



Town of Middlefield

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Town Hall Auditorium
May 7, 2011
Polls open 12:00 noon
Business meeting starts at 1:30 pm

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 on Saturday May 7, and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose on one ballot

For the term of three years:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Selectboard member | Zoning Board of Appeals member |
| Assessor | Finance Committee member |
| Library Trustee | Cemetery Commissioner |
| Planning Board (2) | |

For the term of two years:

Councilor for Hampshire Council of Governments

For the term of one year:

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| Moderator | Town Clerk |
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The polls will open at 12:00 noon and may be closed at 5:00 pm. The business meeting will start at 1:30 pm.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the reports of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors, and other elected or appointed officers or committees of the Town.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for FY 2012, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the

Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate \$17,780 for the salaries and compensation; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Moderator | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Assessors, Chair | 2,700 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Assessors, Member | 2,700 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Assessors, Member | 2,700 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Town Clerk | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Selectboard, Chair | 1,350 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Selectboard, Member | 1,350 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Selectboard, Member | 1,350 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Constable 1st | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| Constable 2nd | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| Total | 16,430 | 17,780 | 17,780 | 17,780 |

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the salaries and compensation of appointed staff for FY 2011; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Treasurer | 7,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Tax Collector | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Secretary (Admin. Asst.) | 5,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| BOS Recording Secretary | 3,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Town Accountant | 11,000 | 11,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Assistant Assessor | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 |
| Town Hall Custodian | 3,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Total | 44,600 | 47,900 | 45,900 | 45,900 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Town Counsel | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Election & Registration | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Maintenance of Public Buildings | 46,800 | 46,800 | 46,800 | 46,800 |
| Insurances and Bonds | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Soc Sec/Medicare/Town Share | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| Total | 99,300 | 99,300 | 99,300 | 99,300 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Selectboard | 3,150 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Printing Expense | 0 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Copier Expense | 1,000 | 1,420 | 1,420 | 1,420 |

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|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assessors Expense | 4,160 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 |
| Tax Map Update | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Assessors Software/Support | 1,550 | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,650 |
| Treasurer Expense | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Tax Collector Expense | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Treas. Tax Title & Legal Fees | 6,000 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| TC Tax Title & Legal Fees | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Planning Board Expense | 300 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Town Accountant Expense | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Town Clerk Expense | 900 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Zoning Board Expense | 150 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Payroll Software Support | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Treasurer/Acct Software Support | 4,000 | 4,435 | 4,435 | 4,435 |
| Electric Inspections Expense | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Plumbing Inspection Expense | 10 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Constable Expense | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Conservation Comm. Exp. | 1,170 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Communication Comm. Exp. | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Web Site Expense | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Technology Expense | 500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Board of Health Expense | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Total | 34,190 | 38,055 | 38,055 | 38,055 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Highway Department Wages | 105,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Holidays | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Vacations | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 2,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Hampshire County Retirement | 27,968 | 29,948 | 29,948 | 29,948 |
| Health Insurance | 43,100 | 44,300 | 44,300 | 44,300 |
| Fuel | 28,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Snow Removal | 35,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| Highway Maintenance | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Unpaved Roads Material | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Machinery Maintenance | 27,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 |
| Street Lights | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Total | 322,568 | 341,748 | 341,748 | 341,748 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Library Expense | 2,500 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Veterans Agent Salary | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| War Memorials/Playground | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Cemetery Expense | 3,200 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Total | 9,300 | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Police Chief's Salary | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Regional Lockup | 505 | 505 | 505 | 505 |
| Officers' Comp./Training | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Police Dept. Operating Expense | 7,700 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Fire Chief/Forest Warden Salary | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Fire Dept. Operating Expense | 4,000 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,300 |
| Fire Dept. Inspections Salary | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Fire Dept. Dispatch Service | 6,660 | 6,660 | 6,660 | 6,660 |
| Forest Fire | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Civil Defense | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Bldg. Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer Expense | 13,203 | 12,740 | 12,740 | 12,740 |
| Asst. Electrical Inspector Salary | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Plumbing Inspector Salary | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Dog Officer's Salary | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Dog Officer's Expense | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Insect pest Control Expense | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Animal Inspector Expense | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total | 41,188 | 41,325 | 41,325 | 41,325 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Ambulance | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Hilltown Resource Management | 1,690 | 1,605 | 1,605 | 1,605 |
| Disposal Area | 24,500 | 24,500 | 24,500 | 24,500 |
| Health & Sanitation | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Lee Visiting Nurse | 1,110 | 1,103 | 1,103 | 1,103 |
| Total | 28,510 | 28,418 | 28,418 | 28,418 |

