

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX  
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Middlesex are hereby notified and warned to meet at the RUMNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to act on the following business: (Voting by Australian ballot will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Rumney School gym.)

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Treasurer	1-year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term
Select Board	3-year term
Select Board	2-year term
Budget Committee	3-year term
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Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term
Lister	3-year term
Planning Commissioner	1 year of a 3-year term
Planning Commissioner	2 years of a 3-year term
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ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town voters authorize payment of all property taxes to the Town Treasurer, as provided by law and without discount, in four installments as follows: the first installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, August 20, 2019; the second installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, November 20, 2019; the third installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, February 20, 2020, and the fourth installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, May 20, 2020, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before the aforementioned dates accordingly? (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the applicable due dates. (32 VSA Sec. 5136)

ARTICLE 7: To vote a budget of \$1,187,891 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. (THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town eliminate the position of Trustee of Public Funds, effective March 3, 2020? (17 VSA 2646(11))

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 for the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$4,050 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$29,801 to help support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Select Board)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5,500 for the support of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to provide services to residents of the Town? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program? (By Petition)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,771 to support the following organizations:

Central VT Adult Basic Ed	\$250.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$250.00
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Community Harvest of Central VT	\$250.00
Family Center of Washington Cty	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$250.00
Green Mt. Transit	\$249.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$100.00
Home Share Now	\$250.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$250.00
Mother Up!	\$250.00

Our House of Central VT	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$250.00
T.W. Wood Gallery	\$250.00
VT Assoc. for the Visually Impaired	\$249.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$199.00
VT Rural Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Washington County Diversion	\$250.00
Youth Service Bureau of Wash. Cty.	\$175.00

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Middlesex approve the following resolution? (By Petition)

WHEREAS: extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. Shall the Town of MIDDLESEX, VT 05602 urge the State of Vermont to:

- a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.
- b. Commit to 100% renewable energy by 2030 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
- c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.

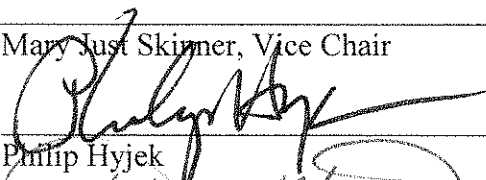
2. Shall the Town of MIDDLESEX, VT 05602 request the town to do its part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:

- a. Protecting townlands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing townlands;
- b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools;
- c. Enlisting state support to install rooftop solar on town and school buildings;
- d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.
- e. Encourage landowners, municipalities, and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.
- f. Form a Town Energy Committee to work towards reducing town emissions and meeting the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.


3. Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of MIDDLESEX, VT 05602 to our State Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, and the Governor, including the count of votes that support and oppose to the article.

THE MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD:

  
Peter O. Hood, Chair

  
Mary Just Skinner, Vice Chair

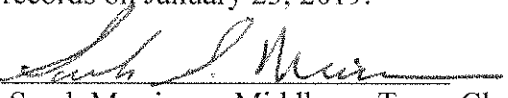
  
Philip Hyjek

  
Steven Martin

  
Elizabeth Scharf

Signed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Middlesex Select Board on January 22, 2019.

I attest that this Warning for the 2019 Town Meeting was signed by the above Select Board members and recorded in the Middlesex town records on January 23, 2019.

  
Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk