

Town of Moretown, Vermont

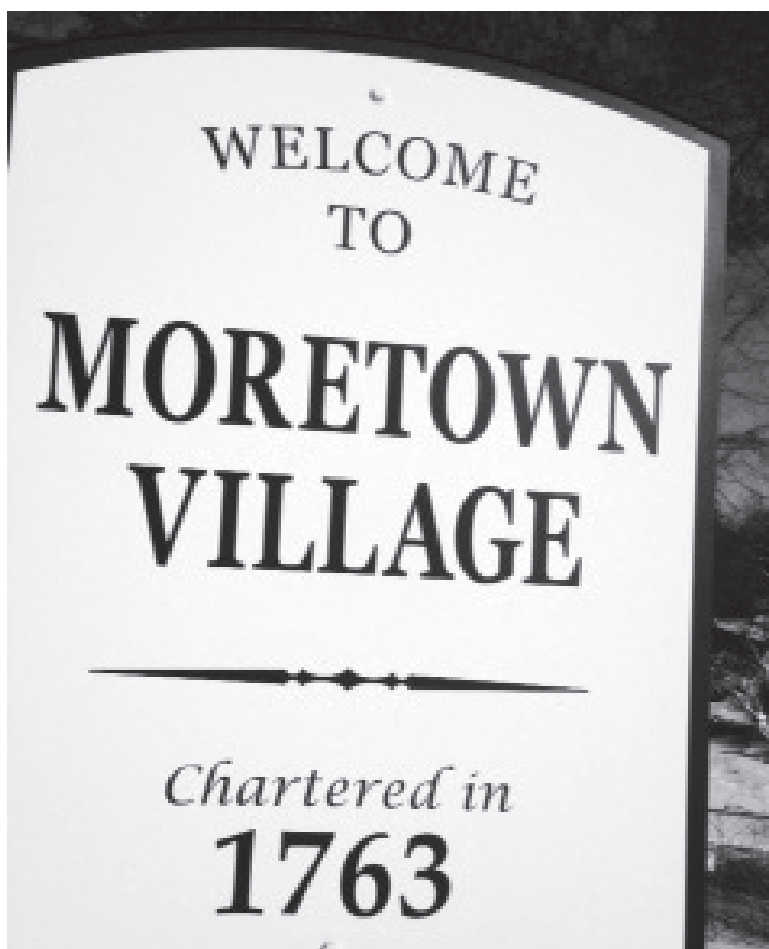


Annual Report of the Town
for the year ending December 31, 2014
and Town School District for the year ending June 30, 2014

TOWN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town meeting will be held at the Moretown Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served by the Moretown Historical Society.

Community Service reports not included in this report will be available as handouts at Pre-Town Meeting on March 2, at the Town Meeting, and at the Town Clerk's office on Kaiser Drive during regular business hours. This Annual Report and other community reports can also be found on our municipal website: www.moretownvt.org



Many local residents participate in Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator.....elect annuallySteve Magill
 Town Clerk.....3-year term expires 2017Cherilyn Brown
 Town Treasurer...3-year term expires 2017Cherilyn Brown
 Select Board
 1-year term expires 2015 Reed Karrow
 1-year term expires 2015 Tom Martin
 3-year term expires 2017 Rae Washburn
 3-year term expires 2016 John Hoogenboom
 3-year term expires 2015 Michelle Beard
 Tax Collector...elect annuallyCraig Eilers
 Constable.....2-year term expires 2015 David VanDeusen
 2nd Constable...1-year term expires 2015 Vacant
 Listers...3-year term
 Term expires 2017.....appointedMichael Woods
 Term expires 2016.....appointed Heather Raylinsky
 Term expires 2015 Deborah Feldman
 Auditors...3 year term
 Term expires 2017.....appointedRita LaRocca
 Term expires 2016 Dara Torre
 Term expires 2015.....appointed Heather Raylinsky
 Trustee of Public Money.....elect annuallyCherilyn Brown
 Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits...elect annuallyCherilyn Brown
 Town Grand Juror.....elect annually Shiela K. Getzinger
 Cemetery Commissioners...3-year term
 Term expires 2017 Mary Murphy-Blake
 Term expires 2016 Mark Austin
 Term expires 2015 John Fulton
 Library Trustees...5-year term
 Term expires 2019 Karen Sharpwolf
 Term expires 2018Meg Allison
 Term expires 2017..... appointed Laure Murphy
 Term expires 2016 Jennifer Tripp Mead
 Term expires 2015.....resigned Evelyn Goss
 School Directors:
 1-year term expires 2015.....appointed Gabriel Gilman
 1-year term expires 2015.....appointed Ron Shems
 3-year term expires 2017 Jim Burmester
 3-year term expires 2015 Kathryn O'Neill
 3-year term expires 2016Thomas T. Badowski
 Union District #19.....3-year term expires 2017Deborah Hunter
 Justices of the Peace...2-year term expires 2017
 John Schmeltzer, Steve Magill, Gerald Maynard, Rob Roberts
 Catherine Scribner, Ron Shems, David Tremblay

SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewers.....Raymond Seguin, Robert Wimble, Jonathan Siegel
 Town Hall Coordinator..... Becky Ciampi, Rae Washburn
 Tree Warden..... Eric Howes , John Hoogenboom/Alternate
 Fire Warden as appointed by State..... Eric Howes
 Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, WoodCharles Abare, Sr.
 Service Officer Deborah Feldman
 Health Officer.....Richard Valentinetti
 Town AttorneyGillies & Merriman; Woolmington
Campbell & Bernal; Jeff Hand
 Newspaper of Record..... Times Argus and/or Valley Reporter
 Mad River Resource AllianceJonathan Siegel, Doug Reed/Alternate
 Animal Control Officer Shane Grace
 E-911 CoordinatorJB Weir
 Solid Waste Officer.....JB Weir
 Zoning AdministratorJB Weir
 Select Board SecretaryCheryl Brown
 Grant ManagerCheryl Brown
 Energy Coordinator Jay Pilliod
 Emergency Management Chairman..... Michelle Beard
 Mad River Planning DistrictJohn Hoogenboom
 Web Administrator..... Steve Sharp
 Central VT Regional Planning Commission TAC Joyce Manchester
 Moretown Representative CVRPCDara Torre
 Investment CouncilDon LaRocca, Craig Eilers
(motion to disband (12/15/2014)).....John Hoogenboom
 CVSPAB CV State Police Advisory Board Bruce Johnsen
 Listers Mike Woods, Heather Raykinsky
 Auditors Rita LaRocca, Heather Raylinsky

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Select Board: 1st & 3rd Monday..... 6:00 p.m.
Planning Commission: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Development Review Board: Thursdays, as needed...6:30 p.m.
Fire Department: 1st & 3rd Tuesday.....7:00 p.m.
School Board:.....2nd Monday6:00 p.m.
Historical Society: 3rd Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees2nd Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.

TOWN OFFICE

Town Clerk Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mail: 19 Kaiser Drive

Waterbury, VT 05676

802 882-8218

E-mail: townclerk@moretownvt.net

WARNING FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MORETOWN AS A TOWN AND AS A TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 AT THE MORETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AT 7:00 P.M. FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE WARNING ESPECIALLY THE ISSUES TO BE VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Since all articles involving over \$5,000.00 are to be voted on by Australian ballot, it is important for voters to attend this informational meeting to discuss the following articles:

7. Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,221,773.00 necessary for the support of the school, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$1,062,837.00 for the support of the Town, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, 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.

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING
OF TOWN OF MORETOWN AS A TOWN AND AS A TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE HELD MARCH 3, 2015**

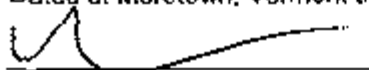
The inhabitants of the Town of Moretown who are legal voters in Town and Town School District meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Moretown Town Hall in Moretown Village on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters:

1. To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting of the Town and Town School District whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town and Town School District officers.
3. To cast ballots for Town and Town School District officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
4. To see if the Town will vote to have its current taxes paid to the Town Treasurer in one installment due and payable by midnight on October 30, 2015.
5. To see if the Town will vote to offer a discount on taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to set the tax warrant date on real property as November 2, 2015.
7. Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,221,773 necessary for the support of the school, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
8. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors of Moretown Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016?
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$1,062,837.00 for the support of the Town, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, 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.
10. 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, 2015 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the work of our children's sports activities (i.e. little league and soccer programs) at Couples Field in Waitsfield, Vt., thereby joining the other Towns in the Valley in support of maintaining Couples Field by The Couples Club Inc.?
12. 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.?
13. 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?

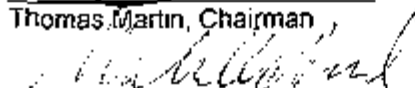
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the work of Washington County Youth Service Bureau / Boys & Girls Club?
16. 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?
17. 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?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of RSVP (Retired Senior and Volunteer Program)?
19. 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?
20. 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?
21. 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?
22. 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)?
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to help support the work of Home Share Now, Inc.?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to help support the work of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont?
25. 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?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to help support the work of OUR House of Central Vermont?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$945.00 to help support the work of Green Mountain Transit Agency?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the work of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center?
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help support the work of the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens Center?
30. 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?

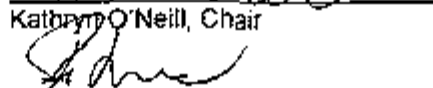
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown formally establish the Moretown Memorial Library as a municipal public library, allowing the Town to accept any bequest, devise, or donation for the establishment, maintenance and support of the library?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize the Selectboard to use the revenue in the Recreation Fund for the maintenance or improvement of the Town's recreation fields and related events, at the discretion of the Selectboard 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?
33. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

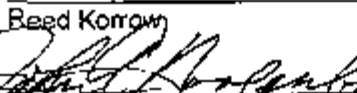
Dated at Moretown, Vermont the 27th day of January, 2015.


Thomas Martin, Chairman

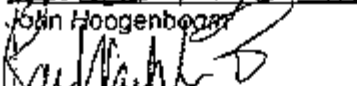

Kathryn O'Neill, Chair


Michelle Beard

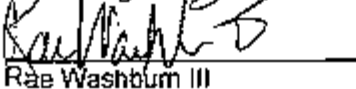

Ron Shems


Reed Korow


Thomas Badowski


John Hoogenboom


Gabriel Gilman

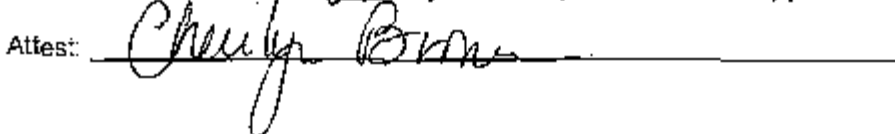

Rae Washburn III


Jim Burmester

Moretown Select Board

Moretown Board of School Directors

Received and recorded this 27th day of January, 2015. A true copy.

Attest: 

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MORETOWN, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN For 3 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	LISTER For 2 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	AGENT TO PROSECUTE DEFEND SUITS For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE SHEILA K. GETZINGER _____ _____ (Write in)
SELECTMAN For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE MICHELLE BEARD _____ TOM MARTIN _____ _____ (Write in)	LISTER For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE JOHN S. FULTON _____ _____ (Write in)
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE CRAIG EILERS _____ _____ (Write in)	LISTER For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE MIKE WOODS _____ _____ (Write in)	LIBRARY TRUSTEE For 3 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)
AUDITOR For 3 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE CHERYLYN BROWN _____ _____ (Write in)	LIBRARY TRUSTEE For 2 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)
AUDITOR For 2 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	CONSTABLE For 3 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	MORETOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than TWO GABRIEL M. GILMAN _____ RON SHERS _____ _____ (Write in)
SECOND CONSTABLE For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE _____ (Write in)	TOWN GRAND JUROR For 1 YEAR _____ Vote for no more than ONE SHEILA K. GETZINGER _____ _____ (Write in)	MORETOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR For 2 YEARS _____ Vote for no more than ONE KATHRYN O'NEILL _____ _____ (Write in)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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SELECT BOARD REPORT

The Select Board would like to take this opportunity to thank our employees, volunteers, appointees, and elected officials. It would be difficult to effectively operate the town without all of the hard work and dedication of each of you. The strong working relationship maintained between the Clerk/Treasurer and the Select Board ensures a seamless transition of information of which the Board is very grateful. Again, thanks!

We closed out 2014 with a deficit of \$330,075, due in part because General Fund expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$307,417. The deficit is primarily due to \$213,681 in expenditures related to a grant the Town received for the Moretown Mountain Road (Village Hill) reconstruction, for which only partial grant funds had been received at the close of 2014. The remaining factor is due to expenditures related to capital outlay for the new dump truck for which a large portion was financed, but the expenditure reflected the total outlay.

Municipal accounting does not allow for showing the off-setting revenues for expenses, causing some line items to falsely appear grossly over budget. For example: highway work was budgeted at \$29,000 and \$213,680.88 was actually spent. This was the Village Hill project that was paid from the highway fund and reimbursed by a grant. This surplus will be carried over to reduce the 2015 budget. All departments performed well with little deviation from budget.

We fully expect to begin construction of the new Town Office in the spring. The final floor plan and site evaluation drawings are available on the town website moretownvt.org. Phase 2 of the Village Hill reconstruction will also be completed. It is our intention to begin in late June; however, the start date is dependent on the funding source. We rely on grants for this work so the timing is not always convenient. In addition, the sidewalk project is moving along with completion in 2016. This is being funded with a grant from the VTrans Pedestrian & Bicycle Grant.

Tom Martin, Chair
Michelle Beard
John Hoogenboon
Reed Korrow
Rae Washburn

ROAD DEPARTMENT

2014 was a busy year for the Road Department. We accomplished numerous improvements to the overall road system in the form of ditching, culvert repair, culvert replacement, tree/brush removal, bank stabilization, guardrail repair/installation, sign installation/replacement, roadside mowing, grading, dust management, and road resurfacing. On top of this was the plowing, sanding, and equipment servicing and repair that needs to be done throughout the year.

Moretown Landfill allowed us 5,000 tons of their processed ledge material, which is a huge asset to the town. We would not be as far along with our resurfacing plans without their contribution of free material.

Material acquisition will be the single greatest hurdle to the continued maintenance of the town roadways. With the exception of the landfill material all others are trucked in. These trips have a roundtrip time approaching 1.5 hours per load. With almost 50 miles of roadway to maintain it will be a daunting task to keep them maintained with sufficient material to keep them in the same condition, say nothing about trying to improve them.

Some of the work done this year includes:

Ditching - Pony Farm Road, Freeman Hill Road, Common Road, Cobb Hill Road, Hathaway Road, Stevens Brook Road, Witham Road and Jones Brook Road

Tree and brush removal - Pony Farm Road, Freeman Hill Road, Common Road, Cobb Hill Road, Hathaway Road, Stevens Brook Road, Witham Road, Jones Brook Road, Fairground Road, Gallagher Acres, Bradley Road, Mountain Road, and South Hill Road

Culvert replacement - Pony Farm Road, Freeman Hill Road, Common Road, Cobb Hill Road, Hathaway Road, Stevens Brook Road, Jones Brook Road, Mountain Road, River Road

Resurfacing - Pony Farm Road, Freeman Hill Road, Common Road, Cobb Hill Road, Hathaway Road, Stevens Brook Road, Jones Brook Road, Mountain Road, Witham Road, Honan Road, Farnham Road, Fairgrounds, Gallagher Acres, River Road, and Howes Road

We also graded and used some reclaimed material on the following class 4 roads:

Lynch Hill, Salaki Road, Haupts Road, Williams Road, Cobb Hill Road, Bathenes Road, Herring Brook Road, and Bidwell Road

In April Rodney and I attended an evening technical training seminar on Air Drum Brake Diagnostics (maintenance and repair). This fall Thomas, Rodney and I attended an all-day seminar in Berlin on winter maintenance. Topics covered included safety, equipment preparedness, material application rates and new styles of equipment.

Although the Village Hill rebuild is an engineered design with the work being done by contractors, there was still a tremendous amount of time and effort that went into the design, bidding process and the actual construction project itself. The project is a major inconvenience for a lot of people, but in the end it will be worth it.

The road crew would like to thank the many people who helped us out this year. We received a lot of positive comments about the work we do, and some constructive criticism; both are welcome. Please feel free to contact the Road Department about any questions you may have.

Thank you,
Martin Cameron, Road Foreman
Rodney Huntoon
Thomas Maynard

ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

This report is intended to explain the Road Department budget overages for 2014. As most of you know, the town started a road rebuild project on Moretown Mountain Road on the paved section commonly known as the Village Hill. This project is possible because of a grant from the state of Vermont. This is a two-phase project, with phase 1 being completed in 2014 and phase 2 being completed in 2015, contingent on another grant from the State.

When the town budgeted for 2014, we did not know what the project would cost, or if it would be approved by the State. The cost of phase 1 was \$211,975.38, \$175,000 being covered by the state grant which was eventually approved, along with another \$4,000 being covered by a Better Back Roads grant. We will be able to budget for phase 2 as we have the expected costs for the coming year.

The entire cost of the Village Hill project is included in the Road Department's budget and does not reflect the 2 grants received. This creates a budget number for the Road Department that is very misleading.

Please know that the Road Department is very diligent in trying to provide a safe and effective road system while trying to keep operating costs as low as possible. In 2014 we came in under budget by a little over \$15,500 (excluding the grant project).

Martin Cameron, Road Foreman

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In 2014 the Moretown Planning Commission completed work on the five-year update of the Town Plan. With the help of a Municipal Planning Grant, the PC hired consultant Brandy Saxton, principal in PlaceSense, to guide us through the process. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Plan on October 14, 2014. With subsequent amendments, the plan was posted to the Moretown website in December. The Planning Commission will be presenting the Plan to the Selectboard for their approval, probably in February.

The Moretown Town Plan was prepared under the authority of 24 VSA, Chapter 117, The Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning Act (the “Act”). While towns are not required adopt a plan, those that do must include specific elements required in the Act (§4382). In addition, this plan also addresses the twelve general state planning goals also listed in the Act (§4302).

The Planning Commission’s objective was to get Moretown citizens involved, sharing ideas, and providing feedback on the work of re-writing the municipal plan. The draft Moretown Town Plan is a comprehensive, long-range plan for the town’s future. (It should be noted that while the Planning Commission is required to take a long term look at Moretown in the plan, the statute provides for an adopted town plan to be in effect for only five years – a short period of time given the work that goes into its preparation. This plan was prepared to:

- Identify many of the trends that have shaped the community’s history.
- Document current conditions regarding a variety of topics.
- Identify community values and aspirations, as defined by local citizens;
- Predict, to the extent practical, the factors that will influence change in the future.
- Set forth goals, policies and implementation strategies for realizing change in a manner that best reflects community values and achieves community aspirations.
- Incorporate all the required elements of a plan and goals of Title 24 Chapter 117, which regulates municipal and regional plans.

After the Selectboard adopts the Town Plan, the Planning Commission’s next task is to evaluate Moretown’s zoning regulations to assure that they are reflective of the newly adopted Plan. This will be the PC’s focus in 2015.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Moretown Planning Commission*

*Jonathan Siegel, Chair
Karen Horn
Rube Scharges*

*Deb Sargent
Dara Torre
Bridgette Remington, Alternate*

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

During 2014, the DRB met five times and conducted hearings on five separate applications. These included a subdivision modification; request for a variance from setbacks, and conditional use approval. In December 2014 an initial hearing was held for conditional approval of the Town of Moretown's application for a new Town Office in the Village, with the matter continued to February 4, 2015.

Individuals currently serving on the Board consist of the following:

John Riley, Chair
Erick Titrud, Vice Chair
David Russo
Jim O'Neill
Tom Badowski
Eric Howes, Alternate
Paula Mastroberardino, Alternate

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiyear projection or scheduling of Capital Projects that are classified as infrastructure costing \$5,000 and up. It prioritizes, within departments, construction projects, vehicle purchases, equipment purchases, building purchases, and maintenance of assets. The CIP estimates the costs of each project and identifies funding sources that should be used or are available, such as general fund, grants, notes, bonds, and reserves. It also established suggested implementation dates. A CIP assists in identifying needs and promoting regular maintenance of assets.

In conjunction with the CIP is the Capital Budget. The Planning Commission is charged with developing a 5 year Capital Budget to coincide with the CIP. As an off-shoot of the CIP, the Capital Budget prioritizes projects between departments. It also identifies expected expenditure amounts by year and the funds used to cover the expenditure. It ties in with the annual Town Budget each year.

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TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Clerk is responsible for providing numerous services to the general public and residents of Moretown, in addition to attorneys, surveyors, appraisers, and folks doing genealogies. The Town Clerk is further responsible for the maintenance, recording, indexing and storage of town records. These tasks are completed in a timely and accurate manner to insure that the information required is available when needed.

The Town Clerk's office also records Moretown births, deaths and marriages. Vital records are available as are all other public records at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Monday – Friday 7am – 3pm. Due to fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, vital records will not be published in the Town Report.

22- Births

11- Marriages

6- Deaths

The Town Clerk's office is still in our temporary office located at 19 Kaiser Drive. I would again like to thank the Moretown Landfill for the generous workspace they have provided for us.

We continue to work with ACS, our land record and town record recording system. To date all recorded documents dating back to 1792 have been digitized. Our goal for 2015 is to have all vital records recorded in a system that will make it easier for genealogy research.

2014 Audit Review was finalized by Pace & Hawley. Based on the review; they did not suggest making any modifications accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. A copy of the Audit is available in the Town Office for review.

Taxes can be paid online again this year at: <https://www.officialpayments.com/>

Town Meeting will be held at the Moretown Town Hall. Polls will be open from 7am-7pm. Our voter checklist has increased to 1,455. Hope to see you all there. Dog licenses will also be sold during this time. Please bring cash or check (we prefer a check).

We look forward to a busy and productive 2015. Thank you for your continued support.

Cherilyn Brown, Town Clerk & Treasurer
Sasha Elwell, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer
John Weir, Assistant Town Clerk

Email: townclerk@moretownvt.net
Clerk Phone: 802-882-8218
Treasurer Phone: 802-882-8121
Fax: 802-329-2221

OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES AS OF 12/31/14

Cherilyn Brown, Treasurer

2015 Dump Truck (\$103,626.44 August 19, 2014)

Due Merchants Bank	\$	103,626.44
Payment (pd)	\$	
Interest (%) pd	\$	
Principal Balance	\$	103,626.44

2004 Fire Station 2004 Issue (\$170,000 July 8, 2004)

Due Vermont Municipal Bond Bank	\$	35,000.00
Payment (pd) 10/20	\$	15,000.00
Interest (3.86%) 5/20 & 10/20 (\$1,344.50)		
Principal Balance	\$	20,000.00

2009 Town Garage Series (\$900,000 July 01, 2009)

Due Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - 2009 Series 1&2	\$	720,000.00
Payment (pd) 10/20	\$	45,000.00
Interest (4.21%) pd 5/20 & 10/20 (\$29,508.30)		
Principal Balance	\$	675,000.00

2009 Town Hall Capital Improvement Note (\$78,000 December 28, 2009)

Due Community National Bank	\$	49,964.44
Payment (pd) 12/18		7,637.77
Interest (3.5%) 12/18 (\$1,765.05)		
Principal Balance	\$	42,326.67

2014 Tax Anticipation Note LOC (\$154,000 May 19, 2014)

Due Merchants Bank (07/14/2014 transfer)	\$	154,000.00
Payment (pd) 12/24	\$	154,000.00
Interest (1.23%) (\$440.63)		
Principal Balance	\$	0.00

2012 Dump Truck (\$110,000 6/11)

Due Municipal Equipment Loan Fund	\$	36,666.67
Payment (6/16)	\$	36,666.67
Interest (2%) 6/16 (\$733.33)	\$	
Principal Balance	\$	0.00

2013 Flood Line of Credit (\$341,901.75 11/13)

Due Merchant's Bank	\$	292,746.40
Payment (FEMA 5/12/14)	\$	35,548.37
Interest (1.71%) 5/20 (\$2,525.69) 10/27 (\$2,205.07)		
Principal Balance	\$	257,198.03

TOTAL LOANS OUTSTANDING 12/31/14	\$	1,098,151.14
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SUMMARY REVENUE REPORT FOR GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDS

Prepared by: Cherilyn Brown, Treasurer

ACCOUNT	Estimated Revenue		ACTUAL 2014
TAX REVENUE			
Taxes-Current	\$	-	\$ 342,887.76
Delinquent Taxes	\$	83,250.00	\$ 214,586.72
Delinquent Taxes-Interest	\$	750.00	\$ 6,952.81
Hold Harmless/Current Use	\$	36,749.00	\$ 42,433.00
Educ Tax Refund-MES/HU	\$	48,610.00	\$ 48,610.70
NRA PILOT PAYMENT	\$	-	\$ 721.14
Municipal Tax Adj. pmt	\$	-	\$ 7,053.54
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$	169,359.00	\$ 663,245.67
TOWN OFFICE (VLCT Grant-Equip.)	\$	-	\$ 3,197.50
TOWN HALL	\$	2,000.00	\$ 1,440.00
LIBRARY (Donations and Grants)	\$	-	\$ 227.00
GENERAL TOWN REVENUE			
Misc. Income	\$	900.00	\$ 2,436.56
ANIMAL CONTROL REVENUE	\$	-	\$ 50.00
ZONING FEES	\$	2,700.00	\$ 5,772.40
DRB FEES	\$	2,300.00	\$ 1,195.00
TOWN CLERK FEES	\$	20,000.00	\$ 20,500.28
TREASURER REVENUE	\$	3,839.00	\$ 152,710.50
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUE	\$	5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
HIGHWAY REVENUE	\$	84,900.00	\$ 300,043.01
Misc. Highway	\$	-	\$ 511.70
Total General Fund	\$	291,498.00	\$ 1,156,829.62
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$	-	\$ 272.15
REAPPRAISAL FUND	\$	-	\$ 8,894.40
RECREATION FUND	\$	-	\$ 9.00
PLANNING GRANT	\$	3,798.00	\$ 7,596.00
CHARLES O'DAVIS FUND	\$	-	\$ 2,191.00
CEMETERY FUND	\$	-	\$ 3,476.35
SAVINGS RESERVE FUND	\$	-	\$ 519.77
PRESERVATION OF LAND RECORDS I	\$	-	\$ 1,604.00
HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND	\$	126,346.00	\$ -
TOWN OFFICE FUND	\$	-	\$ 3,920.50
CHILDRENS DEERYARD FUND	\$	-	\$ 32.06
FEMA 2011 FUND	\$	279,694.00	\$ 143,429.37
2014 SIDEWALK PROJECT FUND	\$	-	\$ 891.00
Total All Funds	\$	701,336.00	\$ 1,329,665.22

COMPARATIVE BUDGET EXPENSE REPORT

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TOWN OFFICE	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Custodial Services	-	-	250.00
Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00	3,545.75	2,500.00
Equipment Lease-Copier	2,016.00	2,124.16	2,200.00
Telephone	2,500.00	2,774.64	2,500.00
Online Access	200.00	31.80	-
Postage	2,500.00	1,921.02	2,500.00
Land Records Book	1,000.00	634.02	1,000.00
Supplies/Expenses	3,000.00	3,528.41	3,500.00
Electricity	500.00	-	-
Heating Fuel	500.00	-	-
Equipment Purchase	3,900.00	7,407.51	6,900.00
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE	\$ 18,116.00	\$ 21,917.31	\$ 21,350.00
TOWN HALL			
Custodial Wages	700.00	1,084.73	1,000.00
Fica/Medi	55.00	138.32	75.00
TH Restor/Planning	-	5,676.67	-
Building Maintenance	1,500.00	5,430.39	1,500.00
Telephone	-	175.00	500.00
Supplies/Expenses	250.00	745.24	250.00
Electricity	750.00	726.93	750.00
Heating Fuel	3,000.00	4,583.92	3,000.00
Debt Retire-Capital Imp.	7,628.00	7,637.77	7,899.00
Debt Retire-Capital Inter	1,775.00	1,765.05	1,503.00
TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$ 15,658.00	\$ 27,964.02	\$ 16,477.00
LIBRARY			
Librarian Pay	10,148.00	9,803.08	10,549.00
Asst. Librarian Pay	4,426.00	4,370.38	4,426.00
Fica/Medi	1,115.00	1,080.34	1,115.00
Rental Port-o-let	-	-	1,140.00
Building Maintenance	-	-	200.00
Equipment/ Maintenance	180.00	45.78	180.00
Telephone	1,030.00	1,042.15	1,100.00
Training/Mileage	180.00	237.21	200.00
Memberships	350.00	350.00	350.00
Supplies	250.00	247.46	300.00
Postage	240.00	324.87	275.00
Electricity	575.00	454.75	575.00
Heating Fuel	1,200.00	1,093.51	1,320.00
Books Periodicals Etc	2,500.00	2,623.76	2,500.00
Purchases thru Donation	-	584.48	-
Performer Grant	-	100.00	-
RESOURCE SHARING GRANT		50.00	-

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LIBRARY cont.	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Programming Expense	100.00	112.10	100.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 22,294.00	\$ 22,519.87	\$ 24,330.00
TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS			
Election Officials Pay	2,000.00	1,048.26	1,000.00
Fica/Medi	150.00	166.69	90.00
Print/Publication/Expncs	3,400.00	4,063.72	2,300.00
Meals	-	-	100.00
TOTAL TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 5,278.67	\$ 3,490.00
TOWN REPORTS			
Postage/Labeling	450.00	376.22	400.00
Printing	2,900.00	2,950.00	2,900.00
TOTAL TOWN REPORTS	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,326.22	\$ 3,300.00
GENERAL TOWN EXPENSES			
Misc. Expense - General	600.00	1,433.85	1,200.00
Unemployment	645.00	297.00	638.00
Legal: WSI/MLI	-	1,117.46	-
General Legal	5,000.00	4,015.20	5,000.00
Law Enforcement/Sheriff	3,000.00	3,695.91	-
Washington County Tax	16,500.00	16,081.00	16,460.00
Liabi/Multi-Peril/Work Co	44,565.00	43,225.00	50,167.00
Website expense	4,500.00	5,520.00	900.00
FICA/MEDI	310.00	413.10	400.00
HRA	-	6,761.57	8,750.00
Street-Flags	936.00	936.46	500.00
Charter Sign	2,000.00	530.00	-
Disaster Recovery-NEMRC	650.00	546.36	600.00
Street Lights	3,500.00	3,871.34	4,000.00
Flood Exp. LOC interest	2,500.00	4,730.76	2,500.00
Tax Antic. Note-Interest	500.00	430.25	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 85,206.00	\$ 93,605.26	\$ 91,615.00
MEMBERSHIPS			
Montpelier Ambulance	11,270.00	11,468.00	11,870.00
CVEDC Dues	800.00	800.00	800.00
Central Vt Regional Plan	1,824.00	1,823.80	1,850.00
VLCT Dues	2,674.00	2,674.00	2,700.00
MRRM Alliance	4,560.00	4,560.00	5,000.00
Northern VT Resource	100.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 21,228.00	\$ 21,425.80	\$ 22,320.00
TAX COLLECTOR			
Fica/Medi	500.00	1,014.56	750.00
Supplies/Expenses	-	125.00	250.00
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,139.56	\$ 1,000.00

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CONSTABLES	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Constable Pay	300.00	-	300.00
Fica/Medi	50.00	-	50.00
Supplies/Expenses - 1st	150.00	-	-
Supplies/Expenses - 2nd	150.00	-	-
TOTAL CONSTABLES	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00
HEALTH OFFICER			
Supplies/Expenses	50.00	6.49	50.00
TOTAL HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.49	\$ 50.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
Animal Control Officer Pay	1,000.00	255.00	1,000.00
Fica/Medi	75.00	19.51	75.00
Expenses	300.00	265.00	300.00
Mileage	100.00	49.16	100.00
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 588.67	\$ 1,475.00
AUDITORS			
Auditors Pay	900.00	714.46	1,000.00
Fica/Medi	70.00	54.65	70.00
CPA/Bookkeeping Svc	13,900.00	14,937.50	5,500.00
Supplies/Expenses	50.00	47.40	50.00
TOTAL AUDITORS	\$ 14,920.00	\$ 15,754.01	\$ 6,620.00
LISTERS			
Consultant Pay	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
Listers Pay	1,600.00	3,251.25	4,800.00
Fica/Medi	125.00	212.87	384.00
Fica/Medi - Consultant	-	35.88	30.00
Computer Support	600.00	-	-
Update Tax Maps	5,000.00	4,849.12	20,000.00
Postage	75.00	128.23	100.00
Mileage	500.00	-	200.00
Supplies/Expenses	700.00	752.13	750.00
Mapping Software	1,000.00	-	-
Computer/Digital Equip.	500.00	-	-
TOTAL LISTERS	\$ 17,900.00	\$ 17,029.48	\$ 34,064.00
BCA			
Legal Services/Expenses	75.00	-	75.00
Mileage	100.00	-	100.00
Abatement sup/exp	25.00	6.11	-
TOTAL BCA (TAX APPEALS)	\$ 200.00	\$ 6.11	\$ 175.00
ZONING			
Zoning Administrator Pay	15,000.00	13,245.54	23,000.00
911 Coordinator Pay	500.00	370.86	-
Fica/Medi	1,150.00	1,041.64	2,000.00
Supplies/Expenses/Print	400.00	445.84	500.00

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ZONING cont.	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Expenses-911 Coord.	150.00	156.44	-
TOTAL ZONING	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 15,260.32	\$ 25,500.00
PLANNING COMMISSION			
Postage	50.00	-	50.00
Printing/Advertising	300.00	-	300.00
Supplies/Expenses	50.00	-	50.00
Planning Grant/Town share	1,200.00	7,160.59	-
TOTAL PLANNING COMMISSION	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 7,160.59	\$ 400.00
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD			
Secretary Pay	750.00	-	-
Fica/Medi	60.00	-	-
Postage	50.00	26.50	-
Printing/Advertisement	1,500.00	404.65	1,000.00
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 431.15	\$ 1,000.00
CEMETERIES			
Contracted Mowing	7,750.00	7,750.00	7,750.00
Maintenance	500.00	-	500.00
Administrative Expenses	200.00	-	200.00
Supplies/Expenses	100.00	-	100.00
Cleaning Stones	800.00	-	800.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 9,350.00
TOWN CLERK			
Town Clerk Pay	33,263.00	34,542.72	34,095.00
Health Insurance	8,250.00	7,589.38	11,235.00
Fica/Medi - Town Clerk	2,500.00	2,618.05	2,650.00
Municipal Retirement	2,050.00	2,264.92	1,833.00
Expenses - Town Clerk	300.00	300.00	300.00
Dog Licenses	1,000.00	132.25	1,300.00
Marriage Licenses	250.00	-	250.00
Assistant Town Clerk	11,700.00	11,996.25	11,993.00
Fica/Medi - Asst Twn Clrk	800.00	851.71	850.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$ 60,113.00	\$ 60,295.28	\$ 64,506.00
TREASURER			
Town Treasurer Pay	8,316.00	8,635.68	8,524.00
Fica/Medi - Town Treasure	650.00	653.05	700.00
Municipal Retirement	515.00	-	458.00
Expenses - Treasurer	500.00	454.55	500.00
Training/Membership	500.00	300.00	300.00
Assistant Town Treasurer	7,280.00	7,591.52	7,462.00
Fica/Medi - Asst Treas	600.00	597.06	600.00
TOTAL TREASURER	\$ 18,361.00	\$ 18,231.86	\$ 18,544.00

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SELECTBOARD	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Selectboard Pay	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fica/Medi Selectboard	100.00	194.48	200.00
Postage	-	-	50.00
Supplies/Expenses	250.00	302.04	250.00
Town Administrator	41,579.00	43,178.40	43,619.00
Health Insurance/HSA	12,365.00	10,263.39	11,235.00
Disability Insurance-SBAs	500.00	535.68	500.00
Fica/Medi - Selectbd Clrk	3,200.00	3,303.19	3,200.00
Municipal Retirement Ref/R	2,500.00	2,298.90	2,500.00
TOTAL SELECTBOARD	\$ 62,994.00	\$ 62,576.08	\$ 64,054.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
FIRE STATION			
Stipend	-	-	4,500.00
Dispatching Service	7,500.00	8,939.76	12,000.00
Building Maintenance	2,000.00	531.12	1,500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,580.27	1,200.00
Supplies	500.00	521.78	500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	903.63	800.00
Heating Fuel	2,500.00	4,898.02	3,000.00
TOTAL FIRE STATION	\$ 14,900.00	\$ 17,374.58	\$ 23,500.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT			
Radio Repairs/Maintenance	1,000.00	458.79	1,000.00
Supplies/Expenses	7,000.00	8,350.20	7,000.00
Gas/Diesel - FD	300.00	251.96	300.00
Matching Grant	-	3,197.50	-
TOTAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 12,258.45	\$ 8,300.00
FIREMEN			
Training	2,000.00	-	500.00
Expenses	1,000.00	-	400.00
Mileage	-	57.20	200.00
TOTAL FIREMEN	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 57.20	\$ 1,100.00
FIRE VEHICLES			
Maintenance and Repairs	3,000.00	1,132.67	7,000.00
TOTAL FIRE VEHICLES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,132.67	\$ 7,000.00
FIRE WARDEN			
Expenses - Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00
TOTAL FIRE WARDEN	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES: FIRE			
Waterbury	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

