

## Kathleen Ramsay

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**From:** jasz@sover.net  
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**To:** Kathleen Ramsay  
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Hello Kathleen

As I am not able to attend the Select Board meeting Tuesday please forward my letter. Thanks, Victoria  
to the Select Board

Over all I found the draft platform to be a document worthy of support. In particular I was pleased to see in section 4.07 - #6 (page 11) support for establishing universal health care, something many feel is the right direction for Vermont. I hope the Board can support this goal along with the other good health goals.

I was also encouraged by section 4.06 on Energy and Environment (page 10). I hope Middlebury will actively support all these goals and would even encourage you to go beyond reduction of fossil fuels. Given the petition to prohibit any new fossil fuel infrastructure that 35 towns have ratified and Middlebury could well support at Town Meeting, I would like to see our town support the petition goal and have the VLCT incorporate it into its platform. Given the draft goals this seems like a good fit. Even without the petition, this draft provides good guidelines for Middlebury to move away from fossil fuels.

One concern I do have is in section 1.03 Open Meeting - #5 (page 4). It reads:

"providing the option of posting legal notices on electronic news media to comply with requirements for open meeting, public records, and legal notices laws"

I hope this does not mean that written notice in print media would be replaced. Not all have access to electronic media or see it regularly enough to be aware of notices in a timely manner. All avenues of notice should be used to allow awareness by as many people as possible. I hope you would ensure this to be the goal in the platform.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best, Victoria DeWind