

Annual Town Budget Meeting May 12, 2025

Pursuant to the foregoing notice the Annual Town Budget Meeting was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, May 12th at the Middlefield Community Center. First Selectman Bob Yamartino called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first order of business was to elect a moderator.

Bob Yamartino nominated Peter Brown, second by Michael Skelps.

No other nominations were heard for moderator, all were in favor of Peter Brown serving as Moderator.

Tonya Hogan, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting, there were no challenges to the call. This was a legally called meeting.

Item 1. To elect two (2) electors of the Town of Middlefield to serve on the Durham Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board (DMIAAB). Terms from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

Carol Bufithis made motion to re-elect Glenn McNamara, second by Bob Yamartino.

Lucy Petrella made motion to re-elect Howard Weissberg, second by Melissa Kowal.

No other nominations were heard; nominations were closed. Peter called for a voice vote; all were in favor. Motions carried.

Item 2. To elect two (2) electors of the Town of Middlefield to serve on the Board of Education of Regional School District 13. Terms from July 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2028.

James Roraback made motion to re-elect Dr. Linda Darcy, second by Nick Faiella.

Anne Malcolm made motion to re-elect Lucy Petrella, second by Alma Elder.

No other nominations were heard; nominations were closed. Peter called for a voice vote; all were in favor. Motions carried.

Item 3. To elect one (1) elector of the Town of Middlefield to serve on the Board of Education Finance Committee of Regional School District 13. Term from July 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2027.

No nominations were heard.

Bob Yamartino made motion to table Item 3., second by Carol Bufithis. Peter called for a voice vote; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Item 4. To elect one (1) elector of the Town of Middlefield to serve on the Board of Education Finance Committee of Regional School District 13. Fill Vacant Term from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

No nominations were heard.

Bob Yamartino made motion to table Item 4., second by Jim Irish. Peter called for a voice vote; all were in favor. Motion carried.

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Lucy Petrella gave a brief overview of the responsibilities involved with the Board of Education Finance Committee and urged an elector to step forward as Middlefield is not being represented on this committee.

Bob Yamartino made motion to reopen Item 3., second by Melissa Kowal.

Peter called for a voice vote, all were in favor, motion carried to reopen Item 3.

Bob Yamartino made motion to nominate Nick Faiella, second by Michael Skelps.

Peter called for a voice vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

Item 5. To act on the Board of Finance proposal for the General Government, and Capital Nonrecurring Budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1st, 2025, through June 30th, 2026.

Jim Irish made motion to approve the budget as presented, second by Lee Matterazzo.

Micheal Skelps gave a brief overview and presentation in regards to the budget. He explained that an increase would need to be made to the Board of Education line item #9800, page 15 of the budget to cover medical insurance expenses.

Mary Wolak made motion to amend the line item, second by David Cichon. Peter called for a voice vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding setting funds aside for the America 250 Celebration which celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Susan D'Orvilliers stated that events will be taking place all over the country over the next several years and felt that money should be set aside to participate in the celebrations and hoped that a committee would be assembled with some volunteers that she said have already come forward. Finance Director Al Rusilowicz suggesting adding a line item to the budget in the Capital Non-Recurring Fund line item #8802, page 14 of the budget with \$1.00 as a place holder for future funds to be allocated.

Susan D'Orvilliers made motion to create a line item in the Capital Non-Recurring Fund with \$1.00 as suggested and for the Board of Selectmen to appoint a 250th Anniversary Committee, second by Mary Wolak. Peter asked for a voice vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

Peter called for a voice vote to approve the budget as amended. All were in favor, motion carried.

Carol Schilling made a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Budget Meeting, second by Kathryn Weber. All were in Favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Hogan, CCTC

Middlefield Town Clerk

Date this 14th day of May, 2024