

Whiting, Vermont Town Report



Fiscal Year 2021

**January 1, 2021 through
December 31, 2021**

**Annual Report of the
Officers of the Town of Whiting**

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Whiting Town Officials

Elected Town Officials

	Term Expires
Auditor	
Pat Mattison	2024
Suzanne Denis	2023
Alison Remy	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector	
Rani Fallon	2022
First Constable	
Rusty Brigham	2022
Justices of the Peace	2 years
Elizabeth Curran	2023
Stacey Freeguard	2023
Patricia Mattison	2023
Carolyn Schmidt	2023
Jeanne Leno	2023
Library Trustees	
Heather Mattison	2022-3yrs
Jaime Quenneville	2023-2yrs
Peg Allen	2023-3yrs
Tara Trudo	2023-2yrs
Tammy Wilbur	2023-3yrs
Listers	3 years
Peg Allen	2022
Rani Fallon	2024
Stacey Freeguard	2023
Moderator-Town	
Elizabeth Curran	2022
Road Commissioner	
Select Board	
Select Board	
Steve Quenneville	2023
Marcia King	2022
Chair- Bob Wood	2024
Town Clerk	
Heather Bouchard	2023
Town Treasurer	
Heather Bouchard	2023
Board of Civil Authority	
Town Clerk	
Select Board	
Justices of the Peace	

Appointed Town Officials

	Term Expires
Forest Fire Warden	
Delwin Fielder	June 2022
Regional Planning Representative	
Vacant	2022
Regional Planning Alternate	
Gary Freeguard	2022
Town Health Officer	
Jeanne Lamoureux	2022
Planning Commission	
Heather Bouchard	3yrs 2024
Beverly Freeguard	3yrs 2023
Chair-Steve Quenneville	3yrs 2022
Greg Coleman	2yrs 2023
Bob Wood	3yrs 2023
Solid Waste Representative	
Eric Zuesse	2022
Solid Waste Alternate	
Carolyn Schmidt	2022
Town Juror	
Paul Quesnel	2022
Town Service Officer	
Grace Simonds	2022
Fence Viewers	
Delwin Fielder	2022
Juanita Hornbeck	2022
Gerald Quenneville	2022
Road Foreman	3 years
Bob Wood	2022
Town Hall Custodian	
Tammy Wilbur	2022
Green Up Chairman	
Rebecca Bertrand	2022
Zoning Administrator	
Keith Arlund	2022
Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 years
Heather Bouchard	2024
Beverly Freeguard	2024
Gary Freeguard	2023
Mike Wilbur	2022
Chair-Steve Quenneville	2023

Cemetery Board: Beverly Freeguard, Grace Simonds

Emergency Management Coordinator: Larry Wilbur

State Representative: Terry Norris

State Senators: Ruth Hardy, Christopher Bray

2021 Report of Town Assets

ASSETS:

ARPA Fund -----	\$61,429.30
Building Fund	\$2,000.00
Checking Acct	\$40,184.12
Chloride Truck	\$5,000.00
Computer Replacement Fund	\$2,101.46
Equipment Fund	\$54,947.55
Fire Station	\$584,351.00
Grader Purchased in 1997	\$15,000.00
International Truck Purchased in 2015	\$25,000.00
Land Record Books Upkeep Fund	\$4,160.64
Library	\$233,268.00
Lister Reappraisal Fund	\$15,485.74
Loader Purchased in 2002	\$47,000.00
Old School	\$25,978.00
Recycling Shed	\$22,008.00
Sand/Salt Shed	\$91,609.00
Sexton Fund-CD#2011	\$17,915.73
Town Garage and Contents	\$265,000.00
Town Hall and Contents	\$949,933.00
Town Office and Contents	\$160,392.00
Truck Purchased in 1987	\$7,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS -----	\$2,630,263.54

2021 Tax Rates

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Homestead Education	\$1.3167	\$1.3398	\$1.2976
Municipal Rate	\$0.7386	\$0.6813	\$0.7281
Veteran's Exemption	\$0.0023	\$0.0023	\$0.0020
Total Homestead Rate	\$2.0576	\$2.1334	\$2.0277
Non-Residential Rate	\$1.5312	\$1.5669	\$1.5310
Municipal Rate	\$0.7386	\$0.6813	\$0.7281
Veteran's Exemption	\$0.0023	\$0.0023	\$0.0020
Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.2721	\$2.2505	\$2.2611

Dates to Remember

- **Town Meeting:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 7:15pm @ The Fire Station
- **Rabies Clinic:** March 10th, 2022, 5:00pm-6:00pm @ The Fire Station, \$20 per animal.

Mask required

- **Dog Registration:** Due by April 1st, 2022
- **Green Up Day:** Saturday, May 7th, 2022
- **Taxes Due (in hand):** Thursday, December 1st, 2022

2021 Town Clerk and Treasurer Report

As you all know 2021 has been another particularly challenging year!

There have been some positive things, like the Town Office was able to be open again, and I was able to do several different trainings online. The online trainings have become highly informative and helpful.

I have also been trying to find some affordable way to fix the Town Hall.

I tried to make the polling site and Town Meeting as safe as possible. I would like to thank all the staff that worked at the polling site.

If you need something from the Town Office, you can email me at townofwhiting@shoreham.net or call me at (802) 623-7813 or (802) 623-8152.

Annual Reminders:

April 1st is the deadline for registering your dog(s). This is State law, not a Whiting request. The purpose of the law is to continue the reduction of cases of rabies. You can register your dog(s) anytime between January 1st and April 1st, you will need a current rabies certificate and \$11.00 for a spayed or neutered dog or \$13.00 for a not spayed or neutered dog. After April 1st they are late, and the fee goes to \$15.00 for a spayed or neutered dog or \$19.00 for a not spayed or neutered dog.

Property Taxes are due in hand by December 1st, 2022. You can bring your check to the town office (If you come outside of regular office hours, there is a secure drop box in the door.) or mail it to the town office. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will mail you your receipt. You can prepay your taxes at any time.

I would like to thank the town residents for the support they have given me. I would also like to thank Laurie Bertrand and Julie Delphia for all the guidance and help they continue to give me.

Sincerely,

Heather Bouchard

Town Clerk/Treasurer

2021 Dog Registration

Income		Expenses	
Female Spayed	\$286.00	State Fees	\$285.00
Male Neutered	\$275.00	Animal Control	\$202.50
Female	\$39.00	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$ 98.17</u>
Male	\$26.00	Total Expenses	\$585.67
<u>Late Fees</u>	<u>\$ 8.00</u>		
Total Income	\$634.00		

All dogs must be registered by April 1st, 2022:

Spayed/Neutered Dogs \$11

Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs \$13

New Dogs must be registered within 30 days of adoption.

