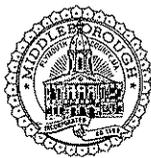


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**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**JANUARY 9, 2012**

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

Charles J. Cristello  
Town Manager

## Charles Cristello

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**From:** Alice C. Elwell [acelwell2@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2012 8:25 AM  
**To:** Charles Cristello  
**Subject:** Today's Enterprise

### **Tech firm sells software backup rights**

#### **Nine Technology teams up with national company**

**By Alice Elwell**

ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENT

MIDDLEBORO – A Middleboro tech firm has teamed up with one of the country's biggest data storage companies to sell an online backup product that the local firm invented.

Nine Technology, which is based in Middleboro's Commerce Park, sold the rights to its online backup software to Imation, the parent company of Memorex and other data storage brands, for an undisclosed amount.

Thomas Gelson, founder and former CEO of Nine Technology, and chief technology officer Alex Stoev joined Imation as part of the sale. Gelson will commute to Imation's headquarters in Minnesota, and he will remain chairman of Nine Technology's board. Stoev lives in the Toronto area and will work for Imation from there.

The rest of the team will stay in place, said Adam Sell, marketing director at Nine Technology. He said the influx of cash from the sale will allow the software company to add a few new employees within a couple months to the 10-person work force that's there now.

Sell said Nine Technology will partner with Imation to assist with the ongoing distribution of the online backup technology that it sold to Imation.

Nine Technology will sell the software, but development will be handled by Imation, under the direction of Gelson and Stoev.

Gelson has sold a number of business ventures that he grew in Middleboro, including Vault USA, Morestor Vault Inc., More Solutions and More Group Inc.

Gelson's use of Middleboro for his headquarters in a series of ventures is indicative of the technological talent and prowess of the workforce in the Middleboro area, Sell said.

"This is what the town hoped for when we planned for the industrial park, that we'd be able to attract high tech businesses," Middleboro Town Manager Charles Cristello said of Nine Technology's success. "It's great to see they're successful, growing and hiring our people."

I can be reached at 508-947-4133 or on my cell at 508-272-2711  
Alice C. Elwell

**Charles Cristello**

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**From:** Lance Benjamino  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 05, 2012 4:54 PM  
**To:** Charles Cristello  
**Cc:** Jeanne Spalding; Chief Bruce Gates; Ruth Geoffroy; Robert Whalen  
**Subject:** eCEMP  
Charlie,

I am happy to report that I have completed the Middleborough electronic Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (eCEMP) update (see below). Thank you to all that assisted.

Lance Benjamino  
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Firechief@middleborough.com

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**From:** LaTour, Richard (CDA) [mailto:richard.latour@state.ma.us]  
**Sent:** Thu 1/5/2012 1:07 PM  
**To:** Lance Benjamino  
**Subject:** RE: eCEMP

Hi Chief,

Effective December 21, 2011, I have updated the MEMA Database to reflect an approved Middleborough eCEMP. This plan is currently updated and compliant.

Once you have the day care information, that can be added. If there is anything else you wish to add or update, we can take care of that as well, as this is considered a living document.

Thanks for your hard work on this. Do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything else I can do for you.

Rich

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December 19, 2011

Mr. Frank DePaola, Administrator  
 Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
 10 Park Plaza, Room 4160  
 Boston, MA 02116

Re: Route 44 Rotary—Middleboro

Dear Administrator DePaola:

I am writing with regard to the project meeting I attended on Monday, December 12, 2011 at the Middleboro Town Hall; the purpose of the meeting was to receive a Mass DOT presentation on site alternatives to alleviate historic congestion problems at the Route 44 Rotary in Middleboro. I look forward to the next meeting where comments and suggestions which were made by Town officials and residents can be reflected in a further project update from the Commonwealth.

I appreciate the time and effort which your department has devoted to this effort this year subsequent to the meeting which I arranged at the State House with agency staff and the Secretary. I believe the presentation was well received and could constitute the basic approach for a reasonable project within the funding constraints we face.

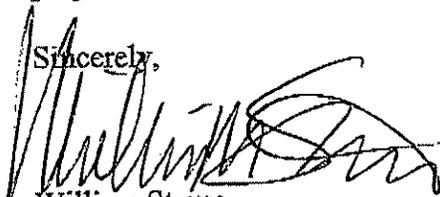
I want to express my specific concern about the proposed Route 44 "flyover" alternative with respect to the planning and assessment which I believe will still be required to evaluate the impact of this approach on the northbound traffic of Interstate 495. As I understand it, in order to handle the traffic issues for Route 44 just west of the Rotary under the proposed plan, non "flyover" motorists wishing to proceed on Route 44 West will be directed from the Rotary southbound in order to access Interstate 495 northbound at Exit 5. This new traffic on the Interstate would be provided an option of then accessing Route 44 westbound by exiting Interstate 495 immediately at Exit 6.

While I understand the traffic flow reasons for this approach, I want to ensure that the additional travelers who would now be entering Interstate 495 northbound (even for a single exit) are fully evaluated in terms of the essential need to preserve minimum traffic flow at all times of the day. My own observations are that this portion of Interstate 495 is very close to maximum design speeds and the Commonwealth should not adopt a new design plan which would possibly create a new place of congestion for those traveling north from southern Plymouth County or Cape Cod.

It seems logical that an additional travel lane may be required for the northbound portion of Interstate 495 between Exits 5 and 6. Whatever the final solution, I am requesting that this issue be more fully evaluated by the Department in preparation for the next local meeting on improvements for the Middleboro Rotary.

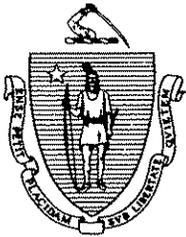
Again, thank you for the time and resources which you have provided to this important regional project.

Sincerely,



William Straus  
State Representative

Cc: Rich Davey, Secretary of Mass DOT  
Senator Marc Pacheco  
Representative Thomas Calter  
Representative Keiko Orrall  
Alfred Rullo, Jr., Chairman – Middleborough Selectmen  
Steve McKinnon, Vice Chairman – Middleborough Selectmen  
Steven Spartaro – Middleborough Selectmen  
Ben Quelle – Middleborough Selectmen  
Allin Frawley – Middleborough Selectmen  
Mary-Joe Perry, Mass Highway District Five Director  
Trish Foley, Mass DOT



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December 21, 2011

Mr. Ross Perry  
Southeastern Regional Planning and  
Economic Development District (SRPEDD)  
88 Broadway  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Ross,

Thank you very much for your implementation grant application to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health District Incentive Grant (PHDIG) program. Your proposal met the PHDIG program requirements and merited funding, but unfortunately, it did not receive a high enough score in our competitive review process to rank among the five districts that we will be able to support with funds available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We regret that we do not have enough funding to support your proposal, especially after the excellent progress you and your partners made during the PHDIG planning grant period. Therefore, I want to encourage you to consider an alternative source of funding that may be available for your district.

Under the leadership of the Patrick-Murray administration, the state created a new \$4 million program this year to encourage cities and towns to consider internal efficiencies and regional cooperation on a wide range of municipal services. We have worked closely with colleagues at the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (ANF) who are developing and managing the new initiative, which is called the Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) program. Information about the CIC, including guidelines and application forms, is available at <http://www.mass.gov/anf/budget-taxes-and-procurement/working-for-you/community-innovation-challenge-grant/>.

Because of the intensive planning process you have been through, your district may merit consideration by ANF as a "shovel ready" project that addresses CIC objectives. The deadline for CIC applications is January 17, 2012. While you will need to complete a CIC application, ANF will accept your PHDIG proposal as an appendix to the CIC application form. Much of the

information in your PHDIG application may be used to answer portions of the CIC application. Numerous local entities may apply, so there is no guarantee that your project will be funded. If you decide to apply, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can discuss opportunities for how, if you are funded through CIC, you may take advantage of evaluation and other technical assistance services that MDPH will offer through the PHDIG program. I would also encourage you to contact ANF at (617)-727-2040 ext.35405) or [CICGrants@state.ma.us](mailto:CICGrants@state.ma.us) to learn more about the CIC grant program.

You and your planning partners are involved in a historically significant effort to improve the scope and quality of local public health services in Massachusetts. We recognize that the planning process has involved countless hours of study and meetings, and we appreciate your commitment to strengthen the public health system for residents of your combined communities. Thank you very much again, and please feel free to contact me about the opportunity to apply for CIC funding to carry your plans forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Wilkinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Geoffrey W. Wilkinson  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of the Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Charles Cristello, Town Manager  
RE: Draft Policy on Applying for New Major Grants  
DATE: January 6, 2011

In response to a recommendation from the Finance Committee I offered to draft a new policy on major grants that could have a significant financial impact on Town finances. I would recommend the following policy:

Any major grant that creates an ongoing obligation of the Town to continue to pay salaries after the grant ends must first be presented to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for review.

I have discussed this draft with our Department Heads and they are in agreement with it. I will be happy to discuss it with you on Monday evening