



Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society NEWSLETTER

Westmoreland, NH 03467

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2016

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

Annual Meeting – Sunday, July 31 – Park Hill Meeting House

Nominations for Director and Assistant Director, the Corner School Property Manager, the Treasurer, and the Clerk will be taken from the floor. All members are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on **SUNDAY July 31**, 4PM 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 31 at the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck. Please plan to bring either a main dish, salad or dessert. Guests are always welcome.

Program: 4 p.m.

Business: 5 p.m.

Pot Luck supper: immediately following

make food, set up tables, clean up (Jan Carpenter, Janet Hurley, Elaine Reichert—attend display table) Jim Ranson will help set up tables. Sales table –for Market place from 9-2PM; ads for program (\$20 to advertise)

- b. ACTION: get card designed and go to Elaine Moore for printing; private meeting tours.
- c. Tag Sale (Sept 5)- drop off on Aug 1 (Hugh Shelly, Richard High 10AM-1PM) and Aug 9 (Janet Hurley). Exclude electronics, sport/exercise, equipment, clothes. Need volunteers for first couple of hours. 2014 net proceeds \$614 but some of it came from Edmonds selling something and donated \$. Push for membership during drop off and Tag Sale day
- d. Frames: Mr. Cole, Civil War vet, lost arm, was selectman; Mr. Briggs – frame needs to be glued back and plaster remade and re-adhered (\$600 for both frames). Will need special help to hang in Town Hall because of size and weight. Asking for donations to Frame Restoration. Town should pay for this restoration – Walter Carrol will go to selectman meeting (1st and 3rd Thursday at 6PM) and ask for funds.
- e. Petition for historic marker – commemorate Indians that used to live along river; 20 signatures to make application; approved by Native Americans; if on State Highway, State pays for it. If it goes somewhere else, the Society would pay and cost is unknown.
- f. Post card – from State; sell them at Tea or book sale
- g. Town Curtain Book – coming from China and will be going through customs soon
- h. Future of Meeting House – possible grant applications; better water supply, then advertise for weddings; not very accessible for older people; adding the “Chair on the stair” – these could be rented? Potential grants for systems improvements to Meeting House. Concerts, etc. Motion to form committee: Cecil Goff, Jan Carpenter, New person.
- i. HSCC auction donation – guided tour of historic building (Meeting House)
- j. Suggested free junior membership -18 and younger; if you buy something, get free year membership; gift to graduating seniors from Westmoreland; pizza party; haunted house; internships/volunteer program; get new residents to welcome to town; all town mailing

6. 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*.

7. Membership Dues 2015-16

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

Motion to adjourn @ 5:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Clerk/Secretary

Patti Seymour

August 20, 2015

Special Program

David V. Herlihy is an author and historian. David received the 2005 Sally Hacker Prize sponsored by the Society for the History of Technology and he presented evidence at the fourth International Cycling History Conference in Boston, MA, Oct. 1993, that Pierre Lallement be “recognized as inventor of the bicycle.”

David V Herlihy will tell about his latest book concerning the bond (and break) between George Eastman, of the Eastman Kodak fame, and the bicycle magnate, Albert H Overman. David is an author and historian from Hull, MA. He is notable for writing “Bicycle: The History” and the “Lost cyclist: The Epic Tale of an American Adventurer and His Mysterious Disappearance”. Albert Overman was once the largest bicycle manufacturer in the 1890s. His Victor bicycle was produced in a factory in Chicopee Falls, MA—employing more than 1000 people. Overman even tried to manufacture an automobile. In 1895 he bought three adjoining farms off of Poocham Rd. in Westmoreland and had a unique house built there (still standing) in 1897. After going bankrupt in 1901, he eventually moved to his place in Westmoreland, where he died in 1930.

Roundtable Meeting on June 9th successful

About 30 people attended the combined Roundtable and June program for our Society. Something new was offered this time with lunch provided by the Westmoreland PHMH & Historical Society instead of asking attendees to bring their own bag lunch. There was a nice variety of sandwiches, salads, hot and cold drinks and desserts and was enjoyed and well received by all.

We want to extend a very big THANK YOU to the following people:

Hugh Shelley for constructing a podium for our use

Mark Hayward, Sr. for hanging the portraits at the Town Hall

Ted Ferguson, et al for hanging the banner and buntings at the Town Hall

Walter Carroll, Jim Ranson & Richard High for providing the program at the Roundtable meeting

Deb Stavseth for transcribing/digitizing the entire 1st Record Book of Westmoreland

Carol Austin for gardening at the Corner School

Jim Ranson for mowing the lawn at the Corner School

Nancy Sandahl for contributing her book sales from June 9th to our Society

All who helped and provided food for the Roundtable meeting

Anyone else who we inadvertently forgot but have contributed to help us make Westmoreland the extraordinary town it is.

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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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