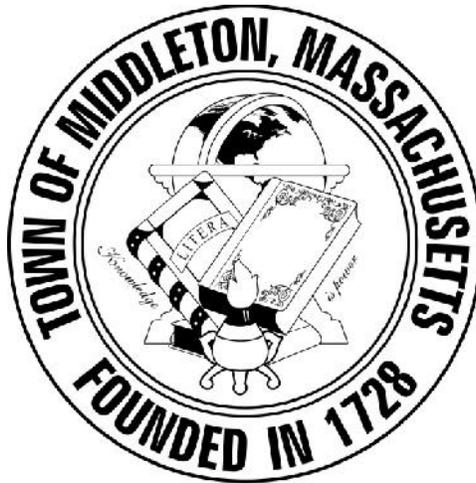


Town of Middleton Massachusetts



Special and Annual Town Meetings

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:25 P.M.

Special Town Meeting Warrant and Annual
Town Meeting Warrant for Fiscal Year 2017

Meeting to be held at Howe Manning School Gymnasium
26 Central Street, Middleton, MA

Dedication to Retired Town Administrator, Ira S. Singer



Town Administrator, Ira S. Singer retired on October 2, 2015 after 34 years of service to the Town. Before coming to Middleton in 1981, Ira worked as the Town Manager in China, Maine and City Manager in Hallowell, Maine. Ira served as the Town's second Town Administrator after the Town's Charter was changed in 1976 establishing the position of Town Administrator.

Notable accomplishments during Ira's tenure as Town Administrator include construction of the new Howe Manning Elementary School, rehabilitation and expansion of the Fuller Meadow School, refurbishing and expansion of the Flint Public Library, preservation and rehabilitation of Memorial and Old Town Halls, expansion of public safety staffing including upgrading and expanding the Fire and Police Stations, relocation and expansion of the MELD and DPW buildings, construction of the Town's Transfer Station and Recycling Center, reconstruction and signalization of Middleton Square, Howe Station, Forest Street and South Main Street, expansion of the public water distribution system, and development of dozens of streets, sidewalks and many fields and public open spaces. Ira also served as Chairman and Board Member of a number of other regional organizations including the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), a non-profit health insurance organization serving over 400 municipalities and other public entities, Essex Regional Retirement System, responsible for administering the public pension system for 47 local entities, and the Essex County Regional Emergency Communications Center in Middleton, the regional emergency dispatch center for five Essex County communities and wireless emergency communication center for Essex County.

Ira was committed to Middleton and had a great affinity for its residents. While most of the Town got to know Ira through watching Selectmen's meetings on local cable television or attending Town Meeting, others in the community experiencing the loss of a loved one or other personal issue, would regularly hear from Ira with a handwritten note of condolence and support. Even though Ira was regularly required to serve the role of taskmaster in tending to the needs of the community, he also demonstrated extraordinary professionalism and compassion to its residents. As stated by a member of the Board of Selectmen in a letter to the Tri-Town Transcript remembering Ira's time in Middleton: "Ira's knowledge, and 100% recall, was invaluable to the Selectmen as he assisted us in any decision we had to make. What many people do not see is how willing he is to let you take the credit for something done well, while absorbing any and all of the criticism that should be directed to the Board. Ira's legacy may be that he made all of those he worked with look and be better." As colleagues and friends, we recognize Ira's contributions in making Middleton the special community it is, and wish him a cheerful and content retirement.

Congratulations to the following recent retirees from Town service

Sarah B George - Middleton Town Clerk 28 years of service, Middleton Planning Board, Middleton Historical Commission

Lenny Ferreira - Middleton Electric Light Department, Middleton Police Department

Diane Anderson - Grade 1 School Teacher at Middleton Elementary School

Sue Costas - Grade 3 School Teacher at Middleton Elementary School

Jen Fuller - Grade 1 School Teacher at Middleton Elementary School

Ann Montani - Physical Education Teacher Middleton Elementary School

Debra Vickerman - Grade 2 School Teacher Middleton Elementary School

We thank you for your outstanding dedication and service to the residents of Middleton.

Middleton Board of Selectmen

Christine Lindberg, Chairperson

Todd Moreschi, Secretary

Brian M. Cresta

Timothy P. Houten

Kosta E. Prentakis

Andrew J. Sheehan, Town Administrator

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**TOWN OF MIDDLETON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 10, 2016**

ESSEX s.s.

To the Constable of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Howe Manning School Gymnasium at 26 Central Street in said Middleton on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016, at 7:25 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

1. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$287,939 to complete the funding of the Fiscal Year 2016 Masconomet Regional School District assessment, and to see if such funds will be raised by transfer from Free Cash, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The \$287,939 in Article 2 completes the funding request of the Masconomet School Committee as certified at their March 18, 2015 meeting for a total operating budget assessment to the Town of Middleton of \$8,583,962. The remaining \$8,296,023 was included in the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Budget in Article 4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting representing the base budget proposed within the fiscal limits of Proposition 2½.

Under the regional school agreement, each community is obligated to fund its assessment if two-thirds of the member communities vote to fund their assessments. Town Meetings in Topsfield and Boxford voted in 2015 to fully fund their assessments contingent upon Proposition 2½ overrides and both communities passed overrides. Under the regional school agreement, Middleton has no choice but to fund its assessment, even though the override did not pass in Middleton.

2. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,845 to complete the funding of the Fiscal Year 2016 Essex North

Shore Agricultural and Technical School District assessment, and to see if such funds will be raised by transfer from Free Cash, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The \$117,845 in Article 3 completes the funding request of the Essex North Shore Agricultural Technical School Committee as requested for a total operating budget assessment to the Town of Middleton of \$478,754. The remaining \$360,909 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Budget in Article 4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting representing the base budget proposed within the fiscal limits of Proposition 2½.

Under the regional school agreement each community is obligated to fund its assessment if two-thirds of the member communities vote to fund their assessments. Town Meetings and City Councils in more than two-thirds of the Essex Tech communities voted in 2015 to fully fund their assessments. Under the regional school agreement Middleton has no choice but to fund its assessment, even though the Proposition 2½ override did not pass in Middleton.

3. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer between and among various accounts, or transfer from available funds to supplement the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budgets; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: This article is to transfer funds and supplement monies, if necessary, to meet departmental expenses in the current fiscal year.

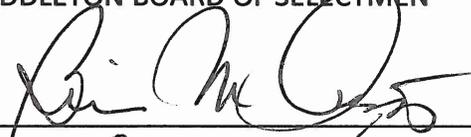
End of Special Town Meeting Warrant

And you are directed to service this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Memorial Hall, Post Office, Store at Howe Station Market, Ferncroft Towers and Fuller Pond Village in said Town fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

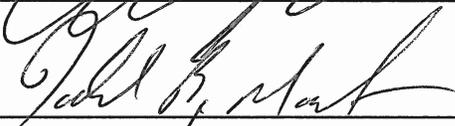
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereof, to the Town Clerk at time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12 day of APRIL in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A true copy Attest:

s. _____
Constable of the Town of Middleton

Date Posted



**FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON
Report for Annual Town Meeting
May 10, 2016**

April 14, 2016

Dear Residents of Middleton:

The Finance Committee welcomes you to Town Meeting.

Town Meeting is an extremely important tool in governing Middleton. It is the single most significant way we can hear from you to determine how you want your community to operate and understand your priorities. The decisions of how to govern Middleton are made by you, by vote at Town Meeting, and then if necessary, at the voting booth. We are mandated to follow your decisions from these actions. Your participation and vote at Town Meeting is crucial. We encourage all registered voters of Middleton to come to Town Meeting, and welcome to those of you attending, voice their opinions, and tell us what you want for Middleton.

Included herein are the Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year 2017 ("FY 17"). As always, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have worked diligently on your behalf to present a budget that we believe addresses the concerns and priorities of the entire community, and its appeal to the quality of life, while at the same time balances available revenues. The budget presented to you is balanced, however, an override is required to address the services we believe you desire and expect. Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant is the Omnibus budget for FY17, and Article 5 is a proposed Override. We believe that this budget takes into consideration the needs of the entire community while balancing the multiple needs and priorities of the entire town and its citizens.

The proposed FY17 budget is \$31,932,155 plus an override of \$350,000. This is an increase of 5.7% over the proposed 2015 Annual Town Meeting budget as presented to you at the Special Town Meeting of May 10, 2016. The following table outlines the budget changes:

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>May 16 ATM</i>		<i>May 16 STM</i>		<i>\$ Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>
	<i>Proposed FY 17 (Art. 4&5)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>FY 16</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		
Town Personal Services	\$5,608,842	17%	\$5,244,439	17%	\$364,403	6.9%
Town Contractual Services	\$1,824,313	6%	\$1,808,626	6%	\$15,687	0.9%
Town Retirement, Health Ins., and Unclassified	\$2,245,011	7%	\$2,115,861	7%	\$129,150	6.1%
Social Agency Funds	\$38,500	0%	\$38,500	0%	\$0	0.0%
Elementary Schools	\$11,064,674	34%	\$10,390,188	34%	\$674,486	6.5%
Howe Manning School Debt Service, net	\$937,330	3%	\$938,755	3%	(\$1,425)	-0.2%
Fuller Meadow Debt Expense	\$0	0%	\$335,775	1%	(\$335,775)	-100.0%
Bond Fee/Other Debt Expense	\$32,320	0%	\$4,025	0%	\$28,295	703.0%
Library Debt Service, net	\$292,019	1%	\$304,705	1%	(\$12,686)	-4.2%
11 South Main Street Debt Service, net	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0.0%
Masconomet Building Debt Service	\$387,862	1%	\$382,050	1%	\$5,812	1.5%
Masconomet Regional School Budget	\$9,116,409	28%	\$8,583,962	28%	\$532,447	6.2%
Essex Technical School Budget	\$611,535	2%	\$478,754	2%	\$132,781	27.7%
Overlay Tax Abatements/Refunds	\$275,000	1%	\$326,344	1%	(\$51,344)	-15.7%
Tax Title	\$33,000	0%	\$33,000	0%	\$0	0.0%
Total	\$32,466,815		\$30,984,984		\$1,481,831	4.8%

To present a balanced budget, we have proposed the following revenue sources:

<i>Article #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Proposed Spending</i>	<i>Source</i>
4	Omnibus Budget	\$31,314,149	Taxation
		\$12,000	Senior Center Fees/NSES Grants
		\$24,000	Fire Alarm Fees
		\$360,000	Ambulance Fund Transfer
		\$184,660	Water Fund Receipts
		\$33,000	Cellular Tower Lease Receipts
		\$189,006	PEG Transfer
	General Fund Totals	<u>\$32,116,815</u>	
5	Contingent addition to Omnibus Budget	\$350,000	Prop. 2 1/2 Override

At the May, 2015 Annual Town Meeting a proposed override was requested and eventually turned down by the voters of Middleton. That override was for an increase to the Masconomet and Essex Agricultural school systems. While the override was rejected, Middleton was still obligated to pay the increases as we are part of a multi-community system and the majority of the participating towns approved their increases. By law we are forced to pay the bill, hence the request at the Special Town Meeting on May 10, 2016 will be to pay for this one time pending expense from Free Cash. Unfortunately, this unfunded expense created a structural deficit that affects FY17 budget and beyond. Free Cash is a one-time Band-Aide solution and does not resolve the on-going funding short fall (also referred to as a structural deficit).

