



Town of Middlefield

Special Town meeting Warrant

Town Hall Auditorium
December 20, 2018

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 Town Hall in said Middlefield on the twentieth day of December 2018 at 7:00pm then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,300,000 to pay the Town's share of the cost of designing, constructing and installing a high-speed broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which project shall be undertaken by the Town acting alone, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, s. 8(8), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; provided, however, that any borrowing authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion vote, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to accept the Comcast proposal to build a cable/broadband network that will serve at least 96% of the Town pursuant to the Massachusetts Broadband Institute's Flexible Grant program and to further request that the Selectboard execute a Cable Television License Agreement with Comcast pursuant to statutes and regulations overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable;

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 fourteen (14) 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 meetings as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Middlefield the _____ day of December 2018.

David DiNicola, Chair

Judith Hoag, Selectman

Albert Sirard, Selectman

I have this day posted copies of the above warrant.

Constable

Date

ATTEST