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Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2023 5:00 PM
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Cc: Grenier, Lori; Jennifer Murray
Subject: Town of Middlebury Comments on #9A0159-12 Middlebury Airport Application
Attachments: Middlebury Selectboard Letter on Airport Master Plan 1-17-23 Complete.pdf;
Middlebury Selectboard Letter on Airport Master Plan 4-11-23 Complete.pdf

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Hi Josh,

With regard to application #9A0159-12, the master hangar permit for the Middlebury Airport, attached please find the Middlebury Selectboard's comments on the Agency of Transportation's proposed Master Plan for the Middlebury Airport.

As a major component of the Agency of Transportation's Master Plan is the siting of hangars at the Airport, the Board's comments and concerns, as outlined in the Board's letters of January 17, 2023 and April 11, 2023, apply to the Agency of Transportation's master hangar permit application as well.

Thank you.

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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.


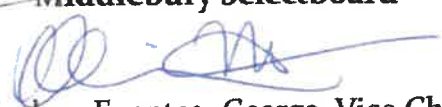
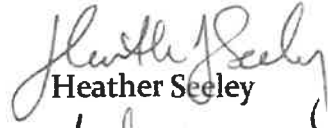
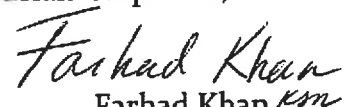



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- **Maintain ongoing communication and town participation into the master plan implementation process.**
- **Semi-annual reporting by the State of any complaints from airport activities, as well as suggested resolutions.**
- **Infrastructure for Electric 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,

Middlebury Selectboard

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Cc: Joe Flynn, State of Vermont Secretary of Transportation
Michele Boomhower, Division Director, Policy, Planning & Intermodal
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April 11, 2023

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Dear Mr. Luchini and Mr. Delabruere,

We write to add to our comments regarding the Master Plan update for the Middlebury Airport, specifically our comments on the protection of environmental resources, including the Town's water source protection area.

In order for the Town of Middlebury's public water system and the East Middlebury Fire District #1 public water system to maintain compliance with state and federal regulations and permitting requirements, we respectfully request that the Vermont Agency of Transportation review and update the following items for the Middlebury State Airport yearly:

- Best Management Practices,
- Spill Prevention Control & Counter Measure Plans, and
- Hazardous/Spill Response Procedures.








and forward the updates to the Town of Middlebury and East Middlebury Fire District #1 water systems to file in their respective Source Protection Plans.

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