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DEBT RETIREMENT: FIRE	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
F.S.-Muni Bond '04	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
F.S.-Muni Bond '04-Int	1,532.00	1,344.50	886.00
TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT: FIRE	\$ 16,532.00	\$ 16,344.50	\$ 15,886.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 48,482.00	\$ 49,917.40	\$ 58,536.00
TOWN HIGHWAYS			
HIGHWAY CREW			
Highway Crew Pay	125,000.00	130,970.16	130,225.00
Health Insurance	28,850.00	25,050.08	23,095.00
Disability Insurance	650.00	495.60	500.00
Fica/Medi	9,552.00	9,995.57	9,802.00
Municipal Retirement	5,731.00	6,732.98	6,900.00
Uniforms	2,000.00	2,050.63	2,100.00
Misc. Expense/Mileage	-	455.99	500.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY CREW	\$ 171,783.00	\$ 175,701.01	\$ 173,122.00
HIGHWAY CONTRACTED SERVICES			
Sidewalk Maintenance	2,000.00	-	2,500.00
Blasting	2,500.00	1,057.50	2,500.00
Highway Surveys	1,000.00	2,297.50	1,000.00
Road Commissioner Pay	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 8,500.00
HIGHWAY WORK			
Sidewalk Work	-	5.65	-
Highway Work	29,000.00	213,680.88	29,000.00
Cobb Hill Rd	-	285.10	-
Freeman Hill Rd	-	595.00	-
Mountain Rd Repaving	-	956.25	-
Hathaway Rd.	-	559.40	-
Pony Farm Rd.	-	1,770.24	-
Tarts Rd	-	189.00	-
TOTAL HIGHWAY WORK	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 218,041.52	\$ 29,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES			
Signs	1,500.00	1,911.99	1,500.00
Chloride	10,000.00	10,937.58	10,000.00
Class IV Road Maint. Sup/	3,000.00	-	1,000.00
Gravel	32,500.00	24,336.37	32,500.00
Other - Hay Seed	1,000.00	840.15	1,000.00
Salt	4,500.00	3,955.61	4,500.00
Sand	57,500.00	55,300.00	57,500.00
Stone	3,000.00	732.36	3,000.00
Culverts	15,000.00	16,370.72	15,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 114,384.78	\$ 126,000.00
TOWN GARAGE			
Trash Removal	-	-	1,000.00

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TOWN GARAGE cont.	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Building Maintenance	2,000.00	660.00	2,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	-	1,160.00	-
Telephone	1,500.00	1,800.68	1,500.00
Supplies/Expenses	3,000.00	3,205.86	3,000.00
Welding Expenses	500.00	704.63	500.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,551.94	1,500.00
Propane	-	9,375.54	-
Heating Fuel	6,000.00	-	8,000.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 18,458.65	\$ 17,500.00
VEHICLES/HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT			
Total Highway Equipment	2,000.00	-	-
Vehicle Parts & Supplies	-	61.21	-
2001 International	25,000.00	16,798.54	3,000.00
2015 International	3,000.00	11,742.75	1,000.00
2007 International	3,000.00	7,518.99	3,000.00
2011 Chevy PU Truck	200.00	2,031.69	200.00
All Trucks	500.00	1,383.91	500.00
Grader	3,000.00	6,050.60	3,000.00
Loader	1,000.00	2,288.39	1,000.00
Excavator	3,500.00	5,983.08	3,500.00
JD-sidewalk tractor	-	330.41	500.00
All Equipment	500.00	1,812.26	500.00
Chains	2,000.00	800.00	2,000.00
Tires	6,000.00	5,363.50	6,000.00
2012 Mack truck	1,000.00	4,119.52	3,000.00
Wear Items	-	-	6,000.00
Town Pay Accid (Deduct)	-	2,039.75	-
Miscellaneous Equipment	-	1,496.96	-
Gas Diesel Oil	54,500.00	54,566.46	54,500.00
TOTAL VEHICLES/HWY EQUIPMENT	\$ 105,200.00	\$ 124,388.02	\$ 87,700.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT & TOOLS			
Wrecker charge	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,000.00
Mowing Roadsides	6,000.00	5,600.00	6,000.00
Maintenance	500.00	29.95	500.00
Rentals & Leases	-	369.10	500.00
Supplies/Expenses	1,500.00	899.14	1,500.00
Purchases	-	164.90	-
Radio Equipment	500.00	-	500.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY & EQUIPMENT & TOOLS	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,113.09	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL TOWN HIGHWAYS	\$ 465,983.00	\$ 662,442.07	\$ 451,822.00
DEBT-RETIREMENT-HIGHWAY			
2012 Dump Truck	37,400.00	36,666.67	-
Garage-BondBank 2009 Prin	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00

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DEBT-RETIREMENT-HIGHWAY cont.	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
2012 Dump Truck Interest	735.00	733.33	-
Town Garage-Loan Interest	29,510.00	29,508.30	28,316.00
2015 Mack Dump Truck	22,617.00	156,403.12	34,542.00
2015 Mack Dump Interest	-	-	651.00
TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT-HIGHWAY	\$ 135,262.00	\$ 268,311.42	\$ 108,509.00
OTHER ARTICLES & EXPENSES			
Battered Women's Services	-	200.00	-
Centl Vt Council on Aging	-	950.00	-
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	-	1,200.00	-
Central Vt Community Actn	-	400.00	-
Central Vt Home Health	-	3,500.00	-
Family Ctr of Wash County	-	500.00	-
Good Beginnings of Ctl VT	-	300.00	-
Mad River Valley Sr. Citi	-	1,000.00	-
Peoples Health & Wellness	-	700.00	-
Prevent Child Abuse VT	-	400.00	-
Retired Senior Volunteers	-	200.00	-
Sexual Assault Crisis Tea	-	150.00	-
VT Assoc for Blind & Vis	-	500.00	-
Washington Cty Youth Svcs	-	150.00	-
Waterbury Area Senior Cit	-	2,500.00	-
Town Events	-	-	1,000.00
Home Share Now Inc.	-	415.00	-
Highway/Town Share	-	-	28,000.00
Sidewalk/Town Share	-	-	5,000.00
New Town Office 2014	40,000.00	-	-
Xfers to other funds	-	120,000.00	-
TOTAL OTHER ARTICLES & EXPENSES	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 133,065.00	\$ 34,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,068,802.00	\$ 1,516,002.64	\$ 1,062,837.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ (1,068,802.00)	\$ (1,516,002.64)	\$ (1,062,837.00)

Town of Moretown
Statement of Modified Cash Basis Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances
Governmental Funds as of December 31, 2014

Prepared by:
Cherilyn Brown, Treasurer

	ASSETS							
	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Savings Reserve Fund	Bridge & Culvert Fund	Office Flood Insurance Reserve	Sidewalk Fund	Highway Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds
Cash	\$20,187.23	\$38,224.74	\$606,962.85	\$0.00	\$85,594.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,337.70
Investments/LOC	1,500.00	121,835.31	507,788.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114,923.43
Due from Other Funds	(56,418.30)	0.00	0.00	75,035.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	(15,546.93)
TOTAL ASSETS	(\$34,731.07)	\$160,060.05	\$1,114,751.08	\$75,035.08	\$85,594.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,714.20
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
LOC	\$257,198.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$257,198.03
Due to School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities	38,146.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,161.66	5,114.31	0.00	46,422.12
Total Liabilities	\$295,344.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,161.66	\$5,114.31	\$0.00	\$303,620.15
Fund Balances/(Deficit):								
Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,831.94
Committed	0.00	160,060.05	1,114,751.08	75,035.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,759.71
General Fund	(2,904.48)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assigned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82,432.55	0.00	0.00	(55,877.45)
Unassigned	(327,170.77)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(5,114.31)	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Balances	(330,075.25)	160,060.05	1,114,751.08	75,035.08	82,432.55	(5,114.31)	0.00	107,714.20
Total liabilities and Fund Balances/(Deficit):	(\$34,731.07)	\$160,060.05	\$1,114,751.08	\$75,035.08	\$85,594.21	\$0.00	\$ -	\$107,714.20
								\$ 1,508,423.55

Town of Moretown
Statement of Modified Cash Basis Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances
Other Governmental Funds as of December 31, 2014

Prepared by:
Cherilyn Brown, Treasurer

ASSETS	Reappraisal Fund	Preservation Land Records Fund	Recreation Fund	Childrens/ Deeryard Fund	Planning Grant	Capital Imp. Town Hall Fund	Permanent Cemetery Funds	FEMA 2011 August	Total
Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,337.70		\$8,337.70
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,147.80	0.00	0.00	50,775.63		\$114,923.43
Due from Other Funds	27,362.71	6,357.99	3,759.71	0.00	0.00	2,072.52	2,850.11	(57,949.97)	(\$15,546.93)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$27,362.71	\$6,357.99	\$3,759.71	\$64,147.80	\$0.00	\$2,072.52	\$61,963.44	(\$57,949.97)	\$107,714.20
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Due to Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Due to School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balances/(Deficit):									
Restricted	\$27,362.71	\$6,357.99	\$0.00	\$64,147.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,963.44	0.00	\$159,831.94
Committed	0.00	0.00	3,759.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,759.71
Assigned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,072.52	0.00	0.00	2,072.52
Unassigned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(57,949.97)	(57,949.97)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit):	\$27,362.71	\$6,357.99	\$3,759.71	\$64,147.80	\$0.00	\$2,072.52	\$61,963.44	(\$57,949.97)	\$107,714.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$27,362.71	\$6,357.99	\$3,759.71	\$64,147.80	\$0.00	\$2,072.52	\$61,963.44	(\$57,949.97)	\$107,714.20

REVENUE/EXPENDITURES REPORT OF OTHER FUNDS FOR 2014

Prepared by Cheryl Brown, Treasurer

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Interest Income	\$	32.03
Interest NSB CD	\$	240.12
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	272.15
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	30,300.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE	\$	(29,727.85)

SAVINGS RESERVE FUND

Interest Income (519.77 & 8,079.89)	\$	8,599.66
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	8,599.66
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	291.66
TOTAL SAVINGS RESERVE	\$	8,308.00

BRIDGE AND CULVERT FUND

TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	22,578.33
TOTAL BRIDGE & CULVERT FUND	\$	(22,578.33)

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Per parcel payment	\$	8,502.50
PVR Educational Funding RES	\$	391.90
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	8,894.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-
TOTAL REAPPRAISAL	\$	8,894.40

PRESERVATION LAND RECORDS

Fees-Preservation of L. R.	\$	1,604.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	1,604.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	408.75
TOTAL PRESERVATION LAND RECORDS	\$	1,195.25

RECREATION

Donations	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	9.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-
TOTAL RECREATION	\$	9.00

CHILDRENS DEERYARD FUND

Interest-income	\$	32.05
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	32.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		0
TOTAL CHILDREN DEER FUND		32.05

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND

2014 HWY Reserve from State of VT to cover portion of bridge expense	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL HIGHWAY RESERVE	\$	-

REVENUE/EXPENDITURES REPORT OF OTHER FUNDS FOR 2014

Prepared by Cheryl Brown, Treasurer

CEMETERY

Lot Sales	\$	700.00
Interest Income Lot Fund CO	\$	474.15
Interest Lot Fund	\$	5.87
Interest Perpetual Care CO	\$	1,124.87
Interest Perpetual Care	\$	1.15
Burial Fees	\$	300.00
Misc. Revenue	\$	870.31
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	3,476.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	344.45
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$	3,131.90

CHARLES O DAVIS

Interest income	\$	12.85
Interest income CO	\$	2,178.15
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	2,191.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	3,272.17
TOTAL CHARLES O DAVIS	\$	(1,081.17)

2011 FLOOD

Reimbursement Insurance	\$	1,577.14
Reimbursement FEMA & State	\$	141,842.23
Transfer from General Fund	\$	10.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	143,429.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	4,041.45
TOTAL 2011 FLOOD AUGUST	\$	139,387.92

TOWN OFFICE FLOOD INS. REIM.

H/MGP Grant	\$	2,903.82
Interest Income	\$	48.71
TRDC-25% HMGP	\$	967.94
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	3,920.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	78,114.80
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE FLOOD INS. REIM.	\$	(24,194.30)

LIBRARY

Donations	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$	-

PLANNING GRANT/MTN RD/TOWN PLAN

HUD Grant	\$	7,596.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	7,596.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	7,596.00
TOTAL PG/MTN RD/TP	\$	-

SIDEWALK PROJECT

TOTAL REVENUES	\$	891.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	5,005.31
TOTAL SIDEWALK PROJECT	\$	(5,114.31)

GRAND LIST TAX TOTALS

Moretown 2014 Billed Grand List
Tax Book Report
*** GRAND TOTALS ***
Submitted by: Cherilyn Brown, Treasurer

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESI

TAXABLE PARCELS	885		
ACRES	24,465.65		
LAND	85,746,800		
BUILDING	151,156,700		
REAL	236,903,500	135,313,400	101,590,100
Add			
(+) NON-APPROVED CONTRACTS		0	369,800
(+)EQUIPMENT	228,000		228,000
Subtract			
(-)VETERAN	400,000	400,000	0
(-)CURRENT USE	16,010,374	4,644,316	11,366,058
(-)CONTRACTS	369,800	0	369,800
(-)SPECIAL EXEMP.		0	24,620

GRAND LIST	2,203,513.26	1,302,690.84	904,274.22
HOMESTEAD	167,498,500		
HOUSESITE	144,743,900		
LEASE	1.00		
NON-TAX COUNT	24		
NON-TAX VAL.	4,234,900		
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY:			3,271.21
RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST = TOTAL RAISED

NON-RESIDENTIAL ED	1.4717		900,576.22 1,325,378.01
HOMESTEAD ED.	1.648		1,302,690.84 2,146,384.58
MUNICIPAL	0.2629		2,203,513.26 579,302.65
TOTAL TAX			4,054,786.45

DELINQUENT TAX STATEMENT as of 12/31/2014

2010-14 Total Collections:	\$214,586.72
Interest:	6,952.81
Total remitted to Treasurer:	\$221,539.53

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX LIST as of 12/31/2014

Aldrich, Boyd	Lamson, Harry & Jerri-Lynn
Austin, Mark & Patricia	Longchamp, Steven & Louise
Austin, Robert & Kari	Lord, Richard & Peggy
Barrows, David	Martin, Patricia
Bushey, Larry & Jessica	Nevin, Christopher & Karen
Buska, Donald & Barbara	Peterson, Walter & Stacey
Cajun Properties	Reagan, Sandra
Cawly, Robert & Patricia	Schoolhouse, Inc.
Doyle, Lucas	Shephard, Kris & Lisa
Elliott, Michael & Robin	Sherman, Irene
Farnham, Robert & Pamela	Stauff, Gerald Jr.
Foggy Mountain LLC	Sumner, Lawrence
Gallagher, Dale	Swinchoski, Robert & Kristina
Horsman, Ann	Truskauskas, Wayne & Shelly
Kafer, Lynn	Wimble, Carl
	Wimble, Robert
Davidson, Keith	<i>due to bank escrow error</i>
Demingware, Gloria	<i>due to State Tax Department</i>
Lewis, Trevor	<i>due to bank escrow error</i>
Walker, William	<i>due to bank escrow error</i>

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect.

- A. As soon as the warrant has been received, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest owed.
- B. **Only payment arrangements that will pay the bill in full before the due date of next year's bill will be accepted.** Special circumstances will be considered.
- C. Partial payments will be applied proportionally between the outstanding tax, interest and penalty payments due.
- D. When a tax payment is received by the town, either for a full or partial tax payment, said payment will always be applied to the most outstanding tax balance due, either delinquent or current. No exceptions will be allowed to this.
- E. **If the amount due is less than \$500** and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made, or if the prior payment agreement has not been met, the tax collector can file a complaint with small claims court.
- F. **If the amount due is \$500 or more** and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made, or if the prior agreement has not been met, the tax collector can begin the following actions to conduct a tax sale of the property or as much of the property as is necessary to pay the tax, plus costs and fees:
 - a. The collector will notify the taxpayer and all mortgage and lien holders of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
 - b. If the deadline date has passed and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with a tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. & 5252.
 - c. Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
- G. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. & 1535.
- H. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any and all methods permitted by law.

Craig Eilers
Collector of Delinquent Taxes - Town of Moretown, Vermont

ZONING PERMITS

2014 Zoning Permit Applications:

46 total permit applications (1 denial, 3 continued into 2015)

42 total permits issued

- 14 single-family residences (includes 1 apartment, 1 reconstruction, 1 camp)

- 16 accessory structures (such as garage, porch, deck)

- 0 amendments

- 6 subdivision (1 pending)

- 2 change in use (1 denied)

- 5 signs

- 1 other (Town Office)

- 2 home industry/home occupation (1 pending)

Since July of 2013, John Weir has served as Zoning Administrator. Subsequently, most of the permit forms and applications have been revised. They can be viewed and downloaded at: <http://www.moretownvt.org/laws-andordinances/permits-licenses/>.

The permitting fee schedule has also been updated and can be viewed at: <http://www.moretownvt.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/12/Permit-Fee-Schedule.pdf>.

Although a large amount of original permits issued between 1996 and 2007 were lost due to Tropical Storm Irene, copies of those permits had been stored off-premises. Those copies have been restored to the parcel files in the office of the Zoning Administrator.

Contact Information for Moretown Zoning Administrator:

John Weir

zoning@moretownvt.net

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MORETOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014, the Moretown Memorial Library was pleased to provide a variety of valuable resources to the community while improving our services and seeing an increase in usage.

At year end, the library had a total of 6801 items in its collection. These items included books for all ages and interests, audiobooks, DVDs and passes including reduced entry to the ECHO museum and free day passes to Vermont State Parks, Vermont Historical Sites and the Vermont Historical Museum. Public computers, wireless access and copy/printing/scanning resources were provided at the library. Online resources, such as Vermont Online Library (which includes millions of full-text articles from magazines and newspapers, business services, job-hunting resources and foreign language courses) Listen up! Vermont (downloadable audio and eBooks) Heritage Quest (genealogical resources) and Universal Class (free online classes with continuing education credits) were accessible from our website. One-on-one technology training ranging from using email to creating blogs to uploading audio books on devices was provided by our staff. For the resources we did not have at our library, we were able to access all Vermont public, school and college collections through our interlibrary loan system and have those resources mailed to us. The library was also used as a meeting space, a community center, an after school hang out and a welcome center to new residents and visitors.

The library once again provided valuable programming for the community in 2014. Sixty-nine programs were held in 2014 with 810 people attending. This programming included: Homebound deliveries, preschool story times, Dorothy Canfield Fisher and Red Clover book talks for the elementary school children, "We love our patrons" Valentine's day in which treats were given out and romantic fiction was displayed, a raffle for a Mad River Libraries tote during National Library week, "See the Baby bunnies" on Easter weekend, an after school knitting club, the annual Halloween trick or treat and book giveaway, writer's workshops and American Red Cross babysitter training with the Mad River Valley Libraries.

The summer reading program national theme was science-based in 2014. Our programming was held in July and included "What's that sound" and "Does it float" storytimes, "Touch the Fire Truck" with the Moretown Fire Department and making pop-up books. We won a grant in the amount of \$100 that allowed us to invite back Mr. K Exordium Adventures. He thrilled the audience with "Mysteries of Science." The summer reading program also included the following programs sponsored by the Friends of the Moretown Memorial Library: the kick off party, "Action Origami" with Gail Martin and the wrap up party.

Additional programs sponsored by the Friends of the Moretown Memorial Library included the Mad River Valley Libraries presentation by Circus Smirkus founder Rob Mermin and a digital photography workshop series for adults led by a Moretown artist, Michelle Saffran.

The library was thrilled to receive a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Robert DiYeso Charitable Trust. This donation is intended for programming. Programs sponsored by the Robert DiYeso Charitable Trust in 2014 included, a digital photography workshop series for teens by Michelle Saffran, "Native American Thanksgivings" with storyteller Michael Caduto, "Songs of Mid Winter Holidays" with Mary-Ann and Susan and a visit from Mrs. Claus during the winter holidays.

The Trustees dedicated much time to making the library a more welcoming space in 2014.

They painted the interior, put up new curtains, and put up coat hooks and mats in the entryway. They also had general repairs made to the facility, such as covering a basement window to prevent leaks, replacing the rotting wood above the front door and adding glass to the interior door.

The library had an overall increase of usage 2014. We had 2582 visits and 6014 items were circulated, which rose from 2437 and 5570, respectively. We fulfilled 104 interlibrary loan requests and sent 78 items to other libraries. Listen up! Vermont, an online resource which provides free downloading of audio books and eBooks to our patrons, rose sharply from 291 checkouts in 2013 to 439 in 2014. Our Vermont Online database usage also increased from 79 sessions in 2013 to 224 in 2014. At the end of 2014, we had 432 patron cards issued. These cards represent active patrons and some are “family cards” in which more than one patron uses them.

We received general donations totaling \$77 this year. This money was raised through our book sale shelf and donation cans. In 2014, we used donation money to purchase adult and juvenile books. For more information on donations please see the Treasurer’s report.

We would like to thank the following volunteers who helped run our library: Tom Allen, Helen Banevicius, Dan Bromberg, Carol Chamberlin, Kelly Collar, Chris Costello, Deborah Feldman, Maria Javanainen, Kristin Geoghegan, Rick Haynes, Jamie Wimble and Chris Young. We would also like to thank all of the community members that donated their time, expertise and money to the library this year.

See you at the Library!
Lisa A. Samsom
Library Director



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Library Hours:
Monday: 3-7pm
Tuesday: 10am-6pm
Thursday: 3-7pm
Friday: 10-1pm
Saturday: 10-1pm

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT



Please refer to the Town Treasurer's report for the Library's revenue and expense report.

Checking Account

Balance as of January 1, 2014	\$10,000.00
Receipts:	\$5,000
Donation from the Robert DiYeso Charitable Trust	
Expenditures:	
Building Maintenance	\$955.00
Facility Improvements	\$642.57
Portable Toilet	\$761.50
Programming	\$736.87
Supplies	\$18.76
Total Expenditures:	\$3,114.70
Balance on December 31, 2014.....	\$11,885.30

CD Account; G. Parker Trust Fund

Balance as of January 1, 2014	\$1,103.25
Interest earned 2014	\$6.63
Balance as of December 31, 2014.....	\$1109.86

Donations to the Library; all funds deposited with the Town:

2013 Balance	\$1,093.25
2014 Donations received	\$77.00
Total Available Donations	\$1,170.25

Expenditures

Materials (Books, Audio Books, DVDs, etc.)	\$584.48
Total Donations Expended:	\$584.48

Donations Remaining for 2015: \$585.77

Thank you to the Robert DiYeso Charitable Trust for its generous donation.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Tripp Mead, Moretown Memorial Library Treasurer

MORETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After the planning and carrying out of the 250th anniversary of Moretown's charter celebration last year, this year was fairly quiet in comparison for the Historical Society.

We served lunch at the annual Town Meeting, were involved with the craft/vendor weekend where local crafters, specialty food makers and businesses sold their products or promoted their organizations. The Historical Society was also represented at the annual Methodist Women's Christmas Bazaar, where we sold our T-shirts, books, booklets, mugs, etc.

The Historical Society along with the town, purchased two "Welcome to Moretown Village" signs which have been installed at either end of the village area.

We have started a quarterly newsletter and have put out four issues. They contained some interesting and fun facts about the town we live in. The latest consisted of Moretown trivia questions. One idea for a future newsletter would be stories about the Town Hall, featuring memories of events that took place there. If anyone has any memories that they would like to share to be included in the newsletter, please contact any of the Historical Society members.

As we move into 2015 we are making plans for upcoming events. Bingo has begun and is held at the Town Hall (downstairs) on the first Saturday of each month. Doors open at 5:30 and play begins at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments are available. Come and join the fun.

Plans are being made for a spaghetti supper to be followed by a dance featuring the band *Big Hat, No Cattle*. Watch for more news on this.

Town Meeting Day will find us again in the kitchen serving up a delicious lunch.

Another project that we hope to accomplish this year is clearing and cleaning up the Honan School site. It has been neglected for many years and we feel that we need to make the site more appealing. Anyone who would like to help with this project please let us know.

The Society continues to assist people with genealogy and other historical questions to the best of our ability.

Thanks go out to everyone who supported the Historical Society in the past year. Thank you to all who have donated pictures and memorabilia. Thank you to Bill Wilcox for once again allowing us to decorate the gazebo for the holiday season and providing electricity. And thanks to Clarence and Marge Wood for furnishing the tree.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

MORETOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE

On May 31, 2014, the Moretown Energy Committee in partnership with the Elementary School, PTN, Library, Fire Department, and Methodist Church hosted the first “Spring into Moretown” community festival. This successful event included an energy fair, car wash, yard sale, barbeque, bike sale, live music and food. Each of these various activities served as a fundraiser for each of the various organizations. The energy fair brought in over 15 vendors representing a variety of businesses specializing in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and locally-sourced food and products. A highlight for the kids was the “smoothie bike” that used bicycle power to whip up fruit smoothies all day. Face painting and other activities for the kids were also popular. A big “thank you” goes to all the many folks and businesses that donated time, money, and participated to help make this a successful event. There is talk of repeating this idea of an annual community event in the spring as a nice way to kick-off summer for the town, so stay tuned.

For 2015, the Energy Committee is focusing on the town buildings, school, and streetlights, looking for additional ways to improve the energy efficiency of town infrastructure and further reduce the town’s energy bill and greenhouse gas emissions. We are also considering some fun and educational community events, such as another community festival planned for later this spring. Watch for more information on this and other events soon. If you are interested in getting more involved, or have ideas to share about our energy and climate challenges, please let us know. Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to participate in our monthly meetings. You may contact Jay Pilliod at jpilliod@veic.org to be added to our email list and learn about upcoming opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Pilliod, Moretown Energy Coordinator
Karen Horn
Jerry Cassels
Steve Sharp
Jonathan Siegel
Duane Pierson

SIDEWALK/SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE



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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 21, 2015
To: Dara Torre, Moretown Sidewalk Committee
From: Pat Travers, Moretown Local Project Manager
Subject: Update on Moretown Village Sidewalk Improvement Project

Over the past year, much progress was made on the Moretown Village Sidewalk Improvement Project. On May 1, 2014, the town issued a request for proposals for a Local Project Manager to oversee this undertaking for the town. Three proposals were received from interested firms on May 28, 2014. Upon conducting interviews with all of the proposers, Mr. Pat Travers from Staff Sterling Management of Morrisville was chosen to serve as Moretown's Local Project Manager.

The first major task taken on by Travers was to solicit services for an engineering firm to design the new sidewalk and related facilities, which will run along the east side of Route 100B, from the northern Hurdle Road intersection to the intersection with the Moretown Mountain Road. On September 23, 2014 a request for proposals for engineering design services was issued and on October 16th, four proposals were received by the town. A five-person selection committee was formed to review and critique the proposals. Upon much discussion and deliberation, on October 29, 2014 the selection committee opted to award the sidewalk design contract to Lamoureux and Dickinson of Essex Junction. Doug Henson is that firm's appointee to work with the Town of Moretown.

The initial set of conceptual design drawings was completed by Lamoureux and Dickinson on January 15, 2015. They depict a five-foot wide concrete sidewalk butting up against a new concrete curb to be placed along the edge of Route 100B. At the January 20, 2015 Select Board meeting, a public hearing was held to present the pre-conceptual design and gather input from the public. The design plans are available for review at the town office.

Over the balance of 2015, a conceptual set of drawings will be finalized with another public hearing scheduled to present this updated design. Acquisitions of rights-of-way will also proceed later this year and design drawings should be finalized by December. It is anticipated that an invitation for construction bids will be issued during early 2016 with construction of the new sidewalk taking place during the spring or summer of 2016.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me.

MORETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Moretown Volunteer Fire Department had another wonderful year. Our membership roster is currently at 26, and we are always looking for new members who want to give back to the community of Moretown. The Fire Department underwent numerous training events in 2014. Those trainings include Firefighter I, Haz-Mat Operations and we did a Joint Fire Hydrant Training with the Waitsfield Fire Department. The Fire Department also did some good fund raisers to include the Annual Pig Roast. The Fire Department takes great pride in the training that we receive. We had a total of 45 calls for the year 2014 and they are as follows:

- 2 Structure fire
- 9 Motor vehicle accidents
- 10 Mutual aid calls
- 2 Ambulance assist
- 5 Carbon monoxide calls
- 2 Grassland/Forest fire
- 6 Other fire related incidents
- 9 ,Non-fire related incidents

We appreciate all the donations and support we have received this past year. Please remember we are here to help and serve you in the time of need. If you would like to join please contact:

Chief Stephen Smith or any of the following officers at (802) 496-3254

- 1st Asst. Chief Will Houghton,
- 2nd Asst. Chief Jordan Champney
- Captain Ryan Grandfield
- Lieutenant Stefan Pratt
- Lieutenant Shawn Graves

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the Fire House.

Thank you,

Chief Stephen Smith
Stay Safe!



MORETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Checking Account Balance as of 1/01/2014 \$8,959.71

Receipts:

Donations	\$4,857.00	
Total Receipts		\$4,857.00

Disbursements:

Equipment	\$4556.84	
Food/Beverage	1,034.61	
Office/Administrative	145.50	
Waste Management	364.75	
Total Disbursement		\$6101.70

Ending Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/2014 \$7,715.01

Savings Account Balance as of 1/01/2014 \$500.92

Receipts:

Interest	0.18	
Deposit	500.00	
		\$500.18

Ending Saving Account Balance as of 12/31/2014 \$1,001.10

Total Funds Available 12/31/2014 **\$8716.11**

Becky Ciampi, Treasurer



CHARLES O. DAVIS FUND

Statement of Fiduciary Funds as of December 31, 2014

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash	\$ 11,269.34	
Investments	61,419.29	
Due To From Other Funds	<u>5,206.12</u>	
Total Assets		<u><u>\$77,894.75</u></u>

Liabilities & Fund Balance

Reserved - restricted	<u>77,894.75</u>	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		<u><u>\$77,894.75</u></u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Revenue

Interest/Investments	<u>\$2,191.00</u>	
Total Revenue		\$ 2,191.00

Expense

Donations	<u>\$3,272.17</u>	
Check Supplies		
Total Expense		<u><u>3,272.17</u></u>
Net Change in Fund Balance		<u>-1,081.17</u>
Fund Balance January 1, 2014		<u>78,975.92</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		<u><u>\$77,894.75</u></u>

The Charles O. Davis Fund is a little known and under used asset to our community. This community fund is available to any Moretown couples, 65 or older, who are living together, or are in the process of moving in together. It can be used to help buy winter fuel, to better insulate their home, to help with medical bills, buy groceries, or any number of other expenses. This fund is there to support our older couples, and to help better their continuing independence and security later in life. If you and your partner are 65 or older and would like to apply, or if you know a couple you would like to recommend, please contact a member of the Select Board or our Town Service Officer, Cheryl Brown. All nominations and applicants are anonymous.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

During 2014 three burials took place at Mountain View Cemetery. We sold one lot at Mountain View and also had the fences cleared of weeds and vines by Vermont Corrections personnel in October.

Waterbury American Legion Post #59 has continued its kind donation of American flags to mark our veterans' graves. As always, if anyone knows of a veteran currently interred in one of our cemeteries that doesn't have a flag, please contact one of the commissioners so that we can properly mark the grave and update our cemetery data base.

Early in 2015, the commissioners will be advertising/warning for a new mowing contract. Eric Howes once again continued his dedication and good work during 2014 keeping our cemeteries in good shape.

The commissioners also gave permission to the Moretown Historical Society to place a Welcome to Moretown sign by the Village Cemetery.

Once again, we were faced with a major repair to the Village Cemetery fence. We researched acquiring insurance for this type of incident but found that though the insurance is relatively cheap, the deductible would cost the same as the average repair bills have been over the last 3-4 incidents.

Work continues on getting our cemetery records computerized.

Respectfully submitted by your Cemetery Commissioners:

John S. Fulton
Mary Murphy-Blake
Mark Austin

CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement as of December 31, 2014

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Lot Fund Money Market	\$ 6,047.58	
Lot Fund CD	15,056.23	
Perpetual Care Savings	2,290.12	
Perpetual Care CD	34,594.53	
Due To From Other Funds	2,850.11	
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>\$ 61,963.44</u>

Liabilities & Fund Balance

Lot Fund Balance	\$ 21,103.81	
Perpetual Care Fund Balance	38,009.52	
Due To From Other Funds	2,850.11	
<u>Total Liabilities & Fund Balance</u>		<u>\$ 61,963.44</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Revenue

Lot Fund Sales	\$ 700.00	
Lot Fund Interest	<u>480.02</u>	
Total Lot Fund Revenue		\$ 1,180.02
Perpetual Care Lot Sales	\$ 0.00	
Perpetual Care Interest	<u>1,126.02</u>	
Total Perpetual Care Revenue		1,126.02
Burial Fee	\$ 300.00	
Insurance Claim Proceeds	<u>\$ 870.31</u>	
		1,170.31
<u>Total Revenue</u>		\$ 3,476.35

Expense

Lot Fund Expense		
<u>Total Expense</u>		<u>344.45</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance		\$ 3,131.90
Fund Balance January 1, 2014		<u>58,831.54</u>
<u>Fund Balance December 31, 2014</u>		<u>\$ 61,963.44</u>

TOWN AUDITORS' REPORT

For the year ended December 31, 2014, we completed a brief review of year-end financial statements and bank balances, as well as some transactional tests of disbursements. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports in this Town Report reflect the overall year-end financial position of the town. Pace & Hawley, LLC conducted a single audit of town financial statements for 2013; the results of that audit are available in the Town Office. For 2014, they completed a review of financial statements for 2014 (not a full audit).

The latest Pace & Hawley report is available in the Town Office and on the town website (www.moretownvt.org). One of the recommendations from the review, to develop an investment policy, has been completed. The review also suggested the town develop a policy to guide usage of the different fund classifications (restricted, committed, assigned, unassigned). The report states that the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted in the United States, the modified accrual basis of accounting, is not utilized by the town. Moretown instead uses the cash-modified basis of accounting.

The records of the Library fund and the Moretown Volunteer Fire Department have been audited by Town Auditors.

The Moretown School District Report was audited by an independent public accountant. We have relied on their report for inclusion without further review on our part. In 2012 the Legislature changed town auditors' duties, VT Leg 281020.1 section 129 page 24, V.S.A.1681. Town auditors' duties do not include school district or Moretown's MECA's financial records.

Please share any comments you have on this report or questions you may have on the role of a locally-elected auditor with us at moretownauditors@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dara Torre
Rita Larocca
Auditors

Mad River Resource Management Alliance

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

(802) 244-7373 / fax (802) 244-7570

January 11, 2015

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance(MRRMA) includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Northfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes. Northfield and Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2014, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events, one at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 10, 2014 and one at the Northfield Fire Station October 4, 2014. A total of 549 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 6.8% of our population. We collected over 1,423 gallons, 43,831 pounds and 4,028 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides **and** up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) or up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps. We are again planning two collection day events in 2015, one at Harwood Union High School and one at the Northfield Fire Station. They are scheduled for May 9 and October 3, 2015.

A total of 178 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2014. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station, and the Northfield Transfer Station.

Both Grow Compost of Vermont and the Central Vermont Solid Waste District collected food scraps and food processing residuals that have been diverted from the Washington West Supervisory Union school waste streams and other large generators in the MRRMA. A total of 126.5 tons of the food scraps and processing residuals were composted at the Grow Compost of Vermont facility in Moretown. The Alliance textile recycling program is located at the "Amish Barn" adjacent to the driveway at the Moretown Town Office on Route 2. You can bring all your clean clothing, linens, plush toys and shoes to this site at no charge. A total of 3.03 Tons were collected in 2014. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site. Composting workshops and displays were done in Moretown, Northfield and Waitsfield. A Trash on the Lawn Day was held at the Northfield Middle and High School.

The eighteenth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 79 compost bins and 18 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Nineteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2014. A total of 9.02 tons of tires and ~1 ton of metal were collected during this event. In the fall Alliance residents participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 25, 2014. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 2, 2015. In the fall, the Alliance will again coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station, the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury or the Northfield Transfer Station. During 2014 more than 29 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues.

Currently we are drafting the new Solid Waste Implementation Plan(SWIP) to be compatible with the Vermont Materials Management Plan and the new Universal Recycling Act. The draft will be attached to our website and you are invited to participate in the development and implementation of the SWIP.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY 15 assessment for the administrative and program costs is \$4.00 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Duxbury; Diane Lynch; Fayston, Bob Vasseur; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Northfield, Ruth Ruttenberg; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Cindi Jones; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance. This year Ed Steele, the Waterbury Representative to the Alliance since its inception retired from the board. We thank him for his long term commitment to the MRRMA.

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE - BUDGET

			Budget
INCOME			2015
			\$4.00
Town Assessments Per Capita	(\$4.00)		
Based on :	2010 Population		
Duxbury	1337		5348
Fayston	1353		5412
Moretown	1658		6632
Northfield	6207		24828
Roxbury	691		2764
Waitsfield	1719		6876
Warren	1705		6820
Waterbury	5064		20256
Subtotal Assessment	19,734		78936
MLF Education			0
Subtotal Education Income			0
Household Hazardous Waste:			
MLF HHW			0
Ag. Pest. Grant			7,500
Small Quantity Generators			2,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant			12,881
Subtotal HHW Income:			22,881
Miscellaneous Income:			
Compost Bins			3,250
Tires			1,500
Electronic Waste			0
FEMA HHW Flood Reimbursement			0
Subtotal Misc. Income			4,750
Total Income:			106,567
EXPENSES:			
Administration:			
Administration:	783 hours		29,754
Travel/Office			1,000
Insurance			1,218
Solid Waste Manager Association			1,283
Subtotal Administration:			33,255
Education:			
Administration	444 hours		16,872
Travel/Office			500
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing			7,500
Educational Programs			4,000
GreenUp/Website/Special Events			2,000
N.R.R.A. Membership			180
Conference			600
Product Stewardship Institute			300
Subtotal Education			31,952
Household Hazardous Waste:			
Administration	275 hours		10,450
Travel/Office			1,000
HHW Contractor			26,000
Subtotal HHW:			37,450
Misc. Expenses:			
Equipment Maintenance			150
Tire Collection			1,000
Electronic Waste			0
Compost Bins			1,892
Subtotal Miscellaneous:			3,042
TOTAL EXPENSES:			105,699



REPORT FROM THE MORETOWN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide information to the members of the Moretown School Community about our educational programs and associated costs. The 2015-2016 school year proposed budget represents an increase in expenditures at 4.2% as compared to our current operating budget. The school board and staff continue to pursue opportunities to entice more families with children to call Moretown their home. Examples of these continued initiatives include- providing all day child care for 3-4 year old students, offering an after school program, and a summer recreation program through our successful MECA (Moretown Education Center for All) program. Other enhancements to our core education program include a year long STEM program (science technology, engineering at Moretown) for grades 4 - 6, continued support of our ECO program for grades K - 3, our integrated technology program supporting a 1:1 device ratio for students grades 3 - 6 and the professional support of our first -rate school staff. We continuously look for ways to improve our school and strive to give all of our stakeholders a voice in its future.

As we developed the proposed budget we considered three major areas of focus used as a guide to support our mission statement- these are: Climate, Communication, and Curriculum. We reviewed our past successes and challenges within the three C's as we developed our budget to support growth and innovation within these areas for the upcoming school year. Some highlights within the 3 C areas are:

CLIMATE

- Continued use of our building for community events and celebrations.
- Continued use of our student led/developed school wide assembly program.
- Continuation of our MECA (Moretown Education Center for All) serves over 40 students on a daily basis including: a full time/year round day care center, afterschool services and a four week summer camp for students grades K – 6. The MECA program is a self-sustaining tuition based program.

COMMUNICATION

- Publication of a student/adult partnered school newspaper the “Moretown Messenger”.
- Publication of a monthly “Principally Speaking” administrative newsletter.
- Classroom updates and news from individual educators/classes listed on our website.
- Improved School Website at — www.moretownschool.com

CURRICULUM

- Continuation of our 1:1 computer program that places a netbook/chromebook in the hands of each student grades 3-6.
- Participation in the Vermont Rural Partnership – a nonprofit organization supporting student voice and community/school partnerships.
- Continuation of connecting our curriculum to community partners to support meaningful and relevant educational experiences through the service learning process.
- Continuation of our ECO program (Educating Children Outdoors)
- Implementation of curriculum that is founded on Proficiency Based Learning benchmarks grades K - 12.
- Increase attention on our educational support services system to assist students struggling with literacy and math basics.
- Preparation for the implementation of the new state accountability assessments (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)
- Continuation of our STE@M program (Science, Technology, Engineering at Moretown)
- Continuation of meaningful and engaging teacher directed residencies and field trips

On behalf of the Moretown School staff, students and administration we thank you for your continued support and feedback.

Respectfully submitted,
Duane Pierson, Principal

Moretown Elementary Staff – proposed for 2015-2016

(Please note that all school staff are Highly Qualified under the state and federal requirements)

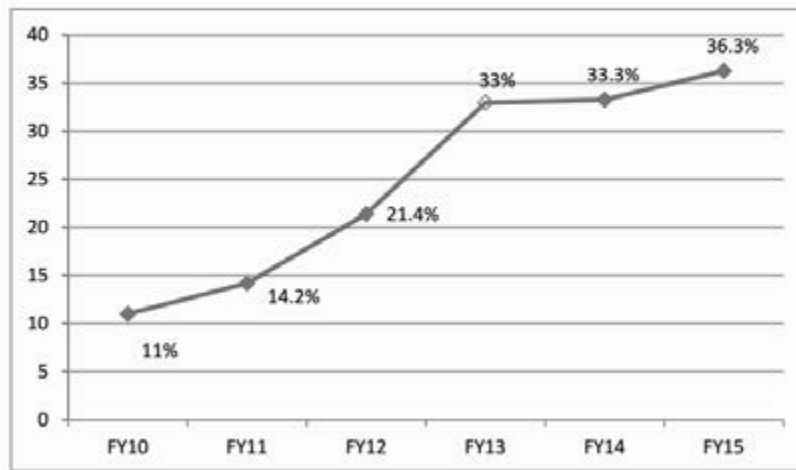
Preschool Teacher	0.8 FTE	(Jenny Lyle)
Kindergarten	1.0 FTE	(Brenda Hartshorn)
Grade 1/2	1.0 FTE	(Pam Down)
Grade 1/2	1.0 FTE	(Karen Cingiser)
Grade 3	1.0 FTE	(Patty Riccardi)
Grade 4,5	1.0 FTE	(Terry Hopper)
Grade 5,6	1.0 FTE	(Diana Puffer)
Intervention educator	0.4 FTE	(Deb Fadden)
Special Educator	1.0 FTE	(Sara Baker)
Special Educator	0.5 FTE	(Anne Cassels)
Speech Language Therapist	1.0 FTE	(Kelly Poulin)
Nurse	0.8 FTE	(Kathy Mackey)
Art Teacher	0.4 FTE	(Lisa Harvey)
French	0.4 FTE	(Erika Lindberg)
Music Teacher	0.4 FTE	(Michael Close)

Physical Ed Teacher	0.4 FTE	(Ally Bataille)
Librarian	0.6 FTE	(Meg Allison)
Technical Integration	0.2 FTE	(Meg Allison)
Maintenance Foreman	1.0 FTE	(Greg Wagner)
Pre-K Instructional Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Loretta DiMario)
Instructional Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Jan Gillen)
Instructional Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Lisa Shephard)
Instructional Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Becky Auger)
Instructional Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Polly Moore)
Instructional Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Cheryl Lunblad)
Administrative Assistant	1.0 FTE	(Pam Washburn)
Principal	1.0 FTE	(Duane Pierson)
MECA Director	Full Time	(Moie Moulton)
Youth Educator	Full Time	(Jessica Woodard)
Youth Educator	Full Time	(Becki Lovely)
Youth Educator	Part Time	(Patty Kirpan)
Youth Educator	Part Time	(Carol Ann Labbe)
Door Monitor/Support	Part Time	(Zoe Pierson)

Moretown Elementary School Enrollment Data (as of January 2015)

Grades	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Students	22	16	15	14	13	15	15	14	124
									(2014 = 117)
									(2013 = 128)
									(2012= 121)

Moretown Free and Reduced Lunch Data Over Time



Information about the health and social well-being of Moretown's children as compared to other primary schools in our Supervisory Union

Moretown Students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch program	36.6%
Fayston Students	12.0%
Warren Students	40.0%
Waitsfield	28.0%
Thatcher Brook	21.0%
State Average for Free and Reduced Lunch program	40.67%

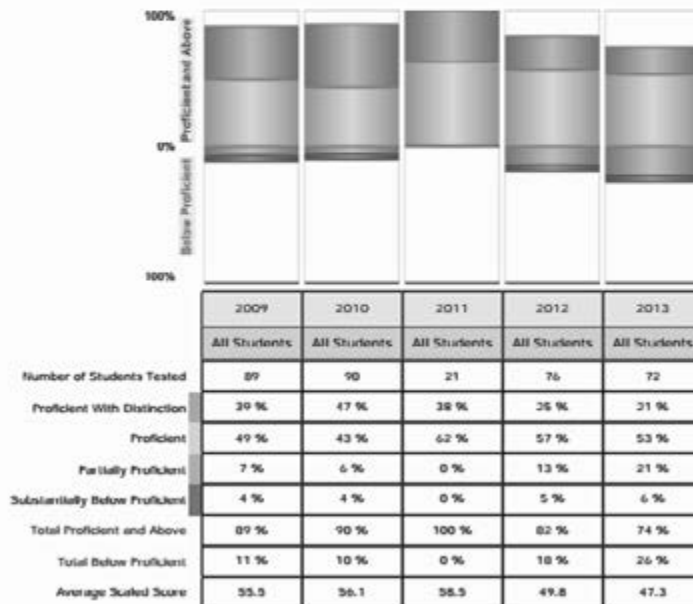
Recent Moretown Performance Results

2014 - The Moretown School did not make Yearly Adequate Progress for the first time in the areas of Reading and Mathematics for all subgroups. Under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), as of 2014, if only one child in your school does not score as “proficient” on state tests, then your school must be “identified” as “low performing” under federal law. This year, every school whose students took the NECAP tests last year is now considered a “low performing” school by the US Department of Education. A small group of schools were not affected by this policy this year because they helped pilot the new state assessment and so did not take the NECAPs last year. Because these schools had their federal AYP status frozen at 2013 levels, eight schools are not yet identified as low performing by federal criteria. However, had these school taken the NECAPs as well, it is likely that every single school in the state would have to be classified as “low performing” according to federal guidelines.



NECAP Assessment Report

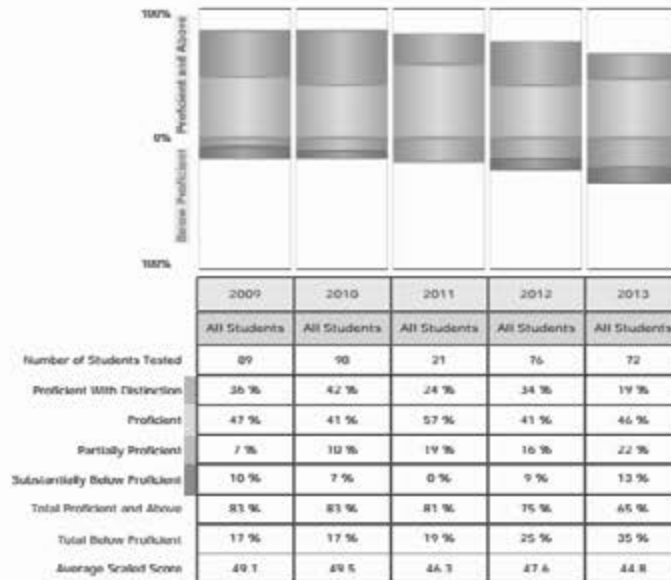
Organization:	Moretown Elementary School
Teaching Year:	2012-2013
Test/Subject:	NECAP Reading Grades 3-8
Breakdown:	Across all the grades tested, how did our students do?
Comparison:	Over Time?



The NECAP Math, Reading, and Writing tests are administered in October and measure student achievement of Grade Expectations for previous school years. NECAP Science tests are administered in May and measure student achievement of Grade Expectations in current and previous school years. District assessment data are for the accountability LEA which is either the town or union school district.

NECAP Assessment Report

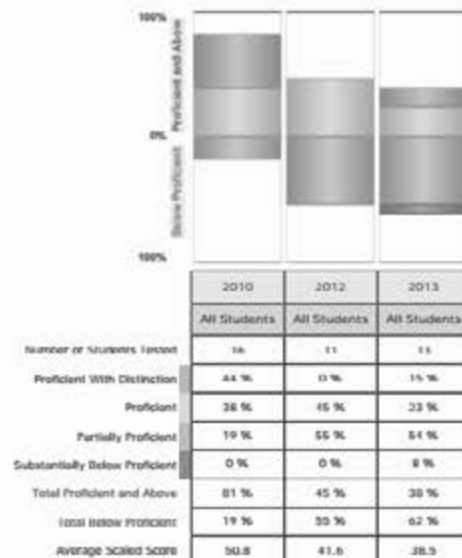
Organization:	Moretown Elementary School
Teaching Year:	2012-2013
Test/Subject:	NECAP Math Grades 3-8
Breakdown:	Across all the grades tested, how did our students do?
Comparison:	Over Time?



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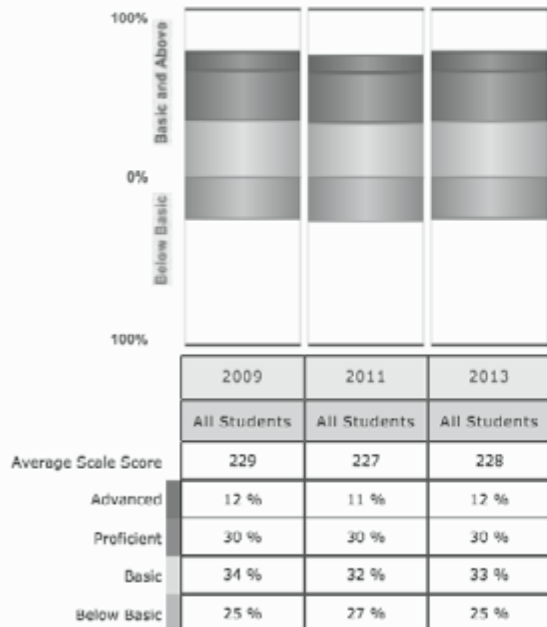
Organization:	Moretown Elementary School
Teaching Year:	2012-2013
Test/Subject:	NECAP Writing Grade 5
Breakdown:	Across all the grades tested, how did our students do?
Comparison:	Over Time?



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NAEP Report

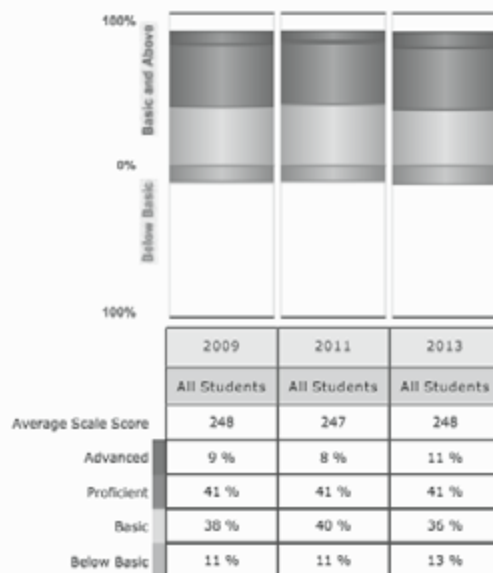
Organization:	State of Vermont
Teaching Year:	2012-2013
Test/ Subject:	NAEP Reading Grade 4
Breakdown:	Across all the grades tested, how did our students do?
Comparison:	Over Time?



NAEP Report

The Moretown School's Complete Assessment and Demographic Information can be found on the Agency's of Education Website.

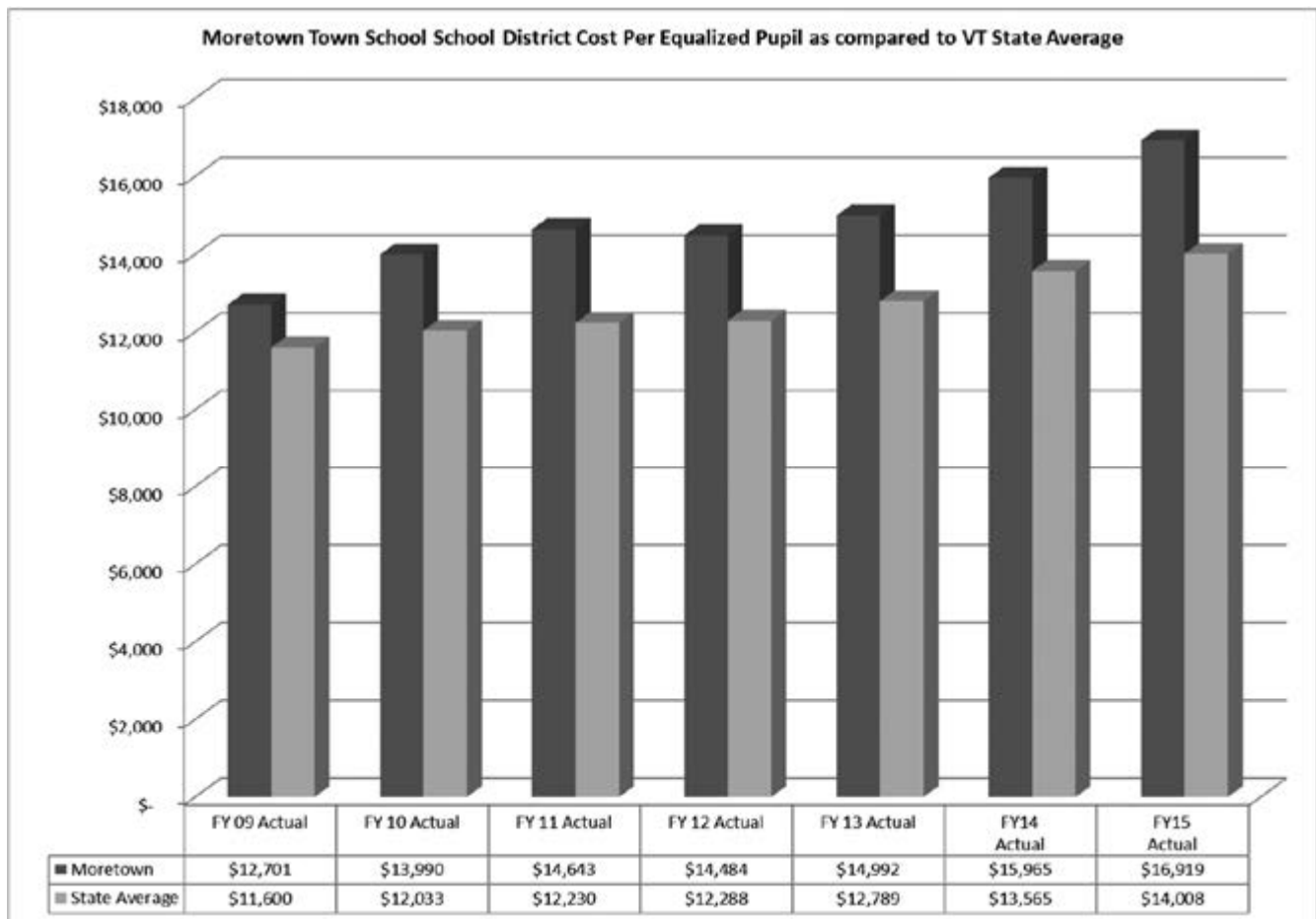
Organization:	State of Vermont
Teaching Year:	2012-2013
Test/ Subject:	NAEP Math Grade 4
Breakdown:	Across all the grades tested, how did our students do?
Comparison:	Over Time?



