

**Town of Middlefield
2001 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Hampshire, ss.**

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Middlefield Town Hall in said Middlefield on Saturday the 5th of May next, at 11:45 in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose on one ballot: An Auditor, Moderator, Town Clerk, and Tree Warden for a term of one year. A Tax Collector and a Hampshire Council of Government member for a term of two years. An Assessor, Cemetery Commissioner, Finance Committee member, Library Trustee, two Planning Board members, Select- man, and Zoning Board of Appeals member for a term of three years. The polls will be open at 12:00 p.m. and may be closed at 5:00 p.m. The business meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors and School Committee and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of money to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action relating thereto:

Salaries of Elected Officials:

Moderator	100.00
Town Clerk	2,000.00
Treasurer	5,000.00
Tax Collector	5,000.00
Assessor, Chair	3,000.00
Assessor, 2nd	3,000.00
Assessor, 3rd	3,000.00
Selectman, Chair	1,500.00
Selectman	1,500.00
Selectman	1,500.00
Auditor	45.00
Constable, 1st	90.00
Constable, 2nd	90.00

Highway and Related Expenses:

Snow Removal	50,000.00
Highway Maintenance	75,000.00
Unpaved Roads Materials	15,000.00
Machinery Expense	16,000.00
Fuel	8,000.00
Holiday and Vacation Pay	6,000.00
Health Insurance, Employees	8,500.00
Social Security	9,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	4,000.00

Natural Resources:

Dutch Elm Disease Control	0.00
Forest Fire Protection	10.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Tree Warden	100.00

Government:

COBRA (Medicare)	2,000.00
Elections & Registrations	1,000.00
Hampshire County Retirement	759.00
Health & Sanitation	10.00
Interest, Short Term Loans	6,000.00
Insurance	25,000.00
Printing	750.00
Town Counsel	1,500.00
County Tax/Hampshire Council Gov't	3,287.00

Office Expenses:

Selectmen's Secretary	3,500.00
Selectmen's Travel & Expense	800.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
Assessors Assistant	3,500.00
Assessors Education	1,200.00
Assessors Computer Software/ Maintenance	1,500.00
Assessors Expense	1,500.00
Assessors Registry Fees	150.00
Assessors Tax Map Update	650.00
Tax Collectors Expense	4,000.00

Miscellaneous:	
Cemetery Expense	3,600.00
Civil Defense	10.00
Council on Aging	1,000.00
Disposal Area	22,000.00
Hill town Resource Mngt Coop	1,373.00
Dog Officer Salary	400.00
Dog Officer Expense	300.00
Historical Commission	500.00
Lee Visiting Nurse	1,000.00
Library Expense	1,750.00
Maintenance of Public Buildings	26,000.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	60.00
Planning Board	10.00
Recreation Committee	1,500.00
Street Lights	500.00
Veterans Agent	100.00
War Memorials & Playgrounds	3,500.00
Police Department:	
Police Chief Salary	1,000.00
Police Expenses	6,000.00
Fire Department:	
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	425.00
Fire Department Expenses	4,500.00
Dispatch Services	2,650.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	1,200.00
Huntington Ambulance	200.00
Inspectors Salaries:	
Building	3,784.00
Board of Health/Inspection Agent	300.00
Electrical	300.00
Electrical Assistant	100.00
Oil Burner	100.00
Plumbing	300.00
Smoke Detector	100.00
Propane	100.00

ARTICLE 4. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund. (\$250.00)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100.00 from the Conservation Commission Wetland's Receipts Reserved Account to the Conservation Commission Wetland's Expense Account.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$284,355.00 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,785.00 for Middlefield's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action thereto, or accept as an over-minimum contribution a sum which is less than \$76,785.00 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,593.00 for Middlefield's share of the Transportation and Debt Service (non-foundation budget) & Construction for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund or take any other action thereto.

(Normal appropriation: \$10,000. The other \$10,000 is to offset the decrease in the Stabilization Fund as voted on at the Special Town Meeting of December 4, 2000. The money was used for the purchase of the new Town Highway Truck. –Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 that may be spent on the Transfer Station without further appropriation during FY200 1. Funds collected may be used for the Transfer Station, for capital equipment, grounds' improvements or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectmen may spend up to \$5,000 in revolving fund monies for the program during FY2002.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for Turn Out Gear for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Highway Department for the purchase of a new dump body and body work for the Ford truck, plus a pressure washer.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a new four wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for an audit of the town books.

ARTICLE 16. To transact any other business to come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of same in the Middlefield Post Office, on the bulletin board at the Town Hall, a designated place in the Bancroft section of the Town and a designated place in Smith Hollow, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the day of April in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.

Board of Selectmen:

Tom Rock

Peter Oligny

Larry Pease

I have this day posted attested copies of herein warrant as directed

Constable of Middlefield

Date