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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Interest on Short-term Debt | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Building Project Loan | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Total | 21,500 | 21,500 | 21,500 | 21,500 |

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$5,000.00 to establish a Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 6, as amended; or take any other action in

relation thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Reserve Fund | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |

ARTICLE 13. 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:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Council on Aging Expense | 1,350 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Historical Commission Expense | 450 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Pioneer Valley Planning | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Recreation Committee Expense | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 |
| Hampshire Council of Govt | 512 | 512 | 512 | 512 |
| Agricultural Commission Exp. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total | 3,247 | 3,447 | 3,447 | 3,447 |

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$341,755 for Middlefield's minimum contribution of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Minimum Contribution | 340,420 | 341,755 | 341,755 | 341,755 |

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,421 for Middlefield's share of the above minimum contribution to the budget for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Above Minimum Contribution | 120,495 | 100,421 | 100,421 | 100,421 |

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$87,646 for Middlefield's share of the Non-Discretionary portion (Transportation and Debt Service) of the budget for the Gateway Regional School District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Non-Discretionary portion | 114,399 | 87,646 | 87,646 | 87,646 |

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for vocational education; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Vocational Education | 120,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (A) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee:

(A) Powers, Duties and Composition

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following: three members from the Town of Huntington, two members from the Town of Middlefield, two members from the Town of Montgomery, three members from the Town of Russell, two members from the Town of Worthington, and three members from the Town of Chester, and two members from the Town of Blandford. Members shall serve until their respective successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(A) Powers, Duties and Composition

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following: two members from the Town of Huntington, two members from the Town of Middlefield, two members from the Town of Montgomery, two members from the Town of Russell, two members from the Town of Worthington, two members from the Town of Chester, and two members from the Town of Blandford. Members shall be elected with residency requirements in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections. Members shall serve until their respective successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

As Amended

Requested by: Gateway Regional School Committee

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (B) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee:

(B) Continuation of Members

Until the annual town elections next following the assumption of jurisdiction by the Committee over the pupils in all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve, the members of the Committee shall be appointed and elected and vacancies shall be filled as provided in subsections (C), (D) and (E) of Section I as in effect prior to the adoption of the sixth amendment of this agreement provided, however, that the terms of office of all such members shall terminate upon the election and qualification of successors as provided in subsection (C) of Section I.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(B) Continuation of Members

Until the district-wide elections are held at the biennial state elections in 2012 all seventeen (17) members of the current Committee, or in the case of a vacancy or vacancies, by the newly appointed member(s) pursuant to Section I(D) of the Regional Agreement, shall serve as members of the School Committee over the pupils in all grades from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. The members of the Committee shall be appointed and elected and vacancies shall be filled as provided in subsections (C), (D), and (E) of Section I; provided, however, that the terms of office of all such members shall terminate upon the election and qualification of successors as provided in subsection (C) of Section I.

As Amended

Requested by: Gateway Regional School Committee

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (C) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee:

(C) Membership

At the annual town elections next following the assumption of jurisdiction by the Committee of pupils in all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve, the towns of Huntington, Russell and Chester shall elect three members to serve on the Committee, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years; and the towns of Middlefield, Montgomery, Worthington and Blandford shall each elect two members to serve on the Committee, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. Thereafter, in every year in which the term of office of a member expires, each member town involved shall, at the annual town election, elect one member to serve for a term of three years.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(C) Membership

At the district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections in 2012, there will be elections for all fourteen (14) school committee positions. One (1) committee member from each Town chosen at the elections will serve for a term of two (2) years, and the other committee member from each Town shall serve for a term of four (4) years. The committee member from each Town with the greatest number of votes shall fill the four (4) year term. Commencing with the biennial state elections in 2014 and thereafter, all fourteen (14) school committee positions shall be for a term of four (4) years. If a member leaves office before the expiration of his/her term, an appointment to the position shall be made in accordance with Section I(D) of the Regional Agreement for the remaining portion of the term.

As Amended.