2021 Treasurer's Report with the General Fund

Beginning balance	
NBM Checking Account	\$19,832.48
Equipment Fund	\$49,076.43
Lister Reappraisal Fund	\$11,625.89
Building Fund	\$0.00
Computer Replacement Fund	\$1,401.46
Land Records Book Repair	\$3,280.64
General Fund Total	\$85,216.90

Receipts	
ARPA Funds	\$ 61,429.30
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,000.00
Computer Replacement	\$700.00
Current Land Use	\$47,986.00
Current Taxes 2020	\$674,322.48
De Tax Expenses Received	\$32.00
Del Tax Interest Received	\$1,692.68
Del Tax Penalty Received	\$3,124.13
Del Taxes 2017	\$1,093.01
Dispatching Service Reim.	\$1,524.75
Dog Licenses/Fines	\$634.00
Equipment Fund Receipts	\$12,000.00
Grant in Aid Project	\$0.00
Hats and Tees Sales	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$60.32
Land Rec Book Repair Receipts	\$880.00
Lister Fund A	\$227.00
Listers Reappraisal	\$1,929.50
Loan FNBO	\$40,000.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$10,342.00
Office Receipts	\$3,106.00
Otter Valley Refund	\$9,596.32
OV Vote Reimbursement	\$975.50
Overweight Permits	\$455.00
Penalties and Fines	\$0.00
Pilot Program	\$176.40
State Aid for Highways	\$37,558.30
Town Hall Rent	\$0.00
Traffic Tickets	\$695.22
Whiting Books	\$41.50
Zoning Permits	\$450.00
Total Receipts	\$913,031.41

Bonds	
Town Garage Bond: Amount Due	\$9,500.00
Int. Rate 3.50%, Principal Balance	\$161,500.00
Fire Department Bond: Amount Due	\$9,750.00
Int. Rate 3.50%, Principal Balance	\$165,750.00

Disbursements	
Appropriations Budget	\$5,131.50
Building Budget	\$16,732.82
County Budget	\$2,323.20
Fire Department Bond	\$15,893.43
Insurance Budget	\$14,887.75
Line of Credit Orwell Bank Repay	\$40,560.95
Listers Budget	\$439.60
Payroll	\$46,624.43
Public Safety	\$27,754.86
Road Budget	\$230,344.50
Social Services Budget	\$3,200.00
Taxes to School District	\$411,178.97
Town Garage Bond	\$15,474.12
Town Office Budget	\$12,714.78
Total Disbursed	\$843,260.91

General Fund Ending Balance	
ARPA Fund	\$ 61,429.30
NBM Checking Account	\$40,184.12
Equipment Fund	\$54,947.55
Lister's Reappraisal Fund	\$15,485.74
Building Fund	\$2,000.00
Computer Replacement Fund	\$2,101.46
Land Records Book Repair	\$4,160.64
Del Taxes Due	\$11,880.77
Ending Balance	\$192,189.58

2021 Board of Selectmen's Report

Town Website: If you are looking for more information about what is happening in Whiting, be sure to check out our town website. The website address is www.WhitingVT.com. On our website, you will find meeting agendas and minutes, maps, pictures, a calendar, forms, some interesting pieces of Whiting history and more.

Roads: Even with Covid-19 we were able to do a major culvert replacement job on Leicester-Whiting Road.

Town Building Updates: Unfortunately we had to close the Town Hall due to structuring issues.

Construction Update: None.

Our Whiting, The Old Addison Railroad and The Addison Road: These three books have a lot of interesting information about the History of Whiting. If you would like one, they are available at the town office for a small fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wood
Steve Quenneville
Marcia King

Vital Statistics 2021

Births

none

Deaths

Louis Robert Toth III

Whiting Library

No reports submitted at time of printing.

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>Budget 2022</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Computer Replacement	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
Current Land Use	\$ 49,562.00	\$ 47,986.00	\$ 40,000.00
Current Taxes 2020	\$ 655,671.75	\$ 674,322.48	
Del Taxes for 2017	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,093.01	
Delinquent Tax Expenses Re	\$ 26.94	\$ 32.00	
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 3,557.01	\$ 1,692.68	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 2,886.51	\$ 3,124.13	
Dispatching Service Reimb	\$ 1,164.56	\$ 1,524.75	\$ 1,000.00
Dog Licenses/Fines	\$ 833.00	\$ 634.00	\$ 650.00
Equipment Fund Receipts	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,866.19	
Federal ARPA Funds		\$ 61,429.30	
Grant in Aid Project	\$ 8,140.00		
Hat & Tee Income	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
Interest Income	\$ 251.37	\$ 60.32	
Land Rec Book Repair Receipt	\$ 1,268.00	\$ 880.00	
Lister's Fund A	\$ 222.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 220.00
Listers Reappraisal	\$ 1,887.00	\$ 1,929.50	
Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$ 16,264.50	\$ 10,342.00	
Office Receipts			
Certified Copies	\$ 63.00	\$ -	
Fish & Wildlife Posting		\$ 10.00	
Green Mountain Passport	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00	
Land Records	\$ 3,738.10	\$ 2,630.00	
marriage Licesence fee for Town		\$ 20.00	
Vault Copies	\$ 592.00	\$ 350.00	
Vault Time	\$ 100.00	\$ 87.00	
Office Receipts - Other	\$ 43.70	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,000.00
Otter Valley Refund	\$ 21,804.64	\$ 9,596.32	
OV Vote Reimbursement	-	\$ 975.50	
Overweight Permits	\$ 545.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 400.00
Penalties and Fines	-	\$ -	
Pilot Program	\$ 176.40	\$ 176.40	\$ 175.00
Road Grant		\$ 6,666.00	
State Aid for Highways	\$ 44,747.96	\$ 37,558.30	\$ 34,000.00
Town Hall Rent	\$ 147.00	\$ -	
Traffic Tickets	\$ 7,406.17	\$ 695.22	
Whiting Books	\$ 12.00	\$ 41.50	
Zoning Permits	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
Total Income	\$ 838,750.61	\$ 873,563.60	\$ 79,945.00

Appropriations			
Green Up	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Humane Society	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Library	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
MVAA	\$ 1,047.50	\$ 1,047.50	\$ 1,047.50
VLCT Dues	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 1,840.00
Whiting Cemetery Association	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 5,131.50	\$ 5,131.50	\$ 4,887.50
Bond Expenses			
Fire Department	\$ 104,510.05	\$ 6,143.43	\$ 15,500.00
Town Garage	\$ 83,848.82	\$ 5,974.12	\$ 15,500.00
Total Bond Expenses	\$ 188,358.87	\$ 12,117.55	\$ 31,000.00
Buildings Budget			
Buildings Fund	\$ 6,175.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Buildings Repairs	\$ 8,064.29	\$ 5,406.04	\$ 3,500.00
Buildings Supplies	\$ 40.00	\$ 27.36	\$ 50.00
Electric Town Hall	\$ 669.21	\$ 468.06	\$ 500.00
Electric Town Office	\$ 509.37	\$ 539.15	\$ 600.00
Electric Town Shed	\$ 1,138.34	\$ 587.55	\$ 600.00
Grounds Care	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,200.00
Heating Fuel Town Hall	\$ 2,879.46	\$ 2,252.50	\$ 2,000.00
Heating Fuel Town Office	\$ 473.52	\$ 413.76	\$ 500.00
Heating Fuel Town Shed	\$ 1,167.20	\$ 803.78	\$ 1,200.00
Municipal Water	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Street Lights	\$ 514.32	\$ 609.62	\$ 600.00
Total Buildings Budget	\$ 25,255.71	\$ 16,732.82	\$ 15,350.00
County Budget			
Addison Cty Court House Tax	\$ 1,693.12	\$ 1,768.80	\$ 2,100.00
Addison Cty Regional Planni	\$ 2,776.40	\$ 554.40	\$ 550.00
Total County Budget	\$ 4,469.52	\$ 2,323.20	\$ 2,650.00
Election Grant	\$ 5,000.00		
Insurance Expense	\$ 18,547.50	\$ 15,010.75	\$ 21,500.00
Total Insurance Expense	\$ 18,547.50	\$ 15,010.75	\$ 21,500.00
Listers Budget			
Listers Apex Software Updat	\$ 273.14	\$ 344.00	\$ 465.00
Listers Dues	\$ 240.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Listers Training	\$ 173.00	\$ 45.60	\$ 700.00
Total Listers Budget	\$ 686.14	\$ 439.60	\$ 1,315.00
Payroll			
Animal Control	-	\$ 202.50	\$ 200.00
Assistant Town Clerk	-	\$ 52.50	\$ 1,500.00
Auditors	\$ 888.00	\$ 1,155.75	\$ 1,000.00

Del Tax Collecting Fees	\$ 2,275.49	\$ 4,227.00	
Del Tax Collector	-		
Election Costs	\$ 774.50	\$ 975.50	\$ 1,000.00
Listers Hours	\$ 5,314.50	\$ 6,002.25	\$ 6,500.00
Listers Support	-		
FICA	\$ 3,968.76	\$ 4,335.17	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ 80.29	\$ 536.76	\$ 550.00
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 4,049.05		
Selectboard	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Clerk	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,500.00
Town Clerk Insurance Stipen	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Hall Custodian	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Treasurer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Website Expenses	\$ 1,438.23	\$ 637.00	\$ 1,200.00
Total Payroll	\$ 41,439.77	\$ 46,624.43	\$ 45,650.00
Public Safety			
911 Call Contract	\$ 2,329.14	\$ 3,049.50	\$ 2,600.00
Dog Registration Fees	\$ 340.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 300.00
Fire Department	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Fire Inspection	\$ 254.75	\$ 1,199.61	\$ 1,200.00
First Response	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Recycling	\$ 6,368.56	\$ 5,700.75	\$ 6,500.00
Sheriff's Patrol	\$ 9,663.24		
Total Public Safety	\$ 36,455.69	\$ 27,754.86	\$ 28,100.00
Road Budget			
Brush Removal-Labor	-		\$ 1,500.00
Capital Construction-Paving	\$ 45,613.92	\$ 111,875.41	\$ 70,000.00
Diesel	\$ 3,019.41	\$ 2,421.40	\$ 4,500.00
Ditching-Labor	\$ 4,377.50	\$ 3,335.00	\$ 7,500.00
Equipment Parts	\$ 7,422.48	\$ 16,956.64	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$ 24,406.07	\$ 5,001.73	\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Equipment Signs	-		\$ 500.00
Equipment Supplies	\$ 458.54	\$ 162.00	\$ 2,000.00
Grant Road Work	\$ 13,416.10		
Highway Drug Tests-Drivers	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.75	\$ 50.00
Liquid Chloride	\$ 8,010.00	\$ 2,932.50	\$ 12,000.00
Road Commissioner Educati	-		\$ 100.00
Road Gravel	\$ 33,786.54	\$ 13,493.02	\$ 30,000.00
Road Labor	\$ 11,973.00	\$ 14,916.00	\$ 20,000.00
Road Salt	\$ 21,185.43	\$ 23,624.96	\$ 20,000.00
Road Winter Sand	\$ 5,251.45	\$ 6,213.34	\$ 10,000.00
Roadside Mowing	\$ 5,325.00	\$ 5,695.00	\$ 6,000.00
Trucking	\$ 16,964.25	\$ 10,973.75	\$ 18,000.00
Watershed Management	\$ 500.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00
Whiting Road Meeting	-		\$ 350.00
Total Road Budget	\$ 213,714.69	\$ 230,344.50	\$ 240,240.00

Social Services Budget			
United Way	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Whiting Food Shelf	-	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Social Services Budget	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Taxes to School District	\$ 420,775.29	\$ 411,178.97	
Town Office Budget			
Advertising Meetings/Tax Sa	\$ 260.62		\$ 275.00
Bank Service Charges	-		
Computer and Internet Expe	\$ 360.29	\$ 783.56	\$ 800.00
Computer Replacement	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Copier Maintenance	\$ 471.99	\$ 459.70	\$ 600.00
Election	\$ 284.96	\$ 82.92	\$ 400.00
Interest Expense	\$ 1,105.24	\$ 560.95	\$ 1,500.00
Land Record Book Repairs	-		
Land Records Book Repair Fu	-		
Legal Fees	\$ 2,630.00	\$ 3,660.30	\$ 4,000.00
Office Repairs	-	\$ 165.38	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 4,746.27	\$ 1,589.13	\$ 3,500.00
Tax Maps	-	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone Fax and DSL	\$ 1,804.23	\$ 1,786.84	\$ 1,800.00
Town Report	\$ 237.60		\$ 150.00
Training-Town Clerk/Treasur	\$ 355.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 500.00
Training-Town Officers	\$ 58.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 200.00
Zoning Administrator	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Town Office Budget	\$ 13,414.20	\$ 12,714.78	\$ 17,325.00
Total Expense	\$ 974,948.88	\$ 785,718.75	\$ 411,217.50
TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$ 260,507.65	\$ 277,525.02	\$ 291,088.38

LISTER'S REPORT

The 2021 Grand List was filed with the Town Clerk totals of \$386,320.00 municipal, and \$378,931.00 education.

Lister's grievances are generally held in June / July of each year, at which time any property owner may meet with us (In person or over the phone) to discuss their assessment. If you would like to request a grievance hearing with us, please do so in writing at any time during the year, and we will hold your letter until the next grievance period.

The Listers would like to remind everyone that if you own and occupy your Vermont residence as your primary dwelling on April 1, 2021, you must file your Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, with the Vermont Department of Taxes on or before April 15th to ensure that the correct tax rate is billed.

If you have a survey of your property which has not been recorded with the Town Clerk's office, please consider bringing it into our office so that we can make our tax maps as accurate as possible. Also, if you have a change of address in State or out of State, please notify us in a timely manner.

Due to Covid our office is by appointment only. Please feel free to call (802-623-7813) if you have any questions about your valuation. Our office is a resource for Property Record Cards, Tax Maps, Current Use, as well as other information relating to a parcel.

What do these numbers mean?

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) in 2021= 94.85%: Having the CLA greater than 100% results in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment. A CLA Below 80% necessitates a reappraisal.

The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) in 2021 = 15.1% A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal as that means many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less. This number measures how fairly distributed the property tax is in our town.

We took an oath to be fair and equitable while we assess all property at Fair Market Value, we are required to work within the guidelines of constantly changing, and increasingly complex Vermont Legislation and mandates. We take many online classes and seminars to improve our knowledge and serve you better.

As always, we would like to thank you for the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during our visits to your property.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Freeguard
Marguerite (Peg) Allen
Rani Fallon

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

It is important to remember that the Town needs to collect all of the tax dollars owed to run smoothly. When tax dollars are not collected, the Town must borrow money to cover the shortfall. If you are currently delinquent, please take this into consideration and contact me to make acceptable payment arrangements at (802)623-6221.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rani Fallon, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

2020 Delinquent Taxes - \$387.89

2021 Delinquent Taxes - \$11492.88

Grand total owed to the Town as of 12/31/2021 - \$11880.77

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S POLICY TOWN OF WHITING

1. All payments must be **in hand** on or before December 1. After December 1, they will be considered delinquent and subject to interest and fees.
2. It is requested that all back taxes be paid before the current taxes are due.
3. Partial payments will be taken at the tax collector's discretion, along with a signed contract and agreement to pay. Payments must be large enough to pay off the delinquent taxes before the next year's taxes are due. Payments will be applied to interest and fees first and then remainder on the taxes.
4. No post dated checks will be accepted.
5. All checks with insufficient funds will be redeposited and charged a \$25 fee.
6. Accounts 3 months delinquent can be sold at a tax sale at the discretion of the delinquent tax collector.
7. All payments must be made to the Tax Collector or the Town Clerk.
8. All taxpayers must notify the town of a change of address, in state or out of state, in a timely manner.

2021 WHITING CEMETERY REPORT

This meeting was called for May 1st held at the Whiting church. It was advertised in the Addison Independent. The Whiting Cemetery has had no new burials this past year but there will be on May 5th.

Last year we had Donald Scarborough of Brandon mow and trim the cemetery. He also did it in 2019. We paid him \$3500 for mowing and trimming from May 1 to November 1. He did a good job but was pretty expensive. This year we have hired Gus Letourneau of Brandon. He will mow, string trim and clean the fence line for \$2,400 per year.

We have some stones that need to be repaired and Gus will put some of them back up but as for repairing them, I have called Gary Stanley of the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home about that since he is our Sexton.

We have two certificates at the Orwell Bank. One is \$12,082.23 and the other is \$530.83 as of April 16, 2021. The savings account #9027 has \$2,486.57. There is no checking account so all is paid by bank checks. The income for 2020 was \$1,000 from the town of Whiting and \$11.49 from interest on CD's.

There are plots for sale at \$400 per lot which consists of two burials. The officers are the same as there were no people at the meeting except for the President – Beverly Freeguard, Secretary and Treasurer – Grace Simonds. Gary Stanley of the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon is our Sexton. For more information, contact one of the officers listed above.

2021 Whiting Food Shelf Report

Whiting Food Shelf is located at 7 N. Main Street. It's a ministry of the church. We are open from 8:30 to 10:00 am on Mondays. We had 25 different families come to the food shelf in 2021. You do not have to show your income. We are open to everyone in need.

We made boxes for Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving. We still have a box at Whiting Post Office to leave off donations in or you can drop them off on Mondays when the food shelf is open.

Thank you all

God Bless You

Beverly Freeguard, Director of the Food Shelf

If in need, you can call me at 623-8033

WHITING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We began the year with a checkbook balance of \$19,921.78, \$17,319.22 in our savings account and \$14,209.46 in the cadet program. Our expenses for the year were \$39,189.63. The breakdown is as follows:

ACFA/VSFA	\$ 708.00
Building	221.47
Gas & Oil	3,096.37
Insurance	14,407.00
Miscellaneous	2,520.10
New Equipment & Repairs	10,716.13
Raffle	1,950.00
Truck Repair	2,778.51
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>2,792.05</u>
TOTAL	\$39,189.63

We had an income of \$58,005.04. We ended the year with \$22,676.62 in the checkbook, \$21,332.52 in the savings account and \$10,493.42 in the cadet program as of December 31, 2021. Our income was from the following sources:

50/50 Raffle	\$ 3,528.00
Transfer from Savings	11,000.00
Transfer from Cadet Program	5,536.04
Coin Drop	Canceled
Donations	7,022.00
Memory Tree	919.00
Town of Sudbury	15,000.00
<u>Town of Whiting</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$58,005.04

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2022

50/50 Raffle	3,600.00
Coin Drop	1,000.00
Donations	2,000.00
Memory Tree	900.00
Town of Sudbury	15,000.00
<u>Town of Whiting</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$37,500.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2022

Dues and Fees	3,000.00
Gas & Oil	3,500.00
Insurance	13,000.00
Maintenance of Buildings	300.00
Maintenance of Trucks	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00
New Equipment	11,000.00
Raffle Payments	1,800.00
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$41,800.00

Thank you to all the townspeople for their continued support. I would also like to thank all members for their dedication, time and support.

Your present firemen are:

Steve White, Chief	Thomas Curran
Gary Freeguard, Assistant Chief	Timothy Curran
Tom Bouchard, Assistant Chief	Randy Denis
Austin Quesnel, Captain	Calvin Hogan
Cody Quesnel, Captain	Danielle Morse
Bob Wood, Captain	Lawrence Quesnel
Jonathan Ashley, Training Officer	Grant Thurston
Randy Bertrand, Training Officer	Larry Wilbur
Greg Kokinis, Training Officer	Mike Wilbur
Stacey Freeguard, Secretary/Treasurer	Tiffany Wilbur
	Elizabeth Curran

Cadets: David Curran

If you have a problem or question other than a fire, please call me personally at 462-2336. Please do not use the fire number except in emergencies. Call 911 for emergencies in our area for fire, medical or police to respond. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve White, Chief

2021 Whiting First Response Report

This year has been a very successful year for our squad. Our members have completed all of the updated requirements for the Vermont State EMS standards. We are very dedicated to the towns of Whiting and Sudbury, as well as being available as mutual aid for many of the surrounding towns. Our transport agencies are Middlebury Regional EMS and Brandon Area Rescue Squad.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your continued support in our efforts to provide a professional service for our communities. We are always looking for new members, and encourage anyone that is interested to give us a call or stop by to see us. We meet the 3rd Monday at 7pm (business meeting) and the 4th Tuesday at 7pm (Training). Our meetings are held at the Whiting Fire Station.

