

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Town of Middlefield
2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Hampshire, SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middlefield in the County of Hampshire

Greetings:

IN THE NAME OF The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed 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 seventh day 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

For the term of three years:

Selectman	Zoning Board of Appeals
Assessor	Finance Committee
Library Trustee	Cemetery Commissioner
Planning Board (2)	

For the term of two years:

Tax Collector Treasurer
Councilor for the Hampshire Council of Govt.

For the term of one year:

Moderator Town Clerk

Question 1: Shall the Town of Middlefield have an appointed Tax Collector

Question 2: Shall the Town of Middlefield have an appointed Treasurer.

The polls will open at 12:00 noon and may be closed at 5 PM The business meeting will start at 1:30 P.M.

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for Fiscal 2004, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto:

Moderator	100	Assessor 3 rd	3,000
Town Clerk	3,000	Selectman Chair	1,500
Treasurer	5,000	Selectman 1 st	1,500
Tax Collector	7,500	Selectman 2 nd	1,500
Assessor Chair	3,000	Constable 1 st	90
Assessor 2 nd	3,000	Constable 2 nd	90

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money for General Government; or take any other action relative thereto:

10011	Elected Town Officers	29,280
10111	Town Counsel	5,000
10122.01	Selectmen's Expenses	800
10122.02	Selectmen's Secretary Salary	3,500
10135.01	Town Accountant Expenses	8,000
10141.01	Assistant Assessor	3,500
10141.02	Assessors' Expenses	4,500
10141.14	Assessors' Tax Map Update	650
10142	Assessors' Revaluation	3,500
10145.01	Treas./Collectors Expenses	4,000
10162	Election & Registration	1,000
10175	Planning Board	10

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money for the Highways; or take any other action relative thereto:

20420	Town Highway Maintenance	80,000
20421	Holidays & Vacations	8,000
20421.01	Machinery Expenses	20,000
20422	Fuel	15,000
20422.01	Unpaved Roads Material	15,000
20423	Snow Removal	50,000
20424	Street Lights	500

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

30610	Library	1,750
40543	Veterans Agent	100
40543.04	War Memorials/Playground	3,500
50491	Cemetery Expenses	3,500

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money for Protection of Persons & Property Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

60210	Police Chief's Salary	1,000
60210.01	Police Dept. Expenses	7,600
60220	Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary	425
60220.01	Fire Dept. Expenses	4,500
60220.02	Fire Dept. Inspections	300
60220.04	Fire Dept. Dispatch Service	3,600
60220.08	Forest Fire	10
60220.12	Civil Defense	10
60241	Building Inspector	10,324
60245	Electrical Inspector	300
60245.02	Asst. Electrical Inspector	100
60246	Plumbing Inspector	300
60292	Dog Officer's Salary	400
60292.01	Dog Expenses	300
60294	Tree Warden	100
60294.01	Insect Pest Control	100

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money for Health & Sanitation; or take any other action relative thereto:

70231	Ambulance	1,200
70431	Disposal Area	30,000
70431.04	Hilltown Resource Management	1,865
70519	Bd of Health/ Insp Agents	600
70519.02	Health & Sanitation	10
70522	Lee Visiting Nurse	1,000

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money for Debt & Interest; or take any other action relative thereto:

80752	Interest Short-term Debt	6,000
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ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury a sum of money for the Unclassified Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

90192	Office Supplies	3,000
90192.01	Insurances	25,000
90192.02	Maintenance of Public Buildings	35,000
90195	Printing	750
90541	Council on Aging	1,500
90630	Recreation Expenses	1,000
90691	Historical Commission	500
90911	County Retirement	15,213
90912	Hampshire Council of Government	2,729
90913	Unemployment Insurance	2,000
90916	Soc Sec/Medicare/Town Share	5,000
90919	Health Insurance	20,000
90947	Pioneer Valley Planning	85
95781	Reserve Fund	5,000

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,926 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,051 for Middlefield's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District or accept as an over-minimum contribution a sum which is less than \$118,663 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the treasury the sum of \$93,155 for Middlefield's share of the Transportation and Debt Service (non-foundation budget) and Construction for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for vocational education.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Refunded Dog Tax Fund the sum of \$236.93 to the Library Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sum of \$9,200 to pay for the note on the new police vehicle; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sum of \$7,000 to cover the cost associated with cleanup cost at Town Garage; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sum of \$10,000 to cover the cost of required analyses and testing for contamination and improvements at the former dump site on Skyline Trail; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sum of \$10,000 to audit the Town's accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E, half of which may be spent on the Transfer Station without further appropriation during FY2006. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station, for capital equipment, grounds improvement 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 FY2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to establish an agricultural commission to represent the Middlefield farming community; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will approve a ten year contract with Recycle America Alliance and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the Town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Material Recycling Facility. The contract, the Springfield Recycling Municipal Agreement, begins on April 1, 2005 and under its' provisions the Town will receive \$15.67 per ton of recyclables plus a

share of the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables materials; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve a zoning bylaw change to cover cell towers; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to approve a zoning bylaw for accessory dwelling unit; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. 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, at least seven days before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the 21st day of April in the year two thousand four.

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Thomas Rock, Chair Selectman	Larry Pease, Selectman	Gary Wheeler, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

Constable

Date