

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Town of Middlefield  
2007 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 fifth 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 (2)
Library Trustee	Cemetery Commissioner
Planning Board	School Committee

**For the term of two years:**

School Committee	Counselor for the Hampshire Council of Governments
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**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 2008, 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	4,000	Selectman 1 <sup>st</sup>	1,500
Assessor Chair	3,000	Selectman 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1,500
Assessor 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3,000	Constable 1 <sup>st</sup>	90
Assessor 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3,000	Constable 2 <sup>nd</sup>	90

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY 2008

Treasurer	6,000
Tax Collector	7,500
Selectboard's Secretary	7,500
Town Accountant	10,000
Assistant Assessor	5,850

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for General Government; or take any other action relative thereto:

Elected Town Officers	17,780
Town Counsel	30,000
Election & Registration	1,000
Maintenance of Public Buildings	45,000
Insurances and Bonds	40,000
Soc Sec/Medicare/Town Share	5,000

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Expense Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

Selectboard/Printing	3,500
Assessors	4,800
Treasurer	1,500
Tax collector	3,340
Tax Title & Legal Fees	5,000
Planning Board	500
Town Accountant	1,000
Town Clerk	700
Zoning Board	300
Software Support	1,500
Electric Inspections	500

Plumbing Inspection 100

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Highways; or take any other action relative thereto:

Highway Department Wages	105,000
Holidays & Vacations	9,000
Unemployment Insurance	2,000
Hampshire County Retirement	16,937
Health Insurance	40,000
Fuel	20,000
Snow Removal	35,000
Town Highway Maintenance	35,000
Unpaved Roads Material	15,000
Machinery Maintenance	30,000
Street Lights	500

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money to the Library, Veterans and Cemetery Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

Library Expenses	2,300
Veterans Agent Expenses	100
War Memorials/Playground	3,500
Cemetery Expenses	3,500

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Protection of Persons & Property Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

Police Chief's Salary	1,000
Officers' Compensation	1,400
Police Dept. Operating Expenses	7,700
Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary	500
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	4,500
Fire Dept. Inspections Salary	300
Fire Dept. Dispatch Service	6,000
Forest Fire	10
Civil Defense	10
Building Inspector Salary	13,042
Electrical Inspector Salary	300
Asst. Electrical Inspectors Salary	100
Plumbing Inspector Salary	300

Dog Officer's Salary	400
Dog Officer's Expenses	300
Insect Pest Control Expenses	100

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of money for Health & Sanitation; or take any other action relative thereto:

Ambulance	1,200
Hilltown Resource Management	1,872
Disposal Area	30,000
Bd of Health/ Insp Agents	600
Health & Sanitation	10
Lee Visiting Nurse	1,050

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for Debt & Interest; or take any other action relative thereto:

Interest on Short-term Debt	1,000
Police Cruiser Loan	9,400

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the Miscellaneous Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

Council on Aging	1,500
Historical Commission	500
Pioneer Valley Planning	85
Recreation Committee	1,000
Hampshire Council of Govt	682
Agricultural Commission	100
Reserve Fund	5,000

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372,399 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 a sum of \$157,037 for Middlefield's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for 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 the sum of \$80,598 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 appropriate from free cash the sum of \$60,000 for vocational education; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Refunded Dog Tax Fund the sum of \$307.93 to the Library Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 18.** 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 FY2008. 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 FY2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 19.** 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 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$20,000 to cap the old dump on Skyline Trail; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same to enact a bylaw to enable a holder of an elected office in the town of Middlefield to be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the town; or take any other action relative thereto.

***IMPORTANT: refer to the separate document "AN ACT RELATIVE RECALL IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD" for the full text of this article.***

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000 for town's fiscal audit; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will investigate a location for a wind turbine on the town property; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will accept Chapter 258, Section 13 M.G.L.; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24.** 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year two thousand 2007.

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Larry Pease, Chair  
Selectman

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Mary Courtney, Selectwoman

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Robert Gazda, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

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Constable

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Date