

**Annual Report of the Town,
for the year ending
December 31, 2003
and Town School District,
for the year ending
June 30, 2003
of the**

TOWN OF MORETOWN, VERMONT



**Please bring this book to Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2004**

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

To help save with printing costs, all Community Service Reports will be available at the Informational Meeting and at Town Meeting. If you are unable to attend either meeting, copies of these Community Service Reports will be available at the Town Clerk's office for pickup during regular business hours.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator – Elect annually Jerry Maynard
Town Clerk ----- 3 year term – expires 2005 Susan Goodyear
Town Treasurer – 3 year term – expires 2005 Susan Goodyear
Select Board:

1 year term – expires 2004 Rae Washburn III
1 year term – expires 2004 Peter Rousseau
3 year term -- expires 2004 Jason Maloney
3 year term – expires 2005 John Hoogenboom
3 year term – expires 2006 Paula Mastroberardino

Tax Collector ---Elect annually David Clemons
Constable -----Elect annually Charles Abare
2nd Constable ---Elect annually Clarence Wood

School Directors:

1 year term – expires 2004 Wavell Cowan
1 year term – expires 2004 Mary Nowlan
3 year term – expires 2004 Karen Horn
3 year term – expires 2005 Deb Hunter
3 year term – expires 2006 J.Kent Holden

Union District # 19:

3 year term – expires 2005 Robert J.Holden

Listers:

Term expires 2004 David Kingsbury
Term expires 2005 Dennis Bandy*
Term expires 2006 Jeff Ladue

Auditors:

Term expires 2004 Linda Vantine
Term expires 2005 Cheryl Brown
Term expires 2006 Barbara Maynard

Trustee of Public Money – Elect annually Susan Goodyear

Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits:

Elect annually Brian Howes

Town Grand Juror Elect annually Brian Howes

Cemetery Commissioners:

Term expires 2004 Reginald Elwell
Term expires 2005 Arnold Eastman, Sr.
Term expires 2006 Linda Vantine

Library Trustees – 5 year term:

Term expires 2004 Kristin Geoghegan
Term expires 2005 Evelyn Goss
Term expires 2006 Sandra Reagan
Term expires 2007 Eleanore J. Hilferty
Term expires 2008 Patricia Moulton

*Resigned 2003

Justices of the Peace – 2 year term - expires 2004 Charles Abare,
Oswell Goss, Duane Howes, Gerald Maynard, Jack McDermott, Catherine
Scribner, Ron Shems

SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS – 2003

Fence Viewers Raymond Seguin, Robert Wimble, Jonathan Siegel
Tree Warden John Hoogenboom
Fire Warden George Moulton
Weigher of Coals – Inspector of Lumber Charlie Abare
Service Officer Evelyn Goss
Civil Defense Chairman/911 Coordinator George Moulton
Health Officer Richard Valentinetti
Waste Water Officer Sheila Getzinger
Town Attorney Paul Gillies
Newspaper Times Argus
Solid Waste Committee Jonathan Siegel, Doug Reed – Alternate
Road Commissioner Craig Elwell

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Select Board: 1st and 3rd Monday 6:30 p.m.
Town Office

Planning Commission: 1st and 3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Town Office

Development Review Board: .. As needed Town Office

Fire Department: Every Other Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Firehouse

Historical Society: 3rd Wednesday of the Month... 7:30 p.m.
Library

School Board: 2nd Tuesday of the Month 5:30 p.m.
Elementary School Library

Town Office Hours of Business: Open Monday thru Thursday from
9 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Telephone: 496-3645 E-mail: moremuni@madriver.com.
Mail: PO Box 666, Moretown, Vermont 05660

WARNING FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF TOWN OF MORETOWN AS A TOWN AND AS A TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004, 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 by Australian Ballot, it is important for voters to attend this informational meeting to discuss issues.

8. Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District vote the sum of \$1,838,028.00 for the support of the school, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, for any deficit, current expenses, capital improvements and other lawful purposes? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$651,528.00 for the support of the town, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004, for any operating expenses and other obligations. Vote to be by Australian ballot. Polls open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$10,000.00 for the repair and upkeep of the bridges of the Town. Vote to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 10:00 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 2, 2004**

TENTATIVE

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 Town Hall in Moretown Village on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10 (ten) o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters.

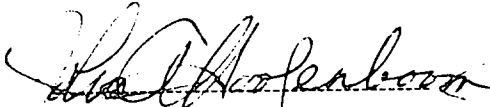
1. To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting of the Town and the Town School District whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.
2. To act upon the reports of the Town and Town School District officers.
3. To cast ballots for Town and Town School District officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 10:00 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 or the Collector of Taxes.
5. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes on real property paid in installments, and if so, to set the due date of each installment.
6. To see if the Town will vote to offer a discount on taxes and if so, to set the amount thereof.
7. To provide for dating of the tax warrant on real property and to set a date when taxes on such property shall become due and payable.
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9. Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money with which to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and the receipt of other funds to be used for these purposes?

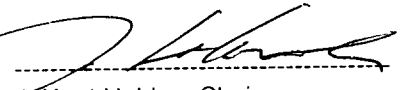
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11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectboard to borrow money to pay debts and current expenses of the Town in anticipation of taxes for that purpose.
12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to continue the reserve fund to hold the annual allotments to be received from the State for the cost of periodic reappraisals and maintenance of the grand list.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to use the revenue from the WSI Landfill to reduce the amount to be raised in taxes for budgeted Town expenses voted by the Town at a duly warned annual or special meeting, with the exception of \$100,000.00 to go into the Capital Reserve Fund.
14. Shall the voters of Moretown authorize the Selectboard to appropriate and expend Federal or State Grant money where the grant is either 100% funded or the towns contribution is \$5,000 or less.
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown vote the sum of \$10,000.00 for the repair and upkeep of the bridges of the Town. Vote to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice.
17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic.
18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support programs of the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.
19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of Battered Women's Services and Shelter.
20. Shall the voters appropriate the sum, not to exceed \$800.00 to help support the work of the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center.

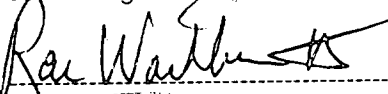
21. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.
22. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Central Vermont Council on Aging.
23. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support Green Mountain Transit Agency.
24. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to help support the Mad River Health Center, Inc. Broken down as, \$500.00 to offset the cost of medical care for the uninsured and \$2,500.00 for facility improvements to meet the demands of increased growth within the Valley communities.
25. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Family Center of Washington County.
26. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Onion River Arts Council.
27. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Good Beginnings of Central Vermont.
28. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club.
29. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the Central Vermont Crime Stoppers.
30. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to help support the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County.
31. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to help support Central Vermont Community Land Trust.
32. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the Washington County Diversion Program.
33. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to help support the Joslin Memorial Library.
34. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.

35. To see if the Town will 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.
36. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.


Dated at Moretown, Vermont this 30th day of January 2004



John Hoogenboom, Chair

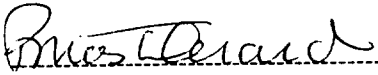

J. Kent Holden, Chair


Rae Washburn III

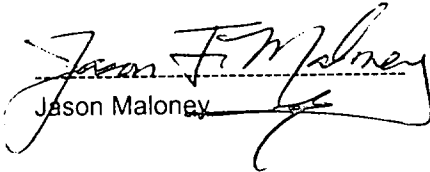
Mary Nowlan

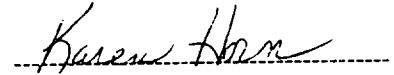

Peter Rousseau


Wavell Cowen


Paula Mastroberardino

Deborah Hunter


Jason Maloney


Karen Horn

Moretown Selectboard

Moretown Board of School
Directors

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Attest: Susan Goodyear, Town Clerk -



SELECT BOARD REPORTS

BRIDGES

This year the Select board has included an article asking the voters to approve \$10,000 for the repair and upkeep of the bridges in town.

In 2003, \$29,673.76 in work was done on town bridges as follows: Munn bridge, structural work and guard rails; McGibbons, replacement of a box culvert; and Lover's Lane bridge, engineering and survey costs, with a total town share of \$2,911.96. The Munn Bridge still needs painting.

WSI MORETOWN LANDFILL

Through a tipping fee of \$2.80 per ton, Moretown received \$343,184.74 in fees for 2003. WSI continues to pay Moretown's dues to the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance.

The WSI Landfill has been pursuing an expansion to its facility. The Agency of Natural Resources has been asked to consider a change to the Waste Management Regulations that would allow for a cell/expansion to be placed over existing waste. WSI plans on applying for State permitting to add two more cells to the landfill in the spring of 2004. If the expansion does not take place, the facility has an estimated life through December of 2005. If the regulation change is granted and permits can be obtained, the facility for a third cell would have an estimated life through 2009, possibly longer if a fourth cell is permitted.

In 2003 the Select Board amended the Host Agreement, eliminating the mandatory minimum WSI must pay the Town each year, until which time a third cell is up and running. WSI will continue to pay the Town tipping fees for what waste is actually brought to the landfill.

Legal residents of Moretown may purchase permits at a cost of \$1.00, to get reduced rates for dumping trash at .50 per bag. Permit must be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. It is necessary to report to the scale house before depositing any trash, each and every visit. The landfill makes it easy to recycle, please do your part.

In recognition of our senior citizens 65 years or older, the Town will again issue permits free of charge.

HIGHWAY WORK & MATERIALS

Major road improvement projects completed by the town this year were:

1. River Road - This road has had recurring problems with flooding and needs extensive reconstruction to solve this problem. On a short section of the road, grade was raised and guardrails were installed, at a cost of \$12,056. Currently, the Town is pursuing State and Federal funding to help pay for the cost of reconstructing the road.
2. Mountain Road – We spent \$3,940 on culvert replacement, blasting and road widening. This road continues to get a substantial amount of traffic and as a result, requires continual maintenance.

With assistance from the Central Vermont Planning Commission, an extensive amount of information was collected on our roads in town. A traffic survey was done on all Class II roads, and with Craig's help, a condition report was done on all town roads (except trails). This information should be helpful in planning future highway needs. All information is available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

The Town continues to purchase all of our road surface maintenance products as we continue to search for our own source for these materials.

TRUCK PURCHASE

Last year at Town Meeting, voters approved the purchase of a 14 cubic yard capacity dump truck. The new truck was delivered in November and the road crew is very pleased with its performance and efficiency.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

This year the Recreation Committee began construction of a new tennis/basketball court. It is located adjacent to the soccer field. This ambitious project was made possible with the help of donated labor and funds. Moretown Recreation also received funds from a settlement between WSI and the State of Vermont and a great donation from Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. Many thanks to all that contributed!

SELECT BOARD ADOPTS INTERIM BYLAWS

According to state statute, Interim Bylaws are zoning regulations that are limited to two years from the effective date with a 12-month possible extension period. Subsequent to that, through the public process the interim regulation would either become a permanent amendment or it would expire. Unlike other zoning provisions interim bylaws are adopted by the Select Board rather than being approved by Town voters.

On July 21, 2003 the Select Board voted to adopt two Interim Zoning Bylaws. These bylaws can be found in the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix B and C.

The first has dealt with Telecommunications Facilities. The amendment has balanced the need to provide for telecommunication facilities along with our responsibility to protect our natural resources.

The second addresses Access and Road Frontage Requirements. This amendment clarifies our zoning to be consistent with State Regulations.

Information received from the Planning Commission, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, legal counsel and residents assisted the Select Board with their decision.

FIRE STATION REPORT FROM CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

Moretown has a new firehouse. After years of trying to find a solution to a deteriorating, cramped building with no functioning bathroom the town has a comfortable modern building that will serve it and its volunteer fire crews for many years to come.

Last year, the voters overwhelmingly approved the expenditure of no more than \$420,000, to build a new firehouse on the same site as the old firehouse. The vote was an important milestone in a long and winding road traveled by many community members to find an acceptable solution to a difficult situation. While the go ahead vote was a major step toward successful outcome, there were many more steps to take before we had a new firehouse.

The town hired the John Russell Corporation of Rutland to design and build the firehouse. But first, all the details associated with designing and constructing the building had to be worked; a design that would meet the current and foreseeable needs of the fire department; making the new building fit a tight site; making sure it would be acceptable to the neighbors; demolishing and removing the old building and infrastructure; meeting the state building codes; making arrangements for temporary housing of the fire trucks and equipment and on and on.

Permits had to be obtained from the state for sewage disposal and water supply, as did a town permit for construction of the new building. Once all those hurdles were cleared the project could really begin. So, in mid-August down came the old firehouse and over the next four months, up went the new one. In December our new building was capped off with the old-fashioned fire siren from the old firehouse and over the next month, as the inside finishing touches were completed, the fire equipment was moved in.

We now have a building that will serve us well for many decades.

Many thanks go to the hard work and support of many community-minded members of Moretown who helped make it happen.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 2003

The Planning Commission finished recommendations for updating Telecommunication Facilities zoning. The Select Board accepted and enacted new interim zoning language with a few revisions. The new zoning encourages new technologies and added districts within which facilities may be placed while keeping safety and aesthetic safeguards in place.

Also begun in 2003, is the Community Mapping Project. The Vermont Institute of Natural Science awarded Moretown a mini-grant to help support this project to study and inventory the Town/School owned property. This program incorporates field investigations to connect students to local communities. Sarah Whitcomb's 5th/6th grade class is helping to map natural communities, trails and other points of interest on these lands using GIS and GPS technologies. The Planning Commission hopes to build on this base line data in order to help the town make informed land use decisions in the future.

The Planning Commission would like to begin a general review and public discussion of our Zoning Ordinance. A few topics of particular concern to this Board are traffic safety, bridge reconstruction, Class IV roads policy and of course land use/development patterns. The Planning Commission would like to put together a survey to gain voter's input on other topics of concern.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board holds hearings on requests for variances and proposed uses, or structures that require conditional use approval under the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The Board also hears appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator. During 2003 the Board met 10 times holding hearings on 14 zoning applications.

The DRB is a seven member Board consisting of the following:

Charles Abare	John Riley, Chair
Cherilyn Bandy	Erick Titrud
Cheryl Brown, Clerk	Linda Vantine
Mary Moulton, Asst. Chair	Don Wexler, Alternate

Effective November 1, 2003, the DRB's long serving Chairman Ron Sanguinetti resigned. Ron brought considerable knowledge and experience to the Board from his twenty-seven years of service. His wisdom and wit will be greatly missed.