The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is administered in grades four and eight in Reading and Mathematics biennially to a representative sample of Vermont students. No scores for individual students or schools are generated and no accountability measures are tied to performance.

Summary of Moretown General Fund Expenditure and Revenue Budget - FY2007 through FY2016

					Education Spending (Voter Approved expense less Budgeted Revenue)		
School Year:	Total Expenses - Voter Approved			Budgeted Revenue			
2007-2008	\$	2,142,475		\$	389,203	\$	1,753,272
2008-2009	\$	2,057,671	-4.0%	\$	402,743	\$	1,654,928
2009-2010	\$	2,180,371	6.0%	\$	477,262	\$	1,703,109
2010-2011	\$	2,133,967	-2.1%	\$	345,060	\$	1,788,907
2011-2012	\$	2,082,229	-2.4%	\$	378,349	\$	1,703,880
2012-2013	\$	1,950,327	-6.3%	\$	351,849	\$	1,598,478
2013-2014	\$	2,050,675	5.1%	\$	410,417	\$	1,640,258
2014-2015	\$	2,130,388	3.9%	\$	427,151	\$	1,703,237
Proposed 2015-2016	\$	2,221,773	4.3%	\$	436,294	\$	1,785,479



MORETOWN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	%
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION (Grade PK - 6 Classroom)</u>					
Salaries	409,684	403,639	382,893	391,811	
Benefits & Staff Development	160,403	148,380	138,077	129,215	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>40,293</u>	<u>33,038</u>	<u>35,150</u>	<u>42,150</u>	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	<u>610,380</u>	<u>585,056</u>	<u>556,120</u>	<u>563,176</u>	1.3%
<u>EARLY EDUCATION (PRE KINDERGARTEN Classroom)</u>					
Salaries	46,599	50,767	49,779	55,355	
Benefits & Staff Development	17,111	30,591	32,413	22,138	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>824</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>500</u>	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION- Pre Kindergarten	<u>64,534</u>	<u>81,634</u>	<u>83,002</u>	<u>77,993</u>	-6.0%
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION - Art, PE, French & Music</u>					
Salaries	87,285	94,685	90,987	87,370	
Benefits & Staff Development	11,411	12,483	13,006	10,450	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,917</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION - Art, PE, French & Music	<u>103,696</u>	<u>111,085</u>	<u>108,493</u>	<u>101,820</u>	-6.2%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY ED (Eligible & Ineligible SpEd)</u>					
Salaries	192,778	202,277	210,759	241,311	
Benefits & Staff Development	93,243	100,894	106,327	137,064	
Contracted Svs, Materials, Supplies & Equipment	<u>83,100</u>	<u>126,482</u>	<u>150,375</u>	<u>147,185</u>	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	<u>369,121</u>	<u>429,653</u>	<u>467,461</u>	<u>525,559</u>	12.4%
<u>INTERVENTION/SCW (TIER II SUPPORT)</u>					
Salaries	34,715	34,739	30,771	34,796	
Benefits & Staff Development	<u>11,565</u>	<u>16,151</u>	<u>7,564</u>	<u>4,558</u>	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION & INTERVENTION	<u>46,280</u>	<u>50,890</u>	<u>38,335</u>	<u>39,353</u>	2.7%
<u>GUIDANCE</u>					
Salaries	18,331	18,772	19,098	20,421	
Benefits & Staff Development	4,793	4,389	4,824	5,278	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	<u>150</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>550</u>	
TOTAL GUIDANCE	<u>23,275</u>	<u>23,211</u>	<u>24,072</u>	<u>26,248</u>	9.0%
<u>SCHOOL NURSE</u>					
Salaries	36,256	36,902	36,944	39,115	
Benefits & Staff Development	8,262	4,336	5,108	4,839	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	<u>1,000</u>	<u>710</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL NURSE	<u>45,518</u>	<u>41,948</u>	<u>43,052</u>	<u>44,954</u>	4.4%
<u>SPEECH</u>					
Salaries	63,412	61,342	68,780	68,648	
Benefits & Staff Development	<u>25,012</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>25,518</u>	<u>27,466</u>	
TOTAL SPEECH	<u>88,424</u>	<u>85,587</u>	<u>94,298</u>	<u>96,114</u>	1.9%
<u>LIBRARY/MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY</u>					
Salaries	35,550	38,179	38,195	40,762	
Benefits & Staff Development	4,101	3,979	4,340	4,765	
Contracted Svs, Materials, Supplies & Equipment	<u>30,290</u>	<u>23,707</u>	<u>27,050</u>	<u>35,653</u>	
TOTAL LIBRARY / MEDIA / TECHNOLOGY	<u>69,940</u>	<u>65,863</u>	<u>69,584</u>	<u>81,180</u>	16.7%

MORETOWN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
<u>SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
Board Member Reimbursement	500	500	500	500	
Board Secretary	-	-	-	540	
Benefits	38	31	38	80	
Legal Expense	3,000	450	3,000	2,500	
Liability Insurance Expense	2,000	2,281	2,500	2,500	
Board Printing/Advertising	1,000	624	750	750	
VSBA Dues	1,200	1,051	1,050	1,100	
Board Other	<u>500</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
	<u>8,238</u>	<u>5,448</u>	<u>8,338</u>	<u>8,470</u>	1.6%
 <u>School District Treasurer (Payable to Town of Moretown)</u>	 <u>2,500</u>	 <u>2,500</u>	 <u>2,500</u>	 <u>2,500</u>	 0.0%
 <u>WWSU GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>	 <u>39,480</u>	 <u>39,480</u>	 <u>41,972</u>	 <u>43,948</u>	 4.7%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Salaries	122,561	124,890	127,564	131,571	
Benefits & Staff Development	58,561	55,409	58,094	57,893	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	<u>4,700</u>	<u>5,728</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,350</u>	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>185,822</u>	<u>186,027</u>	<u>190,858</u>	<u>194,813</u>	2.1%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
WWSU Fiscal Services Assessment	21,287	21,286	22,789	26,129	
Audit	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	<u>24,987</u>	<u>24,986</u>	<u>26,489</u>	<u>29,829</u>	12.6%
<u>BUILDING & GROUNDS OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</u>					
Salaries	44,577	48,743	46,296	50,998	
Benefits & Staff Development	27,768	24,974	28,466	26,357	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment, Heating	<u>98,972</u>	<u>101,996</u>	<u>103,472</u>	<u>103,300</u>	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>171,318</u>	<u>175,713</u>	<u>178,234</u>	<u>180,655</u>	1.4%
<u>TRANSPORTATION (WWSU Transportation Assessment)</u>					
Daily Transportation	58,242	55,504	58,945	63,366	
Special Education Transportation	-	2,847	7,000	8,000	
Field Trips	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,542</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>	
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	<u>61,742</u>	<u>61,892</u>	<u>69,445</u>	<u>74,866</u>	7.8%
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
<u>Short-Term Debt</u>					
Tax Anticipation Note	6,250	6,673	6,900	10,000	
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
BOND-INTEREST-1996 Addition	11,663	11,663	8,353	5,021	
BOND-INTEREST-2008 Roof	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	
BOND-PRINCIPAL-1996 Addition	60,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	
BOND SINKING FUND QSCB -2008 Roof	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	
DWSRF Loan - Water Project	<u>674</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>674</u>	
	<u>118,237</u>	<u>113,237</u>	<u>109,927</u>	<u>106,595</u>	-3.0%
 <u>FOOD SERVICE (HUHS and Transport)</u>	 <u>10,933</u>	 <u>7,563</u>	 <u>11,308</u>	 <u>13,700</u>	 21.1%
 TOTAL MORETOWN ELEMENTARY BUDGET General Fund	 <u>2,050,675</u>	 <u>2,098,445</u>	 <u>2,130,388</u>	 <u>2,221,773</u>	 4.3%

	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	%
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
General Fund REVENUES					
Local Revenue					
Interest Earnings	9,500	5,868	8,800	10,000	
Tuition (Pre Kindergarten)	-	1,716	-	-	
Building Use and Miscellaneous	-	3,149	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance **	72,766	62,462	28,832	10,304	
State Revenue					
Special Education Reimbursement	197,474	221,784	230,037	265,995	
Special Education ExtraOrdinary Reimbursement	-	18,433	30,600	14,400	
Mainstream Block Grant	35,571	35,571	35,490	34,457	
Transportation Reimbursement	34,722	34,675	22,830	23,679	
Small Schools Grant	37,384	51,229	50,562	53,859	
EEE Grant	3,000	6,426	2,000	3,600	
Federal Revenue					
IDEA-B Grant	18,000	16,034	18,000	20,000	
IDEA-B Grant-Preschool	2,000	850	-	-	
Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues	\$ 410,417	\$ 458,197	\$ 427,151	\$ 436,294	2.1%
Education Spending Grant	\$ 1,640,258	\$ 1,640,258	\$ 1,703,237	\$ 1,785,479	4.8%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 2,050,675	\$ 2,098,455	\$ 2,130,388	\$ 2,221,773	4.3%

Maintenance Reserve Fund - 24 VSA, Section 2804

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2014	\$ 78,228
Interest earned FY2015 to date	\$ 19
Expenses paid FY2015 to date	\$ 9,950
Ending Balance January 2015	\$ 68,297

The Moretown School District's audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 are available online at www.wwsu.org or by contacting the WWSU offices in Waitsfield, Vermont at 802-496-2272, extension 111.

EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Moretown Elementary & Harwood Union

	2013-2014 <u>BUDGET</u>	2014-2015 <u>BUDGET</u>	2015-2016 <u>PROPOSED</u>	% <u>CHANGE</u>
<u>Education Tax Rates</u>				
<u>Moretown Elementary School:</u>				
Equalized Pupils	102.74	100.67	101.50	
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 15,965	\$ 16,919	\$ 17,591	4.0%
Base Education Spending per Pupil**	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,459	
District Spending Adjustment	174.463%	182.219%	185.970%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.940	\$ 0.980	\$ 1.000	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.6399	\$ 1.7856	\$ 1.8596	4.1%
% of Moretown students at Moretown Elementary School	42.87%	43.53%	45.48%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.703	\$ 0.777	\$ 0.846	
<u>Harwood Union School District:</u>				
Equalized Pupils (Moretown 7-12)	136.92	130.60	121.68	
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 14,030	\$ 15,421	\$ 16,721	8.4%
Base Education Spending per Pupil**	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,459	
District Spending Adjustment	153.317%	166.083%	176.776%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.00	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.441	\$ 1.628	\$ 1.768	8.6%
% of Moretown students at Harwood Union	57.13%	56.47%	54.52%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.823	\$ 0.919	\$ 0.964	
<u>Combined (PK-12):</u>				
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	239.66	231.27	223.18	-3.5%
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.526	\$ 1.696	\$ 1.810	6.7%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	101.45%	102.94%	103.71%	
Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate**	\$ 1.505	\$ 1.648	\$ 1.745	5.9%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate**	\$ 1.440	\$ 1.515	\$ 1.535	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.419	\$ 1.472	\$ 1.480	0.6%

Combined Equalized Tax Rate is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district

**** As estimated by the DOE, final rate to be determined by the Legislature**

****Changes and/or adjustments made to the education funding formula may change these estimates.**

Moretown Elementary School
Comparative Staffing Schedule

	<u>Full Time Equivalent Staff (FTE's)</u>							
	FY 09 Budget	FY 10 Budget	FY 11 Budget	FY 12 Budget	FY 13 Budget	FY 14 Budget	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Budget
<u>Teachers and Administration</u>								
Regular Education	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Early Education (PreK)	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Art	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Foreign Language	1.00	1.00	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Physical Education	0.46	0.46	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Music	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Special Education	1.26	1.96	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.50
Compensatory Education	0.20	0.50	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Health	0.60	0.60	1.00	1.00	0.60	0.60	0.80	0.80
Guidance	-	-	0.25	0.25	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Speech	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Library/Technology Integration	0.60	0.60	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Administration	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Total Teachers & Administration	16.82	16.82	16.97	16.37	15.62	15.12	15.32	15.32
<u>Support Staff</u>								
Regular Education	1.40	1.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.50	0.20	0.20
Early Education (PreK)	1.00	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Special Education	6.00	4.25	5.00	4.00	4.60	4.20	4.75	5.75
Essential Early Education (EEE)	-	0.50	0.40	0.40	-	-	-	-
Compensatory Education	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.25	0.25
Health	0.60	-	-	-	0.40	0.40	-	-
Speech	1.00	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library/Technology	0.25	0.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Custodial	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Support Staff	12.75	10.50	8.30	7.30	8.30	8.40	7.00	8.00
Total General Fund FTE's	29.57	27.32	25.27	23.67	23.92	23.52	22.32	23.32

Moretown Town School District (Moretown Elementary School)

	FY2015-2016 Financial Plan - All Funds		
	General Fund	MECA	Total
Expenditures	\$2,221,773	\$152,936	\$2,374,709
Revenues			
Local	\$20,304	\$108,585	\$128,889
State	\$395,990	\$44,351	\$440,341
Federal	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
	\$436,294	\$152,936	\$589,230
Education Spending	\$1,785,479	\$0	\$1,785,479
Equalized Pupils			\$101.50
FY2016 Cost Per Equalized Pupil			\$17,591

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Moretown Elementary School
S.U.: Washington West S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200
(34 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
30 out of 34

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Newport Town School	PK - 6	105	12.71	1.00	8.26	105.00	12.71
	Salisbury Community School	PK - 6	106	10.62	1.00	9.98	106.00	10.62
	Cavendish Town Elementary School	PK - 6	112	7.98	1.00	14.04	112.00	7.98
	Moretown Elementary School	PK - 6	117	11.00	1.00	10.64	117.00	11.00
-> Larger	Saxtons River Elementary School	PK - 5	119	10.80	1.00	11.02	119.00	10.80
	Guilford Central School	PK - 6	119	12.80	1.00	9.30	119.00	12.80
	Fayston Elementary School	PK - 6	120	11.32	1.00	10.60	120.00	11.32
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			147.65	12.63	1.04	11.69	141.77	12.13

School District: Moretown
LEA ID: T130

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200
(32 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 25 out of 32
Smaller ->	Underhill ID	K-4	109.26	\$11,840	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Currier Memorial USD #23	PK-6	109.60	\$13,799	
	Cavendish	PK-6	113.61	\$11,416	
	Moretown	PK-6	117.36	\$13,297	
-> Larger	Sharon	PK-6	123.96	\$13,386	
	Newbury	PK-6	126.84	\$12,758	
	Ludlow	PK-6	128.14	\$17,402	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			139.81	\$12,630	

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID		School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			of prorated member district rates		
				SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
				Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
				Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.		
Smaller ->	T075	Fayston	PK-6	97.09	15,288.98	1.6137	1.6206	105.84%	1.5312
	T138	New Haven	PK-6	97.31	15,197.91	1.6041	1.5981	100.55%	1.5894
	T211	Underhill ID	K-4	100.03	15,500.91	1.6361	1.5168	99.87%	2.9846
	T130	Moretown	PK-6	100.67	16,919.01	1.7857	1.6964	102.94%	1.6480
	T039	Calais	PK-6	113.08	14,740.75	1.5558	1.5953	91.73%	1.7392
	T115	Ludlow	PK-6	117.29	15,304.16	1.6153	1.6700	98.92%	1.6882
-> Larger	T066	Eden	PK-6	120.08	16,156.85	1.7053	1.5873	104.48%	1.5193

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

District: **Moretown**
County: **Washington**

T130

Washington West

Recommended homestead
Statutory calculation. See rate from Tax
note at bottom of page. Commissioner. See note at
bottom of page.

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Expenditures		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,950,327	\$2,050,675	\$2,130,388	\$2,221,773	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,950,327	\$2,050,675	\$2,130,388	\$2,221,773	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,950,327	\$2,050,675	\$2,130,388	\$2,221,773	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$351,849	\$410,417	\$427,151	\$436,294	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$351,849	\$410,417	\$427,151	\$436,294	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$1,598,478	\$1,640,258	\$1,703,237	\$1,785,479	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	106.62	102.74	100.67	101.50	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,992.29	\$15,965.14	\$16,919.01	\$17,590.93	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,134.82	\$1,150.84	\$1,085.26	\$1,050	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	\$2,048	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,841	threshold = \$15,456	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$14,992	\$15,965	\$16,919	\$17,591	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$17,591 / \$9,459)	171.871% based on \$8,723	174.463% based on \$9,151	182.219% based on \$9,285	185.970% based on \$9,459	27.
28.	Prorating the local tax rate					
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (185.970% x \$1.000)	\$1.5297 based on \$0.89	\$1.6400 based on \$0.94	\$1.7857 based on \$0.98	\$1.8597 based on \$1.00	28.
29.	Percent of Moretown equalized pupils not in a union school district	42.93%	42.87%	43.53%	45.48%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (45.48% x \$1.86)	\$0.6567	\$0.7031	\$0.7773	\$0.8458	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	91.11%	101.45%	102.94%	103.71%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (0.8458 / 103.71%)	\$0.7208 based on \$0.89	\$0.6931 based on \$0.94	\$0.7551 based on \$0.98	\$0.8155 based on \$1.00	32.
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (185.970% x 1.94%)	3.09% based on 1.80%	3.14% based on 1.80%	3.54% based on 1.94%	3.61% based on 1.94%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (45.48% x 3.61%)	1.33% based on 1.80%	1.35% based on 1.80%	1.54% based on 1.94%	1.64% based on 1.94%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Harwood UHSD	57.07%	57.13%	56.47%	54.52%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

2014-2015 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE
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Donarae Dawson, Director of Special Educ.	Tanya Cheney, Payroll/Benefits
Michelle Baker, Director of Finance	Susan Neill, Accountant
Joel FitzGerald, Director of Facilities	Tisa Rennau, Medicaid Clerk
Craig Donnan, Systems Admin.of Technology	Michele Ballard, Admin.Asst.-Curriculum &
Laura Titus, Administrative Assistant	Data Support Specialist
Angela Young, Admin.Asst-Spec.Ed. &	Keith Puffer, Technology Coordinator
Website Mgr.	

Strengthening Our PK-12 Educational Organization

The primary goal of the Washington West Supervisory Union is to ensure our students have the knowledge, skills, and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives, which justifies the resources invested by the community. The WWSU Administrative Team, in conjunction with building principals and local board members, are working to develop and implement many initiatives to further enhance and improve our schools for students and employees. Our continued focus remains on the development and implementation of sustainable programs to increase capacity while maximizing efficiency and effectiveness, as defined in our WWSU Action Plan, which is revised annually. The primary goal identified in the WWSU Action plan is to fulfill the promise of a 21st Century Education by preparing all WWSU students for college, career, and civic participation. To that end, we continue to institute improvements to our support systems for all learners, create new and revise previous curriculum, and offer a number of professional learning opportunities for staff to support the implementation of these efforts.

Our state legislators are grappling with even greater challenges surrounding education funding as it relates to affordability, sustainability, equity, student opportunity and outcomes. The WWSU Executive Committee and administrators are listening, learning, and advocating at the state level, while trying to find solutions locally to the impacts of continued declining enrollment and increased spending across the state that combine to drive up property taxes. Even with relatively low expenditure increases and cuts in programs and staff, our schools still face double digit property tax increases that are simply not sustainable. So much of the why and how of these results seem outside of our control. We are asking ourselves in the board rooms how small is too small when it comes to class size, school size, and the programs we are able to offer. Therefore, the WWSU Executive Committee in January voted unanimously to apply for a study grant through the Agency of Education to more formally study school consolidation, joint contract mergers between schools, efficiencies, and sharing within the WWSU. The grant will

provide outside expertise and an objective set of eyes through the work of a consultant chosen by the WWSU Board. We have locally studied consolidation options in the past, but our boards and communities were not eager to make significant changes because the benefits did not appear to outweigh the costs. However, the landscape, various local factors, and state incentives have changed since then, and our board feels a new up-to-date study is warranted. The study will look to identify potential governance efficiency of operations, asset and debt allocation, improved learning opportunities for students, and cost containment options.

Some other highlights this year include:

- **Contract Negotiations:** We are in the process of negotiating three teachers' contracts in WWSU. The law (Act 156) requires us, at a minimum, to centralize the staffing of special education teaching staff. The special education teachers are required to become WWSU employees rather than school employees after we have an established negotiated agreement.
- **School Calendar:** We have restructured our student calendar for FY 2016 to better support uninterrupted student learning by eliminating the early release day model. Staff development will occur on full days as noted in the school calendar.
- **Pre-School Education:** We are developing an implementation plan to fully serve and fund state required (Act 166) universal preschool education for all 3- and 4-year-olds by fall 2016. We currently have several private preschool partners within our supervisory union. The Agency of Education is in the process of writing guidance around implementation particularly related to geographic boundaries and special education rules that could have financial implications for school districts.
- **Fiscal Services:** Each board received a thorough report that analyzed the specific internal financial controls utilized to maintain all accounting and reporting to other agencies. Our business office has implemented the Tyler Infinite Visions Accounting System this school year, which has increased efficiencies, minimized the margin of human error, and reduced some redundancies. Our previous accounting system was approximately 19 years old.
- **Staff Professional Development:** Professional learning opportunities were developed and provided for staff during the summer and on early release days throughout the year. Topics include: Integration of Technology into Classrooms, Supporting Students in Trauma, Research-based Instructional Practices in Mathematics, and Writing Effectiveness.
- **Special Education:** Like most school districts around Vermont, WWSU struggles with increased costs in special education. The number of students in special education in WWSU has decreased. Currently, 13.2% (253 students) of our total enrollment (1924 students) are served in special education. This is a decrease in number of students served from previous years (FY 13, 285 students, 14.05% and FY 2014, 275 students, 14%). WWSU historically, for the past 14 years, falls below the state average. The state average for students in special education in FY 13 was 15.63% and FY 14 was 15.79%. While our child count in special education decreases, we have experienced a

significant increase in costs associated with students who are not safe and emotionally stable to remain in our classrooms. Similarly, across the state, school districts are experiencing an increase in the complexity and unmet mental health needs of some of our students. Consistent with Vermont data, Washington West has experienced increases in the number of students with autism, emotional behavioral disorders and increases in the number of very young children who have experienced developmental trauma. The lack of funding and lack of capacity for community-based mental health programs in Vermont, while better than in many states, presents difficulty for our schools. Vermont has one of the highest number of students diagnosed with Emotional Behavioral Disorders in the nation. Placements for students in therapeutic schools, as well as increases in para-educator or well trained behavioral interventionists, when needed, cause increased school budgets and substantially increase special education expenditures.

- **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**: All of our schools have implemented a multi-tiered system of support for students. Our support staff provide services and accommodations and services to students who are struggling within our general education classrooms for prevention and early intervention. Students who are experiencing difficulties or who are “at risk” of reading or other academic challenges are provided support in general education in order to get the support early and prior to becoming eligible for more intense, intrusive or costly special education services. Approximately 20% of our student population receive additional support beyond the general education classrooms.
- **Human Resources**: Throughout the schools of WWSU, 48 new employees were hired to replace exiting or retiring employees for the 2014-15 school year, resulting in significant savings.
- **Curriculum Development**: Collaborative efforts are underway to support the transition to Vermont’s New Education Quality Standards which were adopted by the State Board of Education in April 2014. These rules are designed to ensure continuous improvement in student performance, instruction and leadership to enable students to attain rigorous standards in high quality programs.
- **Health Care**: We continue to learn about the multiple complexities and reporting requirements associated with implementation of the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- **Policy Development**: Policy development continues, and we will soon have adopted approximately 80 common policies in our 6 districts. Policy documents can be found on our WWSU website.

The students in the WWSU continue to work hard, give their very best, and make us all very proud. Our parents and community members continue to support our work and our schools. We will strive to make continuous growth and to stretch ourselves to make all of our schools the very best they possibly can be. We will remain at the table advocating for our students and our communities at the state level, so that future changes will only result if and when improved student outcomes can be demonstrated or cost efficiencies realized. We have made changes to increase our efficiencies over the past 6 years, while working even more closely together to

achieve more than we can alone. At the same time, we honor and respect the differing traditions and cultures of our six individual towns. We are committed to respecting and maintaining each school's individuality while achieving our goals. We believe that working closely together administratively, and as boards, we will be able to strengthen our local schools and keep them viable despite declining enrollment. Please do not hesitate to contact the WWSU team any time to share your thoughts. We appreciate hearing from you.

Finally, we thank you for your continued support. The board, administration, staff and students greatly appreciate it.

**Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU)
2015-2016 General Fund Budget Information**

Washington West Supervisory Union serves approximately 1,942 students (October 1, 2014), grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, in five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

Washington West is a supervisory union organized in accordance with Vermont Title 16, Sections 261 and 261a.

The WWSU Central Office General Fund Budget is assessed to member school districts based on equalized pupils effective with the 2014-2015 budget; the assessment results in the same cost per equalized pupil for WWSU net expenditures for all member school districts.

Personnel:

The Central Office budget includes the following Central Office Personnel:

<u>Position:</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Superintendent	1.00
Director of Curriculum & Assessment	1.00
Director of Student Support Services	1.00
Director of Finance and Operations	1.00
Director of Buildings & Grounds (funded through MOU with HUHS)	1.00
Technology Coordinator (funded through MOU with Valley Schools)	1.00
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	1.00
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Support/Website	1.00
Administrative Assistant/Data Support Specialist	1.00
Systems Administrator	1.00
Accountant	2.00
Accounts Payable	.80
Payroll & Benefits	1.00
Medicaid Clerk	<u>.60</u>
Total Central Office	14.40

Personnel salaries and benefits represent 64% and 21% accordingly of the overall WWSU budget, or a combined total of 85% of the overall SU General Fund Expenditure Budget. See graph on page 4 for a breakdown of expenditures.

The General Assessment

The General Assessment includes expenses for the Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and the Systems Administrator as well as technology infrastructure and applications used by the WWSU and all member schools including PowerSchool, BlackBoard Connect Alert and well as SpEd Doc. General Assessment expenditures that have decreased in the FY2016 budget include Google Vault- now offered to education for free, reduced contracted computer backup expenses associated with the planned implementation of a new server and reduced website development expense with the completion of the WWSU website in FY2015.

The Superintendent is the CEO of the district. The Superintendent develops and oversees all SU and school policies, oversees the district Principals and handles a variety of human resource issues, including collective bargaining and legal matters.

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The Director of Curriculum and Assessment is responsible for the development and implementation of curriculum and assessments aligned with State and National Standards. By Vermont Statute, the supervisory union must establish and ensure implementation of a supervisory union wide curriculum and provide for professional development across all schools in the supervisory union. The Director of Curriculum coordinates supervisory union wide professional development and oversees the teacher supervision and evaluation program, including the mentoring program for new teaching staff. The director of Curriculum also manages the Consolidated Federal Grants program for the supervisory union.

The Systems Administrator is responsible for managing all computer hardware and software systems and connectivity at the Central Office and provides technical support throughout the district on a variety of issues including connectivity, wireless networks, server management, backup systems, phone systems and content filtering. The Systems Administrator has conducted and updated technology audits for all schools in the supervisory union. In addition, the Systems Administrator actively pursues e-rate reimbursement for all eligible technology equipment and services throughout the SU.

Based on the Proposed FY2016 Budget, the General Assessment for each school district in the SU is as follows:

Fayston	\$ 33,966
Moretown	\$ 35,461
Waitsfield	\$ 47,511
Warren	\$ 50,715
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$228,384
Harwood Union	<u>\$246,869</u>
Total	\$642,907

Special Education Assessment

The Special Education Assessment includes the Director of Student Support Services and support staff. The Director of Student Support Services ensures effective, efficient delivery of special education and other student support services throughout the SU.

The Special Education Assessment based on the Proposed FY2016 Budget is shown below. The Assessment is eligible for approximately 56% reimbursement through the State's special education funding formula. The reimbursement generated on the Assessment is sent directly to the local school districts and is reflected in the school districts' revenues, not the supervisory union.

		SpEd Reimbursement	
		Received Directly by	Net Cost
		School District	SpEd Assessment
Fayston	\$ 8,129	\$ 4,618	\$ 3,511
Moretown	\$ 8,487	\$ 4,822	\$ 3,666
Waitsfield	\$ 11,371	\$ 6,460	\$ 4,911
Warren	\$ 12,138	\$ 6,896	\$ 5,242
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$ 54,662	\$31,054	\$23,609
Harwood Union	<u>\$ 59,086</u>	<u>\$33,567</u>	<u>\$25,519</u>
Total	\$153,875	\$87,417	\$66,458

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Finance Director/ Fiscal Services Assessment

The Finance Director and Fiscal Services Assessment includes the Director of Finance and Operations and her support staff as well as the cost of an annual financial audit of the supervisory union performed by a certified public accounting firm and the cost of all computerized accounting systems and applications.

The Director of Finance and fiscal services staff are responsible for all financial matters including developing budgets, all financial reports, internal controls, management of cash and investments, payroll and accounts payable for all school districts in the supervisory union. Responsibilities also include a variety of local, state and federal reporting requirements, grants management, construction management and risk management. In addition, the Director of Finance works collaboratively with the administrators to support food service, facilities and transportation operations. Based on the Proposed FY2016 budget, the combined Business Manager & Fiscal Services Assessment is as follows:

Fayston	\$ 25,027
Moretown	\$ 26,128
Waitsfield	\$ 35,007
Warren	\$ 37,367
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$168,277
Harwood Union	<u>\$181,897</u>
Total	\$473,702

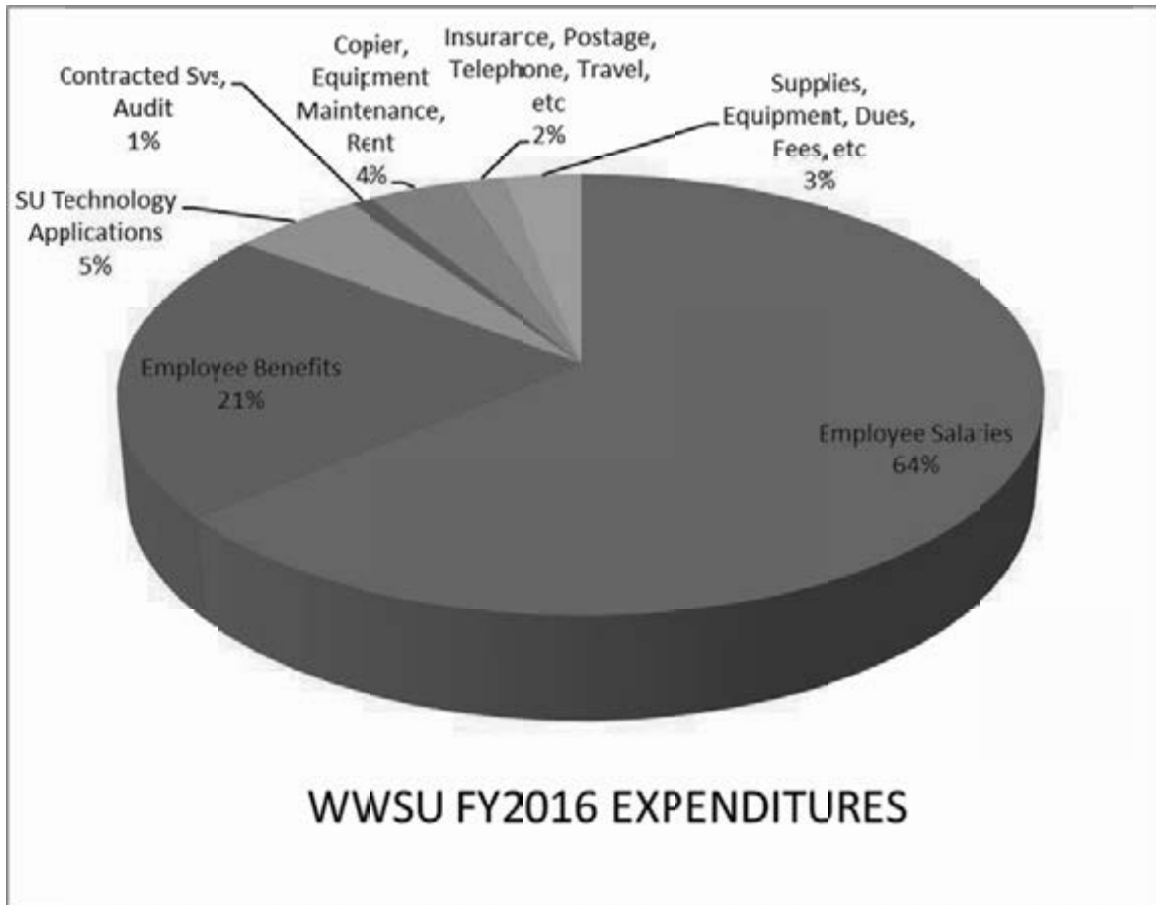
In total the General, Special Education, and Finance/Fiscal Services expenses that make up the WWSU Central Office Assessment are \$1,288,863, based on the FY2016 Budget. The increase in the overall budget is 4.7%.

The supervisory union general fund expenditure budget is offset by interest income and administrative funds from federal grants, and the net amount is assessed to member school districts based on equalized pupils. The FY2016 net assessment is \$1,270,484, or a 5% increase.

Overall, the supervisory union central office assessment represents approximately 3.8% of total general fund expenses of \$33,528,221_(FY2015) managed by the supervisory union for itself and member districts. The percentage of total expenses for the central office is actually lower than 3.8%, if, in addition to the general fund, consideration is also given to the amount of special revenue grants (over \$2M), and proprietary funds managed by the supervisory union. The FY2015 and FY2016 Assessment is below.

	FY2015	FY2015 Equalized Pupils (Frozen)	%	FY2016 Proposed	FY2016 Equalized Pupils (Frozen)		\$ Change	Increase as a % 2015 District Budget
Fayston	\$ 62,473	97.09	5.16%	\$ 67,122	97.22	5.28%	\$ 4,649	0.27%
Moretown	\$ 64,776	100.67	5.35%	\$ 70,077	101.50	5.52%	\$ 5,301	0.25%
Waitsfield	\$ 87,831	136.50	7.26%	\$ 93,889	135.99	7.39%	\$ 6,058	0.25%
Warren	\$ 95,688	148.71	7.91%	\$ 100,220	145.16	7.89%	\$ 4,532	0.19%
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 421,525	655.10	34.82%	\$ 451,323	653.70	35.52%	\$ 29,798	0.26%
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 478,129	743.07	39.50%	\$ 487,853	706.61	38.40%	\$ 9,724	0.07%
	\$ 1,210,422	1,881.14	100.00%	\$ 1,270,484	1,840.18	100.00%	\$ 60,062	

**Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU)
2015-2016 General Fund Budget Information**



Washington West 5 Year Kindergarten through Grade 12 Enrollment on October 1st

Note this is all Enrollment including Resident, School Choice, Tuition and Foreign Exchange

	October 1st					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<u>Fayston Elementary School</u>						
Grade K	19	12	12	12	12	9
Grade 1	11	19	10	12	12	9
Grade 2	17	14	19	11	14	14
Grade 3	12	17	13	20	11	14
Grade 4	18	12	15	14	20	10
Grade 5	15	17	11	14	15	18
Grade 6	20	16	17	11	17	17
Total	112	107	97	94	101	91
<u>Moretown Elementary School</u>						
Grade K	14	16	18	13	12	16
Grade 1	13	17	13	13	13	15
Grade 2	14	12	14	14	13	14
Grade 3	19	11	12	13	16	13
Grade 4	16	21	12	13	14	15
Grade 5	19	16	20	11	14	15
Grade 6	25	21	17	20	11	14
Total K to Grade 6	120	114	106	97	93	102
<u>Waitsfield Elementary School</u>						
Grade K	19	15	19	16	21	19
Grade 1	27	18	16	16	15	18
Grade 2	25	25	17	17	18	14
Grade 3	14	25	25	16	19	16
Grade 4	28	12	23	25	16	20
Grade 5	17	28	10	27	26	17
Grade 6	24	15	24	12	27	24
Total K to Grade 6	154	138	134	129	142	128
<u>Warren Elementary School</u>						
Grade K	23	17	26	17	14	22
Grade 1	22	21	18	30	20	16
Grade 2	27	23	20	18	28	19
Grade 3	17	29	22	21	18	32
Grade 4	20	16	30	25	25	18
Grade 5	28	22	17	30	23	26
Grade 6	11	26	21	17	27	23
Total K to Grade 6	148	154	154	158	155	156

Washington West 5 Year Kindergarten through Grade 12 Enrollment on October 1st

Note this is all Enrollment including Resident, School Choice, Tuition and Foreign Exchange

