

The Town of Middlefield Selectboard has REFUSED to provide remote or hybrid access to any and all meetings at the Town Hall.

Although remote or hybrid access was requested twice last year the Selectboard REFUSED to provide it.

We in Middlefield need remote or hybrid access.

50% of our population is over 60 and many have health conditions and disabilities that prevent them from attending meetings in person.

Our ability to vote and share our opinions is severely restricted and the same relatively small group of residents control the outcome of every issue. We ALL deserve a voice.

The cost to provide remote/hybrid access according to the Massachusetts Office of Disability is \$2,000 or less.

A Bill has been introduced to force all towns to provide remote or hybrid access

[\(H.3040/S.2024\)](#) An Act to Modernize Participation in Public Meetings

Please call Senator Mark and Representative Boldyga and leave them a message that you support this Bill.

Senator Mark: 413-464-5635: Representative Boldyga: 413-569-3137 ext.103

Legislation, however, will take time. Meanwhile, please sign the Petition to the Middlefield Selectboard asking that remote hybrid access be provided now.

**For more information about this issue please contact Patricia Baker:
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Link

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/petition-for-remotehybrid-access>