ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

2018 was another project filled year for your road crew. We did our first projects of the year with an emphasis on completing projects off from the "hydrologically connected" road map provided by the State of Vt. For which we received grant funding for. These projects are directed at repairing "road segments" that are at high risk of sedimentation/erosion. Lynch Hill, Hog Hollow, Common Rd, Mountain Rd, and Herring Brook Rd. are a few places where this work was completed. Ditching, culvert replacements-W/headwalls, tree/brush removal, seeding, and mulching, were done on the following roads. Jones brook, Howes Rd, Cobb Hill Rd, Ward Brook Rd and Bathenes Rd. We tackled a large project, full of challenges on Old Rt. 100. We are lucky to have some talented guys working for the Town. One of these being Rodney Huntoon, whom built our new sand screen from the ground up. As well as modified an old bucket into a guardrail "pusher", which we used to clean the rail along the River Rd. The crew attended several classes throughout the year. Ice & snow, roadway fundamentals, road erosion & sedimentation, as well as a 2day OSHA 10 training. We also received approximately 15 free tandem loads of stone from the Howes family, which we have used in various erosion locations throughout the town. We performed routine grading, as well as spread chloride. Took care of storm damaged trees & debris. Performed all routine maintenance on our equipment and a lot of the repairs as well. Of course, the year would not be complete without plenty (and plenty) of hours spent plowing and sanding our roadways in an attempt to keep the travelling public safe. As always if there are any questions pertaining to how/why things are done the way they are? Please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards
Martin, Rodney, Shawn and Stefan
Your Road Crew!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2018 found the Historical Society continuing to assist those who are searching for relatives who may have lived in Moretown. We have met with out of town folks who are searching for information or grave sites of ancestors. We have been working with the Duxbury Historical Society and sharing photos and information on the talc mines in town and hope have a joint meeting and slide show presentation sometime in February or March. The glider crash on South Hill program was postponed, we are still in hopes of having that presentation. Stay tuned for more information on that event.

The Historical Society was again represented at the Morefest Celebration with a display of some of Moretown's Bridges and Barns. The event was well attended and once again the fireworks display was spectacular! We understand that the 2019 Morefest event is already in the planning stages. If you have not attended in the past, mark your calendars for 2019. We once again served lunch at Town Meeting and are hoping to continue this year as well. Come and join us for some good food and conversation with friends and neighbors. We are open for any suggestions on programs or events that people would like to see and always appreciate help on projects. New members are always welcome.

The Society offers it's thanks to the community for its continued support. Thanks go out to Bill Wilcox for allowing us use of the gazebo for the holiday decorations and for providing the electricity.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Gabaree, President Sandy Reagan, Secretary Mary Murphy-Blake, Treasurer

Volunteer Fire Department

We at the Moretown Fire Department, would like to start out by thanking everyone in our community for your continued support. This year we have continued our own in-house training, also we have teamed up with the Waitsfield and Warren Fire Departments to train together and become familiar with how each department can work best in mutual aid situations. In addition to those trainings we have five members in the Firefighter One and Two course provided by The Vermont State Fire Academy. This class is 160 hours with both classroom and practical exercises. Currently we have 17 active members 6 of them being our command structure.

Chief: Stefan Pratt

1st Assistant Chief: Will Houghton 2nd Assistant Chief: Shawn Graves

Captain: Randy Dow

Lieutenant: Robert Hood IV Lieutenant: Jacob Martin

This year as in most years past we have responded to anything from smoke alarm activations to car accidents to house fires. We have given and received mutual aid to Waitsfield, Warren, Waterbury and Middlesex this year. Below you will find a breakdown of the nature of the calls we went on this year.

- 4 Carbon monoxide alarm activations
- 5 Smoke alarm activations
- 10 Motor vehicle accidents
- 1 Chimney fire
- 8 Mutual Aid calls
- 2 Powerlines down
- 3 Gas/Propane smell investigations
- 2 Trees blocking the road
- 1 House fire

The total being 36 calls this year that the Moretown fire department responded to. Each one of these calls has a risk of danger which is why we spend so much time training for these types of events.

Thanks agair

THE MORETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOREFEST 2018

Morefest 2018 was the biggest yet! We had over 200 people attend. The Craft Beer Tent raised \$1700 for The Moretown PTO.
Old fashion kids' games were a big hit! Also, the pie baking contest was bigger And better than ever!





2018 saw 30 cars and 2 antique tractors

Entered in the car show. We honored the late Gregg Haskin for his love of cars. John Hoogenboom was also honored at Morefest for his 30 years serving on The Selectboard.

The Town and Morefest committee are looking forward to Morefest 2019!!

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2018 was a busy year for the Moretown Recreation Committee. Over the summer, the tennis court area was resurfaced and repainted and new nets were installed. Lines were painted for tennis, pickleball, hopscotch and foursquare. Also, in the court area are a basketball hoop as well as a backboard perfect for wall ball or practicing your swing. The new surface looks amazing and we encourage all residents to try out one of the many activities. The courts are used on a first come, first served basis although we ask all to be neighborly and share the space whenever possible if people are waiting. Come on your own or join Moretown's established pickleball group. For more information, there is a kiosk located adjacent to the baseball field or visit the Recreation Committee page on the town website at www.MoretownVT.org.

The Mad River Riders have been hard at work on the Valley's network of trails, including the trails behind our recreation fields. MRR conducted several volunteer work days in Moretown, focusing on clearing and maintaining the Nature Trail area. The Rec Committee is planning on updating the town's trail markers and maps in 2019. Moretown's trails are used for walking, hiking, mountain biking and snowshoeing. Please note that motorized vehicles are prohibited on all trails and on the recreation fields themselves.

We are looking for feedback from the town! Are there recreational activities you would like to see more of in Moretown? Are there resources we currently have that need updating to make them more usable? Please take a few minutes to fill out the short recreation survey located in hard copy at Town Meeting or on the town website.

Respectfully submitted,

Moretown Recreation Committee
Duane Pierson
Steve Robbins
Susan Werntgen
John Atkinson
Chris Stephenson
Michelle Beard

TOWN AUDITORS REPORT

Pace and Hawley, LLC conducted a review this year and results can be found on www.moretownvt.org

The Moretown Fire Department Financial Report is once again not included in this year's Annual Report. The Auditors have requested financials this year and last but as of this report nothing has been received.

We welcome any comments, suggestions or questions to our email account moretownauditors@gmail.com

Sincerely, Catrina Brackett Auditor

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Your Planning Commission had a busy year as it turned out. We spent a good deal of time reviewing and revising a proposal to add subdivision regulations to the Moretown Zoning bylaw. Both the Planning Commission and Selectboard held hearings on the draft regulations and you will find a question on the Town Meeting ballot asking if the town will adopt them.

For much of the year we waited to hear from VT Emergency Management and FEMA about grant funding to help with updating Moretown's Local Emergency Management Plan. That funding came through in the fall and the town put out a request for proposal for planning services to assist in that update. The Central Vermont Regional Commission was selected as the consultant and early in 2019 the Planning Commission began its update process.

Moretown continued in the Mad River Valley Ridge to River stormwater planning effort. Please go to www.ridgetoriver.org for more information on this continuing effort.

In late fall, Dara Torre resigned from the Planning Commission to devote time to her many other volunteer roles for the town, including representative to the regional commission. We thank her for her service! We then welcomed Deborah Carroll as a new member.

In 2019 the Planning Commission will also commence work to update energy components of the town plan to conform to state energy planning standards and to secure a determination of compliance with the regional and state plan from the regional commission. Plans from towns that secure the determination of compliance will receive substantial deference before the Public Service Board with respect to projects proposed for their town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Moretown Planning Commission
Jonathan Siegel, Chair - Karen Horn - Rube Scharges - John Schmeltzer - Deborah Carroll

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board is a quasi-judicial body which holds hearings on requests for variances and development which requires conditional use approval under the Town's zoning regulations. The Board also has jurisdiction to review appeals from decisions of the Town Zoning Administrator.

Notices of applications are provided to adjoining landowners, and meetings are warned by publication in local newspapers.

During 2018, the DRB met three times conducting hearings on three applications. One application requested partial waiver of a side yard setback which is now allowed if certain conditions are met under the zoning ordinance. In this instance the request was denied.

Another application involved a request to convert a residence in the Commercial District to a mixed use, and another to add an accessory dwelling to an existing residential use. Both were approved. Decisions which are part of Board Minutes are available for review on the Town website.

During 2018 Members of the Board attended and submitted comments at public hearings considering whether the Town should adopt subdivision regulations as recommended by the Planning Commission. Zoning Administrator John Weir continues to provide administrative support to the Board which is greatly appreciated.

Individuals currently serving on the Board consist of the following:

John Riley, Chair - Erick Titrud, Vice Chair - David Russo - Jim O'Neill - Paula Woods - Greg Nagurney, Alternate

Moretown Town Hall

A rental venue in an historic building



The Town Hall endured some basement flooding this year due to foundation leaks. The foundation has since been repaired. Unfortunately, the kitchen base cabinets sustained severe damage and needed to be replaced. Chis Touchette did an excellent job replacing and repairing the kitchen. Joe Gabaree also performed work at the Town Hall replacing one of the upstairs windows with a fully functional replica of the historic windows. A portion of the exterior painting was started and will be completed in 2019.

As always, the Town Hall space is available to rent for functions and meetings.



Residential Rates:

	Fri/Sat	Sun - Thurs
4-hour event	\$75.00	\$50.00
One Day event	\$150.00	\$100.00
Two Day event	\$275.00	\$225.00

Non-Residential Rates:

4-hour event	\$175.00
One Day event	\$275.00
Two Day event	\$325.00

Equipment Rentals

(For offsite use)

8' Tables \$10 each

Chairs \$3 each

Renter must pick up and drop off

The full rental contract can be viewed at moretownyt.org



WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWN OF MORETOWN TO BE HELD MARCH 6, 2018 MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Moretown who are legal voters in Town meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Moretown Town Hall in Moretown Village on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:02 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters:

 To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting of the Town whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.

Peter Langella nominated Steve Magill, and Tom martin seconded it. Tom Martin asked if there were any other nominations. Motion to close nominations was made by Clarence Wood, Steve Smith seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.

Ed Reed and Maxine Grey, state representatives were present to discuss current things happening in State government.

- To hear and act upon the reports of the Town officers.
 Rae Washburn so moved, Clark Amadon seconded. Discussion was had concerning the Budget not reflecting the articles passed at Town meeting. Maybe the Town should think about doing it a different way next year so the final budget doesn't look like it went over. The ayes have it.
- To cast ballots for Town officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. No Discussion
- 4. To see if the Town will vote to have its current taxes paid to the Town Treasurer in one installment due, payable and postmarked by November 1, 2018. Clarence Woods so moved, Chuck Burt seconded. Discussion was had concerning the idea of a drop box at 2017 Town Meeting. Cherilyn Brown explained since the building is all concrete and flood gate regulations there is nowhere in the building it could be installed. Ayes have it.
- 5. To see if the Town will vote to set the tax warrant date on real property as November 2, 2018.
 John Hoogenboom so moved, seconded by Karen Horn. Discussion was had concerning what this article meant. Cherilyn Brown explained the date is set to that as of November 2 at 12:01am taxes become delinquent and a tax warrant can be issued to the delinquent tax collector. Ayes have it.
- 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$1,112,024.00 for the support of the Town, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, for any operating expenses and other obligations? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Discussion was had concerning why some line items went over budget. Tom M answered all questions. Ayes have it.

