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Annual Report WESTMORELAND NEW HAMPSHIRE



Town Officers

for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

School District Officers

for the Year Ending June 30, 1997

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMORELAND, N.H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1997

Cover Photo

Haying on the Aldrich Farm, Summer 1904

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The 1997 Town Report is dedicated to the memory of
Marjorie A. Hudson
1909-1997



Born in Westmoreland on May 16, 1909 at the Aldrich family homestead on Wentworth Road, Marjorie was always an integral part of life in Westmoreland.

Town Treasurer	1955-1976
School District Treasurer	1949-1976
School Board member	1941-1947

Supervisor of the Checklist

Committee member to write & publish *Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust* and *History of Westmoreland*.

Member of Pairs & Spares, United Church of Christ, Historical Society, Ladies Aid and the North End Bridge Club.

Her voice can be heard on the video about Westmoreland in the 1920's & 30's - *Through the Eye of the Camera*.

She spent endless hours researching genealogy, houses, land and roads at the Cheshire County Court House and Registry of Deeds.

Famous for her baked beans!

Marjorie's love and devotion to the land and people that make up the Town of Westmoreland was evident to everyone who knew her. She will be missed by all of us.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen wish to report a very good year in 1997. For several years, the tax rate has remained stable and hopefully it can remain that way again this year.

At the March meeting, \$1,500 was appropriated to replace the shingles on the front side of the fire station. Rick Smith volunteered to do the work if the Town paid for materials. This represented a savings of \$1,000 and the roof has been completed. Thank you Rick.

A new one ton highway truck was purchased and the old truck was sold for \$6,100. On this years warrant, there is a proposal to put this money in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

A substantial savings was made on the purchase of the new fire truck. The chassis has been sent to the factory and should be completed in March. Funds were included in the cost to send two people to inspect the truck before it leaves the factory. Chief Nelson and another member of the Fire Department will be going to South Dakota to check the truck before it is delivered to Westmoreland.

The Conservation Commission had a very successful clean-up day last spring and are planning another this year. The Hazardous Waste Day in November collected 396 gallons of waste.

In an attempt to restore the Town Hall, the downstairs walls and ceilings have been painted. Ed White Jr. did the painting and Fissette Flooring will be sanding the floors. This is much needed and will make the Town Hall much brighter.

In 1998, we have in the budget funds for a new sander for the Highway Department, testing of wells at the Transfer Station, handicap ramp for the Library, environmentally safe fuel tanks at the Highway Department, and a "no leak" tank for the tank truck at the Fire Department. One half of the tank cost is being paid from funds the Fire/Rescue Association has raised.

The Selectmen have tried to spend your tax dollars wisely and not raise the tax rate and still provide the services necessary.

In 1997, we increased the hours the Selectmen's Office is open to the public. The Selectmen feel this has been very beneficial not only to the Selectmen, but also to the community.

We want to thank your Secretary, JoAnn LaBarre, for making the Selectmen's job much easier.

We also want to thank the Boards and Commissions for all their work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Selectmen of Westmoreland

In 1997, Westmoreland mourned the loss of several people who have given the town many years of devoted service.

August 'Gus' Buchta served as Town Clerk & Tax Collector from 1976 to 1986.

Talbot Hood made Town Meetings pleasurable as Moderator from 1966 to 1989.

Marion Starkey, a lifetime resident, was a faithful volunteer at the library.

Allen Britton spent his life in Westmoreland and was a charter member of the Fire Department.

Kenneth Woolley owned and operated the Village Store.

"You will not be forgotten"

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First Old Home Day celebration, 1900, at the first Town Hall (burned 1915)

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Lloyd Draper Robert W. Moore, Jr. Linn Starkey, Jr.

MODERATOR

*R. Bruce Smith Carlsson Barrett

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

SECRETARY

JoAnn LaBarre

TREASURER

Kathryn DeFreitas

AUDITORS

Stuart West Richard Frye

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marcia Starkey Mary Matthews Barbara Messer

CONSTABLE

*James Brisson John Zeller

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Elizabeth McKenney Frances Laurent Suzanne Draper

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

Virginia Daschbach Teresa Starkey Terry Cox

ROAD AGENT

Wesley Staples

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Theresa Acerno Virginia Acerno

BUILDING CUSTODIAN

Arthur Ainsworth

WELFARE OFFICER

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

JoAnn LaBarre Carlsson Barrett Donald Hall

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Frances Laurent, Chm. Patricia Bentrup Robert Harcke
Linn Starkey, Jr. Michael Acerno

PLANNING BOARD

Wesley Staples, Chm. Reginald Simino Lauren Bressett Thomas Hanna
Linwood Burt James Ashworth Linn Starkey, Jr.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, Chm. Brenda Shelley Barry Shonbeck
John Burt Ken Thompson *R. Bruce Smith
April Ferguson, Alt. Helen Draper, Clerk

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Linn Starkey, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

William Huntley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wesley Staples

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Janice Kos Stuart Adams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, Chm. Jean Rudolph John Lukin *Mary Fredette
Walter Derjue *Maxine Houle Frances Laurent Brian Lewis

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert Cox, Chm. Susan Harris David Bressett
Mark Ferenc Thomas Ainsworth

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William Howland, Pres. Craig Brown, Vice Pres.
Barbara Jenkins, Sect. Frances Laurent, Treasurer

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Judy Rancourt, Chm. *Mark Simino Christy Clark
Charles Staples Steven Houle

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Sarah Bonneau, Westmoreland John Pratt, Walpole

*Resigned

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the
[L.S.] County of CHESHIRE in said State
qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at TOWN HALL in
said WESTMORELAND on Tuesday, the Tenth day of
March, in the year nineteen hundred and ninety eight, at 11:00 of the
clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00 P.M. March 11, 1998 at the school gymnasium. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.
- Article 3. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for road improvements.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) to purchase a tank for the Fire Department. One half of the cost will be reimbursed by the Fire/Rescue Association.
- Article 6.* A special article to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to help support the work of the Community Kitchen. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation)
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) to purchase a sander for the Highway Department.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to test wells related to the Transfer Station.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to purchase fuel tanks to be located at the Highway garage.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to construct a handicap accessible ramp at the Library in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Article 11. A special article to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in this fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 12. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the transfer of funds from the Dec. 31, 1997 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$453,955.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

*By Petition

Given under our hand and seal this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

Linn J. Starkey, Jr.
Lloyd F. Draper
Robert W. Moore, Jr.

TOWN MEETING
March 11 & 12, 1997

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at 11:00 AM with the reading of Articles One, Two, Three and Four of the Town and Article One of the School Warrants and declaring the polls open. The remainder of the Articles to be considered on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 14, 1997 for the School Warrant each at 7:00 PM after a recess. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith

Article One - To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of balloting were as follows:
Total ballots cast were 303 of the registered 960 = 32%.

for three years	Selectman Robert W. Moore, Jr.	286
for one year	Treasurer Kathryn DeFreitas	289
for one year	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindi H. Adler	294
for one year	Briggs Fund Committee Theresa Acerno	298
for one year	Gina Acerno	9
for three years	Trustee of the Library Terry Cox	20
for three years	Trustee of the Cemetery Carlson D. Barrett	284
for one year	Budget Committee Robert Harcke	235
for three years	Patricia Bentrup	245
for two years	Auditor Richard Frye	270
for one year	Trustee of Trust Funds Frances E. Laurent	257
for three years	Suzanne G. Draper	261
for one year	Overseer of the Poor Robert W. Moore, Jr.	50

The above were declared elected by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith.

Article Two -(By Petition) Shall we modify Table 503 under "Uses Allowed by Special Exception and add #2. Camp (Seasonal). This would include a written waiver that must be signed by landowners stating that they would waive rights to fire, police, and ambulance service and that it would not be used as a permanent residence?" (The Planning Board does not recommend this amendment)

Ballot vote resulting Yes 104 No 195 Article 2 does not pass.

Article Three - "Are you in favor of the Adoption of an Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Building Ordinance as follows: Article III Floodplain Development Regulation. To add an overlay and supplement to existing regulations that pertains to all lands designated as special flood hazard lands by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the areas of definition of terms, regulations governing the building inspector and variances and appeals?" (The Planning Board recommends this amendment)

Ballot vote resulting Yes 237 No 53 Article 3 voted in the affirmative.

Article Four - "Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Westmoreland, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000, for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence?" (The Selectmen recommend this article)

Ballot vote resulting Yes 267 No 29 Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

Article 5 - To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article moved by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Lloyd Draper. Robert Moore, Jr. spoke to the Article to state that page 2 of the Annual Report was misprinted as "the year ending December 31, 1995" when in fact should read "December 31, 1996". Article 5 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 6 - To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. Robert Moore, Jr. moved to give the funds of the Jotham Lord Fund to the Town Library which was seconded by Lloyd Draper. Article 6 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 7 - To see if the Town will vote to accept new Cemetery Trust Funds in the amount of \$1,550.00. Motion moved by Catherine Northrup and seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Robert Moore, Jr. explained that this is just a formality. Article 7 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 8 - To see if the Town will vote to accept an Expendable Trust from the South Village Cemetery Association the amount of \$11,329.55. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article)
Motion moved by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Lloyd Draper. Lois Jordan asked where this money came from. Linn Starkey, Jr. explained that

this is the remainder of funds from the South Village Cemetery Association which is capital to be used to improve the South Village Cemetery. Tom Hanna asked if the funds have to be used by the Town for purpose of cemetery maintenance. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that yes, it has to be used for the South Village Cemetery as stated. Linn Starkey, Jr. stated that the North Cemetery has money earmarked for similar purposes at the North Cemetery. Timothy DeFreitas stated that the Article doesn't state that the funds are specifically for the purpose of the South Village Cemetery. Linwood Burt stated the money is from the sales of lots in the cemetery. Article 8 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 9 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept real estate held by the South Village Cemetery Association. Article moved by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Lloyd Draper. No discussion. Article 9 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 10 - (By petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to help support the work of the Community Kitchen, Inc., or to act in any way related thereto. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation) Motion moved by Marshall Gordon and seconded by Leona Gordon. Marshall Gordon then spoke to the Article telling the townspeople how he came about becoming aware of the need of this facility and its loyal faculty and volunteers. He expressed the need and usage by the townspeople here in Westmoreland stating that over 11,000 meals were served to Westmorelanders alone last year. He asked that Westmoreland unselfishly give to this cause - Westmoreland has never given.

Barry Shonbeck questioned why the Selectmen and Budget Committee did not recommend this Article. Robert Moore, Jr. state that we had received a letter asking for \$1,500 but it's hard to know where these requests start and stop when all the agencies ask. Leona Gordon asked when the letter was dated. Robert Moore Jr. stated it was dated October 21, 1996. Richard Frye asked if it was staffed by personnel or volunteers. Marshall Gordon stated that administrative costs are about 10% - two or three paid staff with a combined salary of \$7,500. Scott Talbot stated that if we don't support these organizations, they will collapse and we will be fully supporting those that need help. Frances Laurent spoke for the Budget Committee stating that this is by no means a requirement. That some of the meals given are not entirely necessary that people go the Community Kitchen for many different reasons; that the townspeople should give to charities of their own choice, individually. Kathleen Watts stated that she had washed dishes at the kitchen for one year on Monday nights and that the volunteers eat with the needy - there are very needy populations in Cheshire County - over 1/2 of Westmoreland participants are children, singles, elderly and needy. Leona Gordon stated that food is a very basic necessity. The Kitchen keeps close tabs to see that the privilege is not abused. Jim Beeler spoke to the Article stating that the Community Kitchen is a very worthwhile organization, but stated that criteria be set. Home Health Care is already in our budget. Keene ranks its requests by criteria. Article 10 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 11 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to purchase a one ton truck with plow. Motion moved by Robert Moore, Jr., seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Robert Moore, Jr. then spoke to the Article stating that we probably should have purchased this last year but it is to replace the one ton Wesley kept together last year. Article 11 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 12 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to repair the Hatt Road Bridge

(#124/061). Motion moved by Robert Moore, Jr., seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Wesley Staples spoke on the Article stating that the wing walls had deteriorated so much that the State says we shouldn't even walk on it. The State says we need to repair it. Scott Talbot asked the life expectancy by repairing. Wesley Staples said 23 years or so. Bridge was built in 1951 or 52. Article 12 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 13 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purchase of a Fire Truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$90,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; with the balance of \$14,000 to be raised by general taxation. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation) Article moved by Robert Moore, Jr. and seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Robert Moore Jr. then made motion to amend the Article to add line that was left out in printing the Article. The words "to authorize the withdrawal of funds from the Fire Truck" between the words "interest thereon, furthermore AND Capital Reserve Fund." Amendment seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Amendment voted in the affirmative by voice vote. The amended Article 13 now reads: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purchase of a Fire Truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$90,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of funds from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; with the balance of \$14,000 to be raised by general taxation. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

R. Bruce Smith stated that this Article does require a ballot vote - with a 2/3 majority. Joanne Smith asked how much money is in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and what model were the Fire Department looking at - the best, or what? Robert Moore, Jr. stated that approximately \$46,000 was in the Capital Reserve Fund - page 41 of the Annual Report. Harry Nelson, Fire Chief, spoke on the Article. Harry stated that they were not looking at the cadillac model. Looking at a Freightliner chassis. The department has specked out the Freightliner chassis and it seems to be the best for the money to serve this town the best. Richard Frye asked if it was top of the line and what top of the line would run. Harry stated it is not top of the line - they would run between \$200-300,000. The department is looking to see what best suits the town for the money. Asked if it is a tanker. Harry replied no - it is a pumper. Lucille Yeaton asked if they had shopped around. Harry's reply was the department had been working for 2 years - traveled to Vermont, northern New Hampshire and almost to Rhode Island looking at trucks. Jack Laakso asked if we were looking at new or used and if we would be adding to the fleet or replacing a truck. Harry replied the department is looking at new trucks and it would be to replace the old truck rather than to add a truck. It would be the decision of the Selectmen what to do with the old truck. Lois Jordan asked if the department is looking solely at new or second-hand. Harry stated he did receive a list of specs and did call the factory on one. It was 14 years old and had a lot of problems when it came to the factory. To buy something like that we'd set ourselves back. Nancy Shonbeck asked if this is required and would it raise our insurance. Harry said no it would not raise our insurance, and it is needed to replace the old truck which is rusting out. Nancy asked if the old truck works - Harry replied yes, it does work. Nick D'Amario asked the age of the present truck and the mileage. Harry stated it is 20 years old and he didn't know the mileage

off the top of his head. Nick stated that most of us have cars with more mileage than the truck. Jim Beeler asked the useful life of a new truck. Harry replied 25 plus years is what we're looking to get out of this truck when we spec this truck this way. Mr. Savard asked if the old truck can be fixed. Harry stated it would take a lot of money. Scott Talbot, on the committee, spoke on the Article. To compare the fire truck to one's own vehicle is like apples to oranges. We're talking of the matter of life and personal property here. There are a lot of requirements placed on the men and the trucks. The department needs to meet codes and needs to have a truck they can rely on. The truck we have is twenty years old and falling apart. It is a good truck, but without working on it all the time; they need something to rely on. It probably has 26,000 miles on it but it must run constantly for hours on end at a call. We need to replace the truck. The department is defending \$250,000 homes and businesses and this new truck we're proposing should meet the town's demands of needs both now and in the future. Carrie Simino asked what the purpose of the pumper truck is. David Putnam, Fire Captain, explained that the pumper is the heart and soul of the department. The Town has two tankers as we don't have hydrants on every corner. The pumper carries the apparatus needed to fight fires. We cannot fight fires with just tankers. The tanker just carries water - 2,000 gallons each. When I call with an emergency I want someone to respond. The truck we have has responded for twenty years. We bought it in 1976 for \$58,000. It has served the town well. We could maybe get another ten years out of it if we refurbish it at a cost of \$50,000. It makes no sense to put that much money into something that has already served the town well with a possibility that we might get ten years from it. The firefighters take pride in the truck they have now- and will take pride in a new truck. The truck the committee is looking at is more sophisticated only in that some of the features that come with it, like the top mount control panel, that the communication is there so it is a safer, more efficient call. This truck we're looking at is made with galvaneel. Some of the Keene trucks have this - they may have paint chipped off, but it does not rust. We expect this truck will last a long time and for the protection it will provide - it is a small price to pay. Nancy Shonbeck asked the pumping quantity and also stipulated it will last 25 years- we are not there yet. David Putnam responded that the truck we have gets 750 gallons per minute pumped - the new one is specked out with 1,250 gallons per minute. The life expectancy back in 1976 for this truck was probably 20 years and we are there. The truck we have is rotting out. We spent over \$12,000 in new breathing apparatus in the past years and there are holes in the body you can put a fist through which allows dirt up through to the apparatus and causing problems and unnecessary wear there. If we were to put \$15,000 away each year for five years to buy the new truck outright, it would take longer than five years as the truck the department has specked out went up in price \$9,000 in one year alone. The department can struggle another year with the truck we have now but the town will pay now - or pay later. Ballot voting started at 8:00 pm and ended at 8:20 pm. Results of ballot vote are Yes - 122 No - 31 2 no-vote casts totaling 155 cast - 104 needed to pass. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

Article Fourteen - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)
Robert Moore, Jr. moved that in lieu of the affirmative vote on Article 13, that no action be taken on Article 14. Motion was seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Paul Duplissie asked if this Article can be brought up next year to start a new Capital Reserve Fund for 25 years from now. The tabling of Article 14 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 15 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article moved by Robert Moore, Jr. and seconded by Lloyd Draper. Robert Moore, Jr. spoke to the Article stating that the fund had been started three years prior to set money aside for revaluation down the road. There is \$15,000 set aside now. Article 15 voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Sixteen - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$446,215.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Robert Moore, Jr. moved Article with sum of \$645,715.00 as bottom line which was inclusive of all articles addressed. Second by Lloyd Draper. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that this was a bit of a change from previous years. We had always included Special Articles in the figure used. The State had recommended using this approach. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that the new bottom line will result in a reduction in the Town's portion of the taxes - something that won't happen Friday night (at School District Meeting). Article 16 approved with new bottom line figure of \$645,715.00 in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 17 - To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

David Putnam stated that now that we have a new gymnasium that we should set up a committee to restore the Town Hall that could come with a cost at a future meeting. It is a great building and should be taken care of. Robert Moore, Jr. stated there should be a start of \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the budget this year as a start.

R. Bruce Smith questioned the space increase and the lease of the space by the Post Office. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that they negotiated a contract which will change the lease from \$2,400 per year to \$4,000 per year. The Postal Service pays for most of the construction.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32 pm by Robert Moore, Jr. and seconded by Lloyd Draper. Voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Unapproved minutes.

Cindi H. Adler
Town Clerk



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 1997	Actual Expenditures 1997	Selectmen's Budget 1998	Budget Committee Recommended 1998
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
4130 Executive	\$27,000	\$26,138	31,200	31,200
4140 Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	6,500	6,315	7,600	7,600
4150 Financial Administration	13,000	11,601	12,700	12,700
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000	338	4,000	4,000
4155 Worker's Compensation	2,140	2,137	1,000	1,000
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,200	828	1,200	1,200
4194 General Government Bldg.	17,500	17,497	19,380	19,380
4195 Cemeteries	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
4196 Insurance-Contingency Fund	2,000	1,100	2,000	2,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
4210 Police	8,500	6,678	8,500	8,500
4215 Ambulance	9,500	6,360	8,000	8,000
4220 Fire & Rescue	16,600	16,600	17,000	17,000
4240 Building Inspection	1,500	942	1,000	1,000
4290 Emergency Management	1,015	916	1,015	1,015
<u>HIGHWAYS & STREETS</u>				
4311 Highway Administration	82,000	79,581	85,000	85,000
4312 Highways & Streets	130,060	130,141	134,560	134,560
4313 *Bridges	10,000	3,275	0	0
4316 Street Lighting	2,600	2,558	2,600	2,600
<u>SANITATION</u>				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	49,250	47,890	49,250	49,250
<u>HEALTH</u>				
4411 Health Officer	55	54	55	55
4414 Animal Control	200	0	200	200
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,440	4,440	1	3,440
4415 Health Agencies (Art. #6) \$2,000 - Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee				
<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441 Welfare Officer	55	54	55	55
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	3,266	3,000	3,000

	Actual Appropriation 1997	Actual Expenditures 1997	Selectmen's Budget 1998	Budget Committee Recommended 1998
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520 Parks & Recreation	3,000	2,625	3,000	3,000
4550 Library	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
4583 Patriotic Purposes	300	195	200	200
CONSERVATION				
4611 Conservation Commission	500	150	500	500
DEBT SERVICE				
4711 Principal.- Bridge	12,300	12,324	0	0
4711 Principal - Grader	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	5,000	4,515	3,000	3,000
4723 Interest on TAN	10,000	8,686	10,000	10,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901 *Road Improvements	0	0	20,000	20,000
4902 *1-Ton Truck/Plow	32,000	31,500	0	0
4902 *Fire Truck	150,000	150,000	0	0
4902 Fire Truck (to reduce loan)	0	0	10,000	10,000
4902 *Sander - Highway Department	0	0	3,800	3,800
4902 *Tank - Fire Department	0	0	15,000	15,000
4903 *Library Ramp	0	0	6,500	6,500
4909 *Fuel Tanks	0	0	6,000	6,000
4909 *Testing Wells	0	0	7,500	7,500
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915 *Capital Res-Revaluation	5,000	5,000	0	0
4915 *Capital Res-Highway Equip.	0	0	6,000	6,000
4915 *Capital Res-Police Cruiser	0	0	2,500	2,500
Operating Budget	\$446,215	\$425,929	\$450,516	\$453,955
*Special/Individual Articles	\$199,500	\$192,275	\$67,300	\$67,300
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$645,715	\$618,204	\$517,816	\$521,255
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes				
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				
			\$330,891	\$330,891
			\$190,364	\$190,364

Budget Comm.: Frances Laurent, Chair, Patricia Bentrup, Linn Starkey, Jr.,
Robert Harcke, Michael Acerno

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues 1997	Actual Revenues 1997	Selectmen's Budget Estimated Revenues 1998
<u>TAXES</u>			
3120 Land Use Change Tax	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000
3180 Resident Taxes	8,500	9,190	8,800
3185 Yield Taxes	10,000	15,074	10,000
3190 Interest & Penalties-Taxes	15,000	29,341	15,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	150,855	184,269	180,000
3230 Building Permits	1,500	972	1,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,018	2,800
<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
3319 Other	4,000	4,764	0
<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351 Shared Revenue	10,269	42,456	15,000
3352 Rooms & Meals	17,786	17,805	13,000
3353 Highway Block Grant	58,925	58,925	57,371
3356 Forest Land Reimbursement	25	25	20
3359 Other	75,000	90,465	200
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401 Income from Departments	1,500	3,345	2,500
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	0	6,170	0
3502 Interest	3,500	8,586	5,000
3503 Rent of Property	4,000	4,225	4,200
3504 Forest Fire Reimb. - Individual	0	269	0
3506 Insurance Reimbursement	1,000	3,897	1,000
3509 Other (inc. \$7500 Fire/Rescue Asso	500	1,696	8,000
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915 Capital Reserve Fund - Fire Truck	46,000	46,951	0
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
3934 Proc. Long Term Note-Fire Truck	90,000	89,049	0
3939 Fund Balance to reduce Taxes	0	0	6,000
<u>TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS</u>	\$503,360	\$620,492	\$330,891

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory of Valuation

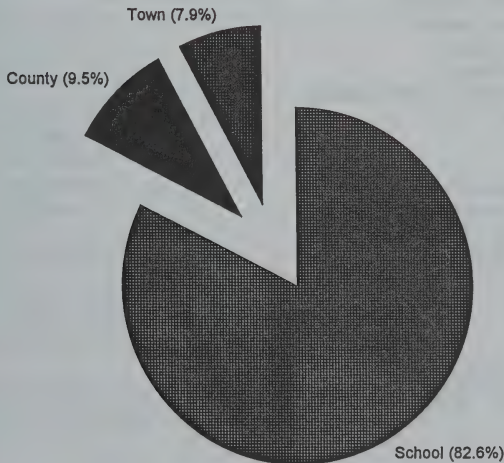
Current Use Land	\$1,805,071
Residential Land	\$27,837,600
Commercial Land	\$2,663,000
Mixed Use	\$1,899,200
Residential Buildings	\$58,546,600
Manufactured Housing	\$287,000
Commercial Buildings	\$2,051,500
Public Utilities-Electric	<u>\$954,400</u>
TAXABLE VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	96,044,371
Exemptions to Value	<u>192,000</u>
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	\$95,852,371

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall - Land & Buildings	\$271,700
Town Hall - Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000
Library - Land & Buildings	\$81,900
Library - Furniture & Equipment	\$10,000
Police Department - Equipment	\$2,500
Fire Department - Land & Buildings	\$94,600
Fire Department - Equipment	\$100,000
Highway Department - Land & Buildings	\$51,500
Highway Department - Equipment	\$120,000
Highway Department - Material & Supplies	\$5,000
Parks, Common & Playgrounds	\$100,500
School - Land & Buildings	\$787,300
School - Equipment	\$65,000
Historical Building & Contents	\$70,000
Transfer Station - Land & Buildings	\$54,500
Misc. Land (7 properties)	<u>\$177,200</u>

TOTAL	\$2,006,700
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1997 TAX RATE



DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1997

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Secretary Salary	15,825.00
Selectmen Salaries	3,000.00
Moderator Salary	75.00
Trustees Trust Funds Salaries	150.00
Town Share Health Insurance	1,011.36
Town Share Retirement	550.15
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,451.66
Printing	1,550.22
Dues	637.78
Notices	100.21
Supplies	402.76
Postage & PO Fees	376.92
Publications	126.60
Other	<u>880.00</u>
	26,137.66

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk Salary	600.00
Town Clerk Fees	3,205.50
Supervisors of the Checklist Salaries	85.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	60.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	291.20
Printing	186.30
Town Clerk Dues	35.00
Notices	36.80
Election Day Dinners	40.00
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	713.00
Vital Statistics	690.00
Town Clerk Supplies	34.87
Town Clerk Publications	<u>337.00</u>
	6,314.67

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector Salary	2,400.00
Tax Collector Fees	2,212.00
Auditor Salaries	200.00
Treasurer Salary	2,800.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	582.33
Bank Charges	10.00
Printing	573.90
Dues	45.00
Property Assessing	1,477.45
Registry of Deeds/Probate	229.84
Tax Collector Supplies	27.56
Treasurer Supplies	100.12
Postage	931.23
Other	<u>11.93</u>
	11,601.36

4153 Legal Expenses	337.50
4155 Worker's Compensation	2,137.68

4191 Planning & Zoning:	
Clerk Fees/ZBA	130.44
Notices	265.04
Registry of Deeds/PB	78.00
Supplies	6.99
Postage	267.07
Other	<u>80.00</u>
	827.54
4194 General Government Buildings:	
Custodian Salary	3,300.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	252.48
Telephone	517.78
Mowing	1,215.00
Electricity	1,276.24
Heat	1,997.90
Property Insurance	1,013.00
Gas	68.07
Liability Insurance	4,708.00
Repairs & Maintenance	3,123.07
Other	<u>25.00</u>
	17,496.54
4195 Cemeteries	4,500.00
4196 Contingency Fund	1,100.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
4210 Police Department:	
Constable Salary	4,700.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	359.55
E&O Insurance	1,039.00
Operation - Gasoline	67.74
Supplies	<u>512.14</u>
	6,678.43
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service	6,360.38
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:	
Training	1,105.00
Electricity	391.31
Heat	744.22
E&O Insurance	806.00
Life Insurance	200.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,280.00
Repairs/Equipment	10,697.55
Office Supplies	5.66
Vehicle Fuel	280.26
Vehicle Inspection	<u>90.00</u>
	16,600.00
4240 Building Inspection:	
Building Inspector Salary	874.84
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>66.93</u>
	941.77
4290 Emergency Management:	
Forest Fire Control	915.62

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Road Agent Salary	30,382.25
Assistant Road Agent Salary	21,974.16
Part Time Salaries	14,730.99
Town Share Health Insurance	5,343.72
Town Share FICA & Medicare	5,132.23
Town Share Retirement	<u>2,017.39</u>
	79,580.74

4312 Highways & Streets:

Telephone	558.34
Electricity	1,073.38
Heating Fuel	1,388.58
Hired Equipment	1,834.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,280.00
Repairs & Parts	15,134.05
Tires	1,564.00
Culverts	2,350.96
Sand & Gravel	20,384.25
Paving- Asphalt	41,244.12
Paving-Shimming	11,189.02
Salt & Chloride	24,120.38
Vehicle Fuel	6,525.33
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	60.00
Other	<u>435.00</u>
	130,141.41

4313 Bridges 3,274.81

4316 Street Lighting 2,557.72

SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:

Recycling Employee	3,120.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	238.68
Telephone	411.75
Disposal Service (less recycling credits)	42,000.00
Hauling	1,450.00
Electricity	390.54
Other	<u>279.30</u>
	47,890.27

HEALTH & WELFARE

4411 Health Administration:

Health Officer Salary	50.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>3.83</u>
	53.83

4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals:

Family Services	1,640.00
Home Health Care	300.00
Community Kitchen	<u>2,500.00</u>
	4,440.00

4441 Welfare Administration:

Welfare Officer Salary	50.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>3.83</u>
	53.83

4442 Welfare Direct Assistance 3,266.43

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:

Mowing 2,625.00

4550 Library:

Library Salaries 9,536.00

Town Share FICA & Medicare 729.36

Appropriation 3,734.64

14,000.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags 195.16

4611 Conservation:

Commission Dues 150.00

Debt Service:

4711 Partridge Brook Bridge Loan 12,324.45

4711 Grader 16,000.00

4721 Interest on Long Term Loans 4,515.19

4723 Short Term Interest on TAN 8,685.68

41,525.32

Capital Outlay:

4902 Fire Truck 150,000.00

4902 1-Ton Truck 31,500.00

181,500.00

Operating Transfers Out:

4915 Revaluation 5,000.00

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES

\$618,203.67

Short Term Principal (TAN) 525,000.00

County Taxes 189,740.00

Taxes Bought By Town 103,497.17

School District 1,576,350.00

Trust Funds 120,337.13

Abatements 2,053.00

'96 Accounts Payable 14,410.01

Fire Department Grant 447.59

Conservation Comm. Grant 123.75

Investment Transfer to NHPDIP 1,480,000.00

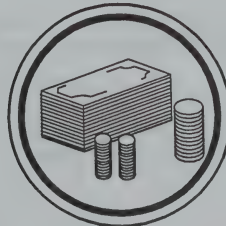
Refund of overpayment of property taxes 511.96

Transfer of Investment (Capital Reserve) 46,951.47

TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES \$4,059,422.08

GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$4,677,625.75



APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$27,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	6,500
Financial Administration	13,000
Legal Expense	5,000
Worker's Compensation	2,140
Planning & Zoning	1,200
General Government Building	17,500
Cemeteries	4,500
Contingency Fund	2,000
Police	8,500
Ambulance	9,500
Fire & Rescue	16,600
Building Inspector	1,500
Emergency Management	1,015
Highways & Streets	212,060
Bridges	10,000
Street Lighting	2,600
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	49,250
Animal Control	200
Health Agencies & Hospitals	4,440
Health Officer	55
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000
Welfare Officer	55
Parks & Recreation	3,000
Library	14,000
Patriotic Purposes	300
Conservation Commission	500
Debt. Service - Partridge Brook Bridge	12,300
Debt. Service - Grader	16,000
Interest on TAN	10,000
Interest on Long Term Loans	5,000
Fire Truck	150,000
1 Ton Truck	32,000
Capital Reserve - Revaluation	5,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$645,715
Less Revenues	503,360
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	142,355
NET SCHOOL TAX ASSESSMENT	1,658,634
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>189,740</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$1,990,729
Less Shared Revenue	32,174
Add-War Service Credits	10,600
Add - Overlay	<u>10,196</u>
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$1,979,351
Less-War Service Credits	<u>10,600</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,968,751

1997 Tax Rate:

School	\$17.06
County	1.96
Town	<u>\$1.63</u>
	\$20.65

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer	\$81,782.71
Cash Investment	781,557.15
Capital Reserve Funds (RSA Chap 35)	28,692.66
Recreation Fund	1,537.66
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Prior Taxes	5,635.75
Levy of 1995	64,883.57
Levy of 1996	83,794.58
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1997 (including all Taxes)	227,187.00
Prior (including all Taxes)	2,260.00
Less Allowance for Abatements	(19,387.88)
Reserved for Fire Truck Loan	<u>89,048.53</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$1,346,991.73

Liabilities & Equities

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Accounts Payable (Dec. 1997)		\$8,106.68
Recreation Fund		1,537.66
School Tax Payable		1,041,934.00
Capital Reserve Funds		28,692.66
Highway Truck	\$1,114.63	
Revaluation	27,578.03	
Grants		414.66
Due to Fire & Rescue	38.41	
Due to Conservation Comm	376.25	
Bills Outstanding		102,150.00
Town Hall Repairs	2,150.00	
Fire Truck	100,000.00	
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		 \$1,182,835.66

Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1996	84,602.24
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1997	<u>79,553.83</u>
TOTAL CURRENT SURPLUS	\$164,156.07

GRAND TOTAL \$1,346,991.73

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance - January 1, 1997		\$649,825.56
Received from:		
Cindi Adler, Collector	\$2,130,618.09	
Treasurer, State of NH	214,440.07	
Borrowing	525,000.00	
Interest on Deposited Funds	8,585.52	
Licenses & Permits	188,258.54	
Charges for Services	4,675.08	
Insurance Reimbursements	3,896.95	
Other Local Sources	1,020,476.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$4,095,950.25
GRAND TOTAL		<u>\$4,745,775.81</u>
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	(4,677,625.75)	
Accounts Payable - Dec.'97	8,106.68	
A/P Reserved for Fire Truck	100,000.00	
A/P Reserved for Town Hall Repairs	2,150.00	
A/R Reserved for Fire Truck	(89,048.53)	
Property Tax Overpayment	(847.00)	
CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1997		\$88,511.21
Plus: Balance in Investment Account		774,828.65
TOTAL CASH ON HAND - December 31, 1997		<u>863,339.86</u>
On Deposit in NOW Account	81,782.71	
On Deposit in Investment Account	781,557.15	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Cindi Adler, Collector:		
Property Taxes, Levy of 1997	\$1,745,335.00	
Property Taxes, Levy of 1996	223,660.50	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	12,236.89	
Resident Taxes, 1997 & Delinquent	9,950.00	
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	
Yield Taxes	14,681.88	
Property Tax Sale/Tax Liens	107,508.34	
Interest and Costs on Tax Liens	17,245.48	
Total from Collector		\$2,130,618.09
From Treasurer, State of NH:		
Bridge Aid- Aldrich Road	\$90,421.72	
Highway Block Grant	58,924.79	
Revenue Distribution	42,455.80	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	17,805.25	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	43.61	
Other from State	24.90	
Federal Disaster Relief	4,764.00	
Total from Treasurer, State of NH		\$214,440.07

From Borrowing:		
Tax Anticipation	\$525,000.00	
Total from Borrowing		\$525,000.00
Income from Deposited Funds:		
NOW Account Interest	\$1,857.02	
Investment Account Interest	\$6,728.50	
Total from Interest on Deposited Funds		\$8,585.52
From Licenses & Permits:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$184,269.00	
Building Permits	972.04	
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,036.50	
Dog Violation Fines	0	
Marriage Licenses	380.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	690.00	
Dump Permits	43.00	
Pistol Permits	50.00	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	663.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	8.00	
Junk Yard Permits	25.00	
Recording Fees	72.00	
NSF Fees	50.00	
Total of Licenses and Permit Fees		\$188,258.54
From Charges for Services:		
Post Office Rental	\$4,000.08	
Town Hall Rental	225.00	
Highway Department Services	450.00	
Total Charges for Services		\$4,675.08
From Insurance Reimbursements:		
Workers Comp Audit Refund	767.00	
Liability Dividend	3,129.95	
Total from Insurance Reimbursement		\$3,896.95
From Other Local Sources:		
Ambulance	1,304.66	
Westmoreland School District (Mowing)	1,266.00	
Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Gas	324.70	
Town History Sales	247.00	
Telephone Company Commission	30.97	
Trust Funds	167,288.60	
Copies & Postage	11.50	
Miscellaneous	1406.31	
Sale of Town Owned Equipment-Truck	6,170.00	
Forest Fire Reimbursement-Individual	268.91	
Capital Reserve- Fire Truck	46,951.47	
Proceeds LT Note-Fire Truck	89,048.53	
Investment Transfer From NHPDIP	705,171.35	
Fire Dept Grant	486.00	
Conservation Commission Grant	500.00	
Total from Other Local Sources		<u>\$1,020,476.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL - ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,095,950.25

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Executive Office	26,137.66
Elec., Reg., Vital Statistics	6,314.67
Financial Administration	11,601.36
Legal Expenses	337.50
Worker's Compensation	2,137.68
Planning & Zoning	827.54
General Government Buildings	17,496.54
Cemeteries	4,500.00
Contingency Fund	1,100.00
Police Department	6,678.43
Ambulance	6,360.38
Fire & Rescue Departments	16,600.00
Building Inspection	941.77
Emergency Management	915.62
Highway Administration	79,580.74
General Highway Expenses	130,141.41
Street Lighting	2,557.72
Bridges	3,274.81
Solid Waste Disposal	47,890.27
Health Administration	53.83
Animal Control	0.00
Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,440.00
Welfare Administration	53.83
General Welfare Assistance	3,266.43
Parks & Recreation	2,625.00
Library	14,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	195.16
Conservation Commission	150.00
Debt. Service - Bridge	12,324.45
Debt. Service - Grader	16,000.00
Interest on Loans	4,515.19
Interest on TAN	8,685.68
Fire Truck	150,000.00
1 Ton Truck	31,500.00
Capital Reserve - Revaluation	5,000.00
Trust Funds	167,288.60
Short Term Principal	525,000.00
County Tax	189,740.00
Taxes Bought By Town	103,497.17
Westmoreland School District	1,576,350.00
Refunds & Abatements	2,053.00
'96 Accounts Payable	14,410.01
Fire Dept Grant	447.59
Conservation Commission Grant	123.75
Investment Transfer to NHPDIP	1,480,000.00
Refund of Overpayment of Prop. Taxes	511.96
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$4,677,625.75

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Investment Account - NHPDIP

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance - January 1, 1997	\$0.00
Deposits in 1997	1,480,000.00
Withdrawals in 1997	(705,171.35)
Interest Earned in 1997	6,728.50
Balance - December 31, 1997	\$781,557.15

Recreation Fund

Balance - December 31, 1996	\$1,501.07
Interest Credited	<u>36.59</u>
Balance - December 31, 1997	\$1,537.66

LOANS OUTSTANDING

1. Grader Loan- Connecticut River Bank
Date of Loan- 12/29/95
Amount of Loan- \$80,000
Rate of Loan- 6.00%
Length of Loan- 5 years
Payment per year- \$16,000 plus interest
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/97) - \$48,000.00 plus interest



Store in South Village, Westmoreland cr 1920s

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance/Overdraft
4130	Executive	\$27,000	\$27,012	\$26,138	\$874
4140	Elec. Reg. VS	6,500	7,570	6,315	1,255
4150	Financial Ad.	13,000	13,122	11,601	1,521
4153	Legal Expenses	5,000	5,000	338	4,662
4155	Worker's Comp.	2,140	2,907	2,137	770
4191	Planning & Zoning	1,200	1,206	828	378
4194	Gov't. Buildings	17,500	24,861	17,497	7,364
4195	Cemeteries	4,500	4,500	4,500	0
4196	Contingency Fund	2,000	2,000	1,100	900
4210	Police	8,500	8,500	6,678	1,822
4215	Ambulance	9,500	10,805	6,360	4,445
4220	Fire & Rescue	16,600	16,600	16,600	0
4240	Building Inspec.	1,500	1,500	942	558
4290	Emergency Mgt.	1,015	1,342	916	426
4311	Highway Admin.	82,000	82,000	79,581	2,419
4312	Highway & Streets	130,060	130,856	130,141	715
4313	Bridges	10,000	10,000	3,275	6,725
4316	Street Lighting	2,600	2,600	2,558	42
4324	Solid Waste	49,250	49,250	47,890	1,360
4411	Health Officer	55	55	54	1
4414	Animal Control	200	200	0	200
4415	Health Ag/Hosp.	4,440	4,440	4,440	0
4441	Welfare Officer	55	55	54	1
4442	Direct Assistance	3,000	3,000	3,266	(266)
4520	Parks & Rec.	3,000	4,266	2,625	1,641
4550	Library	14,000	14,000	14,000	0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300	300	195	105
4611	Conservation	500	500	150	350
4711	Bridge Payment	12,300	12,324	12,324	(24)
4711	Grader Payment	16,000	16,000	16,000	0
4721	Interest-Long Term	5,000	5,000	4,515	485
4723	Interest on TAN	10,000	10,000	8,686	1,314
4902	Fire Truck	150,000	150,000	150,000	0
4903	1-Ton Truck	32,000	32,000	31,500	500
4915	Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
	TOTALS	\$645,715	\$658,747	\$618,204	\$40,543

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The cemeteries saw some continued sprucing up this year. Spring began with applying to the Cheshire County Adult Diversion Program for their assistance. They did a wonderful job and the Program is very valuable to both the offenders who participate and the communities that are served.

Two other work bees were held where small trees and brush were cut and poison ivy dealt with (hopefully!). Thank you to Jack & Fran Laurent and especially to Reggie Goodnow (Millbrook Landscaping) who offered his time and equipment to help out. Boy Scout, Rob Laurent, along with members and family of Troops 306 and 302, organized a project at the East Cemetery where they cleared brush and trees to reclaim boundaries and protect grave markers from being damaged by falling limbs and overgrown root systems. In the fall, one tree was cut down in the North Cemetery and five trees were taken down along the outside wall that were in danger of coming down on stones.

One of our goals for 1997 was met by erecting signs at all nine cemeteries showing the name and date of establishment.

We plan on having more work bees this year and welcome anyone who can help. Any questions regarding cemeteries, perpetual care or lot purchases can be directed to us.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn LaBarre
Carlson Barrett
Donald Hall

INCOME

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 1997	\$1,676.49
Town Appropriation	\$4,500.00
Trust Fund Interest	2,494.39
Savings Account Interest	86.75
Sale of lots	600.00
Additions to Existing Perpetual Care Funds	<u>185.00</u>
	\$7,866.14

EXPENSES

Keene Tree Service - removal of 6 trees	\$1,100.00
New Hampshire State Prison - signs	385.00
Granite Post - Canoe Meadow Cemetery	75.00
New Hampshire Cemetery Association - dues	10.00
New Hampshire Cemetery Association - workshop	25.00
Don Hall - hardware for signs	42.16
Don Hall - poison ivy killer	19.99
NHPDIP - new perpetual care investment	485.00
Mowing - all cemeteries	<u>4,900.00</u>
	\$7,042.15
Balance as of December 31, 1997	\$2,500.48

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS
(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19

TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	03
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	02

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND 2

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Robert Stewart, Forest Ranger
Wesley Staples, Forest Fire Warden



WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1997, the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department responded to a total of 91 calls. The department welcomed six new members within 1997, which brings the current roster up to 23 members. Three of these members became Emergency Medical Technicians-Intermediates (EMT-1). One member of the department completed a Firefighter Level 1 course. The department applied for a grant from the State of NH Division of Forest and Lands to purchase protective equipment to fight brush fires. We were awarded the grant from the state and with matching funds from the Firefighter's Association we were able to purchase the equipment needed. This past year, the roof of the fire department was reshingled. The inside of the fire station is getting some new wiring, lights, and sheetrock on the ceiling. Also we will be putting a fire alarm system in the station to warn us of a fire inside the station. This will help us protect the town's investment of our safety equipment. In May, the members of the department put on a small fund-raiser, serving a roast beef dinner to the Forest Fire Wardens Association. In October, Jeff Nugent presented an outstanding fire prevention program at the Westmoreland School. Dave Putnam continued with the fire prevention program at the Maplewood Nursing Home. Once again, we would like to ask for your help by putting your house numbers on either your house (if visible from the road), mailbox (both sides), or on a post at the beginning of your driveway. This will aid us in reaching your emergency quicker. Reflective 3" numbers are recommended. If you are or know of a town resident in need of (or have one to donate) a wheel chair, walker, port-a-potty, or crutches, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the fire department.

Any Westmoreland resident wishing to become a member of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department may join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the fire station. The members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for your outstanding support this past year. The chicken barbecue was again this year a great success and everyone enjoyed the concert by the Westmoreland Town Band and the Westmoreland School Chorus that followed.

