

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT WARNING

Annual Town Meeting March 3 and March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Middlebury, in the County of Addison, the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Middlebury Union High School Auditorium at 73 Charles Avenue in Middlebury on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00PM to act on Articles 1 through 5, and to discuss Articles 6 through 10 and on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 from 7:00AM through 7:00PM at the Recreation Center, 154 Creek Road in Middlebury, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 6 through 10 as provided by the Middlebury Town Charter.

With respect to Articles 6, 7, 8, and 9 the legal voters of the Town of Middlebury are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:30PM at the Middlebury Union High School Auditorium for the purpose of reviewing the proposals for issuing bonds for: 1) Upgrades to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2) Rogers Road Pump Station Improvements, and 3) the Adams Acres stormwater treatment system.

Information on the bond proposals will be presented under Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warning.

Article 1 To act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote to adopt the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) in the amount of \$14,548,535 with a portion thereof in the amount of \$9,162,148 to be raised by taxes and \$1,065,863 to be allocated from annual local option tax receipts in excess of debt and maintenance requirements of the Cross Street Bridge to offset spending for Capital Improvements?

Article 3 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote, pursuant to 24 VSA §2804(a), to authorize the Selectboard to apply up to \$125,000 from the Cross Street Bridge fund for the purpose of funding to offset Exchange Street Bicycle-Pedestrian engineering and construction expenses & up to \$131,264 to offset debt service expenses for the Police Department Building Adaptive Reuse project?

Article 4 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote to collect taxes on real property for fiscal year 2025/2026 in TWO equal installments due in the Treasurer's Office on the 15th day of November 2025 and the 14th day of March 2026?

Article 5 To transact other business proper to be done.

[For voting by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, polls open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM]

Article 6 Shall the voters of the Town of Middlebury vote, pursuant to Section 1308 of the Middlebury Town Charter and 24 V.S.A. § 138, to remove the sunset provision of the Town's 1% local option tax originally enacted at the Special Town Meeting vote of May 20, 2008, such that the 1% sales tax, 1% meals and alcoholic beverage tax, and 1% rooms tax will continue indefinitely instead of expiring on September 30, 2038?

Article 7 Shall general obligation bonds or notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed Forty Nine Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$49,580,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the purpose of upgrading the Town's wastewater treatment facility including age related improvements (influent screening, structural repairs, hydrogen sulfide mitigation, septage receiving, secondary treatment and sludge storage, disinfection, generator replacement, chemical feed, HVAC upgrades), increased flood protection flood gates, flood doors and raised generator platform), and solid waste handling improvements (dewatering units, polymer feed, drying units) at the Main Pump Station and the Waste water Treatment Facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Forty Nine Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$49,580,000)?

Article 8 Shall general obligation bonds or notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the purpose of the Rogers Road Pump Station Improvements, including the converting of an existing dry well to a wet-well with greater capacity, age-related improvements to the pump station, the installation of new piping and controls, and integration of a stand-by generator, the estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)?

Article 9 Shall general obligation bonds or notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town of Middlebury in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), subject to reduction from available alternate sources of funding, be issued for the Adams Acres stormwater treatment system, including constructing two gravel wetlands, the estimated cost of such improvements being One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)?

Article 10 To elect officers as required by the Middlebury Town Charter.

The legal voters of the Town of Middlebury are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Middlebury, Vermont this 21st day of January 2025.

Brian R. Carpenter, Chair Andy Hooper, Vice Chair Heather Seeley
Fred Dunnington Farhad Khan Dan Brown Isabel Gogarty

MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD