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Ask your friends and family to make a gift for the Whately Town Hall renovation this holiday season!!



Now that construction is underway on Town Hall, we can all look forward to a fully accessible cultural center and Historical Society Museum in the summer of 2018. At last! We hope that this is our final appeal for gifts for the Town Hall rehabilitation. With less than \$12,000 to go towards our private fundraising goal of \$150,000, we're nearly there.

*Whether you've made one, two or three gifts for this project, or haven't gotten around to it yet, the need remains.* And think of those who grew up in Whately, who have visited you here and enjoyed the beauty of our town, and who care about you and what's important to you. One last chance: all gifts must be paid in full by March 31, 2018!

Gifts to the **Whately Historical Society Town Hall Fund** may be made online on the Whately Historical Society webpage (<http://www.whatelyhistorical.org/FOTH.htm>), or mailed to PO Box 7, Whately, MA 01093.

The *Whately Historical Society is an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization.*

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## Whately Public Library Strategic Planning: Town Input Survey

The Whately Library would greatly appreciate your input as we work to develop our strategic plan by completing this brief survey. You can either complete it on paper and drop it off at the Whately Library or Town Offices or you can complete it online by clicking on the survey link on the library's webpage ([www.whately.org/library](http://www.whately.org/library)). Thank you!

- 1) Which of the following words describe how you feel about libraries in general? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> comfortable	<input type="checkbox"/> intimidated
<input type="checkbox"/> excited	<input type="checkbox"/> shy
<input type="checkbox"/> inspired	<input type="checkbox"/> welcome
<input type="checkbox"/> indifferent	
- 2) How often do you visit the Whately Library?

<input type="checkbox"/> several times a month	<input type="checkbox"/> One to two times a month
<input type="checkbox"/> several times a year	<input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a year
<input type="checkbox"/> never	
- 3) Please answer this question only if you selected "Never" in Question 2. If you don't use the Whately Library, what is the reason? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a big reader	<input type="checkbox"/> Inconvenient hours
<input type="checkbox"/> I get my information from other sources	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't feel welcome there
<input type="checkbox"/> I don't own transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> I use another library
<input type="checkbox"/> Library doesn't have what I need	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel like I have to be quiet
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____	
- 4) Which of the following are you interested in?      Would you like to pursue this through the library for free?

<input type="checkbox"/> Reading (print)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading (digitally on my device)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Music – recorded	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Music – live	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature and Science	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Yoga	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Community dinners	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: please specify _____	
- 5) What improvements would you like to see at the library? Check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> More diverse collection (of books and movies)
<input type="checkbox"/> "Library of Things" (lending of tools, musical instruments, sewing machine, etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> More programs for adults. Please specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> More programs for kids. Please specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> More programs for teens. Please specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> More programs for seniors. Please specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular coffee/tea served
<input type="checkbox"/> More accessible
<input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with town businesses and organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> More programs outside the library (in other parts of town)
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer classes
<input type="checkbox"/> More downloadable books, movies, music, periodicals
<input type="checkbox"/> Open more hours
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____



# The WHATELY SCOOP

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*Our 15th Year and going strong. Thanks to you!*

## **Whately receives \$70,679 in CPA state match funding**

by Judy Markland, Comm. Preserv. Com.

The state has announced its match for local FY 2017 CPA revenues and Whately was awarded \$70,679 for an 87% match. Only 6 other towns statewide received more than an 85% match. The match percentage for those towns with less than a 3% surcharge was only 17.2% and the average for all communities only 25%.

Our CPA dollars leverage a lot of additional outside money, above and beyond the state match. Since the CPA started here in FY2010, Whately has received about \$2.5 million in state APR funding, state grants and private donations in addition to \$318,000 in state CPA matches.

It's time to start thinking about next year's CPA projects. In December the Community Preservation Committee will start reviewing project applications for CPA funding at next April's town meeting. Applications are due on **Tuesday, December 12 by 5pm** at Town Offices.

To qualify, projects must be for historic preservation, open space, community housing or recreation. It is helpful if the project can be reviewed by the appropriate town commission (Ag, Conservation, Historical, Housing or Recreation) before it is submitted to the CPC. Application forms with more detailed eligibility criteria can be found at the CPC page at [whately.org](http://whately.org).

**Winter / Spring Dates :**  
**CPA Applications due Dec 12 5pm**  
**Annual Town Meeting April 24, 2018**  
**Next bulky day: May 5, 2018**

## **Historical Society News**

by Dee Bardwell

The Historical Society is busy preparing for its big move into its new space in the Town Hall. Each Tuesday we are cataloging acquisitions so we will be able to search and find them when we are settled. We have decided to postpone the inventory until we move. Those who volunteered will be contacted in the spring.