The proposed override of Article 5, as well as other measures the Board of Selectmen have wisely adopted, is to address the structural deficit and adequately fund FY17 and beyond. Should Middleton voters reject this override, Middleton again will be obligated to fund the Masconomet and Essex Agricultural schools as required by law and thus resulting in budget cuts for other services of the Town. We estimate the Tax Rate for FY2017 to be \$14.38 with the approval of the Operating Budget. This represents a 3.5% increase. The Tax Rate will increase by an additional \$0.19, or 1.4%, if the override passes. The projected impact of approving the Operating Budget and Override would increase taxes on a home valued at \$500,000 by \$341.80 or 4.9%.

The Elementary Schools budget request has increased again this year due to additional employees and Special Education expenses. These two items continue to be key drivers of their annual budget increases. To address this issue, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee is asking Town Meeting to approve the creation of a Stabilization Fund (Article 47). Future Town Meetings would be requested to approve periodic appropriation of available funds (such as Free Cash) to build a savings account. The purpose of this would be to mitigate spikes in Special Education charges and stabilize the impact to Property Taxes. Another request we are asking is a Reserve Fund for SPED (Article 48), which requires Special Legislation. When we come to Town Meeting to approve the budget, SPED cost included in the budget is the best available data at the time. But when the school year starts, SPED cost can verify due to the needs of the students. The reserve fund purpose is to have access to react to SPED changes during the operating year. SPED has been a contributor to our structural deficit. The override and the rainy day funds we are asking for is an attempt to remedy the structural deficit.

Town Meeting is also being asked to approve various capital projects paid from Free Cash amounting to \$1,103,068. These requests are made to properly position our departments to provide the necessary services Middleton residents expect, and to maintain the Taxpayer’s assets. Here’s a summary:

Capital Projects from free cash	Amount Requested
Natsue Way remediation	\$165,000
LED Street lights	\$95,000
Police radios, building repairs and furnishings	\$68,998
Fire hoses, repairs to Engine, gear, radios and training	\$82,000
Public Facility study	\$50,000
Essex Agricultural capital equipment	\$14,070
Technology Upgrades	\$78,000
Free Cash Transfer to reduce tax rate	\$350,000
Transfer to Stabilization Fund	\$100,000
Post-Employment Benefits Fund	\$100,000
	\$1,103,068

The Natsue Way project continues to be active and we expect to bring this to next year’s Town Meeting for a vote, based on feedback from the community for additional recreational space.

Finally, thank you for joining us at Town Meeting!

Sincerely,

Middleton Finance Committee

Steve Cocciardi, Co-Chair
 Michelle Cresta
 John Erickson
 Toni Mertz

Richard S. Gregorio, Co-Chair
 George E. Dow Sr.
 John Mahoney

Middleton Finance Committee Fiscal Year 2017 Warrant Articles

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		\$33,000	Cellular Tower Lease Receipts
		\$189,006	PEG Transfer
	General Fund Totals	<u>\$32,116,815</u>	

5 Contingent addition to Omnibus Budget \$350,000 Prop. 2 1/2 Override

Other Articles	Description	Sponsor	Amount of Article	Free Cash	CPA	Overlay Reserve	Ambulance Fund	Other Funding Sources	Fincom	Comments	
1	Committee Reports	Moderator	N/A						N/A		
2	Authorization to Borrow	Treasurer	N/A						N/A		
3	Personnel Plan	BOS	N/A						Yes		
4	Omnibus Budget (See Above)	BOS\Fincom	\$32,116,815						Yes	Various Funding Sources	
5	Town wide Override	BOS\Fincom	\$350,000						Yes	Funding from Taxation	
6	Adoption Local Meals Tax	BOS							Yes	\$200k est. annual benefit	
7	Community Preservation Budget	CPC	\$173,494		\$173,494				Yes		
8	Reauthorize Various Revolvers	BOS	\$135,000					\$135,000	Yes	Funding from Service Fees	
9	Tailings	Town Acct	N/A						Yes	Unclaimed Check process	
10	PEG Special Revenue adoption	Town Acct	N/A						Yes		
11	SESD Enterprise Fund	Town Acct	N/A						Yes		
12	Sewer Enterprise expenses	Town Acct	\$118,695					\$118,695	Yes	Funding from Sewer fees	
13	MGL adoption-municipal charges due dates and interest	Town Acct	N/A						Yes		
14	Sewer charges lien authorization	Town Acct	N/A						Yes		
15	Old Hundred Lane paving	BOS	\$23,500			\$23,500			Yes	1/2 paid by abutters	
16	Natsue Way remediation	BOS	\$165,000	\$165,000					Yes		
17	Natsue Way land transfer	BOS	N/A						Yes		
18	Cumberland Farms easement	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning	
19	LED Street lights	BOS	\$95,000	\$95,000					Yes		
20	Public Works asset repairs	DPW	\$8,000			\$8,000			Yes		
21	Acceptance of Chp 90 Funding	DPW	Unknown					Unknown	Yes	State Funding	
22	River Street Water main	DPW	\$450,000					\$450,000	Yes	Water Enterprise Fund	
23	Police radios, building repairs and furnishings	Police Chief	\$68,998	\$68,998					Yes		
24	Fire hoses, repairs to Engine, gear, radios and training	Fire Chief	\$96,000	\$82,000		\$14,000			Yes		
25	Fire Ambulance	Fire Chief	\$255,000				\$255,000		Yes		
26	Public Facility study	BOS	\$50,000	\$50,000					Yes		
27	Elementary Schools IT equipment	MSC	\$52,300			\$52,300			Yes		
28	Elementary Schools Accounting\HR software	MSC	\$22,000			\$22,000			Yes		
29	Essex Agricultural capital equipment	ESC	\$14,070	\$14,070					Yes	Middleton's share	
30	Assessors consulting for triennial certification	BOA	\$5,200			\$5,200			Yes	Overlay reserve	
31	Technology Upgrades	BOS	\$78,000	\$78,000					Yes		
32	Private petition biodiesel regulating	Citizen	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Petitioner	
33	Woodbury Lane Street acceptance	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
34	Lavoie Lane Street acceptance	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
35	Flying Fox Circle acceptance	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
36	Smith Crossing drainage easement	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
37	Liberty Street right-of-way	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
38	Zoning Board Bylaw section 2.3 "Zoning Map" amendment	ZBA	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
39	Planning Board Zoning Bylaw Section 4.1.2 amendment	Plan Board	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
40	Zoning Bylaw section 3.1 "Principal Uses" amendment	BOS	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
41	Zoning Bylaw section 4 "Dimensional Requirements"	Plan Board	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Planning Board	
42	MELD Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT)	MELD	N/A						Yes	\$220,000 payment	
43	MELD expenditures	MELD							Yes	No budget received	
44	Free Cash Transfer to reduce tax rate	BOS	\$350,000	\$350,000					Yes		
45	Transfer to Stabilization Fund	BOS	\$100,000	\$100,000					Yes		
46	Post-Employment Benefits Fund	BOS	\$100,000	\$100,000					Yes		
47	Special Education Stabilization Fund	BOS	\$100,000			\$100,000			Yes		
48	Special Legislation SPED Reserve Fund	BOS	N/A						Yes		
49	Conservation Commission land acquisition	Con Com	N/A						Deferred	Deferred to Conservation	
				\$34,927,072	\$1,103,068	\$173,494	\$225,000	\$255,000	\$703,695		

Town of Middleton
Summary of Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 Operating Budget Totals
As Adopted (FY 2016) and Proposed (FY 2017) - Excludes Proposed FY17 Override

Part I Town Operating Budget	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	(Decrease) Increase In Dollars \$	Percent + or - Change	Percent of Operating Budget	Percent of Budget Increase
<i>Schools</i>						
Local School Budget	\$10,390,188	\$10,909,674	\$519,486	5.0%	34.2%	39.8%
Masconomet Budget	\$8,296,023	\$9,116,409				
<i>Failed May 18, 2015 Override</i>	<i>\$287,939</i>					
Subtotal - Masconomet	\$8,583,962	\$9,116,409	\$532,447	6.2%	28.5%	40.8%
Masconomet School Debt Service	\$382,050	\$387,862	\$5,812	1.5%	1.2%	0.4%
Fuller Meadow School Debt Service	\$335,775	\$0	(\$335,775)	-100.0%	0.0%	-25.7%
Howe Manning School Debt Service	\$938,755	\$937,330	(\$1,425)	-0.2%	2.9%	-0.1%
Essex Technical High School Budget	\$360,909	\$611,535				
<i>Failed May 18, 2015 Override</i>	<i>\$117,845</i>					
Subtotal - Essex Technical HS	\$478,754	\$611,535	\$132,781	27.7%	1.9%	10.2%
All School Totals	\$20,703,700	\$21,962,810	\$853,326	6.1%	68.8%	65.3%
Town Operating Budgets	\$7,091,565	\$7,394,995	\$303,430	4.3%	23.2%	23.2%
Health Insurance, Retirement, Unclassified	\$2,115,861	\$2,250,011	\$134,150	6.3%	7.0%	10.3%
Flint Library Debt Service (Reduced by CPA Offset)	\$304,705	\$292,019	(\$12,686)	-4.2%	0.9%	-1.0%
Bond Paying Fee/Other Debt Expenses	\$4,025	\$32,320	\$28,295	703.0%	0.1%	2.2%
<i>Howe Manning School Debt Service (Bond Premium Offset)</i>	<i>\$25,844</i>	<i>\$25,844</i>	<i>\$0</i>			
<i>11 South Main Street Debt Service (All Debt Service Paid via CPA Fund)</i>	<i>\$39,450</i>	<i>\$43,475</i>	<i>\$4,025</i>			
Town General Government Totals	\$9,516,156	\$9,969,345	\$453,189	4.8%	31.2%	34.7%
Part I Operating Budget Totals	\$30,219,856	\$31,932,155	\$1,306,515	5.7%	100%	100%
Part II Water Operating Budget						
Water Operating Budget	\$152,844	\$171,905	\$19,061	12.5%	93.1%	
Water Line Debt Service	\$48,858	\$12,755	(\$36,103)	-73.9%	6.9%	
Part II Water Budget Totals	\$201,702	\$184,660	(\$17,042)	-8.4%	100.0%	
Part I & II Operating Budget Totals	\$30,421,558	\$32,116,815	\$1,695,257	5.6%		

