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- The contract for 8 police officers and 16 firefighters are temporary however due to the increase in automobile traffic and associated Tribal issues, these would not directly benefit the citizens of Middleboro. In addition after 1-3 years (as the contract reads) we have to pay for them or cut the positions which will now be really needed. After 3 years, this \$ 2M payment ends and the new cost to the town assuming 12% increases per year in this category) could be up to \$2.8M. Where did these numbers come from? Why 8 and 16?
- I am not sure why the financial support for the fire and police personnel, which a good percentage of which directly supports the issues of the casino, would drop from \$2M to \$ 0 after 1-3 years. This is a huge undertaking for our towns budget.
- I did not see any traffic studies as to local road traffic increases from surrounding towns coming through residential neighborhoods. This not only affects the Fire and Police departments but is directly tied to each vehicle registered in Middleboro. I believe auto insurance rates are related to the number of incidents occurring in the town, not by where the vehicle involved is registered. If we have 20,000 cars per day running through our town, I would expect the number of accidents to increase, thereby our auto insurance premiums.
- Have we looked at the long term aquifer/water analysis and its long term effect on our residents?
- Surrounding communities are meeting and gathering valued information. From what I see, representatives of Middleboro have not been included or part of these meetings and the casino is coming to our town. Don't we feel we could both offer and receive valuable information from this resource?
- Moneys that we may lose or be adjusted from the State based on this acquired local income have not been addressed. This includes lottery aid, chapter 70 and our chapter 90 highway funding reimbursements. If these formulas are open to recalculation, this could offset any tax revenues we would be getting. Has anyone spoken to State officials on this matter?
- Has the School department submitted any information as to increases in costs directly related to the casino such as foreign languages or other special needs assessments?
- At the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, th 23rd of this month, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Bond and Mr. Rogers combined to say that all departments will be back up to levels we can be proud of. Specifically besides the police, fire and schools, they mentioned the Park, Library and COA departments. Mr. Rogers mentioned buying a third ambulance. Mr. Perkins said we can eliminate the trash fee. That sounds great... Lets look at the numbers