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MEDIATION			TOWN HEARING
	SOUND		PASS
SOUND STUDY		SOUND STUDY	3'2

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## Local couple gears up for fight to get dog kennel

By Kevin Murphy

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**TOWN OF MIDDLETON** — A couple hasn't given up on the idea of converting their 15-acre horse farm into a 100-dog kennel.

Last week, Dan and Marlene LaFleur withdrew a permit application before the Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee but said will refile it again with the town of Middleton.

"We'll go through with it until they're sick of it," Dan LaFleur said Monday of the process to obtain a conditional-use permit for kennel on their property on Meadow Road.

In a 3-2 vote last month, the town board recommended denying the CUP applica-

tion, which was the second time this year the request had been before the board.

LaFleur said he will persist in the pursuit because the area needs kennels.

"We've got 20,000 people living north of us with dogs... The need for kennels is now," he said.

Several people spoke in opposition to the LaFleur's request at a town board meeting in July, complaining about barking dogs and increased traffic on the already-crowded roads.

However, LaFleur claims that barking dogs "is irrelevant as the people themselves make more noise than the dogs would."

The nearest residence would be about 500 feet

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from the proposed kennel but no one mentions that, he said.

The southern part of the town, where he resides, is changing and those in opposition to the kennel need to understand that, he said.

The planned extension of Pioneer Road will bring more traffic into the area, and the 60-acre park, just south of his property, in the city of Madison, will eventually be active with dozens of soccer teams.

"That will be 100 times more impactful than our dogs," LaFleur said.

The CUP he acquired to board horses at his 3440 Meadow Road property more than 20 years ago, took more than a year to obtain and even involved a visit from Department of Commerce representatives.

He singled out Town Chair Cynthia Richson for

criticism saying that she is against change and only wants to do what's in her best interest.

"I'm sick of people telling you what you can do with your land," LaFleur said. That echoed a remark made

by Tom Stenrich, a town-board supervisor, who voted in favor of granting the CUP. Stenrich said, "We're becoming the town of 30."

LaFleur noted that most of those in opposition to the proposed kennel were Madison residents and few town residents have spoken against it.

He also said that his property is in the "give back" area is defined in an inter-governmental agreement with Madison, and could become part of the city in the future.

Although he is 82 years old, LaFleur said he has plenty of fight left in him if that is what it takes to see

the kennel idea through to completion.

He didn't know when he would refile for a CUP for a kennel but thought his

chances for approval will be better with the county if he can get another town board member to recommend his application.

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