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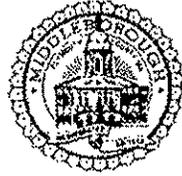
Town Manager

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**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**MARCH 26, 2012**

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

Charles J. Cristello  
Town Manager



## ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT

Middleborough, Massachusetts

To Bruce Gates, Police Chief or any of the  
Police Officers of the Town of Middleborough

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the **Auditorium of the Middleborough High School, on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 7:30 P.M.**, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the report of any committee or officer of the Town, to appoint any committee, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation or from available funds in the treasury to defray expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2012, relating to all or any of its officers, boards or departments and for purposes authorized by law, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the income from the sales of gas and electricity a sum of money to the Assessors for the purpose of fixing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2013, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$96,654 from the receipts reserved for the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan Repayment Account in order to meet the Town's obligation for payment of the Water Pollution Trust Loan, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, to authorize and/or reauthorize establishment of one or more revolving funds for the purpose of funding certain activities and operations of certain departments and programs of the Town during Fiscal Year 2013, or act anything thereon.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>EXPENDING AUTHORITY</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED</b>
<b>Municipal Fire Alarm System</b>	<b>Fire Chief</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$15,000</b>
<b>Hazardous Materials Incident Training &amp; Materials</b>	<b>Fire Chief</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$50,000</b>
<b>Recycling Program</b>	<b>Public Works Sup.</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$2,500</b>
<b>Composting Bin Program</b>	<b>Public Works Sup.</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$2,500</b>
<b>Herring Fishery Program</b>	<b>Herring Fishery Com</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$10,000</b>
<b>Recreation and Sports Program</b>	<b>Park Commission</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$100,000</b>
<b>Zoning Map, Bylaws and Subdivision Rules &amp; Regulations</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Not to exceed \$2,500</b>

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source to fund one or more collective bargaining agreements, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and /or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source for the purpose of reimbursing Town employees and retired Town employees and other persons enrolled in the Town's non-Medicare health insurance plans for some of the increases in health insurance HMO and PPO deductibles and co-payments paid by said employees and retirees and other persons in excess of the amounts of such deductibles and co-payments applicable during Fiscal Year 2012, and to pay any related costs, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and /or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source for the purpose of reimbursing retired Town employees and other persons enrolled in the Town's Medicare health insurance plans for some of the increases in health insurance co-payments paid by said retirees and other persons in excess of the amounts of such deductibles and co-payments applicable during Fiscal Year 2012, and to pay any related costs, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000.00 by borrowing under General Laws, Chapter 44, by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust pursuant to General Laws Chapter 29C, or by raising and appropriating said sum from some other source for the purpose of funding the Town's program to repair, replace or upgrade septic waste disposal systems, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to purchase new police cruisers, new portable radios, and new tasers for the Police Department, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to purchase a new engine and a new command vehicle for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to purchase a new loader and a new dump truck for the Public Works Department and a new utility truck for the Water Department, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to engineer and permit the expansion of the Council on Aging parking lot, replace windows and carpeting in the Town Hall Annex and to make roof repairs to the Town Hall Annex and Public Library, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to replace, burners, boilers, and HVAC units, and to study the feasibility of converting from steam heat to hot water heat at the Elementary Complex, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to replace part of the floor tiles and the stage lights and control box in the auditorium at Middleborough High School, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to purchase staff/classroom computers, printers, and file servers, LCD projectors and instructional technology, and computer network infrastructure for the School Department and to purchase computers, servers monitors, printers, and related hardware for various Town departments, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to study the feasibility of renovating and expanding the police station in its current location, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2013, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

<u>Appropriations:</u>	
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$13,000
 <u>Reserves:</u>	
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$26,000
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$26,000
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$26,000
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$150,000

, or act anything thereon.

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by making the following changes as part of a recodification:

ITEM 1. Delete the following sections of the current Zoning By-law in their entireties, including amendments thereof:

Section I	Purpose
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Section II	Definitions
Section III	Establishment of Districts
Section IV	Use Regulation
Section V	Area Regulations
Section VI	General Regulations
Section VII	Administration
Section VIII	Inlands Wetland District
Section IX	Development Opportunities (DO) District
Section X	Adult Mobile Home Parks
Section XI	Flood Plain District – Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas
Section XII	Water Resource Protection Districts By-Law (WRPD)
Section XIII	General Use District
Section XIV	Associate Member - Planning Board
Section XV	Adult Entertainment District
Section XVI	Open Space & Resource Preservation Development District
Section XVII	Business District
Section XVIII	Commercial Development (CD) District

ITEM 2. Substitute the following new Sections therefore:

Section 1.0	Purpose and Authority
Section 2.0	Districts
Section 3.0	Use Regulations
Section 4.0	Dimensional Requirements
Section 5.0	General Regulations
Section 6.0	Special Regulations
Section 7.0	Special Residential Regulations
Section 8.0	Overlay District Regulations
Section 9.0	Administration and Procedures
Section 10.0	Definitions

The full text of the new Sections being available for review at the office of the Town Clerk

, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 20. Voter ID By Law:

Effective July 1, 2012, all registered voters shall be required to show valid photo identification at all town only elections and at town meeting.

