

## **First Selectman's Report October 24, 2018**

The Highway Department has finished the Anderson Road Project and have been tending to wash outs on the roads throughout the Town due to the heavy rains. Mowing of the roadsides and the Town Beach fields continues and work is proceeding on preparing the Trucks and equipment for the winter season. Catch basins and drainage ditches are being cleared and monitored. Working on dry hydrant repairs.

The Town Crew will be assisting Region 6 in the installation of a new playscape at the James Morris School. The new playscape is designed for younger children than the current playscape.

Attended and participated in meetings with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, a meeting with our representatives in the State Legislature- Senator Craig Miner and Representative David Wilson, and with the Board of Finance. Met with First Selectmen Craig Nelson and Bob Valentine, representatives from the Connecticut State Police, Wamogo Principal Loveland and Region 6 Director of Security John Threlfall to discuss the possible formation of a Juvenile Review Board for our area that would include the Towns of Warren, Morris, Goshen and Litchfield.

Region 6 Superintendent Chris Leone brought his Town Tour to Morris on Monday the 22nd at 6 PM in the Morris Community Hall to update residents on Region 6 related issues and to answer questions. The presentation lasted for about an hour and Mr. Leone highlighted the improvement in test scores within the district. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

The installation of the entrance door to the lower level has been completed. Work is being done by the alarm company to make the two pushbuttons operational. Two new recessed lights were installed in the overhang just outside of the door. The lower hallway ceiling has been completed.

The Fire House Renovation Project has been put out to bid. A walk through by interested parties was held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The bid due date has been extended to November 7, 2018

Applications for grants to purchase generators at the James Morris School and for the Community Hall have been filed with FEMA. It will be several months before they are approved. Also met with a representative of the Morris Fire Company to work on grants for gear and equipment for the Fire Company.

Met with Department heads including the MFC President and Chief, Assessor, P & Z Chairman, Treasurer, Highway Department, Torrington Area Health Representative, and Building Inspector. Have had numerous contact with members of the public both in and out of the office.

After an investigation by the Office of Attorney General of the State of Connecticut and the Morris Volunteer Fire Department Inc. facing an 11 count complaint by the Attorney General, the First Selectman worked with the Attorney General, the Morris Fire Company and the Morris Volunteer Fire Department to have all assets of the MVFD turned over to the Morris Fire Company. All items that were removed from the Fire House by the MVFD when they stopped providing fire service in Morris shall be returned within two weeks, this also includes items that were donated by the MVFD to various organizations after the MVFD stopped providing fire service for the Town of Morris. The MVFD will also turn over all unexpended monetary assets in their possession to the Morris Fire Company.