



Westmoreland Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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Current Officers of WHS: John Harris, President; Sally Albrecht, Vice President; Jan Carpenter, Secretary; Dawn Lincoln, Treasurer and Bill Campbell, Property Manager

Current Officers of PHMHS: Greg Burdett, Senior Director; Ceil Goff, Junior Director; Walter Carroll, Junior Director; Jan Youga, Clerk and Jan Hurley, Treasurer

Westmoreland Historical Society and Park Hill Meeting House Society Merge

As announced earlier in the Spring, it was proposed and approved by both the WHS and PHMHS that the two organizations come together in a more organized and beneficial way to preserve and honor the historic attributes of Westmoreland. A committee was formed to prepare for the changes about to take place as we “merge” the Westmoreland Historical Society and the Park Hill Meeting House Society to form the **Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society**. As a result of the merger, a new set of by-laws has been drafted to govern the two organizations. We ask that you give these proposed by-laws careful consideration. Please provide any comments on the by-laws to one of the officers listed above no later than July 11 and be ready to vote on them at the general Annual Meeting on **Sunday, July 25th** at the Park Hill Meeting House. A new slate of officers will also be elected at this meeting.

A Pot Luck Supper will follow the general Annual Meeting. Please plan to bring a casserole, salad or dessert and RSVP to Jan Carpenter (399-7075) or Pam Carroll (399-4482) by Wednesday, July 22.

Merger Committee: John Harris, Jan Youga, Jan Hurley & Jan Carpenter

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Proposed By-Laws of the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be to preserve and maintain the Park Hill Meeting House and the Corner School House as significant historical landmarks and to promote the use of these buildings for community activities and museums. The Society seeks to preserve the history of Westmoreland through the acquisition of books, papers, maps and artifacts and through the establishment of a genealogy and history library.

Article II: Membership

Membership in this Society is open to any individual or organization committed to the purpose of the Society and upon payment of annual dues. Annual dues are as follows:

Individual: \$10	Organization: \$25
Household: \$15	Life time: \$100

The Society will hold two general meetings for members each year, one in February before Town Meeting Day and one in July which will be the Annual Meeting.

Article III: Finances

- A. The Park Hill Meeting House Society and the Westmoreland Historical Society will remain independent financial institutions and maintain individual non-profit status 501(c)(3).
- B. Dues and any funds raised through joint ventures will be used as revenue to finance expenses incurred by these ventures. Funds needed to finance a joint project and not currently available in the joint fund will be allocated equally from the two separate accounts.
- C. Funds held in the separate accounts prior to the adoption of these Articles of Association, as well as earned as a result of ventures or investments prior to the adoption, shall remain in the separate accounts.
- D. The fiscal year will run from July 1 to June 30.
- E. The auditor will examine the books of the Treasure and certify to the Society at the Annual Meeting that the Annual Financial Report is correct.

Article IV: Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet every two months. All members of the executive board will serve two-year terms. The Executive Board will appoint substitutes to fill any vacancies on the Board or Committees.

- A. **Directors:** There will be two Directors, one from the Westmoreland Historical Society and one from the Park Hill Meeting House Society. They will preside over meetings,

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conduct routine business, appoint standing and ad hoc committees and have general oversight over the work of the Society.

- B. **Clerk:** The Clerk will keep careful written records of all meetings, answer correspondence, and, upon instruction from the Directors, issue notice of meetings to be held. Minutes of the Executive Board meetings will be sent to the Executive Board members within two weeks of Board meetings. For the semi-annual meetings, minutes of the preceding meeting and an agenda of the upcoming meeting will be sent to all members two weeks prior to the upcoming meeting.
- C. **Treasurers:** There will be two treasurers, one from the Westmoreland Historical Society and one from the Park Hill Meeting House Society. The Treasurers will keep a detailed record of all money received and disbursed. The Treasurers will prepare and present an up-to-date report at all meetings of the Executive Board. A detailed written summary report will be presented at the semi-annual meetings. The Treasurers will collect dues and keep an accurate list of members.
- D. **Property Managers:** There will be two Property Managers, one from the Westmoreland Historical Society and one from the Park Hill Meeting House Society, to manage the Corner School House and the Park Hill Meeting House, respectively. Property Managers will conduct and/or oversee all routine maintenance and improvements (approved by the Executive Board) of the grounds and buildings and keep watch of same, reporting to the Society any misdemeanors, damage or needed repairs.
- E. **Archivist:** The Archivist will identify, sort, catalog and when possible archivally preserve historical material currently held by the Society and donated to the Society in the future.

