

MORETOWN TOWN HALL

Committee update to Selectboard on
November 15, 2021

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PRESERVE THE PAST. EMBRACE THE FUTURE.



WE BELIEVE:

Moretown Town Hall will redefine
engaged community and
active service as we know it.

LET US PROPOSE HOW:

We, the Moretown Town Hall Committee, envision a broader and inclusive scope for the future of Moretown Town Hall as outlined in this **PROPOSAL**.

WORK TO DATE:

7 Architectural Renderings

1 MOREFEST*

2 SURVEYS

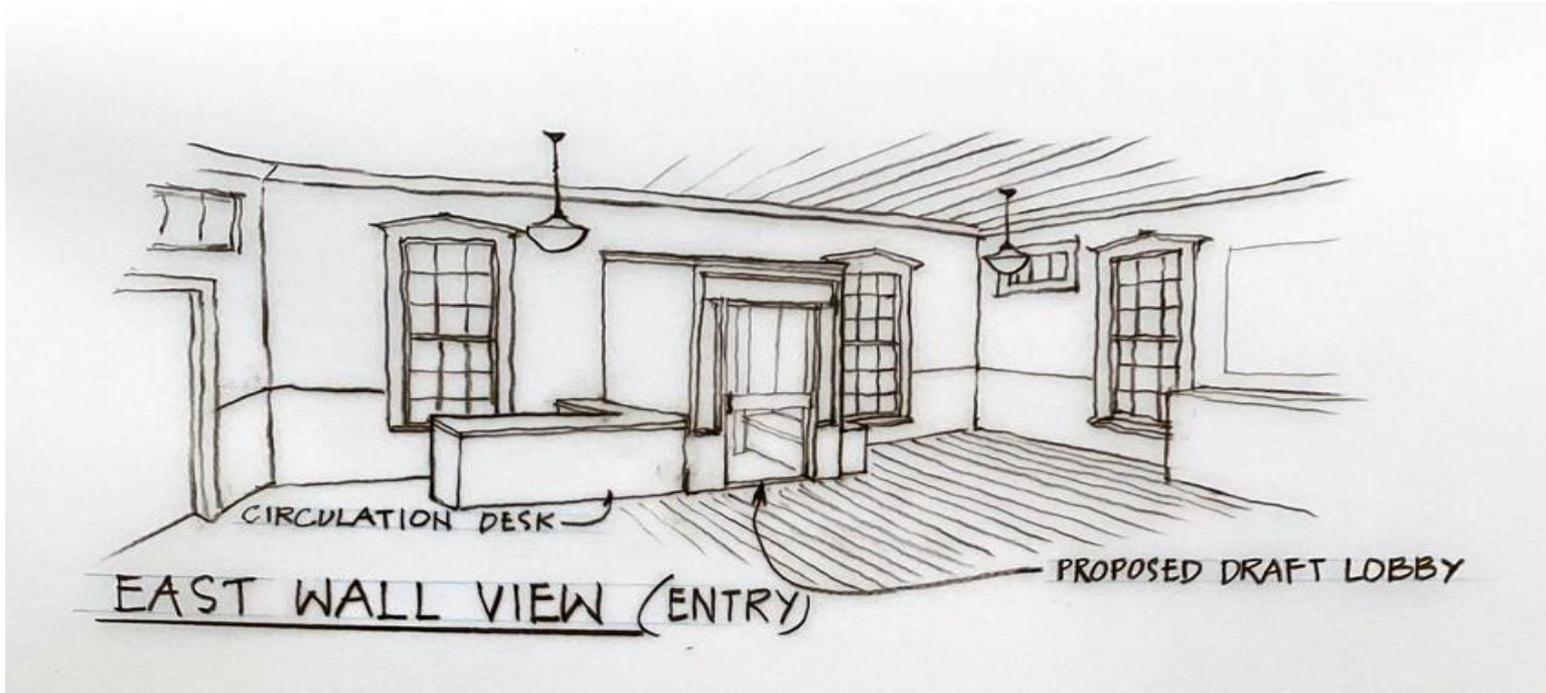
2 PUBLIC MEETINGS

454 CHECKMARKS

*Morefest September 25, 2021 at Moretown Recreation Field

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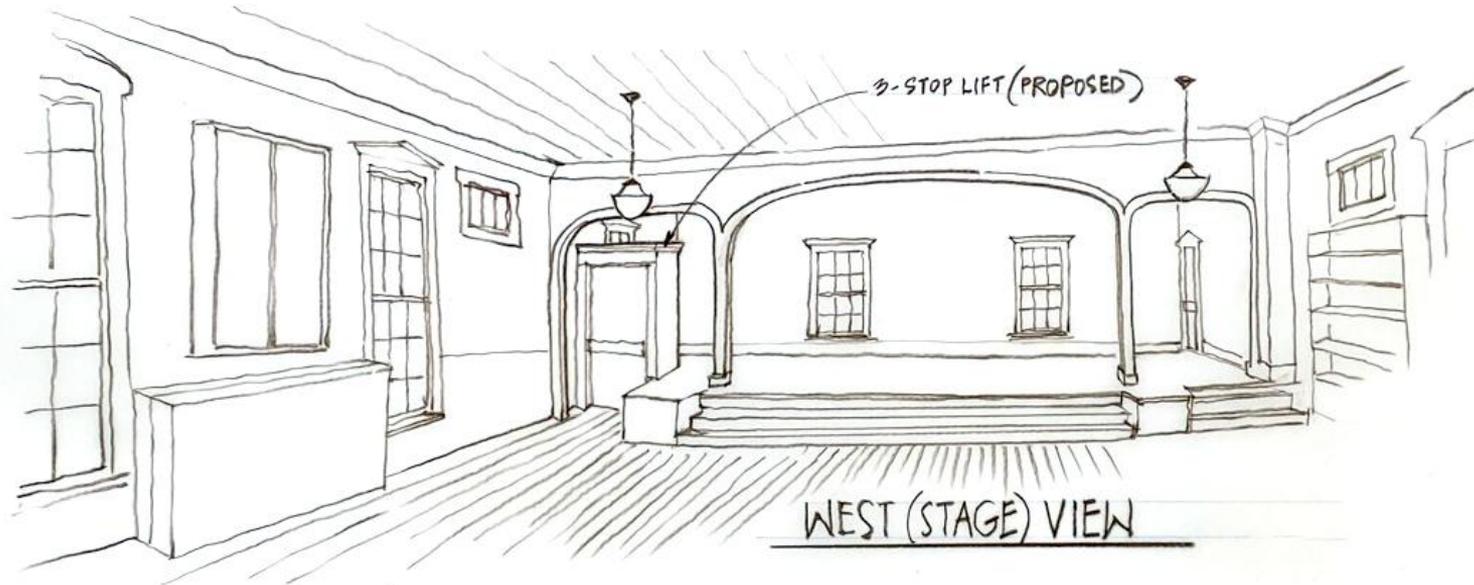


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EAST WALL VIEW (ENTRY): circulation desk and proposed draft lobby

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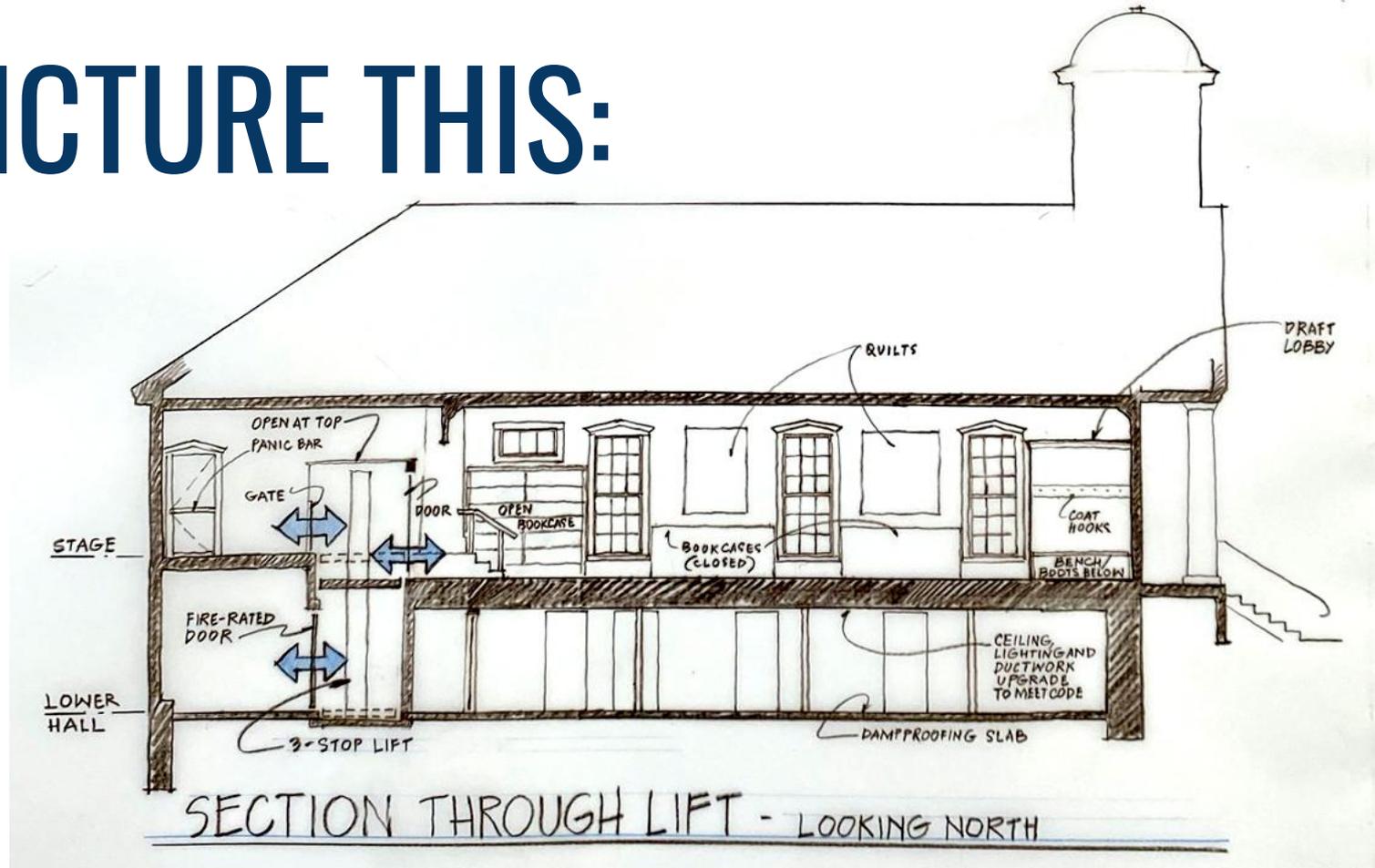
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WEST (STAGE) VIEW: Elevator/Lift with 3 STOPS (lower hall & accessible entry, main floor, stage floor)

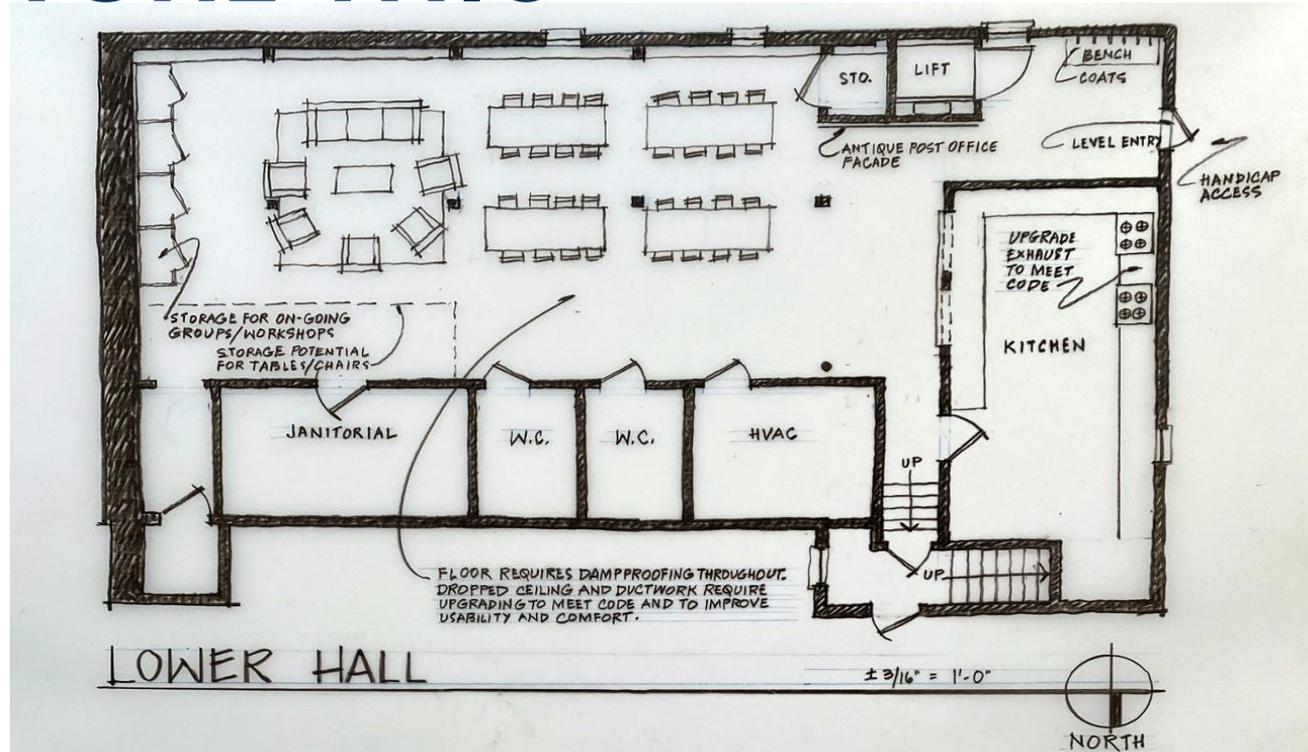
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NORTH SECTION THROUGH LIFT: Elevator/Lift with 3 STOPS (lower hall & accessible entry, main floor, stage floor)

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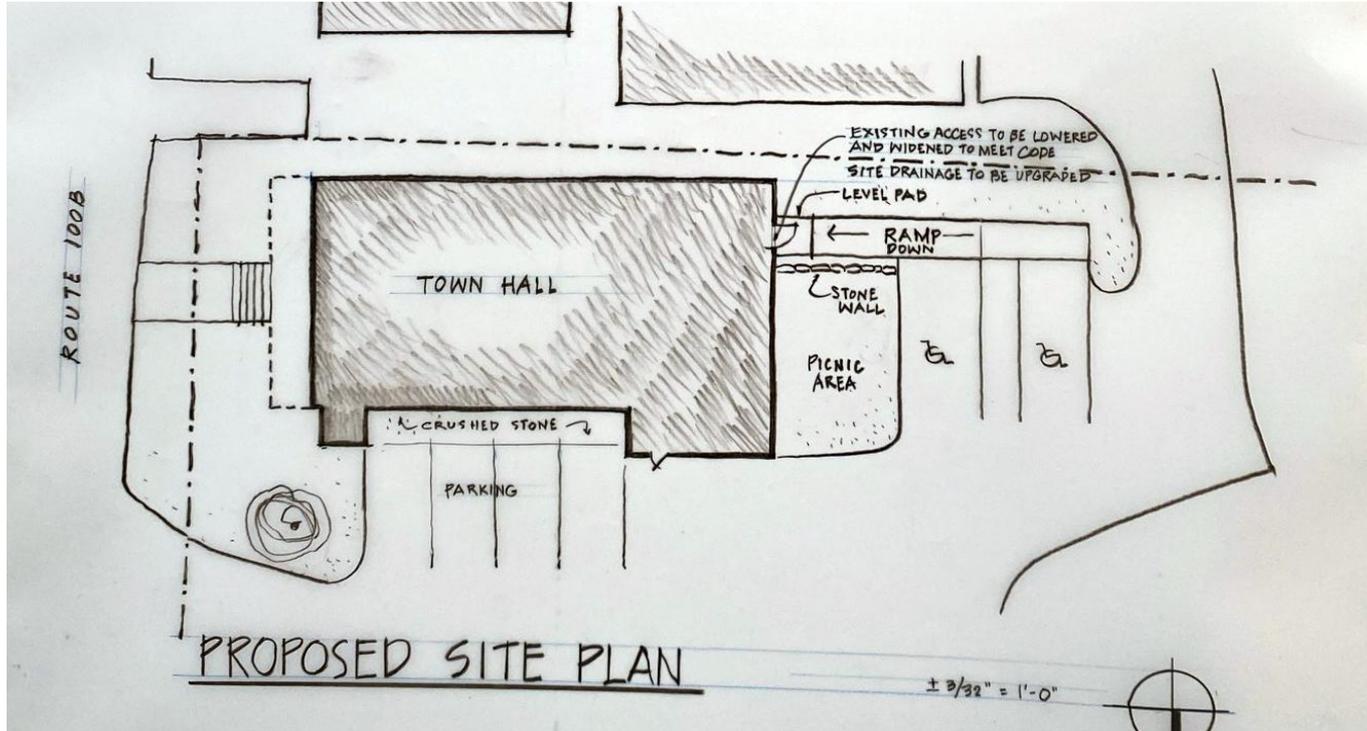


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LOWER HALL: ADA and life SAFETY measures incorporated as noted within Bill Gallop's report

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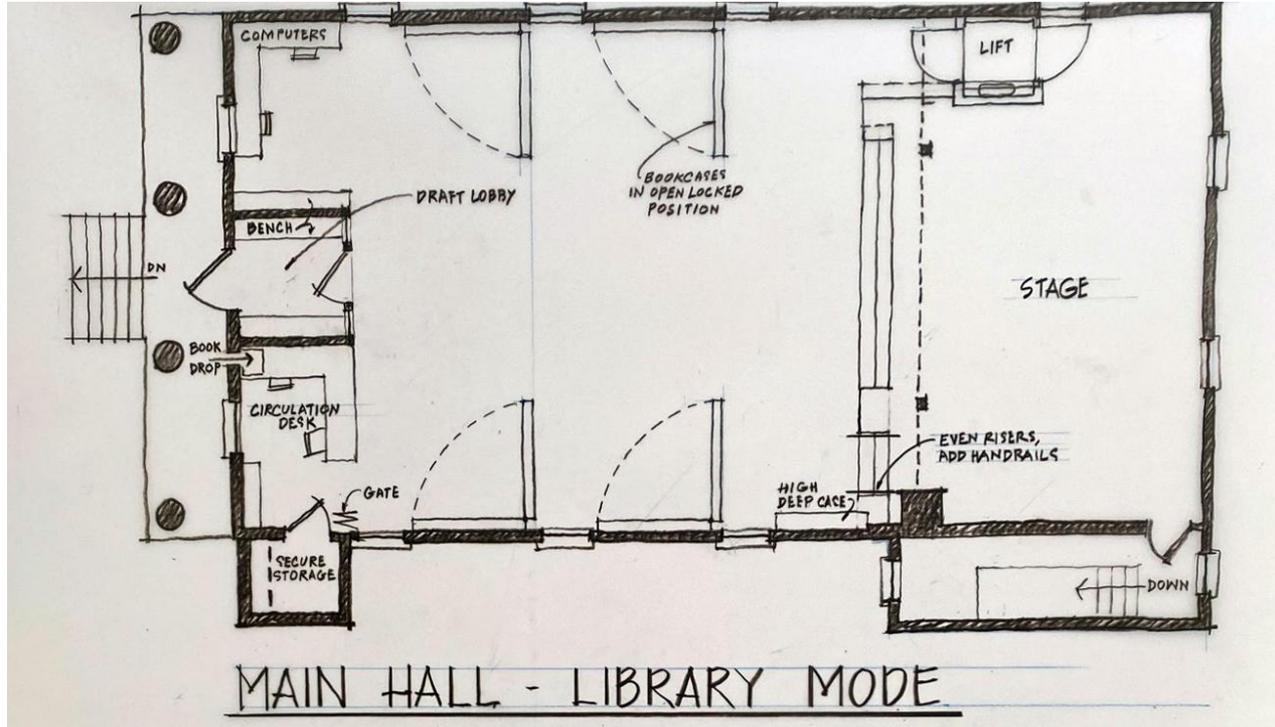


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PROPOSED EXTERIOR SITE PLAN: ADA and life SAFETY measures incorporated as noted within Bill Gallop's report

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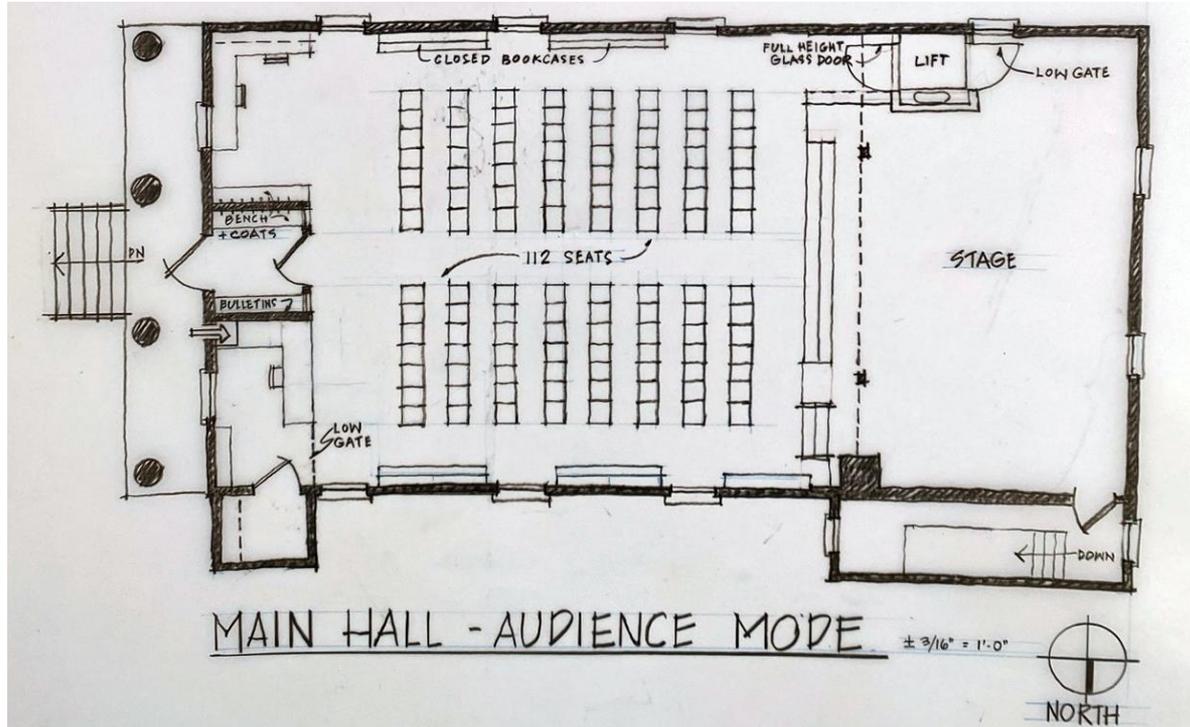


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MAIN HALL: Design TRANSFORMS to LIBRARY mode via moveable bookcases and efficient use of space

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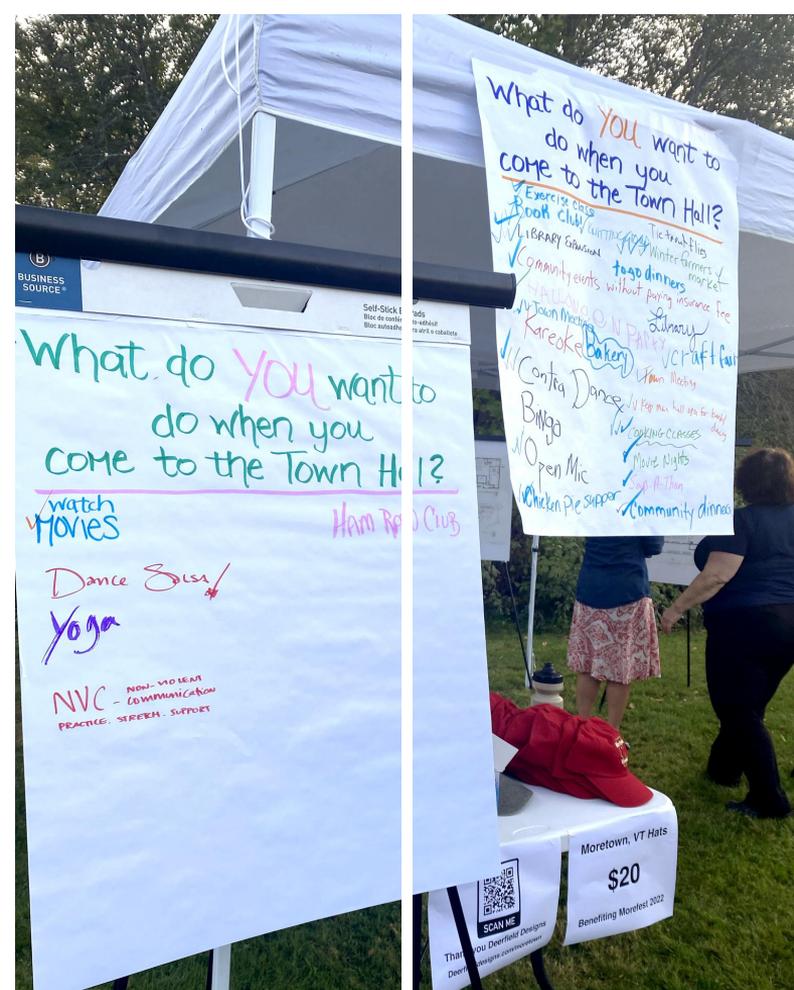
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MAIN HALL: Design TRANSFORMS from library mode to AUDIENCE mode with 112 seats

MOREFEST 2021!

Architectural drawings, info booth, and survey conducted at Morefest 2021

Morefest took place September 25, 2021 at Moretown Recreation Field (largest attendance to date!)



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WE ASKED:

FIRST SURVEY

1 — What do you want to do at the Town Hall?

*Morefest September 25, 2021 survey asking participants to jot down on provided oversized poster boards what they'd like to do at Town Hall. Numbers in parens indicate duplication.

THEY SAID:

Library Services

- (5) Library Expansion
- (2) Library
- Check out Books

Community Events

- (5) Town Meeting
- (2) Community Events without paying insurance fee
- (2) Craft Fair

Food/Social Gatherings

- (5) Winter Farmers Market
- (3) Community Dinners
- (3) Chicken Pie Supper
- (2) Soup-A-Thon
- (2) Halloween Party
- Chili Cookoffs
- Cookies with Mrs. Claus
- Potlucks
- Free Candy
- Bakery
- To Go Dinners

Entertainment

- (4) Watch Movies
- (3) Open Mic
- Play Board Games
- Music Venue
- Put together Puzzles
- Karaoke
- Bingo

Physical/Social Activities

- (5) Contra Dancing
- (3) Keep Main Hall open for Bands/Dancing
- Dance Salsa
- Dance
- Line Dancing
- (3) Exercise Class
- Yoga

Educational Classes & Discussions

- (4) Cooking Classes
- NVC - Nonviolent Communication practice- stretch -support
- History Discussions

Clubs/Groups with Common Interests

- (4) Book Club
- (2) Knitting Group
- Ham Radio Club
- Gardening Club
- Tie Trout Flies

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INVITATION:

At Morefest we created a flyer to inform and invite community conversation: in person, October 17, or virtual, October 21, 2021

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WE ASKED: SECOND SURVEY

1 — What would you support
at Town Hall?

*At the October 17, 2021 in person meeting at Town Hall, we displayed the posters from Morefest September 25, 2021 and asked attendees to put a check mark next to the activities they would support.

THEY SAID:

Library Services

- (13) Library
- (11) Library Expansion
- (11) Check out Books

Community Events

- (13) Community Events without paying insurance fee
- (12) Craft Fair
- (11) Town Meeting

Food/Social Gatherings

- (12) Community Dinners
- (12) Halloween Party
- (12) Chili Cookoffs
- (12) Potlucks
- (11) Winter Farmers Market
- (11) Chicken Pie Supper
- (11) Soup-A-Thon
- (11) Bakery
- (11) To Go Dinners
- (9) Cookies with Mrs. Claus
- (7) Free Candy

Entertainment

- (13) Music Venue
- (12) Watch Movies
- (12) Open Mic
- (12) Karaoke
- (11) Play Board Games
- (11) Put together Puzzles
- (11) Bingo

Physical/Social Activities

- (13) Keep Main Hall open for Bands/Dancing
- (12) Contra Dancing
- (12) Dance Salsa
- (12) Dance
- (12) Line Dancing
- (12) Exercise Class
- (12) Yoga

Educational Classes & Discussions

- (12) Cooking Classes
- (11) Nonviolent Communication (practice-stretch-support)
- (11) History Discussions

Clubs/Groups with Common Interests

- (12) Book Club
- (12) Knitting Group
- (12) Ham Radio Club
- (12) Gardening Club
- (12) Tie Trout Flies

with 454 check marks

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THEIR COMMENTS:

Library Services

Love the idea of combining! Especially to support Library and all that can happen together!

Wifi Accessibility for all
Subscriptions (Ex.-NY Times)

Community Events

Gallery
(I like the school location for the craft fair)

Food/Social Gatherings

Combine events to increase attendance, such as pairing community dinners with open mic nights - cook or potluck
Once a month free dinners sponsored by organizations (Waitsfield Church)
Coffee hours
Specific days for coffee, maybe coincide with library hours
Baked goods for sale - maybe rotate with opportunities for different people

Entertainment

Add verbal active participation activities (Trivia, Pictionary, Charades)
Streaming shows for those w/out internet!

Physical/Social Activities

Starting point for community walks

Educational Classes & Discussions

Guest Speakers - OLLIE
Dog obedience classes
Pop-up classes

Clubs/Group with Common Interests

Playground for Preschool
Senior Activities
Girl/Boy Scouts
Private groups for rentals (parties, memorials, etc.)

Community Center for Emergencies/Disasters/Volunteer Action Committee (3) (Irene)

Art Gallery

Gallery for local artisans
Gallery & artists' reception space
Artist Showcase Display
Artists could exhibit and/or sell
Use local artists and woodworkers for assistance in transforming the basement
Historical Society Exhibits Permanent historic collection/Rotate exhibits

Workspace

Private Events for Moretown residents (4)

Free, or with optional % to go for support of the hall
Resolve the insurance cost issue

SURVEY SAYS:

- ★ Overwhelming support for the Library being at the Town Hall
- ★ Excitement for multiple uses of the Town Hall
- ★ Support for new ideas as well as bringing back activities that happened in the past
- ★ Continue private events that are affordable (insurance concerns)
- ★ Improve acoustics, lighting and basement aesthetics
- ★ Management of activities through the library/additional support

OUTCOME 1:

Moretown as a cultural center;
an art, learning, business seed
incubator

OUTCOME 2:

Moretown as a community
information hub and
emergency relief center as
experienced during Irene 2011

WE BELIEVE:

Moretown Town Hall will **inspire** and **serve** as a unified, modern, responsive, accessible, inclusive, sustainable model for all of Vermont.

OUR REQUEST:

We seek your support and partnership as we forge this bold vision into a tangible reality.

IMMEDIATE ASK:

1. We request* the Selectboard approve our acquisition of a proposal from an Architect/Engineer(PE).
2. Develop a process for deciding the status of the library.

*We request approval by December 15, 2021 to enable time to do our due diligence in trying to acquire three different proposals to present to selectboard by February 1, 2022.

THANK YOU

**Respectfully submitted,
The Moretown Town Hall
Committee**

November 12, 2021: Slideshow presentation link submitted to Moretown Selectboard via email. In person presentation and discussion, November 15, 2021.



RESOURCES:

These next few slides provide other considerations, further resources, and information gathered to date.

BILL GALLUP REPORT:

**Evaluation of ADA accessibility
and Life Safety improvements
for Moretown Town Hall.**

Report to be exported into PDF format and downloadable either from this slide or sent via email upon request.

BILL GALLUP REPORT:

<u>Accessibility</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Accessible lower level entrance● Accessible parking● New lift installed to meet code and provide access to all 3 levels	<u>Life/Safety Code</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Panic hardware installed on doors● Exhaust hood in kitchen● Replace drop ceiling in basement to meet code on height● Flexible ductwork in basement ceiling replaced to maintain fire rating● Handrails on stage steps
<u>Water Mitigation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parking lot engineering study● Foundation study/fix● Flooring in basement● Mold evaluation	<u>Energy Efficiency</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interior airlock entry at main door● Insulation in roof● HVAC system upgrades● LED lighting

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VERMONT TOWN RESEARCH:

We wondered: How did other Vermont towns expand their own services and programs?

- Click on the link below to read an article from Seven Days
[Public Libraries Adapt to the 21st Century...and Uphold Democracy](#)
- Click on the link below to read about the **Corner School Resource Center in Granville**
<http://www.cornerschoolvt.org/about>



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“ALMOST THERE”

