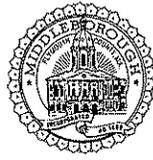


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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
MAY 21, 2012

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

Charles J. Cristello
Town Manager

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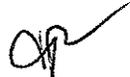
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Charles J. Cristello, Town Manager 
RE: Legal Counsel
DATE: May 17, 2012

Recently you asked me to look into the status of Town Counsel Daniel Murray and to evaluate whether we need to prepare to replace him should he retire soon. I spoke with Mr. Murray who assures me that he currently has no plan to retire. He also agreed to give us plenty of notice should he decide to retire.

The Board has had discussions in the past about whether the Town would be better served by hiring a full-service firm that specializes in municipal law. While there may be some benefits to a full-service firm it is likely to come at an increased cost. I recently surveyed some surrounding towns of comparable size regarding their legal costs, below.

Hingham	\$232,000
Scituate	\$210,000
Marshfield	\$205,000
Middleborough	\$128,500
Pembroke	\$125,000** Middleborough's population is 30% higher than Pembroke's

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.