

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

Tax Collector ---Elect annuallyDavid 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 2004Mary Nowlan
3 year term – expires 2004Karen Horn
3 year term – expires 2005Deb Hunter
3 year term – expires 2006J.Kent Holden

Union District # 19:

3 year term – expires 2005 Robert J.Holden

Listers:

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

Auditors:

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

Library Trustees – 5 year term:

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

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.
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.

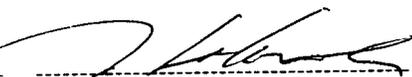
21. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to help support the work of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.
22. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to help support the Central Vermont Council on Aging.
23. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support Green 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.

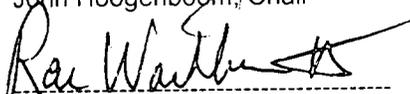
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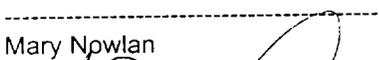
John Hoogenboom, Chair



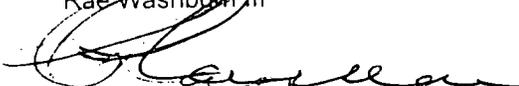
J. Kent Holden, Chair



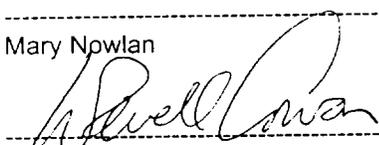
Rae Washburn III



Mary Nowlan



Peter Rousseau



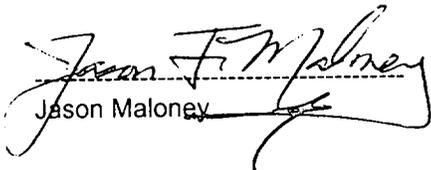
Wavell Cowen



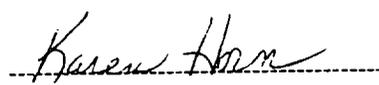
Paula Mastroberardino



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 Dpspl | 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 |

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 |

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| 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 |

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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> |

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| 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 |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|

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 |
| Principal Due Bond Bank | <u>40,500.00</u> |
| 1999 Excavator/Trailer: | |
| Due Municipal Bond Bank | 63,250.00 |
| Payment | 13,750.00 |
| Interest | 2,807.06 |
| Total Principal 1999 Excav/Trailer | <u>49,500.00</u> |
| 2001 International Truck: | |
| Due State Loan Fund | 18,750.00 |
| Payment | 18,750.00 |
| Interest | 375.00 |
| Principal Due State | <u>0.00</u> |
| Due Chittenden Bank | 6,708.29 |
| Payment | 6,708.30 |
| Interest | 173.93 |
| Principal Due Bank | <u>0.00</u> |
| 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 | <u>420,000.00</u> |
| 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> |

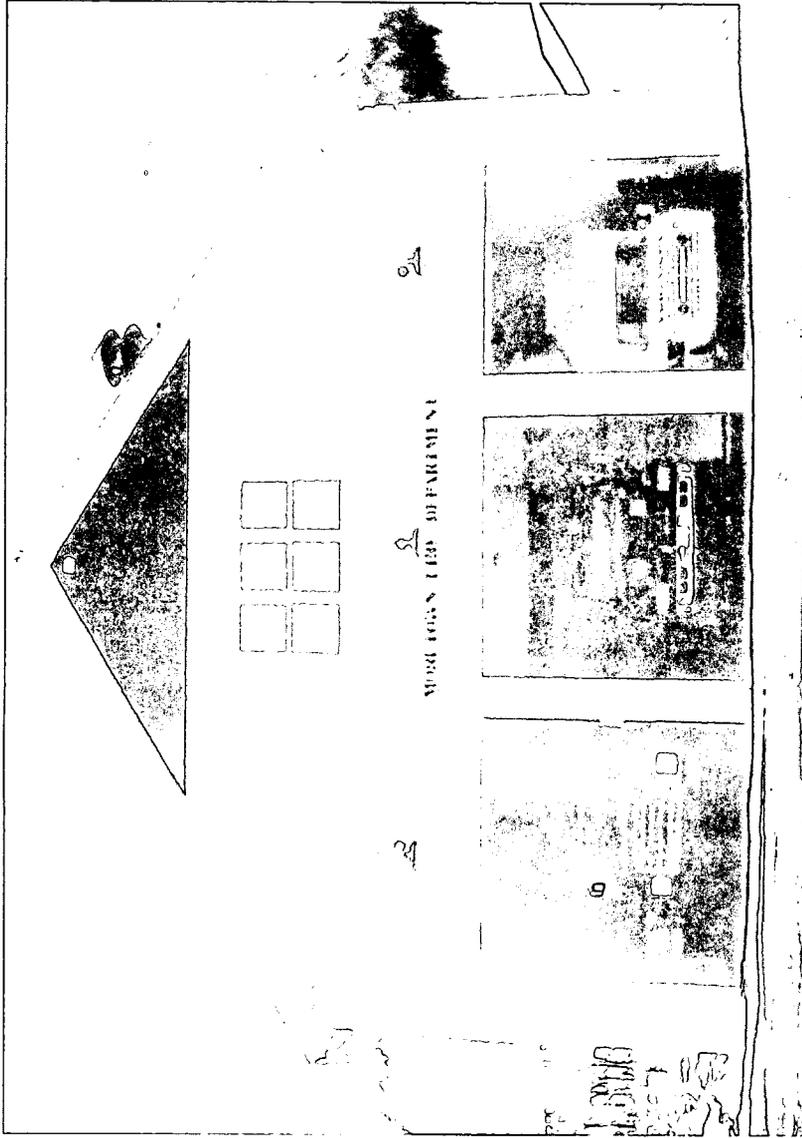
| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2,650,111.73 |
| Contracts: State of VT-Ward Access | 489.00 |
| Moretown Hydro | <u>14,999.44</u> |
| | \$2,665,600.17 |
| Adjustment: Statewide Educ. Billing | <u>-1.00</u> |
| | \$2,665,599.17 |

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**

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

**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 | 100.00 | |
| 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 & Angelia 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 Austin | 100.00 | 65.17 |
| 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 18,467.87

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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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> | |
| Balance 12/31/03 | | \$953,104.73 |

