

# ACTION TAKEN

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA

**Fuller Meadow School  
Nathan Media Center  
143 South Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
7:00 PM**

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1. 7:00 PM Warrant: #2010 and 2011 **Approved 3-0**  
Minutes:
  - Open Session: October 22, 2019 and November 5, 2019 **Approved 3-0**
  - Executive Session:Town Administrator updates and reports
  - Governor Baker recently signed a home rule petition that allows Middleton to hold voting in locations that serve alcohol. This will allow us to explore moving voting out of the Fuller Meadow School. Our thanks to Senator Tarr, and Representatives Speliotis and Jones for their work and advocacy in support of this bill.
  - The Master Planning process for the development of the municipal complex at 105 South Main Street is continuing. The Master Development Planning Committee and HKT Architects held a community planning charrette last Saturday. Good feedback was received from the attendees. HKT presented four conceptual layouts; based on the feedback we are down to two options. HKT will fine tune those layouts. They will present to the Committee on Monday, December 2 and present the recommended plan on Wednesday, December 4. Both meetings will be at the Flint Public Library. All meeting dates and other relevant information are on the project website accessed via the Town's homepage.
  - The installation of the culvert at North Liberty Street is complete. The contractor finished installing the pre-cast concrete culvert yesterday. The contractor is on target to finish the work and reopen the road to traffic around the middle of December. Thank you to the residents for their patience and to DPW staff for managing the project.
  - Senator Tarr will again be conducting a toy drive. He will be at the Flint Public Library on December 12 from 9-10AM. All toys and donations collected will go to Middleton children.
  - The Turkey Trot is happening again this year. It is at 8:00 Thanksgiving morning, starting from the Flint Public Library. More information is available at [high5em.com](http://high5em.com) or by emailing [info@high5em.com](mailto:info@high5em.com).
  - The Middleton Rail Trail Alliance is a group of individuals working to advance the rail trail. They recently received their 501(c)(3) designation. Donations are tax deductible and will go toward the development of the rail trail.
2. 7:10 PM Public Comment Period **None**
3. 7:25 PM Presentation of funds to Middleton Food Pantry by the organizers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Truck Festival, James DesRocher and Samantha Miller **Approved 3-0**
4. 7:30 PM FY2020 Tax Classification Hearing  
Review of Fiscal Year 2020 final valuations approved by state Department of Revenue; votes required under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 2:

1. To discount up to 25% of Open Space (No, as there are no qualifying parcels) **Motion to set to 0. Approved 3-0**
2. To adopt up to a 20% Residential Exemption (Yes or No, and if Yes, at what %) **Motion to set to 0. Approved 3-0**
3. To adopt up to a 10% Small Commercial Exemption (No, as there are no eligible parcels) **Motion to set to 0. Approved 3-0**
4. To determine the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by the two main property classes:

Residential and CIP (Commercial, Industrial and Personal):

A. 100% factor or unity for both classes

B. A CIP factor between 100-150% of Residential factor as shown on options chart

**Motion to set at 100% for all property. Approved 3-0**

5. 7:45 PM Discussion of personnel policies with Town Counsel, Kate Feodoroff **Postponed to 12/3**
6. 8:00 PM Review and vote to sign a cable franchise agreement with Verizon **Approved 3-0**
7. 8:10 PM Review and vote to appoint Gary Paul as an Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector until June 30, 2020 **Approved 3-0**
8. 8:15 PM Review and vote to appoint Maria Schena as an Alternate member to the Recreation Commission until June 30, 2020 **Approved 3-0**
9. 8:20 PM Review and vote on Meeting Broadcast Policy recommended by the Cable Television Advisory Committee **Approved 3-0**
10. 8:25 PM Follow up discussion on the November 5, 2019 Special Town Meeting **Discussion**
11. 8:30 PM Review calendar for March 24, 2020 Special Town Meeting **Review**
12. 8:40 PM Review calendar for FY2021 budget and May 12, 2020 Annual Town Meeting **Review**
13. 8:50 PM Vote to accept an anonymous donation of \$2,500 to the Middleton Food Bank **Approved 3-0**
14. 8:55 PM Appointment of a subcommittee to conduct contract negotiations with the Town Administrator **Chair appointed Board Members Kosta Prentakis and Brian Cresta**
15. 8:55 PM New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed **None**

Upcoming Meetings: December 3 and 17; January 14 and 28

*The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*