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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 3, 2014

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

Charles J. Cristello
Town Manager

6004 Oak Point Drive, Middleboro, Mass. 02346

22 January, 2014

Charles Cristello, Town Manager, Middleboro;

Dear Mr. Cristello;

This is in response to the article in January 16 Middleboro Gazette concerning the possible changes to the town trash pick-up equipment.

I am somewhat involved in the recycling program at Oak Point. Several months ago Oak Point management left the former trash pick-up company and went with the present ABC. At the time of change, ABC came onto Oak Point with a few semi-trailer loads of new trash barrels. The previous barrels were picked up and thrown into the trash truck along with the week's rubbish. So much for plastic re-cycling!!

I realize that the program at Oak Point has no connection whatever with the town's trash collection program. The only purpose of this letter is to suggest that if the change is made to the town's program, incorporating new barrels which are compatible with a mechanical pick-up arm on the rubbish truck, that a practical plan be put in place to re-use or rather re-cycle the previous (currently used) barrels.

It was distressing to see the 850 or so barrels here at Oak Point get included with the weeks' rubbish, while we homeowners carefully sort our recyclables, piece by piece.

I have had a chance to watch the rubbish truck, in other towns, use the arm to pick up the barrel and dump the contents into the truck body. It certainly looks to be a labor-saver, and could, therefore, be a real money saver.

There is no need to reply to this. I simply want to suggest that a plan be put into place to responsibly re-cycle, or re-use, the current barrels, rather than to throw them in with the trash. It sets a bad example for the barrels to be trashed by the town, while the home-owner is asked to responsibly re-cycle plastics and other materials piece by piece.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Andrew

Charles Cristello

From:	Glenn Montapert <GMontapert@Middleboroge.com>
Sent:	Monday, January 27, 2014 4:20 PM
To:	Charles Cristello; Lance Benjamino; Selectman John M. Knowlton; Jackie Crowley; Selectman John M. Knowlton; Selectman Leilani Dalpe
Subject:	Meeting Minutes of discuss between the CSX Trash Train with MassDOT and Middleborough
Attachments:	csx trash train overview.jpg

My report of today's meeting for those unable to attend -

Meeting Minutes of discuss between the CSX Trash Train with MassDOT and Middleborough
When: Monday, January 27, 2014 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.
Location: 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160 - Administrative Conference Room

Attendees:
Fire Chief Lance Benjamino
Town Manager Charles Cristello
MG&E Board Member Glenn Montapert
Selectman Leilani Dalpe
Maurice O'Connell (CSX Trash Train) [Maurice_O'Connell@CSX.com]
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John Ray (MASSDOT) [john.ray@state.ma.us];
Office 857-368-8960

Background:
On June 5th and August 20th of 2013 the CSX trash train caught fire under the Center Street overpass in Middleborough causing a fire department dispatched to put out a trash car fire.

The Issue:
The CSX trash train is a fire threat to the Center Street overpass and to the Middleborough G&E municipal gas plant building thirty feet away, located at 2 Vine Street, Middleboro MA 02346.

Overview of all the players:
- MassDOT owns the land, the tracks and the Center Street overpass.
- CSX owns the trains and sells train car space to businesses
- Trojan Recyclable and Champion are two of the businesses buying trash space on the trash train; other companies are freight companies and tankers.

The Request to CSX:
Please slide further down the tracks southerly (as northerly will make it difficult for fire equipment to gain access to the fire) placing the train not in proximity of an overpass nor the Middleborough G&E municipal gas plant.

Outcome:
1. The CSX side track has limited space, moving further down the line will put the trash train in the way of the main train line (see attached satellite photo of 20 train cars, shown beside yellow line, and MG&E Gas plant, in yellow circle).

2. The trash train can be moved some car lengths (not a full train length) to keep the trash cars away from the Center Street overpass and MG&E building.
3. The trash train can have the cars reshuffled so the 20 train cars can have the 5 trash cars away from the Center Street overpass and MG&E building.
4. Trojan Recyclable and Champion companies are to be notified by CSX and informed that their loads are catching on fire.

Next Steps:
Field trip by CSX operations team to the Center Street overpass to investigate the danger of fire from the trash train, to be scheduled in the next two weeks;

Required: CSX, MassDOT, Middleboro Fire Chief, MG&E, Trojan Recyclable and Champion Co.
Optional: Middleboro Selectman

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