

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2020**

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 3, 2020 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.)

4:31 P.M. Introductions of the Middlesex Select Board: Chair Peter Hood, Vice-Chair Mary Just Skinner, Elizabeth Scharf, Steve Martin, and Phil Hyjek. Elizabeth Scharf encouraged residents to complete the 2020 Census questionnaires which will be arriving via mail in late March. Elliot Burg of the Middlesex Band Stand Committee announced the summer concert series is booked and can be found on the Middlesex Bandstand website. Susan Clark of the Town Meeting Solutions Committee, announced that virtual attendance to Town Meeting was offered to all Middlesex residents. No residents requested this service this year, but the opportunity will continue to be available for every Town Meeting. She offered special thanks to Liz Scharf, the Middlesex Food Shelf and Rumney for the post-Town Meeting dinner. She also reminds attendees that child care is free this year, and to please pick kids up before the dinner. Susan then gave a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order.

Susan called the meeting to order at 4:40 P.M. The Civil Invocation was read by Eric Scharf and Eva Jessup, both seniors at U32. Afterward, Eva and Eric asked for volunteers to help staff the Middlesex Food Shelf on Saturday mornings.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.** Jeff Koonz moved to nominate Susan Clark. Julie Moore seconded. No other nominations. All in favor and Susan Clark will serve as moderator.

**ARTICLE 2: To elect a Grand Juror and Town Agent for the ensuing year.** Matthew Gould moved to nominate Todd Daloz; Mary Skinner seconded. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 3: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.** Voted by Australian ballot:

Town Clerk	3-year term	Sarah Merriman
Treasurer	1-year term	Dorinda Crowell
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term	David Smith
Select Board	3-year term	Philip Hyjek
Select Board	2-year term	Elizabeth Scharf
Budget Committee	2 years of a 3-year term	Vacant
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Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term	Gary Lamell
Lister	3-year term	Amy Whitehorne
Planning Commissioner	3-year term	Theo Kennedy

**ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.** So moved by Liz Scharf; Jeff Koonz seconded. Phil Hyjek provided an update on CVFiber. Moretown has been added to the communications district and they have closed the membership at this time. They have received \$100,000 in various grants. The most important grant was a State of Vermont grant for \$60,000, half for a feasibility study and the other half for the district's official business plan. They have received the first phase of the grant and hired Interisle Consulting Group to do the feasibility study, which is currently underway. Voting commenced on Article 4. All in favor.

**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, 2020; the second installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, November 20, 2020; the third installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, February 20, 2021, and the fourth installment will be due on or before 4:30 PM, May 20, 2021, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before the aforementioned dates accordingly? (32 VSA Sec. 4773)** So moved by Laura Lyle; Amy Whitehorne seconded. All in favor.

**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).** So moved by Amy Whitehorne; Jess Clark seconded. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 7: To vote a fiscal year 2020-2021 budget of \$1,323,867 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). This item was put on hold until 5:15 P.M. The budget discussion began at 5:25. So moved by Jeff Koonz; Nancy Reilly seconded. Deb Jerard asked about the increase in the amounts for the Lister wages. Peter Hood replied the increases more accurately reflect the amount of time they need to do their work. Vic Dwire asked for details regarding the additional money earmarked for another excavator and truck. Steve Martin replied that increased storms in recent years have made it difficult to keep up with regular road maintenance. The money is for a new position and new equipment. Vic requested more specifics on where they anticipate the work, who will be hired and who will oversee this work. Steve replied that they would need to rent a couple of trucks and hire an operator for the one-month period the work will be done. The main arteries would be highest priority and they would move out from there. Ray Hickory added that the \$40,000 increase is significant, but the road crew is overloaded. He asked if the town is able to bid out some of the larger jobs so the road crew won't fall behind regular maintenance. Ray also questioned the 4-day work week. Peter Hood thanked Ray for the input and replied that the road crew is working the same number of hours as a 5-day work week. He reiterated that two storms in the past year resulted in regular maintenance being delayed. He added that an independent contractor was hired to reopen Macey Road. The hope is that by hiring short-term people and renting the equipment will be a more cost-effective way of catching up. Matt Dwire, a former Select Board member, remembers being on the Select Board when the first excavator was purchased and that the added work did not interfere with the continued maintenance of the roads. Matt questioned the current management, particularly the ability to maximize a worker's potential in the 10-hour work day. Kyle Landis-Marinello asked if this increase is expected to be a one-time catch up or is it a permanent increase. Peter replied that the Town budget increases have been kept to 3-4% in most recent years. However the weather this past year created a deficit. He could not guarantee that the increase would be one-time. Sarah Merriman, Town Clerk, added that it is not just the road crew in need of help. She said

the highway department building cannot be insulated, that Town shed is in poor shape. She said that Town Hall radon level in the vault is 44, where 4 is an acceptable limit. The Fire Department needs air packs that are \$50,000 a piece. The lift in Town Hall is past his prime and several residents have been stuck in the lift in recent years. There is duct tape over the windows in Town Hall to help insulate. Sarah said there are big costs coming up and asked voters to keep in mind that there are \$73,000 in special articles on top of the budget. She spoke in favor of supporting the town budget and asked voters to truly consider the need of the special articles. Ray Hickory echoed Matt Dwire's concern of the current road crew management. He spoke against the \$40,000 increase for road work and related equipment. He asked the Select Board to reprioritize basic maintenance. Gordon Grunder spoke in praise of the road crew, noting that after making a change in the way the road crew worked on the roads about 5 years ago, there has been a great improvement in road conditions especially during mud season. Elliot Burg expressed concern about the issues Sarah Merriman raised. He said town employees should not be working in an unsafe environment. Elliot asked Select Board members their thoughts on these longer-term issues? Is there a long-term plan? Peter Hood responded that the board spend a lot of time this year trying to work on these issues. He said another issue that had not yet been mentioned is the need for a new road grader. Five years ago, the Board decided not to purchase a new grader and instead rebuilt it to make it last another 5 years – now the 5 years are up. These machines are costly at about \$250,000. The Select Board is working on a long-term plan and welcomes ideas and participation in their bi-monthly meetings. August Burns asked if the Town might consider a capital campaign for infrastructure and wondered if there are other ways to raise money in town without raising taxes. Sarah Seidman proposed that the Select Board come back next year with a long-term plan. Peter replied that they are in the process of gathering information to do just that. Amy Whitehorne echoes Sarah's concerns. She spoke on the issue of raising the Listers compensation, explaining that one of the Listers lives out of state most of the year and much of the heavy lifting falls to herself and Eric Young. She notes that the Grand list is how the Select Board manages its budget. The Town cannot make efficiency improvements with the current state of the Town buildings. She asked attendees to please alert the Town when making home improvements. Ms. Whitehorne also spoke for moving the budget item to Australian ballot so everyone in town can vote on the town budget. She then again talked about the Lister budget, explaining it went up because there is a lot more work than there used to be and in past years had not been asking for reimbursement for all of their time. Heidi Lucas spoke in favor of concentrating on the needs of Middlesex and not outside of Town special interests. Lauri Scharf, former School Board member, mentioned the long-term process of the improvements to Rumney School and suggested the Select Board involve the town in planning before the next Town Meeting. Vic Dwire brought the conversation back to the additional road crew increase and asked why are we talking about money we don't know how to spend yet? He also asked why the town did not stick to the Town Road Plan and instead did work on Notch Road. Steve Martin declined to answer the question. Vic followed up that the priority should be fixing main arteries, not Class 3 roads. Becca Mandel asked a procedural question. She wanted to know if the comments concerning management of town employees should be better addressed somewhere else? Susan Clark asked Select Board members when it is best to receive these types of questions or comments. Peter invited everyone to please come to the Select Board meetings twice a month. Warnings for the meetings are posted in the school, Town Hall and on the website. He offered that anyone can contact Sarah Merriman for additions to the Select Board agenda. Wendy Freudlich asked the Select Board please add Front Porch Forum to announce Select Board meetings. Peter said he would look into it. Randy Drury asked about the percentage increases for road gravel and road side mowing line items. He asked if any pools of money were available via the State or other for some of these costs? Peter replied the Select Board keeps an eye out for grants. Steve Martin responded on the increases, noting it is a large increase percentage wise, but not a huge amount dollar wise. Randy Drury commented that a little here and there adds up. Ronald Brown asked who came up with the idea of the 10-hour work days for road crew employees? Steve Martin replied he believed that the town does get the full value out of the 10-hour days and that the change was made due to the workers requested. He added that the 10-hour, four-day work week is a common practice in many Vermont towns. He addressed the Friday off saying that he and Paul Cerminara, Road Foreman, worked at the end of last summer to make use of good weather days by shifting some work hours to the weekend. Matt Dwire asked if those weekend hours were billed at time and a half? Steve Martin said they were working it out so that it is straight time whenever possible. Matt Dwire explained that he felt bringing up the road crew oversight at Town Meeting was appropriate because it has a direct effect on the budget. Eric Silvers praised the road crew saying Macey Road was put back together very quickly. Matt Dwire clarified that the Macey Road job was contracted out. Eric Silvers responded that they still deserve credit for managing a job well done. He added that by driving slower, the town would need less repair work. Susan Warren appreciates the road crew and would support the increase but is concerned about the long-term issues raised by Sarah. Peter offered that the Select Board has budget hearings in the fall. Liz Scharf added that the budget committee is a subcommittee of the Select Board and that there are vacancies. Ms. Scharf noted that the budget committee fully supported the \$40,000 increase. Susan Clark asked if Susan Warren would like to make a motion to reduce the budget? John Puelio asked for a point of clarification – if the budget were amended down, would the town specify the \$40,000 reduction to ditch digging and mud mitigation? Peter clarified the increase is just for ditching. John asked if that is the \$40,000 the town would amend. Vic Dwire asked if it would be fair to amend the budget to 3% over last year's budget? Peter Hood replied that, yes, that can be done, but he would greatly prefer that the town specify where to make the cuts if they were going to amend the budget. Vic moves to cut the budget by \$100,000; Dexter Lefavor seconds. Paul Zabriskie spoke against the amendment saying no, it was not fair. He said if the town residents want to decrease the budget, they should take responsibility for where money is spent and where it's not. Jim Covino asked if the town can call on the State for help in times of distress? Peter Hood replied that the State does help. Middlesex received a \$72,000 storm grant to help with repairs. Dorinda Crowell reminded the attendees that there is \$73,000 in special articles, the majority of which does not go to the town. She urged voters to look for cuts without hurting the town. Elliot Burg asked the Select Board to explain the impact of taking that much out of the budget. Peter replied it is unclear. The decrease will have to be made up somewhere. Voting on the amendment begins. The amendment fails. Now voting Article 7 as proposed. William McMannis moved to call the question; Jeff Koonz seconded. Voting to call the question. All in favor. Voting on Article 7. Nos were heard, but the ayes have it. The Article passes. At 6:25 P.M. Susan Clark called for a 60-second stretch break.

