



## Town of Middlebury

### Selectboard Proclamation

### Neighbors, Together

**WHEREAS**, the community-led, all-volunteer group Neighbors Together played a pivotal role for more than five years in managing the impact of Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project on our business community and on the vitality of our community life.

**WHEREAS**, through a blend of creative planning, broad representation of community stakeholders, and a committed group of volunteers, Neighbors Together was able to secure grants from the Vermont Agency of Transportation that helped it maintain Middlebury's economic vitality, accessibility, and its distinct role as a cultural and social hub.

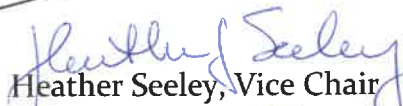
**WHEREAS**, Neighbors Together worked tirelessly to organize more than 110 events and special promotions - including our Downtown Block Party, Bundle events, and the Middlebury Money giveaways - to bring business downtown and keep the community engaged and connected.


**WHEREAS**, in just one measure of its success, Neighbors Together conservatively estimates that its investment in programs and initiatives generated a direct economic impact of more than \$600,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, as the Selectboard of the Town of Middlebury, thank Neighbors Together for its tremendous efforts to support our community and our businesses through the Middlebury Bridge & Rail Project.

Respectfully submitted and approved, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
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