

TOWN of MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

WARNING

Annual Town Meeting
March 4 and March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Middlebury, in the County of Addison, the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Middlebury Union High School Auditorium at 73 Charles Avenue in Middlebury on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to act on Articles 1 through 8; and on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices, 77 Main Street in Middlebury, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 9 through 13 as provided by the Middlebury Town Charter.

- Article 1** To act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2** Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2804(a), to authorize the Selectboard to apply \$400,000 from the Cross Street Bridge Reserve Fund to offset increased spending for Capital Improvements in the FY20 General Fund Budget and stabilize the FY20 tax rate?
- Article 3** Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury authorize the Selectboard, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1786a(b), to replace Town Vehicles and Equipment in accordance with the schedule hereinafter set forth and to finance the purchase of same by borrowing funds in a total amount not to exceed \$133,470 over a term not to exceed five (5) years?
- [The Schedule of Vehicles and Equipment is: a). One (1) police cruiser and related equipment; b). One (1) dump truck/snow plow and related equipment; and c). One (1) pick-up truck for use by the Recreation Department].
- Article 4** Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote to adopt the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) in the amount of \$11,155,400 with a portion thereof in the amount of \$7,836,854 to be raised by taxes?
- Article 5** Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote to collect taxes on real property for fiscal year 2019/2020 in TWO equal installments due in the Treasurer's Office on the 15th day of October 2019 and the 15th day of March 2020?

Article 6 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674, to set the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for delinquent tax payments as follows: no penalty for any balance paid by the due date for the final installment; a 1% penalty on any balance not paid by the due date for the final installment; and an additional 7% penalty on any balance not paid within 10 days of the due date of the final installment? Interest will continue to be charged on each installment not paid by the due date at the rates previously approved by the Town at the March 2016 Town Meeting, i.e., 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter 1.5% per month for each month or fraction thereof.

Article 7 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury authorize the Selectboard, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1786a(b), to borrow funds to finance improvements to the Memorial Sports Center in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years.

Article 8 To transact other business proper to be done.

[For voting by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, polls open from
7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.]

Article 9 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury advise the Selectboard to send a letter to our State Representatives, Senators, Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate and the Governor of Vermont in support of the 350VT Climate Solutions Resolution which urges the State of Vermont to:

- a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure including, but not limited to transmission pipelines and electrical plants,
- b. Adhere to the State of Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines,
- c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities?

Article 10 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury advise the Selectboard to support the 350VT Climate Solution Resolution by committing to efforts such as, but not limited to:


- a. Weatherizing town buildings and schools and installing rooftop solar panels on town and school buildings,
- b. Taking initiatives to reduce overall energy use while committing to improving the quality of life for residents,
- c. Encourage landowners, farmers and other municipalities to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigate flooding and drought,
- d. Actively look for opportunities to request or apply for support from the State to implement the above initiatives?

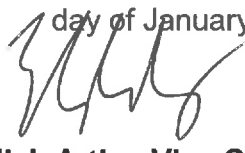
Article 11 Shall the Town appropriate \$3,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Addison County to support the provision of affordable housing in Addison County?


Article 12 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury advise and encourage the Selectboard to enact an ordinance that no retail establishment shall provide a Single-Use Carry Out Plastic Bag, defined as a bag with a thickness of less than 4 mils, to a customer at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the establishment?


Article 13 To elect officers as required by the Middlebury Town Charter.

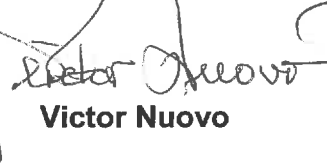
Dated at Middlebury, Vermont this day of January 2019.



Brian Carpenter, Chair



Nick Artim, Vice Chair


Laura Asermily


Heather Seeley


Victor Nuovo


Farhad Khan


Lindsey Fuentes-George

MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD