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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.

General Meeting

Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society

February 13 ~ 4:00 p.m. at Fellowship Hall

Potluck following the meeting

Please contact Jan Carpenter (399-7075 or daisyandme@webryders.net) about what you will bring.



Park Hill Meeting House Receives LCHIP Grant

The Park Hill Meeting House was awarded approximately \$60,000 in matching funds to repair the roof, restore the downstairs ceiling, paint the east side of the building, and repair the floor in the utility room of the Meeting House.



Boston Post Cane presented to Kay Northrup

On Wednesday, December 1, 2010 the Boston Post Cane was presented to the oldest resident, Kay Northrup by John Harris, a Director of the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society and June Hammond, Selectman. Mrs. Northrup is 95 and still very active, keeps her own home and enjoys visits and phone calls from many friends. The cane was previously held by Mary Ray who passed away last year at the age of 114.

Notes from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met twice since the July Annual Meeting and has focused on working out the details of what it means to be a joint organization. Other news from this committee:

- The Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire Award was given to Paula Page for her work on the summer tour
- The website has been updated to include both organizations
- A new sign will be made for the Corner School
- The Town Hall has been designated a historic building by the State of New Hampshire

Agenda for General Meeting on February 13

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Treasurers' Reports

Corner School and Joint Reports

Park Hill Meeting House

Property Reports

Corner School

Park Hill Meeting House

New Business

Monetary decisions

Amount Executive Committee authorized to spend

Emergency expenditures

Matching LCHIP expenses

Membership dues

Item Needing a Membership Vote

While the Historical Society and Park Hill Meeting House Society are keeping separate accounts, there are joint expenses (such as this newsletter, our website, program expenses, etc.) that will be paid for from membership dues, donations, and calendar sales. The membership needs to discuss how we will determine when funds need to be spent for building upkeep and what dollar amount the Executive Committee is authorized to spend without member approval.

Please Send Us Your Email Address!

In order to keep you up-to-date on news and events, we need your email address. This is a much less expensive way for us to communicate with members. Please share you email address with us by sending it to Dawn Lincoln (lincoln.dawn@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendar

<u>Sunday, February 13</u>	4 p.m.	General Meeting
<u>Wednesday, March 9</u>	7 p.m.	Town Meeting
<u>Sunday, May 22</u>	1-3 p.m.	Spring Work Day Park Hill Meeting House and Corner School
<u>Sunday, July 24</u>	4 p.m.	Annual Meeting and Potluck

Special Offer: *Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust*, the Westmoreland cemetery book, is on sale for \$15 for a limited time. Copies will be available at the General Meeting.

Annual Meeting Minutes
Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society
July 25, 2010

There were 33 people present: Laura Andrews, Patti Seymour, Kathy Terry, Mark Terry, Priscilla Haselton, Ceceil Goff, Darrell Corak, Darwin Corak, John Harris, Susie Harris, Ernie Hebert, Louise Slayton, Judy Fitzgerald, Syd Fitzgerald, Ross Blodgett, Madeline Keating, Marlene Schaeffer, Carrie Staples, Wesley Staples, Jim Edmonds, Martin Bregman, Diana Bregman, Bill Campbell, Maitland Hudson, Carol Austin, Greg Burdett, Walter Carroll, Jan Hurley, Jan Carpenter, Dawn Lincoln, Richard High, Jan Youga (clerk)

Proposal to Join the Westmoreland Historical Society and the Park Hill Meeting House Society

Greg Burdett began the meeting by proposing the adoption of the new By-Laws joining the Westmoreland Historical Society and the Park Hill Meeting House Society into the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society. The meeting was opened for discussion and changes in the By-Laws were proposed and accepted. The By-Laws joining the two organizations passed unanimously.

Election of new officers

Nominations for officers were invited from the floor. Hearing none, the slate of officers proposed by the leadership of both organizations was passed unanimously. The new officers are

- **Directors:** John Harris and Stuart Sadick
- **Property Managers:** Bill Campbell (Corner School House) and Walter Carroll (Park Hill Meeting House)
- **Treasurers:** Dawn Lincoln and Jan Hurley
- **Clerk:** Jan Youga
- **Archivist:** Jan Carpenter

Previous Minutes of Both Organizations

Minutes of the WHS were read aloud by Jan Carpenter. Minutes were approved unanimously. Minutes of the PHMHS had been sent to members and were approved unanimously.

Treasurers' Reports

Dawn Lincoln read the Treasurer's report for WHS. It was approved unanimously. Jan Hurley distributed copies of the audited Park Hill Annual Financial Report. Jan pointed out that the organization has the chronic problem of not having enough income to match our expenses, but that we have healthy balances in our accounts. The report was approved unanimously.

Property Manager Reports

From Bill Campbell: Everything at the Corner School House is going well. The building has a new roof, was recently painted, now has electricity, and the front five windows have been restored. The money for the remaining windows is being donated by the Lion's Club. There will be a work day in the fall. The remaining windows will be taken out, re-puttied, re-glazed, and then put back in. This work does not have to be done at the School; people may take windows home to work on them. Also, one small area of the sill on one side of the front of the building is tender. Bill clarified that the town owns this building. Plans and estimates for necessary repairs are presented at the Town Meeting. The town has been supportive in the past; the recent installation of electricity, for example, was paid for by the town.

