

# Town of Middleton Annual Report 2024

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## Middleton Town Officials

Town Moderator	Jack Savage	2025
Board of Selectmen	Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chair	2025
	Timothy Cremmen	2026
	Tracy Donovan-Laviolette	2026
	Scott Ferguson, Vice-Chair	resigned
	Michael Green	2025
	Bonnie Gagnon	2025
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Theresa Jones	2026
Town Treasurer	Vacant	
Supervisors of the Checklist	Andrea Bowden	2026
	Bonnie Gagnon	resigned
	Linda Adamo	2028
Middleton School Board	Rebecca Eastman-Derrow	2027
	Nicole Huntress	2027
	Ken Garry	resigned
	Krystal Beaulieu	2025
	Kelly Tivnan	2025
	Heather Cremmen	2025
School District Clerk	Kelly Tivnan	2025
School District Treasurer	Janelle Guarino	2025

School District Moderator      Tom Gardner      resigned

Trustee of the Trust Funds      Janet Kalar      2026

Budget Committee      Sierra Pawnell , Chair      2025  
Bonnie Gagnon      resigned  
Kathleen Blaney      2026  
Janelle Guarino      resigned  
Patti Sindorf      2027  
Mike Green, Selectmen Representative

Planning Board      John Mullen, Chair  
John Quinn  
Christine Maynard  
Kate Buzzard, Alternate  
Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Selectmen Representative

ZBA      Chuck Therriault, Chair  
James Keegan, Vice-chair  
Lorri Gunnison  
Linda Adamo  
Dan Saliga  
Linda Adamo – Alternate  
Timothy Cremmen, Selectmen Representative

## Appointed Officials

Assessor	Avitar Associates
Administrative Assistant	Kim Hughes
Administrative Clerk	Robin Willis
Code Enforcement/Health Officer	Carl Roy
Deputy Forest Fire Warden	Griffin Parks
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Joni Van Gelder
Town Treasurer	Roy Parece - resigned
Deputy Town Treasurer	Vacant
Electrical Inspector	Peter Ciccolini
Fire Chief/Emergency Management	Jarrod Wheeler
Fire Assistant Chief	Jacob Bourdreau
Fire Captain	Scott Bowden
Fire Lieutenant	Michael Green
Fire Lieutenant	Michael Laviolette
Police Chief	Scott Ferguson
Police Officer	Vacant
Police Sargent	Vacant
EMS Capitan	Andrea Bowden
EMS Lieutenant	Janelle Guarino
Road Agent	Dan Phillips
Welfare Director	Christine Bartlett

# Middleton, NH



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**Municipal Office Hours**

**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday & Thursday 10 am to 6 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 4 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Strafford  
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA  
Lakes  
Strafford Regional  
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.**

**Election Districts**

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1  
District 1  
District 3  
Strafford County Districts 3, 18**

**Incorporated: 1778**

**Origin:** This territory was first granted by the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. It may have been named for Sir Charles Middleton, Lord Barham, an admiral of the Navy who had served in the West Indies. Middleton was situated on the road between Exeter and Wolfeboro, the location of Governor John Wentworth's summer home, Kingswood. Neglect of the road caused the Governor to bill the proprietors for repairs that he had to make for safe travel to Kingswood. In 1785, residents of the northern portion of Middleton and part of Wolfeboro petitioned for a separately incorporated town. The first petition was at first denied, but then was granted in 1794 as Brookfield.

**Villages and Place Names:** Middleton Corners

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 617 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Middleton totaled 1,397 over 50 years, from 430 in 1970 to 1,827 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 71 percent increase 1970 and 1980, followed by a 66 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2023 (US Census Bureau):** 102.8 persons per square mile of land area. Middleton contains 18.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, June 2024. Community Response Received **6/01/2023**

All information regarding the communities is from sources deemed reliable and is submitted subject to errors, omissions, modifications, and withdrawals without notice. No warranty or representation is made as to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Specific questions regarding individual cities and towns should be directed to the community contact.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	<b>\$1,826,632</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024	<b>\$5,285,125</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1981/16</b>
Master Plan	<b>2026</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Trust Funds; Budget; Checklist; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Moderator</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Zoning</b>

Public Library **No Library**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>

Emergency Medical Service **Volunteer**

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Frisbie Memorial, Rochester</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>27</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>None</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES***(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2023 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.04</b>
2023 Equalization Ratio	<b>99.1</b>
2023 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.81</b>

**2023 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

Residential Land and Buildings	<b>94.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.7%</b>

**HOUSING***(ACS 2017-2021)*

Total Housing Units	<b>752</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>670</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>13</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2023	<b>1,851</b>	<b>133,243</b>
2020	<b>1,823</b>	<b>130,889</b>
2010	<b>1,783</b>	<b>123,143</b>
2000	<b>1,445</b>	<b>112,676</b>
1990	<b>1,220</b>	<b>104,348</b>
1980	<b>734</b>	<b>85,324</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS***AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2018-2022)*

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>817</b>	Female	<b>720</b>

**Population by Age Group**

Under age 5	<b>72</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>247</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>275</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>392</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>293</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>258</b>

Median Age **41.5 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over **1,112**

High school graduate or higher	<b>91.3%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>18.5%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$***(ACS 2018-2022)*

Per capita income	<b>\$36,597</b>
Median family income	<b>\$107,841</b>
Median household income	<b>\$94,300</b>

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	<b>\$64,375</b>
Female	<b>\$46,696</b>

Individuals below the poverty level **9.1%**

**LABOR FORCE***(NHES – ELM)*

Annual Average	2013	2023
Civilian labor force	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,014</b>
Employed	<b>957</b>	<b>993</b>
Unemployed	<b>63</b>	<b>21</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES***(NHES – ELM)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2013	2023
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>27</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,066</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>91</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,393</b>

**Total Private Industry**

Average Employment	<b>118</b>	<b>117</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 1,133</b>	<b>\$1,319</b>

**Government (Federal, State, and Local)**

Average Employment	<b>22</b>	<b>41</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 479</b>	<b>\$517</b>

**Total, Private Industry plus Government**

Average Employment	<b>139</b>	<b>158</b>
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Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units

69

Average Weekly Wage

\$ 1,032

\$1,113

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.



**Education and Child Care**

Schools students attend: **Middleton operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)**

Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	152			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2023 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **15**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Middleton Building Supply & DiPrizio Pine Sales	Building materials	76	1993
Town of Middleton	Municipal services	23	1778

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality*

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		153
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5</b>		
Distance			5 miles; 34 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Skyhaven, Rochester</b>	Runway	<b>4,200 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?		<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance		<b>57 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>52 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>54 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>88 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>299 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>265 miles</b>
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2022)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			<b>82.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van			<b>9.3%</b>
Public transportation			<b>0.7%</b>
Walked			<b>0.0%</b>
Other means			<b>0.4%</b>
Worked at home			<b>7.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>43.1 minutes</b>
Working in community of residence			<b>71.4%</b>
Commuting to another NH community			<b>19.9%</b>
Commuting out-of-state			<b>8.8%</b>

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other:

## Selectmen's Report

Over the past year, our town has made great progress in infrastructure, leadership, and community engagement. With the generosity of the towns people's vote last year, the paving and drainage project at the Old Town Hall was made possible. This project has been a significant undertaking, and we are pleased to announce its completion this year, ensuring better accessibility and longevity for this historic site. Additionally, the installation of a new heating system at the municipal building has improved efficiency and comfort in our facility.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Randy Sobel for stepping in as Police Chief during the transition period and to Michael Donovan-Laviolette for his dedicated service as Fire Chief. Their leadership and commitment to our town have been greatly appreciated. This year, we also welcomed new leadership with the hiring of Scott Ferguson as the Police Chief, Jarrod Wheeler as Fire Chief, and Joni Van Gelder as the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, strengthening our public safety and town administration.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our boards and committees for their hard work and dedication. Their time and efforts continue to shape and support our town in countless ways. We also want to recognize the Recreation Department for their outstanding work in organizing activities and events that bring our community together.

One of the highlights of the year was the Old Home Day celebration, which saw a record turnout. This beloved tradition provided an opportunity for residents and others to gather, reconnect, and celebrate the town we all cherish.

We continue to be challenged with the 2% tax cap. With the current economic environment this remains to be a challenging task. We continue to be fiscally responsible and along with making sound financial decisions for the town. The board worked hard to try to keep within the 2% tax cap, however, given the current economy and trying to remain competitive with wages along with increases to contracted services we presented a budget with an increase of 4% to the Budget Committee.

We look forward to another year of progress and community spirit, and we thank everyone for their continued efforts in making our town a great place to live.

We will close with this quote:

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* - Helen Keller

Respectfully,

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chair

Tim Cremmen, Vice-chair

Traci Donovan-Laviolette, Member at large

Mike Green, Member at large

Bonnie Gagnon, Member at large

# Warrant Articles for Town Meeting 2025

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, in said state and county, qualified to vote in Town affairs:  
You are hereby notified to meet at the Middleton Old Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of March in the year 2025 at seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 am), with polls not closing before seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 pm), to act upon the following:

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary officers for the stated terms:

- Selectman for two, three (3) year terms
- Selectman for one, two (2) year term
- Budget Committee for one, three (3) year term
- Budget Committee for one, two (2) year term
- Budget Committee for one, one (1) year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, one (1) year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, three (3) year term
- Supervisor of the Checklist for one, one (1) year term

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend **ARTICLE 5A-BASE ZONING DISTRICT USES, Section B** to add Paragraph 5, title Fences, and describe the maximum fence height as forty-eight inches (48)?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend **ARTICLE 6-LOT STANDARDS, Section A, paragraph 4** to add instructions for measuring a building's height from the average finished grade to the highest peak)?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Completely remove **ARTICLE 14-PRIVATE CAMPSITES** from the Zoning Ordinance?*

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Completely remove **ARTICLE 23-FAMILY COMPOUND** from the Zoning Ordinance and add a note stating the date rescinded?*

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Edit **ARTICLE 24A-ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, Section C, Definitions:** edit **TABLE OF CONTENTS** from **ARTICLE 24 TO ARTICLE 24A** and change title from **IN-LAW APARTMENT** to **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**; Remove paragraphs C, D, and E completely; Relabel paragraphs and sub-paragraphs and edit the **Criteria for Approval** to reflect the current statutory reference to attached dwellings?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: *Edit ARTICLE 27-PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES of the Zoning Ordinance to change "Special Use" to Conditional Use?*

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: **ARTICLE 33-CONDNDITIONAL USE PERMIT** to rescind Section B completely and relabel sections?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 8** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: In **ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS** to remove the definition of **CAMPSITE, PRIVATE** completely and add a note stating the date rescinded?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 9** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend **ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS** add the definition of **CONDITIONAL USE** to read: "A use of a building or lot that may be permitted under this ordinance only upon application to the Planning Board and subject to the approval of that Board, and only in cases where the words "**Conditional Use**" in the Ordinance pertain?"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 10** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Edit **ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS**; edit definition of **RECOGNIZED PHYSICAL DISABILITY** to remove reference to "so-call 'mother-in-law apartment'?"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 11** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: edit **ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS of ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS** to read: "A residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, or detached from the principal dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies?"

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 12** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: In **ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS**, remove entirely the definition of **IN-LAW APARTMENT**?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 13** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend **ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS** and edit **STRUCTURES** to change the wording in definitions to clarify what structures are and their applicability, such as fences and walls?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Proposed Amendment No. 14** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend **ARTICLE 14-RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE DESIGN** edit to correct spelling of "IMPLEMENTING" and Section **C-OPEN SPACE USE AND MANAGEMENT** delete the phrase "required by the special use permit"?

**You are hereby further notified to meet at the Middleton Elementary School on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2025 at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 am) to act on the following articles:**

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of the sum of seven hundred nineteen thousand, two hundred seventy-six (\$719,276) for Government operations. The Selectmen recommend \$759,122. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Executive	\$ 164,533	\$ 164,533
Election, Regis., Vitals,	\$ 34,235	\$ 34,235
Assessing Service	\$ 28,816	\$ 28,816
Legal Expense	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Personnel Admin.	\$ 287,863	\$ 322,494
Financial Admin.	\$ 60,315	\$ 60,315
Planning & Zoning	\$ 12,662	\$ 17,877
Conservation Comm.	\$ 2,101	\$ 2,101
Gen. Gov’t. Buildings	\$ 45,388	\$ 45,388
Insurance	\$ 63,362	\$ 63,362
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$719,275</b>	<b>\$ 759,121</b>

(tax rate/1000 **\$1.96**)

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of the sum of five hundred eight thousand, eight hundred sixty dollars (\$508,860) for Public Safety operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 508,860. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Police	\$ 320,924	\$ 320,924
Fire & Rescue	\$ 80,741	\$ 80,741
EMS	\$ 91,000	\$ 91,000
Building Inspection	\$ 10,195	\$ 10,195
Emergency Management	\$ 500	\$ 500
County Dispatch	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$508,860</b>	<b>\$ 508,860</b>

(tax rate/1000 **\$1.39**)

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of the sum of four hundred forty-nine thousand, one hundred forty-seven dollars (\$449,147) for Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 449,247. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Highway	\$366,587	\$ 366,687
Highway Block Grant/Revenue offset	\$ 61,860	\$ 61,860
Street Lighting	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
School Diesel/Gasoline (School Diesel offsetting revenue)	\$ 18,300	\$ 18,300
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 449,147</b>	<b>\$ 449,247</b>

(tax rate/1000 **\$1.22**)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of two hundred fifteen thousand, six hundred forty-six dollars (\$215,646) for Health and Welfare operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 215,646. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Animal Control	\$ 505	\$ 505
Health Agencies	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Welfare	\$ 10,241	\$ 10,241
Solid Waste Coll.	\$ 196,900	\$ 196,900
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 215,646</b>	<b>\$ 215,646</b>

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.59**)

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of one thousand, eight hundred and one dollars (\$1,800) for Culture and Recreation operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 1,800. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	<u>Recommended By Budget Committee</u>	<u>Recommended By Selectmen</u>
Beach Maintenance	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Patriotic	\$ 600	\$ 600
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.005**)

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of road construction and paving of various roads in town. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the road construction and paving is completed or December 31, 2029, whichever is sooner. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.55**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.03**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.04**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.01**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Natural or Man-Made Disasters Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.003**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 12**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Five Hundred and fifteen Thousand dollars (\$515,000), for



the purchase of leasing/purchasing a fire truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$290,000 for the downpayment on the fire truck with \$140,000 to from the Fire Department Replacement Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and \$150,000 from the unassigned fund balance. Further to raise and appropriate \$31,000 for the first year's lease payment to come from general taxation. This lease contains an escape clause. Should this article pass, Article 14 will be null and void. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.08**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Rep Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Should article 12 pass, this article will be null and void. (Majority vote required). (Majority Vote Required)

tax rate/1000 **\$0.07**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Public Safety Complex Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.03**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (4-1)

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Medical Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.03**)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight thousand, forty-nine dollars and seventy cents (\$28,049.70) to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Such sum representing the amount of income received in 2024 from the Cell Phone Tower and **said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) to be used to purchase accounting software, data conversion, and training for new accounting

system, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.**  
(Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be used for ZBA (Zoning Board Adjustment) legal litigation fees, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be used to purchase GIS mapping software, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to add to the existing Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of treating Milfoil and other exotic aquatic species, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be used to equip the highway truck with plow gear, body, and hydraulics, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improvements to the municipal building and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in fund, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Gear and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing police gear and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in fund, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Gear and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Fire gear and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in fund, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Preservation of Historical records Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of preserving the Town of Middleton records and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.** Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (3-2)  
Budget Committee Recommends (5-0)

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to not maintain any roads identified by the State of New Hampshire as private roads, class VI roads, and roads subject to gates and bars. (Majority Vote Required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (3-2)  
No Budget Committee Recommendation due to being a non-fiscal article.

**Article 27:** Shall the town modify the provisions of to RSA 72:39-a for the ederly exemption from property tax in the town of Middleton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, forty thousand (\$40,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, fifty thousand (\$50,000); for a person 80 years of age or older sixty thousand (\$60,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than thirty-five thousand (\$35,000), or if married, a combined net income of not more than fifty

thousand (\$50,000); and owned net assets not in excess of seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority Vote required)Board of Selectmen Recommends (4-0-1)

No Budget Committee Recommendation due to being a non-fiscal article.

**Article 28**Pursuant to RSA 72:28, RSA 72:28-b, and RSA 72:29-a, to see if the Town will vote to increase the Veterans Tax credit to seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) for the Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit and All Veterans' Tax Credit, and increase the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (Majority Vote required))

Board of Selectmen Recommends (4-0-1)

No Budget Committee Recommendation due to being a non-fiscal article.

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Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chairman

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Timothy Cremmen, Vice Chairman

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Tracy Donovan-Laviolette

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Michael Green

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Bonnie Gagnon



**Proposed Budget  
Middleton**

For the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 21, 2025

**BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Sienna Pownell	Chair-Budget Committee	<i>Sienna Pownell</i>
Christine Maynard	SLVD	<i>Christine Maynard</i>
Michelle Green	BOA	<i>Michelle Green</i>
Patricia Sinderf	Budget Committee	<i>Patricia Sinderf</i>

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<b>General Government</b>								
4130	Executive	02	\$134,483	\$150,335	\$164,533	\$0	\$164,533	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$44,373	\$30,850	\$34,235	\$0	\$34,235	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$51	\$55,112	\$60,315	\$0	\$60,315	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	02	\$19,336	\$23,104	\$28,816	\$0	\$28,816	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$16,490	\$37,500	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$248,101	\$305,205	\$322,494	\$0	\$287,863	\$34,631
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$23,778	\$17,377	\$17,877	\$0	\$12,662	\$5,215
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$48,459	\$46,920	\$45,388	\$0	\$45,388	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$58,130	\$58,130	\$63,362	\$0	\$63,362	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$593,201</b>	<b>\$724,533</b>	<b>\$757,020</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$717,174</b>	<b>\$39,846</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210	Police	03	\$241,785	\$305,273	\$320,924	\$0	\$320,924	\$0
4215	Ambulances	03	\$62,701	\$81,000	\$91,000	\$0	\$91,000	\$0
4220	Fire	03	\$95,970	\$78,051	\$80,741	\$0	\$80,741	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	03	\$9,618	\$11,879	\$10,195	\$0	\$10,195	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	03	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	03	\$3,995	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$0
	<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$414,069</b>	<b>\$482,203</b>	<b>\$508,860</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$508,860</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Highway Administration	04	\$357,005	\$359,634	\$366,687	\$0	\$366,587	\$100
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$224,510	\$311,860	\$61,860	\$0	\$61,860	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$2,567	\$2,500	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	04	\$18,300	\$15,000	\$18,300	\$0	\$18,300	\$0
	<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$602,382</b>	<b>\$688,994</b>	<b>\$449,247</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$449,147</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	05	\$201,187	\$184,001	\$196,900	\$0	\$196,900	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$201,187</b>	<b>\$184,001</b>	<b>\$196,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$196,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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			Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2024	for period ending 12/31/2024	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)	Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Electric Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	05	\$0	\$505	\$505	\$0	\$505	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	05	\$6,000	\$7,001	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$7,506</b>	<b>\$8,505</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,505</b>	<b>\$0</b>





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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441	Welfare Administration	05	\$5,228	\$10,105	\$10,241	\$0	\$10,241	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$5,228</b>	<b>\$10,105</b>	<b>\$10,241</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,241</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520	Parks and Recreation	06	\$1,075	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0
4550	Library		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$597	\$500	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$494	\$501	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,166</b>	<b>\$2,201</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611	Conservation Administration	02	\$0	\$1,604	\$2,101	\$0	\$2,101	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,604</b>	<b>\$2,101</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,101</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$4,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$272,051	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$276,551</b>	<b>\$257,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,934,675</b>	<b>\$1,894,729</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,894,729</b>	<b>\$39,946</b>



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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Road Repaving</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	24	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Highway truck equipment</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Highway Department Vehicle CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Revaluation CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: SCBA CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Natural &amp; Man-Made Disaster CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Replacement Vehicle</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Public Safety complex</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	16	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Medical Equipment CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	19	\$28,050	\$0	\$28,050	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Cell Phone Tower income to go into the Highway Dep</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	23	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Milfoil</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	26	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Municipal Building improvements.</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	27	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Police gear and equipment</i>				



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**Special Warrant Articles**

4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	28						
			<i>Purpose: Fire gear and equipment</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	29						
			<i>Purpose: Preservation of Historical records.</i>					
	<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>				<b>\$387,050</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$387,050</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)
4153	Legal Expense	21		\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
				<i>Purpose: ZBA legal fees</i>		
4199	Other General Government	20	\$29,000	\$0	\$0	\$29,000
				<i>Purpose: Purchase accounting software</i>		
4199	Other General Government	22	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
				<i>Purpose: GIS Mapping</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$290,000	\$0	\$0	\$290,000
				<i>Purpose: Purchase Fire Truck</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$31,000	\$0	\$0	\$31,000
				<i>Purpose: Purchase Fire Truck</i>		
			<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$371,000</b>



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
<b>Taxes</b>						
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$0		\$600	\$600
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0		\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes		\$0		\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0		\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0		\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0		\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$0		\$20,829	\$20,829
	<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$21,429</b>	<b>\$21,429</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>						
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0		\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$0		\$310,000	\$310,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$0		\$15,000	\$15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$0		\$10,000	\$10,000
	<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$335,000</b>	<b>\$335,000</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>						
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0		\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0		\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0		\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0		\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0		\$0	\$0
	<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>						
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0		\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$0		\$174,139	\$174,139
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$0		\$61,860	\$61,860
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0		\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0		\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0		\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
<b>State Sources</b>					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	02	\$0	\$8,199	\$8,199
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$244,198	\$244,198
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>					
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	02	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	02	\$0	\$150	\$150
			\$0	\$1,150	\$1,150
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	02	\$0	\$700	\$700
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$0	\$1,980	\$1,980
3503	Rents of Property	02	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified		\$0	\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$4,180	\$4,180
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>					
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$0	\$140,000	\$140,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources	23, 24,	\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	27, 19, 26, 20, 28, 29, 21, 12, 22	\$0	\$313,050	\$313,050
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	02	\$0	\$121,333	\$121,333
	<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$434,383</b>	<b>\$434,383</b>
	<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,180,340</b>	<b>\$1,180,340</b>





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**Budget Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,934,675	\$1,894,729
Special Warrant Articles	\$387,050	\$387,050
Individual Warrant Articles	\$371,000	\$371,000
Total Appropriations	\$2,692,725	\$2,652,779
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,180,340	\$1,180,340
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$1,512,385</b>	<b>\$1,472,439</b>



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**Supplemental Schedule**

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$2,652,779</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions ( <i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i> )	\$0
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)</b>	<b>\$2,652,779</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions ( <i>Line 7 x 10%</i> )	\$265,278
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
<b>12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:</b>	<b>\$2,918,057</b>
<i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</i>	

# 2024 Payroll

## Code Enforcement

Carl Roy \$5,833.25

## Election Officials

Andrea Bowden \$862.50  
 Mackenzie Brisson \$50.00  
 Bonnie Gagnon \$900.00  
 David Savage \$300.00  
 Ken Garry \$50.00  
 Kelly Tivnan \$50.00  
 Joni Van Gelder \$50.00  
 Linda Adamo \$862.50  
 Tracy Donovan-Laviolette \$100.00  
 Ann Donahue \$100.00  
 Nancy Pop \$100.00  
 Patricia Sindorf \$200.00

## Electrical Inspector

Peter Cicolini \$2,617.82

## Fire/EMS

Jacob Bourdeau \$568.37  
 Andrea Bowden \$11,844.67  
 Scott Bowden \$1,729.08  
 Gabriel Clary \$315.00  
 Jayden Donovan-Laviolette \$1,945.93  
 Jeffery Eldridge \$6,396.10  
 Bryan Francis \$2,166.66  
 Steven Fruchtman \$1,035.00  
 Robert Gay \$126.08  
 Walter Givara \$3,263.03  
 Michael Green \$24,103.61  
 Jacob Guarino \$2,396.67  
 Janelle Guarino \$22,458.96  
 Michael Donovan-Laviolette \$9,368.99  
 Griffin Parks \$1,458.17  
 Trevor Schwarz \$283.68  
 Brian Taylor \$1,138.16  
 Brett Wiggin \$1,238.53

## Maintenance

Lester Kimball \$1,317.85

## Municipal

Christine Barlett \$5,078.25  
 Sandra Bruedle \$2,411.40  
 Timothy Cremmen \$2,630.40  
 Tracy Donovan-Laviolette \$2,630.40  
 Scott Ferguson \$2,435.50  
 Michael Green \$2,630.40  
 Kim Hughes \$55,292.12  
 Theresa Jones \$29,384.94  
 Joni Van Gelder \$10,174.50  
 Carol Long \$1,212.50  
 Roy Parece \$5,472.00  
 Wanda Rawlinson \$1,336.00  
 Robin Willis \$27,457.41

## Police

Greg Cooper \$24,114.10  
 Steven Hyde \$1,991.85  
 Randy Sobel \$54,665.00  
 Jonathan Swift \$44,166.19  
 Kathryn Toussaint \$13,597.75  
 Michael Volpe \$74,012.02

## Highway Department

Mark Dixon \$7,806.00  
 James Keegan \$67,779.90  
 Robert Page \$68,661.69  
 Daniel Phillips \$91,148.04




<b>2024</b> <b>\$15.54</b>
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## Tax Rate Breakdown Middleton

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,568,690	\$366,671,819	<b>\$4.28</b>
County	\$616,222	\$366,671,819	<b>\$1.68</b>
Local Education	\$3,119,546	\$366,671,819	<b>\$8.51</b>
State Education	\$386,892	\$360,382,419	<b>\$1.07</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,691,350</b>		<b>\$15.54</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Sunrise Lake Village	\$17,745	\$177,447,711	<b>\$0.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,745</b>		<b>\$0.10</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,691,350
War Service Credits	(\$43,600)
Village District Tax Effort	\$17,745
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$5,665,495</b>

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/29/2024
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Middleton, New Hampshire

**Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire (the Town), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions:

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

**Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2023, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Unmodified Opinions on Each Major Fund and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

## Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, management has not recorded a liability, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources for the Town's single employer other postemployment benefits plan in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded an expense for the current period change in the liability. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that other postemployment benefits attributable to employee services already rendered and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee be accrued as liabilities and expenses as employees earn the rights to the benefits, which would increase the liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, reduce the net position, and change the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, schedule of Town OPEB contributions, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of Town pension contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Middleton, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Manchester, New Hampshire  
January 9, 2025

## *TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR*

With all the elections, and just day-to-day responsibilities, 2024 was a very busy year, it's hard to believe another year has come and gone already.

We did do things a bit differently for the Presidential election to better accommodate residents for what was anticipated to be a very high turnout and utilized the Middleton Elementary School which worked out very well.

I want to say a special "Thank you" to our Town Moderator Jack Savage and to my Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deputy Joni VanGelder for all your help organizing everything you are both amazing!

We are getting a new credit card system installed shortly that will hopefully let us move things along smoothly with this more updated equipment, and I appreciate the patience and understanding from the residents during this transition.

We will have our annual Rabies Clinic later in the Spring, the date and time will be updated on the Town website ([middletonnh.gov](http://middletonnh.gov)) and on local social medias pages so keep an eye out for updates.

Reminder that ALL dogs must be registered by April 30<sup>th</sup>, to avoid any late fees, fines or Civil Forfeitures.

I would like wish all the residents a happy and healthy 2025!

Theresa Jones

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



**Tender Summary**

Middleton Drawer	
Tender	Amount
CASH	\$85,943.49
CHECKS (1,170)	\$454,717.45
TRAVELER'S CHECKS	\$0.00
<b>Deposit Total:</b>	<b>\$540,660.94</b>
ACH	\$37,044.58
CREDIT APPLIED	\$617.20
CREDIT CARD	\$170,444.56
CREDIT ISSUED	\$-211.90
RETURNED CHECK	\$-249.40
SHORT SLIP ISSUED	\$382.40
SHORT SLIP PAYMENT	\$-382.40
DEPOSIT TOTAL	\$540,660.94
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$748,305.98</b>

**State of NH Drawer**

Tender	Amount
CASH	\$0.00
CHECKS (0)	\$0.00
TRAVELER'S CHECKS	\$0.00
<b>Deposit Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
CREDIT APPLIED	\$466.40
CREDIT ISSUED	\$-43.60
SHORT SLIP ISSUED	\$80.00
SHORT SLIP PAYMENT	\$-35.00
DEPOSIT TOTAL	\$0.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$467.80</b>

**Activity Summary**

BOAT	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
NEW	26	\$0.00	\$1,508.40
REGISTRATION MAINTENAN	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENEWAL	98	\$0.00	\$6,216.08
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,724.48</b>
CHECK REFUND	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
ADMIN	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
MOTOR VEHICLE	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
CERT-COPY LOST	40	\$0.00	\$720.00
CREDIT (ONLINE)	4	\$0.00	\$679.20
DECAL-REPL DAMAGED	1	\$0.00	\$4.00
DECAL-REPL LOST	5	\$0.00	\$20.00
NEW	494	\$0.00	\$105,950.47
PLATE-RPL DAMAGED	2	\$0.00	\$59.00
PLATE-RPL MID-YEAR	2	\$0.00	\$62.33
PLATE-RPL REORDER-ID	1	\$0.00	\$7.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-1L	1	\$0.00	\$7.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-1P	7	\$0.00	\$31.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-2D	4	\$0.00	\$44.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-2L	1	\$0.00	\$11.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-2P	1	\$0.00	\$8.00
REGISTRATION MAINTENAN	15	\$0.00	\$49.92
RENEWAL	2,295	\$0.00	\$424,433.56
SHORT SLIP DUE	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - AP	268	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - EXPS	11	\$0.00	\$297.00
TITLE - PS	220	\$0.00	\$5,861.00
TITLE ONLY	14	\$0.00	\$378.00
TITLE ONLY - EX	3	\$0.00	\$81.00
TRANSFER	165	\$0.00	\$29,943.13
VOID - CREDIT ISSUED	1	\$0.00	\$-2.00
VOID - RETURNED CHECK	2	\$0.00	\$-249.40
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	7	\$0.00	\$-2,139.80
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$566,255.41</b>
DOG LICENSES	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
CREDIT (ONLINE)	4	\$0.00	\$26.00
LICENSE NEW	74	\$0.00	\$535.50
LICENSE RENEWAL	440	\$0.00	\$2,938.50
VOID - CREDIT ISSUED	1	\$0.00	\$-6.50
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,493.50</b>
TOWN CLERK SERVICES	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
2022 CIVIL FORFEITURE	1	\$0.00	\$30.00
2022 SPAYED/NEUTERED LI	1	\$0.00	\$6.50
2023 SPAYED/NEUTERED LI	22	\$0.00	\$91.00

