



Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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Officers: John Harris & Stuart Sadick, Co-Directors; Jan Hurley & Dawn Lincoln, Treasurers; Jan Youga, Clerk/Secretary;
Bill Campbell & Walter Carroll, Property Managers; Jan Carpenter, Archivist.

Message from the Co-Directors

This coming year is certain to be another great one for WPHMH&HS. It has been two years since the organizations merged and things have been going quite well. We have a new slate of officers and a suggested change to the By-Laws to vote on at the Annual Meeting on July 22. Be sure to look at the upcoming schedule of activities and put them on your calendar. Please remember to pay your annual membership dues (or Life Time membership dues so you don't have to remember again next year). We're always interested in speaking with members who want to get further involved, and if you have an idea for future program topics, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you in July at the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck.

Mark Your Calendar

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION*
2012			
Sunday, July 22	Annual Meeting & Potluck	4:00 p.m.	Meeting House
Thursday, July 26	A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes	6:30 p.m.	Library
Friday – Sunday, August 17-19	Old Home Day	All Day	Westmoreland
Sunday, August 19	Historic Tour of Westmoreland	1:00 p.m.	Leave from Elementary School Parking lot
Saturday, September 1	Tag Sale	9-3 p.m.	Meeting House
Sunday, September 9	Fall Work Day	1-4 p.m.	Corner School and Meeting House
Tuesday, September 4	1st Fall Program	7:00 p.m.	Corner School
Monday, October 1	2nd Fall Program	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 21	Executive Meeting	3:30-5 p.m.	TBD
Monday, November 5	3 rd and final Fall Program	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
2013			
Sunday, January 6	Executive Meeting	3:30-5 p.m.	TBD
Sunday, February 10	General Meeting & Potluck	4:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Sunday, March 17	Executive Meeting	3:30-5 p.m.	TBD
Monday, April 1	First Spring Program	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
**April TBD	Yard Work Day	1-4 p.m.	Corner School
Sunday, April 28	Executive Meeting	3:30-5 p.m.	TBD
Monday, May 6	Second Spring Program	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 12	Perennial Plant Sale	TBD	Meeting House Lawn
Sunday, May 19	Spring Work Day	1-4 p.m.	Corner School and Meeting House
Monday, June 3	Final Spring Program	7:00 p.m.	Corner School
Sunday, June 9	Executive Meeting	3:30-5 p.m.	Corner School
Sunday, July 23	Annual Meeting & Potluck	4:00 p.m.	Meeting House

*Unless otherwise advertised

** Corner School house will schedule an earlier Spring Work Day - specifics in the Spring Newsletter

Work Days at Meeting House and Corner School

On Sunday, April 1, the first work day took place at Corner School. The lawn was cleared of winter debris, raked and the gardens given some attention by Dawn Lincoln, Bill Campbell, and Jan Carpenter. May 20th, the combined work day, in addition to the above crew we were joined by Patti Seymour and June Hammond whose specialty is washing windows.

At the Meeting House Jane Edmonds, Jim Edmonds, Stuart Sadick, Darrell Corak, Darwin Corak and Walter Carroll pitched in for the spring cleaning and spruce-up.

Old Home Days plans rapidly coming together



Under the direction of Elaine Moore, Nancy Sandahl and Sally Albrecht, the many activities and events are very well organized and coming together nicely. On Sunday August 19, the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society is conducting a guided Historic Tour of the whole town. The first bus will leave at 1 p.m. from in front of the school on Glebe Road.

A limited number of tickets (approximately 100) will be sold. Costs will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, with \$15.00 for a family of four. Tickets will be available through Saturday, August 18 or until sold out by contacting Jan Carpenter (399-7075).

Sites to be visited include Longsjo's blacksmith shop, first two settlement areas, mill sites, military camp and training sites, cemeteries, the Corner School and the craft demonstrations at the Meeting House.

On Saturday, August 18, the Historical Society will have a display in Fellowship Hall of some articles in our collection, many old pictures and items from past Old Home Days as well as books and pamphlets for sale.

Updates on Society Properties

Walter Carroll reports that the improved septic system has been installed at the Meeting House and work is now being done on the furnace and the floor of that room. All the funds from the LCHIP grant have been received and so far, the budget for the project has not been exceeded. Future plans include upgrading the quality and production of the well.

Bill Hatt was engaged to investigate and fix the sag in one corner of the Corner School, and we are now able to close two interior doors. Painting of the outside of the building continues.

Donations to our Archives

Copies of some old Town Reports, which we did not have, were given to WPHMH&HS for our archives by Jo Ann LaBarre, the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant. Some old pictures were scanned thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Norma Hudson. We have also received from Thelma Messer three record books kept by Edward C. Greene while he was a selectman of the town.

Cooperative Program on Old Cellar Holes

We were invited by the Librarian, Jayne Burnett, to participate with them in offering a program at the Library on July 26 at 6:30 p.m. entitled "A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes" This program is free and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Corner School Library

There are now approximately 200 old books in the library at the Corner School. Approximately 20 were recently received through the generosity of Arlene (Kenyon) Midgley. They have all been catalogued and an up-to-date list will soon be available. Any of them may be borrowed for the usual 2-week period by contacting Jan Carpenter (399-7075).

The Westmoreland Public Library and
The Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House
& Historical Society present:

Adair D. Mulligan
A Walk Back in Time:
The Secrets of Cellar Holes



Thursday, July 26, 6:30 pm
Westmoreland Public Library

Northern New England is full of reminders of past lives – stone walls, old foundations, a century-old lilac struggling to survive as the forest reclaims a once-sunny dooryard. In this program, we will explore the rich story behind such abandoned places, and see how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues left behind on the landscape. Such a project can help landowners know what to do if they have such archeological sites on their land, and help stimulate interest in not only a town's past but its future.

OLD HOME DAY SCHEDULE

August 17, 18, 19, 2012



Friday Evening, August 17, 2012

7:00 PM "Westmoreland's Got Talent" show at the school gym – call Jim Sandahl (399-4303) to participate
\$5.00 adults/ children under 10 free/ benefits Old Home Day (OHD)

Saturday, August 18, 2012

8:00 Fun-run at School –Linda Groiss in charge (399-7148) \$1.00 admission
8:00 Tee off at Golf Tournament at Pine Grove Springs in Spofford – call Nancy Hillier (399-4886)
8:00 - 10:30 Tennis Play-offs - call Sue Longsjo (399-4963) no admission
8:00 – 10:30 Horseshoe Competition - call Wes Staples (399-4492) no admission
9:00 - 10:30 Games for Kids at the school with Mark Hayward /no admission
9:00 - 11:00 Breakfast sandwiches (Wagon at Fellowship Hall) \$
10:00 - 1:00 Creative Dress Up Portraits at the Library With Medora Hebert(bring your own costume(s) props or use theirs) order pictures on line – Sponsored by and benefits the Library
10:00 - 1:00 Pete Longsjo's Smithy open (across from the library) - free
10:00 - 2:00 Westmoreland Market Place at the school gym/food, crafts, etc. Gina Gitchell (399-7071) free admision. /\$5 a table
11:00 Parade from Mary Matthews (S. Village Rd.) to the school - Kristen Chamberlin – (399-4393) or Michelle Prock – (399-7104)
12:00 Lunch /hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken tenders, hot chips, pulled pork sandwiches, grinders, desserts, drinks, etc. \$
12:45 PM Tug-o-War on the Common
1:00 - 4:00 PM Horse & Wagon Rides with Reggie Goodnow /Donation to help feed the beautiful horses!!
1:30 - 4:30 PM Great Westmoreland Reunion at Fellowship Hall (enjoy old pictures, slides, videos, friends and refreshments) Hostess Angie Ackerman (399-7705) no admission
2:00 - 4:00 PM Married People vs. Single People Ball Game at the school with Ted & TJ Ferguson - free
5:00 - 7:00 PM Old Home Day Ham & Bean Dinner on the Common sponsored by the W. United Church \$8.00 adults/ \$3.00 children under 10
6:00 - 7:00 PM Westmoreland Town Band Concert – free/ donations accepted
7:30 - 10:00 PM Contra Dance at School Gym – Come learn the fun dances with all of us! Donation encouraged for OHD

Sunday, August 19, 2012

7:30 - 10:30 Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall/Common sponsored by the Sno-Belters Club \$
10:30 - 11:30 Church Service Brick Church w/Pastor Gage followed by history of church & remember whens...?
12:00 - 1:00 PM Pot Luck Salad Bar Luncheon on the Common (dessert & drink provided) sponsored by OHD
1:00 - 4:00 PM Historic Bus Tour of Town including Early Settlements/ Corner School/Park Hill Meeting House /Old Cemeteries/ Old Smithy/ Mill sites, etc. Leaves from School- sponsored by the Historical Society/ \$5 each ticket
1:00 – 4:00 PM More Horse & Wagon Rides with Reggie Goodnow/ Donations to help feed the beautiful horses!!

Our Last Fund Raiser: A Cow- Plop on July 14thCheck out our website www.westmorelandoldhomeday.com and a link at www.westmorelandnh.com

Old Home Day T-Shirts available to buy! Something for all!! Hope to see you there!!!