- 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize its Select Board to borrow money with which to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose? Chuck Burt so moved, seconded by John Lynch. Comments were made about how much was borrowed last year, and why towns have to borrow each year. Ayes have it.
- 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote to change the delinquent tax penalty levied to a graduated commission schedule pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 1674 (3), to 4 % for the first 30 days following the tax due date, and 8% thereafter?
 Jason Aronowitz so moved, seconded by Clark Amadon. Discussion was had about how interest was applied when making payments. Craig Eilers explained

about how interest was applied when making payments. Craig Eilers explained any payments are applied equally on the principal, interest and penalty. Ayes have it.

9. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize its Select Board to forgo mailing of the Annual Town Report and offer instead two designated locations for pick up, and provide online access via moretownyt.org? Approval of this article would save the town around \$2,500.00 per year in printing and mailing costs. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682 (a).

Beki Auclair so moved, Clayton Wetzel seconded. A very lengthy discussion was had with several different options including optioning out or opting in for receiving the report in the mail.

Beki Auclair moved to amend motion to "Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize its Select Board to forgo mailing of the Annual Town Report to voters that do not wish to receive it and offer instead an opt-out mechanism and two designated locations for pick up, and provide online access via moretownvt.org?" Karen Horn seconded.

Discussion ensued as to whether the motion was in order. It was ruled in order. Motion to amend was voted Ayes 43 Nays 16. Ayes have it.

Dan Zucker moved to add back in "Pursuant to 24 V.S.A Section 1682 (a)." to language of the motion. Beki Auclair seconded. Motion to amend. Ayes have it. Vote on main motion as amended Ayes 24 Nays 27. Nays have it.

- 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize its Select Board to borrow monies from the Savings Reserve Fund to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose, in lieu of borrowing from a bank for that purpose? The Savings Reserve Fund would be paid back in full by year end with tax revenue. Clarence Woods so moved, Gabe Gilman seconded. Discussion was had concerning the language of the article. Tom Horn made an amendment to change the word "would" to "shall", Brian Burgess seconded. Ayes have it. Vote on article as amended. Ayes have it.
- 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize its Select Board to use revenue in the Recreation Fund for maintenance or improvements of the Towns recreation fields and related events, at the discretion of its Select Board upon the recommendation of the Recreation Committee, or at the direction of the voters of the Town at a duly warned annual or special meeting? Steve Robbins so moved, and Gabe Gilman seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.

- 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize its Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed \$4,800 for the purchase of new radios to be used by its fire department? Voting to be by Australian Ballot. Polls open 7:00 am 7:00 pm. No Discussion.
- 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to help support the work of Capstone Community Action Inc., formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.?
 John Lynch so moved, seconded by Beki Auclair. Eliza Caine spoke in support of the program. Ayes have it.
- 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the work of Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired? Gabe Gilman so moved, and Chuck Burt seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.? Jesse Williams so moved, and Clarence Woods seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$350.00 to help support the work of the Washington County Diversion Program? Clark Amadon so moved, John Lynch seconded. Discussion was had as to why a program with state funding was asking for donations. According to information provided from the program they rely heavily on donations as well as state and grant funding. Ayes have it.
- 17. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the work of Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys & Girls Club? Gabe Gilman so moved, and Clarence Woods seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 18. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice? Clayton Wetzel so moved Jessie Williams seconded. Several community members spoke in support and from their own experience. Ayes have it.
- 19. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education? Clark Amadon so moved, seconded by John Lynch. A discussion was had as to why they were asking for funding when special education is part of the school budget. Several community members spoke in support. Ayes have it.
- 20. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the work of Good Beginnings of Central Vermont?
 Eliza Cain so moved, Beki Auclair seconded. Carrie Fryberg a representative from the organization spoke about the program. Ayes have it.
- 21. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the work of Family Center of Washington County? Clarence Woods so moved, and Eliza Cain seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.

