

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VERMONT
March 07, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>KIMBERLY BUSHNELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SEAN RUCK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRUSTEE LOUIS FUND & OTHER PUBLIC MONIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAVID CARR <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>HERB CHILDRESS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NEIL T. RUSSELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRUSTEE LOUIS FUND & OTHER PUBLIC MONIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>STEVE HARRINGTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TERRY A. REDFIELD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRUSTEE COPELAND CHURCH FUND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>RITA HANSEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LISTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>RANDOLPH J. KNIFFIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRUSTEE COPELAND CEMETERY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JOHN WEATHERHOGG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TRACY WEATHERHOGG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>		

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ARTICLES

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?

YES

NO

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$363,775 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$286,275 to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

YES

NO

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$499,525 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$394,525 to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

YES

NO

Article 5. 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?

YES

NO

Article 6. 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?

YES

NO

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to allocate \$20,000 to the Reserve Fund for Town Library Facilities to be raised by taxes on the 2023 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

YES

NO

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$26,125 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

YES

NO

Article 9. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$81,885 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

YES

NO

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 10. 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?

YES

NO

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$7,940 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

YES

NO

Article 12. 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?

YES

NO

Article 13. 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?

YES

NO

Article 14. 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?

YES

NO

Article 15. 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?

YES

NO

Article 16. 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?

YES

NO

Article 17. 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?

YES

NO

Article 18. 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?

YES

NO

Article 19. 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?

YES

NO

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GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING





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Article 20. 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?

YES

NO

Article 21. 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?

YES

NO

Article 22. 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?

YES

NO

Article 23. 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?

YES

NO

Article 24. 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?

YES

NO

Article 25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of **ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)** determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?

YES

NO

Article 26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of **Rutland County Parent/Child Center** determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?

YES

NO

Article 27. 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?

YES

NO

Article 28. 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?

YES

NO

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Article 29. 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?

YES

NO

Article 30. 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?

YES

NO

Article 31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$745 for the support of the Regional Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region 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?

YES

NO

Article 32. 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?

YES

NO

Article 33. 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?

YES

NO

Article 34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Vermont Family Network determining that it provides support for Vermont families of children with special needs?

YES

NO

Article 35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$350 for the support of Habitat for Humanity Rutland County determining that it provides support for our community by creating affordable and decent family housing?

YES

NO

Article 36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Rutland County Restorative Justice Center determining that it provides support for community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violated the law?

YES

NO

Article 37. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of Vermont Farmers Food Center determining that it provides support for community access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products?

YES

NO

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