



Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society NEWSLETTER



Westmoreland, NH 03467

www.westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org

July

2015

Officers: Richard High, Director; Hugh Shelly, Director, Janet Hurley, Treasurer; Patti Seymour, Clerk/Secretary;
Walter Carroll and John Harris, Property Managers; Jan Carpenter, Archivist.

Message from the Directors

Nominations for the Park Hill Property Manager, the Membership Director, one of the Director positions and the Archivist will be taken from the floor. All members are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on **SUNDAY July 26**, 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 26 at the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck.

Tag Sale

PLEASE NOTE: The Tag Sale will take place on **Saturday September 5** from 9AM to 2PM. Donation drop offs will be accepted on first 2 weekends of August: 10AM to 1PM Saturday August 1 and 1 to 3PM Sunday August 9 at the Meeting House. If you would like to donate large items, please contact Walter Carroll at 603 903 5123 to arrange a pick-up.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, July 26 – Park Hill Meeting House

The annual business meeting/election and Pot Luck Supper will be held on **Sunday, July 26th, 4 p.m.** at the Park Hill Meeting House. Nominations for Park Hill Property Manager, the Membership Director, one of the Director positions and the Archivist will be taken from the floor. All members are urged to attend. Please plan to bring either a main dish, salad or dessert. Guests are always welcome.

- iii. 2 railings purchased for steps in front of corner school and Bill Hatt will install before winter

4. Discussion and Approval of Elections

a. Slate of Officers and Terms

- i. Election for two year terms - Proposed slate and any nominations from the floor
 - 1. 2nd Director – Jan Carpenter nominated Richard High for 2nd Director; Motioned and approved as 2nd director
 - 2. Corner School Property Manager – Motioned and approved John Harris as property manager
 - 3. Clerk/Secretary – no new volunteers; Patti Seymour will continue until a new replacement can be found

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 Treasurer, and the Clerk/Secretary will be elected in *even numbered years*; the Park Hill Property Manager, the Membership Director, and the Archivist will be elected in *odd numbered years*.

5. Membership Dues 2014-15

- a. Please pay dues, if haven't done so already

6. New Business

- a. Round table is doing a fund raiser and asking towns to provide a basket of things (\$50 value), e.g., postcards, maple syrup; wine, etc. for auction; Paula Page will lead this effort – Motioned and approved for Westmoreland to provide a basket for auction
- b. Nancy Sandahl – presented her work with Rob Stack (technical support at school): Welcome to Westmoreland, A Textbook of History of Westmoreland, ~150 p, lots of pictures; expect to be done by end of Sept/Oct; create powerpoint for teaching; consider having the school kids visit the Corner School House again
- c. Nancy Sandahl presented a signature quilt. Consider using the upstairs of the Town Hall to display town artifacts; Nancy's mother, Thelma Messer, included a "homes list" of each woman included on quilt
- d. Tag Sale – offer 2 drop off weekends; activity gets people over to building, which is valuable in and of itself; needs a lot of advertising; 8/9: 9-12N and 8/17: 1-3PM and sale on 8/30: need at least 4 people on day of sale
- e. Jan Carpenter made motion to purchase portable scanner; recommendation made to do more research before buying
- f. Medora Hebert is volunteering services to do a calendar for historical society – people and their cats

Motion to adjourn @ 5:13 PM

Minutes submitted by Clerk/Secretary

Patti Seymour

August 20, 2014

Application to be Submitted for Historic Marker

Our Society was recently asked to consider applying to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for an Historical Marker. It would commemorate the Sokokis Indians who for countless years traveled up and down the Connecticut River, camped, raised crops and hunted on the Great Meadows. We have begun working on this project.

Plans for Town Hall Birthday Party in 2015

As you may know, during the past year or two repairs, improvements and painting has been taking place at our Town Hall. We hope to be able to celebrate its 100th Birthday next year, probably during late September or early October with a giant party. Anyone wishing to help with the plans please contact one of our Executive Committee members.

Repair of damaged lawn at Corner School

Sometime during the past severe winter the front lawn at the Corner School was damaged. The Selectmen were asked if it could be repaired and we thank them for their help.

Recent Acquisitions

The pictures that used to hang in the Town Hall hallway have recently been given to the Society by the Conservation Commission and Carlson Barrett (Town Band). Also recently donated by Arlene Midgley are her Diploma, report card, Indian story and several pictures, post cards, etc. Elwin and Barbara Messer have given news articles, old post cards, a Voter List from the early 1900s, among other things. Thelma Messer and Nancy Sandahl continue to collect and donate current items of Westmoreland news. We thank them all for their generous and valuable contributions to our archives.

Meeting House steeple repair

The steeple is currently being worked on. There are some wooden pieces being replaced, flashing being restored and the entire steeple painted. This work has been partially funded due to the receipt of another New Hampshire L-Chip grant. We thank Walter Carroll, Darrell Corak, Jan Hurley and Sidney Fitzgerald for all their efforts in applying for the grant.

L-CHIP Grant

Thirty-six historic, cultural, and land conservation projects throughout the state will receive grants this year from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). This year's recipients include 26 historic properties dating from the 1764 Park Hill Meeting House in Westmoreland to the 1918 Peterborough Town House, and ten natural resource projects providing permanent protection of almost 3,000 acres. While applicants are required to raise \$1.00 for each dollar received through LCHIP, historically the projects do far more, raising more than \$7 for each LCHIP dollar granted. Funding for the LCHIP grants comes from a fee assessed when recording four types of documents at county Registries of Deeds. This is the second year in which LCHIP is receiving full funding.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to protect and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. Its legislatively mandated mission is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the economy, environment and the quality of life in New Hampshire. Up until the current grant

round, 325 LCHIP grants have helped 143 New Hampshire communities conserve more than 264,000 acres of land and 159 historic structures and sites. The \$30 million of state money invested in these projects has leveraged more than \$258 million in total project value. LCHIP grants are supported by fees on four documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

| LCHIP 2014 Grant Recipients | | | | |
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| Project Town | Project Name | Primary Applicant | Value | Awarded |
| Acworth | Methodist Church / Grange Hall | Acworth Historical Society | \$56,000 | \$28,000 |
| Berlin | Brown Company House | Tri-County Community Action Program | \$38,885 | \$19,443 |
| Bradford | Bradford Town Hall | Town of Bradford | \$1,941,215 | \$105,000 |
| Bristol | Bristol Town Hall | Town of Bristol | \$115,000 | \$30,000 |
| Canterbury | Spender Farm & Spender Meadow | Canterbury Conservation Commission | \$264,800 | \$52,750 |
| Concord | Chamberlin House Rehabilitation | Woman's Club of Concord | \$149,191 | \$55,000 |
| Conway | Lucy Project | Upper Saco Valley Land Trust | \$300,000 | \$75,000 |
| Cornish | Cornish Meetinghouse | Trustees of Cornish Meetinghouse | \$108,200 | \$54,100 |
| Cornish | King's Grant Farm | Upper Valley Land Trust | \$310,000 | \$50,000 |
| Dover | William Hale House | St. Thomas Episcopal Church | \$30,000 | \$15,000 |
| Durham | Durham - Hills / Emery Farm | The Nature Conservancy | \$1,870,738 | \$300,000 |
| Epping | Growing Pawtuckaway to Great Bay Greenway II | Southeast Land Trust of NH | \$3,089,500 | \$400,000 |
| Epping | Watson Academy | Town of Epping | \$91,545 | \$40,000 |
| Francestown | Francestown Town Hall | Francestown Heritage Commission | \$896,000 | \$200,000 |
| Gilford | Rowe House | Thompson-Ames Historical Society | \$52,398 | \$26,199 |
| Hancock | Hancock Meetinghouse Windows | Town of Hancock | \$138,535 | \$69,267 |
| Hancock | Hancock Historical Society Building | Hancock Historical Society | \$275,000 | \$50,000 |
| Haverhill | Pearson Hall | Haverhill Historical Society | \$24,440 | \$8,700 |
| Hooksett | Hinman Pond II | Bear Paw Regional Greenways | \$541,360 | \$75,000 |
| Keene | Cheshire County Courthouse | County of Cheshire | \$86,286 | \$43,414 |
| Keene | West Hill - California Brook Natural Area | Monadnock Conservancy | \$371,900 | \$100,000 |
| Kingston | Josiah Bartlett House | NH Preservation Alliance | \$46,500 | \$22,000 |
| Langdon | Langdon Meetinghouse - 1st Floor | Langdon Heritage Commission | \$106,648 | \$53,324 |

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| Marlow | Jones Hall Study | Town of Marlow | \$14,860 | \$7,430 |
| Middleton | Speltz Addition to the Moose Mountain Reserve | SPNHF | \$361,000 | \$112,500 |
| Milton | Milton Free Public Library | Milton Free Public Library | \$32,865 | \$14,789 |
| Northwood | Northwood Congregational Church | Northwood Congregational Church | \$438,165 | \$200,000 |
| Peterborough | Peterborough Town House | Town of Peterborough | \$20,000 | \$10,000 |
| Portsmouth | Gov. John Langdon House | Historic New England | \$79,493 | \$39,000 |
| Portsmouth | Players Ring Theater | Players' Ring Theatre | \$106,260 | \$25,000 |
| Sanbornton | Sanbornton Congregational Church | Sanbornton Congregational Church | \$41,000 | \$13,233 |
| Statewide | Statewide - NH Planning Grants | NH Preservation Alliance | \$37,500 | \$37,500 |
| Sunapee | Wendell Marsh South | Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust | \$350,200 | \$70,000 |
| Tamworth | Chocorua Basin View shed | Chocorua Lake Conservancy | \$229,100 | \$88,050 |
| Warner | Pillsbury Library | Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library | \$132,090 | \$50,000 |
| Westmoreland | Park Hill Meetinghouse Steeple | Westmoreland Park Hill Meetinghouse & Historical Society | \$55,872 | \$27,936 |

Restoration of frames

The portraits of Oliver L. Briggs and Capt. Isaac Walker Derby have old plaster frames that have been badly damaged. The Historical Society has agreed to have them repaired in anticipation of their being hung on the walls of the 2nd floor of the Town Hall along with portraits of Theodore Cole, Haskell Buffum and three members of the Albee family.

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| <p>This work is estimated to cost at least \$600. Should anyone wish to contribute to this project, in any amount, please send to our P.O. Box 105 as noted in the heading of this Newsletter with the notation "Portrait Restoration".</p> |
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Old Home Day – Aug. 15-16

Our participation in this celebration will consist of having a booth on Saturday, August 15, at Westmoreland Elementary School with all of our books and new Self-guided Tour packets available. In addition, we will have a display at the Town Hall of many old photos and artifacts from our collection.

The "Olde Tyme Tea" will take place also at the Town Hall on Saturday with some great assistance from the Cultural Arts Group.

On Sunday from 1-4PM the Corner School, the Meeting House and the North Cemetery will all be open and have docents available to answer questions. This will be the time to gather the family and follow the Self-guided Tour map around the town. These Self-guided Tour maps are

being provided free of charge so our community can explore Westmoreland during Old Home Day and any time after that.

OLD HOME DAY SCHEDULE August 14, 15, 16, 2015

• Friday Evening, August 14, 2015

7:30 PM “Westmoreland’s Got Talent” show at the school gym –Have talent? Call Carlson Barrett (399-7238) or Kristen Chamberlin (399-4393) to participate. \$5.00 adults/ children under 10 free/ benefits Old Home Day (OHD) Association

• Saturday, August 15, 2015

9:00 - 10:30 Games for Kids at the school with Mark Hayward- Recreation Committee /no admission

9:00 - 11:00 Breakfast sandwiches (United Church Wagon at Fellowship Hall) \$

9:00 - 2:00 Westmoreland Market Place at the school gym/food, crafts, etc. sponsored by the Union Church / Carlson Barrett / Missy Blanchard / Diane Dermott/ Gina Gitchell / John Wills/ Susie Wright /free admn. /\$20 a table @vendor

10:00 - 1:00 Exhibits and area artists’ paintings of Westmoreland at the Library

11:00 - Kids’ Parade from school around common back to school - Stephanie Kelly (399-7720)
Sponsored by the Westmoreland Fire & Rescue.

11:30 Lunch (hotdogs, hamburgers, cookies, United Church) (chicken cordon bleu bites, dipping sauce & hot chips- Stuart & Robyn Adams), (Lions Club – pie), (Village Store-Ice Cream cones, frappes, sundaes) \$

12:45 - Tug-o-War on the Common

1:00 - 4:00 Horse & Wagon/Tractor Rides with Reggie Goodnow /Donation to help feed the beautiful horses!!

1:00 - 4:00 Great Westmoreland Reunion at Town Hall/ (enjoy old pictures, slides, videos, friends, good memories (refreshments provided by Hist. Soc. & Town Hall Restoration) free

2:00 - 4:00 Married People vs. Single People Ball Game at the school with Ted & TJ Ferguson - free

5:00 - 7:00 PM Pig Roast in the Town Hall sponsored by the Westmoreland Union Church \$
(Proceeds to go to The Westmoreland Town Band for their trip to DC in 2016)

7:30 - 8:30 PM Family Magic/Illusion Show w/Jason Purdy School Gym –Donation encouraged for Old Home Day Association

• Sunday, August 16, 2015

7:00 - 10:00 Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall sponsored by the Sno-Belters Club \$

12:00 - 4:00 Historic Self-guided Tour of Town Corner School & Park Hill Meeting House will be open w/docents /sponsored by the Historical Society/ Maps and info \$5.00

1:00 – 4:00 More Horse & Wagon/Tractor Rides with Reggie Goodnow/ Donations to help feed the beautiful horses!!

4:00 -5:30 Westmoreland Town Band Concert in the School Gym/ \$ Donations for their DC trip

Visit our Facebook Page Westmoreland Old Home Day 2015 & a link at www.westmorelandnh.com

Co-chairs: Sally (Hatt) Albrecht 358-9803 or Nancy (Messer) Sandahl 399-4303/ Treas. Elaine Moore 313-1806

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THE WESTMORELAND PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE AND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

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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.

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

cleaning/painting baking planning events phoning publicity
 annual tag sale open house guide general maintenance 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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