

## New Electricity Rates Starting January

By the Whately Energy Committee

Thanks to the Town of Whately's "Community Choice Power Supply Program," Whately residents have saved money on their electricity bill every month for the past 3 years (compared to Eversource's Residential Basic Service rate)!

Most Whately residents are already enrolled in the Community Choice Power Supply Program. You can check if you are by taking a look at your monthly bill from Eversource.

If the bill lists 'Dynergy' as your electricity supplier, you are already participating in this program. Dynergy supplies the electricity delivered to your home by Eversource, and when you pay your Eversource bill, Eversource reimburses Dynergy for the cost of the electricity supplied to you. If, however, your bill reads 'Basic Service', it means you opted out of the town program and are still paying Eversource to go out to bid to buy the electricity you use.

As you can see by looking at the chart included with this article, the cost of electric supply provided by Whately has remained locked-in at 9.43 cents/kWh since Jan 2021. The cost of Eversource Residential Basic Service started out at 10.7 cents/kWh in Jan 2021, rose to a high of 21.99 cents/kWh, and is currently to just over 16 cents/kWh.

You might be saying, "Wait a minute, if I'm enrolled in the town program, why then is my actual bill more than 9.43 cents/kWh?"

This is because cost of producing the electricity you use — the *supply cost* — is only one part of your monthly Eversource electricity bill. Other parts cover the cost per kWh of delivering that electricity over Eversource's power lines to your house and the costs of necessary maintenance and repairs to those power lines, as well as a number of other smaller charges. Eversource bundles all of those charges together so that you have just one bill to pay each month.

The town of Whately voted to start this Community Choice Power Supply Program — also called a "Municipal Aggregation" program — in hopes of getting cheaper and green electricity than was otherwise available, so it is great news to see how well that plan has been working.

That said, savings are not guaranteed, so why has it worked so well so far? One important reason is that Whately has an advantage over Eversource when it comes to purchasing electricity.

When the town requests bids from electrical suppliers, it can choose not only the company that will produce the electricity offering the best possible rate, it can also chose to lock that rate for multiple years, guaranteeing that your price won't rise for

the duration of the contract. It can also adjust when it goes out to bid to take better advantage of market conditions. In contrast, Eversource is required by the state to go out to bid every 6 months on a highly regulated schedule, and this means the price jumps every 6 months as well, sometimes by a large amount!

So what's new starting this January? Why are you getting postcards about new rates? The answer is that the three year contract that locked-in a standard supply rate of 9.43 cents/kWh ends this December, and a new contract starts this January. It will be no surprise to anyone who has seen how prices have risen over the past three years that the new negotiated rate that starts January 2024 will be higher than before: 14.35 cents/kWh for Whately's standard plan (or 15.64 cents/kWh if you opt for 100% renewable energy from Massachusetts and New England).

Nobody likes a price increase, but there is still some good news about the new rates: (1) Whately's new Jan 2024 rates will still be cheaper than the Eversource's new Jan through July 2024 Basic Service rate of 15.88 cents/kWh (2) Whately's rates are guaranteed for 2 full years, and (3) you can opt-out at any time. If you should ever decide you would prefer to switch back to Eversource Basic Service, you can do for free at any time. Whately and Eversource never charge any fees to switch.

Colonial Power — the company that administers the Community Choice Power Supply Program for the town of Whately — is mailing out postcards the first week of December announcing the rate change.

In keeping with our town mandate, the new standard service won't just be cheaper than Eversource Residential Basic Service this January, it will be greener too! Whately's new standard service will purchase 5% more of its electricity from new, local, carbon-emission free sources than is required by the state. You don't need to do anything to get this if you are already in the town program. Whately also offers two alternatives to this standard (default) service for its Community Choice customers.

The first of the alternatives offered by Whately — the optional National Green program — invests in renewable energy credits (REC) from older, already existing wind farms spread out across the country instead of in new Massachusetts produced renewable energy.

The National Green (100% wind) option used to be significantly cheaper than other options, so last time around, the town chose to make it the default option. This time around however, there is only a 0.05 cent/kWh difference, and the town chose to make the program that invested more in new, locally produced wind, water, and solar based renewable energy its default offer. If you prefer the National Green option, follow the instructions on the postcard in your mail.

