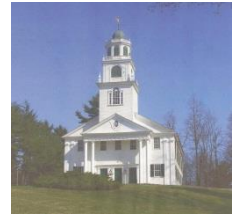




Westmoreland Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

Westmoreland, NH 03467



Summer

2019

Sunday, July 21 at 3 p.m.

Westmoreland Town Band & Ice Cream Social at the Park Hill Meeting House
Enjoy an afternoon concert on the green and ice cream with friends and neighbors.

Sunday, July 28 at 4 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner -- All members are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on **SUNDAY July 28, 4PM** at the Park Hill Meeting House.

Business meeting 4 p.m., **"Show and Tell" at 5 p.m. - we invite people to bring an artifact / something of historical interest to share.**, Potluck dinner 6 p.m.

Agenda for Annual Meeting – July 28, 2019

1. Approval of 2018 Minutes (included)
2. Financial Reports
3. Property Reports
 - a. Corner School
 - b. Meeting House
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Park Hill Property Manager
 - b. Membership Director
 - c. Archivist
5. Proposed Programs for Fall
6. Other business

The Society by-laws need some updating. The proposed changes will be presented at the business meeting, and there will be a vote on amendments to the by-laws.

Nominations for Park Hill Property Manager, Membership Director, and Archivist will be taken from the floor.

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 28** at 4PM at the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck. Please plan to bring either a main dish, salad or dessert. Guests are always welcome.

Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m.

Westmoreland Village Concert with Monadnock Music String Quartet

At the Park Hill Meeting House

Free & Open to the Public

Frank Bridge: Phantasie for String Quartet, H.55

Alfred Schnittke: String Quartet #3

Dalit Warshaw: Stories for Strings

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: String Quartet in D Major, K.499.

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Minutes for Annual Meeting August 3, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm by Patti Seymour, Secretary/Clerk
2. Attendees: Elaine Reichert, Nancy Sandahl, Jean Prior, Jay Prior, Becky Whippie, Wayne Whippie, JJ Prior, Emilia Whippie Prior, Patti Seymour, Bruce Farr, Sharon Combes-Farr, Darrell Corak, Darwin Corak, Walter Carroll, Jan Hurley, Florian Back, Susie Harris, John Harris, Ernie Hebert, Jan Carpenter
3. Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting accepted
4. Financial reports distributed and accepted
5. Welcome new members and guests
6. Thanks given to Richard High (not present, moved to North Carolina) for his efforts as Director and arranging three very good programs, Corner School volunteer gardeners for mowing and cleaning (Deb Stavseth and Tim) and Jay and Jean Prior for cleaning the Meeting House. Also thank you to Walter Carroll for all his work maintaining the Meeting House. A suggestion was made to send a thank you note to Richard in appreciation for his efforts.
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. June Program: Maisie Crowther at the Corner School, presentation on rocks. About 12-15 people attended.
 - b. July tour of Stone House in Chesterfield, 17 attended. Request for someone to take the fragile glassware at the Stone House.
 - c. Photo of Warner wood-cut. Medora Hebert was going to take a picture of the wood-cut. Ernie will ask if she did.
 - d. On-line survey. The link was too hard to access, there was no response. Is there a way make it easier for people to respond to the survey. JJ Prior suggested shortening the address and placing it on Facebook and the Society website. The reason for putting out the survey is to get some new ideas for the organization. We need some program ideas.
 - e. Request for volunteers to work on the cemetery book "Ashes to Ashes". The book listed all burials in town and was published about 30 years ago and needs to be updated. Jo Ann LaBarre at Town Hall has a very good list but needs people to go to the cemetery, look at the stones and write down information. A signup sheet was available at the meeting.
8. NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers
 - a. Director: The office of Director has been vacant since Richard High moved in the spring. Walter nominated Patti, Patti declined. Treasurer Jan Hurley stated that in order to file the financial report there must be 5 names on the Executive Board, including a director. No one at the meeting volunteered. The position remains vacant.
 - b. Secretary/Clerk: Jean Prior was nominated, seconded and accepted the position.
 - c. Treasurer: Jan Hurley agreed to continue in this position
 - d. Corner School Manager: John Harris agreed to continue in this position
9. Jean said she was interested in seeing the Meeting House used for concerts. She will follow up on several leads for performance groups. Sharon Farr said Bruce has experience organizing musical events. Sharon and Bruce know a group called Gypsy Reel that plays Celtic music.
10. Walter discussed the need to have regular board and membership meetings and programs in the Meeting House. Buildings do not survive if they are not used.
11. Executive Board meeting scheduled for Sept. 14, 2018 at the Meeting House. Walter proposed that a goal for the meeting be to set a realistic number of board and membership meetings.
12. Walter asked for an electrician to look at the outside light. Wayne Whippie agreed to look at it after the meeting.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm and followed by a presentation by JJ Prior and Emilia Whippie Prior and a potluck supper.

The Historical Society was fortunate recently to be given a group of material for the Archives and one very interesting item is a 200-year- old record book of the No. 4 School District (Glebe Rd.) dating from 1819 to 1870. The following is recorded (verbatim) for the year 1825: "At a School Meeting holden at the School hous in 4 districk in Westmoreland on Monday the 28 day of March 1825

Chose Aaron T Daniels	Moderator
Chose Samuel Gordon	Clerk
Chose Benjmin	Barker
Melzer Pain	Committee
Ira Hiland	



Voted to have the Wood furnished for one year to be good dry hard wood cut three feet long, and put into the shed at the school house in sutable season for the school, of the lowist bidder at vendue and was put up accordingly and struck off to Nath Hart at \$14.50. The winter school not to exceed 3-1/2 months.

Voted to hav 4 months summer School.

Voted to leave the highering of the Master and Mistress to the Committee.

Voted that Elisha Chamberlin pay his yearly tax to this ward, to be endorsed on a note that the ward hold against him until said note is paid...."

Paid Nathaniel Hart for wood	\$14.50
Paid Charles F. Brooks for teaching school	35.17
Paid Haskel Buffum for bordin school master	11.00
Paid Sarah Babbitt for teaching school	16.00
Paid Melzer Pain amount for repairing School House	14.87

In 1828 they voted to have 5 months of summer school and paid teacher \$16.67 and 4 months Winter School for which the teacher received \$50.00; the wood cost \$13.96.

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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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