

## **Town of Middletown Springs**

### **WARNING**

#### **Town Meeting—Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet at the Middletown Springs Elementary School (MSES) Multipurpose Room, in said Town, on **Monday, March 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 3, 2020 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Middletown Springs Historical Society dining hall.

#### **POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 3, 2020, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.**

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs ratify the actions of the 2019 Town Meeting?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$343,297 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$265,497 to be raised by taxes on the 2020 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$447,950 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$319,200 to be raised by taxes on the 2020 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund with any surplus up to \$5,000 from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities with any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$24,500 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?
9. Shall the voters of the town of Middletown Springs vote to approve the sum of up to \$500,000.00 to be borrowed, if needed, for the term of up to ten (10) years for the construction of a town office and meeting room. The building to be built would sit on town land at the corner of East St. and South St. The building would be 46 ft wide (east to west) and 76 ft long (north to south) with a 20 ft x 20 ft vault, a 25 ft x 45 ft meeting room, a full basement, bathroom facilities, and a mechanical room (under the meeting room). All exit doors and/or porches with ADA ramps will be covered. The borrowed money to be used only after the Municipal Town Building funds have been spent.
10. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$79,500 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$7,450 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$3,000 for the support of Middletown Springs First Response determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and medical services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the Poultney Community League determining that the program serves the residents of the town with youth sports programs?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$375 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the NewStory Center (formerly Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?

26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of ARC determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Rutland County Parent/Child Center determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?
30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont determining that it provides emergency services to residents of the town?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of Mentor Connector determining that it enhances self-esteem and in-depth training?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
33. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support and general operation of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?
34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$740 for the support of the Regional Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Rutland Economic Development Corp., and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy.
35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$150 for the support of Front Porch Forum determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents?
36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Big Heavy World determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?
37. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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Christopher Fenton, Chair

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Terry Redfield, Vice-Chair

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Herb Childress, Clerk

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Carl Haynes

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Patricia Kenyon