Respectfully submitted:
Harry Nelson, Chief

1997 FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
Automatic Fire Alarms:		
School	1	1.0
County Jail	4	5.5
Nursing Home	5	21.0
Private Residence	1	.5
Brush Fires	5	51.5
Car Fires	1	10.0
CO Detector	2	7.5
Chimney Fires	2	16.0
Downed Wires	2	8.0
Good Intent	2	4.5
LP Gas Leak	2	32.0
Mutual Aid	9	80.5
Medical Emergencies	39	79.0
Miscellaneous Calls	1	1.5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13	120.0
Public Assist	<u>2</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Total	91	440.5

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
 Summary of Tax Accounts - Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:	1997	1996	1995	Prior
Property Tax	\$1,968,686.00	\$224,742.50	1,320.00	700.00
Resident Tax	8,820.00	2,910.00	1,009.00	1,360.39
Yield Tax	15,073.88			
Taxes Committed to Collector:				
Property Tax	370.00			
Resident Tax	847.00	371.00		
Land Use Change	472.95	4,099.77		
Yield Tax	9.00	34.00	37.00	14.00
Added Taxes:				
Resident Tax	370.00			
Overpayment - Property Taxes	847.00	371.00		
Interest on Property Taxes	472.95	4,099.77		
Interest on Yield Taxes	9.00	34.00	37.00	14.00
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	9.00	82.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,994,278.83	\$233,248.27	\$1,357.00	\$2,074.39

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CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	1997	1996	1995	Prior
Property Tax	\$1,745,335.00	128,300.50	390.00	170.00
Resident Tax	7,480.00	1,910.00		
Land Use Change				
Yield Tax	13,672.88	360.00		
Interest on Property Tax	472.95	4,099.77		
Interest on Yield Tax	34.00	34.00		
Penalties	9.00	82.00	37.00	14.00
Conversion to Lien - Property Taxes		95,360.00		
Conversion to Lien - Yield Taxes		649.00		
Abatements Allowed:				
Property Tax	122.00	1,453.00		200.00
Resident Tax				1,360.39
Yield Tax				
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:				
Property Tax	224,076.00			
Resident Tax	1,710.00	1,000.00	930.00	330.00
Yield Tax	1,401.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,994,278.83	\$233,248.27	\$1,357.00	\$2,074.39

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

DEBITS

Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year:		\$84,783.45	\$70,841.68	\$3,168.63
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$103,497.17			
Interests & Costs Collected After Lien Execution:	<u>1,072.31</u>	<u>3,748.52</u>	<u>12,024.65</u>	<u>400.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$104,569.48	\$88,531.97	\$82,866.33	\$3,568.63

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		\$19,899.88	\$67,505.87	\$400.00
Redemptions	\$19,702.59			
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	<u>1,072.31</u>	<u>3,748.52</u>	<u>12,024.65</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	<u>83,794.58</u>	<u>54,883.57</u>	<u>3335.81</u>	<u>2,299.94</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$104,569.48	\$88,531.97	\$82,866.33	\$3,568.63

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
Financial Report - 1997

INFLOWS		
Book Replace		\$36.95
Book Sale		\$192.35
Book Sale		\$46.00
Contributions		\$212.58
Gifts: Memorial Fund	\$790.00	
Gifts - Other	\$169.57	
Total Gifts		\$959.57
Grant		\$200.00
Interest Earned: CD	\$757.53	
Checking	\$54.69	
Trust Funds	\$1,136.84	
Total Interest Earned		\$1,949.06
Other income		\$10.00
Out of Town		\$5.00
Program Fund		\$154.00
Town Appropriation:		
Library Appropriation	\$3,734.64	
Library Salaries	\$9,536.00	
Library FICA & Medi	\$729.36	
Total Town Appropriation		\$14,000.00
TOTAL INLOWS		\$17,765.51
 OUTFLOWS		
Books		\$3,263.06
Dues		\$52.00
Electricity		\$343.61
Equipment & repair		\$84.00
Heat (Gas)		\$1,048.45
Magazines		\$249.27
Maintenance		\$19.00
Other		\$44.00
Photocopying		\$54.51
Program		\$339.33
Salaries:		
Salaries	\$9,536.00	
FICA & Medi	\$729.36	
Total Salaries		\$10,265.36
Summer Program		\$208.00
Supplies		\$610.64
Telephone		\$402.61
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$16,983.84
 OVERALL TOTAL		 \$781.67
Checking Account Balance 12/31/	\$2,767.12	
CD Account Balance 12/31/96	\$14,364.01	
Balance on Hand 12/31/96		\$17,131.13
Change in Position		\$781.67
		\$17,912.80
Checking Account Balance 12/31/	\$3,166.52	
CD Account Balance 12/31/97	\$14,746.28	
Balance on Hand 12/31/97		\$17,912.80

Note: \$375.26 of the CD interest earned was transferred to chck. acct. 9/12/97

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year, the Library sponsored many kinds of programs. The Summer Reading Program centered around the theme "Take Us To Your Readers" and inspired the making of space collages, tie dyeing T-shirts, paper airplanes, stories, songs, "space creatures", hikes and a visit from author Jessie Haas who talked about her becoming a writer of animal stories. Star-gazing and an "alien" parade rounded out the program. We received a grant of \$200 for storyteller Warren Rasmussen to give a performance. 20 children signed up for the reading program; 131 children and adults participated in all the events. Other programs included: Robert Rivest mime performance at the school, co-sponsored by the PTA. Before this program in March, the library held an ice-cream social. In September, with the Friends group, the library invited author Archer Mayor for an evening discussion which 43 persons attended at the Town Hall. Eight persons signed up for Cecile Goff's four-week seminar on investments, a program patterned after "The Beardstown Ladies Investment Club."

Attendance for the year was 2510. circulation statistics included 4560 books and materials, of which 112 were large print, and 71% fiction. We loaned out 40 books and received 218 books on interlibrary loan. The Library was open a total of 150 days, and the average daily circulation was 29. We registered 57 new readers, and answered 27 reference questions.

We acquired a total of 548 books and materials, of which 245 were purchased ;and 303 were donated. In addition, we catalogued 108 donated audio-cassettes. We withdrew 107 books from our collection. Our annual book sale generated \$192.25.

Under the direction of Susanne Bates, the Story Hour on Mondays at 10 a.m., for 3 and 4 year olds has been going strong. The First Grade continues to visit the library every two weeks with Mrs. Nancy Newton. The Librarian has been reading stories ;and giving some library instruction to the class before they check out books. The Library published *Trails*, a collection of short stories and poems written by its patrons.

The Friends have been helping each year to prepare the grounds for the delightful garden which the Garden Club plants outside our building. The Friends help on Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings, and have been invaluable in the preparation of books for the book sale.

There are plans to increase shelving in the Library, to accommodate our expanding collection. Plans for the ADA ramp have been made, and bids have been received. A rather consistent leak in the roof has been repaired, and the library looks toward an eventual partial replacement of the roof.

The work of the Library would not have been accomplished without the help of our faithful volunteers who have helped in the circulation, weeding, processing and catalog maintenance. Our neighbors have been most thoughtful in mowing and raking the leaves, and the statistics, bookkeeping and budgetary aspects of the Librarian's job have become easier with help from the computer consultants. The Library appreciates the 432 hours volunteers have given us. In addition, students have accomplished their community service requirements at the Library, helping shelve and organize our magazines and pamphlet files.

Looking ahead, a complete inventory of all volumes, started in 1997, is planned. We are anticipating an increase in our activity by offering a meaningful summer reading program as well as sponsoring other programs of interest to, and supported by, the community

Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Crowther, Librarian

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 1997, the Zoning Board of Adjustment had seven requests for Variances, three were granted, one denied, one referred to the Planning Board, one deemed unnecessary, and one had no action taken. Five requests for Special Exceptions were heard, all were granted, subject to limiting conditions.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for special exceptions and variances originate with the Zoning Administrator, Linn Starkey, Jr. Hearings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, when necessary. Applications must be in the hands of the zoning clerk, Helen Draper, at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

Zoning Board Members during 1997:

Peter Remy, Chairman	Kenneth Thompson
Brenda Shelley	John Burt
Barry Shonbeck	April Ferguson, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Draper
Non-voting Clerk

WESTMORELAND PLANNING BOARD

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and begin at 7:30 p.m.

For 1997, there was a total of six site plans approved and one amendment to a current Site Plan. There were three boundary line adjustments and there is one sub-division pending.

Wes Staples, Chairman	James Ashworth
Reg Simino	Linwood Burt
Linn Starkey, Jr.	Thomas Hanna
Lauren Bressett	JoAnn LaBarre, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued - year ending December 31, 1997:

One-family dwellings	6
Additions	2
Garages	3
Barns	3
Porch	1
Total	15

Respectfully submitted,
Linn J. Starkey, Jr.
Building Inspector

WESTMORELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency - 352-1291

1997 was a busy year for the Police Department. Although only six months of statistics were kept (June-December) we appear to be running quite a bit ahead of last years calls. Calls for service included mostly non-violent offenses, with no major violent offenses occurring. Our records do not include calls answered by NH State Police, and it is believed that they handle about as many calls as does your Constable. In all cases of major crime, I request State Police assistance and turn the complaint over to them. All calls for service that require specialized equipment are also turned over to the State Police.

I have found that the most common complaints are issues dealing with animals. Being a rural setting, there are many farm animals, fence problems, stray or nuisance dogs, wild animal complaints and the like. Dogs running deer in the winter months have been a problem. We have had dogs attempt to kill livestock and this led to tragedy. Please keep in mind that dogs running deer are in real danger of being shot. Constantly barking dogs are an irritant to your neighbors, and every effort should be made to resolve these problems. The police will attempt to mitigate these issues as they arise, but the real solution is to not allow your dog to stray, or be a nuisance. All wild animal complaints should be referred to NH Fish and Game. Trappers are available for nuisance fisher cats, coyotes, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank townspeople for your many kind acts of assistance, the Selectmen for your forbearance, and JoAnn LaBarre for guidance and setting me straight. Thanks also to the Fire Department, New Hampshire State Police, and the Chesterfield Police Department who has opened their facilities to us, and offered backup assistance when needed.

Jack Zeller, Constable



Farr's Shop, once a wheelwright shop

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission has continued to work with the Zoning and Planning Boards and to review any wetland permits. This year, we worked hard on the community clean-up days in May. Thank you one and all in helping make these days a huge success. We are now beginning work on 1998's clean-up.

The Commission is still looking into acquiring a base map of the town tax map which would be helpful to the Boards and townspeople in making decisions concerning their lands. We reviewed the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan and met with the Westmoreland representatives.

The Committee regretfully says "thanks" and "good-bye" to our former members, Mary Fredette and Maxine Houle, but welcomes our new member, Brian Lewis. If anyone is interested in participating on the commission, give a member a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall Patmos Frances Laurent
Jean Rudolph Brian Lewis
Walter Derjue John Lukin

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

Motor Vehicle Registrations - 2,007	\$184,269.00
Vital Statistic Requests - 172	\$690.00
Dog Licenses Issued: 158 Tags	\$936.50
4 Group	\$100.00
Candidacy Filings	\$8.00
Marriage Licenses Issued - 10	\$380.00
Overdraft Charges	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$186,423.50

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Briggs Fund, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees for the year 1997 and find them to be correct and properly vouched.

Richard Frye
Stuart E. West
Auditors



Mutton Hill on Hurricane Road, School No. 2 at far left,
Cook's Tavern on right, cr 1900

1997 REPORT FOR BRIGGS, BLEECKER, AND RUTH D. WHITE TRUST FUNDS

On December 18, 1997 presents were given to all of the students in grades Kindergarten to 5th. On that same day, an "Ice Cream Social" was hosted for the students in grades 6th to 8th. Candy canes were given to all of the students at Westmoreland School.

A special thanks to Karen and Tom Durling of Learn & Play and to Sue Castor for help in making the Ice Cream Social a success.

Since one of us will be moving and the other is busy teaching at Chesterfield School, it is with regret that we will not be a part of this wonderful project next year. It has been more than enjoyable for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Acerno
Gina Acerno

HEALTH REPORT

Questions and complaints that were investigated for the year 1997 are as follows:

Septic System failures	1
Day Care Facility inspections	4
School inspection	1

Respectfully submitted,

William Huntley
Health Officer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

1997 DISBURSEMENTS

Paid To	Purpose	Fund Name	Amount
Westmoreland Cemetery Trustees	Cemetery Maintenance & Perpetual Care	Canoe Meadow, Chaffee, East Westmoreland, Gline, North, Pratt, D. & E. Paine Funds	2,494.39
Linwood Burt	South Village Cemetery	E. Warner & S. Vil. Cem. Funds	1,044.57
Treas. Westmoreland Library	Support of Library & Books	Bennett, Briggs, Burt, Capron, Goodrum, E.& F.Neff, Thompson-Overman, & Warner Funds	1,136.84
Treas. Westmoreland Library	Town Vote	Jotham Lord Fund	147.05
Treas. Westmoreland School	School Support	Esty, Fox, & Town Literary Funds	247.54
Treas. Union Meeting House	Union Meeting House Repairs & Maintenance	V. Hall, Johnson, & Woodward Memorial Funds	192.87
Steven Adler	Scholarship & Books	Michael J. Acerno Scholarship	350.00
Steven Adler	Scholarship	Great Meadow Grange Fund	70.00
Barbara Messer	Graduates' Banquet	Lois Leach Graduates Fund	74.44
Westmoreland School	Soccer Camp Scholarship	Thomas White Soccer Scholarship	215.00
Westmoreland School	Book Award	Susan H. Cutter Fund	18.75
Westmoreland School	Nurse Supplies & Equipment	Pearl Lucile Bragg Health Fund	912.13
Town of Westmoreland	Town Aged & Needy	Starkey Fund	512.87
Theresa Acerno	Children's Christmas	Bleeker, Briggs, & Ruth White Christmas Funds	310.00
Transfer from Income to Principal (to comply/terms of trust)		Westmoreland Men's Club	22.51
Transfer from Income to Principal (to comply/terms of trust)		Michael J. Acerno Scholarship	44.82
		Total Disbursements	7,793.78

1997 ADDITIONS

Date	Fund Name	Amount
Jan. 27	North Cemetery Perp. Care (Minkler)	100.00
Feb. 20	S. Village Cemetery M & I	11,356.72
Sept. 11 & 25	S. Village Cemetery Perp. Care (R.& A. Butler, R.& P. Fish)	385.00
Oct. 21	Pearl Lucile Bragg Health Trst (Interest: \$1234.37) Principal:	9,104.19
Oct. & Nov.	Thomas White Soccer Scholarship	560.00
Transfer to Principal as above: Westmoreland Men's Club		22.51
Transfer to Principal as above: Michael J. Acerno Scholarship Fund		44.82
	Total Additions	21,573.24

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth B. McKenney, Suzanne Draper, & Frances E. Laurent, Trustees

