



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING QUESTION BALLOT  
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VERMONT  
MARCH 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote, fill in the oval to the right of your choice.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

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 \$419,495 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$339,995 to be raised by taxes on the 2024 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

YES

NO

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$580,120 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$424,620 to be raised by taxes on the 2024 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

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 up to \$50,000 of any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year, and further allocate any surplus still remaining to be used to reduce taxes?

YES

NO

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to establish a Reserve Fund for Memorial Day Commemoration, to be funded with previously unused Parade funds plus any future voter allocations and external funds raised to support the annual parade and ceremony on the Green?

YES

NO

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to establish a Reserve Fund for Highway Expenditures, to be funded with existing and future highway surplus funds?

YES

NO

Article 9. (An Advisory Vote) Shall the Voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Selectboard to include existing allocations to non-profit agencies within the Town General Government Budget, with individual ballot items only for new or increased requests?

YES

NO

Article 10. 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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### ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 11.** 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 12.** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$32,554** 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 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?

YES

NO

**Article 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?

YES

NO

**Article 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?

YES

NO

**Article 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?

YES

NO

**Article 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?

YES

NO

**Article 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?

YES

NO

**Article 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?

YES

NO

**Article 20.** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$400** 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

**Article 21.** 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

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**Article 22.** 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 23.** 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 24.** 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 25.** 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 26.** 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 27.** 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 childcare and recreational services to residents with younger children?

YES

NO

**Article 28.** 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 29.** 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

**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

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### ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 31.** Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$800** 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 **\$250** for the support of **Big Heavy World** determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?

YES   
NO

**Article 33.** 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 34.** 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 35.** 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 36.** 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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