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May 2, 2006

Selectboard
Town of Middlesex
Middlesex Town Office
Box 466 - Bridge St.
Middlesex, VT 05602

Re: Middlesex Facilities Report

Dear Members of the Selectboard,

Attached, is the Middlesex Municipal Facilities Report. The final Report incorporates the comments and suggestions of the Selectboard and the Facilities Committee at the April meeting.

With the discovery that wastewater limitations on the property owned by the Town in Middlesex Village precludes constructing a new space for Town Meeting, the Committee asked that further work be done by Dexter Lafavour to determine what uses could be accommodated on the Town property.

Dexter indicated that without the Town Meeting space, a new Fire Station and almost any reuse of the Town Hall building for the Town Clerk and other office type use could be accommodated using a significant portion of the existing parking lot for wastewater treatment (leach fields). One possible parking lot and septic arrangement is shown on the site plan sketch in the Report. It shows a potential for approximately 20 parking spaces after the septic system is installed.

With the option of building a new (or combined) Town Meeting space in the Village looking less feasible due to wastewater limitations, there was interest in exploring the option of adding permanent bleacher seating to the Rumney Gym, which would then have the advantage of being useful for

more than Town Meeting - for sports, theatre and music performances. A sketch plan and preliminary budget for this idea is included in this Report.

Issues such as the impact of the location of any new facility on the "centers" of Middlesex are no less important than issues of costs, and we hope these aspects will be part of the decision.

I look forward to this public discussion that I hope this Report will stimulate, and also hope that it helps the Town to make wise long term decisions in regard to meeting its Facility needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Rahill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Rahill