The second of the two alternatives offered by Whately is the New England Green option. This option maximizes the amount of your electricity that comes from new, local, carbon-emission free sources. It is the greenest option available, yet it is still cheaper than what you would pay for electricity under Eversource Basic Service, starting this January. If you would prefer this option, follow the instructions on the postcard you receive in the mail. Alternatively, you can sign up at [colonialpowergroup.com/whately](https://colonialpowergroup.com/whately) once that website is updated to reflect the new rates.

It is important to note that we don't yet know what the price of Eversource Basic Service will be for the 2nd half of 2024 or either half of 2025, so even though we've had success so far, future savings cannot be guaranteed. That depends on what happens to the cost of electricity in the future. Our guess is the market cost of electricity will continue to rise over time — what's your prediction? — but if you ever decide you would prefer to switch to Eversource Basic Service, remember that you can do so at any time for free. To opt out of the town program, you guessed it, follow the instructions on the postcard in the mail!

News from the

# WHATELY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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In Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Road,  
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Photo: Anne Stefanic Morton with her dogs  
in West Whately, 1934. (WHS 2022.174.005)



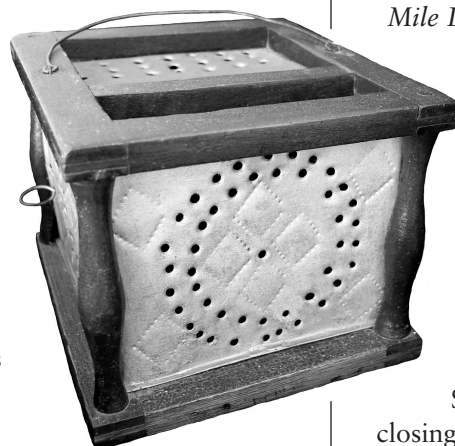
world—their hats were worn by 23 U.S. presidents, including Abraham Lincoln. The fabric on the outside of this hat is dyed deep black, with a moiré silk lining and grosgrain ribbon trim. It was donated by Beverly Dwight, Albert Graves' great-granddaughter, on behalf of the Dwight family.

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS** • Rose Mary and Robert Badovinac of Northglenn, CO, tracked down the Whately Historical Society to donate a **scrapbook** (WHS 2023.158.001) assembled by William H. Brown (1866–1924), a well-known silent film actor. His Whately parents were Henry Augustus Brown (1837–1913) and Caroline Belden (1838–1915). Henry Brown attained the highest military rank of any Whately soldier who served in the Union Army, and the scrapbook contains memorials to

him and Caroline Belden Brown, as well as an intact Whately Centennial Programme of July 4, 1871.



A primitive antique **foot warmer**, which probably dates to the 1820s, would have been used by travelers in horse-drawn wagons. Its wood frame and turned balustrade-style supports are constructed with mortise and tenon, and its decorated punched-tin sides allowed heat to filter through from the tin bucket inside, which would have been stoked with hot coals. The handle and door latch are simple wire devices. Donated by Judy Markland, the foot warmer was found in the attic of 106 North Street. (WHS 2023.019.001)



**Top hats** were the mark of elegance in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and this example, made around 1910, belonged to Albert Ernest Graves (1863–1932). The hat (WHS 2023.136.001) was made by the Knox Hat Company at 216 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, which was in business from 1838 to 1932. Knox's Brooklyn factory was the largest hat factory in the

## SAVE THE DATE • Sunday, May 28, 2024 •

The Historical Society's spring festival will begin immediately after the Memorial Day ceremony in Town Center. The program will include music by *Seven Mile Line*; activities about

insects led by Micky McKinley of the

Hitchcock Center for the Environment; a basket-weaving demonstration by Laurie Smith; food and drink by Tom's Long Hot Dogs—and, of course, free ice cream. Join us!