Head of Services – Rick Inland (EMT) 802-236-1469

Vice President – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Secretary – Tammy Wilbur (EMT)

Treasurer – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Training Officers – Larry Wilbur (EMT)/Tammy Wilbur (EMT)

Health Officer – Elizabeth Curran (EMT)

Safety Officer – Bob Wood

District Board Representative – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Members – Cody Quesnel, Avery Thurston, and Lillian Audet

2021 Accounting - Whiting First Response

**Balance Forward 2021: \$13571.90
\$13337.95 in Savings and \$233.95 in Checking**

Income 2021		Expenses 2021	
Interest	\$13.25	Medical Supplies	\$2162.72
Donations	\$300.00	Office Supplies	\$336.19
Whiting (2022)	\$2500.00	Communication Expenses	\$51.94
Sudbury (2021)	\$2500.00	Training Expenses	\$66.27
Sudbury (2022)	\$2500.00	Insurance/Bldg Expenses	\$2000.00
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$1648.62
Total	\$7813.25	Total	\$6266.46

Beginning Balance 2021	\$13571.90
Income 2020	<u>\$7813.25</u>
Total	\$21385.15
Expenses 2020	<u><\$6266.46></u>
Balance Forward for 2022	\$15118.69

As of 12/31/2021 - \$14551.20 Savings and \$567.49 Checking

Note - Sudbury (2021) deposited 1/8/2021

2021 Town of Whiting Memory Tree

Amstein, Doris	Brookman, Huggette	DeRepentigny, Leo
Audet, Macel	Brown, Daniel	Duclos, Norma
Audet, Yvonne	Brunet, Elgear	Duclos, Nub
Baah, Charles	Brunet, Fabeola	Dumas, Mary
Baker, Allen	Bull, Lola	Davis, Rita
Baker, Cushman	Bullock, Dick	Davison, Ray
Baker, Ellen	Burke, Betty	Douglas, Judy
Baker, Jack	Burt, Edson	Emmons, Jake
Baker, Julius	Burt, Janice	Emmons, Muriel
Baker, Margerite	Burt, Lisa	Ethier, Aimie
Baker, Nellie	Butterfield, Marie	Ethier Family
Baker, Russell	Cameron, Barbara	Fedor, Julie
Baker, Roland	Cameron, Charles	Fontaine, Leonard
Bailey, Burton	Cameron, Cynthia	Foster, Robert
Bailey, Frank	Cameron, Peggy	Freeguard, Angel
Bailey, Hazel	Capek, Michelle	Freeguard, Anthony
Bailey, Leftie	Capek, Patricia	Freeguard, Casey
Bailey, Richard	Capek, Stanley	Freeguard, Roger
Baldwin, Cynthia	Cattell, Bill	Gibbs, Mark
Baldwin, Olive	Chadbourne, Barbara	Gifford, Marie (Seguin)
Baldwin, Russell	Chadbourne, Joe	Gill, Jim
Baldwin, Wayne	Charron, Denny	Goodnow, Susan
Bathalon, Sheryl	Charron, Estelle	Gosliga, Gerardus
Benjamin, Jack	Charron, Lucien	Gosliga, Grace
Berry, Barbara	Chartrand, Rita	Grandchamp, Vicky
Berry, Dudley	Christian, Marion	Gregory, Louise
Bertrand, Leo	Christian, Rolland	(Seguin)
Bertrand, Noella	Coe, Pete	Heath, Bea
Bilodeau, Gaston	Coleman, Matthew	Heath, Floyd Sr.
Bilodeau, Germain	Cota, Arthur	Hogan, Beth
Bilodeau, Justin	Cota, Vera	Hogan, Elizabeth
Bilodeau, Laval	Cousineau, Arthur	Hornbeck, Charles
Bilodeau, Matt	Cousineau, George	Hornbeck, Danny
Bilodeau, Michael	Cousineau, Morris	Hornbeck, Ed
Bilodeau, Michelle	Cousineau, Rita	Hornbeck, Edward
Bilodeau, Pauline	Crawford, Bob	Hornbeck, James
Bilodeau, Pierre	Crawford, Robert	Hornbeck, Jimm
Birchmore, Clarence	Cunningham, Alberta	Hornbeck, Marie
Birchmore, Elsie	Cunningham, David	Huber, John Robert Jr.
Birchmore, Floyd	Currier, Charles	Huber, John Robert Sr.
Birchmore, Luke	Currier, Grace	James, Kelly & Vivian
Birchmore, Raymond	Currier, Scott	Jerome, Carol
Bissonette, Diane	Currier, Wayne	Keeler, Olivia
Bissonette, James	Curtis, Patty	Kerr, Sherry
Bissonette, Kenneth Sr.	Denis, Laurence	Ketchum, Ted
Bissonette, Ronald	Denis, Madeline	Ladabouche, George
Boudette, M. Elaine	Denis, Paul	Laduc, Phil
Bourassa, Leona	DeRepentigny, Debbie	Lajunesse, Agnes

2021 Town of Whiting Memory Tree

Lajunesse, Andry	Quenneville, Romeo	Wadsworth, Richard &
Lalumiere, Gerald	Quenneville, Vince	Bodil
LaMonda, Leonard	Quesnel, Alice	Walker, David
Lamoureux, Aime	Quesnel, Ann	Warren, Bobby
Lamoureux, August	Quesnel, Clara	Warren, Howard Sr.
Lamoureux, Clarena	Quesnel, Dominique	Webster, David
Lamoureux, Edgar	Quesnel, Dominique &	Wetmore, Brian
Lamoureux, Helene	Clara	Wetmore, Donald
Lamoureux, Jean	Quesnel, Lorenzo Sr.	Wheeler, Kristle
Lamoureux, Leon	Quinn, Tristan	White, Ron
Lamoureux, Marie	Rawson, Curtis	Whitney, Rodney`
Lamoureux, Real	Rawson, Curtis Michael	Wilbur, Annette
Lamoureux, Tristen	Rawson, Margaret	Wilbur Family
Leno, Darlene	Rawson, Robert	Wilbur, Grandpa
Leno, Emery	Raymond, George	Wilbur, Robert
Leno, Grandma	Reeve, Karen	Willaims, Ben
Leno, Kenny	Roorda, Garry	Williams, Lillian
Lillie, Bea	Rubright, Dean	Wilson, Susan White
Lillie, Bernard	Russett, Harvey	Wimett, Arleen
Litch, Josh	Russett, Joel	Wood, Roy
Little, Christa Q.	Ryan, Al	Young, Bruce
Little, Christa	Sabatini, Karen	Young, Rosalind
Quenneville	Salino, Barbara	
Loizeau, Connie	Seguin, Alban	
Loizeau, Richard	Seguin, Dorothy	Worcester, MA
Lonergan, Margaret	Simonds, Bill	Firefighters who died
Marcelle, David	Simonds, Frances	December 3rd, 1999
McGuire, Ron	Simonds, E. Rich	Paul A. Brotherton
Morin, Ryan	Simonds, Rich	Joseph P. McGuirk
Mottoa, Olga	Simonds, Wilson J.	Timothy P. Jackson
Mottoa, Vinicio	Simpson, Brenda	Jeremiah M. Lucy
Munger, Floyd	Simpson, Stephen	James F. Lyons
Munger, Lucy	Smith, Jason	LT. Thomas Spencer
Munger, Skip	Strong, Danny	
Orleans, Cindy	Sullivan, Ann	In Memory of past
Patterson	Sunderland, Mary	Whiting Fire Chiefs
Patterson, Katina	Taylor, Bill	Clayton Sawtelle
Piper, Michael Lepore-	Tilgner, Dave	Bill Palmer
Capek	Toth, Bob	Clarence Birchmore
Plasse, Dorothy	Toth, Ruth	
Quenneville, Ashley	Trayah, Lois	
Quenneville, Christa	Trayah, Raymond	
Quenneville, Claudette	Trombley, Ada	
Quenneville, Guy	Trudo, Calvin	
Quenneville, Lorraine	Trudo, Dorris	
Quenneville, Lucille	Turpin, Paul	
Quenneville, Rene	Viets, Diana	
Quenneville, Roger		



Get Connected. Get Help.™

Vermont 211 is an Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By **dialing 211 or by texting your zip code to 898211**, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health and human services for your area and region. (Text between 8:00am-10:00pm, Monday-Friday.)