Valid photo identification shall be determined by the Registrar of Voters and the list of acceptable identification shall be posted publically with all warrants and specimen ballots.

In the event that valid photo identification is not presented at an election, a provisional ballot shall be provided.

Provisional ballot shall be counted upon the presentation of valid identification to the Town Clerks office within three business days of the election.

By Petition

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact legislation to allow the Board to impose reasonable fees for the employment of outside consultants under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53G in connection with its review of petitions for rent adjustments under the Town's Rules and Regulations for Mobile Home Park Accommodations, Rents, and Evictions, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Underground Fuel Storage – Testing for Leaks By Law, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Fuel Oil Storage and Gasoline Storage By-Laws in their entireties and substitute the following new By-Law:

Fuel Oil and Gasoline Storage

The fee for a new or amended license for keeping, storage, manufacture or sale of fuel oil under Chapter 148, Section 13 shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The fee for an annual certificate of registration for keeping, storage, manufacture or sale of fuel oil under Chapter 148, Section 13 shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). The fee for a new or amended license for keeping, storage, manufacture or sale of gasoline under Chapter 148, Section 13 shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per nozzle. The fee for an annual certificate of registration for keeping, storage, manufacture or sale of gasoline under Chapter 148, Section 13 shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per nozzle, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law:

Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law

Section 1. Violation of any Town by-law identified in Section 2 hereof may in the discretion of the Town officer who is the appropriate enforcing person be enforced in the manner provided under Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The enforcing person taking cognizance of a violation of any such by-law which the enforcing person is empowered to enforce, as an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings, may give to the offender a written notice to appear before the clerk of the district court having jurisdiction thereof at any time during office hours not later than twenty-one days after the date of such notice. The non-criminal fine for each such violation shall be the amount identified in Section 2 hereof.

Section 2. The by-laws which are subject to this by-law and related penalties/fines are as follows:

<u>By-law</u>	<u>Penalty/Fine</u>
By-law regarding use of highways and streets (Adopted under Article 5 of March 7, 1927 Town Meeting)	\$ 20.00
By-law regarding disorderly conduct (Adopted under Article 7 of March 7, 1927 Town Meeting)	\$ 20.00
By-law regarding disorderly conduct (Adopted under Article 7 of October 3, 1972 Town Meeting)	\$ 50.00
By-law regarding public consumption of alcoholic beverages (Adopted under Article 7 of November 26, 1973 Town Meeting)	\$ 50.00
By-law regarding public profanity (Adopted under Article 8 of October 28, 1968 Town Meeting)	\$ 20.00
By-law regarding obstruction of roadway with snow or ice (Adopted under Article 11 of March 13, 1972 Town Meeting)	\$ 50.00
By-law regarding public use of marijuana (Adopted under Article 17 of May 26, 2009 Town Meeting)	\$300.00

Section 3.

The phrase “enforcing person” as used in this by-law shall mean any Town of Middleborough police officer with respect to any violation.

#### Section 4.

The provisions of Section 21D of Chapter 40 of Massachusetts General Laws shall apply to enforcement actions under this by-law, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law:

#### Regulation of Licenses for Purchase, Sale or Barter of Junk, Old Metals or Second Hand Articles

Section 1: Every person or party who is a collector of, dealer in or keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles shall have a license issued by the Board of Selectmen. The license issued by the Board of Selectmen shall be subject to applicable provisions of General Laws Chapter 140 including without limitations Section 54 and Sections 202 to 205 inclusive.

Section 2: Any person or party holding a license or who is required to have a license pursuant to this by-law (hereafter “license”) who in the course of business buys, trades for, barter for or otherwise acquires precious metals, jewelry or gemstones shall hold such items for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of acquisition of the items before selling, trading, bartering or otherwise disposing of the items. During the thirty (30) day period, a licensee shall not melt or otherwise alter the appearance of such items.

Section 3: A licensee shall submit to the Middleborough Chief of Police a weekly report of all precious metals, jewelry or gemstones acquired by the licensee during the week prior to the report. Reports shall be written in English and legible. Reports shall include as to each such item: (1) a description of each item; (2) the date the item was acquired; and (3) the name, address, date of birth and driver’s license number/state of issue of the person from whom the item was acquired. A weekly report shall be submitted on Monday or Tuesday of each week and shall include all such items acquired during the week prior to the date the report is submitted (Sunday through Saturday inclusive).

Section 4: A licensee may store and transmit reports required under Section 3 electronically subject to approval of the format of the reports by the Chief of Police.

Section 5: A licensee shall take a color photograph of all persons from whom the licensee acquires precious metals, jewelry or gemstones. A licensee shall also take a color photograph of all precious metals, jewelry and gemstones acquired by the licensee. The licensee shall retain the color photographs of the persons and items for not less than thirty (30) days from the date of acquisition of the items depicted in the photographs and shall make the photographs available for review by members of the Middleborough Police Department upon request.

#### Section 6: Definitions

As used in this by-law the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

“precious metals”, items containing gold, silver or platinum in whatever form;

“jewelry”, items containing precious metals, sometimes set with gemstones, intended for wear for personal adornment, including without limitation watches, pocket watches and other devices for keeping time;

“gemstones”, diamonds or other precious stones consisting of mineral or petrified material and used or suitable for use in jewelry.

Section 7: Whoever violates any provision of this by-law shall be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation,

, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 33A of General Laws Chapter 138 which will allow the Board of Selectmen as licensing authority to authorize licensees under General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12 to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas Day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 33B of General Laws Chapter 138 which will allow the Board of Selectmen as licensing authority to authorize licenses under General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12 to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas Day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain the following described properties in Middleborough, said properties to be used in connection with a municipal water system well site:

- a) A parcel of land off Cross Street now or formerly owned by Alfred J. Gomes and Dorothy Lucas, containing 11.20 acres of land more or less, shown as Lot 3922 on Assessors Map 040 and described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 2582, Page 323;
- b) A parcel of land off Cross Street now or formerly owned by Brett and Lynn Deboyes containing 0.18 acres of land more or less and being a part of Lot 2341 on Assessors Map 040 and abutting land described above as being now or formerly owned by Gomes and Lucas. The parcel is part of the land described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 16778, Page 095;
- c) A parcel of land off Cross Street now or formerly owned by Douglas and Marylou Green containing 1.60 acres of land more or less and being part of Lot 4623 on Assessors Map 040 and abutting land described above as being now or formerly owned by Gomes and Lucas. The parcel is part of the land described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 6640, Page 040;
- d) A parcel of land off Cross Street now or formerly owned by Leo P. Nelson, Sr. and Leo P. Nelson, Jr. containing 0.54 acres of land more or less and being part of Lot 3029 on Assessors Map 040 and abutting land described above as being now or formerly owned by Gomes and Lucas. The parcel is part of the land described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 6526, Page 215;
- e) A permanent access and utility easement in land on and off Cross Street now or formerly owned by Leo P. Nelson, Sr. and Leo P. Nelson, Jr. over land shown as Lot 3029 on Assessors Map 040, described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 6526, Page 215, being of variable width and running from the easterly side of Cross Street to the westerly line of land described above as being now or formerly owned by Gomes and Lucas; and
- f) A temporary construction easement over land described above as now or formerly owned by Leo P. Nelson, Sr. and Leo P. Nelson, Jr. of variable width and abutting the permanent access and utility easement described above,

and to raise and appropriate a sum of money by borrowing, by transfer from the water development charge portion of the retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund and/or from another source to pay for acquisition of the properties and construction of the well and well site and access utility easement, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements in a parcel of land by gift, purchase or eminent domain in connection with the a drainage outlet pipe and water quality swale located at 29 Stone Street, Middleborough, MA, such parcel being shown on a plan entitled "Drainage Easement Plan, 29 Stone Street, Middleboro, MA" dated March 2012 prepared by Outback Engineering as follows:

Parcel #	Property Owner
E-1	Robert G. and Lynne A. Hession

, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements in a parcel of land by land transfer, gift, purchase or eminent domain in connection with a municipal well field known as the "Mizaras Well Site" located off Plymouth Street, Middleborough, MA, such parcel being shown on a plan entitled "Land Plan for Mizaras Well Site" dated March 2012 prepared by Stantac Consulting Services, Inc. as follows:

Parcel #	Property Owner	Land Area
B-1	Berterelli Brothers	
M-1	Town of Middleborough	

, or act anything thereon.

Given, under our hands at Middleborough, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Alfred P. Rullo, Jr., Chairman

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Stephen J. McKinnon, Vice Chairman

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Steven P. Spataro

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Pursuant to the instructions contained in the above warrant, I have notified and warned all inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough, qualified to vote as expressed in said warrant, to meet at the time and place for the purpose specified by causing an attested copy of the same to be published in the Middleboro Gazette on the **24th day of May, 2012**, that date being more than seven days before the time specified for said meeting.

BRUCE GATES  
Police Chief

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Middleborough, Massachusetts

To Bruce Gates, Police Chief or any of the  
Police Officers of the Town of Middleborough

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ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account, or other available source, to supplement and/or adjust departmental budgets for Fiscal Year 2012, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account, or other available source for unpaid bills from prior years, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account, the Water Enterprise Unreserved/Retained Earnings account, or other available source to fund sick leave buy-backs, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, another specific available fund, the Stabilization Fund, an existing appropriation or account or other available source, or by borrowing to repair the Town Hall Cupola and to make exterior repairs to the Town Hall Annex and Public Library, or act anything thereon.

Given, under our hands at Middleborough, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Alfred P. Rullo, Jr., Chairman

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Stephen J. McKinnon, Vice Chairman

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BRUCE GATES  
Police Chief