

Other questions/comments: Are there other questions that you would ask in future Town Meeting Polls or other comments you wish to add? (see separate compiled comments)

- I wish boards did not meet in the middle of the day - it makes it hard for those of us who work out of town to attend.
- Offer childcare if possible.
- Where should we have more parks/trails/sidewalks?
- Instruct how to use sound system - louder.
- The Middlebury Skatepark Project!
- Post office landscaping needs work. Sidewalk needed on Wash St Ext on curve on top of hill. Train station needs tasteful building for people to wait.
- What does selectboard think about the school issue? Other selectboards are clear on where they stand. Does ACSB benefit Middlebury residents/students?
- I wish all town bathrooms would become gender inclusive and add signage about "using the bathroom that fits you" or whatever...there is better wording.
- Why have we not been asked to serve on town tree committee?
- Consider hybrid Zoom/in person model?
- Are there enough EV chargers in town? If you drive an EV where would you like to see more EV chargers?
- No
- There's LOTS of interest in Parks and Rec with more people wanting to serve on this committee than other ones which suggests an opportunity to do a community forum or survey to find out what people like and want, what works and could be improved or expanded.
- Not at this time.
- Thank you for this information. I am opposed to expanding the airport and I see how to convey my opposition, but apparently the response period has ended. I'd still like to express opposition! How can I do that?
- I like this. It's a quick, focused look. Many topics could be pursued about resident priorities. Such as reducing municipal carbon emissions.
- I would like to see the Town support the Makery in a more pronounced way.
- When something new has to be funded, the financial solution always is to add the expense to the budget. Should we not also ask voters what they would relinquish in the way of services or discretionary spending in order to add the new item without raising taxes? For example, would voters be willing to forgo continual plowing and sanding on other than state highways? Would they be willing to accept reduced library access? Would they make a single property tax payment?
- No.
- Not at this time
- No
- Suggest have the street lines and crosswalks painted before Memorial weekend.
- Town to sell off extra property- Library should expand into town offices. Town office building too much wasted space.
- I went to the airport master plan site and it looks like it's too late for comments. I'd like to express my OPPOSITION to expansion of the airport.
- I'd like to know how to suggest an addition of pedestrian lighting on crossroads of 7, steward and elm street
- No

- I would like the Town and its citizens to identify and keep racial justice as a priority and to include BIPOC residents and to encourage their leadership on the issue.
- No
- The community is made up of people with various views and politics. The town discussions and dialogue exclude dissenting views and in my opinion do not represent the community. Opposing views should be encouraged so that decisions are more thoughtfully considered to improve outcomes.
- No
- None
- Close Main Street Bridge to auto traffic permanently! Poll the town on this please!
- Middlebury and our town offices are doing a really good job - keep up the good work! Love these questionnaires - thank you.
- A general observation: Our property taxes are way, way too high! I am seriously considering moving out of Middlebury over this issue and I have heard others who feel the same way. I wonder if we polled the town about this issue what we would find?
- Building a multi-story parking facility in town to increase parking availability for downtown businesses, which will require a nominal fee to park.
- Any chance the property taxes can be kept charged and paid in one calendar/tax year instead of across the years? It's confusing when completing IRS and state income tax forms.
- It seems the "New" Town office as originally built, were in adequate. The carpeting in the meeting space having to already be replaced, the audio in that room also needed upgrading, the Clerk counter had issues, there was no planning for storage of archives on site and the bricks seem to continue to be "bleeding" white after having been told that was a temporary issue due to new bricks. How can these issues be responsibly addressed and accountability for the lack of foresight be held? Don't get me started on the wholly inadequate rec center.
- Not sure what this question means. If you were soliciting how to improve this particular survey, I think it would depend on what your goals for said survey are, and what data you were hoping to collect and aggregate/disaggregate.
- Middlebury is one of the only major towns remaining in Addison County without any bike safety accommodations. Middlebury also shows a worrisome disregard for pedestrian safety.
- No comment
- No
- I feel the town web site is not user friendly
- I'm already looking forward to the Memorial Day parade. It would be so much better if cars weren't allowed to park on Main Street between Academy Street and the rotary for that morning.
- Given the shortage of candidates for some of the elected positions this year, and the people who would like to retire, maybe it would be insightful to ask: If you have not run for local office, why have you chosen not to?
- How do people feel about the ease of getting around town as a pedestrian or cyclist? Would people accept a lower amount of salting on roads and sidewalks in order to reduce deterioration of the pavement and protect trees that are not salt tolerant (notably Vermont's sugar maples)?
- I would like more progress on improvements to sidewalks, side walk extensions, and more bike lanes and signage. I'd also like a town policy on what infrastructure improvements have higher or lower priority. It is a mystery to me why some projects happen and where.
- I think the public needs to be better informed on the town's projects and concerns. Is there any way to educate them other than the local paper and attending/watching the select board meeting? Last night I was concerned about the cost and requirement of the new water tank on Chipman Hill.

- Is there a penalty for not picking up after your dog? People leave droppings on the sidewalks in town, and in all the more rural areas to walk.
- No
- Would like a green lens applied to everything in prep. For instance, in describing the study of the Monroe-Charles intersection, it should have been stated whether the good environmental impact of traffic circles was factored into the ranking (not suggesting it should trump safety, just that it be made explicit).
- The questions are always the same and center around the website. It would be nice to see other questions regarding other issues.
- Can we create an area for bike riding that is safe for children?
- Comment - while I understand there are legal concerns to ballot questions, it seems that the meet of questions is often absent.
- Small thing, but having all the mics and tables on one side of the stage made it hard for people on stage to see the people on the opposite far end of the auditorium. Why aren't they in the middle or more spread out?
- No
- It seems like the town is always putting on fireworks shows. This seems like an expense that we don't have the money for. I wonder how many people actually show up and why taxpayers are expected to pay for this. For the fourth of July, okay. Other than that, NO!
- What is the long term plan for Cross St. bridge maintenance? Will that be taken over by the state after the current fund is gone?
- I think that programs geared to seniors offered by the Rec Dept should be more economical. Some of the classes cost more than the cost of a full day pass at local fitness centers, including whatever classes are offered that day. Bristol has classes that are much less expensive. Thanks for considering.
- In the future, I'd like to see the Town of Middlebury put together a page with links to all of the interviews that community members running for board positions is on. It would be nice to have these interviews all in one location and easy to click on to view. For instance, we have so many people running for ACSD-VT school board and they have all been interviewed but I have not located a single page with the links. Thank you so much!
- Concerned about number of major fundraising efforts coming or underway in our small town.
- None at this time.
- More sidewalks! More bike paths! I want to live in a town where kids can safely navigate on bike and walking.
- Thanks for all you do!
- We are glad to live in Middlebury. We've traveled a lot and don't know of any place we'd like better.