Article V: Standing Committees

Standing Committees of up to three people each are appointed by the Executive Board.

- A. **Program Committee:** This committee will plan and organize six programs per year in April, May, June, September, October and November.
- B. **Newsletter/Publicity:** The Newsletter will be published four times a year, in February and July before the two semi-annual meetings, in March to announce the Spring programs, and in August to announce the Fall programs. This committee will also handle publicity for events of the Society.
- C. **Ways and Means:** This committee will propose and oversee fundraising projects.

Article VI: Amendments to these By-laws

The by-laws of the Society will be reviewed no less than every three years, or more often, by a committee of three or more assigned by the Executive Board. These Articles may be amended by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Meeting. Notice containing proposed amendments must be sent to members no later than two weeks prior to the meeting.

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Annual Meeting Agenda

**Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner for the Westmoreland Historical Society and
the Park Hill Meeting House Society
Sunday, July 25 at 4 pm at the Park Hill Meeting House**

1. Review By-laws and vote on merging the two organizations
2. Election for two year terms - Proposed slate and any nominations from the floor
 - a. Two Directors: John Harris
 - b. Two Treasures: Dawn Lincoln and Jan Hurley
 - c. Clerk: Jan Youga
 - d. Two Property Managers: Walter Carroll (Park Hill Meeting House),
Bill Campbell (Corner School House)
 - e. Archivist: Jan Carpenter
3. Approval of previous minutes
4. Treasures' reports
5. Report from Property Managers on maintenance and restoration
6. Upcoming events

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STAGECOACH STORY

Ruth Selden White

Up over the wooded hills and down, the stagecoach
came from Boston town,
With rumbling wheel and jingling chain, along the
road called Hurricane,
And far and wide would the echoes go with the
ringing sounds of tally-ho;
A lady in stylish hat and gown, a white-haired
sire with haughty frown,
A nursemaid and a little child, they rode along
through the country wild;
The coachman was apt to stop with his load at
Hurricane House on Hurricane Road.
The dogs all barked, the horses neighed and the
driver winked at a pink-cheeked maid;
The gentry alighted in feathers and fur. "Welcome,
madam, welcome sir"
And the jovial host bade his servants, neat, set
steaming viands for the guests to eat;
A restful night 'neath a counterpane, a hearty meal,
--they started again
With prancing hoof and cracking whip and sharp
commands from the driver's lip,
As the stagecoach took the road once more and on
their journey the passengers bore.
In dismal twilight a coach broke down while the
travelers were still far from town.
They waited by a brambly lane, near the haunted house
where a woman was slain,
While off up the road an out-rider made to the
nearest inn to summon aid.
Then the horses danced and snorted in fear of
howling wolves that circled near.
So the coachman mounted each fare on a steed and
they all dashed on with the greatest speed.
Each man at the inn, ere the night was through, had
slain a wolf with his musket true.
With the wayfarers rested once more and fed, the
stagecoach mended, on they sped,
And ever after they told the tale of the broken
wheel and the wolfpack's wail.

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Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Individual - \$5.00 Family - \$10.00 Business - \$25.00 Lifetime - \$50.00

NOTE: These membership fees will increase after approval of the new by-laws for the merged societies. However, by joining or renewing now, you automatically will become a member of the merged organizations.

Please accept my Tax Exempt (501c(3)) donation of: _____

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