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March 6, 2026

Brigitte M. Bessette, CCTC
Middlebury Town Clerk
1212 Whittemore Road
Middlebury, CT 06762

Dear Ms. Bessette:

This is to acknowledge receipt on March 3, 2026, of your notice that pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Sec. 9-222, a special election was called to fill a vacancy in the office of Selectman to be held in Middlebury on June 23, 2026.

Conn. Gen. Stat. Secs. 9-164(c) prescribes the procedure to be followed in connection with the special election. Please note that Sec. 9-164(c) requires that you forthwith give notice to the town chairman of each major and minor party in the town and warn the election in the same manner as municipal elections are warned. Enclosed is a Suggested Form of Warning of the special election. Section 9-164(c) also provides (1) that nominations by political parties are to be made at any time after the vacancy occurs, and not later than May 5, 2026; and (2) such nominations by major and minor political parties must be made as the rules of such parties provide, in accordance with Secs. 9-390, and certified by such date to the town clerk by the presiding officer and secretary of the town committee. Moreover, under Sec. 9-390, if caucus is the endorsing authority, notice of caucus must be given at least five days before the caucus unless party rules require earlier notice.

As also provided in Sec. 9-164(c), the party-endorsed choices are not subject to a primary, and the candidate selected by each political party becomes the nominee of such party. We urge that you notify each of your town chairmen of the provisions of said section with respect to the time for nominating and certifying candidates. We are enclosing for your guidance a nomination and election calendar which would apply under Sec. 9-164(c) and other relevant sections of the General Statutes.

Under the provisions of Sec. 9-174, the polls at the election will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Early Voting applies for a special election. Under the provisions of Sec. 9-1633aa(a)(3)(C), the period of early voting **Wednesday, June 17, 2026, to Sunday, June 21, 2026, with no voting on Friday, June 19, 2026, due to a state holiday enumerated in C.G.S. Sec. 1-4.** The office of "Selectman to Fill Vacancy" will appear in the first column on the ballot. May we also point out that the heading on your ballot will be "Special Election".

Generally speaking, the provisions of our statutes (such as the absentee voting law, the campaign finance law, etc.) that are applicable to municipal elections will apply to the upcoming special election. May we also emphasize that under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-453a, anyone desiring a nominating petition in connection with the coming election must make application to the Secretary of the State as required in Sec. 9-453b.

Secretary of the State* (860-509-6200 sots.ct.gov)

Business Services Division (860-509-6002 bsd@ct.gov) Legislation & Election Administration Division (860-509-6100 lead@ct.gov)

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If you have any questions in connection with the above, or if this office can be of service in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at 860 509-6100.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Thomas
Secretary of the State

By: Bernard Liu
Staff Attorney

Enclosures

Information copies to:
Registrars of Voters of Middlebury



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Nomination and Election Calendar for Special Election to be held for the **Town Council of Middlebury** on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**, under Sec. 9-164(c) and other relevant sections of the General Statutes.

Forthwith Town Clerk notifies chairmen of major and minor parties and Secretary of the State

Tuesday, March 10 **Declaratory Judgment Action by the Secretary of the State.** Beginning this day and continuing through election day, the Secretary may commence a declaratory judgment action under section 52-29 for a determination as to whether elector(s) have been aggrieved and for an order to ensure election administration procedures are properly executed, and the electors' rights are adequately protected. (Sec. 9-3(c), as amended by PA 26-1, Sec. 89)

Tuesday, April 14 **Final date for submission to Town Clerk by circulator of nominating petitions** (for nominating petition candidates). The town clerk or assistant town clerk in each town in which the election is to be held must be in his office between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on this deadline day to accept petition pages. (Sec. 9-453i(d))

Tuesday, April 28 **Final date for Town Clerk to file nomination petition pages** with the office of the Secretary of the State so that they are received no later than this date. (Sec. 9-453n)

Tuesday, May 5 **Final date for filing of candidates' names** with Secretary of the State by town clerk. (Sec. 9-461)

Tuesday, May 5 **Final date for nomination by political parties.** Nominations to be made in accordance with Secs. 9-164(c), 9-390, and applicable party rules and certified to Town Clerk by presiding officer and secretary of town committee by this date. (Sec. 9-390, 9-391)

Saturday, May 23 **Absentee ballots become available.** Copy of ballot(s) to be filed with the Secretary of State including an affidavit stating the number of ballots printed. (Secs. 9-135b(c) and 9-140(f))
****Absentee ballots must be approved by the Secretary before printing.**** (Sec. 9-135a(a), as amended by PA 26-1, Sec. 85)

Friday, May 29 **Final date for write-in candidates to register** with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-224b)
Submission of Official Election Ballots. Deadline for the municipal clerk to file the official ballot(s) to be used in each voting district in such municipality with the Secretary of the State. No ballot shall be used unless it has been approved by the Secretary. (Sec. 9-250, as amended by PA 26-1, Sec. 83)

Tuesday, June 2
Friday, June 12 Municipal Clerk or assistant municipal clerk must publish, once in a newspaper and on the town's website, on or between any of these dates, notice of election, which notice must include the days, hours, and locations designated for the conduct of early voting in the town. (Sec.9-226)

The warning for the election shall include a designation of how absentee ballots will be counted.

Thursday, June 4 **Registration cut-off (by mail).** Hand-delivered mail-in registration applications must be received by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by DMV or a voter registration agency); and mailed mail-in registration applications must be postmarked by this date for the applicant to be entitled to vote in the election. Electoral privileges of applicants meeting this deadline attach immediately upon approval by the registrar. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

Monday, June 8 **Final date for filing by Registrar of Voters of sample voting ballot labels** with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-256)

Wednesday, June 17, through Sunday June 21 **Early voting period.** Polls will stay open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. No early voting on Friday June 19, 2026, due to a state holiday. (Secs. 163aa(a)(3)(C) and 9-174(c)(2))

Monday, June 22 **Limited Registration and revised registry list for special election.** Limited registration for electors who have acquired voting privileges after the completion of the revised registry list and prior to the day of such special election. (Please note, however, the earlier deadline for registration by mail.) For a special election, "revised registry list last completed" means the registry list last completed for the last regular election held in the municipality holding the special election, together with the updated list of persons who acquired voting privileges since the completion of such list compiled under section 9-172b. (§§9-172a and 9-172b)

Tuesday, June 23 **Election Day.** Hours of voting 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-174)
Absentee ballots may not be issued on special election day except to electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding close of the polls at the election, or because the applicant is a patient in a hospital or nursing home, may be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Sec. 9-140(h) and 9-150c) In order to be cast at an election, the absentee ballot must be received by municipal clerk before the close of the polls. (Sec. 9-140b(a))

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106

**Suggested Form of Warning
For Selectman for The Town of Middlebury**

The electors of the **Town of Middlebury** are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, for the purpose of casting their votes for Selectman to Fill Vacancy.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Voting District

Location of Polling Place

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location: _____ *

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 6:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on June 23, 2026. Early voting will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, to Sunday, June 21, 2026, with no early voting on Friday, June 19, 2026, due to a state holiday enumerated in C.G.S. Sec. 1-4.

Dated at _____, Connecticut, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk

*Include only when central counting has been designated under Conn. Gen. Stats. Sec. 9-1