Town of Moretown
Comparative Budget Report
General Fund

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
TOWN OFFICE			
Supplies/Expenses	2,000.00	2,231.95	2,000.00
Land Records Book	2,400.00	1,425.95	2,400.00
Postage	1,200.00	480.73	1,200.00
Equipment Purchase	1,000.00	0.00	12,375.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,850.00	662.22	1,850.00
Heating Fuel	400.00	289.84	400.00
Electricity	1,000.00	830.26	1,000.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,008.45	1,200.00
Online Access	120.00	120.00	120.00
Building Maintenance	3,500.00	3,321.70	1,500.00
Flag Pole	<u>400.00</u>	<u>38.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total TOWN OFFICE	15,070.00	10,409.10	24,445.00
TOWN HALL			
Supplies/Expenses	400.00	106.22	400.00
Heating Fuel	4,000.00	2,087.93	3,000.00
Electricity	700.00	411.84	600.00
Building Maintenance	4,500.00	482.14	2,000.00
Custodial Services	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>990.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total TOWN HALL	11,100.00	4,078.13	7,500.00
LIBRARY			
Books, Periodicals, Etc	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heating Fuel	800.00	752.85	800.00
Electricity	300.00	308.46	300.00
Telephone	500.00	579.88	500.00
Building Maintenance	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>358.92</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total LIBRARY	3,600.00	2,000.11	3,600.00
TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS			
Election Officials Pay	3,000.00	1,019.25	3,000.00
Fica/Medi	50.00	19.13	50.00
BCA Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Print/Publication/Expncs	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>699.61</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total TOWN MEET.& ELECT.	4,050.00	1,737.99	4,050.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
TOWN REPORTS			
Postage/Labeling	450.00	351.04	450.00
Printing	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,246.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total TOWN REPORTS	2,750.00	2,597.04	2,950.00
GENERAL TOWN EXPENSES			
Street Lights	3,325.00	3,309.43	3,325.00
Parking Lot Lights	400.00	175.71	300.00
Insurance:			
Liability/Multi-Peril	12,614.00	20,592.00	23,000.00
Public Officials Bond	0.00	237.50	0.00
Unemployment	0.00	1,131.72	1,295.00
Workers Comp.	<u>7,687.00</u>	<u>134.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Insurance	20,301.00	22,095.26	24,295.00
Contracted Services:			
General Legal	1,500.00	0.00	3,000.00
Legal: DRB	0.00	5,489.25	0.00
Legal: Selectboard	0.00	797.50	0.00
Legal: WSI	0.00	1,322.50	0.00
Host Agreement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Law Enforcement/Sheriff	8,500.00	11,684.85	8,500.00
Bond Financing Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
Total Contracted Services	10,000.00	20,894.10	13,100.00
Fire St/Garage Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington County Tax	14,000.00	13,686.00	13,545.00
Recreation Fund	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total GENERAL TOWN EXP.	51,026.00	63,160.50	57,565.00
MEMBERSHIPS			
Central Vt Regional Plan	1,405.00	1,405.05	1,405.00
VLCT Dues	1,358.00	1,358.00	1,470.00
CVEDC Dues	800.00	800.00	800.00
Montpelier Ambulance	<u>6,825.00</u>	<u>6,825.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total MEMBERSHIPS	10,388.00	10,388.05	10,675.00
TAX COLLECTOR			
Fica/Medi	1,000.00	752.67	2,000.00
Supplies/Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total TAX COLLECTOR	1,000.00	752.67	2,000.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
CONSTABLES			
Supplies/Expenses - 1st	100.00	0.00	100.00
Cntrl VT St Pol Comm Adv	0.00	50.00	0.00
Supplies/Expenses - 2nd	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total CONSTABLES	100.00	50.00	100.00
HEALTH OFFICER			
Supplies/Expenses	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total HEALTH OFFICER	50.00	0.00	50.00
DOG WARDEN			
Total Dog Warden	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Dog Warden Pay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fica/Medi	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total DOG WARDEN	1,000.00	200.00	500.00
AUDITORS			
Auditors Pay	2,000.00	1,289.03	1,500.00
CPA/selectboard	500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fica/Medi	150.00	98.66	115.00
Supplies/Expenses	<u>50.00</u>	<u>20.16</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total AUDITORS	2,700.00	3,907.85	4,165.00
LISTERS			
Listers Pay	8,000.00	5,564.34	8,000.00
Fica/Medi	612.00	425.73	612.00
Mileage	2,200.00	2,410.20	2,200.00
Supplies/Expenses	1,350.00	247.48	700.00
Postage	550.00	259.00	550.00
Consultant Pay	5,000.00	2,966.25	5,000.00
Fica/Medi - Consultant	383.00	226.94	383.00
Computer Support	150.00	135.00	150.00
Update Tax Maps	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town-wide Reappraisal	17,360.00	17,496.51	1,300.00
Computer Program	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,295.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>
Total LISTERS	37,905.00	32,026.45	21,195.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
BCA (TAX APPEALS)			
Total BCA	500.00	0.00	200.00
Board Members Pay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fica/Medi	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Services/Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>44.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total BCA (TAX APPEALS)	500.00	44.05	200.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR			
Zoning Administrator Pay	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
Supplies/Expenses/Print	1,000.00	362.05	1,000.00
Legal Services	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total ZONING ADMIN.	4,900.00	4,162.05	4,900.00
PLANNING COMMISSION			
Total Planning Commission	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Secretary Pay	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fica/Medi	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies/Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	2.67	0.00
Printing/Advertising	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total PLANNING COMM.	1,000.00	2.67	1,000.00
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD			
Total Development Review	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Secretary Pay	0.00	46.35	0.00
Fica/Medi	0.00	3.56	0.00
Supplies/Expenses	0.00	91.44	0.00
Postage	0.00	112.19	0.00
Printing/Advertisement	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,022.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total DEV. REVIEW BOARD	1,000.00	1,275.84	1,000.00
CEMETERIES			
Administrative Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00
Supplies/Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00
Maintenance	500.00	90.00	500.00
Cleaning Stones	800.00	800.00	800.00
Contracted Mowing	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total CEMETERIES	8,600.00	7,890.00	9,600.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER			
Town Clerk Pay	31,000.00	30,669.58	31,000.00
Health Insurance	4,100.00	3,646.51	4,500.00
Municipal Retirement	1,641.00	1,597.28	1,600.00
Disability Insurance	375.00	366.72	375.00
Fica/Medi - Town Clerk	2,372.00	2,346.36	2,372.00
Expenses - Town Clerk	300.00	440.00	300.00
Assistant Town Clerk Pay	6,200.00	8,379.68	9,800.00
Fica/Medi - Asst Twn Clrk	475.00	641.43	750.00
Expenses - Asst Twn Clrk	<u>50.00</u>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	46,513.00	48,105.56	50,747.00
SELECTBOARD			
Selectboard Pay	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
Supplies/Expenses	300.00	641.42	300.00
Postage	125.00	71.10	100.00
Printing/Publishing	1,000.00	502.94	600.00
Selectboard Clerk Pay	8,550.00	8,467.30	8,550.00
Health Insurance	6,150.00	5,401.79	9,000.00
Municipal Retirement	453.00	544.23	450.00
Fica/Medi - Selectbd Clrk	<u>654.00</u>	<u>647.84</u>	<u>650.00</u>
Total SELECTBOARD	19,982.00	19,026.62	22,400.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
FIRE STATION			
Heating Fuel	2,000.00	1,152.10	2,000.00
Electricity	1,000.00	570.58	1,000.00
Telephone	800.00	883.41	800.00
Building Maintenance	2,500.00	199.85	500.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	600.00
New Fire Station	2,500.00	260.91	0.00
Dispatching Service	<u>3,700.00</u>	<u>3,668.04</u>	<u>3,700.00</u>
Total FIRE STATION	12,500.00	6,734.89	8,600.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT			
Supplies/Expenses	500.00	629.10	700.00
Radio Repairs/Maintenance	800.00	1,557.41	1,000.00
Equipment	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total FIRE EQUIPMENT	5,300.00	2,411.51	5,700.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
FIREMEN			
Mileage	400.00	408.60	400.00
Expenses	600.00	600.00	600.00
Training	250.00	50.00	250.00
Wildland Fire	100.00	271.40	100.00
From Duxbury Contract	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total FIREMEN	1,850.00	1,830.00	1,850.00
FIRE VEHICLES			
Vehicle Supplies	0.00	30.00	0.00
Maintenance and Repairs	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>3,094.70</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total FIRE VEHICLES	2,500.00	3,124.70	3,000.00
FIRE WARDEN			
Expenses - Fire Warden	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total FIRE WARDEN	50.00	50.00	50.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES: FIRE			
Waterbury	2,350.00	2,410.00	2,460.00
Mutual Aid	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total CONTRACTED SERVICE	2,450.00	2,510.00	2,560.00
DEBT RETIREMENT - FIRE			
E-3 Pumper (Munic Bond)	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
E-3 Pumper - Interest	2,300.00	2,296.70	1,821.00
Fire Station (Munic Bond)	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Fire Station - Interest	<u>5,208.00</u>	<u>2,453.67</u>	<u>9,755.00</u>
Total DEBT RETIREM'T-FIRE	18,758.00	16,000.37	47,826.00
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	43,408.00	32,661.47	69,586.00
TOWN HIGHWAYS			
HIGHWAY CREW			
Highway Crew Pay	92,530.00	93,277.04	94,000.00
Health Insurance	12,200.00	11,850.07	13,500.00
Municipal Retirement	4,630.00	5,982.60	4,700.00
Disability Insurance	532.00	565.92	610.00
Uniforms	1,730.00	1,841.89	1,730.00
Fica/Medi	7,080.00	7,190.85	7,200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	86.50	100.00
Drug Testing Costs	<u>400.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Total HIGHWAY CREW	119,102.00	120,944.87	121,960.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
HIGHWAY CONTRACT SERVICES			
Road Commissioner Mileage	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Plowing	8,100.00	9,125.00	8,250.00
Sidewalk Plowing	600.00	681.73	600.00
Highway Surveys	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Town Road Plan	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>135.00</u>
Total HIGHWAY CONTRACT	12,000.00	12,106.73	12,285.00
HIGHWAY WORK			
Highway Work	20,000.00	538.40	11,500.00
River Rd	0.00	12,056.02	0.00
South Hill Rd.	0.00	990.81	0.00
Ward Brook Rd.	0.00	991.00	0.00
Mountain Rd	0.00	3,940.50	0.00
Common Rd.	0.00	108.66	0.00
Mountain Rd Repaving	0.00	1,090.45	0.00
Hurdle Rd.	0.00	2,188.10	0.00
Gravel Search	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total HIGHWAY WORK	21,500.00	21,903.94	11,500.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES			
Total Highway Supp/Civrts	80,000.00	2,017.10	90,000.00
Sand	0.00	42,020.75	0.00
Stone	0.00	19,333.18	0.00
Salt	0.00	4,933.49	0.00
Chloride	0.00	6,660.00	0.00
Signs	0.00	457.55	0.00
Other - Hay, Seed	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,390.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	80,000.00	76,813.03	90,000.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
TOWN GARAGE			
Supplies/Expenses	2,200.00	2,109.41	2,200.00
Welding Expenses	800.00	802.77	800.00
Heating Fuel	600.00	508.34	600.00
Electricity	450.00	479.64	450.00
Telephone	500.00	502.36	500.00
Propane	50.00	0.00	50.00
Trash Removal	200.00	69.25	200.00
Building Maintenance	0.00	4,706.80	500.00
Rental-Port-o-let	1,100.00	1,080.00	1,100.00
New Garage Project	4,000.00	0.00	3,500.00
Fuel Tank Expense:			
Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	389.27	0.00
Repay Loan	689.00	688.50	689.00
Tank Register	<u>100.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Fuel Tank Expense	789.00	1,302.77	789.00
Total TOWN GARAGE	10,689.00	11,561.34	10,689.00
VEHICLES/HIGHWAY EQUIPMNT			
Total Highway Equipment	42,000.00	0.00	42,000.00
Gas, Diesel, Oil	0.00	13,384.24	0.00
Maintenance Costs:			
1990 International	0.00	511.09	0.00
1994 International	0.00	7,062.71	0.00
1998 International	0.00	9,832.74	0.00
2001 International	0.00	1,679.02	0.00
2004 TRUCK	0.00	167.83	0.00
All Trucks	0.00	2,174.41	0.00
Grader	0.00	3,058.52	0.00
Loader	0.00	2,061.26	0.00
Excavator	0.00	3,425.16	0.00
JD-sidewalk tractor	0.00	357.50	0.00
All Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,356.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Maintenance Costs		31,686.98	
Chains	0.00	2,822.75	0.00
Tires	0.00	17.00	0.00
Town Pay Accid (Deductbl)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>637.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT	42,000.00	49,548.57	42,000.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT & TOOLS			
Supplies/Expenses	1,000.00	266.51	1,000.00
Radio Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00
Maintenance	300.00	599.61	300.00
Rentals & Leases	1,000.00	1,050.20	1,000.00
JD Trac. Lease/Own-Prin.	6,165.00	6,219.04	0.00
JD Trac.-Lease/Own-Int.	336.00	335.56	0.00
Mowing Roadsides	3,600.00	3,512.51	3,600.00
Purchases	1,000.00	1,369.29	1,000.00
Sidewalk Sander	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total HIGHWAY EQUIP/TOOLS	<u>13,901.00</u>	<u>13,352.72</u>	<u>8,600.00</u>
Total TOWN HIGHWAYS	299,192.00	306,231.20	297,034.00
DEBT RETIREMENT - HIGHWAY			
Excavator (Munic Bond)	13,750.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
Excavator - Interest	2,807.00	2,807.06	2,226.00
'01 Truck-State Principal	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00
'01 Truck-State Interest	375.00	375.00	0.00
'01 Truck-Bank Principal	6,708.00	6,708.30	0.00
'01 Truck-Bank Interest	174.00	173.93	0.00
'04 Truck-Eqp Loan-Princl	0.00	0.00	27,350.00
'04 Truck-Eqp Loan Inter	0.00	0.00	1,641.00
'04 Truck-Bank Principal	0.00	0.00	9,117.00
'04 Truck-Bank Interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,182.00</u>
Total DEBT RETIREMENT	<u>42,564.00</u>	<u>42,564.29</u>	<u>56,266.00</u>
SEPARATELY VOTED ARTICLES			
APPROPRIATIONS ARTICLES			
Central Vt Home Health	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Mad River Valley Sr. Citi	0.00	500.00	0.00
Central Vt Community Actn	0.00	300.00	0.00
Battered Women's Services	0.00	200.00	0.00
Waterbury Senior Citizens	0.00	800.00	0.00
Washington Cty Youth Svcs	0.00	150.00	0.00
Retired Senior Volunteers	0.00	200.00	0.00
Centl Vt Council on Aging	0.00	300.00	0.00
Wheels Transport. Service	0.00	100.00	0.00

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
Family Ctr of Wash County	0.00	300.00	0.00
Good Beginnings of Ctl VT	0.00	500.00	0.00
Central VT Crime Stoppers	0.00	50.00	0.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Tea	0.00	100.00	0.00
Peoples Health & Wellness	0.00	50.00	0.00
Wash County Diversion Pro	0.00	150.00	0.00
Mad River Health Ctr.	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Onion River Arts Council	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total APPROP. ARTICLES	0.00	8,200.00	0.00

PREV. BUDGETS/REIMB.

'04 Int'l Truck	0.00	113,824.89	0.00
Hist. Presrvtn Grant-Libr	0.00	7,950.00	0.00
Town Brdg Fund:Lovers La.	0.00	1,092.51	0.00
Town Brdg Fund: Munn's Br	0.00	890.00	0.00
Town Brdg Fund:McGbbns Rd	0.00	901.82	0.00
Town Garage Accid 11/8/02	0.00	3,577.80	0.00
St: Struct Prgm:Munn's B	0.00	8,010.00	0.00
St: Struct Pr:McGibbns Rd	0.00	8,116.55	0.00
Rec. Fund - to reimb Town	0.00	36,311.53	0.00
Solid Waste Alliance Dues	0.00	2,892.75	0.00
Fire St/Gar Exp-from Fund	0.00	1,759.25	0.00
Elem. School-to be reimb	0.00	246.79	0.00
Reappraisal-reimb	0.00	25,132.70	0.00
New Fire Station-Contract	0.00	363,556.98	0.00
New Fire St-Debris Dpsl	0.00	2,854.00	0.00
New Fire St-Non-contract	0.00	5,711.58	0.00
Marriage Licenses	0.00	165.00	0.00
Dog Licenses	0.00	413.54	0.00
Landfill Stickers	0.00	289.14	0.00
Land Record Books Restore	0.00	2,978.00	0.00
Emplye Hlth Insur Deduct	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,879.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total PREV. BUDGET/ART.	0.00	596,754.18	0.00

GRAND TOTAL	608,398.00	1,190,025.82	651,528.00
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

	General Fund
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2003	\$147.89
Checking Account	138.23
Savings Account	50,642.16
Rec. Fund	159.81
WSI Fees (was "Money Market Account")	220,079.77
Real Estate Tax Account	1,601.88
Reappraisal Fund	39,040.31
Preservation of Land Rec. Books Fund	3,248.66
Capital Reserve Fund	206,337.34
Fire Station/Garage Account	<u>1,949.87</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2003	523,345.92
Receipts:	
Taxes, Current	2,372,369.10
Interest-Real Estate Account	1,183.08
Taxes, Delinquent	307,233.11
Tax Penalties	24,578.53
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	20,313.21
Prepaid Real Estate Taxes	2,054.77
Host Town Tipping Fees 2002	23,996.78
" " " " 2003	319,187.96
" " " " Interest	1,520.50
Reappraisal Fund	5,943.00
" " - Interest	345.93
Preservation of Land Record Books Fund	1,202.00
" " " " " " - Interest	14.22
Rec. Fund - Interest	39.26
Duxbury Fire Contract	1,800.00
Hold Harmless	21,375.00
State of Vermont:	
Highway Quarterly Payments	76,303.00
Structures Program 2002	51,222.31
" " 2003	20,896.72
Hazard Mitigation Settlement 1992	811.00
Savings A/C - Interest	169.45
Capital Reserve Funds-Interest	5,806.27
Fire Station Bond Account-Interest	695.12
Land Use Withdrawal	317.60

Fees, Town Clerk	24,031.56
Town to Rec. Fund	3,000.00
Recreation Fund-Donations	47,187.01
Land Record Books Restored	2,214.00
Posting Land	175.00
Marriage Licenses	321.00
Liquor "	50.00
Dog "	1,709.00
Town Hall Rent	1,090.00
Copier Use	36.00
Landfill Stickers	495.00
Zoning Permits	3,556.02
Development Review Board Fees	800.00
Zoning Ordinances Sold	67.00
Town Plans Sold	27.00
Fire Station/Garage Fund-Interest	3.70
Overload Permits	305.00
Highway Tickets	3,416.93
Motor Vehicle Renewals	948.00
Insurance Premiums Refunded	694.00
Historic Preservation Grant-Library	8,200.00
Solid Waste Dues-paid to Town by WSI	2,892.75
Municipal Bond-Fire Station	250,000.00
Bond Anticipation Note-2004 Truck	109,400.00
" " " -Fire Station	170,000.00
School paid Town-2002	2,500.00
" " " -work done	246.79
Cemetery Fence Repair paid	520.00
Miscellaneous	<u>483.73</u>
 Total Receipts	 <u>3,893,747.41</u>
 Total Funds Available	 4,417,093.33

Expenditures:	
Selectboard	653,127.24
Highway Payroll	66,549.94
Payroll	50,357.46
Rec. Fund	36,311.53
Cemeteries	7,890.00
Transfer to School	2,525,487.00
Historic Preservation Grant - Library	7,950.00
Reservation of land Record Books	2,214.00
New Fire Station	294,926.96
2002 Checks/A/P	<u>22,678.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,667,492.13</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$749,601.20
Accounted for as follows:	
Cash on Hand	130.68
Checking Account	821.36
Savings "	157,597.42
Rec. Fund	14,074.55
WSI Fees (was Money Market account)	210,524.69
Real Estate Tax "	2,114.18
Reappraisal Fund	20,196.54
Preservation of Land Record Books Fund	4,464.88
Capital Reserve Funds	312,143.61
Fire Station/Garage Account	194.32
" " Bond Account	<u>27,338.97</u>
Total	749,601.20

GENERAL FUND
Comparative Financial Statement
Two-year period ending December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Dec. 31, 2002 Dec. 31, 2003

Cash Accounts:

Town Treasurer:

Cash on Hand	\$147.89	\$130.68
Cash in Bank	50,780.39	158,418.78
Delinquent Taxes	<u>118,001.95</u>	<u>102,465.04</u>

Total	168,930.23	261,014.50
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Other Assets:

FEMA Flood Money	2,025.00	0.00
Bridge & Culvert /Structures Program:		
McGibbons Road	20,410.20	0.00
River Road	10,236.00	0.00
Congden Road	20,576.11	0.00
Municipal Equip. Loan Fund Receivable	0.00	82,050.00
Recreation Fund	159.81	14,074.55
WSI Fees (was Money Market Account)	220,079.77	210,524.69
Real Estate Tax "	1,601.88	2,114.18
Reappraisal Fund	39,040.31	20,196.54
Preservation of Land Record Books Fund	3,248.66	4,464.88
Capital Reserve Funds	206,337.34	312,143.61
Fire Station/Garage Accounts	1,949.87	27,533.29
Cemetery Funds	27,105.32	27,529.14
" Lot Fund	9,946.27	10,070.49
Historic Preservation Grant-Library	930.00	1,180.00
Due from WSI: Dec., 2002	23,996.78	0.00
" " " Nov., 2003	0.00	27,527.95
" " " Dec., 2003	0.00	24,907.27
" " School	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>

Total Assets	\$759,073.55	\$1,027,831.09
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LIABILITIES

Payables:

Voted - not spent, Bridge Fund	32,585.72	29,673.76
" " " , Cemetery Art. 1999	1,059.71	1,059.71
Tax Collector's Fee	1,755.09	11,379.05
Social Security	134.27	1,237.64
Recreation Fund	159.81	14,074.55
WSI Fees (was Money Market Account)	220,079.77	210,524.69
Real Estate Tax "	1,601.88	2,114.18
Reappraisal Fund	0.00	20,196.54
Preservation of Land Record Books Fund	3,248.66	4,464.88
Capital Reserve Funds	206,337.34	312,143.61
Fire Station/Garage Accounts	0.00	27,533.29
Combined Cemetery Funds	37,051.59	37,599.63
Accounts Payable	22,678.00	84,826.21
Payable to School	180,000.00	0.00
Voted - not spent, Town Garage Art. 1998	<u>2,666.55</u>	<u>2,666.55</u>
 Total Liabilities	 \$709,358.39	 \$759,494.29
 Total Assets	 759,073.55	 1,027,831.09
Total Liabilities	<u>709,358.39</u>	<u>759,494.29</u>
 Total Surplus	 49,715.16	 268,336.80
 Total Non-Current Liabilities - (Outstanding Bonds & Notes)	 <u>\$143,212.29</u>	 <u>\$621,465.50</u>
 Fund Balance	 -\$93,497.13	 -\$353,128.70

OUTSTANDING BONDS & NOTES

As of December 31, 2003

Fuel Tank Replacement Loan		\$2,754.00
Payment to State Loan Fund		<u>688.50</u>
Principal Due		2,065.50
2000 Pumper Fire Truck:		
Due Municipal Bond Bank		51,750.00
Payment		11,250.00
Interest	2,296.70	<u> </u>
Principal Due Bond Bank		40,500.00
1999 Excavator/Trailer:		
Due Municipal Bond Bank		63,250.00
Payment		13,750.00
Interest	2,807.06	<u> </u>
Total Principal 1999 Excav/Trailer		49,500.00
2001 International Truck:		
Due State Loan Fund		18,750.00
Payment		18,750.00
Interest	375.00	<u> </u>
Principal Due State		0.00
Due Chittenden Bank		6,708.29
Payment		6,708.30
Interest	173.93	<u> </u>
Principal Due Bank		0.00
2003 Fire Station:		
Due Municipal Bond Bank		250,000.00
Interest	2,453.67	
Due Community National Bank		170,000.00
Total Principal Fire Station		420,000.00
2004 International Truck:		
Due Chittenden Bank		109,400.00
TOTAL LOANS OUTSTANDING		\$621,465.50

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2003

TAXES LEVIED:

Real Estate - Municipal	\$98,383,500	@	1%	\$983,835.00
- Education	98,533,943	@	1%	985,339.43

TAXES BILLED:

Municipal	983,835.00	0.30	295,150.50
Education - Statewide	985,339.43	1.34	1,320,354.83
" - Local	985,339.43	1.05	<u>1,034,606.40</u>

2,650,111.73

Contracts: State of VT-Ward Access

489.00

Moretown Hydro

14,999.44

\$2,665,600.17

Adjustment: Statewide Educ. Billing

-1.00

\$2,665,599.17

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

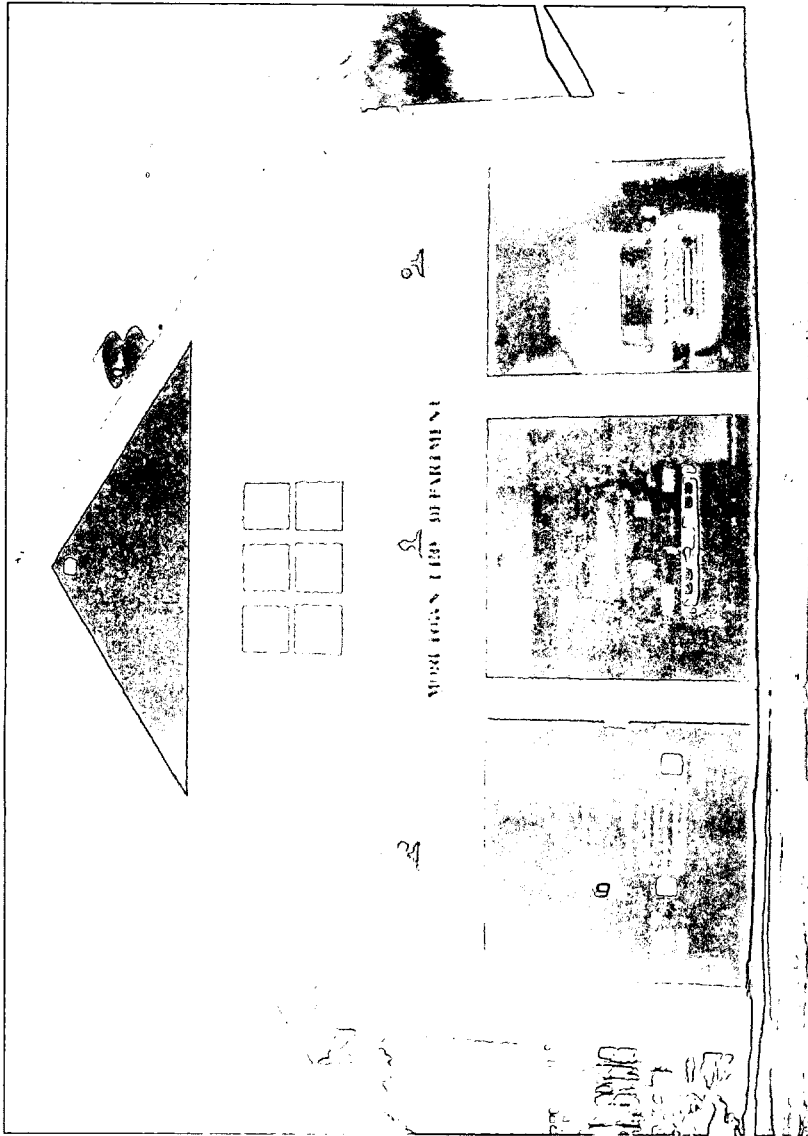
Collected	\$2,373,902.97
Delinquent Taxes	<u>291,696.20</u>

Total

\$2,665,599.17

SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) offers assistance to any senior citizen in preparing Federal and State Tax Returns and related forms. The Tax-Aide Program is offered on Wednesday afternoons at the Town Clerk's Office from the beginning of February until April 15th. The preparer is a senior volunteer who has been trained by the IRS and the State of Vermont. To make an appointment for this service, call the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours: 496-3645.



Compliments of the Valley Reporter

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
December 31, 2003
Real Estate and Personal Property

Year	Received for Collections	Collections	Abatements	Balance Dec. 31, 2003
1994	703.77	419.30	0.00	284.47
1995	637.56	0.00	0.00	637.56
1996	4,417.12	3,037.53	0.00	1,379.59
1997	9,443.19	6,413.45	0.00	3,029.74
1998	9,483.41	7,553.12	0.00	1,930.29
1999	9,916.03	2,865.78	0.00	7,050.25
2000	11,430.85	3,379.45	0.00	8,051.40
2001	21,143.88	7,888.03	0.00	13,255.85
2002	50,826.14	34,164.54	0.00	16,661.60
2003	291,696.20	241,511.91	0.00	50,184.29
Totals	\$409,698.15	\$307,233.11	\$0.00	\$102,465.04
TOTAL COLLECTIONS				
			\$307,233.11	
INTEREST				
			20,313.21	
REMITTED TO TREASURER				\$327,546.32

DELINQUENT TAXES**December 31, 2003**

Austin, Kenneth & Norma	1,527.92
Bache, Dennis	1,053.96
Barrows, David	1,380.94
Cavender, Peter	5,293.36
Ciampi, Craig & Rebecca	126.43
Clark, Ed & Mimi	2,850.83
Cubb Properties	669.81
Doran, Michael & Sonya	115.27
Dwire, Loren & Judy	1,609.50
Elliott, Michael & Robin	2,188.86
Evans, Wendy & Randy	2,270.36
Feed Bag c/o Patricia Myott	575.90
Friedland, Kathryn	71.55
Gallagher, Dale R.	874.25
Giro, Gregory	4,417.81
Godin, Brenda	4,295.55
Green, Jane	2,224.63
Hendenburg, Carol	2,471.96
Herring, Allan & Dorothy	688.64
Kafer, Lynn	1,826.08
Kelly, David	3,973.73
Lamson, Harry & Jerri Lynn	1,363.43
Lawrence, David & Barbara	271.04
Long, Michael South Hill Rd. Property	3,486.24
Longchamp, Steven & Louise	1,222.00
Martin, Patricia	4,392.89
Mays, Darrell & Colleen	844.66
McNaulty, Robert & Alberta	883.60
Moran, Francis & Lewis	95.51
Mostov, Neal	57.72
Paull, Stephen	4,831.20
Ruggles, Francis & Agnes	642.75
Shea, James & Eileen	2,911.96
Strojny, Michael & Linda	4,233.13
Sumner, Lawrence	1,391.15
Wagner, Gregory Jr.	3,406.93
Walker, William	2,948.24
Warren, Garth	3,141.43
Wimble, Carl	10,826.28
WSI Moretown Landfill Inc.	14,712.57
WSI Moretown Landfill Inc.	207.01
WSI Moretown Landfill Inc.	87.96

TOTAL	\$	102,465.04
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RECREATION FUND
12/31/03
REGULAR ACCOUNT

Balance as of 1/1/03	\$159.81
 Receipts:	
Interest	39.26
From Town Budget	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>3,039.26</u>
 Total Available	 3,199.07
 Expenses:	
Advertise: Mowing bid	88.68
Mowing	3,435.00
Bushhogging	<u>165.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>3,688.68</u>
 Balance as of 12/31/03 - Regular a/c	 -\$489.61

TENNIS/BASKETBALL COURTS PROJECT 2003

Receipts: Private & Corporate donations	\$47,187.01	
 Expenses:		
Gravel & trucking	10,356.40	
" " "	7,238.00	
Excavating	14,069.65	
Equipment rentals	172.52	
Culvert	421.78	
Seed	<u>364.50</u>	
Total Expenses		32,622.85
Balance as of 12/31/03 - Project only		\$14,564.16

COMBINED RECREATION FUND

Balance as of 1/1/03		\$159.81
Receipts: Regular account	3,039.26	
Courts Project	<u>47,187.01</u>	
Total Receipts		50,226.27
Expenses: Regular account	3,688.68	
Courts Project	<u>32,622.85</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>36,311.53</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03 - Combined funds		\$14,074.55

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

December 31, 2003

Per Article 14, as voted 3/7/2000, a Capital Reserve Fund was established.

Balance 1/1/03		\$206,337.34
Banknorth to Community Nat'l	-70,000.00	
Interest	<u>5,340.61</u>	
Balance 12/31/03 Banknorth		<u>141,677.95</u>
Community Nat'l from Banknorth	70,000.00	
Deposit per Art. 13, 3/4/03	100,000.00	
Interest	<u>465.66</u>	
Balance 12/31/03 Community Nat'l		<u>170,465.66</u>
Combined Balance 12/31/03		\$312,143.61

**DOG LICENSES
2003**

2 @ \$4.00	8.00
246 @ \$5.00	1,230.00
1 @ \$7.00	7.00
18 @ \$9.00	162.00
1 @ \$30.00 - Breeding Licenses	30.00
1 @ \$10.00 - Kennel Permits	10.00
Penalties	<u>262.00</u>
Total Collected	1,709.00
Sent to State of Vermont	<u>279.00</u>
Town Total	\$1,430.00

DOG TAGS FOR 2004 ARE AVAILABLE

All dogs 6-months or older **MUST** be licensed by **April 1st of each year** (20 V.S.A., 3581). You must have a current rabies certificate and if neutered or spayed, proof by veterinarian. If you wish to license by mail, please enclose a self-addressed envelope and .44 cents for postage. Peter Rousseau (496-3133) is Moretown's Animal Control Officer. The Town's Animal Control Ordinance is posted in the Town Clerk's Office.

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS
2003**

Registration renewals: 316 = \$948.00

Nearly all vehicles, as well as boats & snowmobiles, can have the registrations renewed at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to renew, you must have the DMV preprinted computer-generated "Vehicle Registration Renewal" notice. Only checks or money orders are accepted for the registration & must be for the correct amount- made out to: Dept. of Motor Vehicles. An additional \$3.00 processing fee is charged by the Town & must be paid separately by cash or check. Renewals will be processed during regular office hours.

**ZONING PERMITS
2003**

Zoning permit applications:

8	Single family resident
2	Commercial
13	Waste water disposal systems
1	Apartment
4	Subdivision
23	Addition, modification, gazebo, dormer
19	Shed, deck, porch
8	Garage
1	Home occupation
1	Barn
1	Outdoor recreation facility
7	Fill
1	Fire station
1	Wireless telecommunication facility
1	Light post
1	Pool
1	Chimney
1	Stone quarry (no permit given, application withdrawn by applicant)
1	Sign
1	Mobile home
1	Change in use
<u>1</u>	Carport
98	Total

\$ 3,556.02 Zoning fees collected

\$ 800.00 DRB fees collected

MORETOWN LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balance and cash on hand January 1, 2002 \$ 234.68

Receipts:

Yellow pages \$ 3.17

Total Receipts: \$ 3.17

Total Funds Available \$ 237.85

Expenses:

Checking \$ 113.29

From Petty Cash 2.00

Total Expenses \$ 115.29

Bank balances and cash on hand December 31, 2003 \$ 122.56

Accounted for as follows:

Passbook Savings –Trans to checking .00

Checking Account 104.17

Petty Cash 18.39

\$ 122.56

The G. Parker Trust Fund principal of \$1,850.00 will be maintained in a separate CD account.

Evelyn Goss, Treasurer

MORETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Much of 2003 was spent working in conjunction with the Library Trustees to finish the downstairs area of the Library. The painting and papering in the main part of the building are complete and the floors have been painted. All in all we are quite pleased with the results and enjoy "showing off" what has been done. We are now in the process of renovating what was known as the children's room and the entry hall. Gary Butler did a great job painting the exterior of the Library. Some of these projects were paid through a grant from Vermont Historic Preservation and the Freeman Foundation. The Historical Society and the Library Trustees supplemented the grant with funds from their treasuries to complete several of the projects. Slowly but surely our dream of having the entire building refurbished is being realized.

We have finally finished all of the neighborhood potluck dinners, with the last being the Route 100 B, River Road area. Although we were a small group we had a lot of fun, shared some great stories and enjoyed wonderful food from some of Moretown's fine cooks. We would, at some time, like to have a town-wide dinner with all areas represented. We will keep you informed as plans proceed.

We wish to thank those people who have made donations to the society over the past year. A special thanks goes to Roxie Quero whose many donations include some great family photos of her ancestors, the Evans family. She took the time to document and identify the photos and the people in them. If not for generous benefactors such as Roxie we would not be able to continue to keep the history of Moretown alive. As always thanks to Ellie Hilferty who allows us space on her web site and keeps material updated as needed.

Our thanks go to Dick Brothers for the use of the gazebo for Holiday decorations and to Meriden and Margaret Nelson for supplying electricity.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

President: Denise Gabaree
Vice President: Sandy Reagan
Treasurer: Evelyn Goss
Secretary: Patty Moulton

The Historical Society will again be sponsoring a soup and sandwich lunch on Town Meeting Day.

MORETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Check book balance as of December 21, 2002

\$161.39

Receipts:

Town of Moretown	600.00
Town of Duxbury	500.00
Donations & Interest.....	6,368.50
Auxiliary.....	1,085.46
Total Receipts:.....	<u>\$8,553.96</u>

Disbursements:

Cellular Phone service	100.28
Dues	273.00
Equipment/Protective clothing.....	2,911.64
Postage and Box rent.....	49.39
Auxiliary, Haunted House.....	814.18
Refreshments	73.25
Dept. Picnic.....	495.07
Misc/Office supplies/printing.....	510.12
Donation, Shriners Hospital.....	250.00
New Radio's /Pagers	2,422.13
Training.....	180.58
Flowers.....	77.00
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$8,156.64</u>

Balance as of December 20, 2003 \$ 558.71

Savings Account balance as of December 21, 2002..... \$1,037.47

Receipts

Interest Earned	\$4.24
Total Receipts.....	<u>\$4.24</u>

Disbursements..... \$ 0.00

Balance as of December 20, 2003 \$1,041.71

Total Funds Available: \$1,600.42

2003 was a busy year for the Volunteer Firefighters. We responded to 61 requests for service, as follows; 4 mutual aid to surrounding towns, 10 car accidents, 7 chimney fires, 16 misc. non fire calls, 11 misc. fire related calls, 12 fire false alarms, 1 grass/brush fires.

For emergency any person(s) may reach us by dialing **911**. Be sure when calling that you give precise direction to your location, as the dispatcher may not be familiar with your area. For non-emergencies call 496-3254 this number is forwarded to the Chief's house and messages are checked several times a day, or contact any of our members.

All members of the Fire Department wish to offer their thanks for all the generous support we have received. With your support we were able to purchase 5 much needed pagers/radios \$2,023.00, plus 1 new portable radio \$399.00. Also we purchased \$2,911.64 worth of fire protective clothing for our members.

We also want to thank you and especially the "committee" for the new Fire Station. With any kind of luck we will be in it before you get this report and if we are it will be open all day Town Meeting day so please stop by and tour.

Chief	George Moulton	496-3364
1 st Asst. Chief	Randy Grandfield	496-5543
2 nd Asst. Chief	Arnold Eastman	496-3467
Captain	Dick Peck	244-1389

Respectfully submitted	George Moulton - Chief Treasurer
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**MORETOWN CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT
2003**

	Budget: 2003	Expended: 2003
Contracted Mowing	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Maintenance.....	500.00	
Cleaning Stones.....	800.00	900.00
Administrative Expense	200.00	
Supplies	<u>100.00</u>	<u> </u>
TOTALS:	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 7,900.00

Unexpended funds from Cemetery Article (1999) \$1059.71
Contracted mowing service provided by Ayer Enterprises.

American Legion Post # 59 of Waterbury places new flags on our
veteran's graves every year.

Reginald Elwell
Arnold Eastman, Sr.
Linda Vantine

Ozzie and Evelyn Goss do an excellent job of maintaining
St. Patrick's Cemetery.

REPORT OF THE CHARLES O. DAVIS FUND

There is on deposit at the Chittenden Bank, Burlington, Vt. The sum of
\$64,720.23 income from the perpetual charitable trust of the estate of Charles O.
Davis, to be used from time to time by the Selectmen or such body as may be
lawfully designated by the voters of said Moretown for the aid of worthy couples,
not less than sixty-five years of age, who have never been paupers and desire to
live together.

No monies were expended from the fund in 2003

CEMETERY FUND - PERPETUAL CARE**Dec. 31, 2003**

	Original Bequest	Total Unexpended Interest
Hiram Hathaway	\$200.00	\$956.23
Albert Lovejoy	50.00	115.17
William & Charles Davis	100.00	172.54
George Howes	25.00	85.12
Aaron & Katie Goss	75.00	172.77
E.E. Sargent & Howe	200.00	488.23
J.W. Bates	75.00	172.77
Foster	100.00	172.54
George Thornton	100.00	257.87
George Bulkeley	100.00	172.54
J.H. Palmer	50.00	115.17
Harry & F.H. Bulkeley	150.00	345.52
Curtis Carpenter	50.00	115.17
Mabel Carey	100.00	202.82
Josephine Warner	50.00	142.71
Plumea Sawyer	125.00	378.78
Gilman & George Sleeper	250.00	669.47
Joshua Freeman	250.00	520.82
Benjamin Spaulding	50.00	115.17
Nathan Spaulding	50.00	115.17
Taylor	75.00	172.77
Kingsley & Sawyer	75.00	172.77
George Parker	108.34	194.48
William Freeman	100.00	202.82
E.E. & Diana Chouinard	100.00	202.82
Wilbur & Florence Thompson	100.00	202.82
Flanagan	50.00	142.71
Hornbrook	50.00	142.71
Roger Hayes	100.00	202.82
Roland & Olive Farnham	100.00	202.82
Dr. James Haylett	50.00	142.71
Christopher Spaulding	75.00	172.77
H.C. & M.G. Tyrell	70.00	177.77
Royce Farnsworth	75.00	178.25
Lura Griffin	75.00	172.77
Leopold Viens	50.00	142.71
William Shepard	75.00	172.77
Elmer E. Foster	100.00	202.82

Fletcher Fielder	75.00	172.77
Ed & Ethel Fordham	100.00	202.82
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Harrington	100.00	202.82
Leo & Rena Smith	50.00	115.17
Donald Benoit	50.00	87.64
Henry & Merle Nelson	100.00	202.82
Richard Messer	100.00	202.82
Raymond & Angela Kennedy	100.00	202.82
Robert Thompson	100.00	202.82
Gerald & Wilma Maynard	100.00	202.82
Charles Degen	100.00	202.82
Leo J. Smith, Jr.	100.00	202.82
Ethel L. Child	100.00	202.82
June Holden	100.00	202.82
Edwin & Merlene McLaughlin	100.00	202.82
Donald & Norma Kingsbury	100.00	202.82
Carroll & Virginia Williams	100.00	202.82
B. Reagan & S. Trudell	100.00	202.82
Beatrice & Ray Spaulding	100.00	202.82
Wallace & Pauline Berno	100.00	202.82
Clifford & Evelyn Berno	100.00	202.82
George C. Evans	100.00	423.05
Elton Pierce	100.00	65.17
Richard Viens	100.00	65.17
Ryland Partridge	100.00	65.17
Wesley & Charity Rutledge	100.00	65.17
Raymond & Rose/Kenneth & Norma	100.00	65.17
Austin		
Ann P. Stevens	100.00	65.17
Homer & Barbara Plastridge	100.00	65.17
John & Audrey Murphy	200.00	75.29
Clifford & Margaret Boyce	100.00	65.17
Bernice Fleury	50.00	32.59
Herve & Gwendolyn Chouinard	100.00	65.17
Erle B. & Judy A. Pierce	50.00	35.33
Walter & Kathleen Brooks	50.00	32.59
Theodore Metevier	50.00	32.59
Ronald & Vera Ward	100.00	37.64
H.A. Bulkeley	122.30	1,254.17
Ralph Maynard, et al	200.00	356.09
Wilcox Fund	210.63	725.35
Grant Newton	100.00	92.71
Brenda Holden Finn	75.00	62.64

Winston & Lettie Conrad	100.00	65.17
Mervin & Frena Cutler	100.00	65.17
Roberts Fund	100.00	450.57
Haseltine Fund	100.00	92.71
David Lyon	100.00	65.17
G.T. & Beulah Evans	200.00	598.35
Andrew & Lucille Tweedie	200.00	515.76
Donald & Mildred Cooney	100.00	92.72
Meriden & Margaret Nelson	100.00	23.89
Norman & Barbara Grandfield	100.00	21.13
Howard Ryan	<u>100.00</u>	<u>15.63</u>

	9,061.27	<u>18,467.87</u>
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Perpetual Care Funds Total 12/31/03 \$27,529.14

Chittenden Bank - Savings a/c 1,030.15

Northfield Savings Bank - C.D. 26,498.99

Perpetual Care Funds Total 12/31/03 \$27,529.14

CEMETERY LOT FUND

December 31, 2003

	Purchase Price	Total Unexpended Interest
Theodore Metevier	\$ 100.00	\$ 28.30
Cedric & Joyce Reagan	100.00	28.30
James Murphy	100.00	28.30
Carlos & Patricia Nelson	200.00	55.55
Allen Ward	100.00	28.78
Vivie Peatman	100.00	28.78
Susan Hardin	500.00	135.30
Jeffrey Myers	500.00	135.10
Douglas & Sandra Reagan	250.00	66.04
Meriden & Margaret Nelson	100.00	19.97
Oswell & Evelyn Goss	250.00	38.29
George & Patricia Moulton	250.00	38.29
Norman & Barbara Grandfield	600.00	82.31
Cornerstones	100.00	
Diana L. Halsall	1,800.00	134.26
Cornerstones	200.00	
Murphy, Blake & Cutler	1,400.00	31.58
Cornerstones	100.00	
Joan Starck	600.00	14.06
Cornerstones	100.00	
Betsy & Jeremiah Rutledge	900.00	16.50
Cornerstones	100.00	
Mildred Ray	600.00	10.78
Cornerstones	<u>100.00</u>	<u> </u>
	\$9,150.00	\$ <u>920.49</u>
Lot Fund Total		\$10,070.49
Chittenden Bank – Savings A/C		\$ 3,063.78
Northfield Savings Bank – CD		<u>7,006.71</u>
Lot Fund Total as of 12/31/03		\$10,070.49

SNOW IN THE RIGHT – OF – WAY

Vermont law strictly prohibits residents from leaving excess snow in the roadway:

" No person, other than an employee in the performance of his or her official duties or other person authorized by the agency of transportation (in the case of state highways) or Select Board (in case of town highways), shall plow or otherwise deposit snow onto the traveled way, shoulder or sidewalk of a state highway or a class 1, 2, or 3 town roadway." 23 V.S.A. – 1126a.

" A person other than a municipality { who does such}shall be fined not more than \$1000..." 19 V.S.A. – 1105

Please **do not** obstruct traffic or create a safety hazard on our roads by leaving snow in the right-of-way. Thank you

Town of Moretown Select Board & Road Crew

MORETOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Just a reminder- Title 10 VSA section 2645, open burning permits;

" A person shall not kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow on the site, without first obtaining permission from the fire warden."

Moretown 2003:

61 permits issued

George Moulton, Fire Warden

Work phone 828-4930

Home phone 496-3364

Cell phone 272-9560

ENHANCED 9-1-1 REPORT

The Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board's 2003 Annual Report is now available. A copy of this report can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.state.vt.us/e911/TownContactInfo/TownReport2003.htm>
If you prefer to have a paper copy, please contact the enhanced 9-1-1 Board at (800) 342- 4911 or info911@state.vt.us. In addition, 2003 call volume statistics for each town will be posted on our website.

Please Post Your House Numbers

The E-911 Board continues to hear from local emergency responders that many people have not yet posted their 911 addresses on their business and homes. If you have not already done so, please post your 911 address where it can be seen by responders, even at night. Some neighborhoods have a confusing mixture of old and new numbers, so if you have not taken down your old number and replaced it with your new number, please do so right away.

Evelyn Bailey, Executive Director

MONTPELIER FIRE / AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT 2003 REPORT FOR TOWN OF MORETOWN

The Montpelier Fire / Ambulance Department provides ambulance service to the City of Montpelier and, under contract, to three neighboring towns, including part of Moretown. The Montpelier Fire / Ambulance Department works closely with the fire departments and FAST squads which serve those towns to provide excellent service to the citizens of those communities. Funding for the ambulance service comes from billing for services provided and taxpayer support from the communities served. In calendar year 2003, 14 responses were made by ambulance to the Town of Moretown.

BIRTHS 2003

Date	Sex	Child	Parents
1/29	F	Eloise Lindgren Nussbaum	Neil E. Nussbaum Sarah Lindgren
2/28	M	Aidan John Poulin	Michael J. Poulin Holly E. Hebert
3/13	F	Hannah Taylor Ladieu	Charles D. Ladieu Tina Marie Guyette
3/21	F	Jesse Wilder Mays	Darrell S. Mays Colleen Matheson
3/22	M	Andrew Samuel Bauer	Adam S. Bauer Mary A. Rotando
5/21	F	Kaylee Grace Cameron	Martin L. Cameron Jennifer L. Fortin
6/5	F	Alanya Winter Morelli	Michael R. Morelli Kelly Brandt
8/6	M	Nathaniel Richard Livingstone	Eric R. Livingstone Farrah L. Stridsberg
9/5	F	Sierra Rose Sumner	Sherry L. Sumner
11/2	F	Sophia Aurora Sharp	Stephen A. Sharp Karen A. Sharpwolf
11/9	F	Eloise Margaret Harris	Daniel M. Harris Elizabeth M. Mays
11/21	F	Kayla Amanda Yalicki	Michael J. Yalicki Gina M. Messina
11/24	M	Jacob Merrill Green	Gregory M. Green Jodi M. Gibbs
12/3	F	Jaye Esther Fuller	Jeffrey M. Fuller Bethany L. Bowers

MARRIAGES 2003

Date	Couple	Parents
1/25	Paul Ervin Andrews Shelly Marie Lawrence	Ernest & Phyllis Andrews Randall & Marie Houghton
2/15	William Oliver Good, Jr. Ruth Esther Reilly	William & Sandra Good Ismael & Josephine Alvarez
5/26	Eric Richard Livingstone Farrah Lee Stridsberg	Alan & Vicki Livingstone Joseph & Lisa Stridsberg
6/14	Marc David Rocheleau Nicole Lynn Cameron	Leo & Ursula Rocheleau Lester & Marilyn Cameron
7/5	Scott Robert Weiler Jessica Marie Walsh	Robert & Susan Weiler John & Helen Walsh
7/19	Travis James McGrath Jennifer Lynn Orton	Michael & Linda McGrath Dale & Andrea Orton
8/2	William Gordon Laidlaw Kimberly Jo Hauge	Richard & Anna Laidlaw Paul & Karen Hauge
8/2	Christopher Warren Stevens Jessica Lee Ashley	Michael & Debra Stevens Howard & Peggy Ashley
9/20	Frederick John Malinoski Jennifer Grant	Frederick & Mary Malinoski James & Maureen Grant, Jr.
11/21	Charles Henry Abare, Jr. Erin Nicole Lyn Sollace	Charles & Cheryl Abare, Sr. Jeffery & Carole Sollace
12/30	Riley Evans Allen Sarah Leslie Mays	Truett & Barbara Allen Miles & Marilyn Mays

DEATHS 2003

Date	Sex	Name	Age	Parents
2/20	F	Eula Fannie Dupere	85	Max Berno Martha Rogers
7/10	M	Harold L. Bobar	51	Harold W. Bobar Catherine Kilby
7/16	M	Wendall K. Austin	68	Theron Austin Helen Murray
8/16	F	Jeannette M.G. Hebert	93	Arthur L. Houle Marie Ann Cote
9/1	F	Nancy Hough Brunell	44	Richard Hough Ruth Smith
9/16	F	Jeanette O. Broadwell	82	Henry Constantine Lela Pepeau

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SCHOOL FUND
1/1 - 12/31/2003

Balance as of 1/1/03	\$619,356.49
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Receipts:

State Aid	474,773.00	
Washington West	178,793.00	
Special Ed.	555,998.92	
Taxes	2,345,487.00	
Taxes - fye 6/03	180,000.00	
Interest	4,295.84	
Line of Credit-Comm. Nat'l Bank	<u>231,200.00</u>	
Total Receipts		3,970,547.76

Funds Available	4,589,904.25
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Expenses:

School Directors' Expenses	2,163,271.12	
Harwood Assessment	1,243,506.40	
Comm. Nat'l repaid	230,000.00	
Stop Payment charge	<u>22.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>3,636,799.52</u>

Ending Balance	\$953,104.73
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Accounted For:

Savings Account	2,244,102.96
Checking Account Balance	<u>24,000.00</u>

2,268,102.96

Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>1,314,998.23</u>
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Balance 12/31/03	\$953,104.73
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SCHOOL FUND

Comparative Financial Statement

Two-year Period Ending December 31, 2003

ASSETS

12/31/02

12/31/03

Cash Accounts:

Town Treasurer:

Checking Account	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
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Savings Account	1,856,338.10	2,244,102.96
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In Transit	8,650.00	0.00
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Receivable from Town	<u>180,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Assets	\$2,068,988.10	\$2,268,102.96
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LIABILITIES

Harwood Assessment	1,253,908.80	1,243,506.40
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Due Town	2,500.00	2,500.00
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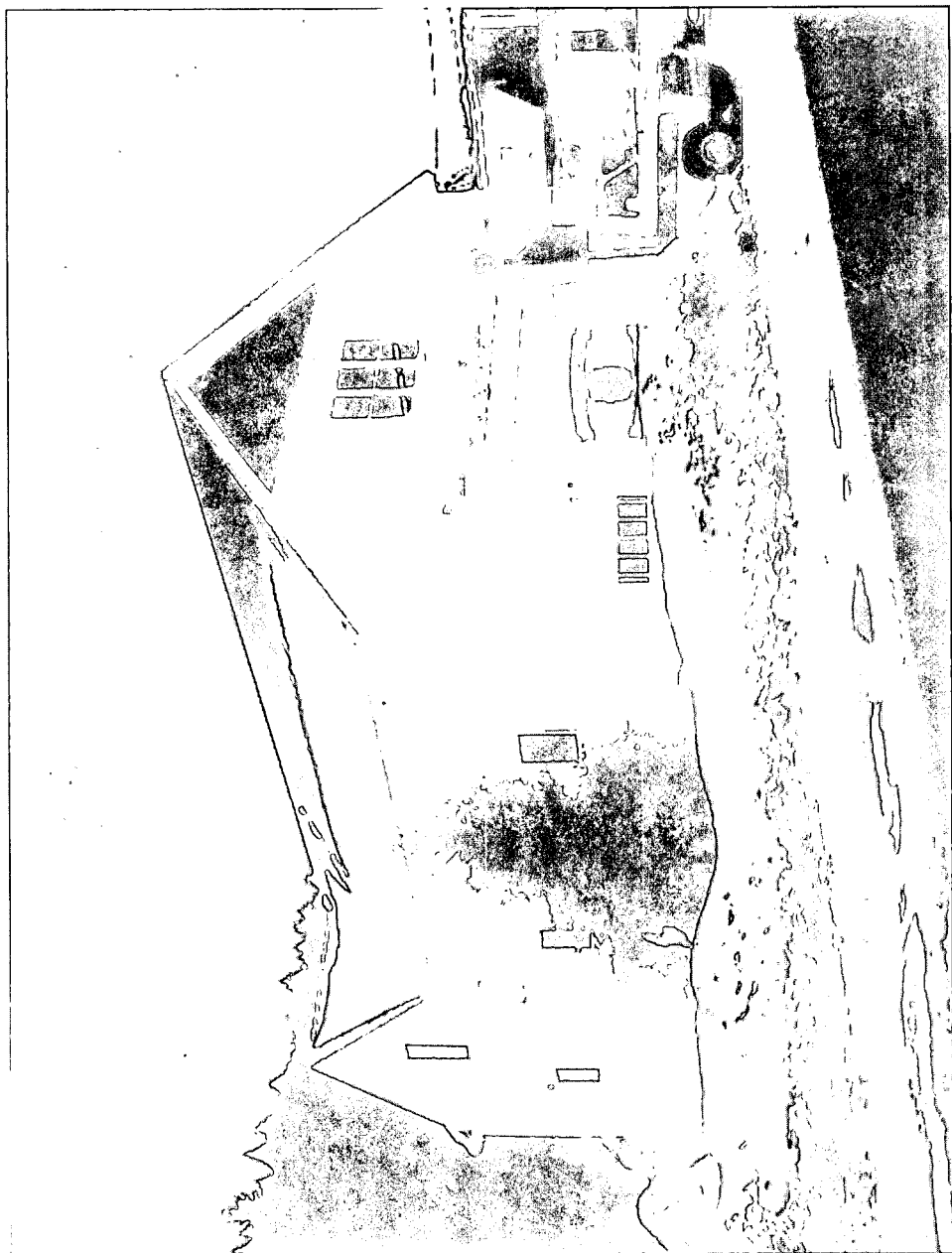
Note Due 6/04 Comm. Nat'l	<u>0.00</u>	<u>188,782.00</u>
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Total Liabilities	\$1,256,408.80	\$1,434,788.40
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Total Assets	2,068,988.10	2,268,102.96
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Total Liabilities	<u>1,256,408.80</u>	<u>1,434,788.40</u>
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Fund Balance	\$812,579.30	\$833,314.56
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V.S.A. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers, and to the best of our knowledge, the preceding statements and reports of our receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the Town of Moretown on December 31, 2003, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

The Moretown School District Report was audited by an independent public accountant. We have relied upon this report for inclusion in this Town Report without further verification on our part.

The Moretown Volunteer Fire Department stated that no records were kept to backup the receipts deposited into the fire department's bank account and actual invoices were not provided for the disbursements listed on the summary report. Therefore, the Board of Auditors has relied upon the Fire Chief's figures for this Town Report and cannot verify the accuracy of the Fire Department's financial reports.

At this time we would like to thank all of those organizations and personnel for their cooperation in presenting their reports in a timely fashion so as to help expedite this report.

Thanks to those who provided pictures!

Auditors: Cheryl Brown
Linda Vantine
Barbara Maynard

Annual School Reports

The following is a report of the progress and present status of your school.

Elementary Enrollment 2003-2004										
Grades	Pre K	K	LI	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Students	19	24	5	14	15	21	13	23	16	150

Secondary Enrollment 2003-2004							
Grades	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Students	25	16	23	22	24	30	140

Knowledge is power.

MORETOWN ELEMENTARY FACULTY & STAFF ' 03-04

Principal	Roberta Barone
Preschool	Susan Phillips .80
Kindergarten	Kim Lincoln
Language Intensive	Pam Dow .50
Grade 1/2	Kathi Orr
Grade 1/2	Brenda Hartshorn
Grade 3/4	Joni Clemmons
Grade 3/4	Karen Cingiser
Grade 5/6	Thom McAllister
Grade 5/6	Sara Whitcomb
Title I/SpEd Teacher	Jeff Isham
Special Educator	Carol Callaghan
Speech/Language	Kelly Poulin
Nurse/Home Health	Ann-Marie DeSantis .80
Nurse Assistant	Maryellen Munday .80
French	Nikki Matheson .40
Art	Lisa B Harvey .40
Music	Karen Retchless .60
Physical Education	Ray Drake .40
Librarian	Barbara Ellingson .60
Library /preschool para	Amanda Williams
Administrative Assistant	Pam Kathan
Maintenance Supervisor	David Hanna
Assistant Custodian	Fred Zeno
5/6 Para educator	Tamme Haskell
3/4 Para educator	Becky Auger
1/2 Para educator	Tina Kennedy
Kindergarten Para	Pam Remick
Individual Aide	Karen Derrick
Individual Aide	Patti Moran
Individual Aide	Lisa Shepard
Individual Aide	Lisa Moreno
Individual Aide	Karen Crowley
Individual Aide	Elyse Long
Individual Aide	Susan Werntgen

Annual Report
Student Performance Results
For the
2003 School Year

Message from The Principal

Six years of tracking Moretown student performance and the subsequent action planning discussions have provided rich dividends for our students.

In the early years of our data analysis, the school action plan was strongly focused on generating improvements in writing performance. The focus seems to have worked: Moretown students have shown an improvement in reading substantially greater than the state average, moving from scores at or near state average seven years ago to scores currently about 5% above the state average. Writing scores for Moretown students have also shown a steady, if somewhat less dramatic, upward trend relative to the state average.

The picture for math has been more complicated. In the early years of analysis, Moretown scores in math skills declined until they were more than 5% below state average. Over the past four years this trend has been reversed with performance improving to bring Moretown students nearly up to the state average.

Scores in math concepts and problem solving were consistently above state average in the early years. But then in 2000-2002 scores showed a marked--and alarming--decline. This brought the focus of action planning onto math and the implementation of a variety of new initiatives. Whether the results of the 2003 assessments were due to these initiatives is unclear, but our expectation is to see a strong upward trend sustained over the coming years.

By using our extensive student database, we are now in the final stages of generating standardized reports that will allow even more comprehensive assessment of average student performance at all grade levels. The reports will permit us to track data that follow individual student performance in reading, writing, and math from the time students enter our school through their sixth grade year.

These reports will provide the reliable data needed to allow effective community involvement in action planning discussions with the Moretown principal and teaching staff. The school board is now seeking to broaden community involvement in this process. If being part of this pioneering approach to continuous improvement in educational quality catches your interest, please contact me at 496-3742 ext. 112 or rbaron@madriver.com.
The more the merrier!

MORETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GENERAL INFORMATION

2003-2004 School Year

Average class Size K-6	18
Total Enrollment PreK-6	150

<u>Special Services</u>	% of total enrollment
Students with Individual Educational Plans (Sp. Ed.)	17%
504/ Act 117 Plans	9%
Title 1/Remedial Plans	7%

<u>Faculty and Staff</u>	
Professional Teachers	13.7
Para-educators	12
(General Instruction)	5
(Sp. Ed.)	7.0
Administrator	1.0
Secretary	1.0

Professional Teachers' Salary (2002-2003)

Moretown Average	\$ 38,807
Vermont Average	\$ 41,462

Length of School Year

Student Days	180
Teacher Days	190

Length of School Day

Kindergarten	3.0 hours/session
Grades 1-6	7.0 hours

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEALTH & SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN MORETOWN 2002-2003 School Year

Source: VT Dept Education School Report

Moretown Elementary School	Moretown	Vermont
Students eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	24%	26.4 %
Families eligible for Food Stamps	2.9%	10.5%
Adjusted Gross Income per exemption *	\$21,201	\$20,582
Median Family Income (for Joint & Head of Household) *	\$52,332	\$47,296
Adults in Moretown with at least some post- secondary education (2000)	50.3%	46.2%
Attendance Rate *	96.3%	94.7%

* 2001 Data

Other Washington West Communities	Fayston	Warren	Waits- field	Thatcher Brook
Students eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch:	16%	29%	18%	18%
Families eligible for Food Stamps:	.8%	5%	8.1%	5.1%
Adjusted Gross Income (2001)	\$22,809	\$23,641	\$25,063	\$23,080
Median Family Income (2001)	\$55,938	\$53,751	\$57,066	\$56,016
Adults with at least some post-secondary education	80.1%	73.9%	72.2%	62.8%

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

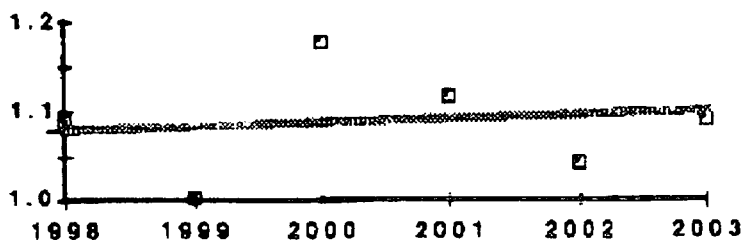
The Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment

The DRA is an individually administered standards-based reading assessment given at the end of grade 2. It involves students reading and retelling selected short books. Teachers administer the assessment using uniform procedures, scoring the accuracy and fluency of students' oral reading, as well as their comprehension. Teachers determine the highest range of text difficulty at which students read with acceptable accuracy, fluency and comprehension. The tables show the percent of students who met or exceeded the performance standard.

Grade 2

		% Of students who met or exceeded standards		
2003 Developmental Reading Assessment		More-town	WW-SU	State
Second grade reading skills	Vermont Standard 1.2			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read grade-appropriate material, with at least 90% accuracy; in a way that makes meaning clear. Read for meaning, demonstrating both initial understanding and personal response to what is read. 	95%	89%	82%
	<i>Number of students assessed:</i>	20	156	6706
2002		77%	86%	81%

**Average Moretown grade 2 developmental reading scores
relative to statewide average:**



With the exception of the increase in the score from 1999 to 2000, the year to year changes are not statistically significant. The current trend line shows that Moretown scores are typically well above the state average with Moretown scores improving very slightly faster than the state average.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The New Standards Reference Exams - Mathematics

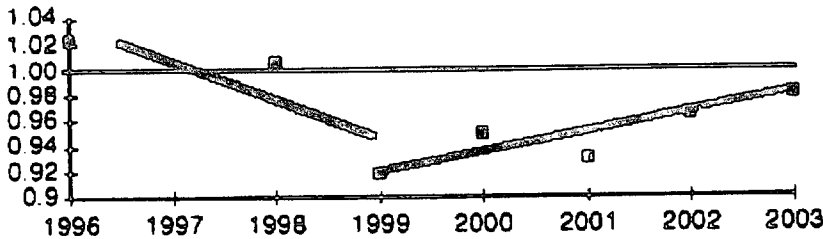
How well can 4th graders meet the national standards in Mathematics? The NSRE provides a partial answer. A standards-based test, it includes both multiple-choice questions, and questions in which a student is required to provide the solutions to problems. It is administered in three separate 50-minute sittings to all students in grades 4 (and 8 and 10), assessing their accumulated knowledge and understanding of mathematical skills, concepts, and the ability to solve problems.

Grade 4

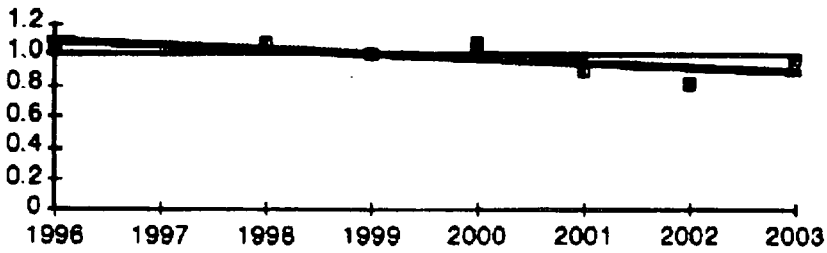
		% Of students who met or exceeded standards			
New Standards Reference Examination in Math		2002 More town	2003 More town	2003 WW-SU	2003 State
Skills	Compute and measure accurately, use \$, ¢, and decimal points correctly, read data on bar graph, etc.	63%	78%	79%	73%
Concepts	Understand how numbers work for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, can count in groups, recognizes and uses linear patterns, and understands fractions as divisions of wholes.	25%	41%	50%	46%
Problem-solving	Use concepts and skills to solve problems: figure out an approach to a problem, carry out the solution, explain the solution, and say how that solution may be used in other situations.	12%	36%	41%	41%
Number of students assessed:		16	22	157	6,775

Average Moretown grade 4 NSRE math scores relative to statewide average:

Mathematical Skills



Mathematical Concepts



Problem Solving



Moretown students' mathematical skills have been improving in recent years, but still fall somewhat below the state average. The current trend line for knowledge of math concepts shows a slight downward movement, but generally scores have been near the state average. Moretown student problem solving abilities which had been above the state average, showed an alarming three year decline, although the latest test results showed a statistically significant rise over the prior year. Nevertheless, the past year has seen the focus of action planning move into the math area.

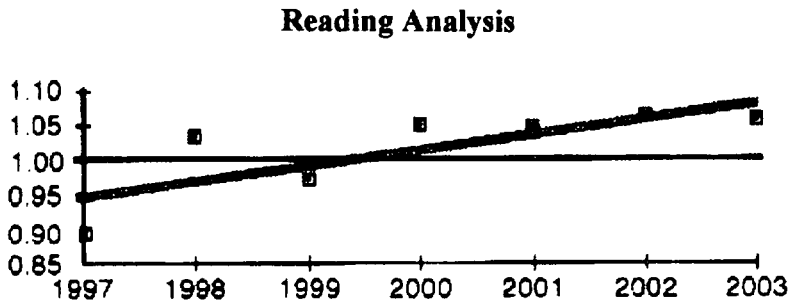
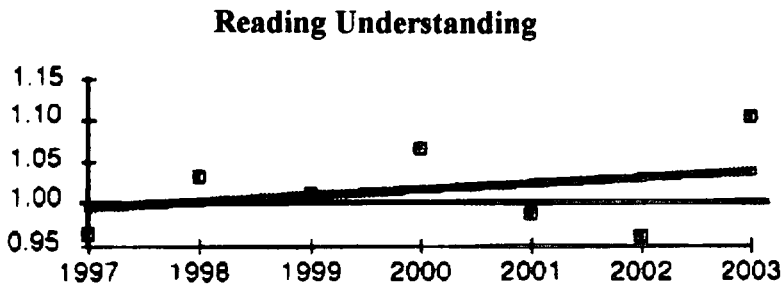
The New Standards Reference Exams – English Language Arts

Similarly, the English Language Arts NSRE seeks to determine how well 4th graders can meet high academic standards in reading and language arts. Administered to 4th graders (as well as 8th and 10th graders), it assesses their ability to comprehend and analyze different kinds of texts, and includes multiple-choice questions and open-ended responses. It also measures *writing effectiveness* based on two writing tasks, as well as knowledge and use of conventional grammar, usage and punctuation.

Grade 4

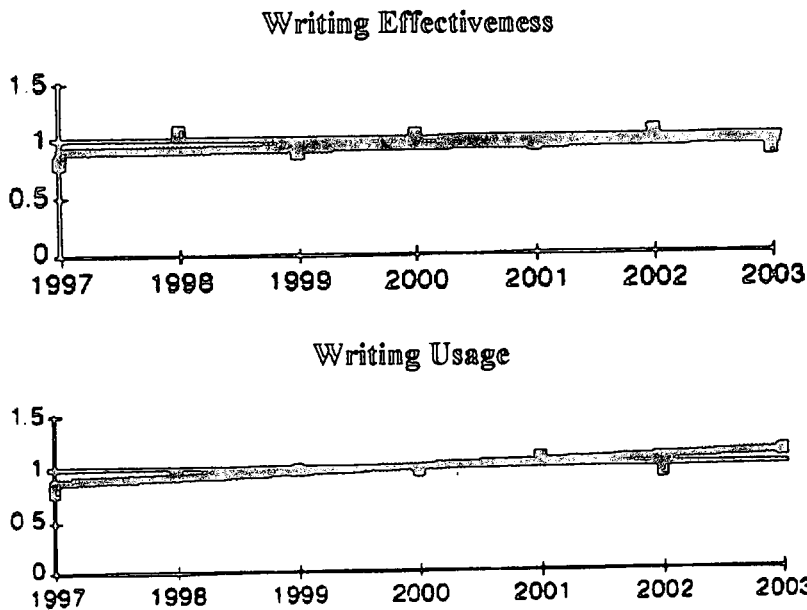
		% Of students who met or exceeded standards			
New Standards Reference Examination in Language Arts		2002 More town	2003 More town	2003 WW-SU	2003 State
Reading Basic Understanding	Comprehend a variety of materials of varying length and complexity.	81%	100%	88%	80%
Reading Analysis & Interpretation	Analyze and interpret what s/he reads in the process of becoming critical readers.	75%	82%	77%	70%
Writing	Write effectively in a variety of formats for a variety of purposes, audiences, and contexts.	69%	45%	63%	60%
Usage Spelling Punctuation	Demonstrate control of the conventions and grammar of the English language according to current standards of effectiveness.	56%	86%	71%	62%
Number of students assessed:		16	22	156	6,719

Average Moretown grade 4 NSRE reading scores relative to statewide average:



In reading understanding, the increases from 1997 to 1998, and from 2002 to 2003 were statistically significant as was the increase from 1997 to 1998 in reading analysis. The current trend line shows a general increase in test scores for reading, with that rate exceeding the growth in the statewide average and generally maintaining the Moretown scores above the state average.

Average Moretown grade 4 NSRE writing scores relative to statewide average:



With the exception of the 1997 to 1998 score in writing effectiveness, year to year changes have not been statistically significant. Current trend lines show minor to moderate improvements generally exceeding the rate for the state average. Moretown general performance has moved from somewhat below the state average to about equal to it. Writing was the main focus for improvement requested by action planning in the early years.

**The Partnership for the Assessment of Standards-based
Science (PASS)**

The PASS provides a way to determine how well 5th grade students are making meaningful progress toward science literacy, it includes performance tasks, constructed response, investigations, open ended questions and enhanced multiple-choice items.

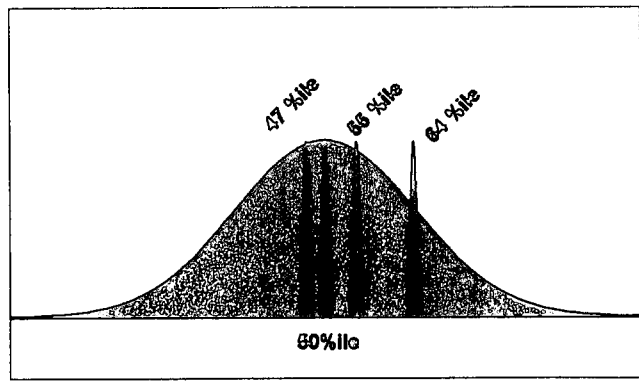
Grade 5

Vermont Science Assessment	% Of Students who met or exceeded standards			
	2002 MES	2003 MES	2003 WWSU	2003 State
	59%	63%	60%	46%
Number of Students assessed	32	16	167	7373

Stanford Achievement Tests (9th Edition)

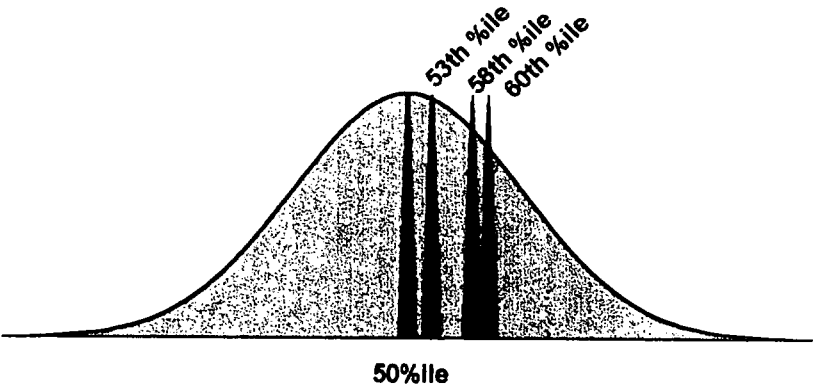
The SAT/9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test administered in grade 3, 5 & 6. It assesses one measure of achievement in the areas of Reading, Mathematics and Language. The average percentile rank of a class indicates relative standing in comparison with other classes in the United States taking the same test. The national average percentile rank for any standardized test is the 50th percentile.

Grade 3		National Percentile	
Stanford Achievement Tests (9 th Edition)		2002 MES	2003 MES
Total Reading :	Overall Reading score	70 th %ile	64 th %ile
Total Math	Overall Math Score	35 th %ile	55 th %ile
Total Language	Overall Language Score	55 th %ile	47 th %ile
Number of students tested:		21	14



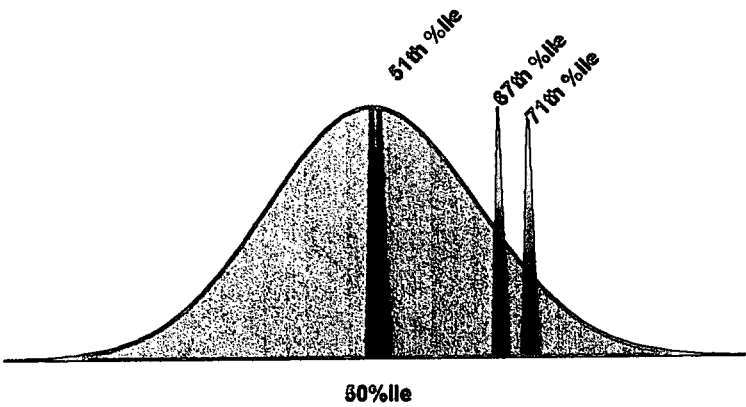
Grade 5

		National Percentile	
Stanford Achievement Tests (9 th Edition)		2002 More-town	2003 More-town
<i>Total Reading</i>	Total Reading score	67 th %ile	60 th %ile
<i>Total Math</i>	Total Math score	50 th %ile	58 th %ile
<i>Total Language</i>	Total Language score	48 th %ile	53 th %ile
	Number of students assessed:	30	16



Grade 6

		National Percentile	
Stanford Achievement Tests (9 th Edition)		2002 More-town	2003 More-town
Total Reading	Total Reading score	78 th %ile	67 th %ile
Total Math	Total Math score	60 th %ile	71 th %ile
Total Language	Total Language score	64 th %ile	51 th %ile
	Number of students assessed	24	30



MORETOWN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
FY2005 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
1100 REGULAR EDUCATION					
Salaries	501,888	474,003	495,078	518,213	
Benefits & Staff Development	161,083	154,535	147,529	164,786	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	53,122	52,123	55,990	56,166	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	716,093	680,661	698,597	739,165	5.81%
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY ED					
Salaries	200,026	199,065	197,430	229,821	
Benefits & Staff Development	51,627	49,803	54,877	83,323	
Contracted Svs, Materials, Supplies & Equipment	48,699	36,781	42,066	38,800	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	300,352	285,649	294,373	351,944	19.56%
1250 COMPENSATORY EDUCATION					
Salaries	38,617	38,511	41,748	36,745	
Benefits & Staff Development	13,142	14,331	11,565	14,628	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	1,275	61	1,275	1,275	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	53,034	52,903	54,588	52,648	-3.55%
2130 HEALTH					
Salaries	21,253	23,593	22,110	25,043	
Benefits & Staff Development	7,741	7,794	8,974	10,352	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	1,251	1,415	1,251	1,500	
TOTAL HEALTH	30,245	32,802	32,335	36,895	14.10%
2150 SPEECH					
Salaries	55,723	59,248	64,328	42,314	
Benefits & Staff Development	12,584	12,720	12,870	5,471	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	800	93	800	1,800	
TOTAL SPEECH	69,107	72,061	77,998	49,585	-36.43%
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION					
Inservice/Workshops	2,200	3,532	2,200	2,200	
Curriculum Development	8,300	2,844	8,300	5,300	
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	10,500	6,376	10,500	7,500	-28.57%
2220 LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER					
Salaries	37,367	37,428	34,878	36,585	
Benefits & Staff Development	6,897	6,562	6,352	7,299	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	6,100	7,191	6,100	4,000	
TOTAL SPEECH	50,364	51,181	47,330	47,885	1.17%
2310 SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE	12,608	7,553	8,450	8,250	-2.37%
2321 WWSU GENERAL ASSESSMENT	27,432	27,432	30,923	30,789	-0.43%
2400 ADMINISTRATION					
Salaries	87,560	86,278	90,846	93,784	
Benefits & Staff Development	26,961	27,158	32,237	33,382	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	3,400	2,284	2,200	2,200	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	117,921	115,720	125,283	129,366	3.26%
2520 FISCAL SERVICES					
Business Management	5,445	5,445	6,210	6,232	
Payroll & Accounting	11,858	11,858	14,033	14,358	
Audit	1,800	1,950	4,600	2,750	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	19,103	19,253	24,843	23,340	-6.05%
2600 MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	35,579	43,222	42,616	44,095	

MORETOWN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
FY2005 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
Benefits & Staff Development	9,393	11,141	12,923	13,819	
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	57,874	59,749	58,048	62,015	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	102,846	114,112	113,587	119,929	5.58%
2700 TRANSPORTATION					
Daily Transportation	83,534	83,534	88,880	94,486	
Special Education Transportation	1,567	575	2,100	3,000	
Field Trips	2,722	3,618	2,722	3,000	
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	87,823	87,727	93,702	100,486	7.24%
5100 DEBT SERVICE					
Interest	48,817	48,630	45,681	42,535	
Principal	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	108,817	108,630	105,681	102,535	-2.98%
5500 FOOD SERVICE	9,705	7,301	9,705	9,757	0.54%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY BUDGET	1,715,950	1,669,361	1,727,895	1,810,074	4.76%
HARWOOD SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	(10,813)	(10,813)	(10,813)		
VOCATIONAL TUITION	6,950	7,468	10,770	27,954	
TOTAL MORETOWN REQUEST	1,712,087	1,666,016	1,727,852	1,838,028	6.38%
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	15,473	15,473	20,858	-	
Act 68 Local Adopted Budget	1,727,560	1,681,489	1,748,710	1,838,028	5.11%
HARWOOD ASSESSMENT*	1,567,386	1,567,386	1,554,383	1,606,296	3.34%
Gross Act 68 Budget	3,294,946	3,248,875	3,303,093	3,444,324	4.28%
LESS: REVENUES					
Local Revenue	7,000	6,260	2,000	10,000	
State Revenue (incl. Special Education)	422,048	425,983	497,862	438,272	
Federal Revenue	45,245	50,457	50,458	62,537	
Prior Year Fund Balance	31,819	31,819	30,573	47,483	
Total Local Revenues	506,112	514,519	580,893	558,292	-3.89%
Capital Debt Aid	15,082	15,082	8,776	-	
Total revenues	521,194	529,601	589,669	558,292	
Education Spending (Act 68 Definition)	2,773,752	2,719,274	2,713,424	2,886,032	6.36%
Equalized Pupils	302.22	302.22	289.59	279.45	-3.50%
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	9,178	8,998	9,370	10,328	10.22%
District spending adjustment (\$10,328 / \$6,800)				151.876%	
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (151.876% x \$1.05 assumes passage of H.540)				\$ 1.595	
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		90.35%	82.21%	75.52%	
Anticipated homestead tax rate (equalized rate / CLA - assumes passage of H.540)				\$ 2.112	

Note - H.540, a technical corrections bill relating to Act 68, includes provision which reduce the base homestead tax rate from \$1.10 to \$1.05 and the base non-homestead tax rate from \$1.59 to \$1.54; additionally, H.540 uses the most recent CLA to determine the actual tax rates for FY05

2003-04 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

PO Box 1450, Waitsfield, Vermont
802-496-2272

CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

Dr. Robert Gerardi, <i>Interim Supt. of Schools</i>	John Pike, <i>Business Manager</i>
Dr. Edith Beatty, <i>Director of Curriculum & Assistant Assessment</i>	Diane Story, <i>Financial</i>
	Marilyn Spaulding, <i>Accounts Payable</i>
Donarae Cook, <i>Special Education Director</i>	Jeanette Hunter,
<i>Payroll/Benefits</i>	
Laura Titus, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	
Angela Young, <i>Special Ed. Secretary/Medicaid Clerk</i>	

The Washington West Office welcomed several new staff members this year. Dr. Robert Gerardi was hired as Interim Superintendent of Schools, starting on September 15, 2003. John Pike began his duties as Business Manager on September 1, 2003, and Dr. Edith Beatty was employed as Director of Curriculum and Assessment effective January 2, 2004.

Angela Young was Secretary to the Special Education Director and former Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. This year she continues as Secretary to the Special Education Director and has assumed the duties of the Medicaid Clerk.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

We have established partnerships with four community preschool/childcare providers; namely, The Children's Space, Waitsfield Children's Center, Spring Hill School, and The Learning Ladder. Staff from the supervisory union schools and community partners has worked together to develop curricula aligned with the Vermont Standards.

CURRICULUM

Over the last couple of years, eleven standards-based curricula have been developed, adopted, and are being implemented in Washington West Supervisory Union. The three remaining disciplines to be developed are technology education, physical education, and early childhood education. With the employment of our new Director of Curriculum and Assessment, we will see the development of these curricula in the near future.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment activities included participation in the state testing programs in English/language arts, math and science. Several schools also participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This past spring all supervisory union schools participated in this national program in compliance with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Schools continue to use portfolio assessment at the local level as well as norm-referenced assessment at grades 3, 5, 6, and 7. As district school

personnel implement and review the various curricula, work will continue on strengthening local assessments specific to each curricular area. Work also will continue on standards-based reporting as mandated in NCLB. Upon installation of a district-wide student data management system, development of an electronic database and reporting system will begin.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This is the second year of the district-wide system of professional development based on the concept of professional learning communities (PLC). Thirty teachers and administrators participated in a daylong facilitators' training program in the summer of 2003, and one attended a five-day training sponsored by the National School Reform faculty.

There are twenty-seven professional learning communities active in the Washington West Supervisory Union. The groups are diverse, varying in both composition and topics, but all affording an opportunity for teachers to work together on common interests that will advance their professional learning. This year the goals and objectives of the PLC groups also needed to show an impact on student learning.

In order to determine the changes and directions needed for year three, information will be gathered from facilitators throughout the year, as well as an end of the year program evaluation. Opportunities for further facilitator training will also be provided.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Every school within the Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU) has an array of educational opportunities available to support children with unique learning challenges. Classroom teachers are able to differentiate instruction within their classrooms, making the curriculum accessible to all students, given their strengths and challenges. Our goal is to provide accommodations and services to children within their regular education classrooms to the extent possible. Title I support is available for students in regular education who need more attention in language arts and math. Students who have English as their second language receive support within the regular education continuum of services as well.

Students with disabilities are provided more intensive accommodations and remedial services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA-B) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. We are mandated to locate, evaluate, and serve students with disabilities and provide them with a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Currently, WWSU serves 320 students in special education from age 3 through age 21. This represents 14% of our total average daily membership.

Special education is funded by federal and state block grants and through a state reimbursement formula. All other support services are provided through local budgets, Title I grant, and Medicaid reimbursement revenue generated by special education.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

FY '04 saw a changing of the guard with the hiring of a new Business Manager. Thanks go out to Michelle Baker, the previous Business Manager, for her hard work and dedication to Washington West Supervisory Union.

The FY '05 budgeting process takes us into the era of Act 68, and questions still remain at the time this goes to press as to how the actual tax rates will turn out. One of the primary differences in Act 68 relates to splitting the Education Grand List into a Homestead and a Non-Residential Education Grand List. Another major change in Act 68 is closing the "loophole" of local education funds. Two towns in our supervisory union will be impacted by this change. Provisions have also been included in Act 68 to "penalize" towns whose per pupil spending exceeds 135% of the state average. (This threshold amount is estimated to be \$10,800 by the state.) This excess spending provision will be ratcheted down to 130% in FY '06 and to 125% in FY '07 and thereafter. There are no towns in our supervisory union that are currently impacted by this specific provision, but we need to look to the future to manage costs at a level that will not place any excess burden on the taxpayers within our supervisory union.

FY 2005 BUDGET

The Washington West budget for FY '05 continues the present level of services. Based on competitive salaries and benefits for Superintendent positions regionally, our budget incorporates a salary and benefit package relating to the hiring of a long-term Superintendent. Overall, the budget reflects an expenditure increase for Washington West of 6.12%.

ALL BOARDS RETREAT

On Saturday, November 1, 2003, the Washington West Supervisory Union conducted an all-day all boards retreat at the Best Western Hotel in Waterbury. Winton Goodrich of the VT School Boards Association facilitated this meeting. After reviewing the challenges facing school districts today, the members focused on what the Washington West Supervisory Union should stop doing or start doing to prepare our students to become contributing members of society. After much discussion, some boards members indicated a willingness to serve on one of two committees - (1) a committee to improve our existing governance structure, and (2) a committee to look further at a single K-12 Board for the supervisory union.

NOTE OF OUR APPRECIATION

All board members, building administrators, certified teachers, instructional assistants, and support staff make a tremendous commitment to provide students with a quality education. To their credit, all indicators are that a quality education is being offered successfully in all of our schools.

Your continued efforts are encouraged and appreciated. Kudos for a job well done this past school year.

Washington West Supervisory Union
Summary Budget

	FY 03 Budget	FY 03 Audited	FY 04 Budget	FY 05 Proposed
<u>Expenditures</u>				
<u>General Assessment</u>				
Salaries	118,565	118,023	120,613	195,884
Benefits	28,795	29,960	33,855	60,534
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	170,814	177,321	169,998	73,700
<i>Total General Assessment</i>	<u>318,174</u>	<u>325,304</u>	<u>324,465</u>	<u>330,118</u>
<u>Special Education Assessment</u>				
Salaries	62,100	62,100	62,100	76,867
Benefits	14,077	15,526	15,785	19,278
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	3,606	3,556	3,610	5,160
<i>Total Special Education Assessment</i>	<u>79,783</u>	<u>81,182</u>	<u>81,495</u>	<u>101,306</u>
<u>Business Manager Assessment</u>				
Salaries	60,000	60,000	60,000	62,100
Benefits	15,526	15,363	17,307	18,232
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	3,470	3,458	4,220	4,600
<i>Total Business Office Assessment</i>	<u>78,996</u>	<u>78,821</u>	<u>81,527</u>	<u>84,932</u>
<u>Payroll/Benefits and Fiscal Services Assessment</u>				
Salaries	88,328	88,823	93,000	97,031
Benefits	17,838	18,790	19,942	23,811
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	5,401	4,286	5,400	5,700
<i>Total Payroll/Benefits and Fiscal Svs Assessment</i>	<u>111,567</u>	<u>111,899</u>	<u>118,342</u>	<u>126,543</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>588,520</u>	<u>597,206</u>	<u>605,829</u>	<u>642,898</u>
<u>Revenue</u>				
Interest	8,400	3,587	5,872	3,600
Other Revenue	6,202	8,657	0	12,000
Fund Balance	51,709	62,753	3,181	(12,761)
Assessments	522,209	522,209	596,776	640,059
Total Revenue	<u>588,520</u>	<u>597,206</u>	<u>605,829</u>	<u>642,898</u>

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Moretown School District

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Moretown School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Moretown School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Moretown School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 29, 2003 on our consideration of Moretown School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Moretown School District, Vermont taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of Moretown School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects on the general, special revenue, and capital projects funds of the omissions described in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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July 29, 2003

Moretown School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS:					
Current Assets:					
Cash	\$ 82,453				\$ 82,453
Accounts Receivable - State	28,770				28,770
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	22,218				22,218
Accounts Receivable - Other	1,200				1,200
Prepaid Expenses	3,066				3,066
Due From Other Funds	6,995	\$ 2,838	-	-	9,833
Total Current Assets	<u>144,702</u>	<u>2,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>147,540</u>
Other Assets:					
Amount to be Provided for:					
Accrued Vacation and Leave Time				543	543
Retirement of Long-term Debt	-	-	-	820,000	820,000
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>820,543</u>	<u>820,543</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 144,702	\$ 2,838	\$ -	\$ 820,543	\$ 968,083
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable - Other	\$ 19,759				\$ 19,759
Accrued Expenses	3,012			\$ 543	3,555
Due to Other Funds	2,838	\$ 6,995			9,833
Deferred Revenue	272	2,838			3,110
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	820,000	820,000
Total Liabilities	<u>25,881</u>	<u>9,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>820,543</u>	<u>856,257</u>
Fund Equity:					
Fund Balances:					
Unreserved	54,478	(6,995)			47,483
Reserved	64,343	-	-	-	64,343
Total Fund Equities	<u>118,821</u>	<u>(6,995)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,826</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	\$ 144,702	\$ 2,838	\$ -	\$ 820,543	\$ 968,083

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Moretown School District
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT II

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	
REVENUES:					
Property Taxes	\$ 1,022,877				\$ 1,022,877
Interest on Investments	4,807				4,807
Settlement Agreement - Harwood	10,813				10,813
Miscellaneous	1,453				1,453
Private		\$ 3,541			3,541
State	2,176,467				2,176,467
Federal	50,457	49,928	-	-	100,385
TOTAL REVENUES	3,266,874	53,469	\$ -	\$ -	3,320,343
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	2,594,067	69,280			2,663,347
Support Services:					
Students	104,863				104,863
Instructional Staff	57,557	10,024			67,581
General Administration	34,985				34,985
Area Administration	115,720				115,720
Fiscal Services	19,253				19,253
Operation & Maintenance of Building	114,112				114,112
Transportation	90,514				90,514
Food Service	4,514				4,514
Debt Service:					
Interest Charges				48,630	48,630
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,135,585	79,304	-	108,630	3,323,519
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	131,289	(25,835)	-	(108,630)	(3,176)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In (Out)	(115,355)	-	6,725	108,630	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	15,934	(25,835)	6,725	-	(3,176)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2002	69,117	18,840	(6,725)	-	81,232
Prior Period Adjustment	33,770	-	-	-	33,770
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2003	\$ 118,821	\$ (6,995)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,826

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2003

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, 2003, at 10 (ten) o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters.

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

Jerry Maynard, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Charlie Abare nominated Jerry Maynard as moderator, Barrett Ershow seconded. Jerry turned the meeting over to John Hoogenboom, Selectboard Chairman, for the election of the Moderator. John Hoogenboom asked if there were any other nominations.

Doug Finlay moved to close nominations. Kent Holden seconded.

So voted. Jerry Maynard is Moderator.

Jerry thanked all for coming then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jerry asked all to turn to page 52, Deaths 2002, of the Town Report. Jerry asked if anyone would like to speak about any of the deceased, no one spoke. Jerry asked for a moment of silence for all on the list.

Jerry asked Representatives Maxine Grad and Anne Donahue if they would like to speak. Senator William Doyle was also asked to speak.

Representative Grad spoke about funds being placed in the 2004 Transportation Budget to rehab the Lover's Lane bridge. She encouraged all to speak with Senator Doyle and the Senate Education Committee, to have them invite Wavell Cowan to come and explain the education funding formula which the Moretown School Board has been working on. Maxine said to encourage all Legislators and Senators to vote to look at this education funding formula, and to look into ways to fund the Education Fund. Maxine's Judiciary Committee has been busy with the Substance Abuse issues.

Representative Donahue thanked Maxine for helping her, a freshman Legislator, during her first year. Anne spoke about the Substance Abuse bill funding, the Agency of Human Resources restructuring and Act 60 regarding how to "divvy up" the money. She encouraged everyone to give feedback to our Legislators and Senators regarding how the money should be spent. Anne said this year's House Plan is to have all Act 60 appeals handled by the state.

Senator Doyle said our Senators and Representatives work well together. He said the Senate is working on changing the Special Education system for Moretown, and he would like to have Wavell Cowan testify before the Education Committee. He also spoke about health care reform and amending the Constitution so the top "vote getter" wins in statewide elections.

Steve Robbins asked about the current Bill regarding Property Transfer Tax and whether or not the tax will be borne by the seller. Senator Doyle did not know. Both Representatives said they would check on that Bill.

Rae Washburn III asked why the proposed 2% increase in the liquor tax, targets beer and not all liquor. Anne said there is no definite answer yet but they are still working on the issue. She will bring up the proposal to target all liquors.

Kent Holden asked if the Education Funding Bill will continue to include Common Level of Appraisal? William said it is unclear at this time.

Jerry acknowledged Doug Finlay, long time resident and past Select Board member. Doug said he is back for the first time in 15 years and glad to be here.

2. To act upon the reports of the Town and Town School District officers.

Karen Horn moved to accept the reports as written. Kent Holden seconded.

John Hoogenboom said there were two reports discussed at last night's Informational Meeting which he would like to discuss again today. The first issue discussed was the status of the WSI landfill. John asked Tom Badowski for an update. Tom said the life of the landfill at it's current fill rate, is through December of 2005, unless they can install a 3rd cell. However, a 3rd cell cannot be installed with the current state regulations. Four months ago WSI asked the state to change those regulations to allow them to "piggyback" a cell (place a liner and pile waste on top of old waste). This piggyback cell would add another 4-5 years to the landfill. Tom said WSI should have an answer to their request to change state regulations this month.

Kent asked how tipping fees are determined.

Tom said the tipping fee was negotiated in the new Host Agreement contract with the Moretown Select Board last year. A price per ton, called the tipping rate, is set, multiplied by the tonnage brought to the landfill, equals the tipping fees passed on to the town.

John Hoogenboom said the second report to discuss was the status of the proposed fire station construction. Paula Mastroberardino explained the application process: an application was submitted to the Development Review Board (DRB) for a variance request. She said the DRB denied the request for a variance but encouraged the fire station Committee to do more work and resubmit the application after the issues brought forth by the DRB have been resolved.

Johanne Gray asked Paula to explain the difference between the application submitted to the DRB versus what the original plan was for the building.

Paula Mastroberardino said the original 2-story building was revised to a single story building to try to keep costs down as a result of state regulations (Labor & Industry) for water sprinklers for a 2-story building and to eliminate the cost of a handicap elevator.

Jack Barnes said we voted on money to include a lift and sprinkler systems, so why are we reducing the building to one story? Paula said to keep the cost down.

Johanne Gray asked the cost of a single story building. Paula said about \$75,000 less than a 2-story. She said remember that the variance request for the single story building was denied, so the fire station Task Group will do more work on the plans and hopes to submit a new application to the DRB in a couple of weeks.

Gene Kazlow said it was a good idea to try to reduce costs but he thinks we should go back to the original design.

Paula welcomed everyone to attend the meetings.

Jerry called the motion.

So voted.

3. To cast ballots for Town and Town School District officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 10:00 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 or the Collector of Taxes.

Gene Kazlow moved to have the taxes paid to the Town Treasurer. Johanne Gray seconded.

Kent Holden asked if there was any advantage in having the Town Treasurer over the Tax Collector collect the money?

Susan Goodyear said the Tax Collector would receive no compensation for collecting any taxes other than delinquent taxes.

Karen Horn asked if there was any difference between the Tax Collector and Delinquent Tax Collector? The answer is no.

So voted.

5. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes on real property paid in Installments, and if so, to set the due date of each installment.

Reed Korrow moved to leave as is. Charlie Abare seconded.

So voted.

6. To see if the Town will vote to offer a discount on taxes and if so, to set the amount thereof.

Clarence Wood moved to leave it the same as last year. Johanne Gray seconded.

Sandy Ershow said any discount given would be on the Town portion of tax only.

John Schmeltzer moved that the Town will not offer a discount this year. Steve Sharp seconded.

Discussion followed on how to handle the Article motion. John Schmeltzer withdrew his motion. Steve Sharp withdrew his second.

More discussion on how the motion should be made.

Jerry re-read Article # 6 and asked for a vote.

Nays have it. No discount will be offered.

7. To provide for dating of the tax warrant on real property and to set a date when taxes on such property shall become due and payable.

John Riley moved to have taxes due and payable on November 3, 2003, and the warrant date will be November 3, 2003. Gene Kazlow seconded.

So voted.

8. Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District vote the sum of \$1,727,852.00 for the support of the school, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, for any deficit, current expenses, capital improvements and other lawful purposes? Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
9. Shall the voters of the Moretown Town School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money with which to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and the receipt of other fund to be used for these purposes?

Kent Holden moved to accept the article as read. Clarence Wood seconded.

Kent Holden explained that sometimes because of the school fiscal year, revenues do not come in to cover the bills until tax money comes in so the School Board would have to borrow money for a short period to pay those bills.

So voted.

10. Shall the voters of the Town of Moretown, vote the sum of \$608,398.00 for the support of the Town, for the fiscal year which ends on December 31, 2003. Vote to be by Australian ballot. Polls open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Select Board to borrow money to pay debts and current expenses of the Town in anticipation of taxes for that purpose.

Clarence Wood moved to accept the article as read. Johanne Gray seconded.

Bill Cook asked if there was a ceiling on the amount that could borrowed.

John Hoogenboom said no, other than the approved expenditures.

So voted.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to continue the reserve fund to hold the annual allotments to be received from the State for the cost of periodic reappraisals and maintenance of the grand list.

Clark Amadon moved to accept the article as read. Johanne Gray seconded.

Page 11 of the Town Report was referred to for the account balance.

So voted.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to use the revenue from WSI Landfill to reduce the amount to be raised in taxes for budgeted Town expenses voted by the Town at a duly warned annual or special meeting, with the exception of \$100,000.00 to go into the Capital Reserve Fund.

Karen Horn moved to accept the article as read. Steve Robbins seconded.

John Schmeltzer asked how much would be applied to taxes.

Page 9 of the Town Report was referred to for the amount of tipping fees Moretown received in 2002.

Karen Horn asked if \$100,000 from this Fund will be applied to the fire station construction?

John Hoogenboom said it is undetermined at this time.

Clark Amadon asked the balance in the Capitol Reserve Fund. Page 28 of the Town Report was referred to: \$ 206,337.34.

So voted.

14. Shall the voters of Moretown authorize the Select Board to appropriate and expend Federal or State Grant money where the grant is either 100% funded or the Town's contribution is \$5,000.00 or less.

Judith Stuphen moved to accept the article as read. Johanne Gray seconded.

Gene Kazlow asked for an explanation of this Article.

John Hoogenboom explained that this article authorizes the Select Board to expend over \$5,000.00 when the Town receives a grant with the Town's portion being \$5,000.00 or less. John said this is for all grants.

Judy Daly asked if any specific grants are coming.

Paula Mastroberardino said none are available for sidewalks or planning.

So voted.

15. Shall the voters of Moretown authorize the Select Board to expend a sum money, not to exceed \$120,000.00, and arrange financing, for the purchase of a Town highway truck with all necessary equipment for working on Town highways. The cost to be financed over a six year period beginning 2004. Vote to be by Australian ballot. Polls open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 to help support the work of Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, Inc.

Kent Holden moved to accept the article as read. Trudy Murphy seconded.

Linda Butsch asked how to change a motion.

Deb Hunter spoke about being on the CVHHH Board of Directors. She said the request is based on services rendered per town, per person using CVHHH services. If we amend the amount requested, that means we do not want to pay our fair share.

So voted.

17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 to help support the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc. and Evergreen Place, Inc.

Cheryl Rousseau moved to accept the article as read. Johanne Gray seconded.

Clarence Wood asked how many Moretown residents are at Evergreen Place.

Cheryl Rousseau said it is a gathering place and lunches are offered at \$3.00. It is also a very important social place for Moretown residents.

Trudy Murphy said about 12-14 people.

Wilma Maynard moved to amend Article 17 to appropriate \$500.00 to the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc. Johanne Gray seconded.

Karen Horn asked if MRVSC and Evergreen Place are non-profit?

Wilma Maynard said no, and that Evergreen Place would take all the money. She said Cathedral Square owned Evergreen Place as well as other businesses.

Peter Rousseau said Cathedral Square is paid to manage Evergreen Place.

Kent Holden read reports provided by MRVSC and Evergreen Place, which stated both as being non-profit organizations.

Jonathan Siegel asked if seniors use Evergreen Place for meals?

Wilma Maynard said she understood that meals were now being served at the Waitsfield fire station.

Kelly Reagan said last year's Article was worded differently than this year's Article.

Trudy Murphy said the money would be divided between MRVSC and Evergreen Place. She said if Evergreen Place is making money, it is being used to pay-off bills.

Gene Kazlow expressed concern about how lowering the Article amount may have a negative impact on seniors.

Tom Allen amended Wilma Maynard's amendment: to appropriate \$500.00 to Mad River Valley Senior Citizen's Inc., and \$2,000.00 to Evergreen Place, Inc. specifically. Gene Kazlow seconded.

Discussion followed on the number of Moretown residents using the Waitsfield facility and that we might want to consider the number of Moretown residents attending the Waterbury Seniors facility which is asking for \$800.00.

Tom Allen withdrew his motion. Gene Kazlow withdrew his second.

Johanne withdrew her second to Wilma Maynard's amended motion.

Wilma Maynard did not withdraw her amended motion. Johanne Gray again seconded Wilma's amendment.

Article 17 was amended to: \$500.00 to Mad River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc. Jerry asked for a vote.

The voice vote was too close. Jerry asked for 7 hands to call for a paper ballot. More than 7 hands showed. Jerry recessed at 11:32 a.m. for a paper vote.

Vote results: 72 voted as follows - 36 yes
 33 no
 2 spoiled
 1 blank

Jerry re-read Article 17 as amended: to appropriate \$500.00 to the MRVSC, Inc.

So voted, the amended motion passed.

Judy Daly asked the Select Board to write all non-profit groups next year, asking them to break down their requests by demographics, etc.

Jerry re-read the original Article 17 and asked for a vote.

Nays have it.

Jerry recessed the meeting at noon for lunch (served by the Moretown Historical Society) until 1:00 p.m.

18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to support programs of the Central Vermont Community Action Council.

Steve Magill moved to accept the article as read. John Lynch seconded.

Sandy Ershow asked what they do.

Kent Holden read the report supplied by CVCAC.

So voted.

19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of Battered Women's Services and Shelter.

Clarence Wood moved to accept the article as read. Kent Holden seconded.

So voted.

20. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to help support the work of the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association.

Sandy Ershow moved to accept the article as read. Kent Holden seconded.

Cheryl Rousseau amended the motion to reduce the funds to Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center by the same percentage as the Waitsfield Senior's Article: (1/5 of the request) to \$200.00. No second to the motion, the amendment died.

Charlie Abare amended the motion to reduce the funds to Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center to \$500.00. Deb hunter seconded.

Sandy Ershow said WASCC is in financial trouble and they really need help.

Tom Allen said WASCC's use of the money is different and he does not think the request should be lowered.

Gene Kazlow said if WASCC requested \$800.00, they must need the money.

Jack Barnes agreed with Gene. He said we are providing service to people who have provided their services to us for years.

Jerry Maynard asked Sandy Ershow to relay to the people how WASCC is different than the Waitsfield Group.

Article 20 was amended: \$500.00 to Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Center was read. The voice vote was close. Jerry asked for a show of hands and asked the Board of Civil Authority to count.

Nays have it. The amended motion was defeated.

Jerry read the original Article 20.

Gene Kazlow moved to accept Article 20 as read. John Hilferty seconded.

So voted.

21. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Trudy Murphy moved to accept the article as read. Gene Kazlow seconded.

So voted.

22. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Central Vermont Council on Aging.

Kent Holden moved to accept the article as read. Vee Lynch seconded.

So voted.

23. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to help support Wheels Transportation Services, Inc.

Clarence Wood moved to accept the article as read. John Hoogenboom seconded.

Meriden Nelson asked if Wheels Transportation runs in the Valley?

Eliza Cain said anyone can call Wheels and request a ride but there is no regular Valley route anymore.

So voted.

24. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to help support the Mad River Health Center, Inc. Broken down as, \$500.00 to offset the cost of medical care for the uninsured and \$2500.00 for facility improvements to meet the demands of increased growth within the Valley communities.

Kent Holden moved to accept the article as read. John Lynch seconded.

Clarence Wood asked who owns the building.

Jack Barnes said in 1981, a Board of Directors formed a non-profit organization to better ensure we as a community have a health care facility. He said that Board of Directors owns the building. Jack said Dr. Fran Cook pays rent to the Health Center as well as takes care of snow removal, mowing and heating of the facility. Jack said the current facility is too cramped and renovations need to be done to alleviate the situation. The Valley has grown - the building has not.

Kent Holden said that at last night's Informational Meeting, it was stated that this \$2500.00 is a commitment for the Board to pursue grant funding. He said it is going to take a lot more money to do the renovation, so it is important that the health care facility can prove community support.

Clarence Wood said we ought to re-think about financing this. We are not in the business of subsidizing private businesses.

Tom Allen said according to the other Articles we are in the business of supporting non-profit organizations.

Clarence Wood withdrew his prior comments.

Rae Washburn III asked if this request is voted down, will the facility close down? Jack Barnes said no.

Paula Mastroberardino said since the Health Centers conception, other Valley towns have supported the facility to pay for health services not performed in Waitsfield.

So voted.

25. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Family Center of Washington County.

Steve Magill moved to accept the article as read. John Schmeltzer seconded.

Claire Kendall spoke on the Family Center of Washington County. She explained that this is an early childhood development facility serving all of Vermont and last year 15 Moretown families were served.

So moved.

26. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Onion River Arts Council.

Earlene Marsh moved to accept the article as read. Claire Kendall seconded.

Caroline Strauss said Onion River Arts Council serves a huge geographical area. There are 11 Board members from Moretown. ORAC sponsors First Night, after school activities for over 10,000 children, discount tickets for HUHS students to attend matinees, among other things.

So voted.

27. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the Good Beginnings of Central Vermont.

Vee Lynch moved to accept the article as read. Claire Kendall seconded.

Steve Magill said Good Beginnings provides new mothers with support and donations are made to low income mothers.

Claire Kendall said they provide a lot of in-house services.

So voted.

28. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club.

Kent Holden moved to accept the article as read. Clarence Wood seconded.

Clarence Wood said this is a national organization in which adults nurture children.

So voted.

29. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the Central Vermont Crime Stoppers.

Gene Kazlow moved to accept the article as read. Cheryl Rousseau seconded.

John Lynch said this Article may be important because the police do not respond to break-ins as they used to, and as responsible neighbors it might be a good idea to help out.

David Van Deusen thought it might be better if we watched out for our neighbors.

Steve Magill said people may get paid for information given.

Claire Kendall said \$500.00 may be a lot in proportion to the size of Moretown.

Caroline Strauss amended the motion to reduce the appropriation to \$50 to Central Vermont Crime Stoppers and to request an explanation for next year. Kent Holden seconded.

So voted.

Jerry read the original Article 29 and asked for a vote.

Nays have it.

30. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to help support the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County.

Gene Kazlow moved to accept the article as read. Cheryl Rousseau seconded.

Meriden Nelson would like to throw out this Article.

Deb Hunter said she is familiar with the work of this organization: crisis teams provide aid to victims of a violent crime. She thinks it is critical to provide that support to those victims.

So voted.

31. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the Peoples Health & Wellness Clinic.

Eliza Cain moved to accept the article as read. Kent Holden seconded.

Karen Horn said she thinks this is a walk-in clinic in Barre.

David Van Deusen said that this clinic is in Barre: why would we give toward it.

Eliza Cain said this is a place where doctors provide free health care.

Karen Horn amended the motion to reduce the appropriation to \$50 to Peoples Health & Wellness Clinic and ask for an expense breakdown next year. Kent seconded.

So voted.

Jerry read the original Article 31 and asked for a vote.

Nays have it.

32. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to help support the Washington County Diversion Program.

Jack Barnes moved to accept the article as read. Claire Kendall seconded.

Jack said this is a program that, under certain circumstances, rather than going through the court process, a person can choose to go into the Diversion Program.

So moved.

33. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift or purchase land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.

Clarence Wood moved to accept the article as read. Vee Lynch seconded.

So voted

34. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board upon the recommendation of the Recreation Committee, or at the direction of the voters of the Town at a duly warned annual or special meeting.

Kent Holden moved to accept the article as read. Vee Lynch seconded.

Vee Lynch asked the balance of the Recreation Fund.

Page 28 of the Town Report shows the balance as \$159.81.

Claire Kendall asked if there was money in the budget to replenish this fund. Paula Mastroberardino answered yes.

Karen Horn asked if there is money available for the amphitheater, tennis Court and basketball court project.

Deb Hunter said she is the School Board's representative to the Recreation Committee. She said no, this fund is used for mowing etc. The other project would not come from town funds.

Vee Lynch asked if any money is donated for the recreation field project, would those funds go into the Recreation Fund or a separate fund?

Paula Mastroberardino said a separate fund.

John Hoogenboom said the budget has \$3,000.00 in it for maintenance of the recreation field.

So voted.

35. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moretown Matters - Caroline Strauss noted that as of December, 2002, the last issue of Moretown Matters came out. Wavell Cowen received a round of applause for his hard work and dedication to the enterprise.

Verizon donates 5% to MES - Elizabeth Finlay said Verizon will donate 5% of long distance calls to any school of choice. She said she has signed to have Moretown Elementary School receive her 5%. She will contact the MES Secretary and give her the phone number to Verizon - should anyone want to sign up for this plan.

Thanks to Town Employees - Clarence Wood asked for a round of applause for the Road Crew. Cheryl Rousseau asked for a round of applause for all those who help with town business.

Friends of the Mad River - Michael Blazewicz asked for volunteers to help maintain the quality of the Mad River.

Open House at the Library - Patty Moulton invited everyone to an Open House this Saturday, March 8th, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., to see what has been done to fix-up the Library.

Select Board and School Board - John Lynch asked for a round of applause for the Select Board and the School Board for all their hard work.

Jerry thanked all for coming and moved to recess until 7:00 p.m. tonight. Seconded by Charlie Abare.

So voted. Recessed until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the Polls closed, Duane Howes moved to adjourn. Ozzie Goss seconded.

Ballot boxes were turned. The counting commenced.

SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS

Brown, Gary	158
Mastroberardino, Paula	212
Write ins	7
Blank	22
Spoiled	2

SELECTMAN - 1 YEAR

Kazlow, Gene	128
Nelson, Meriden	153
Rousseau, Peter B.	166
Washburn, Rae III.....	215
Write ins	3
Blank	136
Spoiled	1

LISTER - 3 YEARS

Ladue, Jeff	334
Write ins	6
Blank	59
Spoiled	2

LISTER - 2 YEARS

Bandy, Dennis	318
Write ins	6
Blank	77

AUDITOR - 3 YEARS

Maynard, Barbara R.	342
Write ins	1
Blank	58

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY**1 YEAR**

Goodyear, Susan.....	360
Write ins	4
Blank	36
Spoiled	1

CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR

Abare, Charles	321
Write ins	13
Blank	67

SECOND CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR

Wood, Clarence.....	307
Write ins	4
Blank	90

TOWN GRAND JUROR -**1 YEAR**

Howes, Brian S.....	344
Write ins	2
Blank	55

AGENT TO PROSECUTE**AND DEFEND SUITS - 1 YEAR**

Howes, Brian S.....	340
Write ins	4
Blank	57

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**3 YEARS**

Vantine, Linda	337
Write ins	4
Blank	60

LIBRARY TRUSTEE -5 YEARS

Moulton, Patty	356
Write ins	2
Blank	43

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS

Reagan, Sandra J.....	348
Write ins	3
Blank	50

SCHOOL DIRECTOR - 3 YEARS

Holden, Kent.....	334
Write ins	3
Blank	64

SCHOOL DIRECTOR - 1 YEAR

Cowan, Wavell	292
Nowlan, Mary	313
Write ins	5
Blank	191
Spoiled	1

TAX COLLECTOR - 1 YEAR

Clemons, David	323
Write ins	7
Blank	71

1287 Names on Check List , 401 Voted

Jerry Maynard , Moderator
Susan Goodyear,Town Clerk
Cheryl Brown , Secretary

		YES	No	Blank	Spoiled	Total
Art # 8	School District	220	181	0	0	401
Art # 10	Town Budget	301	97	3		401
Art # 15	Town Truck	264	132	5		401

Harwood's vote is co-mingled:

VOTED: 3216

	Yes	No
Expenses:	1778	1386
Roof Repairs:	2173	987
Renovations:	1305	1822
Technology Reserve:	1396	1732
Equipment Reserve:	1430	1693

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