

COMMENTS:

A. Concerning Town Meeting

- MUHS is a great location. Susan Shashok was clearly new but working hard and commendably. I am always impressed by our Selectboard, Town Manager and Police Chief. I missed having the Selectboard on stage.

It would be nice for people who are not familiar with the process to have a basic guideline or set of protocols available for participating. Who can speak? Who can propose a motion? What is tabling? Maybe there is something online - - and a few printed copies could be available. Thanks, everyone!

- Need more microphones on the floor ...Suggest a mic in each corner of the room.

- I love it in MUHS Auditorium. I thought the microphone system was great...I forgot to wear my hearing aids and I heard everything anyway.

- Set up works but somehow the meeting felt cumbersome - maybe more microphones - The long rows of center seats meant time to get them to the people. Good slide presentation.

- The improved microphone system is most important!

- Add UTube address for viewing Town Meeting to all communications, including lawn signs. Place lawn signs at East Middlebury 4 corners. Give special welcome to those who are new to middlebury as residents and attending for the first time. Figure out how to compress or move ceremonial remarks at beginning to get to priority items while energy is higher.

- Too much nonbusiness stuff at the beginning. Visuals were very helpful.

- Went well. Susan did a great job!

- Why is signing done when all the info on some of the discussions and articles are on screen? Distracting -

- New Moderator.

- Susan Shashok is awesome!

I searched the web site to double check the Town Meeting and couldn't find location info.

- Moderator needs to be familiar with Roberts Rules.

- Like the MUHS site!
- Would be better in the Rec Center, more participatory.
- Town Hall would be nicer.
- MUHS Auditorium or Mary Hogan...not THT
- The MUHS Auditorium is a good choice.
- Stay at MUHS.
- Love it at Mary Hogan or MUHS.
- MUHS is good.
- Never again at Mary Hogan School !!
- Good at MUHS.
- Please stay at MUHS. Inadequate manpower and _____(illegible) to set up and tear down in March eg; winter.
- MUHS auditorium was good - - Town Meeting this year was good.
- I think the MUHS auditorium is the best choice.
Thanks for not going through the budget in great detail, as was once done. BUT it would be useful to have some more pie charts or other graphics showing in broad-brush terms where the money goes...And which categories have significant increases or decreases.
- Split out asks for \$ like water improvements separate from Police Dept . Improvements.
- It is run well !
- Enjoy attending Annual Meeting on Monday March 2nd.
- I think the auditorium is fine. I do think a Saturday meeting (daytime) would be better attended.
- It could start earlier than 7pm - - Last night was quite long for parents with young children.

- Child care was a nice idea but it's a school night and my kids go to bed at 8pm ! Start earlier or move it to Saturday at 10am. Have never been able to attend a Middlebury Town Meeting.
- Town meeting should include discussion but never voting so that those who are not able to attend Town Meeting can have representation.
- I was present at town meeting last night and noted, after being there for almost 4 hours, that I still didn't recall where voting on Tuesday was to be located. Otherwise, thanks to all volunteers and town officials for their service.
- I wish we could live stream the meeting.
- TV coverage failed AGAIN – not acceptable. Town needs to take responsibility to make this service WORK!

B. Concerning other opinion poll questions that could be asked

- I expected to see a question about the bike loop plan. Add gun control measures, animal rights from hunting.
- Future questions could address:
 - Zoning enforcement satisfaction and preferences.
 - Health code enforcement especially for rentals.
 - Climate change goals support.
- More questions about improvements to the town.
- Whether people watch Town Meeting/Selectboard and School Board meetings on cable vs. streaming live vs. later viewing on website.

C. Other comments

- MREMS Board ought to have a Selectboard- assigned liaison.
- Time to get donations to non-profits under control.
- I hope the Selectboard keeps the differing views regarding the ambulance request in mind - - not just money but the relationship to the Town, oversight and process and best way to fund their equipment. Needless to say a vital service deserving support.

- How can we reduce and eliminate budget growth. What is the Town doing to decrease the budget year over year?
- Return to paying taxes 3 times per year.
- Committees that meet in the middle of the day are NOT accessible to those of us with full time jobs, especially out of town. This discourages engagement.
- Too busy earning \$\$ to pay taxes (to be able to serve on a committee /commission) I've never been in a town with such a rude and arrogant populace such as Middlebury!
- Lower property taxes!
- Thank GOD for the local option tax revenues...
- I will be interested (in volunteering for a committee or commission) in 2 years when when I retire.
- Ban single use plastic bags!
- Vehicle idling for heat in winter or AC in summer while driver is not even in the vehicle OR is busy reading electronic device being held...
ALSO, people who warm up their vehicle for 10 minutes! because it was easy to push the start engine button while still in the house.
- More sidewalks! Bike paths! Housing near downtown. Lets start walking.
- I am in favor of the bike loop plan as I currently have fears about biking and therefore don't go so often as I'd like.
- Please go forward with Triangle Bike loop .
I especially like the shoulder widening on Painter Rd.!!!
- 5 years going ... and Creek Rd is still illegally closed! Open it up - Follow your obligations under State statute!
- Agree that Middlebury is a welcoming community where it is easy to feel included... but not sure how this pertains to a person of color??
- Agree that Middlebury is a welcoming community where it is easy to feel included...if you're white. (2 commenters)
- Provide public restrooms 24/7 in the downtown area.

- Need a public toilet but (strongly disagree) - not a portolet.
- Strongly agree with toilet in Town Green vicinity - not a porta potti but a nice looking, town-sewer-connected bathroom.
- Agree with a public toilet but who would be responsible for maintaining it in a clean and odorless condition?
- Question about the idea of a full year parking attendant position – what is it now?
- Strongly disagree with requiring some paid parking on Main St - Why not instead build parking extending behind Ilsley Library as was planned years ago - 2 levels, but NOT with business & housing.
- Strongly disagree with requiring some paid parking on Main St, certainly not until the f_____ing construction is done.
- Appreciate all events happening and care taken during these years of major rail construction!
- It takes longer than 2 hours to visit all of the stores downtown therefore I I don't shop downtown because I don't want to move my car.
- Here's hoping that construction on Main Street etc. does not succeed in destroying all remaining businesses.
- Support local businesses on Main St. with loans during construction.
- Selectboard and Kathleen Ramsay doing a good job of serving our interests and holding down taxes. Dan Werner also terrific public servant.
- Enormous gratitude for all who serve. Thank You.
- Thanks for all your work!