TRUST FUNDS FOR 1997

DATE	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL GAIN/LOSS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	INCOME WITHDRAWAL	ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	Canoe Meadow	Cemetery	297.86		3.65	301.52	20.14	17.96	(20.14)	17.96	319.48
	Outlying	Cemetery	497.08		5.83	502.91	534.96	58.27		593.23	1,086.14
	Chaffee	Cemetery	99.68		1.23	100.91	119.16	12.11	(13.87)	117.40	216.31
	East	Cemetery	7,626.47		91.91	7,720.38	625.82	469.39	(305.23)	562.65	8,283.03
	Gilne	Cemetery	4,838.56		57.02	4,895.58	2,431.63	406.39	(898.90)	2,527.37	7,428.37
	North Perp. Care	Cemetery	13,863.52	100.00	189.01	14,132.53	1,087.54	828.25	(713.56)	1,016.89	15,149.42
	North Gentl Upkeep	Cemetery	12,772.60		53.31	12,825.91	702.97	721.96	(20.13)	711.37	13,537.28
	Priatt	Cemetery	297.82		3.66	301.48	20.13	17.95	(20.13)	17.95	319.43
	S. Village M & I	Cemetery	11,356.72			11,356.72	0.00	521.37	0.00	521.37	11,878.09
	S. Village Perp. Care	Cemetery	15,671.94	385.00	192.62	16,249.56	1,206.47	947.80	(1,044.57)	1,109.70	17,359.26
1990	Donald Blood	Cemetery	20,089.37			20,089.37	11,146.14	1,687.35		12,833.49	32,922.86
			\$76,055.90	\$11,841.72	\$578.25	\$86,475.87	\$17,894.96	\$5,678.60	(\$3,538.96)	\$20,034.80	\$108,510.67
	Misc.	Library	16,644.55		204.64	16,849.19	1,219.17	996.71	(1,136.84)	1,079.04	\$17,928.23
1935	Starkey, William	Union Meeting House	2,898.83		35.63	2,934.46	1,922.87	173.03	(192.87)	\$1,811.98	\$3,116.44
1987	Cobb, Ellen	Town Aged & Needy	7,545.62		92.77	7,638.39	512.87	452.37	(512.87)	452.37	\$8,090.76
1816	Lord, Jotham	As Town Votes	9.36		0.12	9.48	8.70	1.75	0.00	10.45	19.93
1982	Men's Club	Historical Society	1,985.68		24.41	2,010.09	324.61	128.94	(147.05)	306.50	2,316.59
1984	Acermo, Michael J.	Scholarship	3,560.22	22.51		3,582.73	225.10	206.69	(22.51)	409.28	3,982.01
1985	Bleeker, Vincent	Children's Christmas	5,577.39	44.82		5,622.21	440.79	317.50	(394.82)	363.47	5,985.68
1918	Brogg, Pearl Lucile	Health (School)	496.39		6.10	502.49	50.17	30.67	(35.00)	45.84	548.33
1985	Briggs, Oliver L.	Children's Christmas	992.32		12.20	1,004.52	1,234.37	139.98	(912.13)	462.22	9,566.41
1980	Cutter, Susan H.	Grammar Award	502.29		6.18	508.47	138.11	59.78	(18.75)	155.27	1,069.61
1889	Esty, Henry	School Support	894.33		11.00	905.33	60.45	53.37	(60.45)	53.37	863.74
1817	Fox, Elaphalet	School Support	992.64		12.20	1,004.84	67.47	59.13	(67.47)	59.13	1,063.97
1989	Great Meadow Grange	Scholarship	1,004.70		12.35	1,017.05	70.00	59.89	(70.00)	59.89	1,076.94
1976	Leach, Lois	Graduates' Fund	1,497.66		18.41	1,516.07	74.44	88.07	(74.44)	88.07	1,604.14
1829	Town Library	School Support	1,759.94		21.64	1,781.58	119.62	104.95	(119.62)	104.95	1,886.53
1981	White, Ruth Aldrich	Children's Christmas	3,013.75		37.09	3,050.84	259.03	184.12	(210.00)	233.15	3,283.99
1985	White, Thomas D.	Soccer Scholarship	2,400.12	560.00	29.51	2,989.63	1,074.97	197.90	(215.00)	1,057.87	4,047.50
1986	Special FUNDS	SPED/HS Tuition	20,000.00			20,000.00	228.30	1,076.35		1,304.65	21,304.65
			\$147,831.69	\$21,573.24	\$1,102.50	\$170,507.43	\$24,276.26	\$10,046.91	(\$7,793.78)	\$26,527.39	\$197,034.82

DATE	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS WITHDRAWAL	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	INCOME WITHDRAWAL	ENDING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL & INCOME
1982	Capital Reserve Fund	Fire Truck	40,000.00		(40,000.00)	0.00	5,891.77	1,059.70	(6,951.47)	0.00	0.00
1988	Capital Reserve Fund	Highway Truck	0.00			0.00	1,058.45	56.18		1,114.63	1,114.63
1993	Capital Reserve Fund	Town Revaluation	20,000.00	5,000.00	(40,000.00)	25,000.00	1,428.05	1,149.99		2,578.03	27,578.03
			\$60,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$8,378.27	\$2,265.86	(\$6,851.47)	\$3,692.66	\$28,692.66
			\$207,831.69	\$26,573.24	(\$38,897.50)	\$195,507.43	\$32,663.53	\$12,311.77	(\$14,745.25)	\$30,220.05	\$225,727.48

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year, the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions ("CRJC") completed its **Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan**, a project that has occupied the Subcommittee for four years. The CRJC presented the plan to Governor Dean and Governor Shaheen on the banks of the river in July.

Produced by citizens from the riverfront towns in our region, the plan carries recommendations regarding water quality, fisheries, habitat, recreation, agriculture, historic and archeological resources, and future land use. All of the recommendations in this plan were reached by the consensus of the Subcommittee's diverse membership, which included citizens who could speak for agriculture, riverfront landowners, local business, local government, conservation, and recreation. Therefore, it was impossible for one interest group to drive the decision-making process.

Copies of the plan have been provided to town officials, including each selectman, planning commission, and conservation commission member, and its contents are now or will soon be under discussion. The town library and school also have copies. It is the Subcommittee's hope that the town will adopt the river plan as an adjunct to the town's own plan, once town officials and citizens have had a chance to learn more about it. The plan offers many opportunities for the town to improve or maintain the quality of the Connecticut River. Nothing in the plan can become effective locally until the town acts upon it.

In addition to recommendations for the town to consider, the plan also makes recommendations to landowners and state and federal agencies for ways they can help keep the Connecticut River the valuable resource it now is, and to improve it where possible. In October, local representatives from the Subcommittee met with federal and state agencies to guide them on how these agencies could be most useful to the Connecticut River in our region.

The Subcommittee continues to meet and to advise the states of VT and NH, the federal government, and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on other local matters affecting the River, such as bank stabilization, boating access, and permit applications for river-related projects.

The Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee, formed in January, 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes citizens nominated by the selectmen of towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, from Westminster to Vernon, VT, and Walpole to Hinsdale, NH. The Subcommittee, like the CRJC, is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7-9 PM at the Westmoreland Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas, and those interested in serving as a member should contact the selectmen.

Please contact Jan Kos and/or Stuart Adams with suggestions or information.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Adams Janice Kos

DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD

Date	Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Residence
9/22	Vera Elaine Aldrich	William H. Trimble	Vera R. Proctor	Keene
3/5	Earl Raymond Baker	Frank Baker	Anna Rheel	Westmoreland
1/29	Helen D. Balduf	George F. Nau	Helen M. Morris	Hinsdale
3/27	James F. Barnes	Ernest Barnes	Elizabeth 'Unknown'	Marlborough
11/1	Cecile B. Beckwith	Guy Towsley	Hattie Chapman	Keene
12/29/96	Huntley Blair Bell	Blair W. Bell	Mary Sobey	Marlborough
6/8	Peter Alexander Bergeron	Peter Alexander Bergeron	Florence Putnam	Keene
2/8	Bernice Irene Cantlin	Jesse L. Brown	Minnie E. Bates	N. Swanzey
12/10	Norma Naomi Carpenter	Frank Cummings	Zella Carpenter	Westmoreland
2/20	Helen M. Daniels	Thomas Mounsell	Ellen McTighe	Hinsdale
5/18	Julia Dubriska	John Oski	Stephanie Sysko	Winchester
11/8	Chester Duprey	George Duprey	Rose Pellerin	Walpole
5/1	Winifred B. Durant	James Tuttle	Minnie Cutting	Keene
1/2	Cecille R. Eaton	William R. Root	Lena T. Hastings	Mendon, MA
7/1	Edward H. Fairbanks	Orvis Fairbanks	Bertha Vose	Keene
1/15	Lena M. Guyer	Wilfred Guyer	Lucy 'Unknown'	Keene
5/25	Catherine P. Hazen	Arthur C. Tedford	Jessie L. Burlingham	Marlborough
5/2	Talbot R. Hood	Joseph Turner	Vivian Rogers	Westmoreland
11/5	Anna Mary James	Jerome Sullivan	Hannah Carroll	Keene
12/29	Marie E. Joslin	Ernest S. Elder	Ethel W. Blake	Westmoreland
7/25	Maude R. Larsen	Ulysses Riley	Gertrude Hubbard	Walpole
8/8	Orella Agnes Martin	Anthony DeAngelis	Carman Castellon	Langdon
5/12	Emeline Marie Martineau	Alfred Gosselin	Marie Fredette	Keene
6/7	Carrie Silver Macdonald	Curtis Silver	Flora Woods	Westmoreland
10/1	Alice Mary McCue	Allen Rogers	Mary Fisher	Westmoreland
11/29	Mary Eva McCullough	George W. Olmstead	Nellie J. Bergeron	Westmoreland
5/23	Charlotte J. Mosley	Carl R. Merry	Ethel Sangster	Troy
7/26	Frank T. Moss	Arthur B. Moss	Anna L. Taylor	Sullivan
8/12	Florence Josephine Nauceder	Armedie Fish	Adelina Ouilet	Walpole
9/4	Mabel Pauline Parizo	Charles Gregory	Julia Archambeault	Keene
1/4	Mary Payne	Gerald McCarthy	Nellie Dennis	Westmoreland
6/24	Isabelle Peterson	John Whitney	Laura Wilbur	Walpole
8/17	Jesse D. Pickering	Jesse D. Pickering	Hattie Porter	Walpole
12/3	Alma M. Ring	Henry C. Metcalf	Mabel M. Hatch	Walpole
9/4	Marion Ella Sargent	Bernard Aldrich	Emma 'Unknown'	Westmoreland
4/7	Marion Starkey	Orrin Edward Harvey	Nellie May Elmore	Westmoreland
6/26	Gladys B. Sullivan	Richard Blair	Martha Babb	W. Swanzey
1/6	Omer Henry Vadnais	Polydor Vadnais	Celina Corteur	Spoifford
12/27/96	Gordon F. Walker	Frank W. Walker	Stella I. Carey	Westmoreland
4/14	Elinor Elvira White	Mark L. Stratton	Elvira A. Smith	W. Chesterfield
9/30	Kathleen Anne White	Henry G. Neugebauer	Rose Lyman	Jaffrey
1/8	William Henry Wilson	Peter Wilson	Irma Appel	Westmoreland
11/11	Paul B. Wright	Caleb N. Wright	Florence E. Burgun	Keene

BURIALS

Burial Date	Burial Place	Name	Place of Death	Date of Death
4/30	North Cemetery	Earl Raymond Baker	Westmoreland, NH	3/5/97
5/2	South Village Cemetery	Allen A. Britton	Manchester, NH	1/20/97
11/12	South Village Cemetery	Cecile B. Beckwith	Westmoreland, NH	11/1/97
8/20	South Village Cemetery	Annie Butler	Brattleboro, VT	8/17/97
10/29	South Village Cemetery	Mary F. English	Athol, MA	10/26/97
5/14	South Village Cemetery	Ernest W. Fancher	Ocala, FL	3/12/95
5/14	South Village Cemetery	Sylvia G. Fancher	Keene, NH	1/14/97
4/25	North Cemetery	Forest F. Hall Sr.	Winchester, NH	1/30/97
5/5	North Cemetery	Talbot R. Hood	Westmoreland, NH	5/2/97
5/5	South Village Cemetery	Arthur C. Messer	Rutland, VT	5/2/97
4/16	North Cemetery	Charlotte Ann Minckler	Keene, NH	12/9/96
10/2	South Village Cemetery	Harry Morse Pierce	Colchester, CT	9/29/97
5/1	North Cemetery	Helen Verende Prange	Keene, NH	1/20/97
5/10	South Village Cemetery	Marion Starkey	Westmoreland, NH	4/7/97
4/17	South Village Cemetery	Grace E. Stone	Keene, NH	1/20/97
10/25	South Village Cemetery	Kathleen Ann White	Westmoreland, NH	9/30/97
10/11	North Cemetery	Daniel Brian Willson	Peterborough, NH	10/8/97
8/23	East Cemetery	Rodney Charles Winchester	York, SC	8/15/97
10/16	South Village Cemetery	Kenneth L. Woolley	Peterborough, NH	10/12/97

DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
1/20	Manchester, NH	Allen A. Britton	Glenn Britton	Anna Barker
11/22	Keene, NH	Stephen R. Brusco Sr.	Jan Brusco	Anna Brusco
9/18	Keene, NH	August H. Buchta	August F. Buchta	Charlotte Fippinger
2/26	Keene, NH	Louise Ida Bussieres	Jean Morin Jr.	Georgianna Therien
2/8	Keene, NH	Timothy Jon Ruelke	Max R. Ruelke	Alberta R. Doodly
1/18	Keene, NH	Grace E. Stone	Gilman Carey	Kate Curtis



The Lord Cemetery, oldest stone dated 1791

MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Names	Residence
3/10	Keene, NH	Robert U. Cortez	Keene, NH
10/11	Walpole, NH	Charlotte Pierce Kirschnor Gary Robert Dennis	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH
9/27	Westmoreland, NH	Jessica Beth Kyle	Westmoreland, NH
10/18	Westmoreland, NH	Stephen Edward Emery Caryn Brenda Fremeth Theodore Parkman Ferguson, Jr. LeoNora Vivian Rockwell	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH Coventry, RI
9/14	Westmoreland, NH	Adrian Fieldhouse	England
5/10	Westmoreland, NH	Rebecca Marjorie Watts John Joseph Fontaine	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH
1/4	Keene, NH	Laura Lee Austin	Westmoreland, NH
12/21	Westmoreland, NH	Patrick Thomas Greenwood Christine Kathy Boyea Kenneth A. Gulfield	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH
7/12	Westmoreland, NH	Renda L. Wilson Kevin Mark McKibben	Westmoreland, NH Lynn, MA
6/28	Surry, NH	Jennifer Lynn Campbell Bruce Michael Pride	Stockton, CA Stockton, CA
9/13	Westmoreland, NH	Christine Elizabeth Magraw George E. Putnam	Winchester, NH Westmoreland, NH
2/4	Westmoreland, NH	Eleanor E. (Boyd) Hood Jose Ramon Urena Daisy Walker	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH Lawrence, MA

BIRTHS

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Mother's Name	Father's Name
1/4	Keene, NH	Franchesca Mae Adams	Robyne Anne Richardson	Stuart Richardson Adams
12/6/96	Keene, NH	Thomas Walter Bunszel	Barbara Ann Tolman	Walter John Bunszel
6/13	Keene, NH	Nathan Michael Frost	Gweneth Noel Hall	Michael Vernon Frost
8/4	Keene, NH	Tyler Joseph Hutcheson	Julia Elaine Frederick	Wade Hutcheson
5/2	Keene, NH	Laurissa May Johnson	Gale Marie Church	Kevin Richard Johnson
10/15	Keene, NH	Austin Joseph Kelly	Lisa Meredith Corr	Christopher Robin Kelly
3/31	Keene, NH	Kate Elizabeth Martin	Beth Ann Hiebel	Kurt Rowland Martin
8/21	Keene, NH	Eileea Kristina Paulin	Paula Lynn Hodgkins	Thomas Armin Paulin
2/16	Keene, NH	Jordan Ernest Vose	Krista Marie Reynolds	Jeffrey Sargent Vose

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair
Stuart R. Adams
Richard H. Frye
Florence K. Gray
John R. Harris

MODERATOR

Carlson Barrett

CLERK

Gail H. Ainsworth

TREASURER

Susan Goodnow

AUDITOR

Evelyn Hunter

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
John R. Harper, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Towns
Paul L. Bartolomucci, Assistant Superintendent for Keene
Deane B. Haskell, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Patricia Trow Parent, Manager of Personnel Services
Bruce Thielen, Director of Special Education

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of February, 1998

Kindergarten	13
Grade 1	15
Grade 2	20
Grade 3	16
Grade 4	21
Grade 5	23
Grade 6	21
Grade 7	32
Grade 8	19
TOTAL	180

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Personnel Manager, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

*Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 10th day of March, 1998, at 11:00 O'Clock in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary district officers:

A member of the school board for the ensuing three years
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year, from July 1, 1998
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 19th day of February, 1998.