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN
TOWN OF MIDDLETON
MARCH 28, 2016**

The voters of Middleton adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) with a 1% surcharge at Town Meeting in May 2004 and at the ballot on November 2, 2004.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was authorized by the Annual Town Meeting in May 2004 with the Town Moderator as the appointing authority. The members are:

Timothy Houten, Board of Selectmen, 2016
Robert Murphy, Master Plan Committee, 2018
Steven Cocciardi, Finance Committee, 2016
Chris Lindberg, Planning Board, 2018
Ilene Twiss, Housing Authority, 2017
Thomas Skinner, Conservation Commission, 2016
Mary Tragert, Historical Commission, 2017
Mary Ann Erickson, Citizen-at-large, 2018
Kosta Prentakis, Citizen-at-large, 2017

The CPA requires at least 10% of each year's funds be spent or reserved for open space, historic preservation and affordable housing. CPA funds that are not expended in one year may be carried over to subsequent years. However, once CPA funds are reserved for a specific purpose, they must ultimately be used for that purpose. The remaining 70% of CPA funds in each fiscal year are available to be appropriated or reserved, according to the Town's discretion, for open space, historic preservation, affordable housing and recreation. Also 5% of annual CPA funds may be appropriated and used for administrative activities of the Community Preservation Committee.

The CPC is primarily a source of funding, rather than an initiator of projects. Town Boards, Departments and citizens may bring proposals for funding to the CPC. The CPC will give favorable consideration to those proposals that best meet our guidelines and goals. While the CPC does not have the power to appropriate funds for particular projects, Town Meeting may use CPA funds only with the recommendation of the CPC.

Goals:

Open Space:

1. Preserve Middleton's small town image
2. Protect valuable water resources and unique wildlife habitat areas
3. Increase and connect existing protected areas
4. Protect large tracts of undeveloped land

Recreation:

1. Provide for better recreational utilization of currently town owned land and facilities
2. Decentralize appropriate activities to neighborhood locations

Historic Preservation:

1. Preservation and enhancement of municipally owned properties of historical, archeological, architectural or cultural significance
2. Acquisition of threatened properties of particular historical, archeological, architectural or cultural significance
3. Encouraging the private sector to preserve assets of historical, archeological, architectural or cultural or cultural significance
4. Cataloguing resources of historical, archeological, architectural or cultural or cultural significance

Affordable Housing:

1. Meet local housing needs along the full range of incomes, while promoting diversity and stability of individuals and families in Middleton
2. Ensure that new affordable housing is harmonious with the community and its neighborhood
3. Leverage other public and private resources to the greatest extent possible.

Selection Criteria:

1. Consistency with Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan and other planning documents that have or will receive wide community scrutiny and input
2. Preservation of currently owned Town assets
3. Affordability and provision for cost/funding that is compatible with the Town's financial plan
4. Preservation of a resource or opportunity that would otherwise be lost
5. Feasibility
6. Involvement of multiple CPA purposes
7. Involvement of multiple sources of funding
8. Compliance with Middleton Zoning By-laws

Adopted by the Community Preservation Committee on March 28, 2016

Community Preservation Plan 2016 Town Meeting Update

	ANTICIPATED REVENUE	OPEN SPACE RESERVE	HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE	AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE	FUND BALANCE	TOTAL AVAILABLE CPA FUNDS	PROJECT TOTAL
Unused appropriations		0	0	0	0		
6/30/16 Projected balances		\$322	\$322	\$164,608	\$118,676	\$283,928	
				RECEIVABLE	\$0		
				CASH BALANCE	\$118,676		
Fiscal Year 2017 Revenue							
FY17 anticipated Town share (estimated)	184,000						
FY17 state match based on 15% of FY16 (estimated)	26,745						
	210,745	25,411	25,411	25,411	134,512		
Fiscal Year 2016 Expenses							
Flint Public Library renovation & expansion 5/10/05 ATM (HP)			(25,733)		(26,953)		52,686
Debt service on 11 South Main land purchase 5/11/10 ATM (OS)		(25,733)			(17,742)		43,475
CPC admin budget					(1,100)		1,100
Natsue Way Development Reserve					(60,000)		
Interest earned							
Unused appropriations							
6/30/17 Balances		\$0	\$0	\$190,019	\$147,393	\$337,412	
				RECEIVABLE	\$0		
				CASH BALANCE	\$147,393		

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 10, 2016**

ESSEX s.s.

To the Constable of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Howe Manning School Gymnasium, 26 Central Street in said Middleton on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 next, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

1. To hear and act on Committee Reports:

- School Committee
- Finance Committee
- Master Plan Committee
- Other Committees

2. On petition of the Treasurer to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; or take any other action relative thereto.

3. On petition of the Board of Selectmen acting in the capacity of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Consolidated Personnel Plan SECTION 7.08 as follows; or take any other action relative thereto:

4. On petition of the Finance Committee to approve of the Omnibus Budget for Fiscal Year 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: This article requests approval of the Town operating budget for the coming fiscal year.

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Employees For Fiscal Year 2017**

Position/Title:	Actual July 1, 2015	Proposed July 1, 2016
Town Officials (Elected)		
Town Moderator	\$200/Yr.	\$200/Yr.
Town Constable	\$200/Yr.	\$200/Yr.
Town Clerk	\$68,458/Yr.	\$69,827/Yr.
Selectman-Chairman	\$2,100/Yr.	\$2,100/Yr.
Selectman	\$1,600/Yr.	\$1,600/Yr.
School Committee Member*	\$600/Yr.	\$600/Yr.
Assessor - Each Member **	\$2,000/Yr.	\$2,000/Yr.
*School Committee members have agreed to forgo their FY16 and FY17 stipends		
**Range of \$500-\$2,000 depending upon education/training level		
Non-Union Appointed Employees		
<u>General Government and Miscellaneous</u>		
Census Workers	\$20.29/Hr.	\$20.70/Hr.
Poll Officers	\$16.34/Hr.	\$16.67/Hr.
Poll Workers	\$11.65/Hr.	\$11.88/Hr.
Superintendent of Burials	\$500/Yr.	\$500/Yr.
Registrar of Voters	\$100/Election, Per Member	\$100/Election, Per Member
Clerk-Registrar of Voters	\$300/Yr.	\$350/Yr.
Committee and Board Secretaries	\$117/Meeting	\$119/Meeting
<u>Finance and Administration</u>		
Assistant Town Administrator	\$85,400/Yr.	\$88,816/Yr.
Assistant Town Treasurer/Collector	\$49,763/Yr.	\$50,758/Yr.
Administrative Secretary	\$21.49/Hr.	\$21.92/Hr.
Custodian of Town Lands	\$2,500/Yr.	\$2,500/Yr.
Administrative Assessor	\$44,740/Yr.	\$45,635/Yr.
Assistant Town Clerk	\$38,776/Yr.	\$39,552/Yr.
<u>Health and Human Services</u>		
Public Health Nurse	\$36.48/Hr.	\$37.21/Hr.
Conservation Agent	\$29,754/Yr.	\$30,349/Yr.
Veteran Service Officer	\$13,782/Yr.	\$14,471/Yr.
Council on Aging Director	\$49,574/Yr.	\$50,566/Yr.
Assistant Outreach Worker	\$16.50/Hr.	\$16.83/Hr.
Van Driver	\$16.50/Hr.	\$16.83/Hr.

**Town of Middleton Compensation Plan For Non-Union
Employees For Fiscal Year 2016**

Position/Title:	Actual July 1, 2015	Proposed July 1, 2016
Meal Site Coordinator	\$18.70/Hr.	\$19.08/Hr.
Reserve: Drivers and Meal Site Employees	\$14.60/Hr.	\$14.90/Hr.
Coordinator/Office Manager	\$18.75/Hr.	\$19.13/Hr.
Cook	\$14.60/Hr.	\$14.90/Hr.
Staff Support	\$13.00/Hr.	\$13.26/Hr.
 <u>Public Safety</u>		
Animal Control Officer	\$19,431/Yr.	\$19,820/Yr.
 <u>Public Works</u>		
Deputy Superintendent	\$73,475/Yr.	\$74,945/Yr.
CDL Plow/Sander Operator	\$23.90/Hr.	\$24.38/Hr.
Part Time Truck Driver	\$13.95/Hr.	\$14.23/Hr.
Part Time Laborer	\$11.67/Hr.	\$11.90/Hr.
Transfer Station Gate Attendant	\$14.44/Hr.	\$14.73/Hr.
 <u>Planning and Inspections</u>		
Wiring Inspector	\$18,459/Yr.	\$18,828/Yr.
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	\$18,459/Yr.	\$18,828/Yr.
Alternate Inspectors: Wiring, Gas/Plumbing	\$25.15/Hr.	\$25.65/Hr.
Local Building Inspector	\$27.90/Hr.	\$28.46/Hr.
Alternate Local Building Inspector	\$25.15/Hr.	\$25.65/Hr.
Town Planner	\$62,000/Yr.	\$63,240/Yr.
 <u>Flint Public Library</u>		
Assistant Director: Steps 1-6	\$21.00-\$24.54/Hr.	\$21.42-\$25.21/Hr.
Other Librarians: Adult Services, Children's, Reference, Steps 1-6	\$18.37-\$21.53/Hr.	\$18.74-\$22.12/Hr.
Library Building Custodian	\$18.80/Hr.	\$19.18/Hr.
Pages	\$9.86-\$10.54/Hr.	\$10.06-\$10.83/Hr.
 <u>Summer Recreation Program</u>		
Program Director	\$21.58/Hr.	\$22.01/Hr.
Program Assistant	\$13.17/Hr.	\$13.43/Hr.
Recreation Assistants	\$9.00/Hr.	\$10.00/Hr.

