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Middleborough state rep. candidate resolves campaign finance issues

Middleborough Selectman Allin Frawley, a candidate for state representative in 2018, has agreed to pay \$2,000 to the state's general fund to resolve several campaign finance issues, according to a disposition agreement between Frawley and OCPF.

As a result of a complaint filed with OCPF, the agency initiated a review of the Frawley Committee's activity relating to the 2018 election. As a result of the review, OCPF found the following issues:

- The committee did not disclose more than 20 contributions, totaling \$5,723.
- The committee did not disclose nearly 40 expenditures, in the aggregate amount of \$4,944.
- Nearly \$3,500 in expenditures were reported without clearing the bank account, resulting in a negative ending balance on the committee's 2018 year-end report.
- The committee deposited \$2,000 from two individuals who were not the true sources of the funds. The campaign finance law prohibits disguising the true source of campaign contributions.
- The committee did not maintain detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts, as required by the campaign finance law.

The candidate agreed to make personal payments to the state's general fund in four installments, for a total of \$2,000, according to the disposition agreement.

The committee also agreed to file amended reports with OCPF, disclosing all activity undertaken in 2018 and 2019, no later than Jan. 17, 2020. The committee will also file amended reports no later than Jan. 21, 2020, with the Middleborough Town Clerk.

The disposition agreement, [available here](#), was signed by OCPF Director Michael Sullivan and Frawley.

A disposition agreement is a voluntary written agreement entered into between the subject of a review and OCPF, in which the subject agrees to take certain specific actions.