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MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 Warrant: #2116 **Approved 4-0**
Minutes: Open Session: January 12, 2021 **Approved 4-0**
Town Administrator updates and reports
 - The State is in the process of setting up mass vaccination sites to administer the COVID vaccine. As we reported online last week, there will be a mass vaccination site at the Double Tree Hotel on the Danvers/Middleton line on Village Road. It is important for residents to know that this is not a drive-up clinic – you must register online. Phase 2 vaccinations begin next week. Phase 2 includes people over 65, people with 2 or more comorbidities, teachers, public works employees, and others. We will send out an email notification and post information on the website. You can also go to www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine.
 - I encourage everyone to get the vaccine and the follow up dose in order to protect yourself, your loved ones, and everyone you come in contact with. That is how we will put this behind us.
 - FEMA has been charged with taking a greater role in vaccine distribution. We have been notified that FEMA will fund vaccine distribution and direct assistance at 100% federal cost share through September 30, 2021.
 - We have been actively working on the development of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget which starts on July 1. As there always are at this time of year there remain numerous unknowns. But there is plenty for us to work with:
 - The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Finance Team, and department heads will meet on Saturday, February 6 in the first of two budget summits. February 6 will focus on the FY22 operating budget. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom beginning at 8:30AM;
 - For Board members, since this will be a Zoom meeting and there are fewer requests for increases than in years past, we are planning to compress the schedule a little bit.
 - One March 6, the same officials will meet again to review the FY22 capital budget
 - There will be plenty more updates for the public and of course the public is welcome to join the Zoom call and watch it all play out.
 - The Department of Revenue recently published its equalized valuations, showing the full value of all property in each community. The total value of real and personal property in Middleton is

\$2,366,454,600. This is up about 101% from FY18. That continued growth in real properties is a big factor in our tax rate remaining low especially compared to our neighbors in Boxford and Topsfield.

- Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are now available. This year's election is May 18. The full list of open seats and other information is available online or from the Town Clerk's Office.

2. 7:15 Public Comment Period
3. 7:20 Update on postponement of January 28, 2021 Special Town Meeting warrant **Update**
4. 7:30 First review of the May 11, 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant **Review**
5. 7:40 Review and vote to apply bond proceeds to payment of debt service on the bonds from which they are derived **Approved 4-0**
6. 7:45 Review and vote on the option to purchase a deed restricted affordable housing unit at 58 Peaslee Circle **Not Approved 4-0**
7. 7:55 Discussion of Charter revisions and potential Charter Review Committee. The Charter can be viewed at <https://ecode360.com/attachment/MI1639/MI1639-C.pdf> **Discussion**
8. 8:05 Vote to accept the following donations and grants:
 1. United Civil, Inc.: \$500 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 2. MAPC: \$5,234.80 to support expenses in response to COVID-19**Approved 4-0**
9. 8:10 Vote to appoint Kosta Prentakis to the Municipal Tax Relief Committee with a term through June 30, 2022 **Approved 3-0-1**
Vote to approve Debbie Carbone to the Municipal Tax Relief Committee. **Approved 4-0**
10. 8:15 New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed

Upcoming Meetings: February 6 Operating Budget Summit
 February 9 & 23 Regular BOS meetings

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.