Members have expressed an interest in attending the ZBA meeting December 7, so we will not be having a meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 1 when we will be launching our new series titled "Looking Back".

## **Town of Whately 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee is being formed NOW– Volunteers Needed**

The Whately Selectboard is seeking volunteers to serve on a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee to help plan the numerous events and festivities to take place in 2021 to celebrate this significant milestone. The Selectboard anticipates appointing members to the Committee later this year. Please contact, Brian Domina town a d m i n . , 6 6 5 - 4 4 0 0 e x t . 1 o r [townadmin@whately.org](mailto:townadmin@whately.org) if you are interested in volunteering on this Committee.

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## Join us at Christmastime. All welcome.

Sun. Dec. 17

3 pm - Narrated Living Nativity (rain or shine)

Christmas Eve

10 am - Christmas Worship Service

6 pm - Christmas Supper with carols & a visit from Santa

8 pm - Candlelight Service of Readings & Carols

Whately Congregational Church (UCC) 177 Chestnut Plain Road

### The Whately Police Department: Home security and road safety

by Chief James (Jim) Sevigne Jr.

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

In the last few months we have investigated a few incidents where homes around town were broken into, and property (electronics, jewelry, money) was stolen. Incidents happened at different locations in town, at different times of the day. This has also happened in other towns in Franklin and Hampshire Counties. We believe these crimes are a direct result of the on-going Opioid Addiction Crisis.

Residents have been asking us for specific information about these crimes. Please understand that these incidents are very sensitive to the victims, and their privacy is of upmost importance. There is limited information we can legally provide related to specific on-going investigations. We ask that if anyone sees anything suspicious, or out of the ordinary, to please call the police department immediately.

Many residents have also been asking us questions about what they can do to ensure their safety, and how to better secure their homes. There are many other things you can do to help keep yourself safe. Please call the police department, stop by, or contact us on our website if you have any questions, to request a House Check while you are away, or if you would like us visit your home and conduct a Home Security Assessment.

Finally - don't forget to be safe when you travel during inclement weather. Have all of your vehicles' fluids, tires, and your car battery checked. Keep a good quality snow brush / scraper in your car, and remove ALL the snow and frost from your

ENTIRE vehicle before you go anywhere. Drive slowly, don't follow too close to other vehicles, and give yourself plenty of time to stop at intersections. Road conditions and weather can change rapidly in the winter - please be extra cautious in your travels.

Remember the winter parking ban is now in effect until April 2018. So no parking on any public roads or on town property between midnight and 7am.

### AGING IN PLACE: Need a Little Help?

by Fran Fortino, Board of Health

Could you or your neighbors in Whately use a little help/assistance to be able to stay in your own home as you get older, or to recover from an accident, illness or hospitalization? Community volunteer programs have emerged across the state and the country to provide this "little help". They often rely on neighbors helping neighbors in an organized community effort.

Some ways volunteers in these programs help in their communities are:

- Provide phone calls or home visits just for the contact with others.
- Rake leaves or shovel snow in season, and other light home chores.

- Accompany or drive someone to medical/doctors' appointments, shopping, church, etc.

- Make wellness checks to identify needs and outside resources

- Technology assistance

All volunteers would be vetted, CORI'ed, trained and linked with individuals in town needing the help the volunteer is able and has agreed to provide. The help would be provided confidentially. Volunteers would **not** give information, health care, or assistance that professionals



already provide.

The Whately Board of Health would like to facilitate a community discussion about starting such a program in town if there is sufficient interest and need.

For more information or to help us organize this, call or email Fran Fortino at 665-4561, [ffortino79@gmail.com](mailto:ffortino79@gmail.com) or Mike Archbald at 413.537.2612, [march@crocker.com](mailto:march@crocker.com). Stay tuned for more on this project in early 2018!

## Whately Snowmobile Club

by Paul Bordua

As winter approaches, the Whately Snowmobile Club has been preparing for what we hope is a season filled with snow. Established around 1970, the club is a licensed non-profit organization. It is a member club of the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts, the managing entity for the network of snowmobile trails that spreads across much of western and into central Massachusetts. From maintaining trails and installing signage, to meetings with the club and local landowners, the club members have been hard at work ensuring the trails are open and safe.