Requested by: Gateway Regional School Committee

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund accounts for the receipt of inspection fees, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to be expended during FY 2012 without further appropriation for the purpose of administrative duties, capped at the amounts in the table below; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | FY2011 Adopted | FY 2012 | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Requested | Selectboard Recommends | Finance Com. Recommends |
| Board of Health Inspector | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Electrical Inspector | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Conservation Commission | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Total | 6,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 |

ARTICLE 22. 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 FY2012. Collected Transfer Station fees may be used for the Transfer Station attendant's salary, for capital equipment, grounds improvement, or other related expenses to benefit the Transfer Station. The Selectboard may spend up to \$6,000 in revolving fund monies for the Transfer Station during FY2012 and retain in this account all collected fees; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard
Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Refunded Dog Tax Fund the sum of \$161.73 to the Library Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee
Library Board of Trustees: Recommends

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,950 from overlay surplus to the revaluation account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,200 from overlay surplus to the Commercial/Open Permit Appraisals account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of the Board or some other person, if the Board so desires, to serve as the assistant assessor at the salary fixed and voted on by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,787 for the Planning Board to engage professional planning services for the purpose of updating the Zoning Bylaw's Table of Uses and to assist in the drafting of a bylaw consistent with the changes to the Table of Uses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Selectboard: Recommends

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws by adding the following with regard to large-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic installations; or take any other action relative thereto:

[The full text of the proposed article is provided in a separate handout from the Planning Board.]

Sponsor: Planning Board

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to add to the Zoning Bylaw's Table of Uses a Section 3.0451 Dining Club use permitted in the Agricultural/Residential district by special permit with the definition: **Dining Club** – a dining facility, operating in a residence, open to the public, which provides meals no more than twice a week for no more than 28 customers per event, and outdoor activities for no more than 50 customers no more than four times per year.

Sponsor: Planning Board

ARTICLE 30. To the Planning Board, Judy Artioli and Victor Artioli of 140 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, Ma would like to petition the Planning Board to add a Residential

Kitchen by right in any District by Special Permit.

In addition, we would like to change the by-law referring to Restaurant - allowing such use under Residential/ Agricultural by special permit.

Victor Artioli - Judy Artioli

Sponsor: Citizens' Petition

Planning Board: Does not recommend

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 90 and all other Highway grant Funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes of repair, construction, maintenance and preservation of the Town's roads and bridges and other related costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Selectboard

2/3 Vote Required

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,000 for WiredWest COOP membership fee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Selectboard

Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to enact **Chapter V** of the Town of Middlefield General Bylaws, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 120 AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the "Stretch Energy Code", including amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

[Language to be introduced in the Town's building code]

Sponsor: Selectboard

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Franklin Regional Transit Authority as the official transportation agent for the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sponsor: Selectboard
Finance Committee: Recommends

ARTICLE 36. 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. Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the 27th day of April in the year two thousand eleven.

Noreen Suriner, Chair Mitchell Feldmesser, Selectman Alan Vint, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

Constable

Date

ATTEST

GLOSSARY

APPROPRIATION: An authorization granted by a Town Meeting to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. The appropriation is carried forward year to year until spent for the designated purpose, unless transferred by a Town Meeting vote to another account.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: *Free Cash*, reserves and unexpended balances available for appropriation.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: Estimated monies to be received by the Town from various sources, such as licenses and state reimbursements. This estimate is deducted by the Assessors from the gross amount to be raised by taxes when the tax rate is set.

FISCAL YEAR: The twelve-month period from July 1 – June 30 to which the annual budget applies, at the end of which a Town determines its financial position and the results of its operations.

FREE CASH: The surplus or deficit revenue account (also called “excess and deficiency” or “available funds”), less any uncollected taxes of prior years, certified each July 1 by the Director of Accounts. Any surplus is available for appropriation upon certification. By action of a Special Town Meeting after certification and before setting the tax rate, part or all of any free cash may be applied to reduce the tax rate for the current year.

OVERLAY: The amount of money allocated by Assessors to cover abatements and uncollectable taxes.

OVERLAY SURPLUS: Unused, accumulated *overlay* from various years, which may be released by the Assessors for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes.

RESERVE FUND: An account with monies allocated for unforeseen or emergency purposes, controlled exclusively by the Finance Committee.

STABILIZATION ACCOUNT: A special account created to provide for capital expenditures, which is invested until used.

SURPLUS REVENUE: The amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities and reserves.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT: A written order calling an Annual or Special Town Meeting, containing a list of items to be acted upon. Warrants are posted at the official posting places, such as the Town Hall and Post Office.