**WINTER BREAK** • The Museum will be closed between December 17 and January 9, but otherwise open Tuesdays, 9–noon, and on Saturday, December 16, 10–12 noon for the closing of our *Roaring Brook* exhibit. If you'd like to visit the Museum at another time, please write to us at [info@whatelyhistorical.org](mailto:info@whatelyhistorical.org). We'll resume opening on some Saturday mornings when our *Childhood* exhibit is up and running next spring.

**Check out Whately Historical Society on Facebook!**

## WHS Goes Digital!

The Historical Society joined over 200 other museums, libraries and archives this year by sending 1,200 items from its collection to Digital Commonwealth, a public access inventory of historical materials managed by the Boston Public Library. Now anyone with access to the internet can search this store of Whately photographs, postcards, and other printed material (including the image on this newsletter's masthead) by going to [www.digitalcommonwealth.org](http://www.digitalcommonwealth.org) and typing *Whately Historical Society* in the search bar.

In Phase Two of our digitization project, we will send a full set of annual Town reports to be scanned by Digital Commonwealth. They'll be ready for public access in the spring of 2024.

## Trolleys, Tracks and Troubles: 1903-1924

Plans to extend trolley service through Whately in 1901 nearly foundered as a dispute arose about whether the new electric railroad from Northampton to Greenfield should follow a south-north route along River Road or go through Whately Center en route to Deerfield.



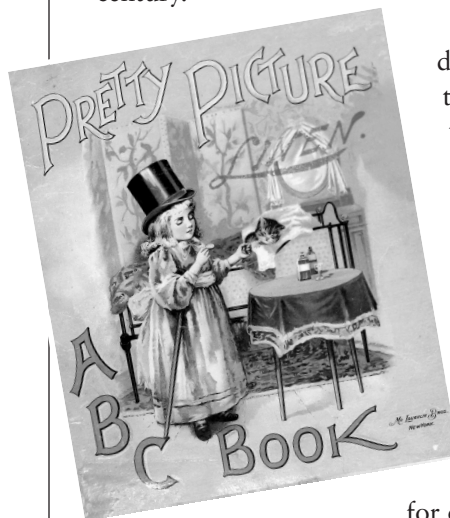
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Stop by the Historical Society Museum in Town Hall to see our small exhibit about the trolley route and disputes, designed in collaboration with the Greenfield and

Hatfield Historical Societies and Historic Deerfield, as part of the History on the Go! Program of the Pioneer Valley History Network.

## Childhood in Whately • 2024 Exhibit Plans

How did Whately kids work, play, and learn in times past? Our 2024 exhibit, to open next spring, will focus on childhood in Whately from the late 18th to mid-20th century.



*Pretty Picture ABC*, 1899  
WHS 2015.046.001

If you have letters, diaries, report cards, photographs, games, or toys that you'd be willing to loan us, let us know! We're happy to scan works on paper and return them to you in digital format with the originals.

We're also looking for Town residents who worked on Whately farms or for other local businesses as children or teenagers, so we can tell their stories. Email [info@whatelyhistorical.org](mailto:info@whatelyhistorical.org) or drop by the Museum in Town Hall on a Tuesday morning, 9 am–12 noon.

## Support the Historical Society

**Offer Materials** • We're always looking for items that illustrate the past and complement our holdings. Call for an appointment to bring materials to Town Hall. Our archivist and curator will review all offers to decide which to add to the collection.

**Volunteer** • We always need help maintaining and documenting the collection, social media, and planning and supporting events. Call Adelia at 665-3837 or email [info@whatelyhistorical.org](mailto:info@whatelyhistorical.org).

**Contribute & Become a Member** • Join others who care about the history of our town! Receive notices about all public programs and invitations to special activities. Donations to support our work of preservation, documentation and expansion of our museum collection are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Individual donors of at least \$10 become one-year members; higher annual contributions are encouraged: Supporter \$40, Sponsor \$75, Patron \$150. Donors of \$500 or more become five-year members. Make your check out to: *Whately Historical Society*. Send it with name, address, phone number and email address to Whately Historical Society, P.O. Box 7, Whately, MA 01093. You may also pay with a credit card or via PayPal at [www.whatelyhistorical.org](http://www.whatelyhistorical.org).

The Whately Historical Society was founded in 1966 to preserve the town's history and to educate townspeople and others about Whately's past. The Society sponsors programs, research and activities about the history and culture of Whately and the region; maintains a museum of Whately documents, images and objects; and responds to inquiries about Whately history and genealogy.

The Whately Historical Society is incorporated as a charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Mass. and has been designated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the IRS.

Explore [www.whatelyhistorical.org](http://www.whatelyhistorical.org) to learn more about our collections, access resources about Whately history, learn about future events, and purchase Town histories, historic postcards and note cards, T-shirts, or sweatshirts.

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# The WHATELY SCOOP

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*21 Year and going strong. Thanks to you!*

## A BELATED THANKS!

Town Hall surroundings look much better this past season thanks to donations from Bear Path Compost and Quonquot Farm (plants and flowers) and gardening and weeding work as well as gifts of plants by Ellen Burt, Maida Goodwin, Lisa and Jeff Kehoe and Donna Wiley. Much appreciated by the town and your Town Hall Steward, Neal Abraham.

## Mental Health Clinicians to Respond with Whately Police

By Jim Sevigne, Whately Chief of Police

Thanks to a regional grant, the Whately, Sunderland, and Hatfield Police Departments, along with the CSO organization (Clinical & Support Options in Greenfield and Northampton) have partnered together to share a mental health clinician co-responder. This clinician is employed by CSO, and will respond to mental health or substance abuse related calls along with specially trained police officers within the three communities. All costs associated with this program are grant funded. The benefit of a co-response program stems from diverse skill sets between Law Enforcement & CSO. Pairing them together will give the residents of Whately, Sunderland & Hatfield more options for treatment or diversion when faced with a mental health crisis, while reducing the stigma associated with them. The clinician will ride with an officer three days a



week (1 shift per town), and will be available 24/7 to deal with individuals experiencing a mental health or substance abuse related crisis. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you or someone you know could benefit from these services. For more information on a wide range of services please visit [csoinc.org](http://csoinc.org).

## Welcome Yule!

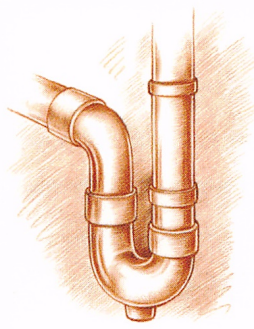
*Welcome Yule: A Midwinter Celebration* is coming to the Shea Theater in Great Falls the second weekend in December. The show features a lot of singing and dancing, plus instrumental music and a mummers play (If you don't know what a mummers play is, come and find out!). The cast includes your neighbors Jinny Mason, Alan McArdle, and Montserrat Archbald. It will take place on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 PM. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit [www.welcomeyule.org](http://www.welcomeyule.org). Tickets can also be purchased at [www.sheatheater.org](http://www.sheatheater.org), or from the World Eye Bookshop in Greenfield. Come join us and get in the Solstice/Christmas/New Years spirit! Wassail!

## Whately again receives 100% state match for town CPA revenues.

### CPA funding applications due December 12.

By Judy Markland for CPC

The Community Preservation Committee is delighted to report that Whately was one of only 8 communities in Massachusetts to get a 100% match for our local fy22 CPA revenue collections. The match amount from the state was \$100,799. We anticipate receiving



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roughly \$200,000 in state and local CPA revenues for the current fiscal year.

The project funding cycle for Community Preservation Act funding at the spring annual town meeting starts on December 12 at 2:30pm, when project applications are due at Town Offices. Email submissions to [townclerk@whately.org](mailto:townclerk@whately.org) are acceptable as long as the time on the email meets the deadline.

To qualify for CPA funding, 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, sample applications, and a link to an explanation of project eligibility can also be found via the CPC page at [whately.org](http://whately.org).

Since the CPA was adopted in 2009, Whately has generated \$2.2 million in CPA funds for town projects, 49% of this from the state match. The town has approved \$1.8 million in spending for a wide variety of CPA-funded projects, including funds for rehabilitation of Town Hall, accessibility improvements at Herlihy Field, purchase of Agricultural Preservation Restrictions, cemetery improvements, rehabilitation of the Veterans Memorial, and expansion of the



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hockey rink. (The full project list can be found on the CPC page at [whately.org](http://whately.org).) Our CPA funds also helped generate another \$3.8 million in state grants and private donations for various projects, so the total investment in Whately has been over \$5.5 million.

## Valley Neighbors

By Fran Fortino

Valley Neighbors (VN) held a popular event series this fall. In September, we hosted a tour of Historic Deerfield (co-sponsored with the Whately Historical Society); in October a presentation on Alzheimer's and dementia in Sunderland; and in November a discussion on frauds and scams in Whately Town Hall. Between 20 and 30 people attended each event. We welcome suggestions for future events that could bring joy and enlightenment to our communities.

VN continues to provide transportation to local appointments, household help, friendly visits, and tech assistance to our seniors 60 years and older in Whately, Sunderland and Deerfield. We have managed over 150 requests for transportation so far in 2023. Our incredible volunteers have driven nearly 4000 miles and provided almost 300 hours of services this year.

New volunteers are always welcome and will receive training and insurance coverage. In

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this season of giving, we are particularly grateful for individual donations and community financial support that keep VN going. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please go to our website: [valleyneighbors.org](http://valleyneighbors.org), or contact us: 413 453-9057 • [info@valleyneighbors.org](mailto:info@valleyneighbors.org)

### News from the Whately Library

By Cyndi Steiner, Director

Happy Holidays from all of us here at the Whately Public Library.

A tremendous thank you to all who have supported us during the past year! Your time and dedication to the library is much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

We will be closed for the following Holidays:

Monday December 25 Christmas Day

Monday January 1 New Year's Day

Monday Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day

Monday February 19 President's Day

**Climate Cafe Saturday December 9 1:00 PM** facilitated by Sadie Forsythe and Hannah Harvester.

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### South County Senior Center News

By Jennifer Remillard, Director

The South County Senior Center announces an award of a Hybrid Programming Grant for Councils on Aging in the amount of \$119,953.94. This grant will allow the South County Senior Center to offer a variety of programs to those at home simultaneously while the program is occurring in person. Sign up for our monthly newsletter to learn more about upcoming programs.

For December 2023:

We will be hosting our Ugly Sweater Holiday Party at the Whately Old Town Hall instead of the Parish Hall. This event will take place on Friday, December 15th. Ruth Fairman will be our musical entertainment.

We'll enjoy entertainment by Chick 'n Wire for our Count Down to Noon on Friday, December 29th, 10 am at 29 Sugarloaf St., S. Deerfield.

Next year we will host the following events: Our St. Patrick's Day meal will take place on Friday, March 15th. Our annual South County Senior Center picnic will take place on Wednesday, June 26th. Our annual

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Informational Fair & Cruise Night will take place on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of Wednesday, August 28th.

For more information or to sign up for our newsletter, call or email Jennifer at 413.665.2141 or [scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us](mailto:scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us)."

## Board of Health tips for a Healthy Holiday Season

**By Fran Fortino**

Like our regional public health colleagues, we want to remind our residents to keep healthy this holiday season. While the level of respiratory disease is lower than this time last year, the Flu, COVID, and RSV continue to circulate and may increase as winter goes on.

Here are actions you can take now to help keep you and your loved ones healthy:

- Get vaccinated! Flu, COVID, and RSV vaccines are available
- Take an ounce of prevention: wash your hands often with soap, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth where viruses enter your body, avoid close contact with people who are sick, improve indoor air quality by using ventilation and/or filtration
- Take a COVID test if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID. If you test positive for COVID, stay home for the first 5 days and mask days 6



through 10.

Free COVID-19 tests are available at the Town offices and library, or you can order 4 free COVID-19 tests for home delivery through [COVIDTests.gov](https://COVIDTests.gov). Happy, healthy holidays!

