middle High School in said Town of Whitingham, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls close) to act upon the following: Article I and Article II by Australian Ballot. **All other Articles to be taken up immediately following the town meeting which will begin at 10:00 a.m.**

**Informational meetings will be conducted on Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Tri-Board regularly scheduled meeting at the Twin Valley Elementary in Wilmington and on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Valley Middle/High School in Whitingham.**

**ARTICLE I**

To elect all Town School District officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE II**

Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$9,445,523, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved will result in education spending of \$20,462 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 14.5% higher than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE III**

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 31 day January 2017.

WHITINGHAM, VERMONT  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
this 03 day of Feb A.D. 2017 at  
12 o'clock 30 minutes P M. and  
Recorded in Vol. 11 at Page 490  
of LAND RECORDS  
Attest Town

*John L. Doty*  
*Shubert*  
*Sp. D. S. S.*  
*Amesbury*  
*John L. Doty*  
*Town Clerk*

Whitingham School Directors