

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2004**

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlesex who are legal voters in the Town are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Middlesex Town Hall in said Town of Middlesex on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. to act on the following business. **(Voting by Australian Ballot will be from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m.)**

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

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

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

Town Clerk	1 year term
Treasurer	1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Budget Committee Member	3 year term
Budget Committee Member	2 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Lister	3 year term
Lister	2 year term
Lister	1 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	2 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	1 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year term
Planning Commissioner	3 year term
Planning Commissioner	3 year term

ARTICLE 4: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote a discount of 1.5% or a lesser amount on real taxes if paid in full within 30 days of issuance of the tax bill. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 6: To see if Town will continue to have all taxes paid to the Treasurer, set the date as November 20, 2004 and charge interest at the rate of .5% per month or fraction thereof on overdue taxes from the due date of the tax. (32 VSA Sec. 4773)

ARTICLE 7: To vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. **(THIS ARTICLE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT 5:15 PM)**

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- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town of Middlesex authorize the sum of \$25,000 to establish a Building Fund.
- ARTICLE 9:** Shall the town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Town Conservation Fund to be used to fund land conservation and other conservation projects in Middlesex. **(BY PETITION)**
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$9,245 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. **(BY PETITION)**
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Middlesex authorize expenditures of \$800 for student scholarships to the 2004 Community Connections Summer Camp? **(BY PETITION)**
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Middlesex appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a pumper fire truck and associated equipment. **(BY PETITION)**
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$970 to support the following organizations. **(BY REQUEST)**

Green Up Vermont	\$100
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$195
Washington County Youth Ser. Bureau	\$175
Onion River Arts Council	\$200
Project Graduation	\$200
CV State Police Community Advisory Brd.	\$100

- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Middlesex authorize expenditures for the following organizations. **(BY COMBINED PETITION)**

People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$ 500
Central Vt. Crime Stoppers	300
Central Vt. Home Health & Hospice	1,000
Green Mountain Transit Agency	500
Battered Women's Services and Shelter	500
Retired Senior and Volunteer Program	500
Washington County Diversion Program	300
Central Vt. Council on Aging	825
Central Vt. Community Land Trust	500
Good Beginnings of Central Vt.	500
The Family Center of Washington County	<u>500</u>
	\$5,925

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ARTICLE 15: A Resolution asking Shall the residents of Middlesex :

- 1 Call upon our elected officials, including Vermont legislators, Congressional representatives and U.S. senators, to support the mandatory labeling by manufacturers and processors of all genetically engineered food and seeds, as well as a moratorium on the further growing of GE crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment, and the survival of family farms, and
2. Declare our support for legislation at the state and federal levels that will shift all liability from farmers to the commercial developers of GE technology for any damages resulting from the growing of GE crops, and
- 3.Declare our opposition to the planting of genetically engineered seeds in the Town, and resolve to actively discourage the planting of GE seeds, as a step toward making Vermont a GE-free planting zone. **(BY PETITION)**

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 27th day of January 2004.

MIDDLESEX SELECTBOARD

PETER HOOD, CHAIR

MARY ALEXANDER

WILLIAM CALLNAN

WALTER KELLEY

MARY JUST SKINNER