



**Town of Middlebury
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January 17, 2023

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Dear Mr. Corbett,

We write to update and add to our comments regarding the Master Plan update for the Middlebury Airport.

We have reviewed the proposed draft update and respectfully request that the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation incorporate the following concepts into the final Master Plan (the last two bullet points of this list, which continues on page 2, have been added to our initial submission of September 13, 2022):

- **Protection of environmental resources**, including the Town's water source protection area. The provision of the airport's established emergency spill protocols to the town's emergency services is advisable in this regard.
- **Provide consideration to the placement of additional structures to minimize the impact on the view scape of neighbors.**
- **Airport Road Improvements.** Work in cooperation with the Town to establish points at which roadway improvements are appropriate to maximize safety for Airport Road residents. The Town is open to discussing cost-sharing for improvements to the road.


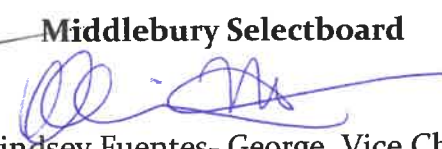
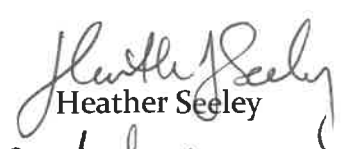




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- **Maintain ongoing communication and town participation into the master plan implementation process.**
- **Semi-annual reporting by the State of any complaints from airport activities**, as well as suggested resolutions.
- **Infrastructure for Electric Charging Stations/Energy Efficiency.** All future airport development should strongly consider, and plan for, infrastructure that will meet the needs of non-fossil fuel aircraft and ground vehicles, and all building and hanger designs should meet current, applicable energy efficiency standards.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on the Master Plan Update for the Middlebury Airport. Please do not hesitate to contact us through Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay, 802-458-8000 or kramsay@townofmiddlebury.org, if you have any questions or need any additional information about our input.

Sincerely,

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