*Michael J. Acerno, Jr. , Chair
Stuart R. Adams
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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said District on the 13th day of March, 1998, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to ratify and be bound by the financial provisions of a four-year collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: \$6,221.00 in 1997-1998; \$26,824.00 in 1998-1999; \$24,715.00 in 1999-2000; and \$26,826.00 in 2000-2001; and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,702.00 to fund the costs for the 1998-1999 fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District, if Article 2 is defeated, will authorize the Westmoreland School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to \$145,705.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1998-1999 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for School District officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$40,000.00 from unencumbered surplus funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1998, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the District in March, 1996, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article. The Westmoreland Budget Committee does not support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 19th day of February, 1998.

*Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair
Stuart R. Adams
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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 1998-99 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$944,353	\$964,549	\$1,001,902	3.87%	50.11%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$2,846	\$90,134	\$87,040	-3.43%	4.35%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$287,416	\$305,487	\$285,292	-6.61%	14.27%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,234,615	\$1,360,170	\$1,374,234	1.03%	68.73%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$373,997	\$412,970	\$438,336	6.14%	21.92%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.	\$33,157	\$33,820	\$34,497	2.00%	1.73%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$59,627	\$69,794	\$71,685	2.71%	3.59%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$466,781	\$516,584	\$544,518	5.41%	27.23%
(SAU#29)	\$81,953	\$80,456	\$80,745	0.36%	4.04%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$58,588	\$0		
TOTAL	\$1,783,349	\$2,015,798	\$1,999,497	-0.81%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 1998-99 BUDGET

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8)					
REGULAR INSTRUCTION					
Salaries	\$438,384	\$437,916	\$441,756		
Benefits	\$92,056	\$104,661	\$118,292		
Repair Equipment	\$551	\$900	\$900		
Conservation Camp	\$1,700	\$1,155	\$1,265		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$19,111	\$24,355	\$23,516		
Equipment	\$9,644	\$4,633	\$6,016		
Furniture	\$2,764	\$4,736	\$685		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$564,210	\$578,356	\$592,430	2.43%	29.63%
EXTRACURRICULAR					
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,439	\$4,717	\$4,717		
Assemblies/Officials	\$2,450	\$2,200	\$2,200		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$3,028	\$1,661	\$1,970		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$8,917	\$8,578	\$8,887	3.60%	0.44%
SCHOOL SERVICES					
Attendance	\$0	\$1	\$1		
Guidance	\$43,829	\$39,729	\$41,037		
Health	\$9,452	\$11,184	\$11,180		
Psychology	\$11,080	\$12,650	\$20,520		
Speech	\$110	\$0	\$8,047		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$64,471	\$63,564	\$80,785	27.09%	4.04%

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT					
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$1,257	\$3,465	\$3,342		
Course Reimbursement	\$3,485	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Staff Development	\$2,292	\$3,250	\$2,750		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$573	\$380	\$410		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$7,607	\$11,095	\$10,502	-5.34%	0.53%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA					
Salary & Benefits	\$13,204	\$13,185	\$13,180		
Media Membership	\$955	\$1,008	\$990		
Library Books & Supplies	\$5,109	\$5,103	\$4,968		
Equipment/Software	\$4,247	\$2,614	\$2,000		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$23,515	\$21,910	\$21,138	-3.52%	1.06%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS					
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,226	\$1,796	\$1,796		
Legal/Audit Services	\$6,698	\$800	\$800		
School Board Liability Insurance	\$1,656	\$1,656	\$1,656		
Other School District Expenses	\$1,235	\$730	\$830		
School Board Association	\$2,260	\$2,260	\$2,260		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$13,075	\$7,242	\$7,342	1.36%	0.37%

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED	
			SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% TOTAL BUDGET
			CHANGE	%
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION				
Principal's Salary	\$47,092	\$47,092	\$48,505	
Secretary's Salary	\$16,281	\$16,156	\$14,558	
Benefits	\$9,229	\$10,487	\$11,002	
Telephone	\$2,490	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Copier Maintenance	\$2,722	\$1,837	\$3,101	
Staff Development	\$145	\$600	\$250	
Postage	\$1,000	\$600	\$1,031	
Supplies/Misc.	\$2,971	\$3,120	\$3,100	
Equipment/Furniture	\$0	\$3,095	\$0	
Professional Dues	\$450	\$628	\$638	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$82,380	\$86,615	\$85,185	-1.65%

4.26%

BUILDING SERVICES

Salaries	\$21,492	\$19,824	\$22,834	
Benefits	\$7,747	\$9,549	\$9,568	
Rubbish Removal	\$1,600	\$1,680	\$1,640	
Repairs to Building	\$15,212	\$6,651	\$7,354	
Water Tests	\$537	\$1,100	\$750	
SMP Insurance	\$4,660	\$4,612	\$4,843	
Supplies/Materials	\$11,226	\$5,942	\$7,047	
Electricity	\$12,363	\$10,500	\$13,043	
Oil	\$6,631	\$6,600	\$6,586	
Custodial Equipment	\$792	\$1,800	\$650	
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$82,260	\$68,258	\$74,315	8.87%

3.72%

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION					
Regular Elementary	\$73,804	\$75,280	\$76,785		
Athletic	\$1,775	\$1,404	\$1,810		
Field Trips	\$2,291	\$2,847	\$2,847		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$77,870	\$79,531	\$81,442	2.40%	4.07%
OTHER STAFF SERVICES					
Unemployment Compensation	\$48	\$0	\$0		
Fingerprinting Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$476		
Staff Physicals	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$48	\$0	\$476		
FUND TRANSFERS					
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$20,000	\$0	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,400		
Transfer to Food Services	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$20,000	\$39,400	\$39,400	0.00%	1.97%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$944,353	\$964,549	\$1,001,902	3.87%	50.11%
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$0	\$29,391	\$26,297		
Interest on Cat.Aid Borrowing	\$2,846	\$5,743	\$5,743		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$2,846	\$90,134	\$87,040	-3.43%	4.35%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$947,199	\$1,054,683	\$1,088,942	3.25%	54.46%

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION					
Salaries	\$59,691	\$58,682	\$64,951		
Benefits	\$16,080	\$17,929	\$21,165		
OT/PTM/Vision/Hearing	\$3,035	\$2,800	\$4,853		
Supplies/Workbooks/Misc.	\$679	\$959	\$1,672		
Pre-School Tuition	\$0	\$4,100	\$1,775		
Elementary Collaborative Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$18,820		
Elementary Out-of-District Tuition	\$201,427	\$215,223	\$165,118		
Consultation to Staff	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$6,504	\$5,794	\$6,938		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$287,416	\$305,487	\$285,292	-6.61%	14.27%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,234,615	\$1,360,170	\$1,374,234	1.03%	68.73%
HIGH SCHOOL					
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS					
Keene High School	\$373,997	\$412,970	\$438,336		
64 students @ \$6,849.					
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$373,997	\$412,970	\$438,336	6.14%	21.92%
TRANSPORTATION					
Regular - Keene High School	\$33,157	\$33,820	\$34,497		
TOTAL HS TRANSPORT.	\$33,157	\$33,820	\$34,497	2.00%	1.73%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$407,154	\$446,790	\$472,833	5.83%	23.65%

	ACTUAL 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1998-99	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION					
Keene High School Tuition	\$25,574	\$40,620	\$34,245	-15.69%	
5 students @ \$6,849.					
Tuition - High School Collaborative	\$34,053	\$29,174	\$32,440		
High School Out-of-District	\$0	\$0	\$5,000		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL INSTRUC.	\$59,627	\$69,794	\$71,685	2.71%	3.59%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$466,781	\$516,584	\$544,518	5.41%	27.23%
ADMINISTRATION					
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$81,953	\$80,456	\$80,745	0.36%	4.04%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$58,588	\$0		
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,783,349	\$2,015,798	\$1,999,497	-0.81%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
 1998/99 PROPOSED BUDGET
 ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	1997/98 BUDGET	1998/99 PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM.	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$86,134	\$60,000		
Amt. Raised by Taxes	\$1,658,633	\$1,688,812	1.82%	\$30,179
Interest	\$1,200	\$1,200		
Lunch Local	\$23,000	\$23,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
N.H. Foundation Aid	\$23,152	\$19,438		
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,500	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid *	\$153,002	\$136,787		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$12,067	\$10,900		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$1,000	\$1,000		
N.H. Kindergarten Aid	\$10,500	\$11,250		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Chapter 1 & 2	\$15,810	\$15,810		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$11,000		
TOTALS	\$2,015,798	\$1,999,497	-0.81%	(\$16,301)
ESTIMATED TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET			\$0.31	
ESTIMATED TAX RATE INCREASE FROM TEACHERS CONTRACT (\$38,702)			\$0.40	
TOTAL ESTIMATED TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BOTH .			\$0.71	

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1997

School District: Westmoreland

	Acct.No.	[1] General	[2] Special Revenue	[3] Capital Projects	[4] Food Service	[5] Capital Reserve
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
1. Cash	100	42,677.27		16,512.30	2,044.00	20,748.65
2. Investments	110					
3. Taxes Receivable	120					
4. Interfund Receivables	130	910.24				
5. Intergovernmental Receivables	140	179,905.50	910.24		1,811.00	
6. Other Receivables	150					
7. Bond Proceeds Receivable	160					
8. Inventories	170					
9. Prepaid Expenses	180					
10. Other Current Assets	190					
11. Total Current Assets (lines 1-10)		223,493.01	910.24	16,512.30	3,855.00	20,748.65
Fixed Assets						
12. Machinery and Equipment	240					
13. Total Assets (lines 11 & 12)		223,493.01	910.24	16,512.30	3,855.00	20,748.65
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Current Liabilities						
14. Interfund Payables	400					
15. Intergovernmental Payables	410	8,663.95	910.24			
16. Other Payables	420	127,224.35				
17. Contracts Payable	430					
18. Bonds Payable	440					
19. Interest Payable	450	433.76				
20. Accrued Expenses	460					
21. Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	470	1,036.84				
22. Deferred Earnings	480					
23. Other Current Liabilities	490					
24. Total Liabilities (lines 14-23)		137,358.90	910.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity						
25. Unreserved Retained Earnings	740					
26. Reserve for Encumbrances	753			0.00		
27. Reserve for Special Purposes	760					
28. Unreserved Fund Balance	770	86,134.11	0.00	16,512.30	3,855.00	20,748.65
29. Total Fund Equity (lines 25-28)		86,134.11	0.00	16,512.30	3,855.00	20,748.65
30. TOTAL LIAB.&EQUITY (24&29)		223,493.01	910.24	16,512.30	3,855.00	20,748.65

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR 1996/97

Regular Instruction		
Teachers - Full Year:	Salaries	
Carol Browning	\$26,032	
Nancy Belsky	\$39,535	
Leslie Carlson	\$37,340	
Donald Davis	\$38,335	
Paul Deschenes Jr.	\$31,379	
Karen Durling	\$37,340	
Maria Martinez (less Fed. Funds)	\$37,340	
Joan Murray	\$37,340	
Nancy Newton	\$38,335	
Lauren Zwolinski	\$38,335	
Charles Powell	\$12,883	
Caro Dellenbaugh-Dempsey	\$23,001	
Mee Yin Morrison	\$12,101	
Ana Savedra	\$5,206	
Kim Wallach	\$12,346	
Algebra Stipend	\$2,400	
Total Teacher Salaries		\$413,548
Classroom Aide Salary:		
Sandra McGuirk		\$6,819
Substitute Salaries		\$18,017
Benefits		\$92,056
Equipment Repair		\$427
Conservation Camp		\$1,700
High School Tuition		\$373,997
Materials		\$19,235
Equipment/Software		\$12,408
Special Education Teacher Salary - Jeanne Buzuvis		\$30,467
Special Education Aides Salaries:		
Martina Muserallo		\$10,710
Julie Perham		\$10,395
Caroline Wheeler		\$2,628
Stephanie Sowa		\$3,124
Tutors		\$2,367
Benefits		\$16,080

OT/PT/Hearing Services	\$3,035
Special Education Tuition	\$261,054
Special Education Materials	\$679
Extracurricular Salaries	\$3,160
Benefits	\$279
Assembly Programs	\$1,249
Officials	\$1,201
Supplies/Awards	\$2,105
Other Extracurricular	\$923
Guidance Salary - Celia Slason	\$27,618
Benefits	\$10,142
Evaluation & Placement	\$4,200
Materials	\$1,869
Nurse Salary - Joyce Kempton/Georgianna Hamilton	\$7,550
Benefits	\$631
Physician Services	\$300
Supplies	\$971
Psychology Program	\$11,080
Speech Therapy	\$110
Staff Development	\$7,607
Media Generalist Salary - Gail Fleming	\$12,153
Benefits	\$1,051
Media Membership	\$955
Supplies	\$1,868
Books/Software	\$7,488
School Officials Salaries	\$1,143
Benefits	\$83
Legal Services	\$1,542
Negotiations	\$4,856
Liability Insurance	\$1,656
School Board Association	\$2,260
Other Expenses	\$1,535

N.H. SAU #29	\$81,953
Principal's Salary - William Harris	\$47,092
Secretaries' Salaries - Theresa Acerno, Debra Nelson	\$16,821
Benefits	\$9,229
Staff Development/Dues	\$145
Supplies	\$2,061
Telephone	\$2,490
Postage/Printing	\$1,591
Equipment Maintenance	\$2,769
Equipment & Furniture	\$0
Other Expenses	\$182
Custodian's Salary - Stephen Regan/Kenneth Reader	\$20,464
Custodian - Summer/PT	\$1,028
Benefits	\$7,747
Building Service/Repairs	\$20,516
Property Insurance	\$4,660
Supplies/Materials	\$4,240
Oil/Gas	\$6,946
Electricity	\$12,363
Mowing/Snowplowing	\$793
Rubbish Removal	\$1,600
Equipment	\$792
Other	\$1,111
Transportation	\$117,531
Staff Services	\$2,437
Principal on Bonds	\$0
Interest on Bonds	\$0
Interest on Cat. Aid	\$2,846
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$20,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$1,783,349

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMPUTER & STATISTICAL SERVICES
CONCORD

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 19 97
Return Original to State Department of Education Prior to July 15.

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1996 (Treasurer's bank balance).....		\$ <u>22,266.37</u>
Received from Selectmen (include only amounts actually received).....	_____	
Current Appropriation.....	<u>1,614,650.00</u>	
Deficit Appropriation.....	_____	
Balance of Previous Appropriations.....	<u>35,835.00</u>	
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation.....	_____	
Revenue from State Sources.....	<u>133,463.42</u>	
Revenue from Federal Sources.....	_____	
Received from Tuitions.....	<u>5,562.00</u>	
Received as Income from Trust Funds.....	<u>247.54</u>	
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal Only).....	<u>672,738.00</u>	
Received from Capital Reserve Funds.....	_____	
Received from all Other Sources.....	<u>74,523.49</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		\$ <u>2,542,019.45</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)		<u>2,564,285.82</u>
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID.....		<u>2,503,150.45</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1997 (Treasurer's Bank Balance).....		\$ <u>61,135.37</u>

Jun 30, 1998

Susan Godnow
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998 and find them correct in all respects.

Feb 6 1998

Auditors Lucy M Hunter

GIVE DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE

Detailed Statement of Receipts

For Office Use Only			
Ct.	U.	Dist.	Loc.

Date	From Whom	Description	Amount	Office Use
1	Various	Town of Westmoreland	96/97 Appropriation	1,650,485.00
2	5/97	Savings Bank of Walpole	CAT Aid Loan	122,738.00
3	1/97	Comp Funds of NH	Return of Contrib.	3,971.19
4	Various	Delano Transportation	Bus Tickets	2,589.00
5	11/96	Westmoreland PTA	Gym Fund Donation	1,068.00
6	12/96	Westmoreland School	Gym Fund Donation	3,003.35
7	1/97	Timkin Foundation	Gym Fund Donation	16,400.00
8	Various	NH PDIP	Gym Bond Transfers	560,216.36
9	11/96	Public Service of NH	Refund	4,996.76
10	Various	State of NH	Various	41,235.94
11		State of NH	CAT Aid Reimbursement	89,227.48
12		State of NH	Kindergarten Aid	8,000.00
13		Chesterfield School Dist	Tuition	5,562.00
14		Westmoreland School	School Lunch	19,200.10
15		David Newton	Health Insurance	2,598.24
16		Barbara Messer	Health Insurance	2,894.88
17		Cheshire Oil	Reimbursement	1,765.70
18		Granite Bank	Sweeps Fund Interest	3,386.81
19		NHSBIT	Dividend	1,259.00
20		Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous	1,421.64
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TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR	2,542,019.45
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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 11, 1997**

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters having met at the time and place mentioned in the warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator R. Bruce Smith at 11:00 a.m. The school warrant and Article 1 were read by the Moderator and after he declared the polls open, voting commenced. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were then counted and the results of the elections are as follows:

For District Moderator for the ensuing year:
R. Bruce Smith - 61 votes and was declared elected.

For Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years:
Michael J. Acerno - 202 votes and was declared elected.
Richard Frye - 177 votes and was declared elected.

For Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years:
Stuart R. Adams - 279 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:
Evelyn Hunter - 274 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:
Susan Goodnow - 35 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:
Gail Ainsworth - 11 votes and was declared elected.

303 voters of the registered 960 voted.

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 17, 1997**

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator R. Bruce Smith on Friday, March 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Westmoreland School.

A motion was made by Joanne Smith to recess the annual meeting until Monday, March 17, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland School due to severe weather conditions. The motion was seconded by Harry Nelson.

No discussion - voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator R. Bruce Smith on Monday, March 17, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland School. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment at a time and acting upon that amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

The Moderator explained that the school warrant articles listed in the Annual Report were numbered different than the warrant that was available at District Meeting. The Moderator stated that the correct school warrant articles were in the handout available at District Meeting.

Mr. Bruce Smith introduced the administration from the S.A.U.: Dr. Phillip McCormack, Mr. Richard Pike, Mrs. Patricia Trow Parent, Mr. John Harper, Mr. Douglas Hatfield, and Westmoreland School Principal, Mr. William Harris. A motion was made by Tim DeFreitas and seconded by Michael Acerno that these introduced individuals should be allowed to explain or clarify issues raised during the course of the meeting in their areas of expertise. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

A motion was made by Tim DeFreitas that the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers of the District be received and accepted as printed in the annual report. The motion was seconded by Michael Acerno and passed by a voice vote.

Nancy Fisher questioned the Moderator as to whether or not everyone present were registered voters.

The Moderator asked for non-voting citizens. Everyone present are registered voters except for the introduced guests and the Sentinel reporter.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Eight (\$58,588.00) Dollars for 1996-1997 special education costs and to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight (\$25,738.00) Dollars representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1996-1997 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 186-C:18, or to take any other action in relation thereto, with the remainder, in the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty (\$32,850.00) Dollars, to be raised by taxation. This is a deficit appropriation for the current school year. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

A motion was made by Stuart Adams and seconded by Flossie Gray to accept the article as written.

Richard Daschbach questioned the Board as to how we got into this deficit fix.

Tim DeFreitas explained that a student moved into district. He stated that funds were not allocated for this student.

Considerable discussion ensued.

Article 2 was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Five (\$134,805.00) Dollars representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1997-1998 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

A motion was made by Stuart Adams and seconded by Flossie Gray to accept this article as written.

Jim Beeler questioned the Board as to what the taxpayers are required to pay as a mandate, rather than necessity.

Timothy DeFreitas stated that the mandate is to provide the best education that can be provided for the children.

Considerable discussion ensued.

Article 3 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to accept and be bound by the financial provisions of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland Teachers Association and the Westmoreland School Board, which provides for an additional work day for teachers beginning the 1998-1999 school year, a change in health insurance whereby the District's contribution to health insurance will be tied to a less expensive HMO plan, and

average salary increases to 3.4 percent (approximately \$16,847.00) in the year one, 5.4 percent (approximately \$27,668.00) in year two, and 5.9 percent (approximately \$31,862.00) in year three, and to raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Seven (\$20,577.00) Dollars to fund the costs for the 1997-1998 school year, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article. The Westmoreland Budget Committee does not support article.)*

The Moderator stated that he had two legal petitions to vote by ballot.

A motion was made by Michael Acerno and seconded by Tim DeFreitas to accept the article as written.

Pat Bentrup, Chairman of the Westmoreland Budget Committee, questioned the School Board as to how they came up with the figures.

Tim DeFreitas stated that the Board and Staff bargained together. There were three Board members present and three staff members present. He stated that a lot of issues were discussed at their bargaining, including the high costs of health insurance, which would be eliminated with this contract. He stated they were looking at an HMO which would be less costly than the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He also stated that currently our teachers are paid less than teachers in the Chesterfield School District, approximately 7.7%. The new contract would bring the teachers up to the salary level of the Chesterfield School District teachers.

Barbara Tarantino commended the Board on their using collaborative bargaining and coming up with an agreement. She also stated that she wanted to remind everyone that they elected these Board members and she encouraged everyone to vote for the contract.

Marshall Gordon stated that he had problems with the contract. He stated that the increase was more than we could afford. He stated that the teachers need to give the children more time. He stated that he felt the teachers should work at least 190 days. He stated also that he feels the teachers are entitled to a cost of living raise.

Tim Thompson questioned the Board as to the consequences of not accepting the contract.

Tim DeFreitas stated that they would have to go back to the bargaining table. He stated the teachers do not want to make a concession.

Lois Jordan questioned what the official total cost of Article 1 and Article 4 would be.

John Harper stated that, if Articles 1, 4 and 5 passed, the total amount to be raised in additional taxes in 1997-1998 will be \$221,394.

Motion to move questions by Flossie Gray, seconded by Michael Acerno.

The Moderator stated that this would be a ballot vote. He stated that if one voted yes, it was in favor of the article. If one voted no, one was voting against the article.

The Moderator announced, after all ballots were cast, there were 204 voters. YES - 60, NO - 104. Article 4 does not pass.

Marshall Gordon made a motion that the Westmoreland School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for:

#1: \$16,000 as a cost of living wage increase of approximate 2.9% for the fiscal 1997-1998 year for the Westmoreland teachers.

#2: \$2,000 to be added to the \$4,000 already in the prior year's contract to be used for course reimbursement for continuing education for the Westmoreland teachers.

It is the intent of the motion that these funds be returned to the town of Westmoreland if not used for the above named purpose.

Considerable discussion ensued.

The Moderator stated that he would need a vote of the house.

The Moderator stated that there were 190 voters. YES - 83, NO - 107. The amendment to Article 4 does not pass.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board supports the sum of One Million, Nine Hundred, Sixty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Six (\$1,968,196.00) Dollars. The Westmoreland Budget Committee recommends the sum of One Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ten (\$1,957,210.00) Dollars.)*

Motion was made by Pat Bentrup and seconded by Walter Derjue to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation in the amount of \$1,957,210.00.

Motion was made by Tim DeFreitas and seconded by Flossie Gray to add back the the sum of \$10,986 to the amendment.

Jim Beeler questioned where the \$10,986 would go.

Tim DeFreitas stated staff physicals, Principal, Janitor, Algebra funding, Computer, EAP, guidance counselor.

Considerable discussion ensued.

The Moderator stated he would have a vote of the house on the amendment to add back \$10,986 to Article 5.

The Moderator stated that there were 180 voters. YES - 73, NO - 107. The amendment to Article 5 does not pass.

The Moderator stated that a vote would be taken for the original article, recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$1,957,210.00.

Article 5 was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will authorize the formation of an Extended Day Kindergarten Study Committee, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article.)*

A motion made by Michael Acerno and seconded by Flossie Gray to accept Article 6, as written.

Discussion ensued relative to this article.

The Moderator stated that he would have a vote of the house. Voters - 149, YES - 56, NO - 93, Article 6 does not pass.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator stated that it was great conducting a meeting in the new gym. He also stated that it is great to see the gym being used. He stated that on about any given night there are people using the new facility.

Flossie Gray stated that she had had the pleasure of working with two great people over the last several years. She asked Tim DeFreitas and Barbara Tarantino to step forward and presented them each with a plaque. A resolution was then read and presented to Tim DeFreitas and Barbara Tarantino.

RESOLUTION
dated March 14, 1997

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Westmoreland are most grateful for Timothy DeFreitas' devoted service to the children of Westmoreland and his community as School Board Member from August, 1993, through March, 1997; and as its Chairperson for one year; and,

WHEREAS, Timothy DeFreitas worked diligently with the board and employees in the area of negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, Timothy DeFreitas always conducted his duties as Board Member and Chairperson diligently and in a manner truly reflecting his genuine interest in his position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the voters of the School District of Westmoreland recognize with gratitude Timothy DeFreitas' contribution to the children, the school and the community by unanimously adopting this resolution as a lasting tribute to Timothy DeFreitas to be entered into the permanent records of the District and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. DeFreitas.

The Westmoreland School District

RESOLUTION
dated March 14, 1997

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Westmoreland are most grateful for Barbara J. Tarantino's devoted service to the children of Westmoreland and her community as School Board Member from March, 1993, through October, 1996; and as its Chairperson from March, 1994, through March 1995; and as Co-Chair of the Westmoreland Building Committee from 1989 to 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Tarantino worked diligently with the board and employees in the area of negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Tarantino always conducted her duties as Board Member and Chairperson diligently and in a manner truly reflecting her genuine interest in her position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the voters of the School District of Westmoreland recognize with gratitude Barbara J. Tarantino's contribution to the children, the school and the community by unanimously adopting this resolution as a lasting tribute to Barbara J. Tarantino to be entered into the permanent records of the District and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Tarantino.

The Westmoreland School District

A motion was made by Michael Acerno and seconded by Flossie Gray to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote.

*Gail H. Ainsworth, Clerk
Westmoreland School District*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Westmoreland School District's focus continues to be one of quality and improvement. This is very positive in that the staff at Westmoreland School understands that the community expects students to perform at high levels and, since the expectation of high performance is always changing, it must continuously work to improve the quality of learning opportunities for students. The staff has maintained this focus and has worked to identify ways to improve instruction, revise curriculum and assess student performance.

The staff at the school has readily accepted the challenge of continuous improvement. It knows that the community holds it accountable for the quality of instruction and the subsequent degree of learning that occurs within the building. The time and energy that has been devoted to the review of curriculum, especially as it relates to performance on state and nationally standardized testing, reflects this. One area of the curriculum that has been prioritized this year is writing. Based upon the staff's review of test data, a commitment has been made to engage students in more writing activities which challenge their abilities and reinforce skill development. This writing is occurring across the curriculum in all classes, not just in language arts or English classes.

A number of staff members have actively participated in professional development activities that relate to effective teaching techniques, brain functions and learning styles, student management, technology, early intervention strategies, and curriculum development. Participation in these activities not only promotes growth in the respective individual, but also in other staff members when the information or skill learned in the respective activity is shared with them. For example, Mrs. Newton's knowledge relative to learning and the teaching of reading aided her efforts to write an article on this subject in *Curriculum Highlights* which is read by teachers, parents and community members. Another example is the continued professional development that Mr. Davis has participated in with respect to meteorology. His expanded knowledge in this area has significantly impacted the scope and quality of instruction, as well as the motivational level of students in his science classes.

The way in which the curriculum is presented or taught to students also impacts learning. Teachers at Westmoreland School have continued their efforts to develop and implement programs that are interdisciplinary in nature and which place an emphasis on "hands on" learning activities. This results in enhanced motivational levels which leads to increased retention. The use of technology as a learning tool continues to enhance learning opportunities for students. Through the use of technology students can reinforce skills taught, gain greater access to information, problem solve, and engage in activities that require higher level thinking skills.

In addition to the staff's use of test data to identify specific areas of the curriculum that need improvement, the staff has also been quite successful in using it to assess student performance. I recognize that the Westmoreland staff is a leader in SAU 29 in this endeavor. Analysis of test data -- state testing as well as national standardized testing -- show Westmoreland students performing very well in most areas, especially on standardized testing.

With respect to community expectation and teacher accountability, it is very important to maintain good communication with community members. They need to know what is happening and how effective certain programs are. The staff at the school has done a very fine job in communicating to parents. Articles in *Curriculum Highlights* are informative, candid and timely. The Principal's Forum continues to provide parents and community members with a vehicle to express concerns and identify issues in a public forum. The annual parent survey allows parents to rate the school's performance. Results of this survey are reviewed by the teachers, principal and school board. Parent and community member representation on various committees provides yet another means of communication between the school and community. Involvement in the work of these committees has been positive and productive. I am thankful for the degree of involvement that is prevalent in Westmoreland.

One notable example of involvement this year is the work of the Cultural Arts Committee and of Carlson Barrett and others who brought the band and chorus program to Westmoreland. I was honored to be a guest in the audience last spring and this December to see and hear the results of the hard work of so many supportive community members, parents, students, and friends who made this dream become a reality. What a wonderful opportunity for the children of Westmoreland!

I trust and hope that this level of informed community involvement and support will continue. Please make time to visit the school. Also, please plan to attend the annual school district meeting on Friday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It always gives me great pride to be able to address the people of Westmoreland and to report to you those items that your school has worked to accomplish. It is my opinion that this community has much to be proud of and, on behalf of the Westmoreland School staff, I'd like to thank you for your continued support for quality education in Westmoreland.

Please welcome Cori Sarsfield, Flossie Gray, Angéle Romano, and Irene Vail to the staff of the Westmoreland School. Cori is filling in admirably for Joan Murray and teaching fourth grade; Flossie is volunteering as the kindergarten aide; Angéle is a child specific special education aide; and Irene is the general special education aide. We also wish a happy retirement to longtime school secretary extraordinaire Theresa Acerno. The two Bradford Pear trees in front of the school remind us of her enduring commitment to the school and to the children of Westmoreland.

Our daily attendance last year averaged 188, running as high as 193 in February to a low of 182 this past December. Our present enrollment is 183. Enrollments have been steady over the past few years, but are expected to begin to drop in the 1999-2000 school year.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the new gymnasium is in constant use. From the ribbon-cutting ceremony last January to now, it seems like the gym has something going on in it every day. We've had gym classes; class gatherings; dances; all school sings and meetings; school, town, and pick up basketball; baseball and softball; the Annual Sports Banquet; band/chorus rehearsals and concerts; the Spring and Christmas Concerts; the KHS Jazz Band and Chorus; the Robert Rivest Mime Theater; public hearings; town and district meetings; and graduation! The Fund Raising Committee, the PTA, the Student Council, and a number of very generous townspeople are responsible for obtaining bleachers, volleyball equipment, chairs, a clock, a scoreboard, flags, cages for the fire lights and horns, racks for ball storage, a sound system, and a floor cover. Our school is truly complete and we are very grateful to the community. The list of people to thank is too lengthy to print here, but special mention must be made of the work that Terry Cox, Flossie Gray, and Don Watson did to bring this dream to life.

In the interests of setting high standards, guiding school improvement, and meeting our obligation of accountability to the community, the Westmoreland School staff continues to consider student achievement data carefully in determining how to address student academic needs. In compliance with state law, we administer the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program's (NHEIAP) Statewide Assessment to our third and sixth graders. We also administer the California Achievement Test, Fifth Edition (CAT/5) in grades four, five, seven, and eight.

Our California Achievement Test data confirmed the validity of our academic improvement efforts but, more importantly, it shows that, in general, Westmoreland students outperform the majority of students nationwide. The school's grade three and six statewide assessment scores continue to improve. Our students have consistently outperformed other third and sixth graders statewide. Based in part on this data, we fine tuned the Westmoreland School Continuous Improvement Plan to address three academic needs. They are: spelling, writing, and math computation.

The academic aspects of our Continuous Improvement Plan have been discussed in detail with staff. The discussion has been detailed, sincere, and very productive with most staff members working the pursuit of the CIP goals into their individual professional growth plans and goals for the year. In short, teachers are refocusing their efforts in writing in the following areas: logical organization, fully developing fluency in topic and the use of detail, and attention to spelling, grammar, and mechanics. In math we are reemphasizing math computation and considering a kindergarten or grades 1 through 5 program adoption. And in spelling we are reemphasizing syllabication rules, memorization of the High Use 1200 words, the posting of content area vocabulary, and a solid work ethic.

Parents completed the Fourth Annual Mission Statement Assessment Questionnaire last spring. As you probably know, the weaker results of this survey are addressed in our Continuous Improvement Plan, much of which will be discussed in this report. Parents felt that our relative past strengths remain strong: taking pride in the school, allowing children to pursue questions of interest, teachers and children excited about their classes and curriculum, cooperative learning ongoing, children actively involved in their learning, developmentally appropriate practices employed, and lots of volunteers in the school. There were also improvements in parents' perceptions of students' interpersonal skills. This was an encouraging sign as it has been a longstanding area of focus.

It was disappointing to see that parents still said they didn't know enough about their child's learning style and were not usually aware of how their child's teacher(s) were adapting instruction to meet individual learning styles. And a downturn in parents' perceptions of how well the school and community worked together also appeared. These areas have garnered virtually everyone's attention this year as you will read in the following paragraphs.

Developing better home/school relationships and increasing people's trust levels are always much desired goals. This was the theme of a school board/staff retreat at Antioch New England Graduate School last June. We were joined by Superintendent Phil McCormack and Personnel Manager Pat Trow Parent. Although we didn't all agree on all things, from this day came better relationships between the staff and board. Four subcommittees were formed and charged to continue the work begun that day. The four subcommittees are: Discipline Committee, Teacher Initiatives Committee, Staff/Community Projects Committee, and School-Wide Theme Committee.

The Teacher Initiatives Committee reaffirmed the staff's Opening Letters and Curriculum Highlights, and restructured a very well received Open House. This group ensures that the Westmorelander receives regular articles from the school and coordinates staff representation to the PTA. There are plans to offer two Education Forums later in the spring.

The Projects Committee organized an Opening Tea for parents on the first day of school, and there are plans for an exercise class and a dance in the near future. It is also hoped that the new classroom wing of the school will be painted this spring.

The Discipline Committee is working to clarify and further refine the student discipline systems school wide. A key component of its work was to involve students more in determining the details of the program. There is still much work to be done, especially with the primary and intermediate grades, and you will be able to read much more over the next several months.

The School-Wide Theme Committee is geared up to present the Time Machine, an 11-week interdisciplinary and multi-age learning project similar in nature to the Our Town Project of 1995-1996. A Project Exhibition Day is planned for early May and we hope to see lots of townspeople attend. Look for details in Curriculum Highlights and the Westmorelander.

Principal's Forums, designed to gather and, if possible, address parental or community concerns about the school, began last year and are continuing this year. Although attendance has been generally sparse, the dialogue has been engaging, informative, and helpful. The forums are held the first Wednesday of each month in the school library.

The PTA continues to make positive contributions to the school through monthly meetings and special projects such as the promotional reading program, "Get On Board The Imagination Train," book fairs, the Chinese Auction, the Community Birthday Calendar, sweatshirt sales, the Reflections Art Program, the school symbol voting, and South Pacific Day. The PTA and Town Library cooperatively brought the Robert Rivest Mime Theater to Westmoreland last spring. We are very fortunate, indeed, to have such a dedicated group of parents. In response to an initiative spearheaded by the PTA, five staff members earned CPR certification. For the third year in a row, the PTA's After K/After School Program Steering Committee recommended that the Keene Family YMCA be rehired for the 1997-1998 school year.

The Instructional Support Team (IST) has met biweekly to assist staff in analyzing student needs and learning styles, and to collaboratively brainstorm with staff to tailor instruction to individual students. The IST has become the coordinating body for all general educational issues that come before the school. Such topics include assessment, rubric development, preschool outreach, gifted and talented programs, and the effectiveness study. We plan to find and adopt a learning styles assessment or inventory this year, to develop a means for soliciting parental input into the identification of their child's learning style, and to develop and maintain a record keeping system to preserve learning styles data on every child.

The IST took a close look at the effectiveness of the interventionary steps that we have taken over the past few years such as employing a full-time counselor, a reading specialist, refocusing Title One, and hiring inclusionary special education aides. We defined effectiveness in terms of successful interventions with students. Some contend that, because some students act up in school, they achieve less and, therefore, demand more services. We found that the opposite is almost always the case. Students who have difficulty achieving in school, for a multitude of reasons, very often act up. The answer for these students lies in thoughtful intervention and support. We provide that and, because we do, students are not allowed to fail. This staff is willing and able to do the most difficult work of all, and do it successfully and effectively.

Student behavior and discipline are topics that are often on people's minds and, using the principles of our social curriculum, the staff has continued to expand and refine our systems to extract better and better behavior from our students. For two years, the Skillstreaming Program has put forty or more individual positive school/life skills before every student, taught and modeled by staff weekly.

The new primary and intermediate grades' behavior management system, similar in nature to the middle school's, is gaining effectiveness and has been fairly well received by parents, staff, and students. The staff endlessly discusses consistency and the interpretation and enforcement of rules.

The middle school system continues to work very well, and positive behavior is at an all time high. We have seen a reduction in reportable misbehavior for three consecutive years. The staff is to be commended for their dedication and effort at making this positive, growth-oriented behavior management approach successful.

The Student Council initiated a discussion on student attitudes and perceptions towards the school and discipline. The group was very constructive and these discussions led to the initiation of Principal's Forums for Kids.

To recognize the significant positive efforts of students, the staff implemented a system to note student academic excellence or extreme kindness for further recognition by the school. Personal notes are sent home to these students' parents by either the teachers or me.

A report card questionnaire last spring showed that parents are pleased with the reporting systems in place at the school, that students' grades match their achievement levels, and that our social skill development assessments are accurate. Based on some of this data, we have made changes in the fifth grade report card to provide a smoother transition to middle school and to ensure greater consistency with the other fifth grades in SAU 29. New forms, consistent with the other schools in SAU 29, are also in place in third grade.

A great number of staff members have pursued projects and professional growth of note including serving on the New Hampshire State Assessment Committees, organizing monthly all school sings, conducting a school-wide planting activity with Warren Britton, attending a Waldorf Early Childhood Methods Course, attending the Every Child Is A Learner Conference in Boston, working on the Meteorology and National Science Standards in Washington, D.C., attending the Teaching, Working and Living with Children and Youth With Active and Impulsive Behaviors Seminars at Keene State College, teaching and attending a Teaching Place Workshop offered by Franklin Pierce College's Institute of People, Place and Culture, participating in the NASA/NCTM Mission Mathematics Project in Houston, attending the New Hampshire Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England's 34th Annual Spring Conference, and participating in a two-part spelling in-service by Diane Woods from Landmark College in Putney.

Our new computer network was installed last summer and our Internet connection is complete and available to all students and staff. This work was accomplished primarily with the use of federal funds and about \$1,600 from the PTA. Media Generalist, Gail Fleming worked with SAU 29 staff to develop a Responsible Use Policy, a guiding document for parents and students to sign and follow. Thirteen staff members received nearly 200 hours of technology training last summer!

Westmoreland School was presented with a School 2000 award by SafeSurf, a leading web rating system, and by WorldVillage, a popular family-oriented web site. The award is given in recognition of schools who are utilizing the technology of the future to educate the children of today. Find us at <http://top.monad.net/users/donaldd/home.html>.

The Five Year Technology Plan is in the process of revision which is also part of the Continuous Improvement Plan's 1997-1998 recommendations. The committee (Don Davis, Lauren Zwolinski, Tom Warner, Gail Fleming, Richard Frye, Barry Shonbeck, Ed Freyenhagen, and Dean Hollatz and me) began work on this last December.

To help prekindergarten children transition better into Westmoreland School, and to better enable parents' understanding of what we do, the Preschool Outreach Program was developed by the IST. Thirty-eight Westmoreland families of preschoolers were invited to attend two workshops at the school; roughly ten families responded. The workshops were Beginning School: Building Bridges, and Reading and Language Development in Young Children. This program is continuing this year.

Special thanks to Carlson Barrett and the Cultural Arts Committee for beginning a band program at the school. The first concert last spring was attended by over 100 people! We were especially proud of the band's performances at the Fireman's Barbecue and at the opening of concerts on the Walpole Town Common last summer. Carlson noted that the students have set very high standards of excellence, pride, and respect for Westmoreland School. At present we have twenty-two children signed up for experienced band, sixteen for beginning band, and forty-eight for chorus!

The selection of a new school symbol was of major interest last year. Students developed their proposals with their Writing Partners. The proposed symbols, all 115 of them, and their respective rationales were on display throughout the spring in the multi-purpose room. Through a series of votes, the choices were whittled down until the final vote was conducted in mid-May. Tom Hanna and Joe Britton's Blue Storm was selected by the students. The PTA framed the original artwork and it is on display leading into the new gym. The PTA also purchased a Blue Storm banner to hang in the gym.

The Annual Sports Awards Banquet last June honored the following students :

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| Ann Bergeron Sportsmanship Award: | Mary Fredette and John MacKay |
| Thomas D. White Award: | John MacKay |
| Jamie Hurley Award: | Denise Draper |
| Boys Athlete of the Year: | Thomas Hanna |
| Girls Athlete of the Year: | Valerie Snowdon |

Respectfully submitted,

William Harris
Principal

STAFF

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Debra Nelson Secretary

Nancy Belsky Grade 8-Math
Carol Browning Grade 3
Jeanne Buzuvis Special Education
Leslie Carlson Grade 2
Donald Davis Grade 6-Science
Caro Dellenbaugh-Dempsey Kindergarten
Paul Deschenes, Jr. Grade 7-Social Studies
Karen Durling Grade 5
Gail Fleming Media Generalist
Ana Saavedra-Lezcano Spanish
Maria Martinez Title I/West. Assistance
Mee Yin Morrison Art
Nancy Newton Grade 1/Reading Specialist
Charles Powell Physical Education
Cori Sarsfield Grade 4
Celia Slason School Counselor
Kim Wallach Music
Lauren Zwolinski Grade 7-Language Arts
Florence Gray Kindergarten Aide
Martina Muserallo Inclusionary Aide
Julie Perham Inclusionary Aide
Angele Romano Inclusionary Aide
Irene Vail Inclusionary Aide
Sandra Swinburne School Psychologist
Cheryl Evans Speech Therapist
Janet Finesilver Occupational Therapist
Georgianna Hamiton School Nurse
Tracey Brown School Lunch
Ken Reader Custodian

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT
JANUARY, 1996 - JANUARY, 1997

The Health Office continues to be a busy place. The hours have been expanded to four hours per day, five days per week. In addition to the usual visits from the students, I have been busy putting all the health records onto the Mac School computer program.

Dr. Sutton performed sports physicals the second week of school. In January, she will return to provide physical exams to the fourth and seventh graders as needed, per requirement of the State of New Hampshire.

The annual immunization report was completed and sent to the state early in November.

Flu vaccine was offered and given in November to ten staff members.

Screenings of hearing, vision, height, weight, and scoliosis checks are done throughout the school year.

Surveillance and monitoring of children with chronic medical conditions throughout my half day at school continues to be a challenge.

Visits to the health office are as follows:

Medications Dispensed	1463
Illness First Aid	1354
Sports Physical Exams	45
Physical Exams for Grades 4 and 5	Unknown at this time

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgianna Hamilton, R.N.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL

LUNCH REPORT

It has been another successful year for the lunch program. We are continuing to work with the Keene School District Food Service Department and with the students to make school lunch enjoyable for everyone. Lunch counts are down from last year. This is due to the fact that we had many students move at the end of last year.

This year Grandparent's Day went very well and both grandparents and students had a great time. I have been doing birthday cupcakes once a month for the students who have birthdays in that month. Students with summer birthdays are added to the September and June birthday lists.

Government commodities this year have been mostly meats and vegetables, but we have seen many fresh products such as lettuce, tomatoes, carrots and fruit.

Thanks to all who volunteered in the kitchen this year. It is a great help on those big days. A special thanks to Mr. Smith and Mr. Beeler at Maplewood for the apples and potatoes.

Tracey Brown
Kitchen Manager

**WESTMORELAND GRADUATES
1998**

GRADE 8

Ben Berthiaume
Lotte Bonneau
Eric Bosworth
Brian Champion
Denise Draper
Louis Duke
Elizabeth Gray
Kerry Henderson
Lynn Jache
Addie Kamps
Sarah La Barre
Jessica Lynch
John MacKay
Melissa Nelson
Katrina Shonbeck
Justin Simino
Sean Sutton
Philip Ullrich
Brian Wilkes

GRADE 12

Chelsea Jean Alexander
Philip Bone
Maggie Croteau
Daniel Desmarais
Jaime Firenze
Andrew Fredette
Melinda Gragen
Rebecca Kingsbury
Patrice Loves
Inga Luebke
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