From Walter Carroll: The Meeting House is in the process of applying for an LCHIP grant. The Society is asking for \$90,000 for a new roof, and additional money to repair the utility room floor and to paint one side of the building and the downstairs ceiling. The current slates may be over 100 hundred years old; the cedar roof underneath is rotting and damaging the slates. The roof often leaks, and damages the recently restored ceiling in the sanctuary. Since this ceiling was funded through an LCHIP grant, this money will protect LCHIP's own investment and the building. An ad hoc committee, composed of Walter, Darwin Corak, Darrell Corak, and Jan

Youga, divided up the work and is in the process of completing the grant process. Syd Fitzgerald took the required photographs. The Society will receive credit for all work completed in the previous two years to help toward the 50% matching funds required. Maintaining the building is a continuous struggle, but restoring the roof will be a great help. There are other projects the Society would like to complete (installing a new septic tank, digging a new well, and upgrading the electrical system), but these are considered modernizations that LCHIP won't support unless there is a new building assessment that states these are needed.

The last two Park Hill workdays were very productive. The projects were all completed. Walter suggested that the next work day be held at the Corner School House on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This idea was endorsed by all present.

Upcoming Events:

- The Annual Tag Sale will be held at Park Hill on Saturday, September 4, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is one more drop-off date: August 14th from 11:00-1:00. Items are needed, so please contribute.
- Jane Edmonds wants to sponsor and run a sale of perennials. It will be held Saturday, April 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. People will be charged \$15 for a space; they will need to bring their own tables. Jane is planning to donate all proceeds to the Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society and will encourage others to do the same. Please save your plant containers for this event.
- There will be a new speaker series beginning in the fall. The first will be Tuesday, September 7, 2010. We are in need of a third person to serve on the Program Committee. Please contact one of the directors if you are willing to join this committee.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Treasurer's Report Westmoreland Historical Society

Activity for May and June 2010		Checking Account Balance May 1, 2010 \$7,410.59	
Income:		Expenses:	
Membership	\$ 55.00	Electricity	\$ 23.78
Homes of Westmoreland	\$200.00	Programs	
Maps of Westmoreland	\$ 18.00	(Humanities Council, History Tour)	\$ 584.50
Cemetery Book	\$ 30.00	Postage	\$ 8.97
2010 calendar	\$ 17.00	Office supplies (film, boxes, toner)	\$ 66.55
Shipping	\$ 10.00	Miscellaneous Paint (TH closet)	\$ 28.07
Donations	\$ 40.00	Shipping	\$ 8.55
Research	\$ 10.00	School House (mulch, window paint)	\$ 102.70
Interest	\$ 1.80	Dues (AASLH, Ches Cnty)	\$ 130.00
Cradles of Liberty	\$ 20.00	Cradles of Liberty (copies)	\$ 25.00
Note paper	\$ 3.00	Laptop	\$ 408.99
Total Income	\$404.80	Total Expenses	\$1,387.11
Checking Account Balance June 30, 2010			\$ 6,428.28
CD – Savings Bank of Walpole			\$ 3,109.89
CD – Savings Bank of Walpole			\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL			\$10,538.17

Treasurer's Report Park Hill Meeting House Society

ANNUAL REPORT PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY JUNE 30, 2010			
	Checking Account TD Bank Balance June 30, 2010		\$3,820.50
EXPENSES			
Electricity	\$ 345.83		
Printing & Mailing	\$ 10.05		
Lawn Maintenance	\$ 220.00		
(1) Building Maintenance	\$ 4,758.61		
Fees & Dues	\$ 75.00	State of NH	
	\$ 750.00	IRS	
Zurich NH	\$ 2,952.00		
PO Box Rental	\$ 40.00		
Rental fee refund	\$ 200.00		
Plaques for paintings	\$ 33.95		
TOTAL	\$ 9,385.44		
	Checking Account TD Bank Balance June 30, 2010		\$381.27
(1) Building Maintenance	\$ 3,600.00	foundation repair	
	\$ 922.91	foyer repair & painting	
	\$ 235.70	cleaning & supplies	
Pass Book Savings			
	30-Jun	2009	\$57,018.05
	30-Jun	2010	\$23.21
T. Rowe Price			
Personal Strategy	30-Jun	2009	\$63,496.54
	30-Jun	2010	\$71,472.01
Short Term Bond	30-Jun	2009	\$975.37
	30-Jun	2010	\$58,127.78
Fidelity Fund			
	30-Jun	2009	\$34,085.15
	30-Jun	2010	\$37,636.08
INCOME			
UCC	\$ 513.77		
DUES	\$ 167.00		
DONATIONS	\$ 377.00		
COOK BOOKS	\$ 240.00		
TAG SALE	\$ 988.45		
MEMORIAL SER	\$ 200.00		
RENTAL	\$ 200.00		
STATE OF NH	\$ 25.00	REFUND	
FIDELITY	\$ 1,200.00	TRANSFER FOR INS	
SAVINGS	\$ 2,000.00	TRANSFER FOR INS	
MISC.	\$ 35.00		
TOTAL	\$ 5,946.22		

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toward maintenance of the Meeting House or the Corner School.