

Town of Middleton

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting 2016

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 Municipal Building on Tuesday the 8th day of March in the year 2016 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 one, three (3) year term
- Budget Committee for one, three (3) year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, one (1) year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, three (3) year term
- Town Moderator for one, two (2) year term
- Cemetery Members one, one (1) year term
- Cemetery Member one, two (2) year term
- Cemetery Member one, three (3) year term

Article 2: Are you in favor of repealing the current Middleton Zoning Ordinance and adopting the new Middleton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by Planning Board?

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Middleton Fire Station on Saturday the 12th day of March in the year 2016 at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 am) to act on the following articles:

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of seven hundred fifty-six thousand, seven hundred thirty-six dollars (\$756,736) for Government Operations. The Selectmen recommend \$760,706. 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	\$ 102,768	\$104,463
Election, Regis., Vitals	\$ 28,413	\$ 28,413
Financial Admin.	\$ 41,441	\$ 43,323
Assessing Service	\$ 26,628	\$ 27,021
Legal Expense	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Personnel Admin.	\$ 313,360	\$313,360
Planning & Zoning	\$ 7,368	\$ 7,368
Conservation Comm.	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
Gen. Gov't. Buildings	\$ 49,090	\$ 49,090
Insurance	\$ 29,850	\$ 29,850
Debt Service	\$ 147,468	\$ 147,468
TOTALS	\$ 756,736	\$ 760,706

(tax rate/1000 \$4.64)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of four hundred thirty-seven thousand, three hundred fifty-three dollars (\$437,353) for Public Safety operations. The Selectmen recommend \$458,093. 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	\$ 313,250	\$333,672
Fire & Rescue	\$ 66,521	\$ 66,521
EMS	\$ 42,255	\$ 42,255
Building Inspection	\$ 8,527	\$ 8,845
Emergency Management	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
County Dispatch	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
TOTALS	\$ 437,353	\$ 458,093

(tax rate/1000 \$2.68)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of four hundred fourteen thousand, four hundred six dollars (\$414,406) for Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting operations. The Selectmen recommend \$424,207. 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)	\$ 392,406	\$ 402,207
Street Lighting	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
School Diesel/Gasoline (School Diesel offsetting revenue)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
TOTALS	\$ 414,406	\$ 424,207

(tax rate/1000 \$2.54)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of one hundred seventy-two thousand four hundred seventy dollars (\$172,470) for Health and Welfare operations. The Selectmen recommend \$209,910. 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	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Health Agencies	\$ 4,775	\$ 4,775
Welfare	\$ 15,843	\$ 15,843
Solid Waste Coll.	\$ 147,352	\$ 184,792
TOTALS	\$ 172,470	\$ 209,910

(tax rate/1000 \$1.06)

Article 7: 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 \$0.03)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000) 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 \$1.29)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee (BC recommends \$150,000)
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Department Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee
Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 10: 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)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.06)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 11: 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 acquiring an ambulance for the Town and to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by Budget Committee; Recommended by Board of Selectmen.

(tax rate/1000 \$0.09)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing self-contained breathing apparatuses for the Town of Middleton and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.06)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen
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Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of upgrading security for the Municipal Offices located in the first and second floors of the Municipal Building. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.12)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Milfoil/Invasive Aquatic Species Trust Fund established for the purpose of treating exotic and variable milfoil and other invasive species. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.02)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 15: 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 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of construction, and paving of the Old Town Hall Parking Lot. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required).

(tax rate/1000 \$0.61)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of purchasing audio/video recording equipment for Town use. (Majority vote required).

(tax rate/1000 \$0.01)

Not Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Town of Middleton Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund.(Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)

Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 19: 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 Man Made Disasters Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

(tax rate/1000 \$0.00)

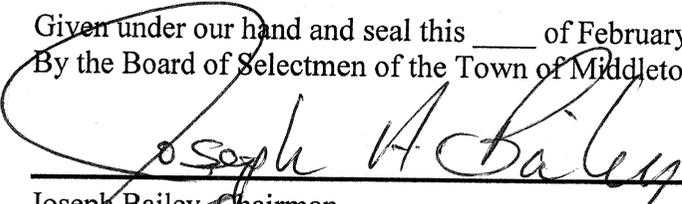
Recommended by Budget Committee
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 and RSA 71:62, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required) (Petition Article)

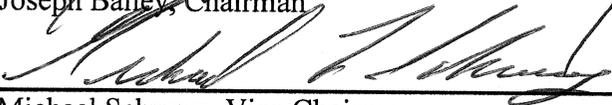
Article 21: And to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this ____ of February, 2016.

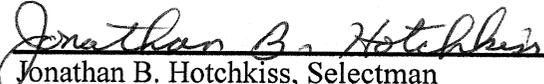
By the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middleton



Joseph Bailey, Chairman



Michael Schwarz, Vice Chairman



Jonathan B. Hotchkiss, Selectman