**Fees Summary**

Fee	Count	Amount
AGENT FEE	2,947	\$8,841.00
APPLICATION FEE	530	\$1,060.00
BEACH STICKER	14	\$280.00
BOAT AGENT FEE	124	\$620.00
BOAT EXTC AQTC PLANTS	124	\$496.00
BOAT FEE	90	\$1,244.48
BOAT HARBOR DREDGING	2	\$4.00
BOAT MILFOIL FEE	124	\$682.00
BOAT PUBLIC ACC FEE	124	\$620.00
BOAT REG FEE	124	\$3,844.00
BOAT SRCH RESC FEE	124	\$124.00
BOAT TAX COLL FEE	90	\$90.00
BUILDING PERMIT	39	\$28,250.68
BULK STICKERS	23	\$505.00
CERTIFIED COPY FEE	39	\$585.00
CLERK FEE	2,939	\$5,878.00
CONSERVATION FEE	16	\$480.00
COPY FEE	15	\$140.50
CREDIT ACCOUNT	8	\$705.20
CREDIT APPLIED	-12	\$-466.40
CREDIT ISSUED	2	\$43.60
DECAL REPLACEMENT FEE	6	\$6.00
DMV MAIL-IN FEE	0	\$0.00
DOG CIVIL FORFEITURE - COST OF SE	1	\$5.00
DOG CIVIL FORFEITURE FEE	1	\$25.00
DOG LATE FEE	31	\$214.00
DOG LICENSE FEE GROUP	2	\$36.00
DOG LICENSE FEE PUPPY	7	\$28.00
DOG LICENSE FEE SENIOR	67	\$100.50
DOG LICENSE FEE SERVICE DOG	1	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE FEE SPAYED/NEUTERE	371	\$1,484.00
DOG LICENSE FEE UNALTERED	82	\$533.00
DOG OVERPOPULATION FEE	462	\$924.00
DOG STATE LICENSE FEE	527	\$263.50
ELECTRICAL INSPECTION	1	\$50.00
ELECTRICAL PERMIT	78	\$1,950.00
EM COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$25.00
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	1	\$325.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	4	\$62,387.00
HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE	18	\$841.50
INCOME	24	\$28,049.70
MARRIAGE LICENSE - STATE	9	\$387.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE - TOWN	9	\$63.00
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	1	\$1,215.27
METAL, ALUMINUM & TIRES	2	\$367.50
MILFOIL GRANT	3	\$2,880.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	14	\$2,367.66
MPF	2,285	\$2,286.00
MV REGISTRATIONS - TOWN	0	\$0.00
OHRV REGISTRATION	37	\$4,895.00
OTHER PERMITS	58	\$2,440.00
PERMIT FEE	3,011	\$402,566.00
PISTOL PERMIT	7	\$70.00
PLANNING BOARD	4	\$300.00
PLATE FEE	446	\$3,124.00
PLATE REPLACEMENT FEE	19	\$116.00
POLICE DEPT MISCELLANEOUS	1	\$10.00
POLICE DETAIL INCOME	5	\$3,036.00
POLICE REPORT	6	\$60.00

2023 UNALTERED LIC.	4	\$0.00	\$18.00
BEACH STICKER	14	\$0.00	\$280.00
BUILDING PERMIT	41	\$0.00	\$28,375.44
BULK STICKERS	23	\$0.00	\$505.00
CELL PHONE INCOME	24	\$0.00	\$28,049.70
COPY FEE	15	\$0.00	\$140.50
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIO	1	\$0.00	\$50.00
ELECTRICAL PERMIT	78	\$0.00	\$1,950.00
EM COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$0.00	\$25.00
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	1	\$0.00	\$325.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	4	\$0.00	\$62,387.00
HUNTING/ FISHING LIC	18	\$0.00	\$841.50
MAIL PROCESS FEE	1	\$0.00	\$2.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE	9	\$0.00	\$450.00
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	1	\$0.00	\$1,215.27
METAL, ALUMINUM & TI	2	\$0.00	\$367.50
MILFOIL GRANT	3	\$0.00	\$2,880.00
MISCELLANEOUS	14	\$0.00	\$2,367.66
MV REGISTRATIONS - T	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
MV REVENUE	3	\$0.00	\$423.60
OHRV REGISTRATIONS	37	\$0.00	\$4,895.00
OTHER PERMITS	59	\$0.00	\$2,465.00
PISTOL PERMIT	7	\$0.00	\$70.00
PLANNING BOARD	4	\$0.00	\$300.00
POLICE ACCIDENT REPO	6	\$0.00	\$60.00
POLICE DEPT MISCELLA	1	\$0.00	\$10.00
POLICE DETAIL INCOME	5	\$0.00	\$3,036.00
POSTAGE	10	\$0.00	\$816.06
RETURNED PAYMENT	3	\$0.00	\$75.00
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PR	3	\$0.00	\$450.00
SCHOOL DIESEL	4	\$0.00	\$14,370.86
SCHOOL GAS	4	\$0.00	\$9,156.56
SUBDIVISION APP	4	\$0.00	\$800.00
TOWN HALL RENTAL	18	\$0.00	\$1,865.00
UCC FILING	4	\$0.00	\$780.00
VITAL STATISTICS	52	\$0.00	\$1,020.00
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	3	\$0.00	\$-149.76
ZONING BOARD ADJUSTM	5	\$0.00	\$500.00

**Sub Total: 511 \$0.00 \$171,300.39**

**WRITE OFF Count State Amt Municipal Amt**

ADMIN 1 \$0.00 \$0.00

**Sub Total: 1 \$0.00 \$0.00**

**Total: 4,722 \$0.00 \$748,773.78**

**Grand Total: \$748,773.78**

POSTAGE	10	\$816.06
REGISTRATION FEE	2,770	\$118,106.17
REGISTRATION FEE RETURN CHECK	-2	\$-98.40
RETURNED PAYMENT	3	\$75.00
SAFETY FUND	28	\$28.00
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	3	\$450.00
SCHOOL DIESEL	4	\$14,370.86
SCHOOL GAS	4	\$9,156.56
SHORT SLIP ISSUED	-8	\$-80.00
SHORT SLIP PAYMENT	2	\$35.00
STATE PARK PLATE	16	\$1,360.00
SUBDIVISION APP	4	\$800.00
SURCHARGE FEE	12	\$1,070.83
TITLE FEE	245	\$6,125.00
TOWN HALL RENTAL	18	\$1,865.00
TRANSFER FEE	326	\$2,445.00
UCC FILING FEE	4	\$780.00
VANITY FEE	305	\$12,023.21
VITAL STATISTICS - STATE - ADDL COI	24	\$120.00
VITAL STATISTICS - STATE - FIRST COI	52	\$416.00
VITAL STATISTICS - TOWN - ADDL COF	24	\$120.00
VITAL STATISTICS - TOWN - FIRST COF	52	\$364.00
ZBA APPLICATION	5	\$500.00

**Grand Total: 18,989 \$748,305.98**

01/29/2025



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

--MIDDLETON, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
DAUDELIN, VINCENT RUSSELL	01/15/2024	DOVER	DAUDELIN, VICTOR	BROWN, BEATRICE	N
COPELAND, LINDA J	01/16/2024	PORTSMOUTH	PETERSON, ROGER	BLANCHARD, FAY	N
DAVIS, HILDA	01/23/2024	MIDDLETON	RUSSELL, ALBERT	CRABTREE, CLARA	N
BARTLETT, BRIAN EDMOND	02/20/2024	PORTSMOUTH	BARTLETT, EVERETT	CASELL, WANDA	N
DAY, PHILIP DENNIS	03/04/2024	DOVER	DAY, FORREST	ELDRIDGE, CARLYNE	Y
HOULE, RONALD JOSEPH	05/11/2024	DOVER	HOULE, BRUNO	BOUTHOT, CECILE	Y
PETERSON, GERARD RAYMOND	05/24/2024	MIDDLETON	PETERSON, HERBERT	MCCALLUM, BETTY	Y
BARTLETT, JOHN	06/04/2024	MIDDLETON	BARTLETT, JOHN	FULLER, IONA	N
POND, GILMAN GEORGE	06/06/2024	MIDDLETON	POND, WILLIAM	VANDINE, JANICE	Y
DANSREAU, JANICE ANNE	06/24/2024	DOVER	KINSVATER, JACK	BASTARACHE, EVELYN	N
PEAVEY, CHERYL ANN	07/13/2024	MIDDLETON	HARAMUT, CHESTER	HAM, BEVERLY	N
FITZGERALD, GERALD ALFRED	08/09/2024	MIDDLETON	FITZGERALD, RAYMOND	MEAD, MABEL	Y
CARAMANIS, LISA A	08/28/2024	DOVER	CARAMANIS, PAUL	DOYLE, LILLIAN	N
COLBURN, ALBERT EMIL	09/05/2024	MIDDLETON	COLBURN, OLIVER	TURSCHUMANN, HILDA	N
MORANN, TOM HENRY	09/06/2024	ERROL	SLAUENWHITE, NEWTON	CADY, SANDRA	N
DOUGLAS, RYAN ANDREW	09/10/2024	MIDDLETON	DOUGLAS JR, CHARLES	GOSS, DONNA	N
DOW, WAYNE EDWARD	09/27/2024	MIDDLETON	DOW, ROBERT	TUFTS, JOAN	N
KREIENSIECK, DALE MAX	11/14/2024	MIDDLETON	KREIENSIECK, EMIL	MELCHERS, MARIE	Y



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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

--MIDDLETON, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
JOHN, BETTY LEE	11/16/2024	PORTSMOUTH	JOHN, JAMES	TEAL, PEARL	N
DURKEE, CYNTHIA LOUISE	12/12/2024	MIDDLETON	DURKEE, SIDNEY	BUTLER, AGNES	N
BYRNES SR, STEPHEN EDWARD	12/18/2024	DOVER	BYRNES SR, ROBERT	MCKENNA, ARLINE	N

Total number of records 21

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

-- MIDDLETON --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
BARNUM, KYLE ANDREW MIDDLETON, NH	PURINGTON, JESSICA ROSE MIDDLETON, NH	FARMINGTON	ROLLINSFORD	06/08/2024
CULLY, CAMERON RICHARD ROCHESTER, NH	DUNN, MEAGAN ROSE MIDDLETON, NH	ROCHESTER	ROCHESTER	06/19/2024
TRASK, TIMOTHY JAMES MIDDLETON, NH	RATAY, ROBIN REED MIDDLETON, NH	MIDDLETON	STRAFFORD	06/22/2024
FAHEY, JAMES PATRICK MIDDLETON, NH	THORNTON, EMILY CHRISTINE MIDDLETON, NH	MIDDLETON	MIDDLETON	07/04/2024
TUFTS, JAMES MIDDLETON, NH	STILLINGS, JENNIFER MIDDLETON, NH	MIDDLETON	MILTON MILLS	09/22/2024
TAYLOR II, RICHARD WAYNE MIDDLETON, NH	PASSAS, AMY JENIENE MIDDLETON, NH	ROCHESTER	ROCHESTER	09/27/2024

Total number of records 6

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT**

**01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024**

**-- MIDDLETON--**

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name</b>
FINNEMORE, ALAINA MAE	06/20/2024	PORTSMOUTH NH	FINNEMORE, CHARLES LEONARD	SHAW, ELIZABETH LILLIAN
PERKINS, OLIVIA MAE	07/23/2024	DOVER, NH	PERKINS, AI JUAN	TIBBETTS, HAILEY MARIE
FRANCIS, PIPER MAE	08/20/2024	DOVER, NH	FRANCIS, BRYAN SPOFFORD	FRANCIS, EMILY ELIZABETH
TAYLOR, WESLEY BERNARD	09/06/2024	DOVER, NH	TAYLOR, CHRISTIAN DANIEL	TAYLOR, LEAH
TODD, LUCAS EDMUND	09/11/2024	DOVER, NH	TODD, RYAN DURWOOD	CHARRON, KATHERINE DOMINIQUE
QUINTAL, ISABELLA ANNE	10/09/2024	DOVER, NH	QUINTAL, MICHAEL JOSEPH	QUINTAL, MONIQUE OLIVIA
QUINTAL, SOPHIE MARIE	10/09/2024	DOVER, NH	QUINTAL, MICHAEL JOSEPH	QUINTAL, MONIQUE OLIVIA
HAMMOND, AVA LYNN	10/16/2024	DOVER, NH		HAMMOND, KRISTEN MCKENZI
TOZIER, EVELYN JAYNE	10/24/2024	DOVER, NH	TOZIER, LUKE THOMAS	TOZIER, ERIKA JAYNE
WEATHERWAX, ELIJAH WAYNE	10/31/2024	LEBANON, NH	WEATHERWAX, ANTHONY ALAN	SIMONEAU, CHELSEA LOUISE
LINEHAN, JORDAN JOSEPH	11/22/2024	DOVER, NH	LINEHAN IV, JOHN JOSEPH	LINEHAN, TIFFANY NICHOLE
FRASER IV, DAVID ALEXANDER	12/27/2024	DOVER, NH	FRASER III, DAVID ALEXANDER	MAZNEK, MOLLY CATHERINE

Total number of records 12



### Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year)** or **September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

#### Instructions

**Cover Page**

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

**For Assistance Please Contact:**

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

#### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

#### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	
<input type="text" value="There sa"/>	<input type="text" value="Jones"/>	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
<input type="text" value="1 82"/>	<input type="text" value="Kings Highway"/>	<input type="text" value="473-5210"/>
Email (optional)		
<input type="text" value="tctx@middletonnh.gov"/>		



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021	
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,022,985.32	\$77,317.28		
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$6,889.86)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2023	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,666,479.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$22,900.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$10,704.66			
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	3110	\$18,228.43			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,300.71	\$11,993.23	\$6,678.65	
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$5,713,722.94</b>	<b>\$1,034,978.55</b>	<b>\$83,995.93</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>





<b>Credits</b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>		
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Property Taxes	\$4,735,744.83	\$943,700.02	\$48,780.64	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$17,400.00			
Yield Taxes	\$2,091.03			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,300.71	\$10,242.23	\$6,678.65	
Penalties		\$1,751.00		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$73,605.26		
Discounts Allowed				

<b>Abatements Made</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>		
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Property Taxes	\$891.00	\$3,173.40	\$1,891.00	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$610.50			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded	\$884.00		\$2,131.00	



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Property Taxes	\$944,278.78	\$2,506.64	\$24,514.64	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$5,500.00			
Yield Taxes	\$8,003.13			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$3,981.04)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$5,713,722.94</b>	<b>\$1,034,978.55</b>	<b>\$83,995.93</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$980,822.15</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$60,335.62</b>



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year				\$49,181.82
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$79,346.73		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$969.66		\$15,058.28

<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$80,316.39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$64,240.10</b>
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**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2023	2022	2021
Redemptions		\$16,991.39		\$44,616.34
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$969.66		\$15,058.28
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$2,019.72		\$4,565.48
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$60,335.62		

<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$80,316.39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$64,240.10</b>
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For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$980,822.15</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	<b>\$60,335.62</b>



MIDDLETON (299)

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Theresa

Jones

01/07/2025

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

  
Preparer's Signature and Title

## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report of the 2024 ending balances for the accounts of the Town:

Checking Account Ending Balance	\$ 1,701,102.28
Sweep Account	\$ 518,774.57
Total Cash Available	\$ 2,219,876.85
Checking Account Interest Earned	\$ 12,247.14
Sweep Account Interest Earned	\$ 12,415.66
Conservation Interest	\$ 61.14
Conservation Balance	\$ 62,838.25

The Town did not find it necessary to take out a Tax Anticipation Note. The Town remains solvent.

Antoinette Canfield, Town Treasurer

Town of Middleton  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Profile Bank Checking	\$ (92,247.61)
Accounts Receivable	(0.01)
Investment Pool Interest	(1,271.36)
Interest Income	(12,031.29)
DUE FROM CRF	1,764.00
Due from CRF - Milfoil	11,333.37
Taxes Receivable	(2,506,462.13)
Tax Liens receivable	49,182.32
Yield Tax Receivable	0.49
ELDERLY/DISABLED TAX LIENS	27,338.28
Allowance for uncollect taxes	(30,000.00)
Allowance for Eld/Disab lien	(27,338.28)
Property acquired for taxes	98,695.01
Due from other funds	(0.08)
Prepaid Expenses	<u>9,945.00</u>
 Total Current Assets	 (2,471,092.29)
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Property and Equipment	
 Total Property and Equipment	 0.00
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Other Assets	
 Total Other Assets	 0.00
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Total Assets	\$ (2,471,092.29)

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities	
DUE TO GENERAL FUND	\$ 4,575.69
Accounts Payable	64,941.46
Employee Health Ins Payable	1,159.73
Tax overpayments payable	6,890.30
Disability Insurance	35.52
Accident Insurance	57.92
Life Insurance Payable	17.58
Cancer Insurance Payable	(23.01)
Dental Payable	100.15
Health Ins (In & Out)	(35.70)
PD Drug Enforcement K-9	255.86
Emergency Management In/Out	537.50
Milfoil Acct	(4,159.63)
Federal Withholding Tax Payabl	2,396.12
Social Security Tax Payable	2,507.41
Medicare Withholding Tax Pay	809.80
Police Retirement Payable	6,785.48
401a employee payable	(1,980.44)
Greenleaf Road Damage	2,445.85
Police forfeiture money	192.69
Due to School District	(1,856,565.57)
Due to Heritage Trust Fund	325.00
Due to Sunrise Lake VD	(17,745.00)
Due to Conservation Fund	9,330.00
Accrued Liabilities	<u>69,721.00</u>

Town of Middleton  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2024

Due To Police Detail Fund	(1,700.00)	
DUE TO AMBULANCE FUND	(22,027.74)	
Total Current Liabilities		(1,731,152.03)
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		(1,731,152.03)
Capital		
Beginning Balance Equity	(62,105.91)	
Equity	3,166,357.06	
Unappropriated Fund Balance	(971,635.58)	
Conservation Fund	(3,382.22)	
Net Income	(2,869,173.61)	
Total Capital		(739,940.26)
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	(2,471,092.29)



**Middleton**  
**Summary Inventory of Valuation**

**Reports Required:** RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

**Note:** The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

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Assessor		
Chad Roberge (Avitar Associates)		

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
SCOTT FERGUSON	Chair	
ROXANNE TUFTS-KEEGAN	Member	
TRACY DONOVAN-LAVIOLETTE	Member	
MICHAEL GREEN	Member	
TIMOTHY CREMMEN	Member	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Robin Willis	603-473-5208	assess@middletonnh.gov

Preparer's Signature





<b>Land Value Only</b>		<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	6,506.42	\$560,399	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0	
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.14	\$200	
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0	
1F	Residential Land	3,439.63	\$185,548,600	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	195.32	\$2,594,100	
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>10,141.51</b>	<b>\$188,703,299</b>	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	954.06	\$6,708,500	
<b>Buildings Value Only</b>		<b>Structures</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	
2A	Residential	0	\$153,531,478	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$9,214,000	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$10,734,300	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	5	\$31,222	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$173,511,000</b>	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$10,363,100	
<b>Utilities &amp; Timber</b>			<b>Valuation</b>	
3A	Utilities		\$6,289,400	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>		<b>\$368,503,699</b>	
<b>Exemptions</b>		<b>Total Granted</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0	
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0	
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0	
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0	
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0	
<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$368,503,699</b>	
<b>Optional Exemptions</b>		<b>Amount Per</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	1	\$15,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	12	\$300,000
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	7	\$1,516,880
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0
<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$1,831,880</b>
<b>21A</b>	<b>Net Valuation</b>			<b>\$366,671,819</b>
<b>21B</b>	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21C</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$366,671,819</b>
<b>21D</b>	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21E</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction</b>			<b>\$366,671,819</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Less Utilities</b>			<b>\$6,289,400</b>
<b>23A</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>			<b>\$360,382,419</b>
<b>23B</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$360,382,419</b>



**Utility Value Appraiser**

Avitar Associates

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$4,870,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,870,800
	<b>\$4,870,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,870,800</b>

Water Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY INC	\$1,356,200	\$62,400	\$0	\$0	\$1,418,600
	<b>\$1,356,200</b>	<b>\$62,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,418,600</b>



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$400	79	\$31,600
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$2,000	6	\$12,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$0	0	\$0
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		<b>85</b>	<b>\$43,600</b>

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
<b>Deaf Income Limits</b>		<b>Deaf Asset Limits</b>	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
<b>Disabled Income Limits</b>		<b>Disabled Asset Limits</b>	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report						
First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year		Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Total</b>
65-74	1	65-74	6	\$20,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
75-79	0	75-79	0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
80+	0	80+	6	\$30,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
			<b>12</b>		<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Income Limits</b>		<b>Asset Limits</b>				
Single	\$30,000	Single		\$75,000		
Married	\$40,000	Married		\$75,000		

<b>Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? (RSA 72:85)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility &amp; Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Structures:
<b>Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Properties:
Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:		Total Exemption Granted:
<b>Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)</b>		
Granted/Adopted?	No	Properties:
Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:		Current Assessed Value:



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	110.69	\$38,294
Forest Land	5,813.62	\$507,065
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	96.50	\$4,687
Unproductive Land	63.00	\$1,214
Wet Land	422.61	\$9,139
	<b>6,506.42</b>	<b>\$560,399</b>

**Other Current Use Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	4,365.96
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	32.66
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	<b>Owners:</b>	95
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	<b>Parcels:</b>	137

**Land Use Change Tax**

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$5,500
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 100.00 %	Dollar Amount: \$0
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$5,500
Monies to General Fund		\$0

**Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B**

	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land	0.00	\$0
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	0.00	\$0
Unproductive Land	0.00	\$0
Wet Land	0.00	\$0
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	<b>Owners:</b>	0
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	<b>Parcels:</b>	0



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F				
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D				
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
2	5	0.14	\$200	\$31,222

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
000012	000025	000000	50	79-D HISTORIC BARN
000012	000025	000000	50	79-D HISTORIC BARN
000012	000025	000000	50	79-D HISTORIC BARN
000012	000025	000000	50	79-D HISTORIC BARN
000002	000002	000000	25	79-D HISTORIC BARN

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$0.00	0.00
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

**Notes**

year end: 2024

Middleton Trustfund report

Creation Date	Name	Purpose	How invest.	Balance begin year	New funds added	Withdrawals	Total of beginning + new - old	Income from interest	expend	Balance end year	Total Trust funds end of year	Notes
1989	Highway Dept.	CRF		\$90,095.25	\$13,833.52		\$103,928.77	\$3,027.22		0	\$106,955.99	
1899	Fire Dept. Addn.	CRF		\$14,762.13			\$14,762.13	\$465.65			\$15,227.78	
1997	Police Cruiser	CRF		\$49.06			\$49.06	\$1.54			\$50.60	
1992	MS Bus	CRF		\$123,336.11	\$15,000.00		\$138,336.11	\$3,900.22			\$142,236.33	
2006	MS Sped	CRF		\$349,422.32	\$7,000.00		\$356,422.32	\$11,026.51			\$367,448.83	
2019	SLVD Dam Repair	CRF		\$19,880.54	\$10,000.00		\$29,880.54	\$761.94			\$30,642.48	
2002	Conserv. Milfoil	CRF		\$21,021.56			\$21,021.56	\$663.10			\$21,684.66	
2009	Hgwy Vehicles	CRF		\$41,908.97	\$10,000.00		\$51,908.97	\$1,444.39			\$53,353.36	
2009	Revaluation	CRF		\$6,252.27	\$10,000.00		\$16,252.27	\$319.66			\$16,571.93	
2009	OTH-Rehab	CRF		\$223.09			\$223.09	\$7.04			\$230.13	
2009	Nat'l & Manmade Disas	CRF		\$18,206.38	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,206.38	\$586.54			\$19,792.92	
2010	FD Replace. Vehicle	CRF		\$114,689.98	\$25,000.00		\$139,689.98	\$3,923.82			\$143,613.80	
2011	Data Commun & Equip	CRF		\$9,941.21			\$9,941.21	\$313.58			\$10,254.79	
2015	Middleton Publ. Cemetary	CRF		\$0.00			\$0.00				\$0.00	
2015	Middleton Sch Techn	CRF		\$59,388.89			\$59,388.89	\$1,873.32			\$61,262.21	
2015	MSD Rep. Constru, Reno	CRF		\$206,799.24	\$75,000.00		\$281,799.24	\$6,572.03			\$288,371.27	
2016	Ambulance	CRF		\$6,097.92			\$6,097.92	\$192.35			\$6,290.27	
2016	Breathing Appar	CRF		\$47,368.52	\$5,000.00		\$52,368.52	\$1,555.38			\$53,923.90	
2021	Safety Complex	CRF		\$30,953.46	\$10,000.00		\$40,953.46	\$1,098.82			\$42,052.28	
2023	Medical Equipment	CRF		\$10,190.38	\$10,000.00		\$20,190.38	\$443.89			\$20,634.27	
1935	Nate Roberts	Perp Cem		\$754.24			\$754.24	\$23.79			\$778.03	
1949	Addie MacJames	Perp Cem		\$414.49			\$414.49	\$13.08			\$427.57	
1974	Joseph Cook	Perp Cem		\$743.18			\$743.18	\$23.44			\$766.62	
1974	William Hansen	Perp Cem		\$468.48			\$468.48	\$14.77			\$483.25	
1946	Eliza Roberts	Education		\$252.58			\$252.58	\$7.97			\$260.55	
1931	Charles Roberts	Library		\$1,375.46			\$1,375.46	\$43.38			\$1,418.84	
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$1,174,595.71</b>	<b>\$191,833.52</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,366,429.23</b>	<b>\$38,303.43</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,404,732.66</b>	

# Sunrise Lake Village District Report

## Fiscal Year 2024

Check#	Date	Description	Debit	Credit
	01/31/24	No Activity		
	02/29/24	No Activity		
1257	03/13/24	Dam Repairs (wood)	\$225	
1258	03/13/24	Dam Repairs (pins, Cohen Steel)	\$264	
1259	03/13/24	Dam Repairs (pond liner, Amazon)	\$325	
1260	04/01/24	Dam Maintenance (seed, fertilizer, matls etc)	\$2403	
1261	04/30/24	Dam Maintenance (seeding)	\$175	
1262	04/30/24	Foy Insurance (liability insurance)	\$2255	
1263	05/11/24	Supervisor Check list fee/Annual meeting	\$100	
1264	05/11/24	Supervisor Check list fee/Annual meeting	\$100	
1265	05/30/24	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$750	
	06/30/24	No Activity		
1266	07/01/24	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$750	
1267	07/01/24	Dam Repairs Reserve Fund	\$10000	
	07/13/24	Deposit Tax Receipts		\$17255
1268	07/27/24	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$250	
1269		VOID		
1270	08/26/24	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$500	
1271	09/25/24	Dam Maintenance (mowing, brush & debris)	\$750	
	10/31/24	No Activity		
1272	11/19/24	2024 Dam Registration	\$1500	
	12/31/24	Tax Rate Overage Adjustment		\$490
	12/31/24	Interest Accrued for Year 2024		\$20
<b>Totals</b>			<b>Debit</b> <b>\$20347</b>	<b>Credit</b> <b>\$17765</b>
<b>Opening Balance as of January 1, 2024</b>			<b>\$21821</b>	
<b>Closing Balance as of December 31, 2024</b>			<b>\$19239</b>	

### District Officers

Chairman/Commissioner	Jerri Waitt	(2027)
Commissioner	John Quinn	(2025)
Commissioner	Roy Parece	(2026)
Treasurer	Janet Kalar	(2027)
Clerk	Christine Maynard	(2027)
Moderator	Jack Savage	(2025)
Auditor	Kelly Tivnan	(2026)

## Conservation Commission Report 2024

The Middleton Conservation Commission had a busy year. We discussed The Town Forest and reached out to a local forester for help in creating a Forest Management Plan. We reviewed Wetlands applications and complaints. As a reminder if you are doing work in the protected shoreland you will need both a State and a Town permit. The Town permit is available on the Town website at the CEO page. One member attended the New Hampshire Associations of Conservation Commissions annual meeting and also the local Conservation Commission mixer held in Wolfeboro this year.

We welcomed Joe Hults as the new Milfoil and Exotic Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator. This summer Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) harvested 244 gallons of Milfoil from Sunrise Lake at a cost of \$8320.00, of which, the State grant covered \$2880.00 and the Town paid \$5440.00 through its previously established Expendable Trust Fund.

The Tanglewood Watershed Protection Area sub-committee continued to meet monthly and discuss various uses for the area. The Town recently experienced the creation of three major subdivisions, highlighting the importance of protecting this valuable Town land located in the Sunrise Lake watershed. We met with a Wetlands specialist to discuss having an assessment on the important Tanglewood wetlands.

The Conservation Commission meets every second Tuesday at 6:30 pm. We invite you to come and join us at the Old Town hall. We certainly would like to hear what you have to say in person!

Carol Vita, chairperson (2025)

Jim Keegan, vice-chair (2028)

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Selectman's Representative

Dan Saliga, alternate 2025

Submitted by Kate Buzard (2025)





# Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

## Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report

Following the creation of the watershed committee in the fall of 2023, a group of dedicated core members began identifying the priorities of the Watershed Advisory Committee.

With the assistance of Strafford Regional Planning, the Watershed Committee, on behalf of the Town of Middleton, participated in developing a proposal for consideration for the “2024 Watershed Assistance Section 319 Grant.” This grant application outlined the following improvements:

- Culvert Replacement on Lake Shore Road
- Repair of damaged drainage infrastructure Lake Lands Beach
- Construction of a rain garden at Hampshire Shores
- Stormwater Drainage Study

The grant, which was submitted on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was for a total of \$104,829.00, of which \$62,885.00 is in grant funding, and \$41,944.00 “in kind” donations (which can be donations of equipment, time, or materials). In mid-May 2024, SRP and this committee were notified that the grant had been awarded and was officially signed by the various State entities in September 2024. During the last quarter of 2024, the work has begun to create requests for quotes for the different professionals needed to develop plans for these projects, with the physical work expected to start in 2025.

Additionally, this committee identified public education and outreach as a core part of the priority list, and to that, created (3) newsletters, held public meetings for Boat Safety, LakeSmart Living, educational presentations regarding milfoil, cyanobacteria, attended public events like craft fairs, Old Home Day. We continued to educate the public and get the word out that water quality throughout the watershed is not just for those who live on the lake but for every resident of Middleton who would be affected by the continued deterioration of the watershed.

This work would not have been possible without the dedicated team that showed up month after month. It is also appropriate to note that the support of Town Officials, Strafford Regional Planning, and input from the public has been essential to our success.

We lost one of our most dedicated members in December- Cindy Durkee. She was a major contributor to putting together our newsletter and was instrumental to its success. She will be greatly missed.

Moving forward to meet the proposed grant improvements is a priority in 2025, but equally important is to increase our members. We ask you to consider joining us and bring your perspective and area of expertise to the committee. Your involvement will contribute to our mission of preserving and protecting our watershed.

John Mullen  
Chairman, SLWAC





### Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
<b>General Government</b>			
4130	Executive		\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$500
4152	Property Assessment		\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$500
4155	Personnel Administration		\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning		\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$12,500
4195	Cemeteries		\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$2,255
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0
4199	Other General Government	02	\$1,500
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$17,255</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>			
4210	Police		\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0
4220	Fire		\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0
4290	Emergency Management		\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>			
4301	Airport Administration		\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>			
4311	Highway Administration		\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
<b>Sanitation</b>			
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>			
4331	Water Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>			
4351	Electric Administration		\$0
4352	Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>			
4411	Health Administration		\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>			
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>



### Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
4520	Parks and Recreation		\$0
4550	Library		\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>			
4611	Conservation Administration		\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>			
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds		\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	04	\$10,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Total Voted Appropriations</b>			<b>\$27,255</b>

## Highway Department

The Highway Department took delivery of the new plow truck that was ordered and is now in operation. We were able to reuse the sander from the truck it replaced. New hoses and a new set of grates were put on and it is like new now. We foresee no problem with its operation moving forward.

The crushing from last year's approved article has been completed. This gives us all the materials we need to maintain all the gravel roads, shoulders and sand the roads in the winter months. The materials produced should last us several years.

We are looking to replace the mid-size truck we use to plow the roads around the lake. The majority of the funds will be coming from the State's Highway Block Grant program. The same program used to purchase the other bigger truck.

We hope everyone has a safe winter and I would personally like to thank the Highway personnel for their hard work and dedication. I could not maintain the roads in town as we do without them.

In closing, I would like to say, "Thank You" and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 603-473-5229 or attend any department head meeting held every second Monday of the month unless otherwise posted.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Phillips  
Road Agent



## Code Enforcement/Health Officer

In the year 2024 there were thirty-five building permits pulled resulting in 28,075.32 in fees. Fifteen of those were for new construction homes and out of the fifteen 13 have or will result in new homes in town. There were forty-one electrical permits pulled with \$2800.00 in fees collected. There were thirty-five gas permits pulled with \$1815.00 in fees collected. As well as eleven plumbing permits with \$680.00 in fees. Three demo permits with \$150.00 in fees collected. Lastly 2 shoreland permits which weren't implemented until later in the year resulting in \$100.00 in fees. Total permits was one hundred and thirty-seven and fees collected was \$33,620.32

The shoreland permit was added this year to help track work done around out protected waters. All of the permitting fees and regulations have been updated to reflect the current market. The goal for 2025 is to continue getting our permitting department back up to a good standard as well as ramp up enforcement on issues that come about across the town.

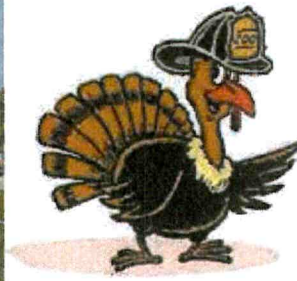
# Middleton Fire and Rescue



First and foremost, I would like to dedicate and acknowledge one individual on Middleton Fire and Rescue that's has dedicate 27 years of her life serving this community. This individual has started in 1997 on the department and has sense furthered her education and has become one of our EMS Providers as well as a Captain at the fire house. Congratulations Andrea Bowden if you see her around, please congratulate her and thank her for her service. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Middleton.

In 2023 The Middleton Fire and Rescue responded to 198 calls for service EMS and Fire combined this is a decrease of 100 calls from the previous year. The Board of Selectman had given the approval to hire Pier Diem EMS coverage, we have had the job posted for a while and still no interest in the position. Moving forward to protect our community Middleton Fire and Rescue is restructuring and trying to move towards a Part time chief to be here in town for 3-4 days a week, as always Middleton Fire and Rescue is looking for hard working individuals willing to commit their time for the greater good of the community. We had a very eventful year including our yearly turkey raffle which benefits our Toys for tots. We also had DHART training with the DHART helicopter landing and training at the Highway department parking area. The yearly Santa ride was hit as always for the Town of Middleton. Many good things are happening at your local on call fire Department. The future looks bright and promising. We look forward to see many new faces this year.

# Middleton Fire and Rescue



Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Middleton Fire and Rescue and their families for the sacrifice and selfless dedication, time and commitment to the Department and the community of Middleton.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Michael Donovan-Laviolette

# Middleton Police Department



In the year 2024 the Middleton Police Department experienced challenges with personnel. This impacted police coverage and the overall functions of the department.

I was asked to be interim Chief in July and graciously agreed to serve to the end of the year.

In 2024 the Middleton Police Department handled:

- 362 Calls for Service
- 8 Accidents
- 19 Arrests
- Issued:
  - 653 Motor Vehicle Warnings
  - 40 Motor Vehicle Summons

As the new year begins, I look forward to welcoming and working with the new Chief, Scott Ferguson.

In closing I would like to thank the New Hampshire State Police for covering the town when we were unable to, and all the Middleton residents for their patience and continued support of the Middleton Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Retired Chief Randy Sobel

# Welfare

The 2024 year continued to have its challenges in the Town of Middleton. I took this position in 2022 as Welfare Director. I have continued to assist local families in every day struggles with a challenging economy. I was happy to help and direct them to organizations that could further assist them with needs of fuel assistance, electric, etc. In the coming year I hope to continue to find more resources so I can assist Middleton residents. Wakefield Food Pantry continues to assist Middleton families. I would like to thank the volunteers for providing this service.

If anyone needs Welfare services applications can be found at the Townhall. Please reach out to me at 603-515-6258 or by email at [welfare@middleton.gov](mailto:welfare@middleton.gov). I will assist you in any way that I can.

Sincerely,  
Christine Bartlett  
Welfare Director

*Christine Bartlett*  
Welfare Officer  
Town of Middleton  
603-515-6258



Thank you, Middleton residents for your continued support of Cornerstone VNA, your local independent visiting nurse association serving Strafford, Belknap, Carroll, and Rockingham Counties in NH and York County in ME. As a nonprofit organization, we are committed to bringing services to *people of all ages regardless of their ability*

to pay, so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses, or end-of-life care. We provide award-winning care at home through five programs: **Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-Private Duty, and Community Care.**

Your support of Cornerstone VNA is greatly appreciated. Together we continue to make significant improvements in the delivery of health care at home and our community outreach efforts. Our goal is to always be here for you, your family, and your local community, but it takes a village to make this possible. Thanks to our village of donors and local municipalities, we are proud to share some notable accomplishments and updates from 2024:

- In January 2024, Julie Reynolds, RN, MS, announced her plans for retirement in January 2025 after proudly serving Cornerstone VNA for 30 years, including 12 years as President/CEO. I am honored to have been selected by the Board to be the next leader of this organization after working alongside Julie for 23 years.
- This year, we welcomed a new Hospice and Palliative Care Director, Lisa Nichols, RN, MSN, CCM, and a new Assistant Hospice Medical Director, Dr. Peter Saikali. Both bring a wealth of experience and expertise, further strengthening our commitment to providing exceptional Hospice and Palliative Care.
- We welcomed Amy Dumont, DNP, APRN-BC, to our Palliative Care Team to provide inpatient Palliative Care consultations at York Hospital, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, and Frisbie Memorial Hospital. Palliative Care is specialized medical care provided by a Nurse Practitioner to help patients manage symptoms related to complex illnesses such as cancer, advanced cardiac disease, and advanced respiratory disease.
- We revitalized our popular Educational Series presentations, which are free educational presentations for community members and local businesses. The presentations are now organized into five categories including, Holistic Health from the Inside Out, Family Caregiver Superheroes, Safe and Sound at Home: Rehab Solutions and Health Tips, Mental and Social Wellness, and Shine the Light on Hospice. To increase the accessibility of our presentations, we are now offering quarterly webinars and building a library of educational videos.
- Our Mental Health Coordinator, Katie Michaud, is an active member of the Dover Mental Health Alliance and Chair of the newly formed Rochester Mental Health Alliance. Katie was instrumental in coordinating the First Annual Rochester Mental Health Alliance Summit in October and has helped more than 50 of our staff become certified in Mental Health First Aid. Her incredible contributions will continue into 2025 as she steps into her new role as our Community Care Director.
- We doubled our certified Lymphedema team from 4 to 8, a specialty service that improves the quality of life for many of our patients. Lymphedema is a painful condition that causes significant swelling in the arms and legs. Thanks to our new Lymphedema and Wound Coordinators, our program has grown to a level that has received national recognition and attention.
- This year, we have experienced continued growth in both our service area and staffing. In September, we expanded to Exeter, Epping, Newfields, and Tuftonboro, and by November, we reached over 200 employees. Our growth reflects the strength of our organization, and our ability to address the health and wellness needs of our local communities.
- 2024 Awards and Recognition
  - Best of the Seacoast: Best Home Health Care (Winner), Best Place to Work (Finalist)
  - Best of the Seacoast: Best Nurse/Nurse Practitioner (Finalists): Jeff Mitchell and Alexa Gordon
  - Julie Reynolds, RN, MS, Home Care Service Award, Home Care, Hospice, and Palliative Care Alliance of NH

Thank you again for your continued support. Your investment enables us to provide care for your residents, regardless of their ability to pay and to purchase special equipment for patients in need. Along with access to care, your support funds free community clinics, and patient education, and allows us to launch innovative programs and services. We encourage residents to call Cornerstone VNA at 800-691-1133 if they have any questions.

Respectfully,

*Jennifer Utkin*, RN, MSN, President/Chief Executive Officer

## **2024 Planning Board Year in Review**

The Middleton Planning Board was productive and challenging in 2024. With the help of an SRPC Planner, the Board updated some Town Ordinances to clarify language in various sections and reflect changes in state laws for the 2025 ballot. Our Chair, Janet Kalar, who guided the Board through challenging applications and reviews, retired at the beginning of 2024. Her knowledge of Land Use Regulations enhanced the ability of the Board to function, and she will be missed. A new Chair was elected, a new voting member was added, and a new Alternate Member was appointed.

The Board finally approved its Rules of Procedures and continued to review the Zoning Ordinances, which included Work Force Housing, Set Back, and others. We conducted twelve monthly meetings and two Workshops. Our Planning Board Clerk, Robin Willis, was a tremendous asset to the Board in keeping the minutes and documents for the Board and residents in order.

In 2025, the Board faces new challenges. They will continue to scrutinize the Zoning Ordinances and Development Regulations to update them to reflect communities' needs and changes. The Board will also seek more involvement from the Town Boards, Committees, and the public concerning land use issues. It will continue to update policies and procedures to increase efficiency and provide residents with a more transparent view of procedures and processes. The Board will continue to monitor land use trends while maintaining the safety and well-being of the residents of Middleton.

One final note. Many Boards within the Town continue to lack sufficient members to efficiently conduct business. Many have just the minimum number of members at any one time to conduct business legally and properly. The Middleton Planning Board is one of these Boards. I ask all of you to consider becoming a member. While it may seem time-consuming, we need residents to participate and guide us through our assigned tasks. Don't hesitate to contact any Board member for further information.

John A. Mullen Jr.  
Chair  
Middleton Planning Board

## Middleton Recreation Committee

What a busy year 2024 was for our little town's rec committee. We continue to grow and do more each year.

In March we again provided snacks for the town meeting. This meeting tends to go long and the refreshments are welcomed.

Easter was in April again this year, right before our planned Easter party/pancake breakfast we had a big snowstorm resulting in power outages for many areas. We turned this into a free breakfast for anyone who needed one including the linemen and workers in our town.

For May we had our first craft fair. This was such a great success that we held another one again in November and had another great turnout!

In June we again hosted a candy bar bingo game, so much fun!

Our Old Home celebration and touch-a-truck, in August was a big hit this year. With live music from the Red Hat Band, food trucks, drone demonstrations, impaired driving course, games, raffles, and so much more. We can't thank everyone enough for all the help with this event. We couldn't do it without you and appreciate your support as we continue to build up this event in anticipation of Middleton's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up in 2028.

October was our Halloween Spooktaular. We love seeing all the amazing costumes and the hall filled with laughter.

For December we brought back our house decoration contest. The town looked so beautiful with all the Christmas lights everywhere. We appreciate 3 of our selectmen taking time to drive around and judge this for us.

The Christmas party/pancake breakfast wouldn't be complete without Santa arriving by firetruck! We love this tradition and thank the FD for helping us out with this (and thanks to Santa as well!) It was another well attended event.