## Transfer Station news

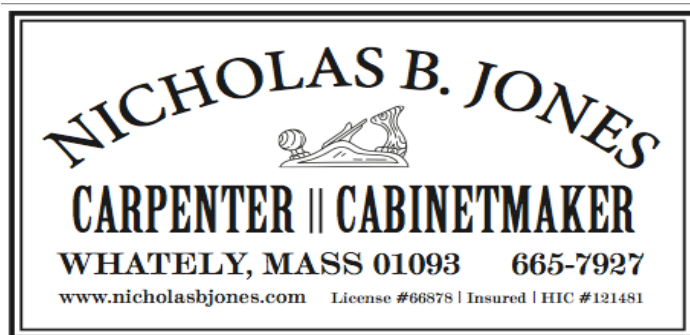
By Fran Fortino

**Annual Holiday Reminder – Recycle or Compost it!** - You can recycle or compost much 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 town bags for just \$2.50 per bag for 10 pack at the transfer station – a great deal!

**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 for chipping after the holidays.

**Please 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 glossy photos.

**Clothing & Textiles are recyclable too.**





Whately residents have long had an option to drop clothing, shoes, etc. in the Salvation Army box at the transfer station. Any clothing (shirts, sweaters, pants) to footwear (sneakers, sandals, cleats) to accessories (bags, belts, hats) to linens (sheets, towels, fabric, and more) can be accepted. These items can be torn, stained, out of style, or missing a mate, but they **must be CLEAN, DRY and in a plastic bag.**

**Thanks to Bulky Day Volunteers.** On Oct. 21, the transfer station hosted the fall bulky waste collection. We recycled and collected tons of bulky items with help from our bulky day volunteer crew and town highway staff. We thank Montserrat Archbald, Becky Jones, Larry Kuttner, Dan Talbot, Regina Wroblewski, Chris Boutwell, as well as town staff Dylan and Eric for their terrific help!

**Compost and Recycle New Year's Resolutions for 2024!** Our transfer station still offers one of the best and cheapest options to get rid of your trash, recyclables, and food waste. Bring them to the TS! As always, we say **Thank You** to all Whately residents for composting & recycling this year. Happy Holidays from the Whately Solid Waste Committee!

### News from the Town Clerk's Office

Amy E. Lavallee

**Street List** – During the first week of January 2024, 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 within 10 days of receipt. It is important that the town has a correct count 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. An informational insert will be included in your 2024 census mailing in regard to election location changes, 2024 dog licenses, and a 2024 vote by mail application will be included in your 2024 census mailing.

**Dog Licenses** – The Town Clerk's Office will start issuing dog licenses on February 5, 2024. 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

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### **2024 Town Meeting & Elections –**

\*\*\*\*All Election Day voting will be held at our Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Road. Early Voting days will be held at our Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane.\*\*\*

- March 5<sup>th</sup> is Super Tuesday for the Presidential Primaries. The registration deadline for the primaries will be Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Annual Town Meeting will be held in April (date and time TBD)
- Annual Town Election will be held on June 11, 2024. The registration deadline for the Town Election will be May 31. Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election will be available starting February 18, 2024.
- September 5<sup>th</sup> will be the State Primary Elections. The registration deadline to vote will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- General elections will be held on November 5. The last day to register to vote will be October 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in running for office please call the Town Clerk's office at 665-4400 x3. A list of positions up for election will be posted on [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) in January.

**ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!!!!!!** Come join us and be a part of democracy!! The Town of Whately is looking for an Election Warden, Clerk, counters, and workers. 2024 is going to be a busy election year and we need all the help we can get! Election workers are paid, training and lunch/dinner is provided. For more information please contact Amy Lavallee, Town Clerk, 413-665-4400 x 3.



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For them, and all the food they've saved.

Birds are quiet - not a song  
to hear from them all winter long,

Snow is quiet coming down,  
It muffles sound throughout the town.

So let's keep warm and ease our pace,  
Remember life is not a race,  
Enjoy the winter and the snow,  
Drive with care and keep it slow!

### The Whately Scoop

*Cost for printing and mailing the Scoop was provided by  
the businesses who placed ads within. Please patronize our local businesses!*

If you misplace your copy of The Scoop, do not despair! You can always find it on the resources page at [www.whatelyhistorical.org](http://www.whatelyhistorical.org).

The closing date for submissions to the December 2023 issue of the Scoop is **Wednesday Nov 29. (For mailing Dec. 4)**

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