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Date: April 14, 2015  
From: Becky Nash, Haines, Alaska 99827  
To: Haines Borough Mayor Jan Hill, and members of the Haines Borough Assembly  
Re: Inclusion of Mosquito Lake School Community Center in the FY16 Budget

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I would like to begin by outlining our activities and meetings relative to the Haines Borough Administration. I feel that it is important to be definitive and accountable regarding the time taken. Since the last regular Borough Assembly meeting, we have had three scheduled meetings.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Length of time</u>
30 Mar 15	David Sosa Jan Hill Carlos Jimenez Tish Hallett Greg Rasmusen Dana Hallett	50 min.
2 Apr 15	<u>Bill Mandeville</u> Dept Head <u>Dana Hallett</u>	1 hr. 40 min.
11 Apr 15	<u>Bill Mandeville</u> 31 Community Members	2 hr.

I would like to thank Mr. Bill Mandeville our Community and Economic Development Director for meeting with the upper valley Community last Saturday at 10 AM. We met at Mosquito Lake School for two hours. Thirty-one people were in attendance. It is significant to note that there is no other facility in the Upper Valley that could comfortably accommodate this number of folks.

Ideas expressed by Mr. Mandeville included:

Mosquito Lake Agriculture Project

Wood Pellet Production

Collaborative Initiative with the American Bald Eagle Foundation

Sentiment was expressed by several community members that whatever economic activities happen in or around Mosquito Lake School, any community use plan must be compatible to the ultimate use of MLS being a public school and that the facility remain in the ownership of the Haines Borough. We must be very careful that we do not sell the building, or engage in a lease, or engage in any activity that would prevent this ultimate goal. ★