Our rec committee is a small group but they are hard workers, I just want to thank them for all their help this year. I appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to many more events in the coming year. If anyone is interested in joining us, please reach out.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gagnon - Middleton Recreation president



Middleton NH  
Town Meeting  
Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Call to order: Moderator Jack Savage called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.** Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, the Moderator thanked Kelly Tivan, Joni van Gelder, and Ken Garry for filling in as Assistant Moderators at the Town Election, as Jack was out of town on business. He then asked if the attending public wished to hear the Election Results. They are as follows:

**Election Results:**

3 Year Term for Board of Selectmen: Scott Ferguson

3 Year Term for Budget Committee (2 seats): Patti Sindorf and Bonnie Gagnon

2 Year Term for Moderator: Jack Savage (write in)

1 Year Term for Trustee of Trust Fund: All votes were write-ins with a 3-way tie. As this is historically rectified by pulling a name from the write-in candidates, Christine Maynard was declared the winner.

1 Year Term for Supervisor of the Checklist: Bonnie Gagnon

**Do you favor adoption of the Town Manager plan as provided in chapter 37 of the revised Statutes annotated (RSA)?** Defeated 94-52

**Do you favor reducing the Board of Selectmen from five (5) member board to a three (3) member board as per Chapter 41 of the revised statutes annotated (RSA)?**  
Defeated 93-62

**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, Article 7 as follows:**

*To delete the entire Aquifer-Conservation Overlay District content and replace it with the newly worded content.* Passed 122-38

**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No 2 as proposed to the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:**

*To adopt a new ordinance to be placed in Article 45 name Solar Collection System Ordinance.* Passed 103-57

**Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*To adopt replacing dates of Enactment & Amendment in Article 46 and replace it with an Impact Fee Ordinance to be as Article 46. Passed 96-63*

School Board Elections were as follows:

3-year School Board Member (2 seats): Rebecca Eastman-Derrow and Nicole Huntress

School District Moderator (1-year term): Jack Savage received the most write-in votes. However, he had already notified the School Board that he would be unable to serve, and the School Board will appoint someone to that position.

School District Treasurer: Linda Adamo received the most write-in votes. The Moderator indicated that he did not know if she had accepted that position.

### **School District Ballot Articles**

Article 2: Shall the Middleton School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,315,404? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,282,813, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Middleton School District, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Defeated 88-72

Article 3: To see if the Middleton School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Construction, Renovation, Repair fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30, 2024, fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024.

Passed 126-37

Article 4: To see if the Middleton School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Bus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024, fund balance available to transfer on July 1, 2024.

Passed 131-33

Article 5: To see if the Middleton School District will vote to raise and appropriate up the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2024, fund balance available for transfer of July 1, 2024.

Passed 122-39

### **Presentation of historical records**

John and Janet Hotchkiss requested to speak to the attendees. John gave a brief history of the early years of town incorporation and how some of the earlier records were lost. During the mid-1700's, many of the Town Officers worked from their homes and during a recent renovation of the Hotchkiss home, town records dated from 1795-1824 were located in the building. These records were presented to the Moderator and Board of Selectmen on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Hotchkiss.

### **Town Clerk Pro-Tempore**

Town Clerk Theresa Jones was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. A motion was made by Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, seconded by Dan Phillips that Kathleen Blaney act as Town Clerk Pro-Tempore, and with no objection, Kathleen Blaney was sworn in as Town Clerk Pro-Tempore for this meeting.

### **Introductions**

Present at the meeting in addition to Moderator Jack Savage were Board of Selectmen members Tim Cremen, Mike Green, Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Tracy Donovan-Laviolette. Also present were Mike Laviolette, Fire Chief, Dan Phillips, Road Agent, and Tim Swift, Middleton Police.

### **Warrant Articles**

As the Moderator announced that voting would begin on the various warrant articles, he noted that he was aware of a motion to move to Article 20, as this would require a ballot vote. The ballot vote will be available for 1 hour once the discussion is completed. Motion made by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, seconded by Christine Maynard.

Article 20: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Middleton on the second Tuesday of March? (3/5 Majority Ballot Vote required)

Article 20 discussion: John Quinn spoke against adoption of SB 2, noting that the Town Meeting is an historic process whereby residents can come together and debate the pros and cons of articles before the town. Joann Coskie also spoke in opposition of SB 2, citing many of the same reasons, later speaking a second time regarding how most people are utilizing Facebook for their information, resulting in people receiving different answers from different residents, and that continuing to debate articles during the Town Meeting process allows everyone to hear the same answer. Christine Maynard spoke in favor of moving to SB 2, citing people's work schedules prohibiting them from attending Town Meeting. Jonathan Sindorff spoke regarding the history and immediacy of the process, also against adoption of SB 2. Janet Hotchkiss spoke against the adoption of SB 2, citing the value of sharing views and exchange of information in a town meeting forum. Joseph Hults spoke in favor of moving to SB 2 as it gives more people the ability to participate in voting. Randy Talon requested the meeting move to a vote, and a motion was made by Janet Hotchkiss,

seconded by Christing Maynard to move the article to ballot vote. The move to vote passed unanimously and the ballot box will remain open for a one-hour period, when the voting results will be announced.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount in the sum of seven hundred twenty-seven thousand, two hundred ninety dollars (\$727,290) for Government operations. The Selectmen recommend \$730,390. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required).

	Recommended By Budget Committee	Recommended By Selectmen
Executive	\$ 150,335	\$ 151,335
Election, Regis., Vitals,	\$ 30,850	\$ 30,850
Assessing Service	\$ 23,104	\$ 23,104
Legal Expense	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
Personnel Admin.	\$ 305,205	\$ 305,205
Financial Admin.	\$ 55,112	\$ 55,112
Planning & Zoning	\$ 17,377	\$ 17,377
Conservation Comm.	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,756
Gen. Gov't Buildings	\$ 46,920	\$ 49,020
Insurance	\$ 58,130	\$ 58,130
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 727,290</b>	<b>\$ 730,390</b>

**(tax rate/1000 \$2.01)**

Following a brief review of the differences between the recommended amounts by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Following a motion by Janet Hotchkiss, seconded by Joe Bailey, the article moved to a vote. Article 2, to raise an appropriate amount recommended by the Budget Committee (**\$727,290**) the vote was unanimous and the article passed.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of four hundred eighty-two thousand, two hundred three dollars (\$482,203) for Public Safety Operations. The Selectmen recommend \$482,203. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	Recommended By Budget Committee	Recommended By Selectmen
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Police	\$ 305,273	\$ 305,273
Fire & Rescue	\$ 78,051	\$ 78,051
EMS	\$ 81,000	\$ 81,000
Building Inspection	\$ 11,879	\$ 11,879
Emergency Management	\$ 500	\$ 500
County Dispatch	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 482,203</b>	<b>\$ 482,203</b>

(tax rate/1000 \$1.33)

A motion to accept the article as read was made by Randy Talon, seconded by Dan Saliga. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan reviewed how the line-item amounts were arrived at. Joann Koskie asked the status of the fund balance for emergency management given the recent high winds. Ken Garry reviewed that the fund balance is actually a fund to cover emergencies (both natural and man-made) and that the \$500 line-item budget is actually to cover administrative functions of the Emergency Management team. It was confirmed that the Natural and Man-Made Disaster Fund has a current balance of \$8,206. Dan Phillips reviewed the process of communicating and determining funds for disasters, starting with a survey which will then be used to determine the threshold needed for FEMA, etc. With no further discussion, a move to vote was made by Joe Bailey, with the vote to **Pass** the article unanimous.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of four hundred thirty-eight thousand, nine hundred ninety-four dollars (\$438,994) for Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting operations. The Selectmen recommend \$438,994. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	Recommended By Budget Committee	Recommended By Selectmen
Highway	\$ 359,634	\$ 359,634
Highway Block Grant/Rev. Offset	\$ 61,860	\$ 61,860
Street Lighting	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
School Diesel/Gasoline	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 438,994</b>	<b>\$ 438,994</b>

(tax rate/1000 \$1.21)

A motion to accept the article as read was made by Janet Hotchkiss, seconded by Joe Bailey. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan briefly explained how the amount was arrived at. With no questions or further input the article **passed** by unanimous vote.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of two hundred one thousand, six hundred twelve dollars \$201,612) for Health and Welfare Operations. The Selectmen recommend \$201,612. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	Recommended By Budget Committee	Recommended By Selectmen
Animal Control	\$ 505	\$ 505
Health Agencies	\$ 7,001	\$ 7,001
Welfare	\$ 10,105	\$ 10,105
Solid Waste Coll.	\$ 184,001	\$ 184,001
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 201,612</b>	<b>\$ 201,612</b>

(tax rate/1000 \$0.56)

With little discussion, a motion was made to pass the article as written (Randy Talon/Joann Coskie) and **Article 5 passed unanimously.**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of one thousand, seven hundred and one dollars (\$1,701) for Culture and Recreation operations. The Selectmen recommend \$1,701. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	Recommended By Budget Committee	Recommended By Selectmen
Beach Maintenance	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Other Culture/Rec	\$ 1	\$ 1
Patriotic	\$ 500	\$ 500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,701</b>	<b>\$ 1,701</b>

(tax rate/1000 \$0.005)

A motion was made to accept the article as written by Joe Bailey, seconded by John Hotchkiss. The Board of Selectmen noted that the total amount in this article was a decrease from the previous year. This is because the funds for the Recreation Association were moved to the line item for Health Agencies (see article 5). Sue Dooley asked if it was possible to move that line item back to those covered under Article 6, and also requested reconsideration as she felt the recreation committee budget line item should be increased. Sue Dooley made a motion to increase their budget by \$500.00, which was seconded by

Bonnie Gagnon, to bring the line item total for the Recreation Committee from \$1701 to \$2201. Bonnie Gagnon mentioned that the increase is in part, because the previous years (during covid) there were not as many activities due to quarantining. The number of children participating has increased, as has the number of events the committee is offering. An additional consideration for an increased line item is that the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Middleton's incorporation is coming up and the committee wants to offer activities to reflect that. Britney Baylor asked how much of the overall funds was through fund raising, and Bonnie Gagnon said it was likely in the area of \$500, but she did not have an exact amount. Tammy Bailey spoke about the importance of supporting the Rec Committee as it is something that all children in the community can participate in. Joann Coskie expressed that more of a priority should be given to fund raising.

Britney Baylor felt that to have the Rec Committee listed as part of the line item for Health Agencies and it should be separated. It was decided that since that would need to be specified under a warrant article, the line item for the Rec Committee will remain where it is for 2024 and be corrected for the 2025 year.

**The Amended Article, which changed the total for the Rec Committee from \$1701 to \$2,201, passed unanimously.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of road construction and paving of various roads in town. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the road construction and paving is completed or December 311,2028, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.55)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made to accept Article 7 as written by Janet Hotchkiss, seconded by Dan Saliga. Ken Garry stated that he felt the recommended amount seemed low and asked the Road Agent if he felt that was an adequate budget amount. Joe Bailey asked if there were additional funds that have not elapsed.

Road Agent Dan Phillips stated that the additional, non-elapsed funds are in the amount of \$70,000, and the work that has been done over the past two years has included funding from non-elapsed funds. He stated that he felt the budgeted amount is adequate for the town's needs. Joe Bailey inquired when the last audit had taken place. All audits were done in 2023. With no further discussion Article 7 passed by unanimous vote.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by John Hotchkiss to accept the article. It was noted that the fund has a current balance of \$41,908. Ken Garry suggested that the Budget Committee review increasing the Capital Reserve fund for 2025. Kathleen Blaney noted that is not feasible because the 2 % tax cap ties the town's hands in many respects. Joe Bailey asked a question regarding the amount of unassigned funds, it was stated that balance is estimated at \$1,300,000. As to why these funds are only estimated, it is because the upcoming audit has not taken place as yet.

The moderator asked if the town was ready to vote on the article, and Ken Garry made a motion to amend the amount from \$10,000 to \$30,000, seconded by Sierra Pawnell. Following a question of the last update to the CIP, Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that it was updated in 2023. Dan Phillips noted that the Highway Department does receive some Federal Funding, and that the Highway Block Grant also supports the Highway Capital Reserve. While he appreciates the motion to increase the appropriation for this article, he does not feel that it is necessary at this time. Ken Garry asked what the previous block grant was, and Dan Phillips said it was just over \$61,000, but that because it is based on the State Fiscal year (July-June) not all of the grant funds are available during the calendar year.

By show of hands, a **vote to amend** the article from \$10,000 to \$30,000 **failed (24-14)**.  
**Article 8 as written passed** by unanimous vote.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)  
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made to accept this Article as written by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Janet Hotchkiss. After a brief review by the BOS as to the intent of the article, Joann Coskie asked what the current balance in that account is and Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted it is \$6200. With no further discussion the **article passed** by unanimous vote.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.01)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-01)



Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion to approve the article as written was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by John Hotchkiss. The Fire Chief noted that the equipment covered in this article needs periodic replacement Janet Hotchkiss asked how many units the department has at this time (12), with a follow-up question as to how often they needed to be replaced (life cycle of about 10 years). The Fire Chief noted that the cost per unit is roughly \$6000 and that he is replacing them a few at a time as they reach end of life.

With no further discussion **Article 10 passed** by unanimous vote

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Natural or Man-Made Disasters Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.003)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion to approve this article as written was made by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Joe Bailey. With no further discussion **Article 11 passed** unanimously.

The Moderator noted at this juncture that they would review one additional article, (Article 12) take a brief recess and resume with the ballot vote taken for Article 20 before moving on to the remaining articles.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sun of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Fire Department Replacement Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.07)**

A motion to accept the article as written was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by John Hotchkiss. The BOS noted that this amount is the same increase as the previous year. Joe Bailey inquired as to the current balance in the reserve fund, (\$114,689) and asked how long before the vehicle needs to be replaced. The Fire Chief responded that it should have been replaced already and following additional questions noted that the cost of a new engine would be upwards of \$800,000, but that the department is looking at used equipment which would be in the range of \$400,000. He further noted that there are sometimes grants to help fund these costs and the town applies for them as they become available. He answered further questions about the grant process, in that the grants are written differently so that the length of time the grant is available, and the amount of grant funds can differ from one grant opportunity to the next.

With no further discussion **Article 12** went to a vote where it **passed** as written, unanimously.

Prior to a short break while the ballots for Article 20 were counted, Roxanne Tufts-Keegan made a motion to restrict Articles 2-12 from further reconsideration. This passed by unanimous vote.

On return from the break, the moderator mentioned the history that can be found in the town records, specifically noting the history of the Frost family from the late 1700's to the early 1800's, which further illustrate the longevity of some of the families in this community.

**Article 20 results**

With the ballot voting on article 20 closed, the tally of written ballots was as follows:

Yes (in favor of SB 2) 15

No, (not in favor of SB 2) 43

Article 20 did not carry.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Public Safety Complex Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (4-1)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Article as written by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Dan Saliga. John Hotchkiss asked the amount currently in the Capital Reserve fund, with the amount being given as \$30,953. With no further discussion **Article 13** went for a vote where is **passed unanimously**.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Medical Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

**(tax rate/1000 \$0.03)**

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Dan Saliga to accept the Article as written. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that this is a new capital reserve fund, and with no further discussion **Article 14 passed** unanimously.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (50,000) for the purpose of construction, drainage and paving of the Old Town Hall Parking lot, **with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.** This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2029, whichever is sooner (Majority Vote Required)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made by Dan Saliga to accept the article as written, seconded by John Hotchkiss. The recording and the written record do not indicate who seconded the motion. Joe Bailey inquired as to how much is in the Capital Reserve Fund for this item. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that the previous funding of \$50,000 was returned to the unassigned fund balance as it had lapsed, and this was the reason that the Article was written as a non-lapsing appropriation. Joe Bailey asked if the \$50,000 was going to cover it, and again, this is intended to accumulate, therefore is non-lapsing. It was noted that the work had not been done previously as the issue of drainage had not been addressed. Ken Garry noted that if the money is coming from the unassigned fund balance it would make better sense to do it all now. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan said that the intent was to not deplete the unassigned balance in case other unforeseen issues come up but that a motion could be made to amend the amount if that's what the residents wanted. Joe Bailey asked what it would cost to do the work, and the Road Agent (Dan Phillips) noted that last year a request for proposal was sent out and the lowest amount for the work was \$256,000. He noted that the \$256,000 amount included the engineering which has since been done, but inflation should also be taken into account.

Joe Bailey made a motion to amend the article to \$300,000 with Linda Adamo seconding.

Comments on the proposed amendment included comments from the Highway Department that the previous RFQ had only one business responding, but now that the construction industry has slowed somewhat it was hopeful that more companies would respond. Dan Phillips noted that it is possible in the writing of the RFQ to place time limits and other stipulations that would benefit the work. Kathleen Blaney asked how much (total) was in the unassigned fund balance (\$1,300,000) and Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that within that there is a total of \$107,500 in articles up for voting in this meeting that will come from that fund. Linda Adamo noted that the parking lot is currently in a "disastrous" state and if anyone falls and is injured the cost of that could far outweigh spending the money now. Kate Buzard asked to confirm that raising the amount won't incur additional taxation (true, it will not).

A vote was taken to amend the article so that the amount appropriated from the unassigned fund balance be increased to \$250,000, **passed** by voice vote.

A vote taken to pass the article as amended **passed** by voice vote.

**Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of purchasing a new electronic voting machine, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)  
Article 16 (cont'd)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made by Joe Bailey, seconded by Sierra Pawnell to accept the Article as written. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that this article is due to the State mandating that towns move to a newer machine. Following a question regarding whether or not the voting machine was self-contained, the moderator explained that it is, and gave an overview of how the auditing of the votes is done, how they test ballots in a public session prior to each election to test the validity of the machine. The last machine was purchased (used) in 2008. Joe Bailey inquired as to the process to maintain the machine and the moderator said that when there was an issue previously, the service of the machine was very quickly handled, and the issue rectified. Jeff Fox inquired if the voting machine has internet connectivity, and the Moderator indicating that it is a self-contained unit with no connectivity of any kind.

With no further discussion a vote was taken to accept the article as written and **Article 16 passed** by unanimous vote.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of having preparing crushed stone, sand and gravel in the town pit, with such materials to be used by the Town for town highway projects and maintenance. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance, no funds to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)  
No Budget Committee Recommendation due to this being a non-fiscal article.

A motion was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by Joe Bailey to accept the Article as written. Dan Keegan reviewed that the last time the town needed to appropriate funds for this purpose was in 2019 and he outlined the various ways the materials were used. He noted that the previous material was close to being depleted.

With no further discussion **Article 17 passed** by unanimous vote.

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will to add and merge the following Town Property to the existing Town Forest under RSA 31:110, to be managed by the Town Conservation

Commission under the provisions of RSA 31:112 II and to authorize the placement of any proceeds which may accrue from said forest management into the conservation fund, which shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year as provided by RSA 31:113 (Majority vote required).

Map 26 Lot 13 Sublot 002: Approximately 7 acres on Moose Mountain Road

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)

No Budget Committee recommendation due to being a non-fiscal article.

A motion was made by Joe Bailey, seconded by John Hotchkiss, to accept the article as written. Jim Keegan reviewed the area under discussion for this article. Following a question from Joann Coskie concerning the forest management plan for this area, Kate Buzard responded that the area's are designated as town forest land but acknowledged that an assessment needs to be done to see if there is any marketable lumber. Jim Keegan noted that there is already a vast amount of land covered under the Conservation Commission and that it would be optimal to have more people attend the Conservation meetings to discuss appropriate use of these land donations. The moderator asked that those present publicly acknowledge the Coskie family as they have provided a mechanism that permanently protects land that they own.

With no further discussion the vote was unanimous, and **Article 18 passed.**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand, eight hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-two cents (\$13,833.52) to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Such sum representing the amount of income received in 2023 from the Cell Phone Tower and said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

A motion was made by Janet Hotchkiss, seconded by Dan Saliga to accept the article as written. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan reviewed what these funds are- income allocated from the cell tower at the time of its establishment. The funds have to go into an unassigned fund as a warrant article, on the advice of the auditors.

With no further discussion **Article 19 passed** as written by unanimous vote.

**Article 20 was a ballot vote, previously noted in these minutes.**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to cap the Employee Contribution to Healthcare cost at 13%, effective April 1, 2024

Budget Committee Recommends (4-2-1)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (4-1)

A motion was made by John Quinn, seconded by Christine Maynard to accept the article as written. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that several years ago the cap was 30%, reduced to 25%. The current 16% is to provide a means to retain employees and it was noted that other communities have the cap set much lower than the proposed amount. Kathleen Blaney made a motion to further reduce the cap to 10%, seconded by Tim Cremmen, citing that there is a revolving door of employees who can find more attractive benefits. Christine Maynard said she had looked into this in other towns and found most employers are in the range of 20%-30%. However, following a question from Kate Buzard as to if those communities were of similar size and population, those ergonomics were not taken into the equation. The BOS reviewed how much the cost increase from the health care provider would impact on a percentage basis, and with the increase in co-payment, and going to a less costly plan, the cost will be approximately the same. Last year the amount expended was \$100,000, this year it is anticipated to be \$95,000. The BOS noted that one way to retain employees is to invest in them. Janet Hotchkiss noted that one important way to recognize the value of employees is with salaries plus benefits and that 10% is fair. Bonnie Gagnon asked how this would impact the budget if the amended article passed and Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that if necessary, the added expense can be pulled from other line items. The Moderator noted that given the low number of employees it would be possible to find additional dollars in the exiting budget, should that become necessary.

A voice vote majority passes the revised amendment.

**A voice vote majority passes Article 24 as amended.**

**Article 23:** And to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

- Ken Garry thanked the Moderator for expressing his appreciation of those covering Voting Day, and further asked the record reflects appreciation for those who work the polls and count the ballots.
- Joann Coskie asked the record reflects appreciation for those who attended this meeting.
- Randy Talon also asked that the record reflects his thanks for everyone who volunteers.
- John Quinn noted that there is no Article 22.

With no further business before the Town, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:53. (No time was given, this is an estimate based on the recording of 2:48 minutes for this meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott Ferguson  
BOS-Chair

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Tim Cremmen  
BOS Vice-Chair

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Tracy Donovan-Laviolette  
BOS Member

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Mike Green  
BOS Member

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Roxanne Tufts-Keegan  
BOS Member

## Zoning Board of Adjustment - Report for 2024

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) was established in New Hampshire by statute in 1956 and was created to be a “constitutional safety valve” for property owners. Zoning Ordinances are designed to meet the needs of a town, however no community can create a rule to address every situation or every piece of land. The ZBA exists to allow flexibility to ensure the Ordinance is applied equitably. It is a quasi-judicial board and the law requires strict adherence to specific criteria when deciding a case.

The role of the ZBA is to interpret the Zoning Ordinance for the protection of the citizens of the Town. It can be a difficult job to balance the rights of the individual property owner with the interests of all citizens. Many of the applications brought to the Board deal with lots created prior to the existence of the Zoning Ordinance and relief is needed for the owner to have reasonable use of their property. Each case is evaluated individually based on the circumstances and on its own merit. The job is not always an easy one, and the volunteers of the Middleton ZBA address every request for an appeal with dedication and fairness. I would like to thank each member for their hard work, professionalism and commitment to the Town and to the law.

We accomplished quite a bit in 2024! The ZBA completed actions on six applications and one request for a rehearing from Middleton Workforce Housing, which was denied and is currently under litigation. Most of these hearings required several hours to complete. This is the main function of the ZBA. However, in addition to deciding these cases, we participated with other boards to recommend improvements in procedures and regulations. We also updated the Appeal Application and Instructions to make the process as smooth as possible for the applicant. Another thing we accomplished in 2024 was reviewing and updating the Rules of Procedures for the first time since 2001. These documents are on the website under Documents, Zoning Board of Adjustment. All information relating to specific hearings is available for review in the Municipal Offices.

The Board usually meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Old Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. Meetings and hearings are posted on the Town website and calendar and on the bulletin boards at the Municipal Offices and the Old Town Hall. All appeals heard by the ZBA must be submitted at least 21 days before a meeting. If the ZBA reviews an application and there is not sufficient information provided to make an informed decision, the application may be denied without prejudice. If the application is accepted, a noticed public hearing is required as well as the other steps detailed in the Rules of Procedure. Any questions on the process or documentation for prior decisions can be addressed by calling the Administrative Clerk at the Municipal offices at 603-473-5208.

The ZBA is required to have five members as well as alternates prepared to step in at any time if necessary. We currently have five full members and are actively seeking at least two more residents to participate as alternates. No experience is necessary. You can start as an alternate member by attending meetings and online training available from the State. The only qualifications are an open mind and a desire to learn the correct way to participate in the decision-making process. If this sounds interesting and you want to have a say in local government, attend a meeting and speak with the Board members!

Sincerely,

Charles “Chuck” Therriault, Chair

### **Board Members**

Jim Keegan, Vice Chair

Dan Saliga

Lorri Gunnison

Linda Adamo

Tim Cremmen, BOS Liaison





## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024 Sunrise Lake Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Water Testing**

Water testing of Sunrise Lake is crucial in monitoring trends so that mitigation efforts can be applied to improve them. The Volunteer Lake Assessment team consists of four members of the public who go out on the lake to take samples, which are then delivered to the NH Lab for analysis. Once finished, those results are published, and an annual report is issued in the spring of the following year.

Sunrise Lake's water quality continues to fluctuate downward due to phosphorus loads and E. coli intrusion. The lake had a few Cyanobacteria outbreaks during the year. Although any outbreak is concerning and shows the lake's health, these outbreaks were mostly small and short in duration. Additionally, the water was highly turbid (cloudy) in 2024. A possible cause could have been increased boat traffic, the length of time on the lake, and larger vessels.

To gather more data on the Lake's water, the VLAP team increased the number of tests it conducted in 2023 to three per year, which continued in 2024. The team tested 37 sites over four months. While some sites were not tested every cycle due to weather conditions, good results were recorded. Continued testing of E. coli in sensitive areas such as the Lake Lands culvert area was conducted. That area was tested twice, once in July and once in August, and the results were disturbingly high.

The Conservation Commission's budget and the residents of Middleton support the cost of these tests, which is greatly appreciated. The VLAP Team looks forward to 2025, when it will continue testing and improving its collection techniques.

John Mullen  
VLAP Coordinator

## **Strafford Regional Planning Commission**

### **2024 Town of Middleton Annual Report**

Strafford Regional Planning Commission works with municipalities, statewide organizations, and other partners to provide technical assistance with plans, outreach, projects and regulations. SRPC creates a space for stakeholders to connect, share information, and engage with important planning initiatives.

#### **2024 Accomplishments**

(Value of services provided at no additional cost to the town is in parentheses)

- Completed updates to the Middleton Hazard Mitigation Plan and submitted a draft for review and approval. Adoption is anticipated in early 2025. (\$1,500)
- Assisted the Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee to begin implementation of the Sunrise Lake Watershed Management Plan. (\$2,893)
- Ordered New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books for local land use boards. (\$108)
- Completed research and drafted several zoning ordinance amendments for the Planning Board.
- Worked with town staff and engineering consultants from BETA Inc. to develop a scope and cost estimate for traffic safety improvements at the "Middleton Corners" intersection of NH153 and Kings Hwy. (\$7,037)

#### **2024 Regional Accomplishments**

##### **Land Use and Environmental Planning**

- Kicked off the 2023-2027 SRPC Brownfield's Program providing assessment and cleanup planning services to the region's communities.
- Participated in Great Bay Adapts, a five-year project to assist Great Bay Watershed communities as they plan for climate change, build resilience, and implement priority projects.

##### **Transportation Planning**

- Adopted the first Active Transportation Plan for the Strafford Region. (<https://strafford.org/plans/active-transportation-plan/>)
- Analyzed all roads within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of regional bus routes for pedestrian safety and comfort.
- Contracted with EcoInteractive to develop a fully online transportation project database (to be launched in early 2025).
- Worked with COAST and Rockingham Planning Commission to reinvigorate the CommuteSMART program; received funding through NHDOT to hire a CommuteSMART manager.
- Compiled candidate electric vehicle charging stations in the region for a joint funding application between the NH Departments of Transportation and Environmental Services.
- Partnered with UNH Technology Transfer Center to conduct a peer-exchange on traffic calming and pedestrian safety infrastructure winter maintenance.

- Collaborated with the four Metropolitan Planning Organizations and VHB to develop regional Safety Action Plans (to be adopted in early 2025).

### **Economic Development**

- Conducted the 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update. (<https://strafford.org/plans/ceds/>)
- Convened and engaged the Seacoast Economic Development Stakeholders in monthly meetings to collaborate, share information and resources, work together to promote the economic vitality of our communities and region, and advance conversations about key issues affecting the region, such as housing, workforce, and childcare.
- Disseminated resources and funding opportunities to over 6,000 businesses in the region on a quarterly basis.

### **Data and GIS**

- Updated our regional Land Use GIS data layer, static Land Use Standard Maps, and ArcOnline Land Use Standard Map. (<https://strafford.org/reference/map-gallery/>)
- Updated our regional Community Anchor Institutions GIS data layer and associated static and ArcOnline Standard Maps.
- Published 4<sup>th</sup> annual Regional Data Snapshot consisting of over 150 data metrics for the region, 3<sup>rd</sup> annual interactive Data Snapshot Web Map, and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Profiles containing municipal specific data from the Snapshot for each of the 18 communities in the region. ([www.strafford.org/measure/data-snapshot/](http://www.strafford.org/measure/data-snapshot/))

### **2025 Goals**

#### **Local**

- Work with a qualified consulting firm on project engineering, design permitting, and construction of several best management practices around Sunrise Lake, including a raingarden at Hampshire Shores Beach, a culvert replacement on Lake Shore Road, and a Lake Lands Association Beach stormwater project.

#### **Regional**

- Lead an integrated update of the Regional Plan (land use and environment), Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and Long-Range Transportation Plan (the "Metro Plan").
- Develop and implement transportation safety projects through the regional safety action plan.
- Finalize work started late in 2024 with NYU graduate students to develop new research, data, case studies, and best practices on how the planning and economic development communities can tackle regional childcare issues.
- Continue developing projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to get them "funding ready" including additional climate resilience projects.

- Implement a transportation “demonstration” project with a municipality to show possible traffic calming and pedestrian safety infrastructure.
- Assist municipalities to apply for Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation funding for local transportation projects.

**Commissioners:** Kate Buzard, John Mullen

BUDGET vs ACTUAL STATEMENT  
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2024

Expenses		Year to Date		Year to Date Actual	Remaining Budget	Percent Expended
		Budget	Actual			
4130-01-exc	Selectmen's Salary	\$ 12,665.00	13,795.92	(1,130.92)	108.93	
4130-05-exc	SecBk Salary	52,420.00	56,504.62	(4,084.62)	107.79	
4130-06-exc	Deputy SSBK	22,969.44	27,457.41	(4,487.97)	119.54	
4130-10-exc	Office Telephone	13,200.00	15,244.44	(2,044.44)	115.49	
4130-15-exc	Office Supplies	3,500.00	3,388.56	111.44	96.82	
4130-20-exc	Postage	6,750.00	6,359.08	390.92	94.21	
4130-21-exc	Background Checks	400.00	135.00	265.00	33.75	
4130-25-exc	Mileage Reimbursements	200.00	104.52	95.48	52.26	
4130-30	Assoc Dues	1,000.00	2,131.06	(1,131.06)	213.11	
4130-35-exc	Resource materials	400.00	123.20	276.80	30.80	
4130-40-exc	4130-40 Advertising	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4130-45-exc	Meetings/Training	600.00	1,471.44	(871.44)	245.24	
4130-46-exc	New Equip/Cable	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4130-60-exc	Office equip repairs	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4130-65-exc	Copier	2,748.00	2,519.00	229.00	91.67	
4130-66-exc	Internet	1,920.00	1,908.96	11.04	99.43	
4130-70-exc	Computer/support	31,260.00	31,708.69	(448.69)	101.44	
4130-76-exc	Town Report	300.00	160.98	139.02	53.66	
4130-78-exc	Website	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4140-23	Town Meeting	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
4140-25-clk	Moderator	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.00	
4140-30-clk	Supervisors	2,250.00	2,625.00	(375.00)	116.67	
4140-35-clk	Ballot Clerks	800.00	550.00	250.00	68.75	
4140-40-clk	COMPUTER/SOFTWARE	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00	0.00	
4140-45-clk	Election Supplies	250.00	125.83	124.17	50.33	
4140-46-CLK	ACUVOTE MACHINE	1,900.00	2,902.00	(1,002.00)	152.74	
4140-50-col	Advertising	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
4140-60-col	Rest of records	3,700.00	3,457.75	242.25	93.45	
4140-80	Workshops/Resources/Equipment	750.00	730.80	19.20	97.44	
4149-55-col	Mortgage search	1,100.00	1,073.00	27.00	97.55	

	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
4149-56-col	350.00	226.54	123.46	123.46	64.73
4149-65-clk	15,000.00	31,932.19	(16,932.19)	(16,932.19)	212.88
4150-10-col	28,206.00	29,384.94	(1,178.94)	(1,178.94)	104.18
4150-15-col	14,315.36	11,565.50	2,749.86	2,749.86	80.79
4150-16-col	75.00	90.00	(15.00)	(15.00)	120.00
4150-50-col	400.00	279.92	120.08	120.08	69.98
4150-60-col	2,628.00	0.00	2,628.00	2,628.00	0.00
4150-70-col	2,000.00	1,772.41	227.59	227.59	88.62
4150-90-col	7,488.00	6,983.40	504.60	504.60	93.26
4150-95-col	0.00	900.00	(900.00)	(900.00)	0.00
4152-10-ass	18,204.00	17,000.50	1,203.50	1,203.50	93.39
4152-15-ass	2,000.00	2,100.00	(100.00)	(100.00)	105.00
4152-16-ass	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00
4152-17-ass	200.00	235.00	(35.00)	(35.00)	117.50
4153-10-att	37,500.00	16,489.61	21,010.39	21,010.39	43.97
4155-10-adm	95,084.14	65,765.52	29,318.62	29,318.62	69.17
4155-15-adm	4,733.87	3,366.66	1,367.21	1,367.21	71.12
4155-16-adm	3,600.00	3,000.00	600.00	600.00	83.33
4155-30-adm	72,514.23	46,485.40	26,028.83	26,028.83	64.11
4155-32	11,000.00	12,625.47	(1,625.47)	(1,625.47)	114.78
4155-35-adm	75,676.00	75,676.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4155-40-adm	754.00	(347.77)	1,101.77	1,101.77	(46.12)
4191-11-plb	5,275.00	5,151.44	123.56	123.56	97.66
4191-14-plb	1.00	341.74	(340.74)	(340.74)	34,174.00
4191-15-plb	450.00	126.50	323.50	323.50	28.11
4191-17-plb	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
4191-26	7,500.00	178.36	7,321.64	7,321.64	2.38
4193-19-zba	250.00	1,173.41	(923.41)	(923.41)	469.36
4193-21-zba	300.00	50.00	250.00	250.00	16.67
4193-40-zba	3,000.00	16,756.84	(13,756.84)	(13,756.84)	558.56
4193-41-zba	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
4193-42-zba	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
4194-09-gov	300.00	260.76	39.24	39.24	86.92
4194-10-gov	2,500.00	2,256.17	243.83	243.83	90.25
4194-11-gov	2,210.00	1,761.09	448.91	448.91	79.69
4194-12-gov	2,210.00	2,256.15	(46.15)	(46.15)	102.09
4194-13-gov	7,500.00	7,159.92	340.08	340.08	95.47

	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
4194-15-gov	3,900.00	4,075.00	(175.00)	104.49	
4194-20-gov	1,000.00	650.00	350.00	65.00	
4194-25-gov	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
4194-30-gov	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
4194-40-gov	2,000.00	2,921.47	(921.47)	146.07	
4194-41-gov	4,000.00	7,410.75	(3,410.75)	185.27	
4194-42-gov	1,400.00	100.00	1,300.00	7.14	
4194-43-gov	1,400.00	750.01	649.99	53.57	
4194-45-gov	200.00	229.02	(29.02)	114.51	
4194-46-gov	1,000.00	591.03	408.97	59.10	
4194-47-gov	1,000.00	928.72	71.28	92.87	
4194-49-gov	2,200.00	3,433.32	(1,233.32)	156.06	
4194-50	0.00	1,581.32	(1,581.32)	0.00	
4194-51-gov	3,800.00	1,803.55	1,996.45	47.46	
4194-52-gov	3,500.00	3,582.32	(82.32)	102.35	
4194-53-gov	3,600.00	3,940.09	(340.09)	109.45	
4194-54-gov	2,800.00	2,768.29	31.71	98.87	
4196-10-ins	58,130.00	58,130.00	0.00	100.00	
4210-10-pol	77,533.00	65,761.60	11,771.40	84.82	
4210-12-pol	124,848.62	97,499.70	27,348.92	78.09	
4210-15-pol	15,450.00	4,691.85	10,758.15	30.37	
4210-20-pol	23,881.00	26,547.03	(2,666.03)	111.16	
4210-22-pol	13,790.00	2,631.72	11,158.28	19.08	
4210-25-pol	14,140.00	13,597.75	542.25	96.17	
4210-35-pol	600.00	100.00	500.00	16.67	
4210-41-pol	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	66.67	
4210-45-pol	1,500.00	512.06	987.94	34.14	
4210-50-pol	2,500.00	1,725.36	774.64	69.01	
4210-52	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	
4210-55-pol	3,000.00	7,810.62	(4,810.62)	260.35	
4210-60-pol	9,000.00	5,926.76	3,073.24	65.85	
4210-65-pol	5,000.00	3,406.40	1,593.60	68.13	
4210-66-pol	250.00	348.85	(98.85)	139.54	
4210-70-pol	1,980.00	1,979.04	0.96	99.95	
4210-76-pol	850.00	657.63	192.37	77.37	
4210-77-pol	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	100.00	
4210-91	1,200.00	1,089.00	111.00	90.75	

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Expended
4210-92	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00	0.00
4215-01-med	6,000.00	7,199.27			(1,199.27)	119.99
4215-02-med	2,000.00	1,130.00			870.00	56.50
4215-03-EMS	1,500.00	(143.65)			1,643.65	(9.58)
4215-04-EMS	9,000.00	5,536.66			3,463.34	61.52
4215-05	2,000.00	178.00			1,822.00	8.90
4215-06	500.00	0.00			500.00	0.00
4215-07-EMS	60,000.00	82,069.72			(22,069.72)	136.78
4220-01-fir	23,000.00	27,784.61			(4,784.61)	120.80
4220-02	8,755.00	9,368.99			(613.99)	107.01
4220-03	17,245.00	0.00			17,245.00	0.00
4220-04-fir	250.00	355.09			(105.09)	142.04
4220-05-fir	600.00	600.00			0.00	100.00
4220-08-fir	3,000.00	1,183.89			1,816.11	39.46
4220-10-fir	5,500.00	3,886.83			1,613.17	70.67
4220-12-fir	1,000.00	1,054.95			(54.95)	105.50
4220-13-fir	1,200.00	591.51			608.49	49.29
4220-14-fir	500.00	0.00			500.00	0.00
4220-17-fir	1.00	0.00			1.00	0.00
4220-23	4,500.00	2,038.80			2,461.20	45.31
4220-24	6,000.00	10,029.85			(4,029.85)	167.16
4220-25	500.00	0.00			500.00	0.00
4220-26	6,000.00	5,806.68			193.32	96.78
4240-01	5,768.00	6,474.91			(706.91)	112.26
4240-02	75.00	0.00			75.00	0.00
4240-03	200.00	0.00			200.00	0.00
4240-04	1,000.00	(74.57)			1,074.57	(7.46)
4240-06	450.00	0.00			450.00	0.00
4240-07	2,600.00	2,617.82			(17.82)	100.69
4240-09	600.00	600.00			0.00	100.00
4240-11	1,186.00	0.00			1,186.00	0.00
4290-02	500.00	0.00			500.00	0.00
4299-91	5,500.00	3,994.76			1,505.24	72.63
4311-01-hwy	76,484.00	79,389.66			(2,905.66)	103.80
4311-02-hwy	111,260.00	117,934.78			(6,674.78)	106.00
4311-04-hwy	33,990.00	28,197.76			5,792.24	82.96
4311-06-hwy	300.00	0.00			300.00	0.00



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4311-07-hwy	Gas	3,000.00	2,703.52	296.48	90.12	
4311-08-hwy	Highway Diesel	18,000.00	14,877.69	3,122.31	82.65	
4311-09-hwy	Vehicle Repairs	20,000.00	26,252.25	(6,252.25)	131.26	
4311-11-hwy	Vehicle Equip Supplies	5,000.00	10,012.57	(5,012.57)	200.25	
4311-12-hwy	Hot Top/Cold Patch	1,500.00	690.34	809.66	46.02	
4311-13-hwy	Culverts	3,000.00	779.87	2,220.13	26.00	
4311-15-hwy	Salt	41,000.00	45,163.26	(4,163.26)	110.15	
4311-17-HWY	Office Supplies	100.00	73.71	26.29	73.71	
4311-19-hwy	Rental of Equip	7,000.00	6,835.10	164.90	97.64	
4311-20-hwy	Plow Edges	5,000.00	3,538.18	1,461.82	70.76	
4311-21-hwy	Signs	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	
4311-22-hwy	Shop Supplies	1,500.00	2,033.28	(533.28)	135.55	
4311-28-hwy	Uniforms	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	100.00	
4311-32-hwy	Hwy Seasonal	15,000.00	7,806.00	7,194.00	52.04	
4311-34-hwy	Highway Tree Pruning	9,000.00	8,250.00	750.00	91.67	
4311-35-hwy	Safety Equipment	1,000.00	138.46	861.54	13.85	
4311-36-hwy	Calcium Chloride	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	
4311-37-hwy	Drug Testing	500.00	529.00	(29.00)	105.80	
4316-01	Street Lighting	2,500.00	2,566.74	(66.74)	102.67	
4319-02	School Diesel	15,500.00	17,128.10	(1,628.10)	110.50	
4319-03	School Gasoline	2,500.00	7,781.86	(5,281.86)	311.27	
4323-01	Tonnage	183,000.00	198,779.30	(15,779.30)	108.62	
4323-03	Hazard Waste	1,000.00	1,904.81	(904.81)	190.48	
4323-04	Re-cycle	1.00	502.72	(501.72)	50,272.00	
4414-01	AC Salary	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4414-02	Cocheco Valley Dues/Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
4414-04	AC Uniform	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4414-05	Training	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4414-07	AC Cell Phone	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4414-08	AC Vehicle	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4415-01	VNA	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00	
4415-03	Community Action	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00	
4415-04	Greater Wakefield Resource	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
4415-05	Middleton Recreation	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.00	
4415-10	American Red Cross	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4415-14	Strafford Nutrition & Meals	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00	
4415-15	Haven Violence Protection	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	

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4444-01	Welfare Expense	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	
4444-02	Fuel Assistance	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	
4444-03	Mileage/Meetings	100.00	30.00	70.00	30.00	
4444-04	Welfare Dir Salary	4,524.00	5,078.25	(554.25)	112.25	
4444-05	Welfare Cell Phone	480.00	119.90	360.10	24.98	
4444-06	Welfare Supplies	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4460-00	Milfoil Treatment	0.00	4,160.00	(4,160.00)	0.00	
4520-03	Beach Maintenance	1,200.00	1,075.00	125.00	89.58	
4583-01	Patriotic	500.00	597.08	(97.08)	119.42	
4589-01	Other Culture/Rec	501.00	494.34	6.66	98.67	
4619-01-cc	Conservation Expense	475.00	475.00	0.00	100.00	
4619-02	Workshops	100.00	60.00	40.00	60.00	
4619-03	Reference Material	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
4619-04	CC Legal Fees	400.00	12.73	387.27	3.18	
4619-05	CC Office Supplies	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4619-06	Lake Assessment Program	840.00	640.00	200.00	76.19	
4619-08-cc	SL WAC	840.00	415.88	424.12	49.51	
4723-01	Tax Anticipation Note Interest	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4900-40	Highway Block Grant	61,860.00	115,970.00	(54,110.00)	187.47	
4930-00	Town Clerk Refund	0.00	7,705.90	(7,705.90)	0.00	
4930-01	Tax Collector Refund	0.00	13,196.60	(13,196.60)	0.00	
6010-00	Employer Social Security	33,911.00	31,179.25	2,731.75	91.94	
6015-00	Employer Medicare	7,931.00	10,147.36	(2,216.36)	127.95	
6120-01	Misc Fees/Charges	0.00	203.60	(203.60)	0.00	
	Total Expenses	1,855,300.66	1,828,425.16	26,875.50	98.55	
	Net Income		(1,828,425.16)	(26,875.50)	98.55	