	October 1st					
<u>Thatcher Brook PS</u>						
Grade K	67	75	65	83	71	76
Grade 1	69	69	81	66	78	76
Grade 2	65	64	72	77	64	72
Grade 3	72	62	63	71	74	61
Grade 4	70	74	65	60	70	74
Total K to Grade 4	343	344	346	357	357	359
<u>Crossett Brook Middle School</u>						
Grade 5	73	71	72	67	60	72
Grade 6	72	74	72	71	62	61
Grade 7	57	74	73	69	71	58
Grade 8	81	54	74	75	71	75
Total Grade 5 to Grade 8	283	273	291	282	264	266
Total Waterbury Duxbury	626	617	637	639	621	625
<u>Harwood Union</u>						
Grade 7	67	76	78	81	61	78
Grade 8	81	67	75	67	74	53
Grade 9	157	155	122	137	140	141
Grade 10	147	157	153	123	137	141
Grade 11	155	143	151	156	113	134
Grade 12	173	168	155	171	162	112
Total Grade 7 to Grade 12	780	766	734	735	687	659
Total Washington West K to Grade 12	1,940	1,896	1,862	1,852	1,799	1,761
Pre-Kindergarten (includes partnership)	159	157	151	187	178	181
Total Washington West PK to Grade 12	2,099	2,053	2,013	2,039	1,977	1,942

WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Summary General Fund Budget

	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actual	FY2015 Budget	FY2016 Proposed
Expenditures				
<u>General</u> (Includes Superintendent's Office, Curriculum & Assessment and Technology)				
Salaries	\$ 369,940	\$ 384,630	\$ 387,603	\$ 401,373
Benefits	100,411	94,908	109,343	111,848
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	129,303	137,178	150,236	138,986
	<u>\$ 599,654</u>	<u>\$ 616,716</u>	<u>\$ 647,182</u>	<u>\$ 652,207</u>
<u>Special Education</u>				
Salaries	\$ 104,221	\$ 101,162	\$ 116,959	\$ 120,675
Benefits	32,451	32,272	32,355	33,926
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	1,515	1,207	1,515	1,500
	<u>\$ 138,187</u>	<u>\$ 134,641</u>	<u>\$ 150,829</u>	<u>\$ 156,101</u>
<u>Finance Director/Fiscal Services</u>				
Salaries	\$ 270,859	\$ 271,436	\$ 280,407	\$ 299,959
Benefits	109,863	99,268	109,982	131,472
Contracted Services, Supplies, Accounting Applications and Operating Costs	17,100	9,361	42,901	49,125
	<u>\$ 397,822</u>	<u>\$ 380,065</u>	<u>\$ 433,289</u>	<u>\$ 480,555</u>
Total SU General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,135,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,288,863</u>
<u>Revenue</u>				
Interest	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants and Other	10,000	15,137	10,000	9,500
Prior Year Fund Balance	25,999	17,120	10,878	8,879
General Assessment	580,381	580,381	636,209	642,907
Special Education Assessment	133,746	133,746	148,271	153,875
Business/Fiscal Svs Assessment	385,037	385,037	425,943	473,702
Total Assessments to Member Districts	1,099,164	1,099,164	1,210,422	1,270,484
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 1,135,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,288,863</u>

Assessments to Member Districts Based on EQUALIZED PUPILS

					FY2016 EP'S Frozen
Fayston	\$ 57,635		\$ 62,473	\$ 67,122	97.22
Moretown	60,766		64,776	\$ 70,077	101.50
Waitsfield	80,556		87,831	\$ 93,889	135.99
Warren	90,451		95,688	\$ 100,220	145.16
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	392,722		421,525	\$ 487,853	653.70
Harwood Union HS #19	417,034		478,129	\$ 451,323	706.61
Total Assessments	\$ 1,099,164		\$ 1,210,422	\$ 1,270,484	1,840.18

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MORETOWN

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWN OF MORETOWN AS A TOWN AND AS A TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE HELD MARCH 4, 2014

The inhabitants of the Town of Moretown who are legal voters in Town and Town School District meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Moretown Town Hall in Moretown Village on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters:

Steve Magill, Moderator, called the meeting to order, reminded everyone that the polls were open, and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed within the year. There was no discussion.

1. **To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting of the Town and Town School District whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.** This is a divided question. For the Town meeting, Karen Horn nominated Steve Magill, and Rae Washburn seconded. Tom Martin asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. The ayes have it. For the meeting of the School District, Karen Horn nominated Steve Magill, and Jennifer Tripp-Mead seconded. Tom Martin asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. The ayes have it.
2. **To hear and act upon the reports of the Town and Town School District officers.** Karen Horn moved to accept the town reports. Steve Sharp seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
3. **To cast ballots for Town and Town School District 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 and payable by midnight on November 1, 2014.** Amy Patenaude so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
5. **To see if the Town will vote to not offer of discount on taxes.** Amy Patenaude so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. Heidi Magill asked whether the Town currently offers a discount on taxes. Tom Martin responded 'no', the Town currently does not offer a discount on taxes. Jon Siegel made a point that if voters decide to have a discount on taxes then that lost revenue must be raised by other means, i.e. higher taxes. Kelly Reagan questioned why we even have this matter on the ballot. Jon Siegel responded that it is his understanding that the State requires it. There was no more discussion. The ayes have it.
6. **To see if the Town will vote to set the tax warrant date on real property as November 1, 2014.** Karen Horn so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
7. **Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District appropriate the sum of \$ 2,130,388.00 necessary for the support of the school, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** No discussion. The rules were suspended after discussing article 9 so that discussion could be had as to the school budget. Kate O'Neill spoke on behalf of the school board. Dick Valentinetti asked about how the school board was going to continue to meet the

demands of the State as far as budgeting. Kate O'Neill stated that the school board has limited control over the amount of the actual amount of allocation of school property taxes. The increase in taxes is 3.8%, although the overall burden from the State is much greater. There is very little the board can do to shave off the local budget. The board still however is always looking to cut expenditures where it can. The board is always looking at the state averages of teacher to pupil ratios and making sure they stay within those ratios. Just this year the board did cut one educational aide position and eliminating a school nurse aide. However, the school board must always be cognizant of the state factors. Kate stated that the Vermont School Board Association estimates a 4.8% increase in homestead tax rates before taking into consideration local variables. The education surplus is gone and there is a need to replace \$19.3 million at state level in general fund budget. There is a continued shift from broad-based taxes to property taxes - from 61% to 68% now from property tax. There is a continued reduction in statewide property grand list. And a continued increase in statewide spending. These factors all impact local school budgets. Steve Sharp inquired as to demographics and whether anything was being done at the school level in facing these revenue challenges. Kate stated enrollment is declining statewide. However, when one or two students leave Moretown Elementary there is little that can be done to balance that loss as far as cutting costs on a local level. The school does do its best to balance any decline in enrollment with cost expenditures. Karen Horn reiterated that so much of these burdens on local municipalities arise from decisions made in Montpelier and there is just little that can be done on the local level.

8. **Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors of Moretown Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015?** David Van Deusen so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
9. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$1,068,802.00 for the support of the Town, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, 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.** Tom Martin spoke on behalf of the Select Board. Tom stated that the article in last week's Valley Reporter which read that the Moretown Select Board was seeking a 4.1% increase in the Town budget from last year was incorrect. Rather, the Select Board is seeking a level-funded budget from last year. John Schmeltzer asked about how the tax rate was formulated for the year. Tom stated that the rate is going up \$0.22 for the coming year. \$0.18 is attributable to the school, and \$0.04 to the Town. Tom also stated that the Town will be seeking grant funds to compensate for lost revenue and bring that tax rate down.
10. **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, 2014 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?** Dave Van Deusen so moved and Rube Scharges seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
11. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote to approve the purchase of a new tandem axle dump truck for a sum not to exceed \$160,000.00 after trade-in of the 2004 dump truck, with \$30,000.00 to be used from the Capital Reserve Fund and the remainder to be financed over the next three years with payments beginning in 2015? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** John Lynch inquired as to which truck. Reed

Korow responded that it was the 2004 truck. Tom added the body of the 2004 truck would have to be replaced next year anyway and that that cost would approximate \$40,000. There was no further discussion.

12. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.?** John Lynch so moved and John Schmeltzer seconded. John Lynch stated that he is an employee of the Council and that they do a lot of great things for Vermont – i.e. getting cars at reasonable prices for those who don't have them. There was no more discussion. The ayes have it.
13. **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?** Steve Sharp so moved and Rube Scharges seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
14. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote to use any surplus from FY2013 to reduce the 2014 property tax rate?** John Schmeltzer so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. Karen asked whether this was reflected in the budget. Tom stated that it was. Dave Van Deusen asked whether the Town has used up the capital savings bond yet. Tom stated that there remains a couple hundred thousand in that capital savings bond. Jon Siegel asked whether this wasn't voting for the same thing twice since this is already included in the budget. Michelle Beard stated that this is not in the budget but is included in the tax rate. John Hoogenboom stated that he believes this article is mandated by law to be included as an article. Steve Sharp stated that we should just vote on it. There was no more discussion. The ayes have it.
15. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$950.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Council on Aging, Inc.?** Heidi Magill so moved and Ben Sanders seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
16. **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?** John Hoogenboom so moved and Anne Macmillan seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
17. **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?** Ben Sanders so moved and Mary Larsen seconded. Karen Horn stated that the sum here is out of line in comparison to the other requests and wondered why. Deb Feldman stated that she is trained in hospice and that there is an increased demand. Bill Nowlan stated that he has used its services and those services are very important and the sum is appropriate. Mary Larsen stated it is just not hospice, but also services for infancy and new mothers and services for throughout the whole life cycle. There was no more discussion. The ayes have it.
18. **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?** Jennifer Tripp-Mead so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. John Lynch has volunteered with the group and stated that this is very valuable work. Jennifer

Tripp-Mead has also volunteered with the group and stated that this is very important. There was no more discussion. The ayes have it.

19. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of RSVP (Retired Senior and Volunteer Program)?** Ben Sanders so moved and Heidi Magill seconded. There was no discussion. The 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?** Heidi Magill so moved and Amy Padenaude seconded. There was no discussion. The 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?** Heidi Magill so moved and Anne MacMillan seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
22. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the work of People's Health & Wellness Clinic?** Dave Van Deusen so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. Dave Van Deusen stated this is a great program and very important to some people in Moretown, and that the appropriated sum should be increased. Dave Van Deusen then moved to amend the article and increase the appropriated sum to \$700. Mary Larsen seconded. Steve Magill stated that the article as amended reads "Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$700 to help support the work of People's Health & Wellness Clinic?" Sasha Bianchi who works for health department stated that this important program has good partnerships with other providers as well, including one which now offers oral health. There was no further discussion as to whether to amend. The ayes have it. The article was amended to appropriate the sum of \$700 instead of \$500. There was no further discussion on that article as amended. The 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)?** Ben Sanders so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
24. **Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$415.00 to help support the work of Home Share Now, Inc.?** John Hogenboom so moved and Johanne Gray seconded. Dick Valentinetti asked what is Home Share Now? Kara Casey stated that she is the program manager at Home Share Now and that the organization works to match individuals who have space in their home and who are in need of either some services or in need of income. These individuals are usually the elderly. They are matched with other individuals who are in need of lower income housing. Jonathan Siegel asked how the organization came up with a request of \$415.00? Kara Casey responded that the director has some sort of algorithm used that is based upon the number of Moretown residents who utilize the program. Amy Padenaude knows someone who has used this program and stated that this program is good for building community relationships. Mary Larsen inquired as to how many people use this program's services. Kara Casey stated that approximately 567 people, and currently have people placed in the program from Moretown. There was no further 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? Mary Larsen so moved and Steve Sharp 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? Anne Macmillan so moved and Jennifer Tripp-Mead seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help support the work of the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens Center? Dara Torre so moved and Rube Scharges seconded. There was no discussion. The ayes have it.
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to help support the work of the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center? Cheryl Brown so moved and John Hoogenboom seconded. Rube Scharges stated that last year they only asked for \$2500 and quite a big discussion ensued. Rube stated that the MRV Senior Center does a lot of great work for Moretown residents. Rube stated that he thought doubling the request from last year was excessive and asked whether anyone was present from the Waterbury Senior Center to justify doubling the request. No one was. Rube then moved to amend the request back to last year's sum of \$2500. John Hoogenboom seconded. With the amendment, the article now reads "Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 to help support the work of the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center?" Dave Van Deusen added that he supports the amendment if no one is present from the Waterbury Senior Center to explain why the request has doubled. Michelle Beard stated that she had the letter from the Center in hand and that the stated reason was that the Town of Waterbury had asked the Center to have other towns pick up more of the costs. Artis Fuglie stated that the Senior Center does so much including providing up to six hot meals a week. Artis added they work very hard trying to make money to support the services they provide. Sasha Bianchi stated there appears to be no justification for why the Waterbury Senior Center is requesting five times as much money as the MR Senior Center. Dara Casey found the Waterbury Senior Center's report. She stated that Waterbury's is just a bigger operation than the Valley, operating 5 days a week. The report says that they have served 11 clients in Moretown with an additional 25 residents over the past year. Mary Duke stated that based on all the discussion we should just keep the amount at \$2500. There was no further discussion as to the amendment reducing the appropriated sum to \$2500. The ayes have it and the article was so amended. The motion now read "Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 to help support the work of the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center?" There was no further discussion. The ayes have it and the motion passes as amended. Dick Valentinietti asked to suspend the rules to discuss how all these requests come in. Discussion was had as to the process involving receipt of requests. It was agreed that it would be better in future if someone from these organizations/programs would come in to Town Meeting to discuss the requests.
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown authorize the Selectboard to use the revenue in the Recreation Fund for the maintenance or improvement of the Town's recreation fields and related events, at the discretion of the Selectboard 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? Dave Van Deusen so moved and Rube Scharges seconded. Steve

Sharp asked whether the town has a recreation committee. Tom Martin stated that it does but it is very small. There was no further discussion. The ayes have it.

30. **To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.** Jonathan Siegel stated that he thinks moving to the Australian ballot system has ruined the essence of town meeting and has compromised the direction the town is going. He believes the change has done a real disservice to the town. We should have a bigger discussion as to whether the Australian system is the right way. It was proposed and Tom Martin agreed that the Select Board set up a committee to propose options to the voting system and the day of the week to hold town meeting. Dave Van Deusen would like to make a motion to have changing the system on the ballot next year. Dave moved that on town meeting day 2015 the question of whether or not to do away with Australian ballot for everything be discussed. Randy Dow seconded. This is advisory only. This is not a vote today on whether to have Australian ballot but whether to discuss next year whether it should be done away with. This is a calling question. There needs to be a 2/3 vote to end discussion on the proposed article in 2015 to do away with the Australian ballot voting. All in favor to end discussion had to stand, and that number was 69. No one opposed. The motion is to have an article for the 2015 Town Meeting to do away with the Australian ballot system. The ayes have it.

Cheryl Brown added that there is garbage being dumped along some roads in Moretown in the wake of the landfill closing. If you see such garbage, please call the town office.

Harold Austin wanted to add recognition for Mary Reagan. Ben Sanders wanted to thank all the volunteers in Moretown. Rube Scharges stated that the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Town Plan. A town survey was issued but only 153 people replied. Forums have been held for input but very little showed up. This is important for the town's future. More people need to give input and show up at the planning forums.

Harold Austin stated that we are spending too much money on schools here, suggesting getting rid of the NEA. Steve Sharp added the Town Plan has many sections including one dealing with education. That would be a place to discuss the issues with schooling and taxes. So people should show up to the forums to discuss budgeting and the schools.

Deb Hunter discussed Harwood Union's budget. The school board has done all that is possible to cut expenditures in order to keep the budget down. Nonetheless, the budget for the upcoming year is a 4.1% increase over last year. The school did eliminate 3.5 full time staff positions this year, adding to the 2.5 eliminated from last year. This when only 15 students total have left the school. Behind the 4.1% increase are factors such as the maintenance and upkeep of an aging building, another car for drivers ed, meeting demands of the State and federal government, such as more computers to meet modern testing demands, increasing wifi capacity, bussing especially. Bussing costs are based upon mileage, and with the odd geography of the town this means increased costs. Only 1.5% is for salary increases. The average class size at the high school is 17, and 18 at the middle school. Don LaRocca stated that the school budget is out of control, especially when these children are getting a supposed good education and leaving the State of Vermont. Harold Austin again questioned all these expenses when he is not seeing positive results with the graduates. Deb then stated that the bond for \$425,000 for the wells is necessary. The wells keep

going dry and costs over \$20,000 a year. The \$425,000 is only for two wells, but is high because of the distance of piping to get across the way to the school. The route minimizes disturbance to the land, parking area and the like. Otter Creek Engineering is doing the project.

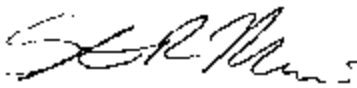
Clark Amadon as the chair of the Town office Committee provided an update on the town office progress.

Jordan Champney, a volunteer at the Moretown Fire Department, thought there was going to be an article on getting a lump sum for purchasing of tools. Tom Martin stated that he has never received such a request, nor has anyone from the fire department come to the Select Board for such a request.

John Schmeltzer moved to adjourn and Rube Scharges seconded. The ayes have it. The meeting adjourned at 12:04p.m.

Dated at Moretown, Vermont the 11th day of March, 2014


Charilyn Brown, Town Clerk/Presiding Officer


Steve Magill, Town Moderator

BALLOT RESULTS

March 4, 2014

SELECTMAN for 3 years	
Rae Washburn	284
SELECTMAN for 1 year	
Reed Korrow	264
Tom Martin	270
TOWN CLERK	
Cherilyn Brown	306
TOWN TREASURER	
Cherilyn Brown	297
AGENT TO PROSECUTE AND DEFEND SUITS for 1 year	
Sheila Getzinger	288
TOWN GRAND JUROR	
Sheila K. Getzinger	291
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 3 years	
Mary Murphy Blake	45
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR for 1 year	
Craig Eilers	295
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY for 1 year	
Cherilyn Brown	289
LIBRARY TRUSTEE for 5 years	
Karen Sharpwolf	19
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (remaining 2 years)	
Jennifer Tripp Mead	275
MORETOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years	
Jim Burmester	282
MORETOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 1 year	
Bruce Johnsen	268
HARWOOD UNION #19 SCHOOL BOARD	
Deborah Hunter	287
ARTICLE 7	193 YES 135 NO
ARTICLE 9	264 YES 63 NO
ARTICLE 11	235 YES 91 NO



Spring into Moretown Festival



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 Harwood Union H.S. 244-5186
 Supt. Of Schools 496-2272

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Hospital (Burlington) 802-847-0000
Mad River Family Practice (Waitsfield) 496-3838

Poison Control 800-222-1222

State Police (Middlesex) 229-9191

MORETOWN

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Fire Station (Non Emergency) 496-3254

Forest Fire Warden.....Eric Howes 498-4999

Highway/Roads.....Town Garage..... 496-4141

Library 496-9728

Lister..... 882-8237

Post Office 496-4131

Select Board 882-8219

Town Clerk..... 882-8218

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