Our 211 system in Vermont is at the fingertips of every resident and every phone. 211 is cost-effective, high-quality, personal, flexible and community-based.

Can't find what you need? You can always reach one of our trained professionals by phone or by text. Vermont 211 is here to offer help and to offer hope.

- One call or text gives you access to resources across your community. 211 is efficient, fast and easy to use.
- No more wrong numbers; no more wasted time trying to find the right resource(s).
- 211 is a private and confidential call or text; most often the name of the caller is not even taken. Language translation services are also available.
- 211 maintains the integrity of the 911 system; saving that vital community resource for life and death emergencies.
- 24-hour availability every day of the year by phone or by clicking on vermont211.org
- 211 is an easy way to find or give help in your community.

In times of disaster, Vermont 211 plays a critical role in bringing information to the people most affected by the events and relaying the needs of callers back to the government officials and the first responders.

What are the needs in your community?

Vermont 211 collects town, county and statewide data and feeds it back to communities to help make systemic change. Monthly reports showing the needs of your county are available on our website.

Addison County residents made 860 contacts during 2021, resulting in 945 referrals. The agencies given the most referrals were: Vermont Department of Health, (34%), Vermont Department for Children and Families—Economic Services Division (20%), Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) (8%), and Vermont Foodbank (8%).

(Note: Contact may result in more than one referral. Contacts do not represent unduplicated callers/texters.)

Want to subscribe to our monthly newsletter?

Our e-newsletter shares monthly statistics on the needs of Vermonters, highlights resources, and keeps you up-to-date on new initiatives. To see or subscribe to our newsletter, go to: <http://www.vermont211.org/news/monthly-newsletter>



Vermont 211 Partners with Help Me Grow

Vermont 211 participates in the Vermont Department of Health's statewide Help Me Grow initiative. Help Me Grow provides a centralized telephone access point, via Vermont 211, for parents, caregivers, and providers to get information and referrals for local services for children birth through age eight. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists answer questions about children's behavior and development, and help identify children who are at risk for delays, so that services can begin as early as possible. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists are available from 8:00am – 5:00 Monday-Friday by dialing 211, x6.



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United Way
United Ways of Vermont

Need Help finding help?
Dialing 211 or *Texting your zip code to 898211
Is your first step

Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn?
Vermont 211 is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number that connects you with the services that can help you.

Looking for help with everyday needs?
At 211, you will speak to someone who will provide the human touch, help to solve problems, and link callers throughout Vermont with government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.

When should you contact 211?
Call 211 for everyday needs and in
Difficult times. 24/7/365 or 1-866-652-4636 toll-free in Vermont
Or 1-802-652-4636 from outside Vermont
Or **Text your zip code to 898211** *8am-10pm Monday-Friday

Also visit: www.vermont211.org

*In Vermont, call 9-1-1 to save a life, stop a crime or report a fire;
Contact 211 for community information and referral.*

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 • www.acrpc.org • Phone: 802.388.3141

ACRPC Full Commission Notice of Meeting 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, 2021

HYBRID MEETING: This meeting will be conducted in person at ACRPC's office and remotely through the Google Meet remote meeting on-line platform. See the connection information below.

Join Meeting: meet.google.com/pgt-okuu-kch
Phone Numbers (US)+1 385-645-1254
PIN: 172 102 471#

CALL-IN: People can call in from the number above and enter the meeting PIN from the phone keypad.

PHYSICAL LOCATION: ACRPC's office at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury **WILL** be open to the public.

7:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POPULATION AND HOUSING SECTION OF THE ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLAN: This will be the first of two hearings on the proposed amend to the Population and Housing section of the Addison County Regional Plan. The second hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed plan are available upon request from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and attached below:

For further information please contact Adam Lougee or Katie Raycroft-Meyer at (802) 388-3141 or alougee@acrpc.org or kraycroftmeyer@acrpc.org respectively.

Housing Plan Amendment Draft

Housing Plan Amendment Report 2021

7:30 p.m. BUSINESS AGENDA:

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** October 13, 2021
- II. **Executive Board Minutes:** October 27, 2021
- III. **Treasurer's Report:**
- IV. **Committee Reports:** (Act 250, Energy, Local Govt, Nat Res, TAC, Housing, Econ Dev)
- V. **Joint Partners Report/Delegate/Staff Recognition:**
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - Maple Broadband ("ACCUD")
 - ARPA Funding, ACRPC's activities
 - Brownfields
 - Audit schedule
 - Other
- VIII. **New Business**
 - Vote to approve the revised FY2022 Budget
 - Other
- IX. **Member's Concerns/Information:**
- X. **Adjournment:**

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka “VSNIP”, under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be “theirs”!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premises. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9” S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: www.VWSAHS.org

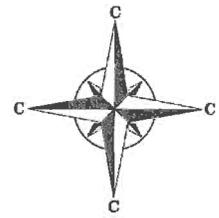
VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!*

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator



**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2021**



Dear Residents of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Leicester, Mendon, Pittsford, Sudbury, & Whiting:

I am pleased to write this report to capture RNESU, Otter Valley Unified Union and Barstow Unified Union activities for 2021. It has been 6 years since merging into OVUU and BUU and we continue to work together toward achieving the vision and mission of educating every child in our eight towns.

For nearly two years, our nation, the world, and our schools have been impacted by COVID19. In March, 2020, we closed schools and moved to remote learning for the remainder of that school year. Seniors did not get to experience the rituals of senior year, with no prom, a virtual award ceremony and a creative car based graduation on the fields at OV. Barstow 8th graders and OVUU 6th graders had individual send-offs as they transitioned to their next school. We headed into that summer with a great deal of anxiety and so much unknown.

Last school year, 2020-2021, was a hybrid year. We opened with K,1,2 in school five mornings while everyone else started remotely. By early October, we settled into a routine of all K-6 graders (K-8 at Barstow) in school four days a week, with Wednesday being a remote learning day across the district. Half of OV 7-12th graders attended 2 days a week, with 3 days remote, so that we could keep social distancing measures in place. We continued to provide meals for free, delivered on Wednesdays. As we all wore masks, and classrooms were sectioned off at desks 6 feet apart and facing forward, we fielded a few cases of COVID but had clear guidelines that kept a consistent, though different, schedule for the year. We ended the year moving to three foot distancing, which allowed students to return to school four days a week at all grade levels. Teachers taught both online and in person, simultaneously, all year- an exhausting way to keep all students engaged and progressing. The conditions required we all, parents and students included, did what we could to keep our communities healthy as the virus raged through.

This fall, we had high hopes for a normal school year; however it was not to be. As the Delta variant ramped up, we returned to in person learning 5 days a week, still with masks and 3 foot distancing, yet with fewer state guidelines and many, many more cases of COVID shutting down classrooms and sports teams. Contact tracing, Test to Stay, remote learning all became standard parts of our vocabulary.

Despite all of this, we achieved many things. OVUHS refurbished its auditorium and built a new entrance that will not be undermined by the weather and will keep the school safer from unexpected visitors. The school boards approved an equity policy that will focus on ensuring all of our students receive the support and opportunities they deserve. We said goodbye to Principal Judi Pulsifer after decades of service at Neshobe School and welcomed Principal Vicki Wells and Assistant Principal Daniel Raabe at Neshobe School this fall.

The pandemic brought federal funds to our district. These funds are for three years and were committed based upon input from staff and community alike. With these funds, we were able to

- Increase custodial and nursing staff;
- Add academic coaches and interventionists to help both students and faculty;

- Offer a Virtual Learning Academy during the 2021-2022 school year to support students who were not ready to return to in person schooling;
- Offer extended 2021 summer programming to help support student mental health and wellbeing, reengagement with school and academic recovery;
- Offer credit recovery at OVUHS;
- Increase school based mental health clinicians;
- Begin an equity audit to help build the capacity of RNESU educators' universal instruction and knowledge of interventions and supports to improve student engagement and performance across all indicators, toward developing a 3-year plan; and
- Develop teacher leader teams to support staff professional development and curricular work around a multi tiered system of support throughout the district..

Another area strongly supported by federal COVID funds is educational technology. With a sudden pivot to remote learning, we provided Chromebooks to every student, some with hot spots if wifi was needed at home. This initiative supported more than 2500 students, parents/guardians and staff members. We also worked to improve our internal internet speed to accommodate the devices in school, and have been working steadily to modernize all school equipment, which should be completed by Feb. 2022. Through this, our small tech staff completed 5,269 tickets from Dec. 1, 2020-2021, with a 98% satisfaction rate. In the midst of this massive project, the state introduced a statewide data reporting system that we have begun implementing during this past year.

There are many people to thank this year, starting with students, staff and parents who have had to quickly respond to positive cases that forced classrooms to close unexpectedly. I thank all faculty and staff, for doing everything within their power to learn the technology and distance learning skills, maintain relationships, and move academic achievement forward throughout a turbulent school year. Our custodians have our gratitude for keeping our buildings clean throughout the anxious time of the pandemic and ongoing. Thank you to our bus drivers and monitors for incredible flexibility, delivering meals instead of students and driving through the winters with masks on and windows down. Our admin assistants in each school kept the motor humming, with a constant thumb on the pulse of all, and our administrators and nurses who worked tirelessly around the clock seven days a week to keep our schools open and our students healthy. Together, we are #RNESUStrong and I am proud to be part of this district.

Alas, this is the year I say farewell to RNESU. I will retire in June 2022, as my personal life has exciting changes ahead. I have enjoyed my eight years here, with the many friends and relationships made. This crew of faculty, staff and administrators are top notch, dedicated to the children of these communities and I am so thankful for the opportunity to lead with this team in place.



Respectfully,
Jeanné Collins, Superintendent
 RNESU

Please read the full Otter Valley Unified Union School District Annual Report provided separately via mail and online at www.rnesu.org.

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT
January 2022**

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) Board has been busy this year continuing to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our two districts, Barstow Unified Union and Otter Valley Unified Union, have been doing everything they can to continue educating our kids during this turbulent time.



The Board voted to continue the pilot preschool lottery program that allows five of our preschoolers to attend preschools outside of our district for another year. Currently, our preschool program approval only allows our preschoolers to attend state approved preschool programs within our supervisory union. The voucher to an out of district program can be requested by a family. If more than five students request a voucher, then a lottery will pick the students who will be given a voucher.

The Board creates the budget for Special Education, Technology, Central Office, and Transportation. This year we are pleased to present a budget that reflects a moderate 2.75% increase in spending. We have made no significant changes in staffing or programming.

However, the most important work that the Board is doing, is looking for our next innovative Superintendent. Superintendent Jeanne Collins has submitted her letter of Retirement as of June 30, 2022 and we are busy with the process of finding her replacement. So far, the Board has put out two thought exchanges and held a public forum where we have asked what you are looking for in a new superintendent. We hope to select the new Superintendent before Town Meeting Day.



I would like to thank Superintendent Collins for her eight years here at RNESU. She has helped us through our Act 46 Consolidation and she has worked tirelessly during the COVID 19 Pandemic to keep our schools open and safe and continues to do so. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Hummel for her tireless work on behalf of the RNESU Board, as she is not seeking re-election. Thank you for your support of our schools, staff and students! We look forward to continuing our mission of educating life-long learners. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a board member or use the Let's Talk button on any school website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Bertrand
RNESU Board Chair



**OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT
JANUARY 2022**

Covid 19 continues to disrupt our education system, not to mention our daily lives. We had hoped that when the school year began, COVID would be a distant memory. I think it is probably worse than it was in 2020. We continue to remain vigilant and resilient in educating our children. It hasn't been easy, but I commend all of our students, parents, staff and administration for continuing to move forward during this pandemic. We can only hope that things will return to normal as soon as possible.



The Board has been focused on facilities and we are pleased to announce that Sudbury Country School will be used for Special Education Assessments and office space for school psychologists. We do not have an area currently where this can be done. The use of the Sudbury School will save the district money by not having to have costly assessments done out of our district that can easily be done by our own staff starting with the new 2022-23 school year. We have also

continued to study the idea of a middle school and have asked for a feasibility study of the Caverly Lands in Pittsford that the district owns. The feasibility study will tell us if a middle school is possible at the site. We hope to have the feasibility study by spring so that we can continue looking at the Enhanced Middle School and whether we should continue to explore this possibility.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Board Members, Angela Ouellette, Bonnie Chmielewski and Barry Varian for their tireless efforts on this board as they are not seeking reelection. They will be missed. We are also saying goodbye in June to Jim Avery, Geoff Lawrence and Thom Fleury, principals of Otter Valley and Otter Creek Academy thru retirement. We wish to say thank you for everything you have done for our kids during your tenures. The Otter Valley District is better for having you as part of our community. Best of luck in your future endeavors! We are also losing Superintendent Jeanne Collins to retirement as well. She has been a powerhouse, allowing OVUU to remain focused on students and learning even during this pandemic. We will miss you Jeanne!



OVUU will be experiencing a lot of change in the next few months, from a new Superintendent to new principals to even new teachers. Please know that the Board will continue to stay focused on making sure that our kids have the resources they need to succeed in whatever their future is past Otter Valley High School. As always, feel free to contact a Board Member with any questions you might have, or use the Let's Talk App on any school website. We look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Bertrand
OVUU Board Chair



2021 WHITING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 @ 1:00PM

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 at 1:00pm to transact the following business:

The meeting opened at 1:00pm. Elizabeth Curran the 2020 Moderator explained the Moderator position.

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Heather Bouchard nominated Elizabeth Curran, 2nd by Janelle Ashley. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Elizabeth Curran for Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: The receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers. Moved by Heather Bouchard, 2nd by Randy Denis. Elizabeth asked if anyone had something they would like to discuss, no one did. The Motion was passed with no opposing votes.

ARTICLE III: Shall the voters authorize the Select board to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in Title 17 V.S.A. 2651 (change position from elected to appointed). Moved by Heather Bouchard, 2nd by Pat Mattison. Carolyn Schmidt asked what this would change? Heather Bouchard explained that if you have an appointed position then the Select Board act as the Road Commissioner and the Road crew work for them. The Motion was passed with no opposing votes.

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Road Commissioner for 3 years -Paul Quesnel (vacant). Motion made by Motion made by Stacey Freeguard/Rani Fallon. Heather Bouchard Explained that we still needed to vote for this this year. Article III will not take effect until the following year. Carolyn Schmidt nominated Bob Wood and then withdrew the nomination, so there were no nominations to vote for.
- B. Select Board Member for 3 years -incumbent Bob Wood. Motion made by Stacey Freeguard; Janelle Ashley nominated Bob Wood. The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast on vote for Bob Wood for Select Board member for 3 years.
- C. Lister for remainder of 3 years -appointed incumbent Peg Allen (2022). Motion made by Stacey Freeguard; Heather Bouchard nominated Peg Allen. There were no other nominations. The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Peg Allen for Lister for remainder of 3-years.
- D. Lister for 3 years -appointed incumbent Rani Fallon. Motion made by Alison Remy; Stacey Freeguard nominated Rani Fallon. There were no other nominations. The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Rani Fallon for Lister for 3-years.
- E. Auditor for remainder of 3 years – appointed incumbent Suzanne Denis (2023). Motion made by Stacey Freeguard; Heather Bouchard nominated Suzanne Denis. There were no other nominations. The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Suzanne Denis for Auditor for remainder of 3-years.
- F. Auditor for 3 years-appointed incumbent Tara Trudo. Motion made by Stacey Freeguard; Alison Remy nominated Pat Mattison. There were no other nominations.

The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Pat Mattison for Auditor for 3-years.

- G. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year -incumbent Rani Fallon. Motion made by Stacey Freeguard; Gwen Cattell nominated Rani Fallon. There were no other nominations. By voice vote Rani Fallon was elected for Delinquent Tax Collector for 1-year.
- H. Library Trustee for 2 years -incumbent Jaime Quenneville. Motion made by Stacey Freeguard; Alison Remy nominated Jaime Quenneville. There were no other nominations. By voice vote Jaime Quenneville was elected for Library Trustee for 2-years.
- I. Library Trustee for 2 years -incumbent Tara Trudo. Motion made by Alison Remy; Stacey Freeguard nominated Tara Trudo. There were no other nominations. By voice vote Tara Trudo was elected for Library Trustee for 2-years.
- J. First Constable for 1 year -incumbent Rusty Brigham. Motion made by Suzanne Denis; Stacey Freeguard nominated Rusty Brigham. No other nominations. By voice vote Rusty Brigham was elected for First Constable for 1-year.

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes? Motion made by Stacey Freeguard, 2nd by Alison Remy. Elizabeth explained if we did not pass this then the First Constable would have to Collect Delinquent Taxes. By voice vote the Town gave the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before Wednesday, December 1, 2021? (In Hand, Postmarks not accepted). Motion made by Stacey Freeguard, 2nd by Peg Allen. Elizabeth explained if we did not pass this then the First Constable would have to Collect Taxes. By voice vote the Town authorized the Treasurer to collect real property taxes on or before December 1st, 2021 (in hand postmarks not accepted).

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$379,602.50 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$279,025.02 will come from taxes? Motion made by Stacey Freeguard, 2nd by Gwen Cattell. There were no questions. By voice vote the Town agreed to appropriate \$379,602.50 expenses and indebtedness of the Town of which \$279,025.025 will come from taxes.

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met. Motion made by Stacey Freeguard, 2nd by Marcia King. Carolyn Schmidt wanted to Thank the Town Officials for keeping the Town running during Covid-19, and for keeping the Town Meeting in person.

Gwen Cattell made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Stacey Freeguard.

By voice vote meeting adjourned at 1:21pm.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Fire Station, in said Whiting on Tuesday March 1st, 2022 at 7:15pm to transact the following business:

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: The receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE III: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Select Board Member for 3 years -incumbent Marcia King
- B. Lister for 3 years - incumbent Peg Allen
- C. Auditor for 3 years -incumbent Alison Remy
- D. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year -incumbent Rani Fallon
- E. Library Trustee for 3 years -incumbent Heather Mattison
- F. First Constable for 1 year -incumbent Rusty Brigham

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes?

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before Wednesday, December 1, 2022? (In Hand, Postmarks not accepted)

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$411,217.50 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$291,088.38 will come from taxes?

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Select Board Chair: *Bob Wood*
Bob Wood
Steve Quenneville *Steve Quenneville*
Marcia King *Marcia King*

Town of Whiting

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OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Heather Bouchard

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townofwhiting@shoreham.net

Monday 7:300-11:00am

3:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 7:30-11:00am

And by appointment

BOARD OF LISTERS

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**Available by
appointment only.**

RECYCLING:

2nd and 4th Saturday of month

9:30 – 11am at Town Shed

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:

Elizabeth Curran

Stacey Freeguard

Patricia Mattison

Carolyn Schmidt

Jeanne Leno

REGULAR MEETINGS

*(Due to Covid restrictions, please
check on when and how
meetings will be .)*

SELECTBOARD

4th Mondays at 5:00pm

Held at Town Office

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Monday at 7:30pm

(Business Meeting)

2nd Tuesday 6:30pm(Training)

Special Trainings TBA

Both held at Firehouse

FIRST RESPONSE

3rd Monday at 7pm

(Business Meeting)

4th Monday at 7pm (Training)

Both held at Firehouse

CONTACT INFORMATION

(AS OF 1/1/2022)

1st Constable:	Rusty Brigham	345-6906
Animal Control:	Stacey Freeguard	623-6065
Auditors:	Alison Remy	623-7813
Board of Listers:	Stacey Freeguard	623-7813
Cemetery Board:	Grace Simonds	623-7811
Delinquent Taxes:	Rani Fallon	989-2614
Fire Dept non-emer:	Steve White	989-2773
Fire Warden:	Delwin Fielder	989-8986
First Resp non-emer:	Rick Iffland	236-1469
Food Shelf:	Beverly Freeguard	623-8033
Green-Up Chair:	Rebecca Bertrand	623-6325
Health Officer:	Jeanne Lamoureux	623-6385
Planning Comm:	Steve Quenneville	623-7813
Roads:	Select Board	623-7813
Select Board:	Bob Wood	623-7813
Town Clerk & Treasurer:	Heather Bouchard	623-7813
Town Hall:	Tammy Wilbur	623-7862
Zoning Admin:	Keith Arlund	465-8098
Zoning Board:	Steve Quenneville	623-7813

**TOWN OF WHITING
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WHITING, VT 05778**

Please bring this report with you to:

TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:15 pm
at the Whiting Firehouse**