We would like to thank the residents and landowners who make it possible for our trail system to exist. Without their support in allowing trails to pass through their properties, we would not have the great trail system that we have today. Trail passes are required to snowmobile on any Whately Snowmobile Club trails and also provides access to every registered trail in the state. If you would like to purchase a trail pass, they are available at several local locations. Please call or email Paul Bordua (978-380-0022, [pbordua@gmail.com](mailto:pbordua@gmail.com)) for information on purchasing a trail pass.

Monthly club meetings are held at the town offices at 4 Sandy Lane at 7 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, December 18, with the following meetings occurring on fourth Monday of the month through April. Meetings are open for anyone to attend and we are always looking for new members!

## Whately Congregational Church

by Cynthia Crosson-Harrington

As we usher in Advent and prepare for Christmas, the Whately church looks forward to a myriad of activities. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the beginning of Advent with a

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potluck lunch following worship and holiday crafts for young (and old). All are welcome. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to join us from 3:00-3:30 for our narrated Living Nativity as we remember Christ's birth. Although we originally intended this to be an every-other-year event, this sacred reenactment has been so popular that we are offering it again this year.

On Christmas Eve we will join together for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by 'Christmas Remembrances'. We are hoping that Santa will take time from his travels to make an appearance. Our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service of readings and carols will be held this year at 7:30 pm. We would love to have you join us for any or all of these activities.

We also welcome you to join us on Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> at our usual 10:00am service to ready yourself for a blessed New Year to come.

We wish you all a blessed holiday season!

## Global Leaders at Whately Elementary School

Terri Anderson, WES Special Educator & NEA Global Learning Fellow

Global competence starts by being aware, curious and interested in learning about the world and how it works. So we have decided to revamp the WES student council as a "Global Leaders Council" or GLC for short. It will have many of the same aspects of the

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student council but with a more global view.

Nine leaders chosen from grades 4-6 will learn & deliver short activities in all grade levels and in All-School Meetings. We will continue to plan school based activities and other favorites such as Valentines for Veterans, the food drive for seniors, the flower sale for our Tanzanian friends and the ever popular Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students wrote essays in order to be considered a part of our 9 person Global Leaders' group at WES. Here are some statements from their essays.

"It is important to learn more about other cultures because it is a great learning experience and a friend maker- a win-win."

"It's important to learn about everyone that way you know what to do and how you can help other people you might not know."

"I think it's important to learn more about other people and other countries because someday I will be working or going to school with different people."

"Other cultures can be very fascinating. There is so much more to the world than the United States, we only have a small piece of the culture."

"We should learn about other's cultures because a great leader should know all sorts of different backgrounds. I think that this is very important because it gives a more friendly feel to any relationship. It means you care enough to go out of your way to learn more about others and what their traditions are. It is also important to have relationships with people who are different from you. Wars start because of misunderstandings to other people's culture. Alliances start because of understanding one another's culture."

## **Libraries – what's in it for you?**

By Candace Bradbury-Carlin

What is your vision of a library? Is it of a place from your childhood to which you've

never returned? Is it a place where you used to get books or movies but no longer visit because you no longer read printed books or watch DVDs? Maybe it is a place that you feel has grown with you and offers books AND so much more. Whatever your vision, it is my duty to reveal all that our (and any) library is and can be. Maybe you will be surprised, even intrigued. Let's take a look...

- As long as reading still matters (and it does), so will libraries. Whether you read to get informed or for pure fun (or both), the Whately Library provides you access to thousands of reading materials in both print and digital form, for FREE.
- Our little library can only hold so much. So that's why you have FREE access to thousands of books, movies, audiobooks, CDs, and magazines at libraries throughout Massachusetts, with your Whately Library card. Ask us how to order materials or we can do it for you. Super easy. And you have access to a multitude of DIGITAL books, movies, music, magazines, comics, and databases, with your Whately Library card. For FREE. Ask us how to get started.
- Yes, it's all FREE. Some say it's like having free Amazon or free Netflix.
- You could borrow museum passes and objects like telescopes, musical instruments, or tools. Still FREE.
- Our little library packs a visual punch. It is the "library with a view," from the inside and the outside. It's beautiful, welcoming, and cozy. We've got some of the best seats in the Valley!
- Yoga and Birding and Coffee, oh my. Libraries (like ours) host concerts, movies, classes on things like yoga, art, birding, history, and much more...and sometimes serve really good coffee (see more on that below).
- How do I? Find a job, pay your taxes, get coupons, learn a computer program? Libraries are places that inform and empower. We're here to guide you and we

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- Nice to meet you. Looking to connect to your friends and neighbors in a meaningful way? At the Whately Library you can start or join group discussions and clubs on all kinds of topics. We can get you started.
- A café in a LIBRARY? Yes, ours is called The Muse Café. A place to come to and get work done (wifi is free), talk with friends, play board games, make things, or read. As actual warm drinks - Pop-up Coffee Shops with good fresh coffee, tea, baked goods, and live music. See dates below. Someday we hope to offer coffee and tea on a regular basis.
- Our space is your space. Book the community/cafe space for your next meeting. Run a workshop on something you are good at or know about. Just check with us and we can help you set it up. FREE for Whately residents.
- Look to the future, while keeping what works from the past. At our library, books exist alongside technology and sewing classes. Libraries grow with the needs of the community, of *this* community.
- Democracy. Libraries do not discriminate. Everyone is welcome.
- Ssshhhhh! Actually libraries are no longer "silent" places. You can certainly find a quiet area, but libraries are also community hubs where you can find connection, information, and entertainment.

#### **This winter at the library:**

- Pop-up Coffee Shop on Saturday December 9 and Saturday January 20 from 10-12. Live music, coffee, tea, baked goods.
- Cookbook Club and Potluck on Tuesday 12/12 and Tuesday 2/27 at 6pm. Sign up to make a recipe from chosen cookbooks.
- Art Exhibit: "Winter Light," handmade paper scrolls and lanterns by local artist Sheryl Jaffe. Jan-March in the Muse Café.
- Fiction book discussion. Title, date TBD.
- Monday Morning Discussion Group, Mondays at 10am. Topics chosen by the group. Bring

own beverages and snacks.

- Board Game and Soup Saturday Afternoons (dates TBD). Canned soup donations accepted for the Food Bank.
- Book the Muse Café for MOVIE PARTIES! Ask us for more details.
- Workshop on making art and fashion with recycled materials
- Lecture on Local Geology
- Yoga for Kids
- SOON: Borrow a telescope and attend an astronomy program! Poetry slam!

#### **Whately Agricultural Commission**

By John Devine and Bill Obear

It's the end of another growing season and Whately's farmers are rushing to get the last of their crops harvested and their fields put to bed before winter. In many growing seasons, farmers get their outdoor chores done with little time to spare depending upon the weather and the crops grown. The last activity before storing equipment is spreading winter rye and harrowing it in as a cover crop. Cover crops protect land from wind and water erosion as well as add organic matter to the soil.

In some years, cover crops on some fields are planted later than normal because of poor weather conditions and late harvesting. The rye planted in these fields does not germinate and grow fast enough to protect the land from erosion. During winters with less than normal snowfall, cropland without adequate cover cropping becomes susceptible to erosion. This is a common problem on farms throughout the valley.

In recent years, typically mid to late winter, there have been instances of heavy winds eroding soil from fields near Long Plain and River roads in Whately. Clouds of annoying dust are created a

. Farmers everywhere have this problem. They certainly don't want to lose their precious topsoil and at the same time need to

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pay their bills.

The Whately Agricultural Commission is very aware of this farming dilemma and has often worked with both residents and farmers to minimize the problem. Nobody wants winter dust to happen, but if it does you can contact the Ag Commission to help develop a resolution to the problem.

## Transfer Station News

by Fran Fortino, Solid Waste Committee

### **Annual Holiday Reminder – Recycle it!**

You can recycle most of your holiday trash free at the Whately transfer station! See what to recycle below. Town recycling and food waste composting are open to all residents, even if you have a private trash hauler. Remaining rubbish can be disposed of in Whately bags for just \$2 per bag at the transfer station.

You can recycle cardboard and paperboard boxes; greeting cards and wrapping paper (except those with foil, metallic inks, wire, button batteries or glitter); catalogues, calendars and clean, dry plastic bags. Tape and paper shopping/gift bags are also OK with any type of handle. We also take Christmas trees after the holidays.

Do not recycle these items- ribbons, bows, and tinsel (reuse 'em), holiday lights, bubble wrap, packing peanuts (drop at UPS store) and Styrofoam; foil gift-wrapping; blister pack, or old photos.

### **New Trash Stickers Coming in 2018!**

The Whately solid waste committee has decided to try using brightly colored trash bag ties along with the Whately trash bags as a pilot in 2018. Initially, they would be used for people bringing trash to the transfer station in any non-Whately trash bags and for large rigid plastic or styrofoam packing. The charge for these ties will be \$3/ea. Our transfer station still offers one of the best and cheapest options to get rid of your trash,

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### Thanks Again for Your Support!