SCHOOL FUND

Comparative Financial Statement

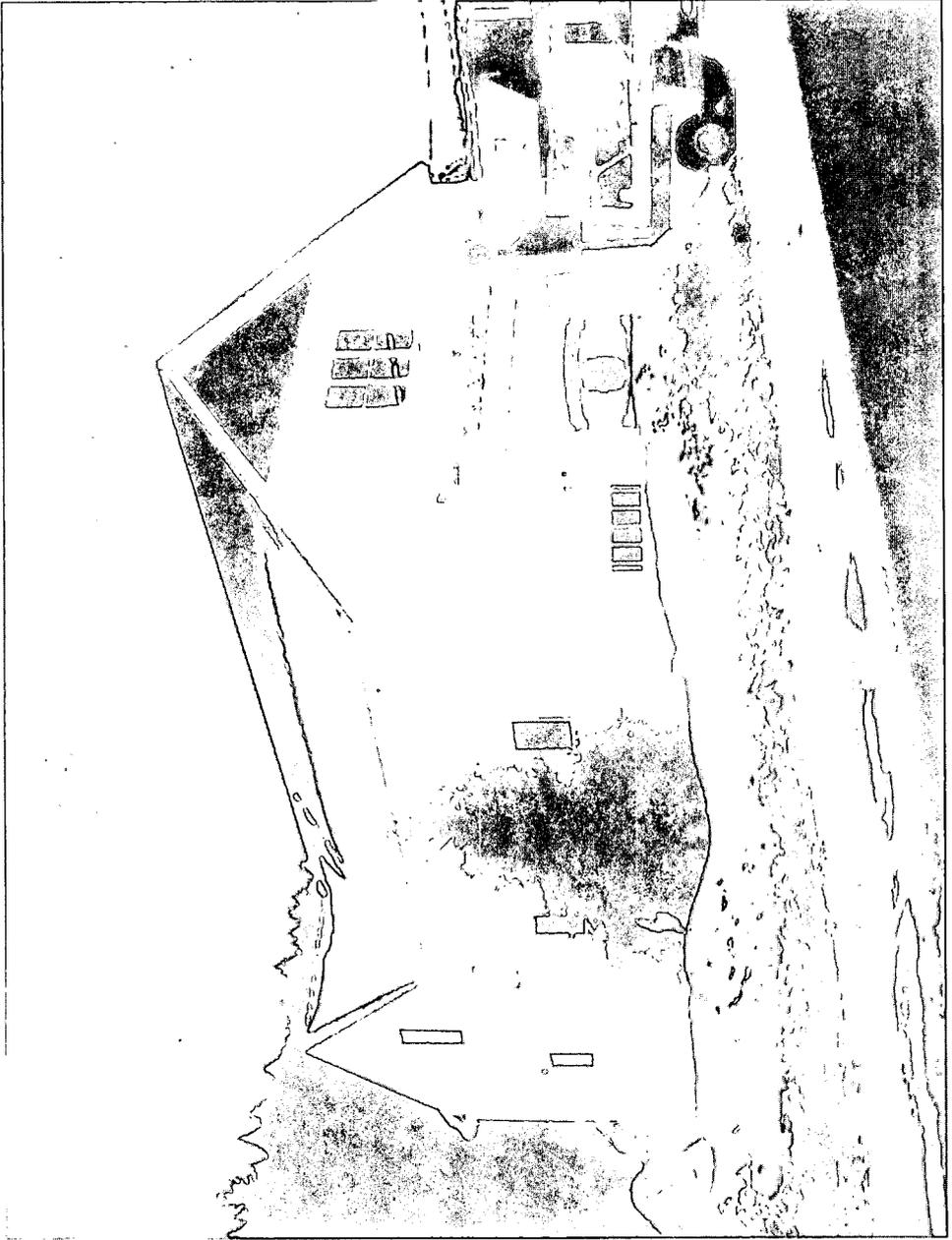
Two-year Period Ending December 31, 2003

ASSETS

| | 12/31/02 | 12/31/03 |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Cash Accounts: | | |
| Town Treasurer: | | |
| Checking Account | \$24,000.00 | \$24,000.00 |
| Savings Account | 1,856,338.10 | 2,244,102.96 |
| In Transit | 8,650.00 | 0.00 |
| Receivable from Town | <u>180,000.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Assets | \$2,068,988.10 | \$2,268,102.96 |

LIABILITIES

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



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 Clemons |
| 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

Special Services % of total enrollment

Students with Individual
Educational Plans (Sp. Ed.) 17%
 504/ Act 117 Plans 9%
 Title 1/Remedial Plans 7%

Faculty and Staff

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% |

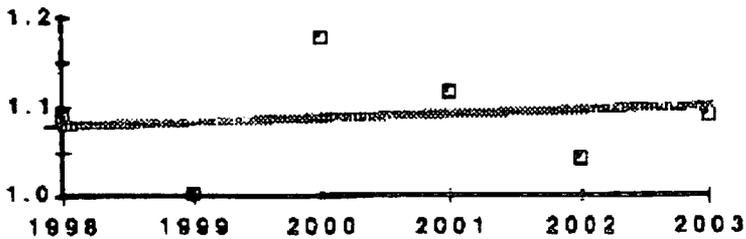
ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

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

| 2003 Developmental Reading Assessment | | % Of students who met or exceeded standards | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | | 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

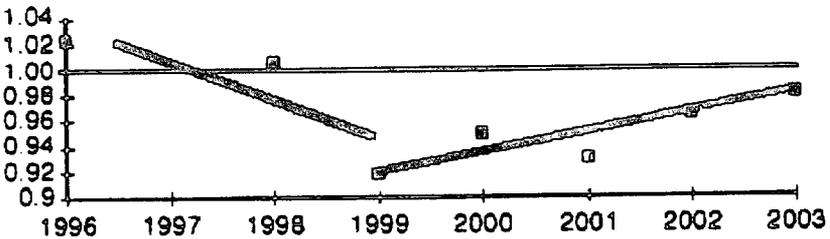
How well can 4th graders meet the national standards in Mathematics? The NSRE provides a partial answer. A standards-based test, it includes both multiple-choice questions, and questions in which a student is required to provide the solutions to problems. It is administered in three separate 50-minute 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

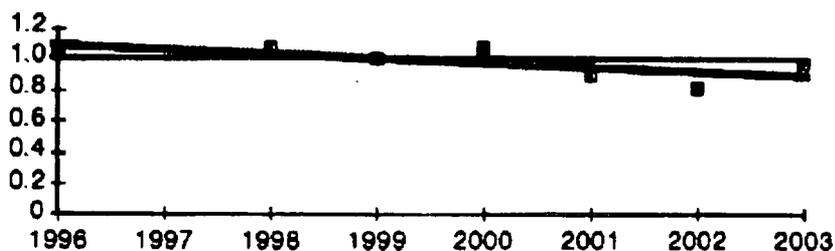
| New Standards Reference Examination in Math | | % Of students who met or exceeded standards | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| | | 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% |
| <i>Number of students assessed:</i> | | 16 | 22 | 157 | 6,775 |

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

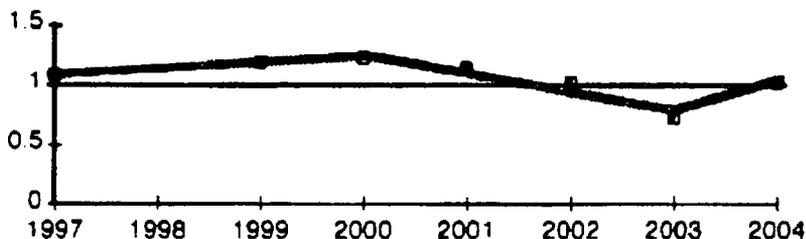
Mathematical Skills



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

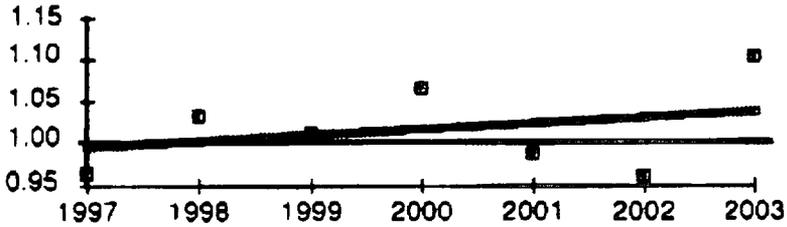
Similarly, the English Language Arts NSRE seeks to determine how well 4th graders can meet high academic standards in reading and language arts. Administered to 4th graders (as well as 8th and 10th graders), it assesses their ability to comprehend and analyze different kinds of texts, and includes multiple-choice 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

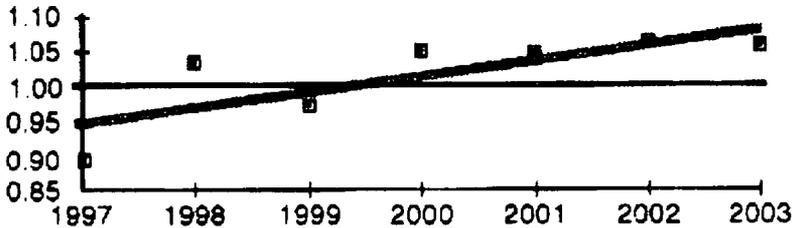
| | | % Of students who met or exceeded standards | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| | | 2002 More town | 2003 More town | 2003 WW-SU | 2003 State |
| New Standards Reference Examination in Language Arts | | | | | |
| 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% |
| <i>Number of students assessed:</i> | | 16 | 22 | 156 | 6,719 |

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

Reading Understanding



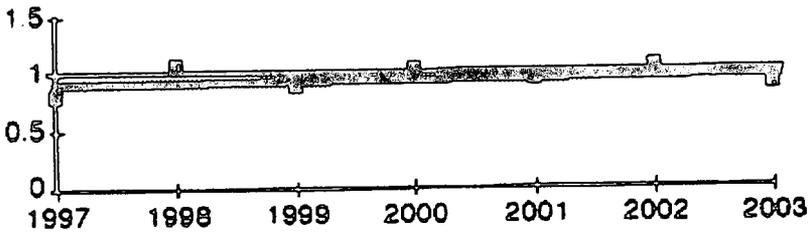
Reading Analysis



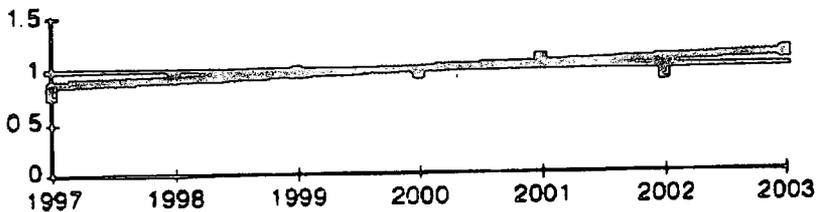
In reading understanding, the increases from 1997 to 1998, and from 2002 to 2003 were statistically significant as was the increase from 1997 to 1998 in reading analysis. The current trend line shows a general increase in test scores for reading, with that rate exceeding the growth in the statewide average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

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

Writing Effectiveness



Writing Usage



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.

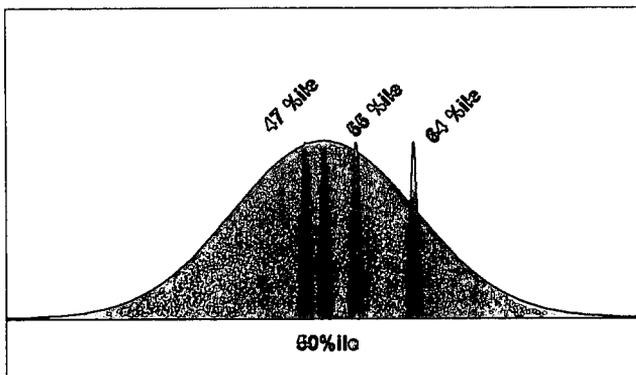
Grade 5

| 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)

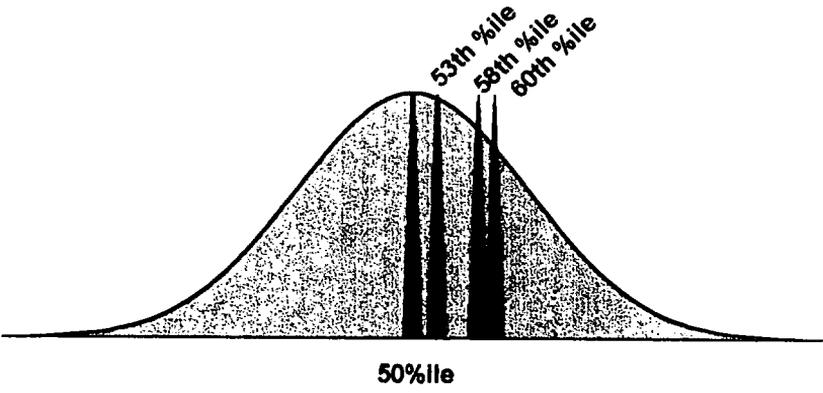
The SAT/9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test administered in grade 3, 5 & 6. It assesses one measure of achievement in the areas of Reading, Mathematics and Language. The average percentile rank of a class indicates relative standing in comparison with other classes in the United States taking the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

| Grade 3 Stanford Achievement Tests (9 th Edition) | | National Percentile | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 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 |
| <i>Number of students tested:</i> | | 21 | 14 |



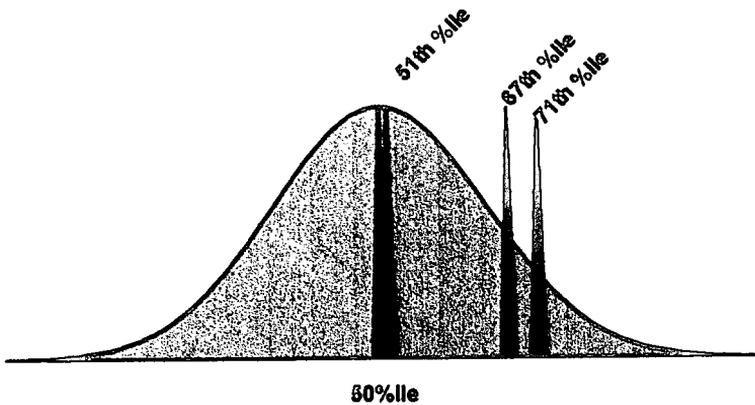
Grade 5

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



Grade 6

| Stanford Achievement Tests (9 th Edition) | | National Percentile | |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | 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 |
| | <i>Number of students assessed</i> | 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 Payable</i> | Diane Story, <i>Financial</i> |
| Donarae Cook, <i>Special Education Director</i> | Marilyn Spaulding, <i>Accounts</i> |
| Laura Titus, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> | Jeanette Hunter, |
| 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 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Expenditures | | | | |
| General Assessment | | | | |
| 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> |
| Special Education Assessment | | | | |
| 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> |
| Business Manager Assessment | | | | |
| 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> |
| Payroll/Benefits and Fiscal Services Assessment | | | | |
| 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> |
| Revenue | | | | |
| 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 (Memorandum Only) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Agency Funds | General Long-Term Debt | |
| 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 | 144,702 | 2,838 | - | \$ - | 147,540 |
| 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 | - | - | - | 820,543 | 820,543 |
| 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 | 25,881 | 9,833 | - | 820,543 | 856,257 |
| Fund Equity: | | | | | |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | |
| Unreserved | 54,478 | (6,995) | | | 47,483 |
| Reserved | 64,343 | - | - | - | 64,343 |
| Total Fund Equities | 118,821 | (6,995) | - | - | 111,826 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES | \$ 144,702 | \$ 2,838 | \$ - | \$ 820,543 | \$ 968,083 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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

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.

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.

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 Kartzow 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 be 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 -

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| 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

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| Ladue, Jeff | 334 |
| Write ins | 6 |
| Blank | 59 |
| Spoiled | 2 |

LISTER - 2 YEARS

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| Bandy, Dennis | 318 |
| Write ins | 6 |
| Blank | 77 |

AUDITOR - 3 YEARS

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| Maynard, Barbara R. | 342 |
| Write ins | 1 |
| Blank | 58 |

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY

1 YEAR

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

CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR

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| Abare, Charles | 321 |
| Write ins | 13 |
| Blank | 67 |

SECOND CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR

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

TOWN GRAND JUROR -

1 YEAR

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

AGENT TO PROSECUTE

AND DEFEND SUITS - 1 YEAR

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

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

3 YEARS

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| Vantine, Linda | 337 |
| Write ins | 4 |
| Blank | 60 |

LIBRARY TRUSTEE -5 YEARS

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| Moulton, Patty | 356 |
| Write ins | 2 |
| Blank | 43 |

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS

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

SCHOOL DIRECTOR - 3 YEARS

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|-------------------|-----|
| 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 |
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| 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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