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Subject: FW: Preliminary Design of Town Center & Site Plan

Attachments: Town Center Preliminary Design.pdf; Section 16 Site Plan.pdf

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Council,

I have obtained design requirements from our town staff to develop a preliminary town center **design concept**. I thought that it was important to get ideas from the people who would be working in the building **FIRST**. They are the ones who will be **AFFECTED MOST**, and who best **UNDERSTAND OUR NEEDS**. They are the ones who provide our town's services.

Now I am bringing it to the town council and the public for its consideration. With these ideas and **design concepts** on paper, we can all look at them together and ask ourselves some questions:

Is this the type of development that would best serve the people in our town? Would it provide a significant improvement to our delivery of services? Are there better design concepts out there? Can it be built in a phased manner?

We **could** have several town meetings to invite the public to look at it with us, and to discuss the possible architectural appearance. After we are satisfied with a **design concept**, we **could** go out-to-bid for a design-build contract. We **could** award the contract only if we can afford to build at least some of the building. In this way, an **architect would evaluate the plan**, **suggest changes**, **design** the architectural appearance, draw the construction drawings, and construct the building.

The site plan I am proposing moves the animal shelter to a location beside the public works building. I am proposing this for the same reason we moved the public works building here; the cost of infrastructure. I believe it is far enough away from the school and fire station to remove those objections. The land across the street (highway 344) might still be used for large animals. We could probably afford to begin construction on the first phase of our modular design as soon as the water and power arrive.

Bob