- 22. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to help support the work of People's Health & Wellness Clinic? Eliza Cain so moved, Beki Auclair seconded. Ayes have it.
- 23. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter)? Eliza Caine so moved, Dick Valentinetti seconded. Eliza Cain made a motion to increase the amount to \$500, Catrina Brackett seconded. A discussion was had concerning if changing the amount was allowed. Steve Magill answered it was. Further discussion was had about the amount the increase should be. Jason Aronowitz moved to amend the amendment to \$300. Sandra Wetzel seconded. After some discussion the motion to lower the amount in the amendment failed. The original amendment of \$500 passed. Aye have it on the article as amended.
- 24. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the work of Home Share Now, Inc.?
 Dara Torre so moved, and Clarence Woods seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 25. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to help support the work of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont? Gabe Gilman so moved, and Chuck Burt seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 26. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the work of Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County? Beki Auclair so moved, and Clark Amadon seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 27. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to help support the work of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center? Dick Valentinetti so moved, and Eliza Cain seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 28. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to help support the work of the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens Center? Linda Bush so moved, and John Hoogenboom seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
- 29. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$4,999.00 to help support the work of the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center? John Hoogenboom so moved, Arlis Fuglie seconded. Carol Smith a representative from the organization to explain their needs. Ayes have it.
- 30. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to help support the work of Green Up Vermont? Clarence Woods so moved, and Gabe Gilman seconded. Clarence Woods spoke in favor. Ayes have it.

- 31. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 to help support Washington County Mental Health? Chuck Burt so moved, seconded by Steve Smith. A discussion was had concerning why they were asking for a donation when they have state funding. Ayes 23 Nays 19. Motion passed
- 32. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support Community Harvest of Central Vermont? Beki Auclair so moved, Gabe Gilman seconded. Ayes have it
- 33. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

 Topics of other business included the possible move of the Moretown Library to the Town Hall, Central Vermont Internet, suggestion of having a PA system for next Town meeting, Rt100B bridge project, sidewalk project, catch basin project and HUUSD. Tom Martin made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Cark Amadon. The meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.

Dated at Moretown, Vermont the 12 day of Mar	ch, 2018.
Cherilyn Brown Clerk	Steve Magill Moderator
Received and recorded this 12 day of March,	2018. A true copy.
Attest: Cherilyn Exoren	

2018 BALLOT RESULTS

SELECTMEN- 1 year term	Jason Aronowitz Tom Martin	258 298	SELECTMAN- 3 year term	Callie Streeter	283
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONE	E Y - 1 year term Cherilyn Brown	325	DELINQUENT TAX COLLEC	TOR - 1 year term Craig Eilers	313
TOWN GRAND JUROR - 1 y	ear term VACANT		AGENT TO PROSECUTE/DE	EFEND SUITS- 1 year	term VACANT
LISTER- 3 year term	Mike Woods	296	CEMETERY COMMISSIONE	R- 3 year term John S. Fulton	307
2nd CONSTABLE- 1 year term	m	VACANT	LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 year t	erm in Jennifer Hill	35
AUDITOR- 3 year term		VACANT	LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 1 year t	erm in Michelle Saffran	30
AUDITOR- 2 year term		VACANT	HUUSD DIRECTOR- 3 year t	erm Peter Langella	275
AUDITOR- 1 year term		VACANT	HUUSD ARTICLE VI (BUDG	E1 YES NO	1135 812
ARTICLE 6 (TOWN BUDGET		YES 276 NO 33	HUUSD ARTICLE VII (MAIN. RESERVE)	YES NO	1377 542
ARTICLE 12 (FIRE DEPT. RA	DIOS)	YES 278 NO 33			

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Lister	241-8200
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Town Treasurer	882-8121
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