

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Town of Middlefield
2006 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:

Councilor for the Hampshire Council of Govt.

For the term of one year:

Moderator	Town Clerk
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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 2007, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto:

Moderator	100	Selectman Chair	1,500
Town Clerk	3,000	Selectman 1 st	1,500
Assessor Chair	3,000	Selectman 2 nd	1,500
Assessor 2 nd	3,000	Constable 1 st	90
Assessor 3 rd	3,000	Constable 2 nd	90

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY 2007

10145	Treasurer		5,000
10146	Tax Collector		7,500
10122.02	Selectboard's Secretary	3,500	
		10135.01	Town Accountant 8,000
10141.01	Assistant Assessor	3,500	

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 General Government; or take any other action relative thereto:

10011	Elected Town Officers	16,780
10111	Town Counsel	5,000
10162	Election & Registration	1,000
10192	Maintenance of Public Buildings	40,000
90400	Insurances and Bonds	40,000
90640	Soc Sec/Medicare/Town Share	5,000

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 for the Expense Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

10122.01	Selectmen/Printing	2,000
10141.02	Assessors	9,700
10145.01	Treasurer	1,250
10146.01	Tax collector	3,300
XXX	Tax Title & Legal Fees	5,000
10175	Planning Board	500
XXX	Town Accountant	500
XXX	Town Clerk	500
XXX	Zoning Board	300

XXX	Software Support	1,500
XXX	Electric Inspections	100
XXX	Plumbing Inspection	100

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 the Highways; or take any other action relative thereto:

20420	Highway Department Wages	65,000
20421	Holidays & Vacations	8,000
20422	Fuel	15,000
20422.01	Unpaved Roads Material	15,000
20423	Snow Removal	35,000
20440	Town Highway Maintenance	50,000
20450	Machinery Maintenance	20,000
20495	Street Lights	500
90610	Unemployment Insurance	2,000
90450	Hampshire County Retirement	16,058
90620	Health Insurance	32,000

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 to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

30610	Library	2,000
40500.01	Veterans Agent	100
40510	War Memorials/Playground	3,500
50500	Cemetery Expenses	3,500

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 Protection of Persons & Property Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

60220	Police Chief's Salary	1,000
60320	Police Dept. Operating Expenses	7,600
60310	Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary	425
60320	Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	4,500
60322	Fire Dept. Inspections	300
60312	Fire Dept. Dispatch Service	3,600
60220.08	Forest Fire	10
60220.12	Civil Defense	10

60410	Building Inspector	13,633
60440	Electrical Inspector	300
60440.02	Asst. Electrical Inspector	100
60430	Plumbing Inspector	300
60610	Animal Officer's Salary	400
60610.01	Dog Expenses	300
60710	Tree Warden	100
60710.01	Insect Pest Control	100

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 Health & Sanitation; or take any other action relative thereto:

70231	Ambulance	1,200
70432	Hilltown Resource Management	1,848
70433	Disposal Area	30,000
70519	Bd of Health/ Insp Agents	600
70519.02	Health & Sanitation	10
70522	Lee Visiting Nurse	1,000

ARTICLE 11. 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:

80751	Interest Short-term Debt	6,000
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ARTICLE 12. 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 Miscellaneous Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

90200	Council on Aging	1,500
90300	Pioneer Valley Planning	85
90630	Recreation Expenses	1,000
90691	Historical Commission	500
90912	Hampshire Council of Govt	682
95000	Reserve Fund	10,000

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$387,515 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget 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 \$102,856 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 \$102,856 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the treasury the sum of \$78,202 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10 for vocational education.

ARTICLE 17. 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 18. 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 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sum not to exceed \$10,000 to buy financial software for the Town; 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 53E1/2, 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 raise and appropriate \$20,000 to cap the old dump on Skyline Trail; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will raise \$10,000 for town's fiscal audit; or take any

other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Government for FY 2007 through FY 2010 with a 75% reduction in annual dues; or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 25. 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 26th day of April in the year two thousand 2005.

Thomas Rock, Chair
Selectman
Selectman

Larry Pease, Selectman

Charles Hunter,

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

Constable

Date

