

## Town of Middletown Springs

### WARNING

#### Town Meeting—Monday, March 4, 2024 and Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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, or by electronic means on **Monday, March 4, 2024, 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 5, 2024. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 5, 2024 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 Town Office building at 5 South Street, Middletown Springs, Vermont.

#### Information on how to access the remote Informational Meeting:

- By land line telephone: Dial 1-929-436-2866 (charges may apply). When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591#, Passcode 15920.
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here  
<https://zoom.us/j/4383450591?pwd=UkRKbnl2c28xcDhmcWJlTmE3UENkZz09>  
You may be prompted to enter a Meeting ID: 4383450591, Passcode 15920.
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the Zoom Meeting app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591, Passcode 15920.

#### POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 5, 2024, 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 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?
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?
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?
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?
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?

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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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 **Rutland Regional Ambulance Service** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
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?

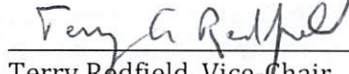
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate **\$125** for the support of **Rutland County Humane Society** determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
23. Shall the voters of the Town 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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?

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?
37. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS:**



Herb Childress, Chair



Terry Redfield, Vice-Chair



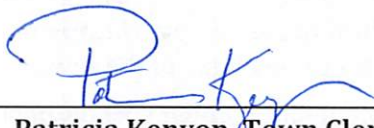
Patricia Kenyon, Clerk



Peter Stevenson

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Robin Chesnut-Tangerman

Received for Record on January 22, 2024

ATTEST:   
Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk