

Select Board Members
___ Peter Hood, Chair
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**MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**  
**INFORMATIONAL HEARING**  
**FOR THE**  
**MARCH 2, 2021 TOWN MEETING**  
**REMOTE BY ZOOM**  
**Middlesex Town Clerk's Office**  
**5 Church Street**  
**Middlesex, Vermont 05602**  
**(802) 223-5915**

**AGENDA**

*Due to public health concerns over COVID-19, the Select Board is holding its meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future. In order to listen to and participate in this public meeting, please see instructions below. \*\* If you encounter problems accessing the meeting, please call (802) 689-0719.*

6:00 PM Call to Order. Welcoming guests and explanation of this informational hearing the Select Board is holding per 17 V.S.A. §2680 (2)(A) which states: *the hearing shall be held within the 10 days preceding the meeting at which the Australian ballot system is to be used. The legislative body shall be responsible for the administration of this hearing, including the preparation of minutes.* The March 2, 2021 Town Meeting will be held by Australian Ballot due to COVID precautions.

**NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS HEARING**

6:10 Brief procedural overview of how to participate via Zoom including how to enter questions into Zoom's chat room and raise a virtual hand to speak.

\*Please note: the Select Board will hold discussion of the Town Budget (ARTICLE 4) at 6:15 PM to be followed by discussion of the new grader (ARTICLE 5) before addressing the rest of the March 2, 2021, Town Meeting Warning in order. For more information about the FY2021-22 Budget and Special Articles, please refer to the 2020 Town Report at:

[http://middlesexvermont.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FY2020\\_FINALTown-ReportALLPages.pdf](http://middlesexvermont.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FY2020_FINALTown-ReportALLPages.pdf)

6:15 **ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town of Middlesex vote to accept a fiscal year 2021-2022 budget of \$1,382,738 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same? Select Board members to present followed by questions from participants.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town of Middlesex voters authorize the Select Board to purchase a new grader in an amount not to exceed \$290,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 15 years? (24 V.S.A. § 1786a (c)) Select Board members to present followed by questions from participants.

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town of Middlesex 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 5:00 PM, August 20, 2021; the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, November 20, 2021; the third installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, February 20, 2022, and the fourth installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM, May 20, 2022, except if post marked by the US Postal Service on or before the aforementioned dates accordingly? (32 VSA Sec. 4773) Town Treasurer to present followed by questions from participants.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town of Middlesex charge an interest at the rate of 0.5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue tax installments from the applicable due dates? (32 VSA Sec. 5136) Treasurer to present followed by questions from participants.

**SPECIAL ARTICLES**

(The following articles will be presented by representatives from the requesting organizations, if available, followed by questions from participants.)

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the Middlesex Conservation Fund?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$600 to the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation?

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$4,050 to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to Community Connections?

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to Girls/Boyz First Mentoring?

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$29,801 to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library?

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center?

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the North Branch Nature Center? (By Petition)

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support the Waterbury Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program?

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,017 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
The Children's Room	\$250.00
Circle	\$199.00
Community Harvest of CV	\$250.00
Family Center of Wash. Cty	\$250.00
Good Beginnings of CV	\$250.00
Good Samaritan Haven	\$250.00
Green Mt. Transit Agency	\$249.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00
Montpelier Veterans Council	\$250.00
MOSAIC (Sex Assault Crisis Team)	\$250.00
Our House of Central VT	\$250.00
VT Association for the Blind	\$249.00
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

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town Voters authorize that all Special Articles requesting Town taxpayer funding, except the Annual Municipal Town Budget, be voted on by Australian ballot starting at the March 1, 2022 Town Meeting? (By Petition)

8:00 Discussion of whether to move regularly schedule March 2, 2021 Select Board meeting due to voting. Adjournment.

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go to:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7393380675>

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