

## Kathleen Ramsay

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**From:** Jack Mayer <jacklmayer33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 20, 2018 12:19 PM  
**To:** Kathleen Ramsay  
**Subject:** Police station switch to natural gas

Dear Select Board,

I am distressed to learn of the proposal to switch the Middlebury Police station's energy source to natural gas. We should be putting our energy, literally and figuratively, into renewables. Solar and wind electric and heat pumps are viable alternatives that will free the town from the vagaries and uncertainties of dependence on energy companies like Vermont Gas. And there is the issue of Climate Change. Methane gas leaking from fracked wells is 30 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> as a heat trapping gas.

This is our opportunity to balance energy costs and energy responsibility over the long term. Let's take a principled stand and set a good example for our children and grandchildren, who will inherit our earth.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

My best,

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