

Town of Middleton

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting 2015

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, in said state and county, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall on Tuesday the 10th day of March in the year 2015 at eleven o'clock in the morning (11:00 am), with polls not closing before seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 pm), to act upon the following:

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the stated terms:

- Selectman for three (3) years
- Selectman for two (2) years
- Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one (1) year
- Budget Committee 2 for three (3) years
- Town Moderator for one (1) year
- Town Treasurer for three (3) years

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Middleton Town Hall on Saturday the 14th day of March in the year 2015 at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 am) to act on the following articles:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of seven hundred twenty-one thousand, six hundred seventy dollars (\$721,670) for Government Operations. The Selectmen recommend \$727,569. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Executive	\$ 93,111	\$ 97,349
Election, Regis., Vitals	\$ 23,113	\$ 21,214
Financial Admin.	\$ 40,596	\$ 41,700
Assessing Service	\$ 30,585	\$ 30,812
Legal Expense	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,000
Personnel Admin.	\$ 309,504	\$ 309,504
Planning & Zoning	\$ 7,644	\$ 7,873
Conservation Comm.	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,560
Gen. Gov't. Buildings	\$ 58,250	\$ 58,750
Insurance	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250
Debt Service	\$ 124,557	\$ 124,557
TOTALS	\$ 721,670	\$ 727,569

(tax rate/1000 \$4.43)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of three hundred eighty nine thousand, eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$389,825) for Public Safety operations. The Selectmen recommend \$411,933. This article doesn't contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Police	\$ 285,409	\$ 296,646
Fire & Rescue	\$ 53,272	\$ 62,757
EMS	\$ 35,551	\$ 36,750
Building Inspection	\$ 8,793	\$ 8,980
Emergency Management	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
County Dispatch	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
TOTALS	\$ 389,825	\$ 411,933

(tax rate/1000 \$2.39)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of three hundred ninety-one thousand, seven hundred nineteen dollars (\$391,719) for Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting operations. The Selectmen recommend \$396,096. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Highway (Highway Block Grant/Revenue offset)	\$ 354,219	\$ 358,596
Street Lighting	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
School Diesel (School Diesel offsetting revenue)	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
TOTALS	\$ 391,719	\$ 396,096

(tax rate/1000 \$2.40)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of one hundred seventy-eight thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$178,533) for Health and Welfare operations. The Selectmen recommend \$176,733. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Animal Control	\$ 5,201	\$ 5,201
Health Agencies	\$ 4,990	\$ 4,440
Welfare	\$ 19,990	\$ 18,740
Solid Waste Coll.	\$ 148,352	\$ 148,352
TOTALS	\$ 178,533	\$ 176,733

(tax rate/1000 \$1.10)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of four thousand, five hundred-one dollars (\$4,501) for Culture and Recreation operations. The Selectmen recommend \$4,501. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Beach Maintenance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Children's Parties	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Other Culture / Rec	\$ 501	\$ 501
Patriotic	\$ 500	\$ 500
TOTALS	\$ 4,501	\$ 4,501

(tax rate/1000 \$.03)

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate not to exceed the sum of sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of increasing all current full time and part time employees pay and associated administrative costs retroactive to 1-1-15. This amount is to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of purchasing from the Middleton School District a lot of approximately five (5) acres located on Ridge Road and known as Tax Map 12 Lot 24-2. The parcel is shown on a subdivision plan dated October 8, 2004 titled "Subdivision Plan for Town of Middleton Tax Map 12 Lot 24-1," which is filed at the Strafford County Registry of Deeds Plan Drawer 97 Plan Number 075. The land is currently being used as the Highway Storage Yard. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for a term of more than 5 years with (4) 5 year renewable terms for the location of a telecommunications tower located on land to be acquired by the town pursuant to Article 8. The proceeds from this contract will be added to the current Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of road construction and paving of various roads in town. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$1.23)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease purchase for an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of leasing a new highway truck with related equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the first year's lease payment through taxation. Two current highway trucks will be traded in which will be used to reduce the cost of the 5 year lease purchase. This lease will have an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

(tax rate/1000 \$0.28)

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of insulating the walls of the Highway Garage. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

(tax rate/1000 \$0.18)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

(tax rate/1000 \$0.06)

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of tree removal and pruning along various Town roads. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 V and will not lapse until December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

(tax rate/1000 \$0.06)

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 2 year interest free purchase agreement in the amount of twenty seven thousand nine hundred thirty-six dollars (\$27,936) for the purpose of purchasing a Zoll Cardiac Monitor, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$10,250) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The original monitor will be traded in for at least seven thousand four hundred thirty five dollars (\$7,435) which will be used to reduce the cost of the two year purchase agreement. This agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

(tax rate/1000 \$0.06)

Article 16: To see if the Town will return Town Forest property Map 22 Lot 30 Piper Mountain Road (19.8 acres) to become Town Property (non-forest). (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a town wide single stream recycling program by the end of 2015 and to raise and appropriate fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) for this purpose.

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

(tax rate/1000 \$0.09)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.06)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Town of Middleton Cemetery and to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Natural and Man Made Disasters Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.00)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Addition Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.09)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 22: And to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this ____ of February, 2015.
By the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middleton


Jonathan B. Hotchkiss, Chairman


Joe Bailey, Vice Chairman


Michael Schwarz, Selectman