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TOWN OF

MIDDLETON

New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

2025 Middleton Town Report Dedication

Each year, the Town of Middleton dedicates its Annual Report to a member of the community who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to our town. This year, it is our distinct honor to recognize a truly deserving individual—a person who, for over a decade, has exemplified the very best of community spirit by leading multiple boards and serving in several vital roles. Until recently, he was a regular fixture at our elections and Town Meetings, providing a steady hand and a wealth of knowledge. We are proud to announce that the 2025 Middleton Annual Town Report is dedicated to Jack Savage.

Jack has been a tireless advocate for Middleton, serving for the last decade as our Town Moderator. His public service resume is as broad as it is deep, including previous roles as Selectman, Chair of the Planning Board, and Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). His passion for our region's natural beauty is equally impressive. As a volunteer and member of the Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, Jack helped facilitate the conservation of more than 2,000 acres in the Moose Mountains range, ensuring that Middleton's landscape remains protected for generations to come.

Jack's dedication was perhaps most famously displayed in 2012. While training for the New York City Half Marathon with the Winner's Circle Running Club, Jack faced a logistical nightmare: the race and the Middleton Annual Town Meeting fell on the same weekend. Undeterred, Jack traveled to New York City on Friday to pick up his racing bib, returned to Middleton by Saturday morning to moderate the Town Meeting, and immediately drove back to NYC that evening to be at the starting line Sunday morning. Despite that grueling schedule, he not only finished the race but beat 13,616 of the 15,336 finishers.

Jack's contributions have been recognized far beyond our town borders. Following a nationwide search in 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests named him the organization's fifth president. Additionally, he has served on the boards of several non-profits and was a founding board member and past president of the N.H. Writers Project.

Though Jack has recently stepped down as Town Moderator, he remains a vital resource and a trusted mentor to those who reach out to him for guidance. Middleton has been truly fortunate to benefit from Jack's wisdom, work ethic, and heart. We offer our sincerest thanks to Jack Savage for everything he has done for our community.

Town of Middleton Annual Report 2025

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Middleton Town Officials

Town Moderator	Jack Savage - resigned	2026
Board of Selectmen	Timothy Cremmen, Chair	2026
	Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, VC	2026
	Roxanne Tufts-Keegan	2028
	Michael Green	2028
	Bonnie Gagnon	2027
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Roy Parece	2026
	Theresa Jones	resigned
Supervisors of the Checklist	Andrea Bowden	2026
	Linda Adamo	2028
Middleton School Board	Rebecca Eastman-Derrow	2027
	Nicole Huntress	2027
	Samantha Martell	2026
	Kelly Tivnan	2028
	Heather Cremmen	2028
School District Clerk	Nicole Wright	2026
School District Treasurer	Linda Adamo	2026

School District Moderator	Valerie Burke	2026
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Janet Kalar	2026
Budget Committee	Patti Sindorf, Chair	2027
	Sierra Pawnell	2028
	Bonnie Gagnon	resigned
	Kathleen Blaney	resigned
	Danielle Snow-Leclair	2027
	Tracy Hayes	2026
	Bonnie Gagnon, Selectmen Representative	
	Christine Maynard, SLVD Representative	
	Heather Cremmen, School Board Representative	
	Nicole Huntress, School Board Representative	
Planning Board	Christine Maynard, Chair	
	Kate Buzard, Vice-Chair	
	John Mullen - resigned	
	John Quinn, SLVD Representative	
	Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Selectmen Representative	
ZBA	James Keegan, Chair	
	Lorri Gunnison	
	Linda Adamo	
	Dan Saliga	
	Michael Green, Selectmen Representative	

Appointed Officials

Assessor	Avitar Associates
Administrative Assistant	Kim Hughes
Administrative Clerk	Robin Willis
Code Enforcement/Health Officer	Carl Roy
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Susan Parece
Town Treasurer	Toni Canfield
Deputy Town Treasurer	Vacant
Electrical Inspector	Peter Ciccolini
Emergency Management	Steve Fruehtman
Fire Chief	Jarrod Wheeler
Fire Assistant Chief	Jacob Bourdreau
Deputy Chief	Bruce Manchester
Fire Captain	Scott Bowden
Fire Lieutenant	Michael Green
Fire Lieutenant	Michael Laviolette
Fire Lieutenant	Frank Pevear
Police Chief	Scott Ferguson
Police Officer	Tayla Hutching0s
Police Sargent	Vacant
EMS Captain	Andrea Bowden
EMS Lieutenant	Janelle Guarino
Road Agent	Dan Phillips
Welfare Director	Christine Bartlett



New Hampshire Employment Security



Community Profile

By Geography >> City/Town >> Middleton

Middleton, NH

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Community Contact

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www.middletonnh.gov**

Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday-Thursday 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax
Collector: Tuesday 10-6, Wednesday 10-4,
Thursday 8-4**

County
Labor Market Area

**Strafford County
Rockingham County-Strafford County, NH
Metropolitan Division**

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Lakes Region
Strafford Regional Planning
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 1,123 over 44 years, from 734 in 1980 to 1,857 in 2024. The largest decennial percent change was a 66 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2024 Census estimate for Middleton was 1,857 residents, which ranked 146th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area: 2023 (US Census Bureau): 102.8 persons per square mile of land area. Middleton contains 18 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

Municipal Services

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2024	\$1,826,632
Budget: School Appropriations, 2024-2025	\$5,285,125
Zoning Ordinance	1981/16
Master Plan	2026
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Trust Funds; Budget; Checklist; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Moderator**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **No Library**

Emergency Services

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfboro	10 miles	25
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	15 miles	80

Utilities

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells

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

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
High Speed Internet Service: Resident	Yes

Property Taxes

(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2024 Total Tax Rate	\$15.54
2024 Equalization Ratio	88.4
2024 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.66

2024 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%

Housing

(ACS 2019-2023)

Total Housing Units	793
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	721
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	15
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	57

Population(1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2024	1,857	134,202
2020	1,827	130,889
2010	1,783	123,143
2000	1,452	112,233
1990	1,220	104,233
1980	734	85,408

Demographics

American Community Survey *(ACS 2019-2023)*

Population by Gender	
Male	870
Female	784
Population by Age Group	
Under Age 5	81
Age 5 to 19	305
Age 20 to 34	257
Age 35 to 54	438
Age 55 to 64	280
Age 65 and over	293
Median Age	41 years

Educational Attainment, population age 25 or older	1,175
High school graduation or higher	92.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	23.1%

Income, Inflation Adjusted \$

(ACS 2019-2023)

Per Capita Income	\$39,457
Median Family Income	\$114,038
Median Household Income	\$101,375

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$67,188
Female	\$49,537

Individuals below poverty level	6.2%
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Labor Force

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2014	2024
Civilian Labor Force	1,010	959
Employed	967	934
Unemployment rate	4.3%	2.6%

Employment & Wages

(NHES-ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2014	2024
Good-Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	23
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$951
Service-Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	96
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,454

Total Private		
Average Employment	122	119
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,163	\$1,358

Government(Federal, State, Local)		
Average Employment	15	59
Average Weekly Wage	\$846	\$642

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	137	178
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,132	\$1,118

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)** District: **SAU 61**
 Career Technology Center: **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	155			

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

2024 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** 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 *(distance estimated from city/town hall)*
 Road Access US Routes:
 State Routes: **153**
 Nearest Interstate/Exit: **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5**
 Distance: **5 miles; 34 miles**

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Skyhaven, Rochester Runway **4,200 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport With Scheduled Service
Portland (ME) International Distance **57 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **6**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, New Hampshire **49 miles**
 Portland, Maine **54 miles**
 Boston, Massachusetts **89 miles**
 New York City, New York **296 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec, Canada **267 miles**

Commuting To Work *(ACS 2019-2023)*
 Workers 16 years of age and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van: **84.4%%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van: **5.3%%**
 Used Public Transportation: **0.6%%**
 Walked: **0.0%%**
 Traveled by other means: **0.6%%**
 Worked at home: **9.1%%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work: **42.2 minutes**

Work in community of residence: **13.3%%**
 Commute to other NH community: **77.3%%**
 Commute out-of-state: **9.4%%**

Recreation, Attractions, 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 (ie Scouts and 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 Areas
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Areas: **Gunstock**

Other:

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, October 2025. Community Response Received **6/20/19**

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.

2025 Middleton Select Board Report

The year 2025 was a defining period for the Town of Middleton, marked by significant organizational transition, infrastructure modernization, and an unprecedented level of civic engagement. As your Board of Selectmen, we have navigated a season of change that has not only tested our resilience but has ultimately strengthened the foundation of our municipal governance.

Perhaps the most notable characteristic of this year was the transition in leadership across nearly every major department. We were pleased to confirm the appointments of Chief Jarrod Wheeler as Fire Chief and Chief Scott Fergusson as Police Chief. Their leadership ensures our first responders are guided by dedicated professionals committed to modernizing our safety protocols and protecting our citizens.

Further stabilizing our municipal operations, the Town welcomed Toni Canfield as our new Town Treasurer and saw the return of Roy Pearce as Town Clerk / Tax Collector. These roles serve as the backbone of our daily operations, and we are grateful for the expertise and seamless transition they have provided to these vital offices.

We are particularly heartened by the increased attendance and participation at our Select Board meetings. This surge in public interest is a testament to the fact that the people of Middleton are deeply invested in the direction of their town. Your voices, questions, and input have been invaluable as we worked through complex budget deliberations and policy updates.

While 2025 presented its share of challenges—from rising insurance costs to the logistical hurdles of departmental restructuring—it has, more than anything, reaffirmed the unique spirit of our community. Middleton is not just a place on a map; it is a collective of neighbors who care deeply about our shared future.

As we look toward the coming year, the Board remains committed to transparency, fiscal discipline, and the continued improvement of town services. We extend our sincere thanks to our employees, volunteers, and residents for their unwavering support and hard work. It remains a distinct honor to serve this special town.

Respectfully submitted,

The Middleton Board of Selectmen

Timothy Cremmen, Chair

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Vice Chair

Michael Green, Member

Bonnie Gagnon, Member

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Member

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.” — Muhammad Ali

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting 2026

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 10th day of March in the year 2026 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
- Town clerk/Tax Collector for one, three (3) year term
- Budget Committee for one, three (3) year term
- Budget Committee for one, two (2) year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, three (3) year term
- Moderator for one, two (2) year term
- Supervisor of the Checklist for one, four (4) year term
- Supervisor of the Checklist for one, six (6) year term

Article 2: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Town of Middleton on March 12, 2022, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the Town of Middleton will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:8-e, to decrease the size of the Select Board from five (5) members to three (3) members.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
MIDDLETON ZONING ORDINANCE for 2026**

1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Middleton Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 5A-BASE ZONING DISTRICT USES, Section B. Sunrise Lake District to add paragraph 5, delineating the maximum height of fences to be 48 (48) inches?

2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 23-FAMILY COMPOUNDS to be rescinded in its entirety?

Statutorily Mandated Zoning Ordinance Regulation Amendments

3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 35 – APPEAL to add

- A. Any person seeking to appeal a decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, or any administrative decision must comply with the provisions of **NH RSA Chapters 676 and 677**. It is strongly recommended that anyone seeking to appeal a decision consult with legal counsel. Although the clerks for the various Middleton boards and departments may be able to assist a person in directing him or her to the proper forms for appeals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for certain matters, they are unable to provide any person with legal advice. Failure to perfect a right of appeal within time limits prescribed by New Hampshire statutes and otherwise may result in the denial of the appeal.
- B. Appeals from an administrative decision taken under RSA 676:5 shall be filed within 30 days of the decision.

4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 20-HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS to remove the words “The number of full time residents of a single dwelling unit in a residential community approved under this Article shall not exceed three (3).”?

5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 20-HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS to update

Parking: In residential communities qualifying as Housing for Older Persons, a minimum of one (1) space of off-street parking, not to include garages, shall be provided per dwelling unit?

6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance? ARTICLE 24-A ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS to rescind and replace Sections C through E entirely and replace with

C. Requirements

1. Accessory dwelling units shall be allowed in all zoning districts that permit single-family dwellings. One accessory dwelling unit, which may be either attached or detached, shall be allowed as a matter of right.
2. No more than one accessory dwelling unit for any single-family dwelling. ADUs prohibited on rented or leased land.
3. Subsequent condominium conveyance of any accessory dwelling unit separate from that of the principal dwelling unit shall be prohibited, notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 356-B:5.
4. Attached accessory dwelling units shall have either an independent means of ingress and egress or ingress and egress through a common space shared with the principal dwelling.
5. All municipal regulations applicable to single-family dwellings shall also apply to the combination of principal dwelling unit and an accessory

dwelling unit, including but not limited to lot coverage standards and standards for maximum occupancy per bedroom consistent with policy adopted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, provided that such municipal regulations shall not be more restrictive for accessory dwelling units than for any single-family use in the same zoning district.

6. One additional parking space for the accessory dwelling unit is required.
7. The applicant for a permit to construct an accessory dwelling unit shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal for the accessory dwelling unit in accordance with RSA 485-A:38, but separate systems shall not be required for the principal and accessory dwelling units.
8. Owner occupancy of one of the dwelling units required. The owner must demonstrate that one of the units is his or her principal place of residences and must submit documentation demonstrating this to the Building Inspector.
9. The total living space of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 950 square feet and shall not exceed two (2) bedrooms.
10. Accessory dwelling units may be converted from existing structures, including but not limited to detached garages, regardless of whether such structures violate current dimensional requirements for setbacks or lot coverage.
11. Accessory dwelling units shall not be denied on the basis of requiring the establishment of a separate electrical panel or separate electrical service to the accessory dwelling unit.
12. Prior to occupancy of the accessory dwelling unit, the homeowner shall obtain an occupancy permit from the Building Inspector.

7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS to delete the current definition

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. 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.

And replace with:

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT: A building or portion thereof used, designed for or containing a dwelling unit that is an accessory use to a primary residence. A residential living unit that is located on a lot containing a single-family dwelling 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. Accessory dwelling units may be constructed at the time as the principal dwelling unit?

8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS to add

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, ATTACHED: A unit that is within or physically connected to the principal dwelling unit, or completely contained within a preexisting detached structure?

9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 36-DEFINITIONS to add

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, DETACHED: A unit that is neither within nor physically connected to the principal dwelling unit, or completely contained within a preexisting detached structure?

10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 5A-BASE ZONING DISTRICT USES, C. B-1 DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL add

c. Multi-family dwelling

and

re-letter existing c. to g. to d. to h.?

11: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 5A-BASE ZONING DISTRICT USES, D. MIDDLETON 4 CORNERS DISTRICT add

d. Multi-family dwelling?

12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance? Amend ARTICLE 22- HOME ENTERPRISES add

F. Home-based daycare (family care and group family care). An accessory use to any primary residential use providing family care and group family care.

1. Home-based daycare shall be allowed in all districts where single-family homes are allowed. Home-based daycare is not subject to site plan review. Home-based daycare facilities must meet all requirements for such programs adopted in the NH Department of Health and Human Services administrative rules.

13: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 5A-BASE ZONING DISTRICT USES, A. RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, 4. Special Exceptions to rescind

d. Group nursery schools or group day care center*, provided they are located adjacent to a collector street.

*As used here, day care center shall mean a group day care center for the care and supervision of more than **twelve (12) children**. As defined by the State of New Hampshire:

1. Group child center for the care of **thirteen (13)** or more children under the age of five (5).
2. Group day care nursery for the care of **five (5)** or more children under the age of **three (3)**.
3. Family group day care (treated herein as a home business in Middleton) for the care of **seven (7) – twelve (12) children?**

14: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Middleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend ARTICLE 5-BASE ZONING DISTRICT, B. GENERAL DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS, to update

2. Frontage:

Class V or Better Road: There shall be two hundred (200) foot minimum road frontage per individual lot on a class V or better road.

Class VI Road: There shall be two hundred (200) foot minimum road frontage per individual lot on a class VI and the applicant must provide a liability waiver to the town, record it with the registry of deeds, and prove that the lot and any buildings are insurable.

Private Road: There shall be two hundred (200) foot minimum road frontage per individual lot on a private road and after review and comment from the planning board.

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Middleton Elementary School on Saturday the 14th day of March in the year 2026 at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 am) to act on the following articles:

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of the sum of eight hundred twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred thirty-six (\$829,736) for Government operations. The Selectmen recommend \$829,736. 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	\$ 162,456	\$ 162,456
Election, Regis., Vitals,	\$ 34,028	\$ 34,028
Assessing Service	\$ 32,646	\$ 32,646
Legal Expense	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Personnel Admin.	\$ 373,474	\$ 373,474
Financial Admin.	\$ 66,537	\$ 66,537
Planning & Zoning	\$ 17,876	\$ 17,876
Conservation Comm.	\$ 2,651	\$ 2,651
Gen. Gov't. Buildings	\$ 48,097	\$ 48,097
Insurance	\$ 71,972	\$ 71,972
TOTALS	\$ 829,736	\$ 829,736

(tax rate/1000 **\$2.24**)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of the sum of five hundred forty-five thousand, six hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$545,688) for Public Safety operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 545,688. 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	\$ 355,822	\$ 355,822
Fire & Rescue	\$ 84,154	\$ 84,154
EMS	\$ 117,820	\$ 92,820
Building Inspection	\$ 12,392	\$ 12,392
Emergency Management	\$ 500	\$ 500
TOTALS	\$ 570,688	\$ 545,688

(tax rate/1000 \$1.54)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of the sum of four hundred fifty-nine thousand, twenty-eight dollars (\$459,028) for Highways, Streets, Bridges and Street Lighting operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 459,028. 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	\$373,788	\$ 373,788
Highway Block Grant/ Revenue offset	\$ 65,040	\$ 65,040
Street Lighting	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
School Diesel/Gasoline (School Diesel offsetting revenue)	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
TOTALS	\$ 459,028	\$ 459,028

(tax rate/1000 \$1.24)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended amount of the sum of three hundred seventeen thousand, thirty-six dollars (\$317,036) for Health and Welfare operations. The Selectmen recommend \$ 317,036. This article does not contain appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

	Recommended <u>By Budget Committe</u>	Recommended <u>By Selectmen</u>
Animal Control	\$ 500	\$ 500
Health Agencies	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Welfare	\$ 10,380	\$ 10,380
Solid Waste Coll.	\$ 298,156	\$ 298,156
TOTALS	\$ 317,036	\$ 317,036

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.85**)

Article 8: 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)

	Recommended <u>By Budget Committee</u>	Recommended <u>By Selectmen</u>
Beach Maintenance	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
Patriotic	\$ 600	\$ 600
TOTALS	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

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

Article 9: 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, 2030, whichever is sooner. (Majority Vote Required)

(tax rate/1000 **\$0.54**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 10: 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**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 11: 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**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 12: 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**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 13: 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**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 14: 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. (Majority vote required). (Majority Vote Required)

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

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 Public Safety Complex Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required)

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

Board of Selectmen Recommends (3-2)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 16: 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**)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-seven thousand, six hundred forty dollars (\$37,640.00) to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Such sum representing the amount of income received in 2025 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 (6-0)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) 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 (6-0)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to replace the gas tanks, **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 (6-0)

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 (6-0)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Old Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund previously established, **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 (6-0)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Police Gear and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, **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 (6-0)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Fire Gear and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, **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 (6-0)

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be used to purchase a cardiac monitor, **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 (6-0)

Article 25: Pursuant to RSA 72:28, to see if the Town will vote to increase the Optional Veterans' Tax credit to seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750). (Majority Vote required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 26: Pursuant to RSA 72:28-b, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the All Veterans' Tax credit in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750). (Majority Vote required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 27: Pursuant to RSA 72:29-a, to see if the Town will vote to increase the Veterans' Tax credit for Surviving Spouse to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (Majority Vote required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 28: Pursuant to RSA 72:35, to see if the Town will vote to increase the Veterans' Tax credit for Service-connected Total Disability to four thousand dollars (\$4,000). (Majority Vote required)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote 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 31, approximately 8.5 acres on Moose Mountain Road

Map 26 Lot 31 subplot 001, approximately 8.1 acres on Moose Mountain Road

Map 11 Lot 1 subplot 001, approximately 214 acres off Drew Drive (Jesse Mountain)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommends (6-0)

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to rescind, repeal, and render void in its entirety the Select Board ordinance entitled “Pets in Public Buildings,” adopted pursuant to RSA 31:39, including all sections, findings, purposes, applicability provisions, and enforcement language therein, and to replace it with the following policy:

Dogs, cats, and other pets shall be permitted in Town-owned public buildings, including the Town Hall, provided that all such animals are leashed or otherwise under the immediate control of their owner or handler at all times.

Article 31: And to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



Timothy Cremmen, Chairman



Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Vice Chairman



Michael Green



Bonnie Gagnon



Roxanne Tufts-Keegan



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General Government								
4130	Executive	04	\$170,449	\$164,533	\$162,456	\$0	\$162,456	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$32,647	\$34,235	\$34,028	\$0	\$34,028	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	04	\$52,642	\$60,315	\$66,536	\$0	\$66,536	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	04	\$24,461	\$28,816	\$32,646	\$0	\$32,646	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$10,218	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	04	\$278,120	\$322,493	\$373,473	\$0	\$373,473	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	04	\$29,429	\$17,877	\$17,876	\$0	\$17,876	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$42,562	\$45,388	\$48,097	\$0	\$48,097	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	04	\$63,362	\$63,362	\$71,972	\$0	\$71,972	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$738,890	\$807,019	\$827,084	\$0	\$827,084	\$0
Public Safety								
4210	Police	05	\$293,820	\$320,924	\$355,822	\$0	\$355,822	\$0
4215	Ambulances	05	\$104,819	\$91,000	\$92,820	\$0	\$117,820	\$0
4220	Fire	05	\$80,120	\$80,741	\$84,154	\$0	\$84,154	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	05	\$11,017	\$10,195	\$12,392	\$0	\$12,392	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	05	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$5,984	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$495,760	\$509,360	\$545,688	\$0	\$570,688	\$0



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Airport/Aviation Center								
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
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Highway Administration	06	\$337,746	\$366,587	\$373,788	\$373,788	\$373,788	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$77,343	\$261,860	\$65,040	\$65,040	\$65,040	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$2,069	\$2,400	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	06	\$19,936	\$18,300	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$437,094	\$649,147	\$459,028	\$459,028	\$459,028	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	07	\$205,112	\$196,900	\$298,156	\$298,156	\$298,156	\$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
	Sanitation Subtotal		\$205,112	\$196,900	\$298,156	\$298,156	\$298,156	\$0



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Water Distribution and Treatment								
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
	Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
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
	Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	07	\$0	\$505	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	07	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$7,500	\$8,505	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0



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Welfare								
4441	Welfare Administration	07	\$8,497	\$10,241	\$10,380	\$0	\$10,380	\$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
	Welfare Subtotal		\$8,497	\$10,241	\$10,380	\$0	\$10,380	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520	Parks and Recreation	08	\$1,375	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$0	\$1,400	\$0
4550	Library		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	08	\$334	\$600	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$1,709	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611	Conservation Administration	04	\$1,657	\$2,601	\$2,651	\$0	\$2,651	\$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
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$1,657	\$2,601	\$2,651	\$0	\$2,651	\$0



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Debt Service								
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	04	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$540,000	\$540,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$540,000	\$540,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
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
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Operating Budget Appropriations			\$2,153,488	\$0	\$2,178,488	\$0	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
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	09	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Road Repaving</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Highway Department Vehicle CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Revaluation CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: SCBA CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Natural & 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	17	\$37,640	\$0	\$37,640	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Cell Phone Tower income to go into the Highway Dep</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	20	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Milfoil</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	21	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Old Town Hall CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	22	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Police gear and equipment</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	23	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire gear and equipment</i>				



Special Warrant Articles

Total Proposed Special Articles	\$366,640	\$0	\$366,640	\$0
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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Not Recommended)
4153	Legal Expense	18	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: ZBA legal fees</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	19	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Gas Tanks</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	24	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Cardiac monitor</i>				
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$115,000	\$0	\$115,000	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	04	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
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	04	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
	Taxes Subtotal		\$0	\$61,000	\$61,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$0	\$320,000	\$320,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$0	\$345,000	\$345,000
From Federal Government					
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
	From Federal Government Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$0	\$64,289	\$64,289
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



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
State Sources					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$244,289	\$244,289
			State Sources Subtotal		
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	04	\$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	04	\$0	\$150	\$150
			\$0	\$1,150	\$1,150
			Charges for Services Subtotal		
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$0	\$1,980	\$1,980
3503	Rents of Property	04	\$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	\$43,480	\$43,480
			Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
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		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	21, 17, 23, 20, 22, 19, 18, 24	\$0	\$207,640	\$207,640
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$207,640	\$207,640
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$0	\$902,559	\$902,559



Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,153,488	\$2,178,488
Special Warrant Articles	\$366,640	\$366,640
Individual Warrant Articles	\$115,000	\$115,000
Total Appropriations	\$2,635,128	\$2,660,128
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$902,559	\$902,559
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,732,569	\$1,757,569



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$2,660,128
Less Exclusions:	
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
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$2,660,128
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$266,013
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
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
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	
	\$2,926,141

2025 Payroll

Code Enforcement

Carl Roy \$6,436.04

Election Officials

Andrea Bowden \$512.50
 Bonnie Gagnon \$62.50
 David Savage \$300.00
 Linda Adamo \$475.00
 Patricia Sindorf \$100.00

Electrical Inspector

Peter Cicolini \$2,617.82

Fire / EMS

Jacob Bourdeau \$3,042.99
 Andrea Bowden \$15,339.44
 Scott Bowden \$4,055.63
 Gabriel Clary \$2,362.50
 Abby Cole \$5,418.75
 Jayden Donovan-Laviolette \$2,291.47
 Bryan Francis \$461.19
 Steven Fruchtman \$1,453.50
 Walter Givara \$3,566.92
 Michael Green \$25,312.75
 Jacob Guarino \$1,309.39
 Janelle Guarino \$30,169.71
 Michael Donovan-Laviolette \$2,440.14
 Bruce Manachester \$1,769.45
 Tia Millar \$5,277.57
 Griffin Parks \$1,179.72
 Frank Pevear \$3,047.00
 Heather Powers \$1,773.25
 Damien Prescott \$1,420.25
 Michael Reid \$187.00
 Aiden Steinmann \$1,079.50
 Gene Streck \$3,366.00
 Bryan Taylor \$702.68
 Karina Vernacatola \$990.00
 Jarrod Wheeler \$32,425.17
 Brett Wiggin \$5,100.75

Maintenance

Lester Kimball \$2,076.39

Municipal

Christine Bartlett \$5,047.67
 Antoinette Canfield \$25,441.15
 Timothy Cremen \$2,609.07
 Tracy Donovan-Laviolette \$2,609.07
 Bonnie Gagnon \$2,414.23
 Michael Green \$2,588.59
 Kim Hughes \$59,800.01
 Theresa Jones \$15,643.07
 Roy Parece \$13,408.32
 Susan Parece \$3,832.50
 Joni Van Gelder \$2,919.81
 Robin Willis \$26,278.81

Police

Scott Ferguson \$104,391.58
 Tayla Hutchings \$34,229.58
 Amanda Phelps \$994.00
 Randy Sobel \$22,469.25
 Kathryn Toussaint \$3,489.25
 Michael Volpe \$7,210.00

Highway Department

Mark Dixon \$8,706.00
 Katara Ballou \$506.00
 James Keegan Jr \$70,371.60
 Robert Page \$35,043.71
 Daniel Phillips \$92,463.32
 Jeffrey LaBrecque \$4,410.00



2025
\$15.79

Tax Rate Breakdown Middleton

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,425,971	\$370,908,480	\$3.84
County	\$689,921	\$370,908,480	\$1.86
Local Education	\$3,329,291	\$370,908,480	\$8.98
State Education	\$404,724	\$364,837,480	\$1.11
Total	\$5,849,907		\$15.79

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Sunrise Lake Village	\$17,854	\$178,542,276	\$0.10
Total	\$17,854		\$0.10

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,849,907
War Service Credits	(\$50,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$17,854
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,817,761

 Adam Denoncour Deputy Director, Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	12/11/2025
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Dear Residents,

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome and your kindness and support since my appointment as interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support. It has been an honor to serve you, and I hope to continue to serve.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office has been busy with business as usual with Motor Vehicle Registrations, Property Tax payments, and Vital Records. Our new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Susan Parece was appointed September 23, 2025, by the Board of Selectmen. She has already made great strides in cleaning out records which were older than their retention dates, freeing up much needed space for the new documents we generate daily. She has also completed the DMV Training and Fish & Game training for Licensing and OHRV Registrations.

Please remember that Vehicle Registration Renewals can be done online, via mail, and in person at the Municipal Building. Property Tax Bills can be paid online at: WWW.NHTAXKIOSK.COM, via mail, or in person at the Municipal Building.

2026 Dog License Tags are here. Dogs need to be licensed in the Town by April 30, 2026 to avoid any late fees, fines, or Civil Forfeiture fees.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2026!

Respectfully Submitted by:

Roy Parece
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Middleton, NH

Tender Summary

Middleton Drawer	Tender	Amount
	CASH	\$95,010.89
	CHECKS (1,240)	\$1,136,818.43
	TRAVELER'S CHECKS	\$0.00
Deposit Total:		\$1,231,829.32

Activity Summary

BOAT	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
DECAL-REPL LOST	1	\$0.00	\$11.00
NEW	14	\$0.00	\$994.48
RENEWAL	103	\$0.00	\$6,859.86
Sub Total:	118	\$0.00	\$7,865.34
MOTOR VEHICLE	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
CERT-COPY DESTROYED	2	\$0.00	\$36.00
CERT-COPY LOST	32	\$0.00	\$570.00
CREDIT (ONLINE)	3	\$0.00	\$346.40
DECAL-REPL LOST	11	\$0.00	\$41.00
NEW	467	\$0.00	\$106,414.32
PLATE-RPL LOST	1	\$0.00	\$7.00
PLATE-RPL MID-YEAR	1	\$0.00	\$11.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-ID	1	\$0.00	\$7.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-1L	7	\$0.00	\$46.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-1P	10	\$0.00	\$0.00
PLATE-RPL REORDER-2P	4	\$0.00	\$0.00
REGISTRATION MAINTENAN	11	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENEWAL	2,252	\$0.00	\$429,635.08
SHORT SLIP DUE	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - AP	247	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - EXAP	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - EXPS	10	\$0.00	\$270.00
TITLE - PS	209	\$0.00	\$5,508.00
TITLE ONLY	15	\$0.00	\$405.00
TITLE ONLY - EX	1	\$0.00	\$27.00
TRANSFER	154	\$0.00	\$25,639.16
VOID - CREDIT ISSUED	3	\$0.00	\$-156.00
VOID - RETURNED CHECK	9	\$0.00	\$-1,174.72
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	4	\$0.00	\$-1,127.00
Sub Total:	3,456	\$0.00	\$566,505.24
DOG LICENSES	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
CREDIT (ONLINE)	3	\$0.00	\$37.50
LICENSE NEW	75	\$0.00	\$521.50
LICENSE RENEWAL	418	\$0.00	\$2,667.50
Sub Total:	496	\$0.00	\$3,226.50
TOWN CLERK SERVICES	Count	State Amt	Municipal Amt
2022 CIVIL FORFEITURE	2	\$0.00	\$30.00
2023 UNALTERED LIC.	1	\$0.00	\$9.00
2024 SPAYED/NEUTERED LI	21	\$0.00	\$58.50
2024 UNALTERED LIC.	2	\$0.00	\$18.00
AMBULANCE FEES/COMST	1	\$0.00	\$139.60
ARPA	1	\$0.00	\$1,950.00
BEACH STICKER	10	\$0.00	\$200.00
BUILDING PERMIT	62	\$0.00	\$47,207.88
BULK STICKERS	42	\$0.00	\$880.00

