

AGENDA FOR TOWN MEETING

TOWN of MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

WARNING

Annual Town Meeting
March 2 and March 3, 2020

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 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to act on Articles 1 through 7, and to discuss Articles 8 through 13, and on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. at the Recreation Center, 154 Creek Road in Middlebury, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 8 through 13 as provided by the Middlebury Town Charter.

With respect to Articles 8 through 10, the legal voters of the Town of Middlebury are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middlebury Union High School Auditorium for the purpose of reviewing the proposals for issuing bonds for (1) construction of water system improvements in the Court Street/Court Square area; (2); construction of Flood Resiliency Improvements for the Village of East Middlebury; and (3) rehabilitating the former wastewater treatment facility for use by the Police Department and energy efficiency upgrades for the Police Department Building. Information on the bond proposals will be presented under Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warning.

Moderator Susan Shashok – Overview and Conduct of the Meeting

Article 1 To act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Introduce Selectboard, Town Clerk – MODERATOR SUSAN SHASHOK

Administrative Matters – Request admittance to the meeting for non-resident members of the Town administration and representatives of agencies requesting funding – MODERATOR SUSAN SHASHOK

Administrative Matters – Town Meeting Presentation on the Town Website – SELECTBOARD MEMBER LAURA ASERMILY

Welcome -- 2019 in review and coming highlights of 2020 – SELECTBOARD CHAIR BRIAN CARPENTER

Dedication of Town Report – SELECTBOARD MEMBER VICTOR NUOVO

Thank You to Departing Board Member & Staff – SELECTBOARD MEMBER FARHAD KHAN

Robert Collins Award – Parks & Recreation Superintendent DUSTIN HUNT

Article 2 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury authorize the Selectboard, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1786a(b), to replace Two (2) police cruisers and related equipment and to finance the purchase of same by borrowing funds in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000 over a term not to exceed five (5) years? **SELECTBOARD MEMBER NICK ARTIM**

Article 3 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote to adopt the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) in the amount of \$11,503,680, with a portion thereof in the amount of \$7,498,204 to be raised by taxes and \$583,745 to be allocated from annual local option tax receipts in excess of debt and maintenance requirements of the Cross Street Bridge to offset spending for Capital Improvements? **TOWN MANAGER KATHLEEN RAMSAY**

Article 4 Shall the Town of Middlebury vote to increase its appropriation for Middlebury Regional Emergency & Medical Services (MREMS) by \$63,720, from \$21,240 to \$84,960, to support MREMS's mission to provide quality emergency medical services, including paramedic and heavy rescue service, emergency dispatch and answering, medical education, and community outreach? **MREMS REPRESENTATIVES JEFF CARPENTER, DAVID FULLER, BEN FULLER AND/OR KATE ROTHWELL.**

Article 5 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote to collect taxes on real property for fiscal year 2020/2021 in TWO equal installments due in the Treasurer's Office on the 15th day of October 2020 and the 15th day of March 2021? **NO PRESENTER – MODERATOR TO CALL FOR MOTION. TOWN TREASURER AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES MANAGER JACKIE SULLIVAN AVAILABLE, IF NEEDED.**

Article 6 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2408(a), to authorize the Selectboard to apply up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Cross Street Bridge Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding water system improvements for the Court Square area (including the intersection of Main Street/North Pleasant Street (Route7)/Seymour Street) Court Street (Route 7) from Court Square to Cross Street, and Washington Street from Court Square to Seminary Street? – **SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR HEATHER SEELEY**

Article 7 To transact other business proper to be done.

- **Presentations on bond vote articles;**
- **Agency requests for funding;**
- **Candidates for elected offices may introduce themselves; and**
- **Announcement on Town Meeting Poll.**

SPEAKERS NOTED BELOW.

[For voting by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.]

- Article 8** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the purpose of financing construction of water system transmission and distribution improvements related to the Court Square area (including the intersection of Main Street/North Pleasant Street (Route7)/Seymour Street) Court Street (Route 7) from Court Square to Cross Street, and Washington Street from Court Square to Seminary Street project, the estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars? **SELECTBOARD VICE CHAIR HEATHER SEELEY**
- Article 9** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed Two Million (\$2,000,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the purpose of financing construction of Flood Resiliency Improvements for the Village of East Middlebury including: (1) repair the existing flood wall and extend the flood wall 150 feet downstream (\$1M); (2) armoring sections of the Ossie Road Berm (\$800,000); and removing sediment from chute entrances and the top of large bars (\$200,000), the total estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), with the Town's portion of the project cost estimated at Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)? **SELECTBOARD CHAIR BRIAN CARPENTER/ SELECTBOARD MEMBER LINDSEY FUENTES-GEORGE (ALTERNATE)**
- Article 10** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the purpose of rehabilitating the former wastewater treatment facility, including the Control Building for Police Department storage, the sand filter building for cruiser parking, a small hazardous material storage building, and energy upgrades to the PD building; all on Lucius Shaw Lane? – **LINDSEY FUENTES-GEORGE**
- Article 11** Shall the Town of Middlebury appropriate \$5,000 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive behaviors? **REPRESENTATIVE FROM TURNING POINT STAFF MEMBERS STACY JONES AND JUSTIN BOUCHARD**
- Article 12** Shall the town appropriate \$5,000 to Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) to support its efforts in providing housing, fuel & food assistance to town residents in need of these services in accordance with 24 V. S. A. § 2691? **CVOEO STAFF MEMBER JEANETTE GYUKERI**
- Article 13** To elect officers as required by the Middlebury Town Charter.
- **CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**
 - **TOWN MEETING POLL – SELECTBOARD MEMBER LAURA ASERMILY**

The legal voters of the Town of Middlebury are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Middlebury, Vermont this 31st day of January 2020.

Brian Carpenter, Chair

Heather Seeley, Vice Chair

Nick Artim

Laura Asermily

Victor Nuovo

Farhad Khan

Lindsey Fuentes-George

MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD