

TOWN *of* MIDDLEFIELD, CONNECTICUT



PROCLAMATION

*Be it known that the Citizens of Middlefield and Rockfall
hereby recognize and applaud*

Carol Bufithis

Whereas, the Town of Middlefield recognizes the enduring contributions and legacy of those who serve our community in elected positions; dedicating their time, energy, and expertise with devotion to our town; and

Whereas, Carol is recognized for her dedicated involvement and her long-lasting impact on Town Government, environmental stewardship, and social justice; and

Whereas, Carol was elected to the Board of Selectmen and faithfully served three terms from 2019–2025, demonstrating consistent leadership and commitment to the community; and

Whereas, Carol devoted countless hours as Selectwoman to recruiting volunteers for commissions and committees, undertaking extensive outreach when referrals were unavailable, explaining roles, arranging interviews, gathering bios for appointed members, and ensuring these bodies remained fully staffed and up-to-date—an essential yet often unrecognized contribution to the effective functioning of local government; and

Whereas, Carol was instrumental in launching the Durham-Middlefield Food Scrap Recycling Program in 2021, developing home-use kits and establishing a collection site at DMIAAB, resulting in the diversion of significant amounts of food waste from the waste stream, the creation of usable compost, and substantial savings in disposal costs; and

Whereas, Carol played a key role in bringing the successful “Human Library” event to the community—an initiative “borrowing” individuals for one-on-one conversations that challenge stereotypes, reduce prejudice, and foster empathy and inclusion through meaningful dialogue;

Whereas, Carol consistently centered social justice and equality in her decisions and actions, ensuring that fairness, inclusion, and respect guided her service to the community and collaborated on the Middlefield-Durham Common Ground initiative, strengthening cooperation and understanding between the two towns;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we extend our sincere appreciation to Carol Bufithis for her service, leadership, and enduring contributions to the Town of Middlefield and its residents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed that the Middlefield Board of Selectmen hereby declares **November 16, 2025, as**

Elected Official Service Recognition Day and honors and recognizes
Carol Bufithis

among those elected officials whose efforts strengthen the foundations of democracy, foster civic engagement, and inspire future generations to participate in the democratic process.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Middlefield to be affixed this 16th day of November, 2025.


Robert C. Yamartino
First Selectman