Other Appointed Town & School Official Salaries (Not Subject to Approval of Compensation Plan)

These positions are included for informational purposes only (as salaries are set by contract and other statutes)

	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
Masconomet School Superintendent	\$191,768/Yr.	*
Masconomet Chief Financial Officer	\$154,895/Yr.	*
Masconomet High School Principal	\$133,824/Yr.	*
Masconomet Middle School Principal	\$123,420/Yr.	*
Tri-Town Sch. Union Superintendent	\$170,000/Yr.	\$158,000/Yr.
Tri-Town Sch. Union Assistant Superintendent of Operations	\$142,000/Yr.	\$146,000/Yr.
Fuller Meadow School Principal	\$102,838/Yr.	\$102,838/Yr.
Howe Manning School Principal	\$114,225/Yr.	\$105,000/Yr.
Middleton Electric Light Manager	\$180,325/Yr.	*
Town Administrator	\$135,000/Yr.	\$120,000/Yr.
Fire Chief	\$115,992/Yr.	\$118,717/Yr.
Police Chief	\$122,645/Yr.	\$128,384/Yr.
Town Accountant/CFO	\$87,500/Yr.	\$89,250/Yr.
Treasurer/Collector	\$73,573/Yr.	\$75,044/Yr.
Assessor/Appraiser	\$76,500/Yr.	\$80,000/Yr.
Library Director	\$70,538/Yr.	\$72,499/Yr.
Building Commissioner	\$83,756/Yr.	\$85,431/Yr.
Superintendent of Public Works	\$99,570/Yr.	\$101,561/Yr.
Public Health Director	\$86,564/Yr.	\$95,000/Yr.
Cable PEG Access Director	\$21,651/Yr.	\$22,084/Yr.

*Not established by printing deadline

		Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND						
FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Department #114 TOWN MODERATOR						
5100	Personal Services	200	200	200	200	200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Department #122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATOR						
5100	Personal Services	197,330	200,716	262,056	262,056	262,056
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	22,435	22,435	20,500	20,500	20,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$219,765	\$223,151	\$282,556	\$282,556	\$282,556
<i>Note: Selectmen/Administrator FY17 budget now reflects expenses associated with Town Administrator's Office oversight of Public, Education, Government (PEG) cable television access broadcasting. Additional PEG related personnel and supplies expenses have also been added under the new Information Technology departmental budget.</i>						
Department #131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
5100	Personal Services	1,824	1,874	1,912	1,912	1,912
5200	Purchase of Service/Supplies	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$73,324	\$73,374	\$73,412	\$73,412	\$73,412
Department #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT						
5100	Personal Services	122,565	124,578	116,685	116,685	116,685
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	50,590	63,340	6,775	6,775	6,775
5800	Capital Outlay	1,300	0	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$174,455	\$187,918	\$123,460	\$123,460	\$123,460

Note: Contractual Services expenses have be transferred to the new Information Technology departmental budget.

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
Department #141 ASSESSORS					
5100 Personal Services	140,326	146,232	150,675	150,675	150,675
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	22,150	22,145	19,480	19,480	19,480
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$162,476	\$168,377	\$170,155	\$170,155	\$170,155
Department #145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR					
5100 Personal Services	161,954	166,451	169,899	169,899	169,899
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	40,800	40,800	40,800	40,800	40,800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$202,754	\$207,251	\$210,699	\$210,699	\$210,699
Department #146 CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS					
5100 Personal Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Department #151 TOWN COUNSEL					
5200 Purchase of Services	45,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Department #155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
5100 Personal Services	0	0	74,278	74,278	74,278
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	0	0	121,330	121,330	121,330
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$195,608	\$195,608	\$195,608

Note: Information Technology is a new department established in the FY17 budget. This budget consolidates most Town IT related expenditures into one budget and includes many expenditures previously paid out of other departmental budgets.

		Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
Department #161 TOWN CLERK						
5100	Personal Services	104,363	107,234	109,379	109,379	109,379
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	5,345	6,530	9,085	9,085	9,085
5800	Capital Outlay	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$115,208	\$118,764	\$123,464	\$123,464	\$123,464
Department #162 ELECTIONS/ REGISTRATIONS						
5100	Personal Services	13,061	10,401	18,299	18,299	18,299
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	7,225	6,125	6,950	6,950	6,950
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$20,286	\$16,526	\$25,249	\$25,249	\$25,249
Department #171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
5100	Personal Services	25,689	39,123	34,838	34,838	34,838
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	3,300	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$28,989	\$42,423	\$38,338	\$38,338	\$38,338
Department #175 PLANNING BOARD						
5100	Personal Services	30,868	72,911	84,788	84,788	84,788
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	4,810	7,210	8,460	8,460	8,460
<i>Note: In Fiscal Year 2015 the Town Planner salary was split 50/50 between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, the Fiscal Year 2016 budget consolidated the Town Planner salary and expenses under the Planning Board budget.</i>						
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$35,678	\$80,121	\$93,248	\$93,248	\$93,248
Department #176 BOARD OF APPEALS						
5100	Personal Services	50,489	19,445	2,149	2,149	2,149
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	10,950	9,150	9,150	9,150	9,150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$61,439	\$28,595	\$11,299	\$11,299	\$11,299

		Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
Department #181 MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE/LAND ACQUISITION						
5100	Personal Services	1,026	1,055	1,071	1,071	1,071
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	0	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,026	\$1,155	\$1,171	\$1,171	\$1,171
Department #192 TOWN BUILDINGS						
5100	Personal Services	36,160	37,154	37,897	37,897	37,897
5200	Purchase of Services/Supplies	65,452	69,952	63,800	63,800	63,800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		101,612	\$107,106	\$101,697	\$101,697	\$101,697
TOTAL GEN. GOVERNMENT FUNCTION 100		\$1,244,712	\$1,317,461	\$1,513,056	\$1,513,056	\$1,513,056

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
FUNCTION 200: PUBLIC SAFETY					
Department #210 POLICE DEPARTMENT					
5100 Personal Services	1,258,410	1,368,801	1,433,556	1,373,556	1,373,556
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	184,144	186,339	219,585	219,585	219,585
5800 Capital Outlay	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$1,448,554	\$1,561,140	\$1,659,141	\$1,599,141	\$1,599,141
Department #220 FIRE DEPARTMENT					
5100 Personal Services	1,363,690	1,436,496	1,517,750	1,452,750	1,452,750
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	174,796	176,524	177,424	177,424	177,424
5800 Capital Outlay	18,000	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$1,556,486	\$1,631,020	\$1,712,174	\$1,647,174	\$1,647,174
Department #241 INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT					
5100 Personal Services	170,717	175,831	206,918	206,918	206,918
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	27,150	27,050	30,100	30,100	30,100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$197,867	\$202,881	\$237,018	\$237,018	\$237,018

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
Department #292 ANIMAL CONTROL					
5100 Personal Services	21,525	22,045	22,434	22,434	22,434
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	5,900	5,900	3,200	3,200	3,200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$27,425	\$27,945	\$25,634	\$25,634	\$25,634
Department #296 TOWN CONSTABLE					
5100 Personal Services	200	200	200	200	200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION 200	\$3,230,532	\$3,423,186	\$3,634,167	\$3,509,167	\$3,509,167

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
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**FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND
FUNCTION 300: EDUCATION**

FUNCTION: 300: EDUCATION

Department #301 MIDDLETON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	6,672,609	7,006,248	7,091,285	6,936,285	6,936,285
5200	Purchase of Services /Supplies	3,222,796	3,383,940	3,973,389	3,973,389	3,973,389

DEPARTMENT TOTAL **\$9,895,405** **\$10,390,188** **\$11,064,674** **\$10,909,674** **\$10,909,674**

Note: Article 5 of this Warrant includes an additional \$155,000 as a Proposition 2½ override to complete the funding for the FY16 Middleton Elementary School budget.

Department #302 NORTH SHORE ESSEX AGRICULTURAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

5600	Intergovernmental Payments (Middleton's Assessment)	312,834	297,270	549,625	549,625	549,625
5900	NSEAVSD Debt Service	30,889	63,639	61,910	61,910	61,910

DEPARTMENT TOTAL **\$343,723** **\$360,909** **\$611,535** **\$611,535** **\$611,535**

Note: Article 3 in the May 10, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant includes \$117,845 to complete the funding of the Fiscal Year 2016 Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District assessment. The FY17 budgeted amount excludes the 'Capital Improvement Assessment' portion of the assessment in the amount of \$14,070 which is proposed to be paid under Warrant Article #29.

		Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
Department #303 MASCONOMET SCHOOL DISTRICT						
5600	Intergovernmental Payments (Middleton's Assessment)	7,900,974	8,296,023	9,116,409	9,116,409	9,116,409
5900	Masconomet Debt Service	382,347	382,050	387,862	387,862	387,862
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$8,283,321	\$8,678,073	\$9,504,271	\$9,504,271	\$9,504,271
<i>Note: Article 2 in the May 10, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant includes \$287,939 to complete the funding of the Fiscal Year 2016 Masconomet Regional School District assessment.</i>						
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FUNCTION 300: EDUCATION		\$18,522,449	\$19,429,170	\$21,180,480	\$21,025,480	\$21,025,480

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND					
FUNCTION 400: PUBLIC WORKS					
Department #420 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT					
5100 Personal Services	599,699	604,918	623,331	612,331	612,331
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	405,116	415,800	428,550	428,550	428,550
5800 Capital Outlay	16,000	18,000	19,000	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$1,020,815	\$1,038,718	\$1,070,881	\$1,040,881	\$1,040,881
Department #425 TRANSFER STA./SOLID WASTE					
5100 Personal Services	114,345	118,463	122,651	122,651	122,651
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	257,283	258,150	252,600	252,600	252,600
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	371,628	\$376,613	\$375,251	\$375,251	\$375,251
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$1,392,443	\$1,415,331	\$1,446,132	\$1,416,132	\$1,416,132
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND					
FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES					
Department #511 BOARD OF HEALTH					
5100 Personal Services	88,973	100,065	100,511	100,511	100,511
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	21,700	22,875	26,575	26,575	26,575
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$110,673	\$122,940	\$127,086	\$127,086	\$127,086

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
Department #541 COUNCIL ON AGING					
5100 Personal Services	140,373	145,565	150,471	150,471	150,471
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	32,816	37,280	40,000	40,000	40,000
5800 Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$174,689	\$184,345	\$191,971	\$191,971	\$191,971
Department #543 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER					
5100 Personal Services	13,125	13,782	14,471	14,471	14,471
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	46,430	66,350	76,350	76,350	76,350
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$59,555	\$80,132	\$90,821	\$90,821	\$90,821
Department #545 TRI-TOWN COUNCIL					
5200 Purchase of Services	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
Department #548 MIDDLETON GARDEN CLUB					
5200 Purchase of Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Department #550 CHIEF WILLS DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL					
5200 Purchase of Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTION 500	\$383,417	\$425,917	\$448,378	\$448,378	\$448,378

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND					
FUNCTION 600: CULTURE & RECREATION					
Department #610 FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY					
5100 Personal Services	303,916	313,229	321,295	321,295	321,295
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	142,600	159,121	168,417	168,417	168,417
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$446,516	\$472,350	\$489,712	\$489,712	\$489,712
Department #630 RECREATION COMMISSION					
5100 Personal Services	13,864	15,170	17,500	0	0
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	24,950	21,150	20,050	17,550	17,550
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$38,814	\$36,320	\$37,550	\$17,550	\$17,550
Department #691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
5200 Purchase of Services	950	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$950	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL CULTURE & REC. FUNCTION 600	\$486,280	\$509,670	\$528,262	\$508,262	\$508,262
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND					
FUNCTION 700: DEBT SERVICE					
Department #710 DEBT SERVICE					
5801 Principal	1,064,062	1,058,000	742,314	742,314	742,314
5915 Interest	559,510	525,260	519,355	519,355	519,355
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNCTION 700	\$1,623,572	\$1,583,260	\$1,261,669	\$1,261,669	\$1,261,669

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND					
FUNCTION 900: UNCLASSIFIED					
Department: UNCLASSIFIED					
195	Town Warrants/Reports	12,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
196	Audit	25,500	26,000	26,000	26,000
197	Holiday Lights	0	0	0	0
199	Street Lights	80,000	80,000	60,000	60,000
692	Memorial Day	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
910	Compensation Reserve	0	0	25,000	25,000
911	Retirement	1,015,322	1,098,942	1,201,868	1,201,868
913	Unemployment	7,000	8,000	10,000	10,000
914	Sick Leave	0	0	0	0
914	Health Insurance	659,000	696,419	719,943	699,943
915	Group Insurance	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
916	Medicare	49,000	59,000	69,000	69,000
945	All Other Insurance	145,755	135,500	146,200	146,200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,998,577	\$2,115,861	\$2,270,011	\$2,250,011
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET AND GENERAL FUND 01		\$28,881,982	\$30,219,856	\$32,282,155	\$31,932,155

	Approved FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Department Request FY 2017	Selectmen Recommend FY 2017	FinCom Recommend FY 2017
FUND: 28 WATER FUND					
FUNCTION 400: WATER SPECIAL REVENUE					
Department #451 WATER DEPARTMENT					
5100 Personal Services	93,931	97,344	100,455	100,455	100,455
5200 Purchase of Services/Supplies	54,600	55,500	71,450	71,450	71,450
5900 Debt Service	55,660	48,858	12,755	12,755	12,755
TOTAL WATER FUND 28 OPERATING BUDGET	\$204,191	\$201,702	\$184,660	\$184,660	\$184,660
GRAND TOTAL OF GENERAL FUND 01 & WATER FUND 28 BUDGETS	\$29,086,173	\$30,421,558	\$32,466,815	\$32,116,815	\$32,116,815

5. On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$350,000 to fund the following in the Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus Budget, contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C;

<u>Middleton School Department</u>	
Personal Services	\$155,000
<u>Police Department</u>	
Personal Services	\$60,000
<u>Health Insurance</u>	
	\$20,000
<u>Fire Department</u>	
Personal Services	\$65,000
<u>Public Works</u>	
Personal Services	\$11,000
Capital Outlay	\$19,000
<u>Recreation Commission</u>	
Personal Services	\$17,500
Purchase of Services/Supplies	\$ 2,500

or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The funding under Article 5 is contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override vote that will appear on the May 16, 2016 Annual Election ballot. The total amount of the override is \$690,000. This is similar to the amount of the override questions that appeared on the May 2015 ballot. An override of this amount is needed to fund municipal and local elementary school operations for the year.

Passage of the override will also build capacity that will be needed to fund municipal and school operations in future years. Middleton’s percentage of the enrollment at Masconomet is increasing, resulting in an increase in Middleton’s assessment. In the current year, the number of Middleton students at Masco remained flat, while those attending from Boxford and Topsfield declined. Even though Middleton’s total number was the same the percentage of the total increased, shifting more of the obligation to Middleton. Middleton’s percentage is not expected to decline in a significant amount in coming years.

Similarly, Middleton’s enrollment numbers at Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District (Essex Tech) are rising. Middleton’s Essex Tech enrollment increased 44% in the 2015-2016 school year. Middleton’s enrollment is projected to increase at least 25% each of the next

two years. This will result in a projected increase to Middleton's assessment of \$300,000. Furthermore, Essex Tech adopted a FY17 budget that increased only 3.31% over FY16, a trend that is unlikely to be repeated. Budget increases in excess of 5% should be expected and we must plan for them in advance.

6. To see if the Town vote to adopt Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64L, Section 2(a), the meals excise; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town of Middleton vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 64L, Section 2(a).

Purpose: Adoption of this statute would impose a 0.75% local option meals excise tax. The Department of Revenue projects Middleton's annual revenue will be approximately \$200,000. The additional revenue is needed to fund municipal and school costs. In addition to cost increases for the regional schools noted in Article 5 we project escalating health insurance premiums and retirement assessments in coming years.

7. On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee to see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for debt service, and community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2017 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budget

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Fund Revenues, unless otherwise specified for Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Purposes with each item considered to be a separate appropriation:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Recommended Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
A) Reserves: Open Space	\$25,411	FY 2017 Estimated CPA Receipts
Reserves: Historic Resources	\$25,411	FY 2017 Estimated CPA Receipts
Reserves: Community Housing	\$25,411	FY 2017 Estimated CPA Receipts
B) Flint Library Debt Service	\$52,686	\$25,733 from Historic Resources Reserve and \$ 26,953 from Fund Balance
C) 11 South Main St. Debt Service	\$43,475	\$25,733 from Open Space Reserve and \$17,742 from Fund Balance
D) CPA Committee Admin. Expenses	\$1,100	from Fund Balance
Community Preservation Total	\$173,494	

Purpose: Each year the Town Meeting must appropriate or reserve for future appropriation at least 10% of the estimated annual fund revenues for acquisitions and initiatives in each of the following three categories of allowable community preservation purposes:

- Open space (excluding recreational uses)
- Historic resources
- Community housing

The term “annual fund revenues” in Fiscal Year 2017 are estimated at \$184,000 and is composed of the estimated receipts from the local surcharge of \$26,745 and monies from the State Trust Fund, which will make its eleventh payment in October of 2016 providing an additional estimated \$210,745 in matching funds based upon the local share raised in FY 2017.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

8. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the following revolving funds under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½:

- A. The Firearms License and Permit Revolving Fund for firearm permit issuance expenses, and the purchase of equipment and technology associated with the implementation of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998 and to further authorize the expenditure of not more than \$15,000 of such fees.
- B. The Council on Aging Revolving Fund into which monies collected for programs, activities and trips shall be deposited for use by the Council on Aging to pay any costs

related to such programs, activities and trips and further to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$35,000 for said purposes.

- C. The Recreation Revolving Fund into which monies collected for programs, activities and trips shall be deposited for use by the Recreation Commission to pay any costs related to such programs, activities and trips and further to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$55,000 for said purposes.
- D. The Recreation Field Use Revolving Fund into which monies collected for field use permits shall be deposited for use by the Superintendent of Public Works to pay costs related to field maintenance and improvements, and further to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$25,000 for said purposes.
- E. The Stormwater Management Revolving Fund into which monies collected for permits, fees, fines, and contributions shall be deposited for use by the Superintendent of Public Works under the direction of the Town Administrator for the design and construction of storm water improvement projects, and further to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$25,000 for said purposes.

or take any other action relative thereto.

9. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will vote to adopt General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A as amended, relative to notice requirements and alternative procedures in managing abandoned funds (i.e. unclaimed checks or “tailings”); or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: Adoption of this statute simplifies and speeds up the tailings (unclaimed checks) process. Additionally, it allows the Town to return the money to the general fund as opposed to turning tailings over the funds to the State.

10. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2017, which begins on July 1, 2016, and to transfer any balance from the existing PEG Access Fund to this new special revenue fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: A new State Law Informational Guideline Release (IGR) requires that towns either adopt the Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Cable Access fund as an enterprise fund or a special revenue fund – receipts reserved for appropriation fund. This will require the Town to annually vote to approve expenditures from this account. If the Town does

not approve the warrant article the Department of Revenue will require that the funds in the current PEG SRF fund be transferred to the general fund.

MOTION: Moved that the Town accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2017, which begins on July 1, 2016.

11. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing Sewer as an enterprise fund effective Fiscal Year 2017 and to transfer any balance from the existing South Essex Sewer District (SESD) account to this new enterprise fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The South Essex Sewer District (SESD) bills the Town for our share of SESD's operating and capital expenditures. The Town bills the assessment on to the ratepayers that utilize the sewer system. This is currently processed through an agency fund. The Department of Revenue recommends that the Town establish an enterprise fund to account for this activity.

12. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the sewer enterprise; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: That the following sums be appropriated for the sewer enterprise.

Salaries	\$4,000
Health Insurance	\$650
SESD Assessment	\$110,000
Expenses	\$445
Capital outlay	\$3,500
Extra/Unforeseen	\$100
Total:	\$118,695

And that \$118,695 be raised from department receipts.

13. On petition of the Town Accountant to see if the Town will accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 40, Section 21E which establishes due dates and interest regarding unpaid municipal charges. Under this provision all municipal charges and bills shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing by the Treasurer/Collector or other Town official empowered to do so. All receivables which remain unpaid after said 30 days shall accrue

interest payable to the Town at the rate charged on tax bills under provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 57; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: Adoption of this law allows the Town to require that all municipal charges are due within 30 days of the date of mailing. Receivables unpaid after 30 days shall accrue interest payable to the Town at the same rate as delinquent taxes. This provision applies to charges such as sewer bills, police details, and fire watches.

14. On petition of the Town Accountant to see of the Town will accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 83, Sections 16A-F which provides for a lien for unpaid sewer charges and a mechanism for committing such unpaid charges as a tax; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: Adoption of this law allows the Town to lien unpaid sewer charges and show unpaid charges on tax bills.

15. On petition of the Board of Selectmen acting on behalf of the abutting property owners of Old Hundred Lane and pursuant to Chapter 206-8 of the Middleton Code to see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,500 to repave Old Hundred Lane; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; and to defray a portion of the costs of same to assess a betterment to the property owners of Old Hundred Lane; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: Old Hundred Lane is a private way which is open to the public. Chapter 206, Section 8, of the Middleton Code allows abutters to private ways to pay 50% of the estimated cost of temporary repairs to private ways. Repairs cannot be made without the written request of no fewer than 2/3 of the landowners, as certified by the Board of Assessors, whose property abuts the private way. The 50% payment must be received by the Town Treasurer-Collector prior to the repairs being made.

The Superintendent of Public Works has provided the abutters to Old Hundred Lane with a total road repair estimate of \$47,000. Over 2/3 of the abutters have signed a petition agreeing to pay their 50% portion (\$23,500) of the repairs. Town Meeting is being asked to raise the Town's portion of the repair (\$23,500) and assign the balance to the abutters who signed the petition.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it improves a way open to the public in compliance with Town bylaws.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

16. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, grant or otherwise, a parcel of land on Natsue Way shown as Lot 2 on the January 25, 2016 Plan of Land in Middleton, Mass. Prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. and to enter into an Agreement of Settlement with Natsue Realty Trust; or take any other action relative thereto.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it resolves a liability issue for the Town while making possible additional and safer parking for the Natsue Way Recreation Area.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

17. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 to pay for remediation under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) for land off Natsue Way; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it will complete the remediation measures required on the recently purchased land on Natsue Way.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

18. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement from Cumberland Farms for the purpose of connecting a walking path at 4 South Main Street with the Henry Tragert Town Common; or take any other action relative thereto.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it creates an additional pedestrian connection to the Henry Tragert Town Common.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

19. On petition of the Board of Selectmen in cooperation and partnership with the Electric Light Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to pay for one-half of the costs of Phase 2 of converting the Town's inventory of public streetlights from high pressure sodium fixtures to energy efficient LED lighting fixtures to reduce energy consumption and annual energy costs 50-70%; and to see if such funds will be

raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The May 13, 2014 Town Meeting voted in favor of Article 34 to appropriate \$130,000 toward Phase 1 of the Middleton Electric Light Department (MELD) conversion of public streetlights to LED street lights. The Town and MELD project the new LED streetlights will reduce electricity demand for the Town's 657 cobra head street lights by 60% and 375 colonial style lights by 70%.

Phase 1 of the project, with a focus on the higher electricity demand cobra street head lights, is nearing completion. LED street lights are now active on Boston Street, Maple Street and most of North and South Main Streets. The \$95,000 in funding being requested of Town Meeting for Phase 2 of the project will fund the remaining 70 watt cobra head street light replacements and all colonial style light replacements. As a result of the work done to date, the Town has reduced the FY17 streetlight budget by \$20,000. With all of the LED lights installed, the Town and MELD project an annual savings to tax payers of nearly \$52,000. The LED streetlight replacement project is anticipated to pay for itself in reduced streetlight electricity charges to taxpayers in just over six years.

20. On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to pay for tire replacements for the 2005 Volvo loader, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

21. On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of monies as may be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 to install drainage, widen, pave, and otherwise improve any public way in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

22. On petition of the Superintendent of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 and to issue debt to loop the water main on River Street, the annual debt service to be funded from the Water Special Revenue Fund; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it improves our water system and improves the quality of the water to the River Street users of the system.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

23. On petition of the Police Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,889 for the following:

- \$25,000 to upgrade radio infrastructure;
- \$33,000 to purchase portable radios;
- \$5,606 to purchase office furniture; and
- \$6,283 to fund Police Station upgrades;

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

24. On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,000 for the following:

- \$9,000 to purchase new fire hoses;
- \$14,000 to fund repairs of Engine 3;
- \$29,000 to purchase new turnout gear;
- \$28,000 to purchase portable radios;
- \$16,000 to fund training costs for one new firefighter/paramedic;

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

25. On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 for the purchase of an ambulance; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

26. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to conduct a comprehensive public facilities study, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee will provide a recommendation on the night of Town Meeting.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

27. On petition of the Middleton School Committee and School Superintendent to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,300 to fund the following capital expenditures at the Fuller Meadow School:

- \$2,000 for a mobile computer cart at the Fuller Meadow School; and
- \$47,000 for 140 Chromebooks with 7 charging stations at the Howe Manning School;
- \$3,300 for 3 teacher laptop computers at the Howe Manning School;

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

28. On petition of the Middleton School Committee and School Superintendent to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to fund Middleton’s share of the purchase of accounting and human resources software; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

29. On petition of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School Committee and School Superintendent to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,070 to fund Middleton’s share of the purchase of capital improvements and expenditures; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

30. On petition of the Board of Assessors to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,200 for commercial/industrial consulting services for the triennial certification and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 56, requires the DOR Commissioner to triennially certify whether the Board of Assessors is assessing property at full and fair cash valuation. The triennial certification review is conducted by DOR staff to ensure the proposed values are derived utilizing a methodology based on generally accepted mass appraisal practices, are supported with current market evidence and are uniformly and equitably applied to all property. The Board of Assessors is seeking to contract with the Town’s current revaluation software vendor for additional commercial/industrial consulting services during the Fiscal Year 2017 certified revaluation process.

31. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,000 for technology:

- \$50,000 to fund the non-school information technology plan, including replacement of the file/print servers at DPW Building and Fire Station, installation of an enterprise wireless network at Memorial Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, DPW Building, and Council on Aging; replacement of Memorial Hall main server;

- \$28,000 to fund upgrades to telephones at Memorial Hall, Fire Station, Council on Aging, Police Station, and DPW Building;

and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

32. On petition of ten or more registered voters to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law regulating biodiesel in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148, Section 9 and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148, Section 13:

The Town shall prohibit any resident of the town of Middleton from processing biodiesel by a transesterification process where methanol/ethanol and sodium hydroxide are used as catalysts in the process in their residence.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board does not recommend approval of this article.

33. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Woodbury Lane as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends accepting Woodbury Lane as a Town Street.

34. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Lavoie Lane as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board previously recommended accepting Lavoie Lane as a Town Street.

35. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Flying Fox Circle as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends accepting Flying Fox Circle as a Town Street.

36. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to modify an access easement used in connection with a drainage easement in the Smith Crossing Subdivision, affecting the property more commonly known as 9 Ross Lane, which property is shown as Lot 4A on the Subdivision Plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends in favor of modifying the easement.

37. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey an easement to Kathleen A. Thurston, 19 Liberty Street, the land shown as Parcel A as shown on the plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Middleton, MA" dated March 1, 2016, prepared by Williams & Sparages.

Purpose: Conveyance of the easement is for the purpose of transferring to 19 Liberty Street a 273 square foot portion of the Liberty Street right-of-way.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it resolves an issue for a taxpayer without detracting from the Town's ability to improve Liberty Street in the future if necessary.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board motion to recommend this article failed on a 2-2 vote.

38. On petition of Zoning Board of Appeals to see if the Town will vote to amend the Middleton Zoning Bylaw, Section 2.3 "Zoning Map" and Section 7.4 "Development Schedule" by adding the words shown in **bold underline** and deleting the words shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below:

Amend Section 2.3 "Zoning Map" as follows:

2. 3. Zoning Map.

The location and boundaries of these districts are hereby established as shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of Middleton" dated October 29, 1965, and **including subsequent** amendments, ~~including the amendment dated March 22, 1983, and any other amendments~~ **filed with the Town Clerk and** approved by the Attorney General ~~up to and including March 24, 2008~~ (hereinafter referred to as the "Zoning Map"), ~~filed with the Town Clerk~~ and hereby made part of these bylaws.

...and delete the following Section 7.4 "Development Schedule" in its entirety:

~~7. 4. Development schedule.~~

~~7.4.1. Purpose. The Town is facing limited capacity in its school system, water supply, roadways, stormwater drainage facilities, recreational facilities, and fire and police protection services. Because of the Town's limited ability to increase school capacity and similar limited ability to increase water supply, roadways, stormwater drainage capacity, and recreational and fire and police protection services and facilities, this development scheduling bylaw is hereby enacted to limit the rate of growth in the demand for such facilities and services to 25% of total proposed units. This section of the Zoning bylaws, containing said growth rate limits, shall be in effect for a fifteen year period from the date of its enactment until June 30, 2015. This section was originally adopted by Article 47 of the 2000 Annual Town Meeting and was further amended on May 8, 2007. During this period, study of the school needs, public water supply needs and other public services and facilities needs of the Town shall be undertaken to determine whether the provisions contained in this section should be continued.~~

~~[Amended 5.12.2009 ATM by Art. 28]~~

~~7.4.2. Building permits. For 15 years, following enactment of this section, building permits for the construction of dwellings on lots held in common ownership shall not be granted at a rate per annum greater than permitted by the following schedule, commencing in the year such lots are separated or subdivided, or in the year this provision becomes effective, except as may be exempted herein. Any lots covered by this provision hereafter sold or otherwise transferred to another owner shall include in the deed the earliest date on which construction may be commenced in accordance with these provisions.~~

Number of Dwelling Units in Subdivision	Dwelling Units Per Year
1 to 16	4
17 and over	25% of the total

~~7.4.3. Commencement. The yearly schedule shall commence from the date of the Planning Board signing of the definitive subdivision plan, or the granting of a special permit or variance if applicable to the development. All definitive subdivisions, special permits and variances shall include a proposed development schedule by the applicant.~~

~~7.4.4. Transfer of rights. Any person, corporation, or other legal entity that wholly owns more than one subdivision that has received approval for its development schedules may use its combined annual dwelling unit building permit authorizations in one of its developments. When such a transfer of scheduled rights occurs, the time period for the beginning and total duration of scheduled development in the project or projects, from which the transfer occurs, shall be delayed one calendar year from the time of transfer.~~

~~7.4.5. Improvements. All improvements, including the paved base coat of roadways, streetlights, utility installations, waterlines, common wastewater disposal facilities, fire alarm pull boxes, if applicable, and drainage facilities, required in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Middleton, MA, shall be completed to the full road frontage for any lot prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the building on such lot.~~

~~7. 4. 6.— Exemption.— Any dwelling units that are restricted by written and recorded agreement to occupants age 55 or older are exempt from the provisions of this section.~~

...and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Middleton; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The proposed zoning map amendment simplifies the “Zoning Map” description in the bylaw so that the zoning map section refers to the latest amendments and the latest zoning map on file with the town clerk instead of including each specific zoning map change.

The “Development Schedule” Section expired on June 30, 2015 after 15 years; therefore, the section is being deleted in its entirety.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it eliminates a provision that has expired and simplifies record keeping for any future zoning map changes approved by the Town.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends approval of this article.

39. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Middleton Zoning Bylaw, Section 4.1.2 "Notes to Table of Dimensional Requirements" by adding the words shown in **bold underline** and deleting the words shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below:

4.1.2.1. Lot width. **Lot width shall be maintained throughout the principal structure and shall be measured from side lot line to side lot line in a straight line parallel to a line connecting the lot frontage endpoints. When, in the event of an irregularly shaped lot, a question exists as to the identification of the appropriate side lot lines for the foregoing measurement, the matter shall be decided by the Building Commissioner. At no point between the street frontage line and the principal structure shall the lot be narrower than 75% of the required lot frontage.** ~~Lot width shall be measured as the shortest distance between side lot lines taken through the dwelling. In the event of an irregularly shaped lot and a question as to the identification of the appropriate side lot lines for the foregoing measurement, the matter shall be decided by the Building Commissioner with the advice of the Planning Board. At no point between the street frontage line and the principal structure shall the lot be narrower than 75% of the required lot frontage.~~

...and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Middleton; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: This amendment helps clarify the current description of how the “lot width” requirement is measured. Presently, the lot width description can be interpreted in different

ways, costing landowners time and money to determine the preferential interpretation. The proposed changes will reduce the ambiguities now present in the Lot Width definition.

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee recommends this article because it changes the wording of the bylaw to more accurately reflect current practice.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends this article.

40. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Middleton Zoning Bylaw, the Table of Use Regulations referred to in Section 3.1 “Principal Uses” and Section 10.0 “Definitions” by adding the words shown in **bold underline** and deleting the words shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below:

Amend the Table of Uses under Section 3.1 as follows:

For explanatory purposes only – not part of proposed changes

Middleton Table of Uses	Districts							CHANGE PROPOSED	NEW or REVISED DEFINITIONS
	R-1a	R-1b	RA	R-2	B	M-1	IH		
A. Agricultural									
<u>7. Farmers Market</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	X	X
B. Residential									
<i>NO CHANGES PROPOSED IN SECTION B</i>									
C. Commercial									
1. Retail establishment	N	N	N	N	Y	Y* <u>Y</u>	N	X	
2. Personal service establishment	N	N	N	N	Y	Y* <u>Y</u>	N	X	
3. General service establishment	N	N	N	N	BA <u>Y</u>	BA <u>Y</u>	N	X	
4. Trade shop	N	N	N	N	Y	Y*	N	X	
5.4. Funeral home	N	N	N	N	Y	Y* <u>Y</u>	N	X	
6. 5. Nursing home	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N		
7. 6. Veterinary hospital	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N		
8. 7. Kennel	N	N	BA	N	BA	BA	N		
9. 8. Riding stable	N	N	BA	N	BA	BA	N		
10. 9. Motor vehicle light service or repair establishment	N	N	N	N	N <u>BA</u>	BA	N	X	
11. 10. Motor vehicle general or body repair	N	N	N	N	N	BA	N		
12. 11. Boat sales & service, new and used	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N		X
<u>12. Boat Storage, commercial</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>N</u>	X	X

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Middleton Table of Uses	Districts							CHANGE PROPOSED	NEW or REVISED DEFINITIONS
	R-1a	R-1b	RA	R-2	B	M-1	IH		
13. Restaurant	N	N	N	N	Y	Y * <u>Y</u>	N	X	
14. Restaurant with entertainment	N	N	N	N	BA	N	N	X	
15. <u>14. Restaurant drive through Drive-through or drive-up window (Move here from "other uses" below)</u>	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N <u>BA</u>	X	X
16. <u>15. Restaurant, fast food</u>	N	N	N	N	Y	Y * <u>Y</u>	N	X	
17. <u>16. Business or professional office</u>	N	N	N	N	Y	BA <u>Y</u>	Y	X	
18. <u>17. Medical or dental office, clinic, or laboratory</u>	N	N	N	N	Y	BA <u>Y</u>	Y	X	
19. <u>18. Bank or other financial institution</u>	N	N	N	N	Y	BA <u>Y</u>	Y	X	
<u>19. Contracting or landscaping business with no outdoor storage of equipment and/or supplies</u>	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	X	
20. Contracting or landscaping business and equipment storage yard <u>and outdoor storage of equipment and/or supplies</u>	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	BA		
21. Bed-and-breakfast	N	B A	N	N	N	N	N		
22. Nonprofit <u>Country club, tennis club, lodge building, golf course, or other social, civic or outdoor recreational use</u>	BA	B A	BA	BA	N	N	N		
23. Camp	N	N	BA	N	N	N	N		
24. Indoor commercial recreational use	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N	X	
<u>24. Commercial Recreational Use, Indoors and 5,000 sq. ft. or under</u>	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	X	X
<u>25. Commercial Recreational Use, Indoors and over 5,000 sq. ft.</u>	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N	X	X
<u>26. Commercial Recreational Use, Outdoors</u>	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N	X	X
25. <u>27. Hotel, motel</u>	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	Y		
26. <u>28. Educational use, nonexempt and 2,500 sq. ft. or under dedicated to the principal use</u>	N	N	N	N	BA <u>Y</u>	BA <u>Y</u>	N	X	
<u>29. Educational use, nonexempt and over 2,500 sq. ft. dedicated to the principal use</u>	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	N	X	
27. <u>30. Wireless communication facility (See Section 6.5)</u>	N	N	N	N	N	BA	BA		
*Only with frontage on South Main and North Main Street and not more than 500 feet back from the center line of South Main Street on either side of the street.									
D. Industrial									
1. Light manufacturing	N	N	N	N	Y ** <u>Y</u>	Y	N	X	X
2. Machine shop (included in new light manufacturing	N	N	N	N	Y **	Y	N	X	X

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Middleton Table of Uses	Districts							CHANGE PROPOSED	NEW or REVISED DEFINITIONS
	R-1a	R-1b	RA	R-2	B	M-1	IH		
<i>definition)</i>									
3. 3. Woodworking and furniture manufacturing (included in new light manufacturing definition)	N	N	N	N	Y **	Y	N	X	X
4. 2. Industrial park (See Section 6.6)	N	N	N	N	Y ** Y	Y	N	X	X
5. 3. Research facility	N	N	N	N	N	Y	BA Y	X	X
6. 4. Wholesale, warehouse, distribution or storage facility, including mini-storage warehouse	N	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	X	
7. 4. Accessory retail, personal service, or food service to permitted use, not to exceed 5% of gross floor area	N	N	N	N	N	BA	N	X	
8. 5. Accessory outdoor storage of fuel supply	N	N	N	N	N	Y	BA Y		X
** Only with frontage on South Main south of the intersection with Meadow Drive.									
E. Exempt/Public/Institutional									
NO CHANGES PROPOSED IN SECTION E									
F. Other Uses									
1. Drive through or drive up window or facility (moved to Commercial Uses above)	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	BA	X	X
G. Accessory Uses									
NO CHANGES PROPOSED IN SECTION G									

...and make the following amendments and additions to Section 10.0 “Definitions”:

ACCESSORY OUTDOOR STORAGE OF FUEL SUPPLY

Outdoor storage of liquefied petroleum gases or other flammable liquid fuel in outside aboveground tanks as an accessory use, conditional upon appropriate screening where such uses are within 50 feet of a residential district.

BOAT SALES & SERVICE, NEW AND USED

The sale and service of new and used boats but shall not include storage of boats as a business use.

BOAT STORAGE, COMMERCIAL

The outdoor storage of boats as the primary use on a lot set up specifically for this use as a business enterprise or as an accessory use to boat sales, subject to the following restrictions:

- a. **Storage area shall be adequately fenced to exclude public entry except for approved access.**

- b. Fenced area shall be set back a minimum of 30 feet from the lot's frontage and shall be set back a minimum of 200 feet measured from the centerline of North and South Main Street.
- c. Shall be adequately screened from public view with appropriate landscaping vegetation.
- d. Boats shall not be stored closer than ten feet from any side or rear lot line or structure.
- e. Boats shall not be stored closer than thirty-five feet from any lot line abutting a residential district unless adequate buffer screens are provided.
- f. No required vehicular parking spaces may be used for boat storage.

COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE, INDOORS AND UNDER 5,000 SQ. FT

An establishment which primarily provides equipment and/or instruction intended to assist clients to improve their physical condition and health through exercise and training (including yoga studios, small gyms, dance instruction, and sports) in a facility not to exceed 5,000 square feet. Facilities larger in size shall be deemed to fall under the definition of "Commercial Recreational Use, Indoors and under 5,000 sq. ft."

COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE, INDOORS AND OVER 5,000 SQ. FT.

Commercial amusement recreational enterprises over 5,000 sq. ft. in area and enclosed by walls and roof, such as bowling, swimming, dance hall, theater, ~~clock-golf~~, skating, sports games/practice, dance studio, billiards, arcades, electronic/video activities, health clubs, gymnasiums, and similar enterprises, ~~provided that if any portion of a building so used or if any parking area accessory thereto is less than 200 feet from the boundary of a residential district, the Board shall impose such limitations on the size or capacity of the establishment and its hours of operation as are, in its judgment, necessary to protect said residential district.~~

COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE, OUTDOORS

~~Boat livery, ski ground or golf course, but not including a golf driving range or miniature golf course.~~

An open air commercial facility located on a lot free of buildings except for restrooms, dressing rooms, equipment storage, maintenance buildings, open-air pavilions, and similar structures used primarily for recreational activities. Activities shall include, but not be limited to, non-motorized boat rental, cross-country ski centers, golf course, ballfields, sports arenas, skating rinks, swimming pools, tennis courts, golf driving ranges, miniature golf courses; but not including shooting ranges and motorized vehicles such as go carts.

DRIVE-IN RETAIL THROUGH OR DRIVE-UP WINDOW ESTABLISHMENT

A business or commercial establishment dispensing food, beverages or goods from inside a building to persons standing outside or seated in their automobiles.

FARMERS MARKET

A temporary market, usually held outdoors, where farmers can sell their produce, other edible farm products, flowers, preserves, and similar products to the public. Products at such

market should be locally and/or regionally grown or produced. Farmers Markets shall not include the construction of permanent structures and are limited to no more than 52 total days per calendar year. Written approval of the property owner is required. All signs, trash, and debris shall be removed from the site upon the termination of the activity. Farmers Markets must be located on a site with adequate ingress and egress and sufficient parking as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Officer after receiving written approval of the proposed parking and traffic circulation plan from the Police Chief. Farmers Markets are subject to regulation by the Board of Health.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

A group of individual buildings for light industry and related activities in an arrangement for access, loading and parking facilities in accordance with **Section 6.6: Industrial Park** and a site plan hereunder for an area in single ownership; **and provided that the uses located within are not dangerous to the neighborhood through fire, explosion, emission of wastes or other cause, and provided further that such uses do not create excessive noise, vibration, dust, heat, smoke, fumes, odor or glare; further provided that storage of goods or materials shall not be permitted except in an appropriate enclosure and properly screened from public view.**

LIGHT MANUFACTURING

Fabrication, assembly, processing, **machine shops, woodworking and furniture manufacturing,** finishing work or packaging; provided that such **use is not dangerous to the neighborhood through fire, explosion, emission of wastes or other cause, and provided further that such use does not create excessive noise, vibration, dust, heat, smoke, fumes, odor or glare; further provided that storage of goods or materials shall not be permitted on any lot except in an appropriate enclosure and properly screened from public view.**

RESEARCH FACILITY

A facility for testing and development.

...and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Middleton; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: This zoning proposal will simplify the uses allowed and regulated in the Business and Light Industry zones. It also makes several minor changes to uses allowed in other zoning districts. Currently, the use table shows that some uses are allowed in only specific portions of both the Business and Light Industry zones. These uses are shown with “asterisks” in the use table. This proposed zoning amendment will eliminate the need for the asterisks and will better meet the intent of the state law requirement that “all districts shall be uniform within the district for each class or kind of structure permitted.” Each proposed change results in a less restrictive regulation of the particular use.

New definitions were added, where necessary. Additionally, several existing definitions were redefined, clarified, and/or updated.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend that Article #40, regarding changes to the Zoning Bylaw Table of Uses & Definitions, be adopted as amended by the Planning Board. The Planning Board's version, showing multiple changes to the originally proposed amendment, will be handed out at the Town Meeting.

41. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Middleton Zoning Bylaw, Special Dimensional Regulations, Section 4.2.5 by adding the words shown in **bold underline** and deleting the words shown with ~~strikethrough~~ below.

Amend as follows:

Section 4.2.5. Business District **and Light Industrial District**; special permit. A lot in the Business **or Light Industrial** District which does not meet the area or frontage requirements of this Section 4.0 may apply for a special permit from the Board of Appeals to exempt such lot from the dimensional requirements for lot area, lot frontage and width, and side and rear yards. Any such special permit shall ensure compliance with the needs of public safety, health and welfare; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: In 2008, the restatement of the zoning bylaw eliminated the savings provisions for lots in the Business and Industrial Districts that were enacted in or around 1986 to ensure that any lots that were rezoned from residential to commercial continued to be buildable lots regardless of the different and more stringent dimensional requirements. These provisions were eliminated because Attorney Bobrowski advised the Town that such provisions were not legally enforceable and that if the Town wanted to allow undersized commercial lots that it should do so using the special permit mechanism to provide zoning relief and therefore enacted Section 4.2.5. This provision was intended to provide relief for both the Business and Industrial Districts and the language unintentionally omitted "Light Industrial District."

Master Plan Committee Recommendation: The Master Plan Committee will provide a recommendation on the night of Town Meeting.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends further study on this article.

42. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes; or take any other action relative thereto.

43. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of all income of the Municipal Light Department, the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners, for the expenses

of the Department for the Fiscal Year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and the excess to be transferred to the Depreciation Fund of said Department to be used as the Commissioners may direct hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

44. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to be taken from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

45. On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 to the Stabilization Fund, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

46. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Irrevocable Trust Fund, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

47. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing a Special Education Stabilization Fund; or taken any action relative thereto.

Purpose: Special education costs are unpredictable and therefore difficult to budget. The Special Education Stabilization Fund will be used to supplement the special education budget and smooth the impact on property taxes. From time to time the Administration will ask Town Meeting to transfer funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund from Free Cash or other reserves.

48. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and in accordance with Article LXXXIX, Article II, Section 8 (M.G.L.A. Const. Amend. Art. 2, Section 8) of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, that the Town of Middleton authorize, but not require, its Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of Massachusetts for a special act to allow the Town of Middleton Finance Committee to establish a reserve fund to be utilized in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years by the Town of Middleton Finance Committee to transfer funds to the Middleton School Committee to pay, without further

appropriation, for unanticipated, unbudgeted and/or extraordinary costs of special education out-of-district tuitions and/or transportation. Further, that the Town of Middleton School Committee may appropriate or transfer in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years from the from the school department budget in order to fund said reserve fund. Further, that the Town of Middleton Board of Selectmen may appropriate or transfer in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years from the town budget in order to fund said reserve fund. Said appropriations or transfers shall be in addition to any appropriation or transfers which may be approved by Town Meeting from time to time to said reserve fund. In any event, the balance in said reserve fund shall not exceed 2% of the Middleton Elementary Schools' annual net school spending as defined in Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the prior fiscal year. Or take any action relative thereto.

Purpose: Special education costs are unpredictable and therefore difficult to budget. The Special Education Reserve Fund will be available to supplement the special education budget within the current fiscal year in the case of unanticipated, unbudgeted, and/or extraordinary costs. The Special Education Reserve Fund will operate like the regular reserve fund and the Finance Committee can transfer funds to the School Department. This requires a Home Rule Petition of the Legislature.

49. That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, grant or otherwise, sixteen (16) parcels of state-owned land on behalf of the Middleton Conservation Commission. The parcels are identified as:

- (i) ± 5.53 acres described in book 5659, page 699 and plan book 1970, plan 5 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (ii) ± 3.4 acres described in book 5659, page 700 and plan book 1970, plan 5 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (iii) ±2.62 acres described in book 6598, page 1 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (iv) ± 11.68 acres described in book 6614, page 610, no plan of record, at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (v) ± 0.9 acres described in book 6487, page 717 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (vi) ±.25 acres described in book 5737, page 138 and plan book 1970, plan 522 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (vii) ± 12.9 acres described in book 5736, page 574 and plan book 118, plan 45 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (viii) ± 20.7 acres described in book 5659, page 701 and plan book 1155, plan 86 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (ix) ± 11.7 acres described in book 5718, page 52 and plan book 117, plan 77 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (x) ± 2.58 acres described in book 6363, page 385 and plan book 143, plan 87 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;

- (xi) ± 6.89 acres described in book 6157, page 98 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (xii) ± 10.02 acres described in book 6066, page 445 and plan book 130, plan 3 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (xiii) ± 10.47 acres described in book 5935, page 65 and plan book 124, plan 83 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (xiv) ± 5.40 acres described in book 5824, page 166 and plan book 121, plan 16 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds;
- (xv) ± 3.68 acres described in book 7727, page 299 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds; and
- (xvi) ± 1.19 acres described in book 574, page 451 at the Essex southern district registry of deeds.

Upon acquisition from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, said parcels shall be transferred to the Middleton Conservation Commission for active and passive recreation purposes, and to seek such approval from and enter into such agreements with the Commonwealth as are necessary for such acquisition. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Purpose: At the Annual Town Meeting held on May 14, 2013, the Town voted to request the Town's State Senator and State Representatives to file a bill to transfer 16 parcels consisting of 111 acres of land along the Ipswich River from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) to the Conservation Commission. The legislation was filed and passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to accept the parcels.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends in favor of this article.

End of Annual Town Meeting Warrant

To the Town Constable:

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Fuller Meadow School on Monday May 16, 2016, next for the following purposes, VIZ: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: one Town Moderator for one year, one Town Clerk for one year, two Selectmen for three years, one Constable for three years, one Assessor for three years, two Elementary School Committee Members for three years, one Regional School Committee Member for three years, one Planning Board Member for five years, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, Library Trustee for three years, and one Housing Authority Member for five years.

The following question will appear on the ballot:

- 1. Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$690,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Omnibus Budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and sixteen?**

Yes _____ No _____

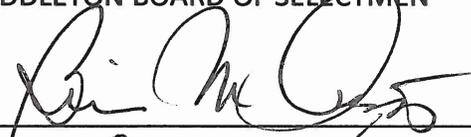
The Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

And you are directed to service this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Memorial Hall, Post Office, Store at Howe Station Market, Ferncroft Towers and Fuller Pond Village in said Town fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

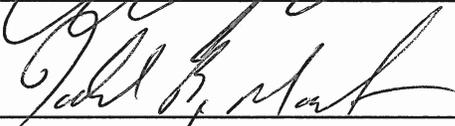
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereof, to the Town Clerk at time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12 day of APRIL in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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s.  _____

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A true copy Attest:

s. _____
Constable of the Town of Middleton

Date Posted

Estimated Tax Increase Impact of Omnibus Budget in Article Four and Proposed Override

Projected Fiscal Year 2017 Town Omnibus Budget Increase - Without Override

Property Value	Current Year Tax Bill (FY16)	Next Year's Projected Tax Bill (FY17)	\$ Increase From FY16 to FY17	% Increase From FY16 to FY17
\$350,000	\$4,862	\$5,033	\$172	3.5%
\$500,000	\$6,945	\$7,190	\$245	3.5%
\$750,000	\$10,418	\$10,785	\$368	3.5%

Projected Fiscal Year 2017 Town Omnibus Budget Increase - With Proposed Operating Override

Property Value	Current Year Tax Bill (FY16)	Next Year's Projected Tax Bill (FY17)	\$ Increase From FY16 to FY17	% Increase From FY16 to FY17	\$ Value Impact - With Override
\$350,000	\$4,862	\$5,101	\$239	4.9%	\$68
\$500,000	\$6,945	\$7,287	\$342	4.9%	\$97
\$750,000	\$10,418	\$10,930	\$513	4.9%	\$145

Note: The funding under Article 5 is contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override vote that will appear on the May 16, 2016 Annual Election ballot. The total amount of the override is \$690,000. If the Proposition 2 ½ override vote is successful, Article 5 will add an additional \$350,000 to the Fiscal Year 2017 tax levy. The projected impact on the Fiscal Year 2017 tax rate above is based upon \$350,000 being added to the Fiscal Year 2017 tax levy. The remaining \$340,000 in additional tax levy capacity would be reserved for use in future fiscal years.



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TOWN OF MIDDLETON - TALENT BANK APPLICATION

The Board of Selectmen maintains a Talent Bank of names of citizens of Middleton willing to serve on boards, commissions and committees. Names in this file are available for use by all Town Departments.

Names: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Bus. Telephone: _____

Occupation: _____

Background Experience: _____

I am interested in serving on Town Boards and Committees involved in the following areas:
(Please check all that apply. The Board encourages you to attach a recent resume if available.)

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|---|--------------------------------|
| _____ Board of Health | _____ Recreation Commission |
| _____ Council on Aging | _____ Historical Commission |
| _____ Finance Committee | _____ Planning Board |
| _____ Board of Appeals | _____ Scholarship Committee |
| _____ Master Plan Committee | _____ Library Services |
| _____ Conservation Commission | _____ Town Recycling Committee |
| _____ Industrial Commercial Development
Review Committee | _____ Cultural Council |

Amount of Time Available: _____

Are you available year round for committee meetings? Yes ___ No ___

If not, when are you available?

_____ Winter _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Autumn

Are there any Boards or Committees in which you are particularly interested?

Email Address: _____

Signature

Date

Please submit all responses to the Town Administrator's Office via the mailing address above or via email to:
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