

First Selectman's Monthly Report to the Community

I would like to provide the residents of Morris with an update on several projects, initiatives, and activities taking place throughout our community.

United States Postal Service

The United States Postal Service is continuing its efforts to identify a new location for a Post Office in Morris. The USPS also recently delivered a blue collection box to the Morris Community Hall; unfortunately, the box delivered is the wrong type and was placed in an incorrect location.

I have been in communication with USPS officials, as well as representatives from Senator Murphy's office, as we work to resolve these issues and find an appropriate solution for Morris.

Morris Town Beach Recreational Courts

I recently met with Highway Foreman Kyle Rosenbeck and a representative from Classic Turf of Woodbury at the site of the new recreational courts planned for the Morris Town Beach.

We hope to begin the site work this fall, with the goal of having the courts completed and ready for use in the spring.

John Weik Road Bridge

Work has begun on the John Weik Road Bridge, and the road will remain closed to traffic for the duration of the project. We anticipate that construction will take approximately a month and a half.

The Town received a \$500,000 STEAP grant to help fund the project, with the remaining \$200,000 coming from the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund.

Transfer Station Bathroom Project

The Town received three bids for the Transfer Station Bathroom Project, and we hope to begin construction in the near future.

Region 20 Contract Negotiations

I met with the First Selectmen and Board of Finance chairs from the Region 20 towns, along with Region 20 Superintendent Jeffery Villar and CFO Julia Cardillo, to discuss town representation during the upcoming contract negotiations.

Each participating town will have the ability to have a town representative present during the negotiations. Thank you to Superintendent Villar for facilitating this discussion and helping coordinate the process among the towns.

Affordable Housing on Eldridge Drive

Site work has begun on the new affordable housing project on Eldridge Drive. The infrastructure work is expected to be completed before winter, with construction of the housing units scheduled to commence in the spring of 2027.

Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance

The new Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance building is now occupied and in full operation. Hats off to everyone involved in making this project a reality, especially Chief John Pudlinski, Alan Borghesi, and the Town of Litchfield.

From July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, there were 229 EMS responses with 163 EMS transports in Morris, provided by Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance and Bantam Fire Ambulance. We are grateful to all of the volunteers and emergency personnel who provide this essential service to our community. Thank you for all that you do!

Morris Highway Department

Our Highway Department has been very busy recently, clearing trees and debris following the recent storm while also preparing for the upcoming winter season.

They have been doing an outstanding job keeping our roads and town infrastructure safe and passable. I want to thank Highway Foreman Kyle Rosenbeck and the entire Highway Department for their hard work and dedication to the residents of Morris.

Morris Fire Company

The Morris Fire Company has been busy as well, responding to multiple storm-related calls in addition to their day and night responses for motor vehicle accidents, fire calls, and EMS lift assists.

Our firefighters also recently participated in the Morris Beach to Beach 5K race, hosted by the Bantam Lake Protective Association this past Sunday. Today, they hosted Fire Prevention Day for the students at James Morris School, helping educate our young residents about fire safety and prevention.

Thank you to all of the members of the Morris Fire Company for their continued dedication and service to our community. And keep an eye out for their upcoming Roast Beef Dinner!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

There are several meetings and community events coming up:

Household Hazardous Waste: Residents should contact the Selectmen's Office prior to October 24 regarding the disposal of household hazardous waste.

Morris Does Halloween: October 31, from 5:00–6:00 p.m., at the Town Park.

East Street Affordable Housing Construction Meeting

Northwest Hills Council of Governments Meeting

Region 20 Contract Negotiations

John Weik Road Bridge Construction Meeting

Morris Land Trust Meeting

Northwest Transit District Budget Meeting

Sandy Beach Commission Meeting

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Convention

As always, I appreciate the many residents, volunteers, town employees, boards and commissions, and community partners who continue to contribute their time and effort to making Morris a great place to live.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of our community.

Tom Weik

First Selectman, Town of Morris