**Select Board Members**
_x__Liz Scharf, Chair*
_x__Zara Vincent, Vice Chair
_x__ Stacey Skadberg*
_x__ Larry Rooney*
___ Paul Cerminara

# Middlesex Special Select Board
# Meeting Minutes

**12:00 PM**
**Monday August 24, 2026**
**Middlesex Town Hall and via Zoom***
**5 Church Street**
**Middlesex, Vermont 05602**
**(802) 223-5915**

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Also in attendance: Cheryl Grandfield (Town Treasurer).

12:00 pm. Meeting called to order.

Motion to approve agenda with addition to consider correspondence from Mike Levine and the website committee. Liz moved, Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Liz reported that an offer has been made and accepted for the position of Town Administrator. The Hiring Committee evaluated the applicant pool and conducted first-round interviews. Two candidates were recommended for second-round interviews with the Selectboard. After selectboard members Liz Scharf, Zara Vincent, Stacey Skadberg, and Larry Rooney (for a brief time) interviewed both candidates, an offer was made to, and accepted by, Liam Abbate.

Mr. Abbate has experience as a regional transportation planner with the Northeastern Vermont Development Association and brings skills in municipal governance, planning, and project management. Mr. Abbate is committed to working five days a week in the office. Once he is up to speed on the workings of his position, he may exercise the option to work remotely on Fridays. He will begin his employment as the Middlesex Town Administrator on September 14, 2026, with a salary of $71,000.00 annually. The Selectboard also approved fourteen (14) days of vacation to match his current benefits.

Motion to approve hiring Mr. Abbate as Town Administrator. Larry moves, Zara seconds. Motion carries.

Liz added that she has registered Mr. Abbate to attend VLCT's annual Town Fair in October. Cheryl indicated that she has also registered to attend.

Zara summarized correspondence received from Michael Levine, who relayed a question from the website committee about whether the town should consider utilizing a .gov address for the town website instead of the current .org address. More information and further discussion on this issue is needed. Liz also recommended that our network administrator, rbTechnologies, LLC have an opportunity to weigh in on this issue. The board agreed to schedule the matter for further discussion at the next regular Selectboard meeting.

Motion to adjourn. Liz moves. Larry seconds. Stacey thirds. Motion carries.

12:14 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Action items:

- Schedule .gov question for discussion on 9/1/26 and solicit input from rbTechnologies

**THE ABOVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2026 MIDDLESEX SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY THE SELECT BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026.**

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**LIZ SCHARF, CHAIR**

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**ZARA VINCENT, VICE CHAIR**

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**LAWRENCE ROONEY**

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**PAUL CERMINARA**

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**STACEY SKADBERG**

Submitted by: Stacey Skadberg