We want to thank all the Whately residents who got rid of approximately 4 full roll-offs of bulky items, metals, old TV's and computers, BBQ tanks and tires at the October bulky waste day. Thanks also to town staff Tyler Mankowsky and our wonderful bulky day volunteers, this time: Montserrat Archbald, Chris Boutwell, Greg Cangialosi, Vic Covaleski, Quint Dawson, Larry Kuttner, Ronnie Williams & Regina Wroblewski. Next bulky day: May 5, 2018.

Thank You to all Whately residents for your recycling efforts, and Happy Holidays!

## Town Clerk, Treas./Collector News

By Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk, Treas/Collect.

**Drop Box – REMINDER** - A drop box is located near the front entrance of the Town Office Building at 4 Sandy Lane. You may use this box for all town correspondence including tax payments, dog licenses and street list forms.

**Street List** – During the last week of December, the Annual Street List forms will be sent to all households. Please verify the information, sign and date the form and return to the Town Clerk's Office by January 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important that the town has a correct account of all residents because many of our assessments and grants are based on population and we must have accurate numbers so that we receive or are charged the correct amount of money.

**Town Meeting & Elections** – Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 24, 2018 at the Whately Elementary School and the Annual Town Election will be held on June 12, 2018 at the Town Offices. Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election will be available starting February 20, 2018. If you are interested in running for office please call the Town Clerk's office at 665-4400 x3.

**Dog Licenses** – The Town Clerk's Office will start issuing dog licenses on February 1,

2018. There will be an insert in the Street List envelope explaining the requirements to license your dogs. All dogs must receive a rabies vaccine and any dog six months old or older must be licensed per state law. Late fees for not licensing your dog will go into effect on June 1, 2018.

Dog license fees: Spayed or neutered dogs \$10 and unaltered dogs \$15. Late fees as required by Massachusetts General Law and the town's bylaws will be assessed at \$50 on June 1, 2018. Dog licenses may be paid online at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org). Open up the Pay bills page and click on the link towards bottom of page to pay dog licenses or vital records.

**Tax Bills** – Third quarter actual tax bills will be mailed prior to January 1, 2018 and will be due on February 1, 2018. If you wish to file for an abatement it must be submitted to the Assessors by February 1, 2018. If you wish to file for an exemption it must be submitted to the Assessors by April 1, 2018 but it is best to file as close to February 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. Forms are available on our website at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org). Real Estate and Personal Property taxes may be paid online as well. Go to Pay Bills on the home page at [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org). There is a 25 cent fee to pay with an electronic check and a fee of at least \$2.50 to pay with your credit card.

## Town Administrator Updates:

By Brian Domina

I hope everyone has a safe and joyful holiday season. As the calendar turns to December, I reflect on my first year and half as Town Administrator. I quickly learned that despite its relatively small population, Whately faces many of the same issues and challenges as its larger neighbors – but with less resources. I learned that a town's geographic location is a better indicator of the amount and complexity of the challenges it faces rather than its population. With this in mind, I would like to thank all the employees and volunteer board and committee members that do such extraordinary work to make Whately an excellent place to live and work.

Restoration work on the long-awaited **Town Hall project has begun** beginning with interior work inside the building to make the building more energy efficient and accessible to persons of all abilities. Exterior repairs to the building and site work are scheduled to begin later in the winter or early spring. An overall completion date of June 2018 is still

anticipated.

Preliminary planning efforts are underway to spruce up the **veterans' monument area** in the center of town on Chestnut Plain Road. The Town intends to submit a grant application to the State Historical Records Access Board to pay for a portion of the project. Stay tuned for additional information as this project is developed.

The safety improvements at the intersection of **Egypt Road and State Road** have been completed. The newly realigned intersection has Egypt Road connecting to State Road at a ninety-degree angle improving the sight lines of motorists turning on to State Road. The completed improvements allow trucks to turn right from Egypt Road onto State Road without entering the oncoming lane of traffic to complete the turn.

The Water Department continues to work on the manganese filtration project and the water merger project that will ensure the availability of clean drinking water for residents. Both projects are still in the design and engineering phase.

Over the next couple of months, the various boards and committees will be focusing on capital planning and budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year, changes to employee health insurance and developing appropriate regulations for recreational marijuana

Please feel free to stop by my office at 4 Sandy Lane for a cup of coffee and to chat – the door is always open.

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## Town Directory

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Board of Health Health Agent	268-8404
Animal Control	665-8027
Emergency Mgmt.	665-4400
Fire Department (routine)	665-8200
Burning Permits	625-8200
Highway Department	665-2983
Police (Dispatch,non-emergency)	625-8200
Police (Station)	665-0430
Whately Elementary	665-7826
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