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FROM: JENNIFER MURRAY, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING, ENERGY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: \$1,500 PURCHASE ORDER FOR CONSULTING SERVICES (PALE BLUEDOT)

The Energy Committee voted to approve \$1,500 of their budget for FY2023 to hire facilitator and project developer Ted Redmond of Pale BlueDOT to perform preliminary planning feasibility work related to the creation of a Climate Action Plan for Middlebury, possibly in conjunction with Middlebury College.

This project is important because it will bring together multiple stakeholders to **identify their respective needs** with respect to the topic of Climate Action. This initiative will result in an outline for a potential college-town partnership framework for moving forward and outline a general scope/subject areas for a Climate action plan.

Place Blue DOT has experience helping municipalities across the country with similar projects. Most recently, they helped CEAC with their regional climate action plan. We believe this specific experience with our stakeholders and region makes him eligible under the sole-source procurement policy.

Per the attached quote and contract under development, Pale BlueDOT will perform this service for a lump sum of \$3,000 - \$1,500 from the Town of Middlebury and \$1,500 from Middlebury College.

Anything beyond this preliminary phase would be billed separately under a future contract. Mr. Redmond estimates a climate energy plan for a town our size could cost in the range of \$33,000.