Condition of the Warner Stage Curtain



Recently Christine Hadsel, Director of Curtains Without Borders, Inc. paid a visit to Westmoreland School in order to again photograph the curtain painted by Mr. Warner. It was rolled down and a line of dust was noticed across the top. She proposed bringing a Conservator down from their location in Burlington, VT to remove the dust before it has time to damage the canvas. There is also a portion of the border which was not repainted during the original restoration and could be done at the same time. The curtain belongs to the Town of Westmoreland, thus the Selectmen have been asked to find the funds to have this work done. The cost would be \$300 plus \$100 for gas expense.

Since it is too far for them to travel here from Burlington, do the work and return in one day's time, Ms. Hadsel suggested that she could present a program on Theater Curtains for our Society during their visit here. We should be able to provide overnight accommodations for two women as well as supper and breakfast. This program could perhaps be scheduled for next April should it fit in with the plans of our Program Committee.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, July 22nd – Park Hill Meeting House

Pot Luck supper following the meeting where we will elect officers for the coming 2 years and approve changes to the By-laws. This is a very important meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

Society continues to evolve

During the past two years during which time the Historical Society and the Park Hill Meeting House Society have been combined as one, there have been some changes as we knew there would be. We continue to evolve and with the departure of our excellent first Director, Stuart Sadick, we look for someone to step in as the second Director. John Harris will continue as the Sr. Director for the next term. At the most recent Executive Meeting on June 10th it was recommended that Jan Hurley take on the duties of both Treasurer's jobs in order to bring the uniting of the two groups closer as was the original goal. Also, Jan Youga has indicated that she does not wish to continue as Clerk and Patti Seymour has offered to take on this job as well as continuing as Editor of this Newsletter.

The By-laws will need some slight alterations in keeping with these changes and members are asked to consider the proposals listed below in the agenda in order to be ready to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Park Hill Meeting House Sunday, July 22, 2012 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the General Meeting from February 12, 2012
2. **Financial reports**
 - a. Corner School
 - b. Park Hill Meeting House
 - c. Joint Account
 - d. Income and operating expenses from last three years
3. **Property reports**
 - a. Park Hill Meeting House
 - b. Corner School
4. **Discussion and Approval of Revised Bylaws**
 - a. **Revised Bylaws**
 - i. Merge the two Treasurers positions into a single position

b. Slate of Officers and Terms

i. Election for two year terms - Proposed slate and any nominations from the floor

- Director: John Harris
- Assistant Director: Hugh Shelly
- Treasure: Jan Hurley
- Clerk: Patti Seymour
- Property Manager: Bill Campbell (Corner School House)

NOTE: All members of the Executive Board will serve two-year terms. The Executive Board will be elected in July at the Annual Meeting. At the end of the Director's two-year term, the Assistant Director will become the Director. The Director and Assistant Director, the Corner School Property Manager, the Park Hill Treasurer, and the Clerk will be elected in *even numbered years*; the Park Hill Property Manager, the Corner School Treasurer, the Membership Director, and the Archivist will be elected in *odd numbered years*.

5. Membership Dues 2012-13

6. New Business

**Please let Jan Carpenter know what you are bringing to the potluck (Daisyandme@webryders.net)
399-7075**

**General Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2012**

Present: Stuart Sadick, John and Susie Harris, Dawn Lincoln and Bill Campbell, Maitland Hudson, Judy and Syd Fitzgerald, Priscilla and George Haselton, Jan Hurley, Bert Edmonds, Jan Carpenter, Patti Seymour, Dot and Ray Mailhot, Nancy and Jack Zeller, June Hammond, Mark and Kathy Terry, Paula and Lee Page, Hugh Shelley, Jan Youga (clerk)

Minutes from the Annual Meeting were accepted without change.

Stuart reminded everyone to pay dues for this year so they continue to receive the Newsletter and to review the events on the calendar.

Treasurers' Reports

Jan Hurley reported on the Meeting House finances.

Treasurer's Report General Meeting Feb. 12 2012

Checking Account

1-Jul \$ 54,000.93

31-Jan \$ 17,588.82

Fidelity

1-Jul \$ 43,909.49

31-Dec \$ 41,428.43

T. Rowe Price

1-Jul \$129,017.79

31-Dec \$ 88,449.81

The total grant of \$59,443.00 has been received from LCHIP

Total spent for restoration

Ferguson Roofing \$96,000.00

Village Painters \$ 3,169.80

2011 Tag Sale \$ 1,221.20

Dawn Lincoln reported finances for Westmoreland Historical Society. She reviewed the Society and joint expenses, and explained the difference between these two. She then reviewed the income and expenses for both accounts.

Jan Carpenter suggested that the expense for the State of NH be moved to WHS. It is not joint. She also reminded us that we need to remember that cookbook money goes to Park Hill, even though when it comes into the PayPal account, it appears as joint money. Both reports were accepted.

Property Manager Reports

Corner School

Bill Campbell reminded people about the spring work day on May 20 from 1:00-4:00. The Corner School has a new shed. Two sides of the school have been scraped and are ready to be painted. It is not going to be a blue school house (as some people thought); that was just the primer. Bill Hall says we have a little settling going on. We could just plane the doors so they don't stick, but Bill thinks he can make the building level. He estimated the cost at \$500. The timbers are sagging where the ell meets the main building. Cement blocks should hold this if the building can be jacked up and flat stones are put underneath it. It will also help to keep more air flow in the building.

Motion: To hire Bill Hatt to jack up the building, stabilize the foundation, and replace a sill if necessary, cost not to exceed \$750. This motion was carried

Park Hill

In Walter Carroll's absence, Jan Youga summarized the property manager's report from the last Executive Minutes:

- The "antique" septic tank has been located, but there is no connection between the tank and the system Johnny Matthews and Bill Forrest proposed 1) putting a viable line in to connect the tank, but this is not a likely option or 2) removing the old tank, installing a new 1250 gallon holding tank, running a 4" line in a 6" casing under the road to the new tank, and hooking it up. Estimated cost: \$7,250.
- There is a hump on the common where the old tank is, which probably means we will be hitting ledge. This will mean hydraulic drilling, with a cost for the machine of \$1500 per day; the work will probably take 1-2 days. Overall cost, then, could be \$10,000.
- If we had a working septic system, we could increase the kind and number of events we could host. Walter also pointed out that a building that is used tends to be better taken care of.
- Proposal to be brought to the General Meeting: To install a new 1250 gallon holding tank, running a 4" line in a 6" casing under the road to the new tank, according to specification in Matthews' proposal to replace the existing system. Cost range: \$7,250-10,000.

The cost of events at the Meeting House could be raised to include the cost of pumping. Jan Hurley reminded us that we need to go through the town for approval and that we have spent a lot of money recently. However, we also know that the building is not being used because of this problem. Patti reminded us that we could have a fund raiser for this project that would raise more money than just selling books does. We could even have a "name the septic tank" fundraiser. **Motion:** To hire John Matthews to install a new 1250 gallon holding tank, running a 4" line in a 6" casing under the road to the new tank, according to specification in Matthews' proposal to replace the existing system. This motion was carried.

Programs

Paula Page reminded people about the flyer in the Newsletter about upcoming programs and said she brought extras and has posted them.

Other Business:

- Patti Seymour suggested a cow pie fundraiser. People buy a patch of a cow pasture, and wherever the cow lands its first pie, the owner of that square wins. We could also have some kind of event around this. We could do a blueberry or strawberry festival if we could get the Meeting House usable. We would like a progress report by our next meeting. Susie suggested not involving the school because then we would have to split the money. Patti needs people to help come up with good ideas for fundraisers as well as to make these events happen.
- The WPHMHHS Annual Meeting is in July. We need a new slate of officers. We are still looking for a treasurer for the School House from last year. Please let any of us know if you would like to join the Executive Board.
- Old Home Day: We are sponsoring a school bus trip around town to historic places. We will sell tickets. The bus is free. We just need to pay for the gas. There will be a written itinerary and stops at both the School House and Meeting House.

Membership

If you received this newsletter in the mail, then you are a member in good standing (i.e., your dues are paid). Please ask your friends, neighbors and colleagues who have an interest in learning more about the history of our town to join the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society by completing the attached membership form at the end of the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM
THE WESTMORELAND PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Individual Membership	\$ 10.00	Individual Lifetime Membership	\$100.00
Household	\$ 15.00	Household Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
Organization or Business	\$ 25.00		

Please accept my additional tax exempt (501(c)(3)) donation of \$ _____.

Make your check payable to The Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society.

Mail check to: Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society P.O. Box 105
 Westmoreland, NH 03467

Time and Talent

Please check any and all ways you are willing to help out with the public events and tasks of the Corner School and the Meeting House. Most activities are for a few hours once a year.

<input type="checkbox"/> cleaning/painting	<input type="checkbox"/> baking	<input type="checkbox"/> planning events	<input type="checkbox"/> phoning	<input type="checkbox"/> publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> annual tag sale	<input type="checkbox"/> open house guide	<input type="checkbox"/> general maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> serving on a committee	

Other talents and expertise you have that you are willing to share to help the Society:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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