



# Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society NEWSLETTER



Westmoreland, NH 03467

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July

2014

**Officers:** John Harris, Director; Hugh Shelly, Asst.-Director, Janet Hurley, Treasurer; Patti Seymour, Clerk/Secretary;  
Walter Carroll, Property Manager; Jan Carpenter, Archivist.

## Message from the Directors

This coming year is certain to be another great one for WPHMH&HS. It has been four years since the organizations merged and things have been going quite well. Nominations for 2nd Director, Clerk/Secretary, and Property Manager-Corner School will be taken from the floor. All members are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on **SUNDAY July 27**, 4 p.m. at the Park Hill Meeting House.

Please remember to pay your annual membership dues or consider renewing as a Life Time member so you don't have to remember again next year. Your annual membership dues run from July 1 through June 30. We're always interested in speaking with members who want to get more involved, and if you have an idea for future program topics, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you on July 27 at the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck.

## Tag Sale

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Tag Sale date has changed. The Tag Sale will take place on **Saturday August 30** from 8AM to 2PM. Donation drop offs will be accepted on Aug 2-3, 9-10, 16-17; drop off hours on Saturday are 9-12N and on Sunday are 1-3PM at the Meeting House. If you would like to donate large items, please contact Walter Carroll at 399-4482 to arrange a pick-up.

## Meeting House and Corner School

At the Corner School, the lawn was cleared of winter debris and the gardens were given some TLC by Hugh Shelley, Janet Hurley, Jan Carpenter and Patti Seymour.

A contract has been signed with Edson Painting, LLC for painting the entire outside of the building. The job is on their work list and will begin in August. Bill Hatt will install two iron railings on the front steps of the Corner School prior to cold weather.

An application has been submitted for an L-Chip Grant to be used for painting and repairs to the rapidly deteriorating steeple on the Meeting House.

## Fall Program Schedule - 2014

*September 8 - Monday - 7 p.m. - Corner School*

Richard High - "Forts, Indian fighters and Massachusetts politics: the origin of Township No. 2 (Westmoreland): 1720-1755"

Richard will talk about the western front (meaning VT and NH) of Dummer's War (1722-27), which led to the construction of Fort Dummer (1724) and the stationing of a garrison at the fort for the next 30-40



gains from investments so the cost of these repairs would be ~21% of unrealized gains.

- **Motion to have repairs and painting done for \$10,000; Motion approved**

- b. Corner School – need some painting done; should Society pay to have a professional painter do the work or arrange a painting day; Kevin Starkey will provide a quote for the painting
- c. Jim Ranson has been keeping the grounds in shape at school house and Walter mowing grounds around the Meeting House

### **3. Discussion and Approval of Revised By-laws and Elections**

#### **a. Proposed By-law revisions**

##### **i. Number of times to meet**

- Executive Committee to meet 4 times, and as needed, rather than 6 times per year  
**- Motion to change Bylaws; Motion approved**
- Have February general meeting be “optional” – this meeting has generally been poorly attended  
**-Motion to change Bylaws; Motion approved**

##### **ii. Change number of newsletters to 3 or 4 depending on whether the February meeting happens**

- **Motion to change Bylaws; Motion approved**

#### **b. Slate of Officers and Terms**

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

- Park Hill Property Manager – Walter Carroll – **approved**
- Membership Director – Patti Seymour - **approved**
- Archivist – Jan Carpenter - **approved**

### **4. New Business**

- a. MH insurance - The Society is concerned about getting coverage for old public buildings; 2013-14 insurance premium is ~\$4000 which covers reasonable replacement cost; Town could take Meeting House under Town insurance; It is thought that this could be done only if Town owned building; Walter Carroll and Jan Hurley are exploring option of Town owning facility but retaining assets and control within Society; there is precedent to this approach with Town owning the Corner School House.

**Meeting officially adjourned at 4:37 PM**

**MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM**  
**THE WESTMORELAND PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015**

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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.

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**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.

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| <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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