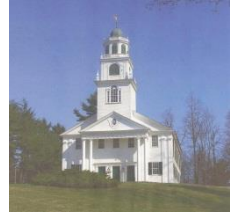




Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society NEWSLETTER

Westmoreland, NH 03467

www.westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org



July

2017

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 30 – Park Hill Meeting House

Nominations for Park Hill Property Manager, Membership Director, and Archivist will be taken from the floor. All members are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on **SUNDAY July 30, 5PM** 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 30** at 5PM at the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck. Please plan to bring either a main dish, salad or dessert. Guests are always welcome.

Business: 5 PM

POT LUCK SUPPER: immediately following. Please bring a dish to share

Agenda for Annual Meeting – July 30, 2017

1. Attendees
2. Approval of 2016 Minutes
3. Financial Reports
4. Property Reports
 - a. Corner School
 - b. Meeting House
5. Election of Officers
 - a. Park Hill Property Manager
 - b. Membership Director
 - c. Archivist
6. Proposed Programs for Fall
7. Other business

**Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Park Hill Meeting House
Minutes for Annual Meeting – July 31, 2016**

Approval of 2015: Minutes approved

Attendees

Hugh Shelly, Janet Hurley, Walter Carroll, Pam Carroll, Richard High, Patti Seymour, Jan Carpenter, Nancy Sandahl, Darrell Corak, Darwin Corak, Jim Ranson, Syd Fitzgerald, Cecile Goff, Bob and Karen Tortolani

Financial Reports – accepted

Property Reports

Corner School – Gardens need attention; Carol Austin weeded 2 gardens; schedule word day in early Sept;

Meeting House – Needs cleaning, well/water improved, new brochure for advertising (we have had an offer from Beth Pelton to help with photos, etc.)

LCHP (see attached file)-principle of funding is to fund restoration; under budget \$4,754.96; W. Carroll (WC) asked if could use this money to improve well; LCHP said this is worthwhile to do, but since its outside original application it would need to be put before board in September; WC will get quotes from 3 well-drilling companies about deepening well, which may require a new pump; this could be very expensive (Cushing said he could research original well). If well is not feasible (from a cost perspective), could allocate the funds to fixing the ceiling; JC had new pump installed for \$1500 (300 foot well)

Needs to be cleaned; will be cleaned by Harris' for their wedding; Paul's joined Society and offered to clean; JC will contact ServPro to schedule cleaning

Brochure – use Beth Pelton's photos for new brochure; AXN: PS and RH will work on updated brochure

Election of Officers

Single director (Richard High) – no co-director/asst director was elected

Treasurer Jan Hurly re-elected

Secretary Patti Seymour re-elected

Corner School House manager John Harris re-elected

Proposed Programs for Fall

Sept. 12 – Hugh Shelly - 2nd Installment of Hugh's life during Korean War, etc. (Corner school House)

Oct. 8 (Saturday) – Town Hall Birthday Party

Nov. 7 – John Harris – His travels north with the arrival of Spring (Town Hall)

Other business

Assoc. of Hist. Societies of NH is putting together new directory. Jan has submitted updated info, showing combined organizations. Their dues are \$10/yr.

TH Birthday Committee has "Invitation" designed and ready for printing by C&S at no charge, only 12 mugs have been ordered for sale at \$10 ea. (no profit at this price), 24 balloons will be put on fence around common and in front of TH on Oct. 8th. Cultural Arts group will provide refreshments. Entertainment, souvenir booklet (~15 pages); Special postal cancellation will be available at the Post Office Saturday morning.

Revise web-site – WebWorks, domain costs (\$200)

Deb Stavseth has offered to help work on outdated Website

Need to update postage

Need to update events / timing

Do we put ad links on it? (like HotelsCombined or others?)

Brattleboro and Cheshire County Historical Society web sites can be used as examples

Ellis Barret and Julie (daughter) donated panting of Meeting House to Historical Society

Old Bibles (early 1700s); have genealogy in them; family in Bible comes from eastern Massachusetts

Jan Carpenter said to donate to Lunenburg Historical Society; 1 was printed in Brattleboro (Thesendon ? was a big Bible printer in Brattleboro)

Adjourned at 6:16 PM

Westmoreland's Historical Archives are being cataloged and organized this summer by Deb Stavseth and Jan Carpenter. This is the first step to getting all the photos, diaries, artifacts and records onto our "Pastperfect" computer program in the not-too-distant future.

A recent addition to our collection is a group of items from the family of Joye Churchill Barrett. We very much appreciate their consideration.

Summer Programs at the Park Hill Meeting House

The inaugural summer programs are off to a great start. The first program was given by **Ernie Hebert** who talked about "Life Death and Laughs in a Small Town: Fictional Darby, NH". The second program was given by **Robert Perreault** who talked about "A Taste of the Old Country in the New: Franco-Americans in Manchester". It was great to see people come to the Meeting House on a beautiful Friday evening to hear about the interesting stories and history in our region. The third and last summer program will be held Friday, August 25 at 7PM at the Meeting House. **Dan Billin** will talk about "Abolitionists of Noyes Academy". In 1835, abolitionists opened one of the nation's first integrated schools in Canaan, NH, attracting eager African-American students from as far away as Boston, Providence, and New York City. Outraged community leaders responded by raising a mob that dragged the academy building off its foundation and ran the African-American students out of town. New Hampshire's first experiment in educational equality was brief, but it helped launch the public careers of a trio of extraordinary African-American leaders: Henry Highland Garnet, Alexander Crummell, and Thomas Sipkins Sidney. Dan Billin plumbs the depths of anti-abolitionist sentiment in early nineteenth-century New England, and the courage of three young friends destined for greatness.

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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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