Meeting resumes at 6:27 P.M. Assistant Town Clerk Maryke Gillis recognized Ruth Pope, whose artwork is graces the 2019 Middlesex Town Report. Liz Scharf reminded us all the invocation and invites everyone to stay and enjoy the spaghetti dinner together after the meeting, adding thanks to Susan Warren for the rolls.

John Puelio said he heard a lot from the audience about long-term planning. But respectfully, felt that the Select Board fell short in their response to the long-term planning process. He asked how can we, as a town, come back to the drawing board and deal with these critical issues? Peter Hood added his agreement. Mary Skinner said that they have been wanting to set up a capital fund and we have not had the fortitude to go out and get estimates on some of these major expenses. Ms. Skinner said that after hearing Sarah's plea to the community, she feels a great sense of urgency to get these estimates. She said a building committee would be a good first step. Liz Scharf also agreed and added that she was sure that this will be the subject of the Select Board's first meeting. All members agreed. Back to Article 9.

**ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund? (By Select Board).** So moved by Julie Moore; Joanne Mankoff seconded. Gordon Grunder asks how much is in the Conservation Fund. Lee Rosberg, Chair of Conservation Commission, said the fund has about \$9,000. Last use was \$10,000 to the Hunger Mountain Headwaters Conservation Fund. Prior to that, \$20,000 was used to help purchase land that added to the Middlesex Town Forest. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of up to \$8,000 to purchase two Radar Speed Feedback Signs to be installed on the north and south lanes of VT Route 12 in Putnamville? (By petition.)** So moved by Karen Gennette; Dave Shepard seconded. Jeff Koonz said that since the town already pays the county to monitor speeding, perhaps they could increase monitoring? Robert Lucas agreed adding that the Sheriff's department only used 50% of their budget this year. He inquired who will be monitoring and using the feedback garnered from these new signs? Albie Borne agrees the Sheriff only used 50% the budget, however, the volume of traffic on Route 12 is high and the speeding is problematic. He discussed steps already taken by the State to improve the situation. He said the accident rate is high and that the area includes a blind school bus turnaround. Safety is the concern. He asked for the community's support to help raise awareness. Brian Prendergast spoke in favor of the purchase. Dave Lawrence asked if a speed study had been done? Carol Maloney said that yes, a speed study was done. She said she had asked the State to reduce the speed limit through Putnamville to 25mph, but the State rejected the appeal. However, the State did adjust the placement of the speed limit signs. Carol said they would welcome a mobile unit that can be shared throughout Middlesex. Amy Whitehorne pointed folks to page 36 of the Town Report. She spoke in favor of the motion. She asked how much did the speed study cost and who paid for it? Peter Hood said there was no cost to the town; the State did the study. Kathy Shapiro asked what evidence was available that these signs reduce speed? Albie replied it is just a basic reminder. LED lights at night seem to work and he asked for support. John Puelio anecdotally admitted that the flashing speed sign works for him. He spoke in favor of the motion. Jane Dudley moved that they change the wording to include the rotation of the devices throughout Middlesex. Sarah Seidman seconds. Discussion ensued on whether the amount is correct if the wording is changed. Robert Lucas offered that the portable speed carts are significantly more expensive than the permanent units. The current amount may purchase one, but not two. Ray Hickory agreed that the portable units are more expensive. Lisa Carlson echoed John's comment on the signs being a helpful reminder. She spoke in favor of the permanent signs. Albie asked if the Sheriff's budget is only half used, could the unused portion be reallocated. John Puelio called the question on the amendment; Dexter Lefavor seconds. All in favor. Voting now on the amendment to change the wording to include mobile units – the no's have it and the amendment is defeated. Discussion moves back to the Article as written. The discussion was interrupted at this point, 5:25 P.M., to move to the budget, Article 7.

This discussion is resumed at 6:27 P.M. Amy Whitehorne again referred voters to page 23 and the \$73,000 in special articles. She reminded voters that there is already more money in the Sheriff's budget for better oversight. Liz Scharf explained that the issue isn't the money available in the Sheriff's budget, there is a staff shortage. Robert Lucas added that there are other resources out there other than the Sheriff's office. He said State police could provide additional oversight and other towns can supplement. Peter replied that in the past Middlesex has contracted with the State and other departments, but they often run into the same staffing issues that do not allow them to fulfill the duties of the contract. Brian Prendergast said that the list of special articles does serve Middlesex residents. He added that he is a mentor for Boys and Girls First and this serves Middlesex students. He encourages the community to support these articles. Karen Gennette, Putnamville resident, added that after the budget discussion, she felt this Article may be in jeopardy, but wanted to use this as an education issue. She said Putnamville residents don't often see the State police in the area. She explained that last summer there was a car flipped over in the middle of the road which landed within feet of a family home – with three children. The response time to these occurrences is slow. Residents were out on the roads directing traffic. She recounted other near misses in recent memory and feels it is just a matter of time before a major incident occurs. She added, that whether it's an up or down vote, she hopes the community will eventually be able to do something to help this area. Emily Smith moved to call the question; Jeff Koonz seconded. Vote to call the question – nos were heard but the ayes have it. Voting begins on Article 9. Standing vote. Ayes have it and the article passes.

**ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$600 for the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation? (By Petition).** Jeff Koonz moved; Eric Benedict seconded. Peter Hood said he has been involved with the CVED for many years and pointed attendees to the report in the Town Meeting booklet. He spoke to support the organization. Vic Dwire asked the amount of the organizations total budget? Mr. Hood responded it is around \$800,000 and has two full-time employees. John Krezinski asked for an example of this organization benefiting anyone in town. Mary Skinner replied that the Red Hen Bakery has been a recipient. Peter Hood said that these funds are used to help local businesses in town and nearby businesses that employ Middlesex residents. Some examples include: Red Hen, Keurig and Cabot Cheese. Voting commences. Nos were heard but the ayes have it. Article passes.

**ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize expenditures of \$4,050 to support Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? (By Petition)** So moved by Dave Shepard, Lisa Carlson seconded. Wendy Freudlich spoke for the article. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$3,000 to support Community Connections? (By Petition)** So moved by Jeff Koonz; Brian Prendergast seconded. Chris Malone, director of Community Connections at Rumney, spoke for the organization saying it serves about 50% of Rumney students. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500 to support Girls/Boyz First Mentoring? (By Petition)** So moved by Brian Prendergast; Laura Lyle seconded. Jeff Koonz said this organization has been supporting about ten Middlesex kids a year and moved that we reduce the amount to \$500. Matt Dwire seconds. Wendy Freundlich spoke against the amendment. She said this program has been in the community for many years. It serves about thirty or forty kids a year, nine are from Middlesex. This year, eleven kids went to sleep away camp, and eight of them were from Middlesex. She spoke for the program to help the neediest kids in the community. Brian Prendergast shared some of his experience mentoring a twelve-year-old. He suggested that if you vote not to do this, buy yourself some coffee with the \$2.50 you will save. Lisa Carlson spoke against the amendment. She said if we can end up with students who are more likely to grow up and pay taxes and contribute to our economy, the better off we all are. She feels this is money very well spent. Voting an amendment commenced. The nos have it and the amendment fails. Voting on Article 13 as written. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$29,801 to support the Kellogg-Hubbard Library? (By Petition).** So moved by George Longenecker; John Puelio seconded. Sarah Seidman, new representative for the KHL, spoke for the article.

She acknowledged John Puelio's service as the previous representative. Amy Whitehorn said that last year she recommended the community reduce this amount. She stated that the town is paying per household for people that do not have library cards. She said KHL is a private library with an endowment and recently had a successful capital campaign. She encourages people vote no on this article and requests paper ballot voting. Susan Clark asks for a show of hands for paper ballot. Seven agreements are needed. More than seven people raised their hand; paper balloting is approved. Benjamyn Carlson discussed that usage numbers do not accurately reflect what goes on in a library. The library provides a safe and warm after-school and meet up place. He argued that the library serves the community in many ways and spoke for a favorable vote. Jess Clark is a school bus driver and has information from a fellow driver who drives the KHL route that five Rumney children are dropped at the library on some days. These children will still be welcome whether Middlesex pays this amount or not. Middlesex is overpaying per person usage with this amount. She moved that the limit be reduced to \$15,000; John Krezinski seconds. Hugo Lieppman offered that he is in and out of the library multiple times a week. He urged support for the full amount. August Burns said that every year there is a discussion on the library. She honors the argument that those on fixed income have difficulty supporting these increases. She asked the Select Board what, if anything, is available for tax relief at this time? What is the property tax relief mechanism for this town? Peter Hood responded that there is nothing available to mitigate town taxes. The property tax adjustment is for school taxes only. He wondered if a non-profit Middlesex Town organization to fund some of these things could be formed. Possibly. Wendy Freundlich said she wanted to make the connection that we are struggling as a town and as a state because of what is happening federally with our tax dollars. John Krezinski moves to call the question; Jeff Koonz seconds. Motion to call the question. Nos were heard, but the ayes have it. Voting on the amended article commences. The nos have it. The amendment fails. Back to the original article. John Puelio, echoes August Burns's sentiment. And he wanted to clear up a few things – the KHL is not a private organization. It is a private-public organization. If Middlesex only funded the folks in town with cards, it would reduce the amount going to KHL by \$5,000/\$6,000. He did not know how this would affect the library's operation. He added that not only Rumney, but many U32 students use the KHL. The money that Middlesex pays to support KHL only supports 3.2% of the KHL budget. He spoke in favor of the amendment. Vic Dwire said he feels the passion for this library but can still hear Sarah Merriman's plea. He argued that this money is better spent helping those working in the Town Hall. Fred McCullough said he has been listening to the KHL debate for many years but is not sure it is in the town's purview to deal with the library as a town instead of as an individual. He said there is nothing to stop individuals from donating. He added that a lot of this argument is not about the KHL, but about priorities and where everyone is struggling to pay their taxes. Lisa Carlson said that the town is not being given a choice on the radon or the KHL. She said she knows there are residents that are struggling to pay taxes. She hopes the Select Board can figure out tax relief because she wants to be able to support the library. She added that in terms of lower income people having access to information, libraries are the great equalizer. Kathy Shapiro, echoes what Wendy said regarding the connection between our struggles as a town and the use of our federal tax dollars. She encourages everyone to visit the library and take advantage of the community resource there. Since the hour is late and paper balloting requires some time, it is decided that dinner will be served during the meeting. Voting now on paper ballot (and enjoying dinner!). 80-31 in favor. Article passes.

**ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$7,000 for the support of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center to provide services to residents of the Town? (By Petition).** So moved by Susan Sussman; Julie Moore seconded. Linda Fenton said she and her husband do go to the Montpelier Senior Center and they signed a petition request for \$5,000. Why is it now at \$7,000? Hugo Lieppmann responded that on page 72 of the Town report they acknowledge they are increasing their funding request. He said that there is an increase in Middlesex residents using the Senior Center and they have increased their class offerings at great prices. Peter Hood confirmed that the petition the town received was for \$7,000. Voting commences. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program? (By Petition).** So moved by Eric Benedict. Lisa Carlson seconded. Vote. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Middlesex will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,368 to support the following organizations:**

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Big Heavy World	\$250.00
CV Adult Basic Ed	\$250.00
CV Council on Aging	\$250.00
CV Disaster Animal Response Team	\$100.00
Circle	\$199.00
Community Harvest of CV	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of CV	\$250.00
Green Mt. Transit Agency	\$249.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$250.00
Our House of CV	\$250.00
People's Health & Wellness	\$250.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$250.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
VT Family Network	\$250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Wash. County Diversion	\$250.00
Winooski Natural Resources District	\$250.00
Youth Service Bureau of Wash. County	\$175.00

So moved by Lisa Carlson; Kyle Landis-Marinello seconded. Liz Scharf addresses the issue of organizations asking for small amounts. She explained that these are often token request that helps raise visibility of the organization and can also be used as leverage when applying for larger grants or donations. Susan BetTmann asks if anyone knows about the organization called Big Heavy World. Bennett Shapiro replied that the organization provides support for the artists of all kinds. Voting commences. All in favor.

**ARTICLE 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.** Mary Nealon asked everyone to please take the survey Middlesex Trails. Liz Scharf thanked everyone for supporting the Middlesex Food Shelf. Susan Clark thanked the microphone runners!

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Approved and signed by the following:

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Peter O. Hood, Chair Middlesex Select Board

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Date

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Susan Clark, Moderator of the 2020 Middlesex Town Meeting

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Date

I attest that the above Minutes for the March 3, 2020 Middlesex Town Meeting were signed and recorded in the Middlesex Town records on

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Sarah Merriman, Middlesex Town Clerk

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