Fees Summary

Fee	Count	Amount
AGENT FEE	2,863	\$8,586.00
APPLICATION FEE	505	\$1,010.00
BEACH STICKER	10	\$200.00
BOAT AGENT FEE	118	\$590.00
BOAT BOAT FEE DECAL	117	\$351.00
BOAT EXTC AQTC PLANTS	117	\$468.00
BOAT FEE	93	\$1,417.84
BOAT HARBOR DREDGING	2	\$4.00
BOAT MILFOIL FEE	117	\$643.50
BOAT PUBLIC ACC FEE	117	\$585.00
BOAT REG FEE	117	\$3,590.00
BOAT SRCH RESC FEE	117	\$117.00
BOAT TAX COLL FEE	93	\$93.00
BRD/BFD REPLACE FEE	1	\$6.00
BUILDING PERMIT	62	\$47,207.88
BULK STICKERS	42	\$880.00
CELL TOWER INCOME	5	\$17,900.62
CERTIFIED COPY FEE	34	\$510.00
CLERK FEE	2,857	\$5,714.00
CONSERVATION FEE	22	\$660.00
COPY FEE	9	\$408.00
CREDIT ACCOUNT	6	\$383.90
CREDIT APPLIED	-7	\$-173.40
CREDIT ISSUED	1	\$45.00
DECAL REPLACEMENT FEE	11	\$11.00
DENTAL INSURANCE	4	\$9.68
DMV MAIL-IN FEE	754	\$754.00
DOG CIVIL FORFEITURE - COST OF SE	1	\$5.00
DOG CIVIL FORFEITURE FEE	1	\$25.00
DOG FINES	1	\$25.00
DOG LATE FEE	23	\$101.00
DOG LICENSE FEE GROUP	3	\$54.00
DOG LICENSE FEE PUPPY	11	\$44.00
DOG LICENSE FEE SENIOR	67	\$100.00
DOG LICENSE FEE SERVICE DOG	2	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE FEE SPAYED/NEUTERE	356	\$1,424.00
DOG LICENSE FEE UNALTERED	66	\$429.00
DOG OVERPOPULATION FEE	436	\$869.75
DOG SENIOR STATE LICENSE FEE	2	\$1.50
DOG STATE LICENSE FEE	498	\$251.25
ELECTRICAL INSPECTION	12	\$600.00
ELECTRICAL PERMIT	36	\$2,450.00
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS	3	\$160.46
EMS/COMSTAR	1	\$139.60
FILING FEE	0	\$0.00
HEALTH INS	1	\$53.44
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	1	\$325.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	4	\$64,289.24
HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE	9	\$257.50
HWY FULL TIME	4	\$3,211.12
INCOME	15	\$19,740.09
JUNK YARD PERMIT	1	\$100.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE - STATE	2	\$86.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE - TOWN	2	\$14.00
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	2	\$202.44
METAL, ALUMINUM & TIRES	2	\$65.50
MILFOIL FUND	2	\$6,395.00
MILFOIL GRANT RECEIPTS	4	\$8,315.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	8	\$160,282.88

CELL PHONE INCOME	14	\$0.00	\$17,790.09	MPP	1,466	\$1,472.00
CELL TOWER INCOME	5	\$0.00	\$17,900.62	NHRS	2	\$3,614.30
COPY FEE	9	\$0.00	\$408.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2	\$467.99
DENTAL INSURANCE	4	\$0.00	\$9.68	OHRV REGISTRATION	32	\$4,140.00
DOG FINES	1	\$0.00	\$25.00	OTHER CULTURE/REC	1	\$50.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIO	12	\$0.00	\$600.00	OTHER PERMITS	104	\$9,295.60
ELECTRICAL PERMIT	36	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	PERMIT FEE	2,958	\$405,040.00
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS	3	\$0.00	\$160.46	PISTOL PERMIT	6	\$60.00
FILING FEE	1	\$0.00	\$20.66	PLANNING BOARD	1	\$50.00
HEALTH INS	1	\$0.00	\$33.44	PLATE FEE	436	\$3,124.00
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	1	\$0.00	\$325.00	PLATE REPLACEMENT FEE	10	\$44.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	4	\$0.00	\$64,289.24	POLICE DETAIL INCOME	2	\$2,088.00
HUNTING/ FISHING LIC	9	\$0.00	\$257.50	POLICE REPORT	19	\$335.00
HWY FULL TIME	4	\$0.00	\$3,211.12	POSTAGE	1	\$84.40
JUNK YARD PERMIT	1	\$0.00	\$100.00	RECORDING AT REGISTRY DEEDS	6	\$123.96
MAIL PROCESS FEE	1	\$0.00	\$7.00	REGISTRATION FEE	2,718	\$148,051.43
MARRIAGE LICENSE	2	\$0.00	\$100.00	REGISTRATION FEE RETURN CHECK	-11	\$-304.72
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	2	\$0.00	\$202.44	RETURNED PAYMENT	1	\$25.00
METAL, ALUMINUM & TI	2	\$0.00	\$656.50	ROOMS/MEALS TAX	1	\$25.00
MILFOIL FUND	2	\$0.00	\$6,395.00	SAFETY FUND	2	\$365,810.26
MILFOIL GRANT RECEIP	4	\$0.00	\$8,315.00	SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	40	\$40.00
MISCELLANEOUS	8	\$0.00	\$160,282.88	SCHOOL DIESEL	4	\$51,191.00
MV REVENUE	10	\$0.00	\$31,225.72	SCHOOL GAS	4	\$6,302.93
NHRS	2	\$0.00	\$3,614.30	SOR - PD	4	\$80.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2	\$0.00	\$467.99	STATE PARK PLATE	21	\$1,785.00
OHRV REGISTRATIONS	32	\$0.00	\$4,140.00	SURCHARGE FEE	11	\$900.00
OTHER CULTURE/REC	1	\$0.00	\$50.00	TAX AGREEMENT RECEIVABLES	1	\$50.00
OTHER PERMITS	104	\$0.00	\$9,295.60	TIMBER TAX	1	\$1,414.77
PISTOL PERMIT	6	\$0.00	\$60.00	TITLE FEE	1	\$1,414.77
PLANNING BOARD	1	\$0.00	\$50.00	TOWN HALL RENTAL	230	\$5,750.00
POLICE ACCIDENT REPO	19	\$0.00	\$335.00	TRANSFER FEE	17	\$1,760.00
POLICE DETAIL INCOME	2	\$0.00	\$2,088.00	TRNSFR TRSTEES/CRF	297	\$2,225.00
POSTAGE	1	\$0.00	\$84.40	UCC FILING FEE	2	\$14,815.76
RECORDING AT REGISTR	6	\$0.00	\$123.96	V W SOFTWARE UPDATE	4	\$930.00
RETURNED PAYMENT	1	\$0.00	\$25.00	VANITY FEE	1	\$600.00
ROOMS/MEALS TAX	2	\$0.00	\$365,810.26	VITAL STATISTICS - STATE - ADDL COP	306	\$12,019.85
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PR	4	\$0.00	\$51,191.00	VITAL STATISTICS - STATE - FIRST COP	18	\$90.00
SCHOOL DIESEL	4	\$0.00	\$12,653.79	VITAL STATISTICS - TOWN - ADDL COP	28	\$224.00
SCHOOL GAS	4	\$0.00	\$6,302.93	VITAL STATISTICS - TOWN - FIRST COP	18	\$90.00
SOR - PD	4	\$0.00	\$80.00		31	\$239.00
TAX AGREEMENT RECEIV	1	\$0.00	\$50.00			
TIMBER TAX	1	\$0.00	\$1,414.77			
TOWN HALL RENTAL	17	\$0.00	\$1,760.00			
TRANSFER FROM TRUSTE	2	\$0.00	\$14,815.76			
UCC FILING	4	\$0.00	\$930.00			
V W SOFTWARE UPDATE	1	\$0.00	\$600.00			
VITAL RECORDS	3	\$0.00	\$43.00			
VITAL STATISTICS	28	\$0.00	\$600.00			
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	1	\$0.00	\$-20.66			
Sub Total:	531	\$0.00	\$841,843.43	Grand Total:	18,561	\$1,419,312.11

Total:	4,601	\$0.00	\$1,419,440.51
Grand Total:			\$1,419,440.51



DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT DEATH FOR ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

--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
LIPINSKI, PAULA KATHLEEN	01/02/2025	MIDDLETON	LIPINSKI, ALEXANDER	MANK, MICHALINA
FAHEY, WILLIAM	01/04/2025	MIDDLETON	FAHEY, DAVID	LOCH, JENNIFER
BARLOW, ELLEN MAE	01/23/2025	PORTSMOUTH	JOHN, JAMES	TEAL, PEARL
ORTH IV, WILLIAM J	02/05/2025	MIDDLETON	ORTH III, WILLIAM	BORS, IRENE
KEENAN JR, JOHN	02/08/2025	DOVER	KEENAN SR, JOHN	CARRIER, CELICA
LARSON, ISABEL C	02/17/2025	DOVER	RICE, LOUIS	BROSKY, MARY
HAINES, GARY EDWARD	02/18/2025	MIDDLETON	HAINES, RALPH	PATTERSON, VIOLET
GARRETT, ALEXANDER MATTHEW	05/26/2025	PORTSMOUTH	GARRETT, MATTHEW	BOOTH, BETH
RIDLON, SCOTT ALAN	06/26/2025	MIDDLETON	RIDLON, STERLING	BURNHAM, GRACE
PATTERSON, CHARLOTTE EMILY	07/14/2025	MIDDLETON	STAPLES, WALTER	REMICK, DOROTHY
DAMERY, BRIGITTE	08/30/2025	FRANKLIN	MEYER, CAMILLE	PRASSE, ELSA
FURMAN, BARBARA	09/24/2025	MIDDLETON	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
LIBBY, GARDNER JR	11/05/2025	MIDDLETON	LIBBY, GARDNER	LABBY, VENA
BURKE, DEBRA LYNN	11/30/2025	MIDDLETON	FITZGERALD, GERALD	PAINÉ, SHIRLEY
URQUHART, ORPHIA J	12/01/2025	MIDDLETON	MARGISON, C HARLEY	SINNETT, FRANCES
GLIDDEN, DAVID ORMAND	12/16/2025	MIDDLETON	GLIDDEN, ORMAND	FIFIELD, ELSIE

Total number of records 16

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
 RESIDENT MARRIAGES FOR ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

-- MIDDLETON --

Person A's Name And Residence	Person B's Name And Residence	Date of Marriage
COLWELL, COLLEEN DIANA MIDDLETON, NH	CARROLL, STEVEN ROBERT MIDDLETON, NH	05/31/2025
CONROY, KRISTIN SIERRA MIDDLETON, NH	RICCI, MARK VINCENT MIDDLETON, NH	11/26/2025
ESTERS, SHELLEY MARIE MIDDLETON, NH	NESBITT, TODD JAY MIDDLETON, NH	08/22/2025
GETCHIUS, PETER KEEDIN MIDDLETON, NH	VARANO, OLIVIA GAYLE PORTSMOUTH, NH	07/21/2025
LONTINE II, GARY ALBERT MIDDLETON, NH	ELLIS, LINDSEY MICHELLE ROCHESTER, NH	09/06/2025

Total number of records 5

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
 RESIDENT BIRTHS FOR ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

-- MIDDLETON --

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
ALLISON, SAVANNAH BAILEY	02/06/2025	DOVER, NH	ALLISON, RYAN HUNTER	GEORGE, LEAH ELIZABETH
CARLSON, MAVERICK JAMES	01/28/2025	DOVER, NH		MAGLIOCCA, EMILY MARIE
FAHEY, EMILY LOUISE	01/31/2025	DOVER, NH	FAHEY, JAMES PATRICK	FAHEY, EMILY CHRISTINE
MCCLENDON, ROAM SCOTT	08/06/2025	DOVER, NH	MCCLENDON, JONATHAN SCOTT	MCCLENDON, AYLSSA LIN
OUIMETTE, ROBIN RUTH	03/05/2025	DOVER, NH	OUIMETTE, CAMERON EARLE	OUIMETTE, KATELIN JENEFER
POIRE, JAXSON LEE	07/26/2025	DOVER, NH	POIRE, CHRISTOPHER LEE	POIRE, SHEENA LEA
TALON, TAYTUM MAE	01/27/2025	DOVER, NH	TALON, JARED TRAVIS	YOUNG, TONYA MAE
TIBBETTS, HAZEL ANN	12/10/2025	DOVER, NH	TIBBETTS, DERICK KEITH	KASIAN, JESLYN LEE

Total number of records 8



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

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

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- 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

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	
<input type="text" value="R oy"/>	<input type="text" value="Parece"/>	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
<input type="text" value="182"/>	<input type="text" value="King's Highway"/>	<input type="text" value="603-473-5210"/>
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: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 944,278.78	\$ 2,506.64	\$ 24,514.64	
Resident Taxes	3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 8,003.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Excavation Tax	3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$ 3,981.04)	\$ 0.00		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 2,863,334.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 2,461.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 319			
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 13.20	\$ 5,632.79	\$ 11.85
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Debits		\$ 2,861,827.16	\$ 963,414.70	\$ 2,518.49



Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$ 2,543,611.79	\$ 823,945.56	\$ 2,506.64	\$ 6,640.72
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,137.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$ 13.20	\$ 5,632.79	\$ 11.85	\$ 987.26
Penalties	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$ 2,461.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Current Levy Deeded	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$ 321,224.50	\$ 120,333.22	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,873.92
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 865.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	(\$ 5,483.33)			
Total Credits	\$ 2,861,827.16	\$ 963,414.70	\$ 2,518.49	\$ 25,501.90

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$ 460,313.83
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$ 46,267.36



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$ 0.00	\$ 60,335.62	\$ 0.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,381.23	\$ 0.00
0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Debits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 62,716.85	\$ 0.00

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		Year: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022
Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,068.26	\$ 0.00
0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,381.23	\$ 0.00
0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 46,267.36	\$ 0.00
Total Credits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 62,716.85	\$ 0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$ 460,313.83
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$ 46,267.36



MIDDLETON

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
Roy	Parece	Feb 18, 2026

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.

Roy Parece Town Clerk / TAX COLLECTOR
Preparer's Signature and Title

Treasurer

The following is the 2025 end-of-year report for the Town's primary accounts:

Operating Account Ending Balance	\$ 538,987.38
Sweep Account Ending Balance	<u>\$ 169.22</u>
Total Cash Available	\$ 539,156.60

Operating Account Interest Earned	\$ 10,490.53
Sweep Account Interest Earned	<u>\$ 8,197.86</u>
Total Interest Earned	\$ 18,688.39

Profile Community Card Rewards 2025	\$ 275.00
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Conservation Ending Balance	\$ 79,162.03
Conservation Interest earned	\$ 73.78

Police Revolving Ending Balance	\$ 57,164.49
Conservation Interest earned	\$ 126.21

Ambulance Revolving Ending Balance	\$ 60,024.65
Conservation Interest earned	\$ 170.78

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

Antoinette Canfield, Town Treasurer



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

Municipal Officials		
Name	Signature	Position
Bonnie Gagnon		Board Member
Michael Green		Board Member
Roxanne Tufts-Keegan		Board Member
Timothy Cremmen		Chairperson
Tracy Donovan-Laviolette		Vice Chairperson

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

Signature



Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	6,440.42	\$537,460	
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	\$186,743,700	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	195.32	\$2,594,100	
1H	Total of Taxable Land	10,075.51	\$189,875,460	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	954.06	\$6,712,700	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential	0	\$157,647,478	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$9,360,100	
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$10,193,900	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	5	\$31,222	
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0	
2F	Total of Taxable Buildings	0	\$177,232,700	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$10,375,400	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities		\$6,071,000	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5		\$0	
5	Valuation before Exemption		\$373,179,160	
Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation	
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	
11	Modified Assessed Value of All Properties	0	\$373,179,160	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total Granted	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	1	\$15,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		12	\$680,000
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
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62		12	\$1,575,680
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23		0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85		0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems		0	\$0
20	Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$2,270,680
21A	Net Valuation			\$370,908,480
21B	Less TIF Retained Value			\$0
21C	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$370,908,480
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption			\$0
21E	Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction			\$370,908,480
22	Less Utilities			\$6,071,000
23A	Net Valuation without Utilities			\$364,837,480
23B	Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value			\$364,837,480



Utility Value Appraiser

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

Electric Company Name	Distribution	Generation	Transmission	Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$4,753,100	\$0	\$0	\$4,753,100
	\$4,753,100	\$0	\$0	\$4,753,100
Water Company Name	Distribution	Generation	Transmission	Valuation
PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY INC	\$1,317,900	\$0	\$0	\$1,317,900
	\$1,317,900	\$0	\$0	\$1,317,900



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28)	\$400	85	\$34,000
Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a)	\$700	0	\$0
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total (RSA 72:35)	\$2,000	8	\$16,000
All Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)	\$0	0	\$0
Combat Service Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-c) RSA 72-28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		93	\$50,000

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
Deaf Income Limits		Deaf Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
Disabled Income Limits		Disabled Asset Limits	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

Elderly Exemption Report				
Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74	7	\$40,000	\$280,000	\$280,000
75-79	0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
80+	5	\$80,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
	12		\$680,000	\$680,000
Income Limits		Asset Limits		
Single	\$35,000	Single	\$75,000	
Married	\$50,000	Married	\$75,000	

Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Electric Energy Systems? RSA 72:85	No
If Yes, Enter the number of properties that get incentives.	0
Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility & Electric Energy Storage? RSA 72:87	No
If Yes, Enter the number of properties that get incentives.	0
Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? RSA 79-E	No
If Yes, Enter the number of structures that get incentives.	0
Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? RSA 79-H	No
If Yes, Enter the number of properties that get incentives.	0
Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? RSA 79-G	No
If Yes, Enter the number of properties that get incentives.	0
Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83	No
If Yes, Enter the number of properties that get incentives.	0
If Yes, Enter the percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted	0.00
If Yes, Enter the total exemption granted	0



Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	105.65	\$37,313
Forest Land	5,752.88	\$485,691
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	96.50	\$4,565
Unproductive Land	63.00	\$1,160
Wet Land	422.39	\$8,731
	6,440.42	\$537,460

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	4,326.78
Total Number of Acres Removed During Current Tax Year	Acres:	32.66
Total Number of Owners	Owners:	95
Total Number of Parcels	Parcels:	137

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year			\$5,500
Conservation Allocation	Percentage:	100	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
	0.00	\$0

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Acres Removed During Current Tax Year	Acres:	0.00
Total Number of Owners	Owners:	0
Total Number of Parcels	Parcels:	0



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C

Description	Acres	Owners	Assessed Value Land
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F

Number	Structures	Acres	Assessed Value Land	Assessed Value Structures
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D

Owners	Structures	Acres	Assessed Value Land	Assessed Value Structures
2	5	0.14	\$200	\$31,222

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
12	25	0	50	79-D Historic Barn
12	25	0	50	79-D Historic Barn
2	2	0	25	79-D Historic Barn
12	25	0	50	79-D Historic Barn
12	25	0	50	79-D Historic Barn

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax

	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land (MS-434 Accounts 3356 & 3357)	\$0.00	0.00
White Mountain National Forest (Account 3186)	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74) Amount

Amount
\$0

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)

Amount
\$0

Do you use the PA-28 form for the upcoming year?

No

If yes, how many?

year end: 2025

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		\$106,955.99	\$28,049.70		\$135,005.69	\$3,065.48		0	\$138,071.17	
1899	Fire Dept. Adtn.	CRF		\$15,227.78		\$9,656.76	\$5,571.02	\$289.13			\$5,860.15	
1997	Police Cruiser	CRF		\$50.60			\$50.60	\$1.29			\$51.89	
1992	MS Bus	CRF		\$142,236.33	\$0.00		\$142,236.33	\$3,645.58			\$145,881.91	
2006	MS Sped	CRF		\$367,448.83	\$0.00		\$367,448.83	\$9,417.90			\$376,866.73	
2009	SLVD Dam Repair	CRF		\$30,642.48	\$10,000.00		\$40,642.48	\$905.27			\$41,547.75	
2002	Consrv. Milfoil	CRF		\$21,684.66	\$5,000.00	\$16,772.25	\$9,912.41	\$387.38			\$10,299.79	
2009	Hgwy Vehicles	CRF		\$53,353.36	\$10,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$55,103.36	\$1,396.61			\$56,499.97	
2009	Revaluation	CRF		\$16,571.93	\$13,000.00		\$29,571.93	\$574.98			\$30,146.91	
2009	OTH-Rehab	CRF		\$230.13			\$230.13	\$5.90			\$236.03	
2009	Nat'l & Manmade Disas	CRF		\$19,792.92	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,792.92	\$518.86			\$21,311.78	
2010	FD Replace. Vehicle	CRF		\$143,613.80	\$0.00	\$140,000.00	\$3,613.80	\$2,214.24			\$5,828.04	
2011	Data Commun & Equip	CRF		\$10,254.79			\$10,254.79	\$262.84			\$10,517.63	
2015	Middleton Pubi. Cemetary	CRF		\$0.00			\$0.00				\$0.00	
2015	Middleton Sch Techn	CRF		\$61,262.21			\$61,262.21	\$1,570.18			\$62,832.39	
2015	MSD Rep. Constru, Reno	CRF		\$288,371.27	\$0.00	\$20,995.00	\$267,376.27	\$6,880.80			\$274,257.07	
2016	Ambulance	CRF		\$6,290.27			\$6,290.27	\$161.22			\$6,451.49	
2016	Breathing Appar	CRF		\$53,923.90	\$5,000.00	\$1,770.00	\$57,153.90	\$1,421.34			\$58,575.24	
2021	Safety Complex	CRF		\$42,052.28	\$10,000.00		\$52,052.28	\$1,193.38			\$53,245.66	
2023	Medical Equipment	CRF		\$20,634.27	\$10,000.00		\$30,634.27	\$644.43			\$31,278.70	
2025	Muni bldge improvements	CRF		\$0.00	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$115.56			\$10,115.56	
2025	PD gear/equip	CRF		\$0.00	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$115.56			\$10,115.56	
2025	FD gear/equip	CRF		\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,483.51	\$16,516.49	\$201.90			\$16,718.39	
2025	Hist. Rec. pres.	CRF		\$0.00	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$173.34			\$15,173.34	
1935	Nate Roberts	Perp Cem		\$778.03			\$778.03	\$19.94			\$797.97	
1949	Addie MacJames	Perp Cem		\$427.57			\$427.57	\$10.96			\$438.53	
1974	Joseph Cook	Perp Cem		\$766.62			\$766.62	\$19.65			\$786.27	
1974	William Hansen	Perp Cem		\$483.25			\$483.25	\$12.39			\$495.64	
1946	Eliza Roberts	Education		\$280.55			\$280.55	\$6.67			\$287.22	
1931	Charles Roberts	Library		\$1,418.84			\$1,418.84	\$36.37			\$1,455.21	
Total:				\$1,404,752.66	\$147,049.70	\$200,927.52	\$1,350,874.84	\$35,269.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,386,143.99	

Sunrise Lake Village District Report

Fiscal Year 2025

Check#	Date	Description	Debit	Credit
	01/31/25	No Activity		
	02/29/25	No Activity		
1273	03/26/25	Dam Maintenance (seed, fertilizer, matls etc)	\$1611	
1274		VOID		
1275	04/17/25	Foy Insurance (liability insurance	\$2355	
1276	04/29/25	Dam Maintenance (seeding)	\$175	
1277	05/17/25	Supervisor Check list fee/Annual meeting	\$150	
1278	05/17/25	Supervisor Check list fee/Annual meeting	\$150	
1279	05/31/25	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$550	
1280	06/27/25	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$550	
1281	06/27/25	Dam Repairs Reserve Fund	\$10000	
	07/02/25	Deposit Tax Receipts		\$17255
1282	07/26/25	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$550	
1283	08/23/25	Dam Maintenance (mowing)	\$550	
1284	09/16/25	Dam Repairs (brush, debris, etc)	\$174	
1285	09/18/25	Dam Repairs (labor)	\$720	
1286	09/29/25	Dam Maintenance (fall prep)	\$175	
	10/31/25	No Activity		
	11/30/25	No Activity		
1287	11/19/25	2025 Dam Registration	\$3000	
	12/31/25	Tax Rate Overage Adjustment		\$599
	12/31/25	Interest Accrued for Year 2025		\$18
Totals			\$20710	\$17872
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2025			\$19239	
Closing Balance as of December 31, 2025			\$16401	

District Officers

Chairman/Commissioner	Jerri Waitt	(2027)
Commissioner	John Quinn	(2028)
Commissioner	Roy Parece	(2026)
Treasurer	Janet Kalar	(2027)
Clerk	Christine Maynard	(2027)
Moderator	John Mullen	(2028)
Auditor	Kelly Tivnan	(2026)



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
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
General Government Subtotal			\$17,255
Public Safety			
4210	Police		\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0
4220	Fire		\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0
4290	Emergency Management		\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$0
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301	Airport Administration		\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Highway Administration		\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Sanitation			
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
Sanitation Subtotal			\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Water Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0
Electric			
4351	Electric Administration		\$0
4352	Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0
Health			
4411	Health Administration		\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0
Health Subtotal			\$0
Welfare			
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Culture and Recreation			
4520	Parks and Recreation		\$0
4550	Library		\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$0
Conservation and Development			
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
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$0
Debt Service			
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
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Operating Transfers Out			
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
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$10,000
Total Voted Appropriations			\$27,255

Assessing Report for 2024

Assessing Department

We're excited to remind residents that much of Middleton's property information—such as assessed values and tax maps—is now easy to access through the Town's GIS system. You'll find the GIS link on the Town website under Departments → Assessing → Links. Updated tax maps, along with forms and other helpful documents, are also available under Documents → Assessing.

The Town of Middleton continues to work with Avitar Associates to provide assessing services. Avitar conducts property assessments that are used to fairly and consistently distribute the Town's tax burden, in accordance with New Hampshire law. From time to time, assessing staff may visit properties to verify information. Your cooperation helps keep property records accurate and ensures assessments remain equitable for everyone.

Day-to-day administrative tasks, such as property transfers, are handled by the part-time Administrative Clerk at the Municipal Offices. The Clerk is always happy to answer general questions or point residents in the right direction. Contact information can be found on the Town website.

Abatements, Current Use, Credits, and Exemptions

If you believe your property's assessed value is incorrect, you may file an Abatement Application after receiving your final tax notice and no later than March 1.

The New Hampshire Current Use Program, which has been in place since 1973, helps encourage the preservation of open land by assessing qualifying property based on its current use rather than its potential development value. Middleton currently has more than 130 properties enrolled. When land is removed from Current Use, a Land Use Change Tax is applied. Applications are due by April 15, and the Assessing Office can help answer any questions.

The Town also offers Veterans', Elderly, Blind, and Solar credits and exemptions. Eligibility requirements apply, and applications and details are available through the Assessing Office.

Mailing Address Changes

If the mailing address on your tax bill needs to be updated, a Change of Address Request form is available on the Town website under Documents → Assessing.

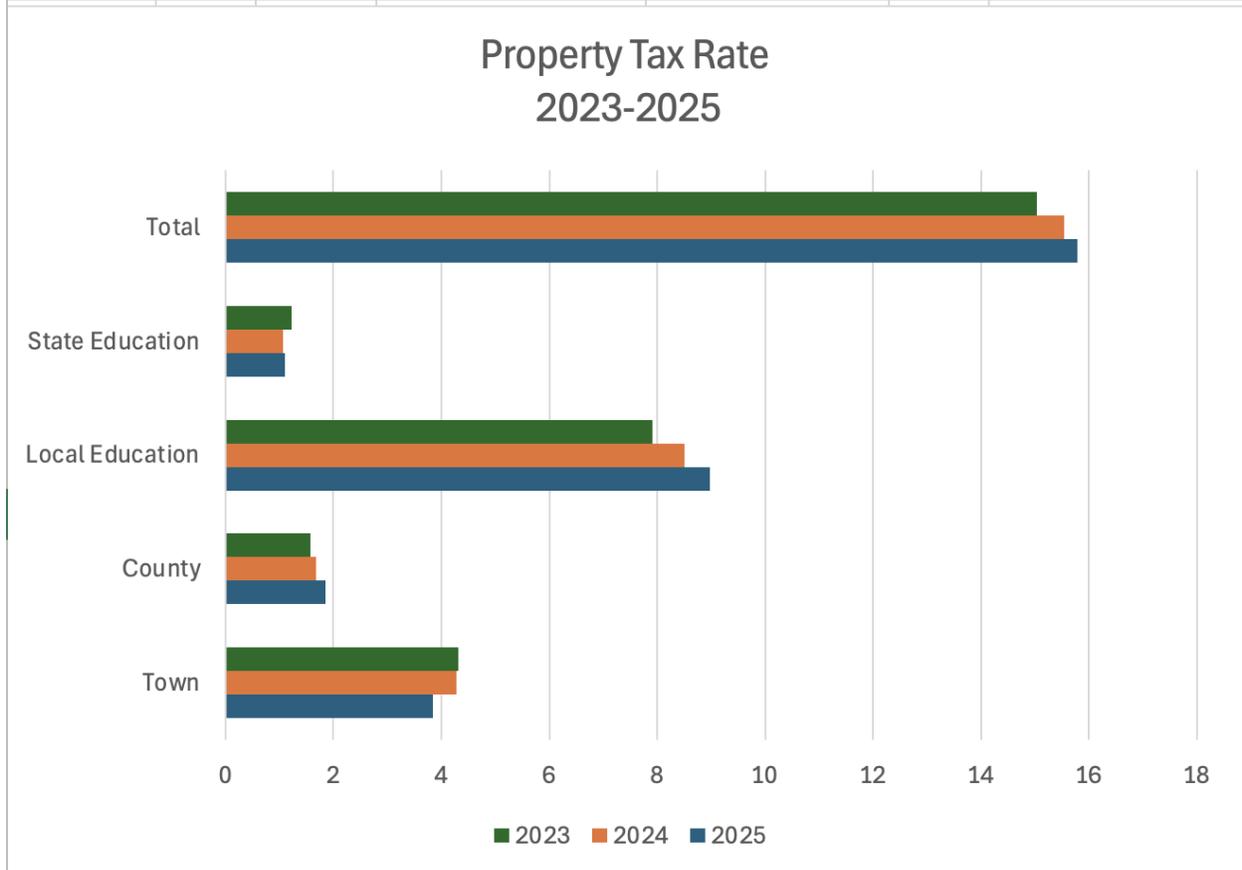
How Your Property Tax Rate Is Determined

New Hampshire's tax year runs from April 1 through March 31, and Middleton property taxes are billed twice a year, typically due in July and December. Your tax rate is based on the combined budgets of the Town, School District, and County, divided by the total assessed value of all property in Middleton. Because these budgets change from year to year, the tax rate is updated annually, usually in late October or early November.

The July bill is an estimate based on the prior year's tax. The second bill reflects the final tax rate and accounts for what you already paid in July. You can also view your property tax information online at NHTaxKiosk.com.

Property Tax Rates Tax Years 2023 – 2025

Year	Town	County	Local Education	State Education	Total	Add'l Tax Village
2025	3.84	1.86	8.98	1.11	15.8	0.1
2024	4.28	1.68	8.51	1.07	15.5	0.1
2023	4.32	1.58	7.91	1.23	15	0.41



Building Inspector Code Enforcement Health Officer

In the year of 2025 we saw a large number of new builds in town. In total there were 15 new construction houses with \$33,079.08 in fees collected. There were also 10 additions which includes additions and in-law/ADU's resulting in \$9,153.20 fees collected. Building permits collected \$51,014.48 in fees from 61 permits. There were 162 permits in total including all types resulting in \$58,014.48 collected in fees. I expect next year to bring a large amount of building to town also.

Permits Issued
Permits Issued With Approved Date Between 01/01/2025 And 12/31/2025 Sorted by PIO

Permit Type	Count		Fees Collected		Estimated Cost
BUILDING PERMIT	61	\$	51,014.48	\$	-
<i>ADDITION</i>	10	\$	9,153.20	\$	-
<i>ALTERATION</i>	26	\$	4,175.00	\$	-
<i>EXTERIOR ONLY</i>	3	\$	479.20	\$	-
<i>GARAGE</i>	5	\$	3,838.00	\$	-
<i>NEW BUILDING</i>	15	\$	33,079.08	\$	-
<i>DECK</i>	2	\$	290.00	\$	-
ELECTRICAL PERMIT	38			\$	-
<i>ADDITION</i>	5	\$	650.00	\$	-
<i>ALTERATION</i>	23	\$	2,000.00	\$	-
<i>DEMOLITION</i>	1	\$	100.00	\$	-
<i>EXTERIOR ONLY</i>	2	\$	250.00	\$	-
<i>NEW BUILDING</i>	7	\$	900.00	\$	-
PLUMBING PERMIT	19	\$	1,560.00	\$	-
<i>ADDITION</i>	4	\$	290.00	\$	-
<i>ALTERATION</i>	3	\$	150.00	\$	-
<i>NEW BUILDING</i>	12	\$	1,120.00	\$	-
GAS PERMIT	37	\$	2,080.00	\$	-
<i>ADDITION</i>	2	\$	130.00	\$	-
<i>ALTERATION</i>	15	\$	750.00	\$	-
<i>DEMOLITION</i>	1	\$	80.00	\$	-
<i>EXTERIOR ONLY</i>	1	\$	80.00	\$	-
<i>NEW BUILDING</i>	18	\$	1,040.00	\$	-
DEMOLITION PERMIT	2	\$	50.00	\$	-
<i>ALTERATION</i>	2	\$	50.00	\$	-
SHORELAND PERMIT	2	\$	100.00	\$	-
<i>ADDITION</i>	2	\$	100.00	\$	-
POOL	3	\$	210.00	\$	-
<i>ALTERATION</i>	1	\$	50.00	\$	-
<i>EXTERIOR ONLY</i>	2	\$	16,000.00	\$	-
Total	162	\$	58,914.48	\$	-

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Town of Middleton

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission continued its work throughout 2025 to protect Middleton's natural resources, support watershed health, and steward town-owned conservation lands. The Commission met regularly at the Old Town Hall and collaborated with regional partners, state agencies, and local boards to address land use, water quality, and forest management needs.

The Commission reviewed erosion control concerns related to new construction on New Durham Road and Pinkham Road, coordinated with the Board of Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer, and responded to public inquiries regarding shoreland cutting and road alterations. A letter requesting transfer of Land Use Change Tax revenue to the Conservation Fund was approved.

Forest stewardship advanced significantly in 2025. The Commission contracted with Dalton Mountain Forestry for a Current Conditions Report on the 247-acre Mt. Jesse parcel. Forester Bryan Comeau presented his findings in November, noting diverse forest structure, areas of regeneration, boundary conditions, and forest health concerns such as beech leaf disease. He recommended developing a Forest Resource Inventory and Management Plan within the next decade.

The Tanglewood Watershed Protection Area Committee met throughout the year to assess culvert conditions, review hydrology, and explore long-term conservation options. A wetlands and natural resources survey by Ilex Wetlands Consultants was completed in October, recommending consideration of Town Forest designation, conservation easements, and selective forestry to support habitat and future management. The committee also advanced landowner outreach, public engagement planning, and coordination with regional partners.

The Commission expresses its appreciation to all members, volunteers, and collaborating organizations for their contributions in 2025. The Commission remains committed to the protection of Middleton's natural resources and looks forward to continuing this work in 2026.

With only a handful of volunteers, the Commission relies heavily on a few dedicated residents. If you care about Middleton's woods, wetlands, and wildlife, please consider joining us. Your involvement truly matters.

Carol Vita, Chair

Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, selectman's representative

Jim Keegan, Vice Chair

Dan Saliga, alternate

Kate Buzard, clerk

Fire & Rescue

2025 was a fantastic year for Middleton Fire Rescue. This was a year of change, the department saw growth and improvement in many aspects. This year the dedicated members worked extremely hard, and I am happy to say their work has certainly paid off. We began the year with a change of leadership Chief Laviolette took a step back operating as a Lieutenant and was an invaluable resource for the transition. The members were very welcoming and determined for improvement. In addition to myself coming in as Chief the department saw a new Assistant and Deputy Chief. Assistant Chief Bourdeau, a long-time member and former Chief, brings with him a wealth of institutional and fire service knowledge, as well as a tremendous amount of experience. The department also welcomed Deputy Manchester who also brings along the same from many years working just next door in Farmington.

I would like to start with our year in EMS. The department saw the most growth in EMS this year. We began the year with just 6 EMS providers within the organization. I am very happy to report we currently have a roster of 15 EMS providers. Many members have worked to increase their EMS licensure with Lt. Green upgrading his EMS license to the EMT level, EMT Cole Attending AEMT class with pending licensure in early 2026, LT. Pevear and EMT Millar currently attending Paramedic School and a new member attending an EMT class. We welcomed 2 Advanced EMTs to the department. The department operates a fully equipped and licensed Paramedic Level ambulance with Chief Wheeler and Paramedic Francis providing that level of care. One very notable accomplishment is our responses being, 2024 the department relied solely on mutual aid on 54 Calls resulting in a Fee for Service from Milton. In 2025 there were only 2 instances of no responders available for Middleton. Therefore, the Response fee from Milton has been removed. Middleton EMS was also able to restore mutual aid relationships providing mutual aid to our neighbors when needed. We would like to thank our neighbors who provided assistance when needed over the year. We saw a tremendous increase in ambulance billing revenue year over year and most importantly were there when our amazing residents needed us.

Our Firefighters and Fire Officers worked extremely hard as well. We have trained in many aspects of fire and all hazard responses. 5 Members of the department have been working toward their firefighter 1 certification. This program is both physically and academically challenging. Those members will be testing for their certification in early 2026. We thank them for their hard work and commitment. We saw major improvement in our response capabilities thanks to the incredible support of the community. Chief Wheeler and Engineer Givera traveled to Louisiana to inspect and transport the new Fire Engine back to Middleton. This apparatus increased our capabilities through an increase in Water carrying capacity, Increased pump capacity, and increased storage capacity. Members got right to work equipping and training on the new apparatus. This apparatus will serve the community for decades to come.

The members worked very hard to make needed improvements and repairs to the Fire Rescue Building. Repairing rotted wood, Paint, Lighting, siding the building and much more. Members participated in many community events such as the old home day celebration and turkey raffle. Truly showing their pride not only in the department but this wonderful community.

The department responded to a total of 223 calls for service in 2025 with 167 EMS responses and 56 Fire and all hazard responses. We would like to thank the Police and Highway departments for their assistance and continued collaboration as well as the Municipal office staff and selectboard for their hard work and support to make the year a successful one.

From the members of the department and I we want to thank the members of the community for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Jarrod Wheeler
Fire Chief

Highway

The Highway Department made the purchase of the new mid-sized truck through the state's Block Grant program. The truck was outfitted with new plows and stainless-steel flatbed body purchased through the approved warrant article of last year's town meeting. The stainless-steel sander was transferred from the old truck to the new one. Look for the new truck plowing on the roads by the lake.

Paving was done, earlier this year, after shoulders were cut and a couple bad culverts were replaced. Shoulder cutting is required to control the runoff of rainfall. This stops water from sitting on or running down the side of the road, which will cause the edges to weaken and deteriorate over time.

An excavator, with a mulching head, was demoed and later rented for (2) weeks. This is a machine that would serve the town in a few different tasks that are required to maintain and keep the roads safe. I recommend, as the Road Agent, the town approving the purchase of this machine through the state Block Grant, CRF, and other means, as required. Mulching of brush, at the intersections, improves the sight distance and overall safety of the motoring public.

Crush gravel, that was produced at our town owned pit, was applied to all our gravel roads this year. This improves the strength, durability, and ride of the roads.

All trucks and sanders went through our shop in preparation for the winter months. At the time of this writing, we have had (14) of the average (32) events the region sees each year. Hopefully the average is not surpassed.

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 e-mail at roadagent@middletonnh.gov

Thank You Again for your confidence and support,
Dan Phillips
Road Agent

Planning Board

The Middleton Planning Board plays a critical role in guiding development in accordance with the Town's Subdivision Regulations, Master Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, and other adopted rules and regulations. The Board ensures that land-use decisions comply with the law while protecting the Town's character and residents' long-term vision.

The Board works closely with other Town departments, including Highway, Code Enforcement, and Zoning, to coordinate current projects and procedural updates.

Christine Maynard stepped into the role of Chair following John Mullen's departure, filling very large shoes. While John is greatly missed, Christine has worked tirelessly to lead the Board through a demanding workload and wide-ranging responsibilities. She has emphasized fairness, transparency, and consistency, including initiating a standardized process for land-use inquiries that ensures accurate and reliable guidance.

Kate Buzard was elected Vice Chair and has been a strong source of insight, dedication, and ideas. She has played a key role in collaborating with the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership and with SolSmart to improve the Solar Power articles within the Zoning Ordinance.

BOS Liaison Roxanne Tufts-Keegan and SVLD Representative John Quinn continue to represent residents and provide valuable perspective and expertise.

2025 Activity Summary

The Planning Board had a busy and productive year in 2025, holding numerous public hearings to review applications, amendments, and public comment. Actions included approval of three subdivisions, two lot line adjustments, one conditional use permit, and two land mergers.

The Board also conducted five conceptual reviews during public meetings, helping property owners and prospective buyers make better decisions while achieving their goals according to Town regulations and expectations.

Another key responsibility of the Board is maintaining an effective and up-to-date Zoning Ordinance. In partnership with Strafford Regional Planning, the Board held workshops, meetings, and public hearings to update ordinance articles in response to recent changes in state law and to strengthen provisions critical to the Town's development.

Ongoing efforts include updating the Rules of Procedure and Subdivision Regulations, as well as continually clarifying and improving the Zoning Ordinance. Several Board members participated in training opportunities, including workshops and online webinars. All Board documents, activities, and decisions are available on the Town website.

Membership

While the current Board is doing an admirable job, additional public participation would be beneficial. Serving on the Board is a rewarding way to contribute to the community—no prior experience is required, and training resources are readily available.

The Planning Board meets monthly, typically on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m., with occasional additional meetings for workshops or hearings. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact Chair Christine Maynard or email planboard@middletonnh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Middleton Planning Board

Middleton Police Department



In 2025, the Middleton Police Department began a year of re-growth and reorganization. The town appointed me as the new Police Chief, and I began the process of rebuilding the department.

We completed a review of procedures, recruitment, retention, and equipment, along with other aspects of operation. This was done to ensure the police department was operating as efficiently as possible and providing the best service possible to you, the taxpayer.

The police department made great strides in 2025, from staffing to equipment. We welcomed Officer Tayla Hutchings as a full-time officer, and Officer Amanda Phelps as a part-time officer. Both officers came to us with prior experience and NH police certifications. We are still looking to fill a full-time supervisor position in the coming year.

We will continue to raise the bar in 2026 and provide the residents of Middleton with the best police services possible.

In 2025, the Middleton Police Department responded to:

1,077 Calls for Service

462 Incidents

10 Arrests

6 Accidents

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Ferguson", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Chief Scott Ferguson" is printed in a standard black font.

Middleton Recreation Committee

Our team has really been working hard this year as we continue to grow and add more events for the residents of Middleton.

In March we provided snacks for the town meeting.

April proved to be a bit of a challenge as the weather was not cooperating with us for the Flashlight Egg Hunt, but we moved it inside the OTH and despite the much smaller area we had a great turnout, and a fun time was had by all.

For May we were able to make use of the Middleton elementary school as we have outgrown the space at the OTH for our Craft Fairs. We managed to fill the gym with vendors, this event gets bigger and better with each one we do.

In June we held a Candy Bar Bingo game night with lots of winners. We also donated snacks and treats to the staff and bus drivers at MES for teacher appreciation.

Our Old Home celebration is held in August; did you know Middleton is 247 years old?! We had a fantastic turnout at our annual Touch-a-truck celebration and appreciate everyone who helps to make this event grow every year. We are looking forward to celebrating 250 years which is coming up fast!

September brought our first Chili/Chowder cookoff. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

October and Halloween came next and with-it Trunk or Treat! The weather was beautiful and we had a great turnout of trunks and children. Thank you to the Alpaca Pals for helping us out with trunks. We also had our first Halloween House Decorating contest. We loved seeing all the amazing decorations, it was tough to choose the winners. Congratulations to all!

We had such a great turnout and so many requests at the last Craft Fair that we decided to do another in November. We appreciate MES allowing us to use the school so we can continue to grow this event.

In December we teamed up with MES and the Alpaca Pals to celebrate the holidays with a Pancake Breakfast Party complete with a wonderful breakfast, crafts, Santa and presents! I believe this was our biggest party yet with well over 100 children in attendance. Our Light Up Middleton House Decorating Contest

really lit up the town. We have some beautiful decorators out there. Again thank you to all who joined us.

Middleton Recreation would like to thank everyone involved with our events this year, without your support we wouldn't be able to do all that we do. A special shout out to Middleton HWY dept, Middleton PD, Middleton FD, MES and the Alpaca Pals, we appreciate you all. I would also like to give a huge thank you to my team, we may be small, but we get the work done. You are all amazing and I'm so thankful to have you on my team!

Keep watching for updates on what we are going to do next.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gagnon
Middleton Recreation President

Welfare

2025 has been interesting in the town of Middleton. I took this position in September of 2022 as Welfare Director. I continue to assist local families in everyday struggling in a changing economy. I was happy to assist in Fuel Assistance coming to our townhall, needs of electric, fuel, and housing. Thank you to Wakefield Food Pantry who continue to serve Middleton families.

If anyone needs Welfare Services, applications can be found at the townhall. Please reach out by phone at { 603- 515- 6258} or by email at welfare@middleton.gov. I will try to assist in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

Christine Bartlett

Welfare Director

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The current Middleton Zoning Ordinance was adopted by Town residents on March 11, 2017 to promote the health, safety, welfare, and orderly development of the community. State law requires that any town with a Zoning Ordinance also has a Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The Middleton ZBA is a community-based, all-volunteer board that plays a vital role in local government. It serves as a “constitutional safety valve” by providing flexibility when strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship or inequity. The ZBA is a quasi-judicial body and must follow strict statutory and procedural requirements.

Each parcel of land is unique. The ZBA exists to hear requests for relief from specific provisions of the ordinance and to ensure it is applied fairly and consistently. The Board hears applications for variances, appeals of administrative decisions, special exceptions, and equitable waivers of dimensional requirements. Each case is evaluated individually, balancing the rights of property owners with the interests of the Town as a whole and ensuring the spirit of the zoning ordinance is protected.

2025 Activity Summary

The ZBA typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. Meetings and hearings are posted on the Town website and at the Municipal Offices and appeals must be submitted at least 21 days in advance. Those lacking sufficient information may be denied without prejudice. Accepted applications proceed through a noticed public hearing in accordance with the ZBA Rules of Procedure, which are available on the Town website.

During calendar year 2025, the ZBA received fewer applications compared to the exceptionally busy 2024 year. However, Board members continued to dedicate significant time to their duties. Considerable work and expense is required to address the appeal of the Board’s 2024 denial by Middleton Workforce Housing. The court has ruled in favor of the Town on two motions for summary judgment, but litigation is ongoing. The Board is hopeful it will be resolved soon.

Board members also participated in joint meetings with the Planning Board and Code Enforcement to assist with policy decisions involving land-use matters.

Board Membership

The ZBA is composed of five members, with alternates as needed. Members play a central role in guiding the development of the Town. Joining the Board is a direct way to service

your community, meet other engaged residents and actively participate in the local democratic process. The Middleton ZBA is seeking two to three additional residents to serve. No prior experience is required and training is available. Interested residents are encouraged to contact the chair or email the Board at zba@middletonnh.gov.

Acknowledgment

Service on the Zoning Board of Adjustment is a critical appointment that requires impartial, fair-minded citizens. I thank the Board members for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the Town of Middleton and to the law.

Jim Keegan, Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment Members:

Jim Keegan, Chair

Lorri Gunnison, Vice Chair

Dan Saliga

Linda Adamo

Tim Cremmen, BOS Liaison



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report



The Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee (SLWAC), established in fall 2023, continued to meet monthly throughout 2025 to set priorities and implement educational programs for the watershed's residents. The annual meeting in June featured updates on lake and watershed conditions, a boat-safety session by the NH Marine Patrol, and guidance from the NH Lakes Association on mitigating stormwater runoff.

SLWAC participated in the Annual Middleton Old Home Day, providing information about the lake and watershed. In partnership with Strafford Regional Planning, the Town, LakeLands Association, and Hampshire Shores Association, SLWAC began implementing the 2024 Watershed Assistance Section 319 Grant. Efforts in late 2025 focused on soliciting professional quotes for planned projects, including:

- * Replacing the Lake Shore Road/Lake Lands Beach culvert and upgrading drainage infrastructure.
- * Conducting upstream water quality measurements.
- * Securing town support for project materials, equipment, and labor.

Progress on the culvert project was delayed due to contractor availability at year-end. However, a comprehensive RFQ package has been developed and posted on state and SRPC websites, with construction scheduled to begin early 2026.

The Town, with support from SRPC and SLWAC, has also secured a grant for a town-wide Stormwater Assessment in 2026, laying the groundwork for future watershed initiatives. Additional funding is being pursued for ongoing and new projects.

A Lake Update event is planned for July 2026, covering septic system impacts on water quality and including another NH Marine Patrol Boat Safety presentation. Expanded outreach programs are also in development.

SLWAC's progress is the result of dedicated committee members, town officials, Strafford Regional Planning, and community input. To continue advancing our mission to preserve and protect Sunrise Lake and its watershed, we invite new members to join us. The committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

John Mullen
Chair, SLWAC



2025 Sunrise Lake Milfoil Mitigation Program

The 2025 Sunrise Milfoil Mitigation Program continued to mitigate the milfoil infestation in the lake. Pinkham Cove exhibited heavy re-infestation; therefore, a herbicide treatment was applied in June to 3.5 acres. In addition, Diver-Assisted Hand-Pulling was conducted in areas where the herbicide was not used, and a total of 160.5 gallons was removed. Total expenditure for this mitigation was \$11,110, drawn from the Milfoil ETF and from generous contributions from residents and lake associations for milfoil mitigation totaling \$3,250, which helped reduce the strain on the Milfoil ETF, whose current 2026 balance is \$10,281.

In 2026, we will most likely continue to see outbreaks of invasive weeds; however, they are controllable. We will be conducting Diver-Assisted Hand-Pulling in 2026. The estimated costs for this activity will strain the Milfoil ETF. Therefore, a request will be made to replenish ETF's funds in 2026. NH DES has awarded the Town a 2026 Milfoil Mitigation Grant at the 50% match rate.

The success of our Milfoil Mitigation Program is attributed to the support of Middleton residents, private donations, and donations from the Hampshire Shores Lake Association. This support has provided funds for Milfoil Mitigation and has reduced the strain on the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund. We highly encourage all residents to be diligent in monitoring the invasive plant and report any findings or questions to either the Middleton Conservation Commission's Exotic Aquatic Species Coordinator or NH DES.

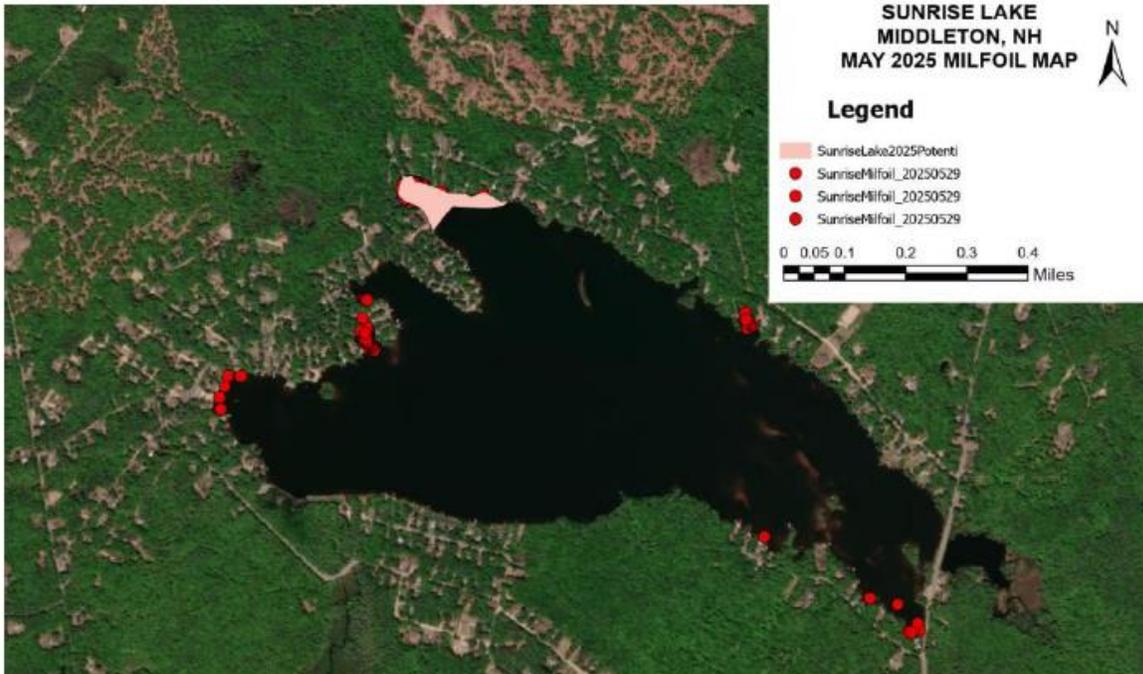
The Conservation Commission would like to thank the people of Middleton for their support of this effort. The ability to continue with the milfoil mitigation plans will enable the community to minimize the effects of invasive species in Sunrise Lake, control the infestation in the long term, and improve the overall health of the lake for the residents of

Middleton. Sunrise Lake is a major asset to the Town and contributes a significant portion of its property value and tax revenue.

Joe Hultz
Exotic Aquatic Species Coordinator
Middleton Conservation Commission

Sunrise Lake Milfoil Treatment Areas for 2025

Map:



- **Pink-shaded area of 3.5 acres was treated with Procellacor EC in June of 2025. The Cost to the Town was \$5,710, which was expended from the Milfoil ETF.**
- **Red Dots are areas of Diver Hand Pullings in June and September, which amounted to 160.5 gallons of milfoil removed. The cost to the Town was \$6,400, which was expended from the Milfoil ETF.**

Employee and Volunteer Service Recognition

The Town extends its sincere appreciation to the dedicated employees and volunteers whose commitment, professionalism, and service strengthen our community each year. Town employees consistently demonstrate exceptional dedication to their work and to the residents they serve. Their efforts—often extending beyond regular responsibilities—ensure that municipal operations run smoothly and that vital services remain dependable and responsive.

In addition to the work performed by Town staff, the Town benefits greatly from the time and expertise contributed by residents who serve on various boards and committees. Individuals serving on the **Planning Board, Budget Committee, Zoning Board, Conservation Committee, and Tanglewood Committee** devote many hours to reviewing proposals, guiding long-term planning, and supporting the responsible management of Town resources. Their service reflects a strong commitment to thoughtful governance and community stewardship.

The Town also recognizes the many volunteers who support the **Recreation Department** by helping to host a number of long-standing community events, including the Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Bingo programs, Halloween Party, and Christmas Party. These events bring families together, build community spirit, and enrich the lives of residents of all ages.

Members of the **Fire/EMS Department** further exemplify community service by volunteering beyond their primary duties. Their involvement in the annual Turkey Raffle, the Christmas Giving and Food Basket program, and the annual Santa Ride demonstrates their dedication to supporting local families and maintaining important community traditions.

In addition, the Town acknowledges the ongoing work of the **Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee (SLWAC)**, whose members volunteer their time to protect and improve the water quality of Sunrise Lake. Their efforts help preserve this natural and recreational resource for the benefit of current residents and future generations.

Collectively, the work performed by volunteers across these boards, committees, and community programs totals more than 1,000 hours each year. Their dedication, professionalism, and generosity make a meaningful difference in the Town's success, and the Town expresses its deep appreciation to all who serve.

A Call for Volunteers

The Town encourages residents to consider participating in a board, committee, or volunteer program. Community service offers an opportunity to contribute directly to the decisions and activities that shape the Town's future. Whether assisting with local events, supporting public safety initiatives, or serving on a municipal committee, every role strengthens the fabric of our community.

Volunteering provides residents with the chance to:

- Become more engaged in local governance
- Share professional skills and personal experience
- Support community events and traditions
- Influence long-term planning and resource stewardship
- Build connections with neighbors and fellow residents

Boards and committees welcome individuals with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Most positions require only a willingness to learn, a commitment to attend meetings, and an interest in contributing to the community's well-being.

Residents who wish to learn more about current openings or volunteer opportunities are encouraged to contact the Town Offices. Even a small investment of time can make a meaningful and lasting difference.



Employee/Boards & Committees/Volunteers Annual Holiday Party - 2025

BUDGET vs ACTUAL STATEMENT

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

		Year to Date		Year to Date Actual	Remaining Budget	Percent Expended
		Budget	Actual			
Expenses						
4130-01-exc	Selectmen's Salary	\$ 13,044.95	12,116.78		928.17	92.88
4130-05-exc	SecBk Salary	59,800.00	59,800.01		(0.01)	100.00
4130-06-exc	Deputy SSBK	26,208.00	26,278.81		(70.81)	100.27
4130-10-exc	Office Telephone	16,185.60	16,819.00		(633.40)	103.91
4130-15-exc	Office Supplies	3,500.00	3,082.29		417.71	88.07
4130-20-exc	Postage	6,750.00	6,309.78		440.22	93.48
4130-21-exc	Background Checks	400.00	265.00		135.00	66.25
4130-25-exc	Mileage Reimbursements	200.00	50.68		149.32	25.34
4130-30	Assoc Dues	1,000.00	1,861.00		(861.00)	186.10
4130-35-exc	Resource materials	400.00	156.67		243.33	39.17
4130-40-exc	4130-40 Advertising	1.00	0.00		1.00	0.00
4130-45-exc	Meetings/Training	750.00	282.09		467.91	37.61
4130-60-exc	Office equip repairs	1.00	0.00		1.00	0.00
4130-65-exc	Copier	2,748.00	2,559.96		188.04	93.16
4130-66-exc	Internet	1,908.96	1,908.96		0.00	100.00
4130-70-exc	Computer/support	31,335.00	34,521.91		(3,186.91)	110.17
4130-76-exc	Town Report	300.00	168.45		131.55	56.15
4130-78-exc	Website	1.00	4,267.80		(4,266.80)	426,780.00
4140-23	Town Meeting	200.00	0.00		200.00	0.00
4140-25-clk	Moderator	300.00	300.00		0.00	100.00
4140-30-clk	Supervisors	1,275.00	1,050.00		225.00	82.35
4140-35-clk	Ballot Clerks	200.00	100.00		100.00	50.00
4140-40-clk	COMPUTER/SOFTWARE	4,260.00	3,632.00		628.00	85.26
4140-45-clk	Election Supplies	250.00	178.63		71.37	71.45
4140-47-CLK	VW Software update	1,500.00	1,100.00		400.00	73.33
4140-50-col	Advertising	200.00	139.95		60.05	69.98
4140-60-col	Rest of records	3,750.00	3,750.00		0.00	100.00
4140-80	Workshops/Resources/Equipment	750.00	1,099.60		(349.60)	146.61
4149-55-col	Mortgage search	1,250.00	0.00		1,250.00	0.00
4149-56-col	Tax Bills	350.00	352.62		(2.62)	100.75

	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
Audit	20,000.00	20,944.30	(944.30)	104.72	
Tax Collector Salary	29,052.18	29,051.39	0.79	100.00	
Deputy Tax Collector	14,744.82	6,852.80	7,892.02	46.48	
Association Dues	90.00	60.00	30.00	66.67	
Recordings at Registry	400.00	251.24	148.76	62.81	
Computer/Software	2,628.00	2,935.60	(307.60)	111.70	
Mileage Treasurer	2,000.00	1,026.64	973.36	51.33	
Treasurer	10,400.00	12,464.39	(2,064.39)	119.85	
Deputy Treasurer	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	
Assessor	24,204.00	20,131.50	4,072.50	83.17	
Tax Map Update	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	100.00	
Assessing Software Support	1,912.00	1,829.50	82.50	95.69	
Assessing Dues/Workshop Dues	500.00	300.00	200.00	60.00	
Town Atty	20,000.00	10,217.83	9,782.17	51.09	
Health Ins	103,891.25	86,779.09	17,112.16	83.53	
Dental Ins	4,733.87	3,846.63	887.24	81.26	
Longevity	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.00	
Pol Ret	71,610.71	43,838.49	27,772.22	61.22	
Empleer 401K	13,000.00	10,380.12	2,619.88	79.85	
Work Comp	84,757.00	84,757.00	0.00	100.00	
Unemploy Comp	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00	
Straf Reg Plan	5,275.00	12,457.41	(7,182.41)	236.16	
Newspaper Ads	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
Workshops	450.00	25.00	425.00	5.56	
Reference Material	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	
Legal	7,500.00	271.26	7,228.74	3.62	
Newspaper Notice	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	
Workshops	300.00	115.00	185.00	38.33	
ZBA Legal	3,000.00	16,560.15	(13,560.15)	552.01	
Reference Material	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	
Office Supplies	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
Electric/Salt Shed	300.00	386.36	(86.36)	128.79	
Electric/T Hall	2,350.00	3,333.65	(983.65)	141.86	
Electric/Hwy	1,900.00	1,531.86	368.14	80.62	
Electric/Fire Dept	2,350.00	3,333.58	(983.58)	141.85	
Electric/Mun Bld	7,250.00	6,542.70	707.30	90.24	
Cleaning	2,600.00	3,002.84	(402.84)	115.49	

	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
4194-20-gov	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
4194-25-gov	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
4194-30-gov	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
4194-40-gov	2,000.00	3,570.44	(1,570.44)	178.52	178.52
4194-41-gov	4,000.00	2,472.55	1,527.45	61.81	61.81
4194-42-gov	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00
4194-43-gov	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00
4194-45-gov	250.00	485.63	(235.63)	194.25	194.25
4194-46-gov	1,000.00	564.04	435.96	56.40	56.40
4194-47-gov	1,000.00	445.00	555.00	44.50	44.50
4194-49-gov	2,678.00	2,945.10	(267.10)	109.97	109.97
4194-50	2,060.19	2,076.39	(16.20)	100.79	100.79
4194-51-gov	2,000.00	2,175.23	(175.23)	108.76	108.76
4194-52-gov	3,300.00	3,528.59	(228.59)	106.93	106.93
4194-53-gov	3,400.00	3,605.72	(205.72)	106.05	106.05
4194-54-gov	3,000.00	2,561.87	438.13	85.40	85.40
4196-10-ins	63,362.00	63,362.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4210-10-pol	98,800.00	98,800.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4210-12-pol	117,000.00	41,490.00	75,510.00	35.46	35.46
4210-15-pol	16,995.00	13,691.50	3,303.50	80.56	80.56
4210-20-pol	26,269.00	5,823.33	20,445.67	22.17	22.17
4210-22-pol	13,790.00	0.00	13,790.00	0.00	0.00
4210-25-pol	16,640.00	16,466.01	173.99	98.95	98.95
4210-35-pol	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4210-36-pol	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4210-41-pol	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	66.67	66.67
4210-45-pol	1,500.00	1,301.24	198.76	86.75	86.75
4210-50-pol	2,500.00	7,119.51	(4,619.51)	284.78	284.78
4210-52	250.00	35,072.00	(34,822.00)	14,028.80	14,028.80
4210-55-pol	3,000.00	9,175.60	(6,175.60)	305.85	305.85
4210-60-pol	9,000.00	4,116.09	4,883.91	45.73	45.73
4210-65-pol	5,000.00	48,809.32	(43,809.32)	976.19	976.19
4210-66-pol	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
4210-70-pol	1,980.00	1,979.04	0.96	99.95	99.95
4210-76-pol	850.00	964.72	(114.72)	113.50	113.50
4210-91	1,200.00	1,761.18	(561.18)	146.77	146.77
4210-92	1,000.00	2,149.97	(1,149.97)	215.00	215.00

		Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
4210-93	Investigative Funding	0.00	1,200.00	(1,200.00)	0.00	
4215-01-med	Medical Supplies	6,000.00	6,731.68	(731.68)	112.19	
4215-02-med	Rescue Training	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
4215-03-EMS	EMS Gear	1,500.00	620.00	880.00	41.33	
4215-04-EMS	EMS Duty Salary	9,000.00	3,361.95	5,638.05	37.36	
4215-05	Equipment Purchase	2,000.00	1,163.55	836.45	58.18	
4215-06	Vehicle Maintenance	500.00	872.20	(372.20)	174.44	
4215-07-EMS	EMSShift Pay	70,000.00	92,069.44	(22,069.44)	131.53	
4220-01-fir	Member Expense	23,690.00	28,575.96	(4,885.96)	120.62	
4220-02	Fire Chief Salary	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4220-03	Fire Chief-EMT	28,000.00	28,000.18	(0.18)	100.00	
4220-04-fir	Office Supplies	250.00	293.14	(43.14)	117.26	
4220-05-fir	Cell Phone	600.00	450.00	150.00	75.00	
4220-08-fir	Building & Maintenance	3,000.00	818.48	2,181.52	27.28	
4220-10-fir	Vehicle Maint	5,500.00	5,897.13	(397.13)	107.22	
4220-12-fir	Gasoline	1,000.00	1,592.18	(592.18)	159.22	
4220-13-fir	Fire Diesel	1,200.00	1,331.41	(131.41)	110.95	
4220-14-fir	Radio Repairs/Equip	500.00	374.29	125.71	74.86	
4220-17-fir	Forest	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
4220-23	Uniforms	4,500.00	5,367.39	(867.39)	119.28	
4220-24	Fire Fighting Equip.	6,000.00	4,298.16	1,701.84	71.64	
4220-25	Training-Fire	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
4220-26	Contract Services	6,000.00	3,121.19	2,878.81	52.02	
4240-01	Code Enf Salary	5,941.04	6,436.04	(495.00)	108.33	
4240-02	Dues	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	
4240-03	Workshops	200.00	70.00	130.00	35.00	
4240-04	Supplies	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	
4240-06	Code Mileage	450.00	50.00	400.00	11.11	
4240-07	Elec. Insp Salary	2,678.00	2,678.00	0.00	100.00	
4240-09	Cell Phone	600.00	550.00	50.00	91.67	
4240-11	Software	0.00	1,233.00	(1,233.00)	0.00	
4290-02	Emergency Management	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
4299-91	Strafford Disp	6,000.00	5,984.32	15.68	99.74	
4311-01-hwy	Road Agent Salary	78,778.52	78,771.34	7.18	99.99	
4311-02-hwy	Hwy Full Time	114,597.80	87,470.57	27,127.23	76.33	
4311-04-hwy	Overtime	35,009.70	29,835.60	5,174.10	85.22	
4311-06-hwy	Dues/Workshop	300.00	145.84	154.16	48.61	

		Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
4311-07-hwy	Gas	3,000.00	2,276.18	723.82	75.87	
4311-08-hwy	Highway Diesel	18,000.00	11,505.96	6,494.04	63.92	
4311-09-hwy	Vehicle Repairs	20,000.00	28,134.53	(8,134.53)	140.67	
4311-11-hwy	Vehicle Equip Supplies	5,000.00	3,424.77	1,575.23	68.50	
4311-12-hwy	Hot Top/Cold Patch	1,500.00	1,018.69	481.31	67.91	
4311-13-hwy	Culverts	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	
4311-15-hwy	Salt	41,000.00	57,458.36	(16,458.36)	140.14	
4311-17-HWY	Office Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
4311-19-hwy	Rental of Equip	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	100.00	
4311-20-hwy	Plow Edges	5,000.00	4,346.20	653.80	86.92	
4311-21-hwy	Signs	1,200.00	1,583.42	(383.42)	131.95	
4311-22-hwy	Shop Supplies	1,800.00	1,803.40	(3.40)	100.19	
4311-28-hwy	Uniforms	1,800.00	1,200.00	600.00	66.67	
4311-32-hwy	Hwy Seasonal	15,000.00	10,661.00	4,339.00	71.07	
4311-34-hwy	Highway Tree Pruning	9,000.00	8,848.53	151.47	98.32	
4311-35-hwy	Safety Equipment	1,000.00	1,450.80	(450.80)	145.08	
4311-36-hwy	Calcium Chloride	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	
4311-37-hwy	Drug Testing	500.00	811.00	(311.00)	162.20	
4316-01	Street Lighting	2,400.00	2,068.90	331.10	86.20	
4319-02	School Diesel	15,500.00	13,101.27	2,398.73	84.52	
4319-03	School Gasoline	2,800.00	6,835.10	(4,035.10)	244.11	
4323-01	Tonnage	194,400.00	202,980.89	(8,580.89)	104.41	
4323-02	Metal Pickup/ Electronics	0.00	901.21	(901.21)	0.00	
4323-03	Hazard Waste	2,000.00	620.37	1,379.63	31.02	
4323-04	Re-cycle	500.00	609.61	(109.61)	121.92	
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	
4414-06	AC Misc	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	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.00	
4415-10	American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00	

	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Expended
4415-14	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4415-15	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4444-01	3,500.00	2,859.88	640.12	640.12	81.71	81.71
4444-02	1,500.00	309.00	1,191.00	1,191.00	20.60	20.60
4444-03	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
4444-04	4,659.72	5,047.67	(387.95)	(387.95)	108.33	108.33
4444-05	480.00	279.98	200.02	200.02	58.33	58.33
4444-06	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
4460-00	0.00	3,560.00	(3,560.00)	(3,560.00)	0.00	0.00
4520-03	1,200.00	1,374.95	(174.95)	(174.95)	114.58	114.58
4583-01	600.00	334.04	265.96	265.96	55.67	55.67
4619-01-cc	500.00	425.00	75.00	75.00	85.00	85.00
4619-02	100.00	60.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	60.00
4619-03	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
4619-04	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
4619-05	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
4619-06	750.00	710.00	40.00	40.00	94.67	94.67
4619-08-cc	750.00	462.29	287.71	287.71	61.64	61.64
4723-01	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
4900-01	200,000.00	190,043.95	9,956.05	9,956.05	95.02	95.02
4900-05	0.00	(440.00)	440.00	440.00	0.00	0.00
4900-11	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00	0.00
4900-12	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-23	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-26	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-35-CRF	0.00	28,049.70	(28,049.70)	(28,049.70)	0.00	0.00
4900-38-CRF	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-40	61,860.00	77,343.00	(15,483.00)	(15,483.00)	125.03	125.03
4900-41-CRF	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-43-CRF	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-46	0.00	75,034.16	(75,034.16)	(75,034.16)	0.00	0.00
4900-47	29,000.00	10,500.00	18,500.00	18,500.00	36.21	36.21
4900-48 ZBA Leg	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-49 GIS map	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-50 Hwy Tru	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-51 CRF Mun	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4900-52 CRF Pol	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Expended
4900-53 Fire ge					
4900-54 CRF Pre	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4900-55	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4930-00	0.00	515,000.00	(515,000.00)		0.00
4930-01	0.00	337.21	(337.21)		0.00
4931-00	0.00	179.29	(179.29)		0.00
6010-00	0.00	689,921.00	(689,921.00)		0.00
6015-00	31,000.00	34,059.55	(3,059.55)		109.87
6120-00	10,000.00	10,338.97	(338.97)		103.39
6120-01	0.00	217.42	(217.42)		0.00
	0.00	403.20	(403.20)		0.00
Total Expenses	2,345,624.31	3,523,403.88	(1,177,779.57)		150.21

Town of Middleton NH
Town Meeting Minutes
March 15th 2025

On March 15th at Middleton Elementary School, the annual Town Meeting was held. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Moderator Jack Savage. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief invocation, the Moderator asked if the residents wished to hear the vote on all articles. It was decided that only the School District articles would be read. The Moderator noted that voter turnout overall was low, (243) and clarified how the winner of write in votes are determined. The person who receives the most write-in votes is asked if they would serve in that position, and should they decline then the BOS appoint someone for that role.

For purposes of making these minutes a complete record, here are the results of the Election of Officers and proposed amendments voters decided on March 11, 2025:

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

- Selectman for two, three (3) year terms: **Michael Green & Roxanne Tufts-Keegan**
- Selectman for one, two (2) year term: **Bonnie Gagnon**
- Budget Committee for one, three (3) year term: **Sierra Pawnell**
- Budget Committee for one, two (2) year term: **Danielle Leclair**
- Budget Committee for one, one (1) year term: **Vacant**
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, one (1) year term: **Vacant**
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one, three (3) year term: **John Mullen**
- Supervisor of the Checklist for one, one (1) year term: **Vacant**
- School Board Member: for 2 (3) year terms: **Heather Cremmen and Kelly Tivnan**
- School Board Member for 1 (1) year term: **Samantha Martell**
- School District Moderator one (1) year term: **Valerie Burke**
- School District Clerk: one (1) year term: **Vacant**
- School District Treasurer one (1) year term: **Vacant**
- School District Deputy Treasurer one (1) year term: **Vacant**

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)?**

Proposed Amendment No. 1 Failed

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)?**

Proposed Amendment No. 2 Passed

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?*

Proposed Amendment No. 3 Passed

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?*

Proposed Amendment No. 4 Failed

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?

Proposed Amendment No. 5 passed

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?*

Proposed Amendment No. 6 passed

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?

Proposed Amendment No. 7 passed

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?

Proposed Amendment No. 8 passed

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?”

Proposed Amendment No. 9 passed

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’”?

Proposed Amendment No 10. Passed

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?”

Proposed Amendment No 11 passed

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?**

Proposed Amendment No. 12 passed

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?

Proposed Amendment No. 13 passed

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"?

Proposed Amendment No. 14 passed

The Moderator asked that Town Officials introduce themselves, and present were as follows (including Moderator Jack Savage), Scott Ferguson, Police Chief, Jared Wheeler, Fire Chief, Dan Phillips, Road Agent, Sierra Pawnell, Budget Committee Chair, Theresa Jones, Town Clerk, Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, BOS Chair, Tim Cremmen, BOS Vice Chair, Tracy Donovan-Lavolette, BOS, Mike Green, BOS and Bonnie Gagnon, BOS.

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
TOTALS	\$719,275	\$ 759,121

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

A motion to approve Article 2 as read was made by Randy Talon, seconded by Joe Bailey. Selectman Tufts-Keegan explained that the budget was slightly higher than last year primarily because of health insurance costs for additional police officers. Selectman Tufts-Keegan recommended amending the article to \$759,121, (the amount recommended by the Selectman), and a motion was made and seconded (John Quinn, Sierra Pawnell). Kate Buzard asked that the total amount for the Conservation Commission be increased by \$500.00 (bringing the total on that line item to \$2,6101). The Moderator asked if the town was ready to vote on Article 2, Randy Talon made a motion to move to vote to amend article 2 to \$759,621.

Article 2 passed as amended

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
TOTALS	\$508,860	\$ 508,860

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

The Moderator read article 3 and asked for comments. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan made a motion to amend to add an additional \$500.00 to the line item for County Dispatch, bringing the total for Article 3 to \$509,360. A motion to accept as amended was made by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Brian Taylor.

Article 3 passed as amended

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
TOTALS	\$ 449,147	\$ 449,247

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

Article 4 was read and a motion to accept the article as written was made by Randy Talon, seconded by John Hotchkiss

With no further discussion Article 4 carries by voice vote

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
TOTALS	\$ 215,646	\$ 215,646

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

Article 5 was read and a motion to accept as read was made by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Randy Talon

With no further discussion Article 5 carries by voice vote

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
TOTALS	\$1,800	\$ 1,800

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

Article 6 was read by the Moderator and a motion to approve the article as read was made by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Randy Talon.

With no further discussion Article 6 carries by voice vote

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)

A motion to accept article 7 as read was made by Joe Bailey, seconded by John Hotchkiss. Dan Phillips, (Road Agent) spoke to the budget, mentioning that the Highway Department is making good use of the budget, with Kings Highway and Silver Street slated for work. Resident Kevin Ruhl asked a question about the location of Kings Highway that is being upgraded and mentioned the need for a fog line on the area of Kings Highway going towards Wolfboro. Dan Phillips said that the width of the road would prohibit a fog line. Resident Joann Coskie asked if the Highway Department had a “dream budget figure” to do all the paving necessary, what would that look like? The Road Agent responded that he would need to get pricing on asphalt to give a figure, but that the town uses its own gravel on the shoulders. A follow-up

question on the fog line was asked, if the fog line could be a single line instead of a double line. The Road Agent will check into that.

With no further discussion Article 7 passes by voice 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 (5-0)
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

After reading the motion, a motion was made to accept Article 8 as read by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Joe Bailey. With no further comments Article 8 went to vote.

Article 8 passes as written (voice vote)

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 9 was read and a motion was made to accept Article 9 as written by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Randy Talon.

With no comments from the public Article 9 moved to vote

Article 9 passes as written (voice 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 (5-0)
Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

Following the reading of Article 10, Joann Coskie made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Jonathan Sindof. Resident Joe Bailey asked for the purpose of adding to that fund at this time. Fire Chief Wheeler responded that the purpose was to add to the fund for replacing the breathing apparatus that is scheduled to be replaced in 2032.

With no further discussion Article 10 was moved to vote

Article 10 passes by voice 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 (5-0)

Board of Selectmen Recommends (5-0)

After the Moderator read the article a motion to accept as written was made by Sue Dooley, seconded by John Quinn.

Resident Joann Coskie asked how much was in the fund currently? \$19,792.00

With no further questions the article moved to vote

Article 11 passes by voice vote

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)

A motion to accept Article 12 as written was made by Anna Clark, seconded by Brian Taylor.

Chief Wheeler introduced himself to the residents and provided an overview of the Department. He spoke very highly of the Fire Department team. He mentioned that there is a greater presence at the Fire Department during business hours, and that they have welcomed new members and anticipated additional members in both Fire Response and Advanced EMT. Chief Wheeler mentioned that Middleton's need for mutual aid has decreased and Middleton offering mutual aid has increased. There will be 7 members attending Fire Fighter I class in the fall, and he recently welcomed Deputy Chief Bruce Manchester.

Speaking of the article in question, Chief Wheeler noted that he began his tenure by evaluating all the equipment, and the new truck will be to replace the existing 2003 Fire Truck that has a number of deficiencies, including an undersized ability to pump. The proposed vehicle has a 1500 gallon per minute pump as well as more than 2 times the storage capacity. The proposed vehicle was the lowest of the 3 bids received and also had the fastest delivery time. To a question of would it be possible to sell/trade the existing truck? Chief Wheeler responded that it would be possible but not likely as a working fire vehicle. Resident Joe Bailey asked the current amount in the unassigned fund balance? (\$1.4MM) and suggested that discussion of this article be tabled until the end in order to allocate more from the unassigned fund balance, to lessen the lease/loan amount. Mr. Bailey then made a motion to amend, seconded by Steve Ness, that the \$140,000 in the Fire Department Capital Reserve is utilized but amend the amount being allocated from the unassigned fund balance to \$375,000 in order to pay for the vehicle in full. (\$515,000). The proposed amendment was discussed further with resident Joann Coskie suggesting that consideration for the amendment be tabled until it is determined what other monies are under consideration of being reassigned from the unassigned balance fund.

Following a question from resident as to what is an unassigned fund balance, Moderator Savage noted that in any given year, there may be a number of revenue resources that were not spent, and that unspent money is required by law to go into an unassigned fund balance. Roxanne Tufts Keegan mentioned that the state recommends an unassigned fund balance between 7% and 17%.

Resident John Hotchkiss asked if other articles are passed that are slated to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance what would be the total amount taken? \$313,000, so adding the \$375,000 would mean that a total of \$688,000 would be allocated from that source.

Resident Ken Garry asked if doing this could result in a cash flow issue that would require the Town to take a TAN note and that was a concern of his. What would be the outright savings if we paid for the vehicle in full? Chief Wheeler said that the interest is 5%, which is standard for a municipality.

Moderator Savage noted that the original article was written as a lease and that Mr. Bailey had amended the article to be a purchase. Chief Wheeler noted that the word "lease" is used as an adjective, and that unlike a traditional lease the vehicle would be owned at the end of the 10 years, rather than an optional buy-out

Resident Joann Coskie asked what the savings would be if we purchased instead of borrowing and the moderator noted that the savings would be the total amount of interest over 10 years.

Resident John Hotchkiss asked if the Board is concerned about financial repercussions if the amended article passed, and there was none stated.

The moderator asked if the residents were ready to vote on the amendment as shown below

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman to purchase a new fire truck at a cost of \$515,000, with funds being used from the Fire Department Replacement Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$140,000 with the balance of \$375,000 coming from the unassigned fund balance.

The moderator requested the vote be by hand count

Article 12 carries as amended 55 in favor, 5 opposed

Article 14 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)

As Article 12 passed, Article 14 was voided and no action was taken

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 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)

After reading the article a motion was made to accept the motion as read by Randy Talon seconded by Brian Taylor, Mr. Taylor asked how much was in the Public Safety Complex Capital Reserve Fund at this time? Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that there is currently \$42,000 in that fund.

Article 15 moves to vote

Article 15 passes by hand count

Article 16: 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)

The moderator read the article, and a motion was made to accept as read by Dan Saliga, seconded by John Hotchkiss.

Joann Coskie asked what the appropriation is for, and Chief Wheeler said it was to replace equipment such as cardiac monitors. The current balance in the fund is \$20,000.

With no further discussion the motion went to vote

Article 15 carries by voice vote

Article 19: 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 represents 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)

A motion to accept Article 19 as read was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by John Hotchkiss Resident Heather Cremmen asked how much was in the fund and what is the intended use? BOS Chair Keegan replied there is \$106,900 in the fund currently and the proposed use is the Highway Department Building. Resident Ken Garry asked why the money is not put into the Highway Department Capital Reserve directly? Chair Tufts-Keegan noted that the DRA requires that the town vote on how to utilize these funds.

With no further discussion the Article is moved to vote

Article 19 passes by voice vote

Article 20: 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)

A motion was made to approve Article 20 as written by Antoinette Canfield, seconded by John Hotchkiss. Resident Heather Cremmen noted that passing this article is critical as it impacts our ability to obtain grants.

With no further questions Article 20 was moved to a vote
Article 20 passes by voice vote

Article 21: 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)

A motion to approve article 21 was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by Randy Talon
Resident Joann Coskie asked if the litigation fees mentioned in the article have any correlation to litigation fees associated with code enforcement. BOS responded no. Resident Heather Cremmen asked what was spent in litigation so far? BOS Chair Keegan said that in 2024 \$17,000 was spent in litigation fees with only \$2000 having been budgeted. Resident John Hotchkiss asked if this differs from the line item for litigation as listed in Article 2. BOS replied that yes, zoning has its own line item for litigation.

The article was moved to a vote
Article 21 carries by voice vote

Article 22: 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)

A motion to accept Article 22 as written was made by Dan Saliga, seconded by John Hotchkiss.

The moderator asked for questions/comments, Resident Randy Talon asked for an explanation of what this is, and what it is for. Assessing Clerk Robin Willis explained that it will tie our maps in with GIS, so that people can access information regarding their maps remotely. She further stated that Middleton is the only town in Strafford County that does not have this. Resident John Hotchkiss mentioned irregularities in lot lines and that he was in favor of it.

With no further questions the article was moved to vote.

Motion carries by voice vote

Article 23: 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)

A motion was made to accept Article 23 as written by Randy Talon and Sue Dooley
With no questions or comments Article 23 was moved to a vote

Article 23 carries by voice vote

Article 24: 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)

A motion was made to accept Article 24 as read by John Hotchkiss seconded by Dan Saliga

Resident John Hotchkiss asked if this is pertaining to the new truck (yes)

Resident John Quin asked if this is to equip that truck (yes, as stated in the article). Resident David Dufresne asked why this is not in the regular budget? Selectperson Tufts-Keegan noted that this is a one-time purchase expense, the block grant for the purchase was not quite enough for all the equipment. Road Agent Phillips noted that the shortfall was 17%. Resident Ken Garry asked why this equipment cannot be taken off one of the other trucks as needed. Road Agent replies that this truck is a different body type than the other equipment, and this truck is replacing one going out for auction.

With no further questions or discussions Article 24 was moved to vote.

Article 24 carries by voice vote

Article 26: 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)

A motion was made to approve Article 26 as read by Dan Saliga, seconded by Antoinette Canfield. BOS Chair Keegan explained that there is currently no capital reserve fund for the Municipal Building and as there were unexpected expenses such as the boiler repair that was necessary in 2024 and the age of the building it would be prudent to establish this reserve for any future needs.

With no further discussion Article 26 was moved to a vote

Article 26 carries by voice vote

Article 27: 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)

A motion was made to approve the article as read by Sue Dooley seconded by Dan Saliga. Resident John Quinn asked what kind of equipment was intended with this Article? Chief Ferguson noted that when he took over as Chief, he inventoried all the gear and noted deficiencies among the equipment, such as gear that was at or over shelf life, or old and non-repairable equipment. Additionally, any remaining funds would be used for future equipment issues.

Resident David Dufresne asked what items cannot be reused? Chief Ferguson noted that vests are typically an item that has a finite shelf life. There is a 50% matching grant that is available for these kinds of expenses but that the next time this grant would be available for applications would be in 2027. The Chief went on to say that some items are reusable, such as duty belts, some jackets were embroidered (for name tags) which renders it difficult to reuse them. The Chief is working on a different product which will make gear reusable in the future.

Resident Joann Coskie mentioned it didn't seem like \$10,000 would go far, given that \$6000.00 would cover replacing a radio. The chief replied that the majority of that equipment is in usable condition, but batteries or other components may need to be replaced. The Chief assured those present that when grants become available, such as for body cameras, he will take advantage of those by applying.

Resident Ken Garry noted that he appreciated the prudent approach the Chief is taking to the budget.

With no further comments the motion went to vote.

Article 27 carries by voice vote.

Article 28: 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)

A motion was made to accept the article as read by Janelle Guarino, seconded by John Quinn. Fire Chief Wheeler noted that the purpose of the fund was to have some money in the budget for gear as what is currently in use is not enough. There are currently 4 firefighters with gear that is not sufficient to do the job, and this will be used in part to replace that gear. Resident Heather Cremmen asked how long on average the gear lasts? Approximately 10 years was the response from the Chief who also noted that there is currently a line item in their budget for \$4500 for uniforms, but to fully gear a fireman/woman the cost is \$6000. Given that they currently have a number of members who are non-compliant in their gear the Capital Reserve Fund is intended to help augment the current funds.

With no further questions the motion was moved to vote.

Article 28 carries by voice vote

Article 29: 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)
Review recording starting at approx. 1:34

A motion was made by John Hotchkiss, seconded by Joe Bailey to approve the article as read
Town Clerk Theresa Jones asked if the intent of this Capital Reserve Fund includes purchasing Fireproof cabinets for the preserved historical records, as the storage cabinet currently housing them is not Fireproof. Resident John Quinn asked how many books? The Moderator noted that the books date back to 1790. An unidentified resident inquired why 2 members of the Select Board did not recommend this Article. BOS Vice Chair Tim Cremmen stated he did not recommend because the process to establish this article was not done correctly. Selectman Mike Green said he was not completely understanding as to the purpose of the article when the vote was taken, and if he had it to do over, would vote in favor. Selectwoman Bonnie Gagnon said she did not vote as she was appointed after the article had been presented. Resident Kate Buzard asked about the condition of the current documents. Resident Gary Prescott asked if there is a state requirement for how these records are stored, such as specialized vaults? Town Clerk responded that she is not aware if there are any specific requirements, but it could be looked into. Ken Garry asked if digitizing was possible for storing records, the Moderator noted that had been expressed earlier. Ken Garry asked why this was being established as a Capital Reserve Fund and Selectwoman Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that the 2% tax cap makes it difficult to add these items into the budget and that a Capital Reserve Fund helps the process in these situations. A question was asked by Jim Keegan if the records could be stored offsite, and Selectwoman Tufts-Keegan noted that the records need to be accessible. Resident Kate Buzard asked if there as any concern regarding the condition of the records currently. Town Clerk Theresa Jones noted that with her examination she found no evidence of issues cause by mold or water. With no further questions or comments the article moved to a vote.

Article 29 carries by voice vote

Article 30: 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.

A motion was made by Joe Bailey, seconded by Dan Saliga, to accept the article as read. Vice Chair Cremmen asked the Road Agent (Dan Phillips) if the town is currently maintaining any roads identified in the article. The Road Agent said they are not doing so. Vice Chair noted that previously there were roads that were Class VI that the town maintained, the Road agent noted that was before his time. To a follow-up question as to why this was being brought forth now, BOS Chair Keegan said an inquiry from a resident regarding New Portsmouth Rd being previously maintained, but not currently maintained led to researching past town meeting minutes, and in 1978 the town voted to cease maintaining that road. It is the intent of the board to bring this back to vote to update the language concerning New Portsmouth and John Jones Rd. Resident Aimee Millar said that it was her understanding if a road was not maintained after 4-5 years, then it was classified as a Class VI Road. Resident Eric Millar asked if any other roads are being considered at this time? Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted there are not. Eric Millar noted further that in order to purchase his home the bank required the road to be a Town Road, and research at that time showed that it had been a Town Road, and that he would not have been able to obtain a mortgage if that had not been the case. Vice Chair Cremmen asked if the road is adopted by the town does that mean that it becomes a town road? The Road Agent replied that it did not. Resident

John Quinn noted that in his neighborhood that when maintenance of the roads in his area began to be maintained by the town the roads had to be brought up to spec, so at that time the language was amended so as to not accept any road that doesn't meet the specification. The Moderator asked what would be the consequences of a negative vote, to which Selectwoman Laviolette replied "Money" because even if the Road Agent could quantify the cost of fuel and equipment to maintain these roads, it would be far more prudent to accept roads "road by road." Resident Heather Cremmen said that if the road was maintained for so many years, then it should be grandfathered. Chair Keegan responded that in 1978 the town voted to not maintain John Jones Rd and a section of New Portsmouth Rd. Resident Joe Bailey asked if a negative vote would mean that other roads not being maintained, such as Deer Run or Access Rd would now be eligible for maintenance. The response from the Moderator was that residents in other areas than those being discussed could bring forth their own article. The Moderator requested a restatement of why this article is up for vote, and asked if this was a "belt and suspenders" motion for something that is already in place. Chair Keegan noted that it was. Resident Eric Millar asked if it could be amended to be more specific, and Police Chief Ferguson recommended that the amendment should reference the previous language, i.e. all of John Jones Road and 50' past the pavement. Resident Kate Buzard asked how this affects Piper Mountain, and Chair Keegan noted that this pertains to these roads specifically. Resident Gary Prescott asked if this affects Pond Rd, and the Moderator noted that Pond Rd is a private road. Resident Randy Talon expressed concern that by approving this amendment the town is opening a can or worms by allowing additional roads, or easements in the future. The Moderator reiterated that the amended article does not approve anything, and went on to clarify that the amendment does not guarantee anything for other roads, including the road where Mr. and Mrs. Millar reside.

A motion was made to amend the motion by Joe Bailey, seconded by Dan Saliga.

Resident Eric Millard asked if we went the way of amending the article then it should specify the road and the language, i.e. to not maintain all of John Jones Rd and New Portsmouth Road 50' past the paved portion. As Amended, the article is to read to not maintain all of John Jones rd. and 50' past the paved portion of New Portsmouth Rd.

Resident Randy Talon said that if the town accepts the amendment, it is opening a can of worms. The moderator noted that the amendment does not approve anything it only states the intent to not maintain. Resident Linda Adamo asked if we voted to approve does that mean we are approving additional plowing?

The moderator repeated that the amendment does not approve anything, it only says that the town will not maintain John Jones Road, and New Portsmouth Rd from 50' past the paved section.

Deputy Town Clerk Joni van Gelder requested that the amendment to the article be stated for the purpose of transcribing the minutes. The amendment is "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, including John Jones Rd in it's entirety, and New Portsmouth Rd from 50' past the end of the paved section.

The vote to accept the amendment to Article 30 carries by voice vote

The vote to accept Article 30 carries by voice vote

Article 31: Shall the town modify the provisions of to RSA 72:39-a for the elderly 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.

A motion was made to accept Article 31 as written by Heather Cremmen, seconded by Dan Saliga Resident John Quinn asked what the **current** elderly exemptions are:

Ages 65-70 \$20,000

Ages 75-80 \$25,000

Age 80 + \$30,000 with an income not to exceed \$30,000 or a combined income of \$60,000.

An amendment to article 31 was proposed by Jim Keegan, seconded by Randy Talon to change the amount for a person 80 years or older to \$80,000. Randy Talon asked how many people would qualify for this? Assessing Clerk Robin Willis replied 12 people on the list but she suspects it would be higher. Resident David Dufresne asked if the increase is because of the town-wide re-evaluation and Chair Keegan noted that was correct. Resident Randy Talon asked if seasonal residents qualify, and the response was they do not.

A vote on article 31 as amended carries.

Resident Valerie Burke asked where the income guidelines come from, Assessing Clerk Robin Willis said that she is not sure but one requirement is Middleton must be their primary residence.

A second proposed amendment by Gary Prescott, seconded by Randy Talon was to change the article so that the age is 75 or older. After many questions and discussion, the second proposed amendment was clarified for residents 75 and older, would be eligible for the exemption would be \$80,000.

The second amendment to article 31 as proposed carries by voice vote

Article 31 carries by voice vote

Article 32: 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.

A motion was made to accept Article 32 as read by Sierra Pawnell seconded by Jonathan Sindorff.

Resident Randy Talon asked the question what qualifies a veteran? Assessing Clerk Robin Willis noted that currently the town only has a veteran tax credit and veterans need to have served for a specific time in order to qualify for it. The amendments intent it to include all veterans regardless of length of service.

Resident John Quinn noted that people who sign up to serve the country may not be actively serving, through no fault of their own, and should not be excluded from benefitting from this amendment.

Resident Sierra Pawnell requested the language of the amendment includes a tax credit for those who served with a disability to \$4000. The moderator noted that the DRA may reject it as it was not in the original language but if that is the case, it can always be brought forth next year as its own amendment.

For the record, the proposed amendment would be to include RSA 72:35 and increase the service with disability amount to \$4000.00

**A vote to accept the amendment carries
Article 32 as amended carries by voice vote**

Article 33: And to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that the town had received a \$325.00 Stewardship Grant from LCIP and was requesting a vote to use those funds for Old Town Hall improvements.

A motion to accept the grant and use for Old Town Hall improvements was made by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, seconded by Dan Saliga.

The motion carried

Following an earlier question, Roxanne Tufts-Keegan noted that after the additional withdrawals from the Unassigned Fund Balance that were approved during the meeting, the balance is approximately \$900,000.

Moderator Jack Savage noted that as he had stated at the beginning of the meeting, it was his 20th year as Moderator, and that this would be his last town meeting. He reviewed his long history serving the Town of Middleton, as Selectman, Chair, Planning Board Chair, to name a few of his roles. He said he would be happy to answer any questions and help the new Moderator get up to speed.

Resident Randy Talon thanked Jack for his long service and also thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their continued service to the town.

Resident John Quinn noted that all of the various boards and committees could use support, additional members and encouraged people to attend meetings, and become more involved.

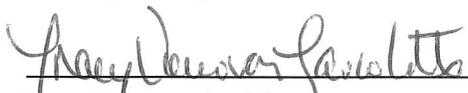
With no further business before the Town a motion to adjourn was made by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, seconded by John Hotchkiss. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



Roxanne Tufts-Keegan, Chairman



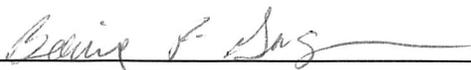
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Tracy Donovan-Laviolette



Michael Green



Bonnie Gagnon

Middleton Graduates Congratulations Class of 2025

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Dylan Bolton

Lucas Caron

Reese Couture

Camden Daigle

Rowan Donovan-Laviolette

Joseph Green

Julia Mahler

Ethan O'Brien

Madison Paquette

Natalia Pawnell

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Samantha Petit

Myles Randall

Kolton Ritchings

Kylie Ruths

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Town of Middleton

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Wednesday 8am-4pm

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Board Meeting Dates & Times

Board of Selectmen	Meets 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Monday of each month at 6:30pm
Budget Committee	Meets 3 rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm
Conservation Commission	Meets 2 nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
Zoning Board	Meets 2 nd Tuesday of the month as needed.
Middleton School Board	Meets 2 nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm
Planning Board	Meets 2 nd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm