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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMORELAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

AND

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002




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## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

The year 2002 has been one of change and many events have made it a busy and exciting year for our town. Following are highlights of those events:

- The Town Hall was painted and looks great.
- Gary Hudson was appointed Road Agent.
- The town purchased the road equipment approved in March.
- A wood-burning furnace now heats the town garage; heating expenses have dropped.
- A full revaluation of all properties began and should be complete this spring.
- Attorney Hanna assisted the town in reaching a resolution of the tax dispute with Hubbard Farms.
- Engineers and water specialists are planning the proper closure of the town landfill.
- Engineers are working on a realistic assessment of the town's bridges.
- A new Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Elaine Clement Hall, has been appointed. She is working diligently at mastering this complex task, and we thank her for her dedication to the job.

We heartily thank the people in our town who have kept Westmoreland functioning so well. These are the employees and numerous volunteers who have given their time tirelessly to serve on the many boards and commissions without compensation.

During this year we have lost two dedicated citizens, Frances Laurent and Reggie Simino. They each made significant contributions to our town and their cheer and devotion is missed by all. Lastly, Westmoreland is and will continue to be a fine place to live due to the efforts of so many.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Westmoreland  
Lloyd Draper, Michael Reed, Russ Austin

## TOWN OFFICERS

### SELECTMEN

Lloyd F. Draper, Chm. G. Russell Austin Michael Reed

### MODERATOR

Peter Heed

### TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elaine Clement Hall

### TREASURER

JoAnn LaBarre Theresa Russell

### CUSTODIAN

Michael V. Frost

### AUDITORS

Elaine Moore Robert Moore, Jr.

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marcia Starkey Barbara Messer Dorothy Thompson

### CONSTABLE

James A. Cemorelis

### TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker Russell Kotfila George Nitschelm

### LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

### TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

Susan West, Chm. Terry Cox Virginia Daschbach Peter Longsjo Cindy Cote

### ROAD AGENT

Gary Hudson

### FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

### BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Susan Castor Stanley Castor, Jr.

**WELFARE OFFICER**

**Douglas Adler**

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

**Donald Hall Carlson Barrett JoAnn LaBarre**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Patricia Bentrup, Chm. Robert Moore, Jr. Lloyd Draper Michael Acerno, Jr.**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**Lauren Bressett, Co-Chm. Linn Starkey, Jr. Co-Chm. Laurie Burt  
James Ashworth Jeff Ingram Michael Reed Alan Johnson Elaine Hall, Secy.**

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**Peter Remy, Chm. Brenda Shelley Barry Shonbeck John Burt Brian Merry  
April Ferguson, Alt. Helen Draper, Clk.**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

**R. Bruce Smith**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

**Linn Starkey, Jr.**

**HEALTH OFFICER**

**William Huntley**

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

**Edward Messer**

**WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Janice Kos Stuart Adams**

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Marshall Patmos, Chm. Jeff Smith James Blake Walter Derjue  
George Duke Robert Moore, Jr. John Lukin**

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Susan Harris David Bressett Marc Ferenc Thomas Ainsworth David Shelley**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**William Howland, Pres. William Hunter, V.P. Sally Hatt, Secy.**

**JOINT LOSS COMMITTEE**

**Elaine Moore, Chm. Steven Houle Gary Hudson Barbara Chase**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2002  
Balance Sheet

### Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$208,665.48
Cash Investment		1,165,726.78
Capital Reserve Funds (RSA Chap 35)		36,918.90
Unredeemed Taxes:		
	Prior Taxes	12,349.45
	Levy of 2000	49,928.15
	Levy of 2001	34,799.21
Uncollected Taxes:		
	Levy of 2002 (including all Taxes)	165,167.00
Less Allowance for Abatements		(10,056.00)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$1,663,498.97</b>

### Liabilities & Fund Equity

#### Liabilities:

Accounts Owed by the Town:

School Tax Payable 1,314,779.00

Capital Reserve Funds:

36,918.90

Highway Truck 972.37

Revaluation 8,017.48

Cruiser 7,838.04

Fire Truck 83.58

Bridge Rebuilding 20,007.43

Total Liabilities 1,351,697.90

Fund Equity:

Reserved: 107,529.90

Revaluation 33,312.00

Engineering 65,217.90

Asphalt Paving 9,000.00

Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 2002 204271.17

Total Fund Equity 311,801.07

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES \$1,663,498.97**



# TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of CHESHIRE in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, in the year two thousand and three at **11 of the clock** in the forenoon, to act upon the following subject:

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. Wednesday March 12, 2003 at the Westmoreland 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 thereto.

Article 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to purchase a one-ton truck for the Highway Department. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 4 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell the 1997 1-ton truck, plow, and sander as they see fit.

Article 5 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to drill a well at the Fire Department. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$27,850) to pave .4 of a mile of Paine Road. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for bridges. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 8 To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of closing the town landfill and to raise

fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this. (Majority vote required)

Article 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for Map Digitizing. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not. (Majority vote required)

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not. (Majority vote required)

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 To see if the town will vote to increase the Disabled Veterans exemption from seven hundred dollars (\$700) to fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400). The Selectmen recommend this.

Article 13\* To see if the Town will vote to designate Poocham Road and River Road as Scenic Roads and to designate the Planning Board of the town to administer said designation in accordance with RSA 231:157 and RSA 231:158 of the State of New Hampshire. The Selectmen do not recommend this. (Majority vote required)

Article 14\* To see if the Town of Westmoreland will pass a truth in voting clause stating that in each article presented "the cost to the tax payer in dollars per one hundred thousand dollars of assessed evaluation be stated, within said article to be voted on".

Article 15\* That we, the citizens of WESTMORELAND, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

-Everyone, including the self- employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured, and small business owners have access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

-Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local, and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

-Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and

-That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

This resolution is non-binding and represents no fiscal impact.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 685,978, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

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

**\*By Petition**

Given under our hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and three.

Selectmen of Westmoreland

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G. Russell Austin

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Lloyd F. Draper

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Michael Reed

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 2002	Actual Expenditures 2002	Selectmen's Budget 2002	Budget Committee Recommended 2003
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
4130	Executive	46,468	45,490	44,232
4140	Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	18,770	20,703	18,905
4150	Financial Administration	17,245	16,277	17,599
4153	Legal Expenses	6,000	6,715	6,000
4155	Worker's Compensation	3,820	4,036	4,300
4191	Zoning	3,022	3,517	1,992
4193	Planning	0	2,917	2,917
4194	General Government Bldg.	18,437	14,734	18,837
4195	Cemeteries	4,000	4,000	4,000
4196	Insurance-Contingency Fund	2,000	1,000	2,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
4210	Police	7,910	7,519	7,910
4215	Ambulance	7,910	7,000	7,000
4220	Fire & Rescue	18,810	19,213	20,080
4240	Building Inspection	3,015	3,291	3,015
4290	Emergency Management	5,015	4,135	1,015
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
4311	Highway Administration	131,357	123,388	126,208
4312	Highways & Streets	213,050	199,367	231,850
4316	Street Lighting	2,200	1,869	2,000
<b>SANITATION</b>				
4324	Solid Waste & Recycling	65,460	57,621	65,500
<b>HEALTH</b>				
4411	Health Officer	108	108	108
4414	Animal Control	120	0	120
4415	Health Agencies/Hospitals	2,701	2,700	4,700
<b>WELFARE</b>				
4441	Welfare Officer	108	108	108
4442	Direct Assistance	5,000	2,881	4,000
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
4520	Parks & Recreation	4,475	4,375	4,475
4550	Library	20,660	20,660	23,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	350	366	400

	Actual Appropriation <u>2002</u>	Actual Expenditures <u>2002</u>	Selectmen's Budget <u>2003</u>	Budget Committee Recommended <u>2003</u>
4611	800	513	800	800
CONSERVATION				
Conservation Commission				
DEBT SERVICE				
4711	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
4711	10,800	10,793	10,768	10,768
4711	0	0	26,717	26,717
4721	3,100	5,756	6,422	6,422
4723	6,000	2,640	4,000	4,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	62,300	62,300	0	0
4902	0	0	65,000	65,000
4902	33,519	28,847	0	0
4903	13,000	13,000	0	0
4903	10,000	10,000	0	0
4909	0	0	4,000	4,000
4909	80,287	80,287	0	0
4909	70,000	70,000	0	0
4909	2,000	2,000	0	0
4909	0	0	27,850	27,850
4909	0	0	4,200	0
4909	0	0	40,000	40,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	0	0	10,000	5,000
4915	0	0	10,000	5,000
4915	20,000	20,000	0	0
4915	0	0	50,000	50,000
Operating Budget				
	\$648,711	\$608,993	\$691,978	\$685,978
	\$291,106	\$286,434	\$211,050	\$196,850
	\$939,817	\$895,427	\$903,028	\$882,828
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:				
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes				
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				

\$523,031  
\$359,797

Budget Com: Patricia Bentrup, Chm Robert Moore, Jr. Lloyd Draper Wesley Staples Michael Acerno Jr.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues <u>2002</u>	Actual Revenues <u>2002</u>	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues <u>2003</u>	
<u>TAXES</u>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	500	500	10,000
3180	Resident Taxes	9,180	9,180	9,000
3185	Yield Taxes	10,000	10,901	7,500
3187	Excavation Tax	2,404	2,404	2,400
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	14,200	13,910	13,500
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</u>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	800	998	800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	241,500	255,263	255,000
3230	Building Permits	2,500	3,322	2,800
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,425	4,427	4,185
<u>FROM STATE</u>				
3351	Shared Revenue	9,686	17,759	9,000
3352	Rooms & Meals	51,421	51,421	51,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	65,037	65,037	65,000
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	26	26	26
3359	Other	2,850	988	100
<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>				
3379	County - Use of Equipment	16,330	16,330	0
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>				
3401	Income from Departments	8,100	9,671	2,100
<u>SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY</u>				
3501	Sale of Town Owned Property	0	0	15,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>				
3502	Interest	12,000	9,719	11,000
3503	Rent of Property	4,500	4,700	4,500
3506	Insurance Reimbursement	1,500	0	0
3509	Other	150	392	90
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund - Revaluation	43,516	36,000	0
3915	Capital Reserve Fund - Fire Equipment	8,118	8,118	0
3916	Trust Funds	80	0	30
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
3934	Proceeds from loan - Highway Truck	0	0	0
3939	Items Voted from Surplus	6,900	6,900	0
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	110,000	110,000	60,000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		626,723	637,966	\$523,031

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Heed on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 11:00 am with the readings of Articles One, Two, and Three of the Town Warrant and Article One of the School Warrant and decalring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 15, 2002 for the School Warrant each at 7:00 pm after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. Moderator Peter Heed called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.

ARTICLE ONE - To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 347 of the registered 912 voters = 38%. \*Declared elected by Moderator, Peter Heed.

For three years	Selectman	
	G. Russell Austin	312*
	Linn Starkey, Jr.	10
For one year	Town Clerk - Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Adler	313*
	Lisa Adler	5
	Wendy Putnam	15
For one year	Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	334*
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Stanley D. Castor, Jr.	311*
	Susan Castor	315*
For three years	Trustee of the Library	
	Peter Longsjø	319*
For three years	Budget Committee	
	Wesley Staples	108*
	Daniel LaFleur	43
	David Putnam	18
	Kelly Goodrich	7
	Frances Laurent	4
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	Donald E. Hall	324*
For two years	Auditor	
	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	7*
	Elaine Moore	2
For one year	Auditor	
	Elaine Moore	7*
	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	2
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Robert E. Andrews	320*
For two years	Moderator	
	Peter W. Heed	326*
For six years	Supervisor of the Checklist	
	Elaine M. Moore	322*

ARTICLE TWO - To see if the voters will approve the Zoning Changes as proposed by the Planning Board (Copies on file with the Town Clerk)

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 104 Terms

Lot frontage: Distance measured across the width of the lot along the property line that fronts a Class V or better road.

YES - 236\*      NO - 85

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 403 Protection of Home Occupations

Any home occupation permit shall be subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator.

YES - 205\*      NO - 115

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 406 Lots in Two Zoning Districts

Where a district boundry line divides a lot of record at the time such district boundry line is adopted, the regulations for either district of such lot shall extend not more than thirty feet into the more restricted district, providing the lot has frontage on a Class V or better road in the less restricted district.

YES - 207\*      NO - 87

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 414 Location of Driveway

All driveways are to be located at least one hundred (100) feet from a street line intersection for all uses, except one and two family residential uses, and shall be subject to approval by the Town Road Agent. All driveways must be accessed from the frontage of a Class V or better road.

YES - 226\*      NO - 93

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 434 Signs in Commercial / Industrial Districts

The following signs are permitted when located on the immediate property:

A. When one business exists:

1. One directory sign not larger than 10 square feet
2. One sign not larger than 32 square feet

B. When more than one business exists on a property:

1. One directory sign not larger than 40 square feet
2. One sign per business not larger than 12 square feet located on or immediately adjacent to each business.

YES - 240\*      NO - 76



6. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 453.7 Telecommunication Facilities Waivers

Delete entire section regarding waivers for towers and replace it with a new Section 453.7: Any company wanting to co-locate an antenna on an existing tower can do so by obtaining a building permit. The co-location must be in accordance with the approved site plan.

YES - 242\* NO - 78

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Table 502 Commercial / Industrial

Single Family Residence must meet requirements of Areas & Dimensions as set forth in Table 505 - Rural Residential

YES - 220\* NO - 87

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 2:03 Building Permit Fees

The Selectmen will set building permit fees as they see fit

YES - 166 NO - 158

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 9 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 4:02 Building Inspector

The Building Inspector shall in all cases visit the site of any proposed building or remodeling in company of the owner of the site before issuing a building permit. He shall satisfy himself that the proposal will meet the requirements of the Town Building Ordinances.

YES - 255\* NO - 75

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment 10 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

ZONING MAP

Minor line changes to clearly define zoning areas, along with the following rezoning:

- a. To change the Patton Rd./South Village Rd. area to Medium Density Residential
- b. To change the Pierce Lane area to Medium Residential
- c. To change the area of Rte. 12/Depot Rd. to Commercial/Industrial

YES - 204\* NO - 111

ARTICLE THREE - To vote the following referendum question: Should an expansion of the current jail and/or building a new jail be allowed if either would result in an increase in the number of inmates confined in Westmoreland? This is a non-binding Article.

YES - 77 NO - 266\* NO VOTE - 4

Russ Austin, Selectman spoke stating that on the voting of the zoning ordinances, all but Number 8 were overwhelmingly voted in favor of. Number 8 was to have the Selectmen set fees for building permits. If anyone has any comments or suggestions of fees, please contact the Selectmen's Office as they have no idea as to what the Town is looking for for fees.

Moderator Peter Heed suggested that in response to Article 3, he suggested that the County build the jail in Keene where the stadium was to go that got defeated, and keep the House of Corrections here in Westmoreland. Having the jail right in Keene would cut the Sherriff's Department Budget in at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the transportation section. The Town applauded his comment.

After reading the House Rules as to how this meeting is to be conducted, we started with Article 4.

ARTICLE FOUR - To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article moved by Russell Austin and seconded by Coral Stewart. No discussion. Article voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIVE - To see if the Town will vote to allow the Library Trustees to have five (5) members in accordance with RSA 202-A:6. (Majority vote required)

Article moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by Terry Cox. Susan West, Library Trustee spoke to the article stating that we now have a Board of 3 trustees, each with a three-year term. They would like to increase the Board to five members to help in the decision-making process. There is no monies involved with this article. They would appoint 2 more trustees. Article voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIX - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement not to exceed the amount of one hundred fifty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$153,500) payable over a term of sixty (60) months to purchase a new loader and backhoe for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of thirty-three thousand five hundred nineteen dollars (\$33,519) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation (2/3 ballot vote required)

Article moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by James Beeler. Russ spoke to the article stating that the Selectmen felt it was time for a new loader. The frame on the present one has been welded 3, 4, or 5 times, and they felt we need a new one. The Selectmen also felt they needed a new Backhoe, not only for the regular Highway Department work but also for them to help by doing the bridgework. The River Road bridge needs help. In the past years we have had to rent, and the rentals add up year after year, so the Selectmen felt they may as well buy one. We would be leasing it new and at the end of 5 years, we will own it! Bruce Russell spoke to the article stating that a number of towns are starting to lease their equipment. He stated that he did a lot of research. We could get a used loader for \$100,000 with no warranty. The interest rate on leasing is 4.75%, 5.25% for under \$100,000. The backhoe is \$71,000, we plan on it lasting 20 years. We have 475 culverts in town, 30 need replacement now. When we rent we pay for the gas, oil, parts when they break down. We actually need

a backhoe more than the loader. This is the time to do it, and this is the best deal we're going to get. The opportunity is out there now and for up to two years they will buy it back for what was paid. Backhoe rental is \$30/hour. That's \$1200/week, \$4800/month, \$57600/year. We're really getting a good deal. We'd be getting two pieces with a seven year warranty; 1 year unlimited warranty with \$250 deductible after one year. Bob Harcke asked if he compare the Leasing component to the Purchasing component and to please explain that. Bruce Russell stated that this is a lease to buy. We own it after five years. G. Russell Austin stated that we vote on this this year and it just automatically is part of the budget for the next four years. We do not need to vote on this for five years. No more discussion. Ballot voting started at 7:30 pm; to end at 8:30 pm.

Meeting continued at 7:55 pm with Article 7.

ARTICLE SEVEN - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1970 Caterpillar loader as they see fit.

Article moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by Paul Vincent. JoAnn LaBarre asked if this Article should be tabled awaiting the outcome of Article Six. Moderator, Peter Heed stated that no matter what the outcome of Article Six, this Article is just to authorize, not require disposition of the loader. Richard Daschbach stated that he knows that the Selectmen would use their best judgement for the interest of the Townspeople and use the proceeds from the sale of the old loader to help offset the costs of the new one. Voice vote to the affirmative.

ARTICLE EIGHT - To see if the Town will vote to purchase a wood-burning furnace for the Highway Garage and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for this purpose. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article moved by G. Russel Austin and seconded by Wesley Staples. Bruce Russell spoke to the article stating that we need to replace the furnace at the garage. We could go to oil for \$5000 - \$6000 and then buy oil for \$1500 per year. The Garage has three pieces of equipment going in and out and uses a lot of oil. We won't need oil. The wood is free. Marshall Patmos asked where the free wood is - he'd like to get in on that deal. The Town picks the wood up on the sides of the road - it's free for them for the taking, replied Bruce Russell. Helen Trope asked if Bruce got one estimate or three estimates on the Wood Furnace. Bruce stated that there are 4 suppliers. Mrs. Trope stated that \$10,000 was a lot of money for a heating system. Bruce Russell replied that the unit is \$5000 to \$6000 and the distribution and covering area brings it up to around \$10000. David Fields asked how long the system should last and Bruce stated it is waranteed for 15 years. Christine Greenwood asked how it operated nights and weekends and Bruce stated that it would go 2 days without filling and it has 300-gallon oil capacity backup to get through weekends. Barry Shonbeck stated that he burns wood and in figuring out the money saved, had Bruce figured in the time and labor required for collecting the wood, cutting the wood, splitting the wood, stacking the wood -- his wood doesn't do all that by itself. Bruce Russell said that the door is 30x30 so it can take large pieces of wood. They have been picking up roadside wood for the past three years for the old system. Article Eight was voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE - 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, Inc. in Keene, NH. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article moved by Marshall Godon and seconded by Neil Van Zile. Marshall Gordon spoke to the Article stating that the Community Kitchen has been feeding those in need since 1983 in the entire Monadnock Region. Times have been especially difficult with more and more lay-offs and yet the Community Kitchen has risen to the occasion and taken care of them. They are grateful to Westmoreland for past donations. They deliver 24 boxes to Westmoreland residents. The cost is approximately 49c/meal. The Kitchen runs on a lot of donated food and a lot of volunteers and their time. Nancy Fiske asked if people have to sign in. Marshall stated that they do and they have things on the computer as to needs. Lisa Moon asked the impact of \$2,000 is to the taxes on a \$100,000 home. Dick Frye stated that in "school terms" that would be about \$1.40/home. Robert Harcke asked why the Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend. G. Russell Austin stated that they would like to get it into the operational budget, line 4415 instead. Paul Vincent asked for clarification. Russ stated that it used to be under 4415, had to put in \$1 instead of 0. Jeff Rubin stated that if it was in the line item, it would not be earmarked for the Community Kitchen. Russ said the line item would leave it open for whatever the people say are their wishes. JoAnn LaBarre stated that the Kitchen gave \$2562 in benefits, and Southwest Community gave \$6600 in benefits. Marshall Gordon stated that they are actually only asking for one-half of what the Kitchen is spending on Westmoreland. Richard Daschbach stated that there is some benefit to decline. It gives us opportunity to focus and think. If one is hurt on a job, they apply for Workers Compensation. If an employer contests the Workers Compensation, it could take up to two years or more for compensation to the individual, and then at only 2/3 pay. Meanwhile, their earnings are immediately reduced. Sarah Bonneau asked if we are discussing Line 4415 now. Moderator Heed stated that we can discuss Line 4415 in Article 18. Article Nine was voted in the affirmative by Hand Vote 80 YES, 59 NO.

ARTICLE TEN - To see if the Town will vote to paint the Town Hall and raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) for this purpose. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Paul Vincent. G. Russell Austin spoke to the Article stating that the last time the Town hall was painted was in 1990 for \$8,900. It is overdue for painting. Shutters are in poor shape. The Selectmen are not sure if they can get it done for \$13,000 or if it can all be done at one time for that amount. If the Article passes, we will go as far as we can and wait on the rest. We just kind of picked this amount because we don't know what it would cost. There are some organizations that said they would like to help out too. Dan LaFleur asked why we are voting on and amount when the Selectmen do not have an estimate on the cost of the job. Russ Austin stated that in February or March it is unlikely to get a quote. If it doesn't pass, it's just one more year that it will deteriorate. Article passes with Hand Vote 101 - YES, 60 - NO.

After Article Ten, we broke to count Article Six ballots at 8:30 pm. At 8:30 the results were read: out of 174 votes, 137 - YES, 37- NO. Article Six passes.

The Selectmen then asked to speak to make a few announcements.

Thank you to Marcia Starkey for her years as Supervisor of the Checklist. She has been a Supervisor since 1986 and now is moving on to Supervising Other Things.

Thank you to Fran Laurent who is going off Budget Committee. She will still be on the Conservation Committee.

Thank you to Jim Beeler for his two years as Overseer of Public Welfare.

Thank you to Bob and Elaine Wheeler who have served us reluctantly but very well as Auditors for the past two years, and to Elaine who has also served but is now going off the Joint Loss Management Committee.

Also JoAnn LaBarre is going on vacation from March 18 - 27. She will be back on March 28.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-thousand dollars (\$70,000) for engineering projects. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the engineering is completed or by December 31, 2003, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by Lloyd Dreper and seconded by G. Russell Austin. Mike Reed spoke to the Article stating that this is what is known as the "Dump Article". The State has required that we close the "dump". It does not recognize what we had done as a closure. If we do not adhere to their rules and regulations, the State recourse is to come in, do the work and charge us! We had capped it some years back and believed at that time that it was closed. The state did not recognize this. The Town may be able to do some of the work itself. Contamination will be closely checked. Engineering studies were done previously, but we got what we paid for back then. The estimate is \$65,000 for the Ground Water Management Plan and 1 year of well testing. The engineering study is about \$5,000 to cover. To cap, the state will reimburse us 20% of the old and new figures. JoAnn is in the pain-staking process of collecting all the old payment figures for us. Mr. Vose stated that he thought we had paid to have it closed and thought it had been closed. Mike Reed stated that the state did not recognize the work done. Barry Shonbeck asked about the wells that were tested. Mike Reed stated that he thought the testing with the two contaminated wells was within the site itself. 1998 was the last time they were tested. JoAnn LaBarre stated that we would be paying the Engineering portion this year, we are on the State's list for it to be completed by the end of 2003. The fine if this is not completed is \$1,000 per day and no 20% expenditure back. Larry Siegel asked for some clarification. Mike Reed stated that between 1985 and 1990 \$54,500 was spent and set up the procedure. The Transfer Station just recently got a permit to operate, thanks to JoAnn. The engineering study is needed to tell us what we need done. Some parts of it will need a rubber membrane. We're hoping to do a lot of the work ourselves with our new equipment we just passed through. The landfill sits on 6 acres, the actual dump site is about 2 acres and the estimate is around \$100,000 to complete. Article Eleven voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE TWELVE - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for an Audit in the year 2003. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the audit is completed or by December 31, 2003, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article moved by Mike Reed and seconded by G. Russell Austin. Bob Moore spoke to the Article. Elaine and I won voting mandate by 4 votes each to do the Audit and now we're looking at \$5,000. In speaking to Walpole, they do theirs every 5 years. Thinking if we would like to hold our budget costs down a bit, we could wait another year to do this audit. Patti Patmos asked if there was a legal time limit. Bob stated that he didn't think so, because we've never had one that he was aware of. Article Twelve is defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-two thousandthree hundred dollars (\$62,300) to purchase a new body for the Rescue Truck, authorize the withdrawal of eight thousand one hundred eighteen dollars (\$8,118) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, authorize the transfer of up to six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$6,900) from the December 31st fund balance and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money from state, federal or other governmental sources which become available during the year to reduce support required by taxation for this project. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by David Putnam. Michael Reed spoke to the article stating that this is a proposal to buy a new body for the chassis of the truck we presently have. We have researched some state government sources for some help. We asked the County Commissioners for assistance with some of the funding as we provide both Maplewood and the County Jail with services and neither pay taxes. 20% of our calls with the Rescue are to the Jail and Maplewood. They said that it was on the agenda, but Monday night was tabled. We received one quote - two were askef for, but one refused to give a quote. The chassis on the body now is in very poor shape. In order to keep Westmoreland well serviced, we really need this. Dan LaFleur asked the life expectancy of the truck on which they were placing this chassis. Harry Nelson stated the lifetime. Dan LaFleur asked whose lifetime? Harry stated that the last chassis was purchased in 1992 - this would go another 20 years. Dan asked if the body they were asking for tonight was going to fit the new truck they will need in 20 years. Jim Beeler spoke to say that the Townspeople need to call their representatives to voice the request for the County to chip in the \$15,000. Bob Harcke stated that we need to know what the funding is in order to vote. Moderator Peter Heed stated that we could amend the article to be upon the condition of receiving the funds. Marshall Patmos stated that raise and appropriate speaks of raising new money - the wording is confusing. Chrissy Greenwood asked how much this new body will hold. It will hold what we have, it is a bit bigger, stated Harry Nelson. Article Thirteen voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bridge reconstruction and to raise twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by Wesley Staples. Bruce Russell spoke to the article stating that we have 13 bridges in town, 7 are in need of replacing/repairing to be up to State Regulation. This is to set up the Capital Reserve Fund so that we can get things started. Next year we will put in more eighty percent recovery from the state in the next year, not this year to cover costs under staté funding. We need to outlay funds to be reimbursed when they are finished. Voce vote in the affirmative and Article Fourteen passes.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the Land Use Change Tax) into a Westmoreland Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized under the provisions of RSA 79-A:25II. The Selectmen recommend and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by Marshall Patmos and seconded by George Duke. Marshall Patmos spoke to the Article stating that this is the only article that does not require

new appropriation. Using last years figures this would have put \$2000 plus dollar into this fund with the rest into the general fund. This fund will be used for assistance and aid to conservation easement assistance. We can't do much with a couple of thousand a year, but it is a start, and it won't add to the budget. We will go after mortgage funding and grants as they become available. Barry Shonbeck asked who would distribute the funds and who would decide where the monies would go. Marshall stated that the Conservation Commission would have public process and meetings to go through. Jim Blake stated that the Conservation Committee had some questions on the Master Plan Survey, and this Town wishes to stay very high on the land conservation areas. Other Towns are receiving 25% to 100% of the monies received by their towns from the Land Use Change Tax into their Conservation Funds. Robert Moore Jr. stated that he had served on the State Board and thinks that the the monies from the Tax should go back to reduce taxes. Sarah Bonneau stated that she disagrees with Mr. Moore -- we are not talking about a lot of monies here, and is asking to have it supported -- this is a volunteer commission. Voice vote to the affirmative passes Article Fifteen.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand two hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$80,287) for a complete revaluation and authorize the withdrawal of forty-three thousand five hundred sixteen dollars (\$43,516) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of thirty-six thousand seven hundred seventy-one dollars (\$36,771) is to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the revaluation is complete. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by Wendy Putnam. G. Russell Austin stated that this revaluation is long overdue. The last one was done in 1989. According to the State, we are of the first groups to be done in 2003. The Selectmen surveyed companies and received 7 - 8 quotes. We really wanted to go with Avitar again. Mike Reed got on the phone and they will give us the best price as well as the software. Mike Reed stated it is much like the Dump situation. It is a State Law now and if we vote this down, the State will have it done and we will have to pay their fees. We have been petitioned by the Court for this and we must do it. Tom Reish stated that he recalls the 1989 revaluation as being dreadful and questioned the quality of the work. Mike Reed stated that Avitar is one of this state's approved firms. Fran Laurent asked if the Tax Bills would be generated from the software we get in this package. Elaine Moore stated that Walpole has Avitar software and it is working well. It is "friendly software". JoAnn will like the software and they will work well with her. Voice vote to the Affirmative and Article Sixteen passes.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to eighty dollars for the Library and to use the 2001 interest from the Jotham Lord Fund for this purpose.

Motion moved by Lloyd Draper and Seconded by June Hammond. Susan West asked where the \$80 comes from. JoAnn LaBarre explained that the Jotham Lord Fund interest has almost always gone to the Library. The amount of the \$80 is the 2001 interest. The state informed us that this is the way it needs to be worded now. Article Seventeen passes with voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$644,431, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special ro individual articles addressed.

Motion moved by Lloyd Draper and seconded by Larry Siegel. Marshall Gordon stated that we seem to be playing catch-up tonight. It's great we put money in but we shouldn't wait on everything. Jim Beeler proposed amendment to Line 4415. "By the way, I see the Overseer of Public Welfare's salary doubled this year. Due to my present situation, I would have run again." He would like to amend the article to increase line 4415 to add \$2700 to: Monadnock Family Services of \$1500, Home Health Care \$700 and Southwest Community Services \$500. Southwest Community Services has given the largest amount of cash services to Westmoreland. Motion moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Marshall Gordon. Marshall Gordon spoke to the amended article stating the need for funding these agencies. Bob Harcke asked if we are funding these agencies twice by this amendment. Jim Beeler stated that there is no funding of Welfare line for the agencies. The Welfare Funding is running into the thousands for assistance. Bob Moore stated that any of these agencies being funded by the county would be double taxation on us. Fran Laurent stated that this is totally new funding and if we fund this one, another, then another will be knocking at our door. Sarah Bonneau stated that the county budget does not have funding in for Monadnock Family Services. Elaine Moore agreed with Fran. Amended article voted in the affirmative.

Sue West asked to amend Article 18 to increase Line 4550 to change from \$20580 to \$23,000. Richard Daschbach seconded motion. Fran Laurent spoke to the amendment that the amount of money appropriated was adequate funding for the Library. Barry Shonbeck asked what was gained or lost by this additional \$2500. Sue West stated that they would buy more new books. There are 72 patrons, 700 plus use the Library, we had 500 volunteer hours given, this saves us. Dick Frye asked how much money is in the budget for new books without this \$2500. Sue West stated that each book runs \$10 - \$15. \$3229 was spent last year, there is \$2500 budgeted for this year. Grants have been applied for to help fund the Library - New Building Grants, Energy Grant - These funds are in the "Building Fund" for projects in the future - oil furnace, painting the building, etc. Hand vote defeated this amendment by 51 - YES, 57 - NO.

G. Russell Austin moved to amend Article 18 to raise Line 4153, Legal Expenses to \$6000 from \$4500. Lloyd Draper seconded the motion. Fran Laurent stated that it is a matter of deep pockets, some can be taken care of. If there is a lot there, it will be used. George Duke asked if we run over the \$4500, why can't it go into next year's budget. Mike Reed stated that we cannot do that. We have already spent \$200 on legal fees and it is only March. We have litigation on with Hubbard Farms right now. If you've ever dealt with lawyers, you'd understand. Voted in the affirmative and amendment passes.

G. Russell Austin stated that the request to pay the fire chief and members of the fire department should be left to the Town to vote on not the Selectmen or the Budget Committee so he moved to amend to raise Line 4220 to increase \$4035. Amendment seconded by Wendy Putnam. Dan LaFleur asked how the monies was to be dispersed among the department. Mike Reed stated that Chief Nelson would keep a log as to the number of calls each member responds to (there are 18 people on the squad). They have unlimited calls - not everyone is able to respond - it's getting harder and harder to get people to be able to leave work. The fund is a set amount. Fran Laurent stated that proposal was a last minute proposal right before the final budget meeting. Fran stated that the Budget Committee had budgeted \$1000 to be prorated to \$850 for the Fire Chief only as originally proposed. Some Towns pay their fire departments, some pay just the chiefs and a lot don't pay their volunteers. Mike Reed spoke again to the amendment. Fran Laurent stated that this was all worked out last minute and perhaps we should postpone this increase this year and work out what is good for the Fire Department and the Town and come back next year with a full and complete work-up. Ballot vote was requested and signed by five registered



voters. At 10:50 pm ballot vote results were read on the amendment to Article Eighteen and was defeated with 106 votes: 43 - YES, 63 - NO.

Amended Article Eighteen now reads with an Operating Budget of \$648,631. This reflects an increase of \$4200. Amended Article Eighteen voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINETEEN - To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 10:57 pm moved by JoAnn LaBarre and seconded by Lloyd Draper. Voice vote to the affirmative ended this year's meeting.

Unapproved Minutes.

Cindi H. Adler  
Town Clerk, Westmoreland, NH

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

### Inventory of Valuation

Current Use Land	\$2,119,373
Residential Land	\$30,400,700
Commercial Land	\$1,662,500
Residential Buildings	\$61,374,400
Manufactured Housing	\$323,400
Commercial Buildings	\$4,596,300
Public Utilities-Electric	<u>\$1,217,900</u>
TAXABLE VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	\$101,694,573
Exemptions to Value	<u>232,000</u>
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	\$101,462,573

### Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall - Land & Buildings	\$271,700
Town Hall - Furniture & Equipment	\$30,000
Library - Land & Buildings	\$87,200
Library - Contents	\$300,000
Police Department – Equipment	\$2,500
Fire Department - Land & Buildings	\$94,600
Fire Department – Contents	\$100,000
Highway Department - Land & Buildings	\$51,500
Highway Department – Contents	\$100,000
Parks, Common & Playgrounds	\$100,500
School - Land & Buildings	\$787,300
School – Equipment	\$200,000
Historical Building & Contents	\$70,000
Transfer Station - Land & Buildings	\$54,500
Misc. Land (9 properties)	<u>\$226,500</u>
 TOTAL	 \$2,476,300

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$46,468
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	18,770
Financial Administration	17,245
Legal Expense	6,000
Worker's Compensation	3,820
Planning & Zoning	3,022
General Government Building	18,437
Cemeteries	4,000
Contingency Fund	2,000
Police	7,910
Ambulance	7,910
Fire & Rescue	18,810
Building Inspector	3,015
Emergency Management	5,015
Highways & Streets	344,407
Street Lighting	2,200
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	65,460
Animal Control	120
Health Officer	108
Welfare - Direct Assistance	5,000
Welfare Officer	108
Health Agencies	2,701
Parks & Recreation	4,475
Library	20,660
Patriotic Purposes	350
Conservation Commission	800
Debt. Service - Fire Truck	10,800
Interest on TAN & Long Term	9,100
Highway Truck	20,000
Leased Loader/Backhoe	33,519
Rescue Truck Body	62,300
Paint Town Hall	13,000
Hwy Garage Furnace	10,000
Engineering Projects	70,000
Community Kitchen Donation	2,000
Capital Reserve – Revaluation & Bridges	100,287
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN</b>	<b>\$939,817</b>
Less Revenues	516,723
Less Fund Balance Used	110,000
<b>NET TOWN APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>313,094</b>
<b>NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX</b>	<b>2,386,660</b>
<b>ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT</b>	<b>553,670</b>
<b>STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>	<b>592,052</b>
<b>COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	<b><u>259,277</u></b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY</b>	<b>\$2,405,361</b>
Less Shared Revenue	8,133
Add-War Service Credits	9,100
Add - Overlay	<u>10,415</u>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$2,416,743</b>
Less-War Service Credits	<u>9,100</u>
<b>TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$2,407,643</b>
<b>2002 Tax Rate</b>	School - Local \$12.23
	School - State \$5.91
	County \$2.54
	Town <u>\$3.21</u>
	<b>\$23.89</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2002**

**EXPENDITURE**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:		
Administrative Assistant	27,033.87	
Selectmen	3,000.00	
Moderator	75.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	
Town Share Health Insurance	3,635.64	
Town Share Dental Insurance	220.16	
Town Share Retirement	1,042.76	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	2,547.64	
Printing	1,716.25	
Dues	1,015.32	
Notices	146.07	
Executive Tax Maps	1,290.00	
Equipment Agreements	1,358.67	
Equipment Repairs	999.98	
Supplies	538.66	
Postage & PO Fees	492.17	
Executive Publications	17.74	
Other	<u>260.00</u>	\$45,489.93
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:		
Town Clerk	3,449.97	
Town Clerk Fees	10,939.00	
Election Fees	100.00	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	270.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	315.00	
ER Interpreter Fees	210.60	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,456.92	
Printing	206.85	
Town Clerk Dues	40.00	
Notices	189.67	
Election Day Dinners	150.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,304.96	
Vital Statistics	421.00	
Town Clerk Supplies	385.54	
Postage	835.00	
ER Town Clerk Publications	177.00	
Other	<u>251.97</u>	\$20,703.48
4150 Financial Administration:		
Tax Collector	4,649.97	
Tax Collector Fees	2,324.00	
Auditors	300.00	
Treasurer	3,350.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	857.13	
Bank Charges	60.00	
Printing	1,111.10	
Dues	40.00	
Property Assessing	1,980.26	
Registry of Deeds/Probate	131.73	
Tax Collector Supplies	12.80	
Treasurer Supplies	388.40	
Postage	919.14	
Other	<u>152.20</u>	\$16,276.73

4153 Legal Expenses		\$6,714.85
4155 Worker's Compensation		\$4,036.25
4191 Planning & Zoning:		
Clerk Fees/ZBA	190.00	
Printing	153.25	
Dues	1,822.00	
Notices	428.86	
Zoning Registry of Deeds	38.34	
Supplies	169.95	
Postage	654.06	
Other	<u>61.00</u>	\$3,517.46
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian	4,033.08	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	422.70	
Telephone	1,652.70	
Mowing	815.00	
Electricity	822.50	
Heat	1,863.18	
Property Insurance	1,293.48	
Liability Insurance	3,083.80	
Gas	59.48	
Repairs & Maintenance	333.81	
Supplies	187.04	
Other	<u>166.82</u>	\$14,733.59
4195 Cemeteries		\$4,000.00
4196 INA Contingency Fund		\$1,000.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 Police Department:		
Constable	5,500.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	420.75	
E&O Insurance	779.25	
Operation – Gasoline	0.00	
Supplies	<u>818.74</u>	\$7,518.74
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service		\$5,219.14
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:		
Fire Chief Salary	750.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	57.38	
F&R Telephone	284.84	
Training	950.00	
Electricity	455.73	
Heat	1,590.36	
E&O Insurance	423.00	
Life Insurance	144.00	
Vehicle Insurance	1,718.00	
Equipment	9,442.51	
Repairs	2,905.85	
Vehicle Fuel	400.94	
Vehicle Inspection	<u>90.00</u>	\$19,212.61

4240 Building Inspection:		
Building Inspector Salary	3,057.57	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>233.90</u>	\$3,291.47
4290 Emergency Management:		
Forest Fire Control		\$4,135.38
<u>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</u>		
4311 Highway Administration:		
Wages		
Town Share Health Insurance	90,889.32	
Town Share Dental Insurance	19,222.48	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,103.66	
Town Share Retirement	8,437.01	
	<u>3,735.48</u>	\$123,387.95
4312 Highways & Streets:		
Telephone		
Drug/Alcohol Testing	496.68	
Electricity	80.00	
Heating Fuel	621.06	
Hired Equipment	70.61	
Vehicle Insurance	3,353.00	
Cutting Edges	2,070.45	
Repairs & Parts	2,510.60	
Tires	14,313.49	
Culverts	1,696.36	
Sand & Gravel	1,131.67	
Paving- Asphalt	21,759.50	
Paving- Shimming	85,737.32	
Salt & Chloride	11,036.00	
Vehicle Fuel	43,452.50	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	9,909.70	
Other	237.00	
	<u>890.59</u>	\$199,366.53
4316 Street Lighting		\$1,868.90
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4324 Solid Waste Disposal:		
Recycling Employee		
Town Share FICA & Medicare	3,932.00	
Telephone	300.79	
Hazardous Waste Day	343.38	
Disposal Service (less recycling credits)	336.00	
Electricity	52,293.71	
Other	242.42	
	<u>172.30</u>	\$57,620.60
<u>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</u>		
4411 Health Administration:		
Health Officer Salary		
Town Share FICA & Medicare	100.00	
	<u>7.65</u>	\$107.65
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance		2,881.04
4415 Welfare Administration:		
Welfare Officer Salary	100.00	
Town Share FICA	7.65	\$107.65

Health Agencies		
Monadnock Family Services	1,500.00	
Home Healthcare	700.00	
Southwest Community Services	<u>500.00</u>	\$2,700.00
<u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u>		
4520 Park & Recreation: Mowing		\$4,375.00
4550 Library:		
Library Salaries	13,802.81	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,055.92	
Transfer From Trust Funds	79.22	
Appropriation	<u>5,722.05</u>	\$20,660.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags		\$366.37
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4611 Conservation:		
Commission Dues	150.00	
Maps	157.85	
Other	<u>205.00</u>	\$512.85
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
4711 Hwy Truck	20,000.00	
4711 Fire Truck	10,792.91	
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	5,755.88	
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN	<u>2,640.26</u>	\$39,189.05
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>		
Rescue Body		\$62,300.00
Leased Loader/Backhoe		\$28,846.80
4903 Paint Town Hall		\$13,000.00
Hwy Garage Furnace		\$10,000.00
4909 Community Kitchen		\$2,000.00
4915 Revaluation		\$80,287.00
Engineering Projects		\$70,000.00
<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>		
4915 Capital Reserve-Bridges		\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$895,427.02</b>
Abatements	30,994.93	
County Taxes	259,277.00	
Investment Transfer to NHPDIP	1,675,000.00	
Overpayment of Property Tax	5,572.01	
Overpayment MV Registration	223.00	
Inventory Penalty Refunds	675.00	
Reserved Fund-Forest Fire Control	991.92	
School District	1,808,707.00	
Short Term Principal (TAN)	450,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	41,987.21	
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$4,273,428.07</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>\$5,168,855.09</b>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Executive Office	45,489.93	
Elec., Reg., Vital Statistics	20,703.48	
Financial Administration	16,276.73	
Legal Expenses	6,714.85	
Worker's Compensation	4,036.25	
Planning & Zoning	3,517.46	
General Government Buildings	14,733.59	
Cemeteries	5,830.00	
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	
Police Department	7,518.74	
Ambulance	5,219.14	
Fire & Rescue Departments	19,212.61	
Building Inspection	3,291.47	
Emergency Management	4,135.38	
Highway Administration	123,387.95	
General Highway Expenses	190,366.53	
Street Lighting	1,868.90	
Solid Waste Disposal	57,620.60	
Health Administration	107.65	
Health Agencies/Hospitals	2,700.00	
General Welfare Assistance	2,988.69	
Parks & Recreation	4,375.00	
Library	20,660.00	
Patriotic Purposes	366.37	
Conservation Commission	512.85	
Debt. Service - Fire Truck	10,792.91	
Debt. Service - Highway Truck	20,000.00	
Community Kitchen Donation	2,000.00	
Interest on Loans	5,755.88	
Interest on TAN	2,640.26	
Capital Reserve Funds	20,000.00	
Short Term Principal	450,000.00	
County Tax	259,277.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	41,987.21	
Westmoreland School District	1,808,707.00	
Abatements	30,994.93	
Town Garage Furnace	10,000.00	
Rescue Truck Body	62,300.00	
Refund of Overpayment of Motor Vehicle Registration	223.00	
Refund of Overpayment of Property Taxes	5,572.01	
Penalty Refunds	675.00	
Revaluation	46,975.00	
Engineering	4,782.10	
Reserved Fund - Forest Fire Control	991.92	
Backhoe & Loader Lease Payment	28,846.80	
Painting Town Hall	13,000.00	
Total Selectmen's Orders Paid		3,388,155.19
Transfers to Investment Account		1,675,000.00
<b>Total Payments for all Purposes</b>		<b>\$5,063,155.19</b>



TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL CASH ON HAND - January 1, 2002		\$1,285,843.81
On Deposit in NOW Account	101,165.10	
On Deposit in Investment Account	1,184,678.71	
Deposits in NOW Account:		
Received from:		
Cindi Adler, Collector	2,540,518.30	
Treasurer, State of NH	135,230.49	
Other Governments	16,330.00	
Borrowing	450,000.00	
Interest on Deposited Funds	9,673.74	
Licenses & Permits	264,232.38	
Charges for Services	9,670.72	
Rent of Property	4,700.08	
Other Local Sources	46,347.93	
Transfer from Investment Account	1,702,277.00	
Deposits in Investment Account:	1,675,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$6,853,980.64
GRAND TOTAL		\$8,139,824.45
Withdrawals from NOW Account:		
Selectmen's Orders Paid	3,388,155.19	
Transfers to Investment Account:	1,675,000.00	
Withdrawals from Investment Account:	1,702,277.00	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS		\$6,765,432.19
TOTAL CASH ON HAND - December 31, 2002		\$1,374,392.26
On Deposit in NOW Account	208,665.48	
On Deposit in Investment Account	1,165,726.78	
	\$1,374,392.26	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Cindi Adler, Collector:		
Property Taxes, Levy of 2002	2,252,583.00	
Property Taxes, Levy of 2001	176,741.00	
Resident Taxes, 2002 & Delinquent	10,970.00	
Land Use Change Tax	500.00	
Yield Taxes	12,359.00	
Excavation Tax	2,404.00	
Inventory Penalty	675.00	
Property Tax Sale/Tax Liens	70,184.00	
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	7,127.67	
Interest and Costs on Tax Liens	6,974.63	
Total from Collector		\$2,540,518.30
From Treasurer, State of NH:		
Shared Revenue	17,758.92	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	51,420.92	
Highway Block Grant	65,037.22	
Forest Land Reimbursement	25.53	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	233.52	
State Disaster Relief	754.38	
Total from Treasurer, State of NH		\$135,230.49

From Other Governments		
Rescue Truck Contributions	16,330.00	
Total from Other Governments		\$16,330.00
From Borrowing:		
Tax Anticipation	450,000.00	
Total from Borrowing		\$450,000.00
Income from Deposited Funds:		
Checking Account Interest	1,348.67	
Investment Account Interest	8,325.07	
Total from Interest on Deposited Funds		\$9,673.74
From Licenses & Permits:		
U.C.C. Fees	998.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits	253,395.51	
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	2,090.00	
Building Permits	3,322.37	
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,548.50	
Marriage Licenses	135.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	588.00	
Pistol Permits	160.00	
Current Use Fees	16.00	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	866.00	
NSF Fees	70.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	18.00	
Junk Yard Permits	25.00	
Total of Licenses and Permit Fees		\$264,232.38
From Charges for Services:		
Ambulance	2,967.77	
Welfare Reimbursement	5,086.95	
Westmoreland School District (Mowing)	1,616.00	
Total Charges for Services		\$9,670.72
From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rental	4,000.08	
Town Hall Rental	700.00	
Total Rent of Property		\$4,700.08
From Other Local Sources:		
Town History Sales	200.00	
Telephone Commission	7.80	
Copies & Postage	63.41	
Miscellaneous	1,958.72	
Capital Reserve for Revaluation	36,000.00	
Capital Reserve for Fire Equipment	8,118.00	
Total from Other Local Sources		\$46,347.93
Miscellaneous:		
Investment Transfer From NHPDIP/BNH	1,702,277.00	
Total from Miscellaneous		\$1,702,277.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL - ALL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$5,178,980.64</b>

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Investment Account - NHPDIP  
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance - December 31, 2001	\$1,184,678.71
Deposits in 2002	\$1,675,000.00
Withdrawals in 2002	\$1,702,277.00
Interest Earned in 2002	\$8,325.07
Balance - December 31, 2002	\$1,165,726.78

LOANS OUTSTANDING

1. Fire Truck Loan - Connecticut River Bank  
Date of Loan - 12/17/98  
Maturity of Loan - 12/15/03  
Amount of Loan - \$53,939.53  
Rate of Loan - 4.950%  
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/02) - \$10,767.89 plus interest
2. Highway Truck Loan - George & Kathleen Nitschelm  
Date of Loan - 12/31/01  
Maturity of Loan - 12/31/03  
Amount of Loan - \$40,000  
Rate of Loan - 5%  
Payment per year - \$20,000 plus interest  
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/02) - \$20,000 plus interest
3. Backhoe & Loader Lease - John Deere Credit  
Date of Lease - 6/10/02  
Maturity of Lease - 6/10/06  
Amount of Lease - \$143,750  
Rate of Lease - 4.75%  
Payment per year - \$31,538.34 (includes interest)  
Amount owed on lease (as of 12/31/02) - \$114,903.20 plus interest

Respectfully Submitted,



JoAnn LaBarre  
Treasurer

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Briggs Fund, Cemetery Trustees, and Library Trustees for the year 2002. We find them to be correct and properly vouched. Additional findings and recommendations are on file with the Selectmen.

Susan Reed  
Robert Moore, Jr.  
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
WESTMORELAND, NH  
FOR THE YEAR: 2002

Motor Vehicle Registrations - 2278	\$253,172.51
Overpayments	223.00
Titla Applications	2,090.00
Dog Licenses	2,373.50
Tags - 388	
Group - 7	175.00
Vital Statistic Requests - 58	588.00
Marrigae Licenses Issued - 3	135.00
Candidacy Filings - 14	11.00
Other Filing Fees - 2	7.00
UCC Filings	998.00
Bank Returns	70.00
Total Collected by Town Clerk, 2002	<hr/> \$259,843.01

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Westmoreland Year Ending 2002

## DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	2001	PRIOR LEVIES 2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	PRIOR
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	176,741.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	2,140.00	850.00	430.00
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	3,345.00	677.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

## TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	2407,641.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180	9,180.00	
Land Use Change	#3120	500.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	12,749.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	2,404.00	
<del>Inventory Tax</del> INVENTORY TAX	<del>#3180</del>	675.00	
ADDED RESIDENT TAX		460.00	10.00

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## OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	5,146.00	1828.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	331.00	6,587.58		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	5.00	147.00	40.00	17.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$2439091.09</b>	<b>\$190798.58</b>	<b>\$ 1,567.00</b>	<b>\$ 447.00</b>

\*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Westmoreland Year Ending 2002

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2002	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2001	2000	PRIOR
Property Taxes	2252,583.00	137,940.00		
Resident Taxes	8,870.00	1,520.00	410.00	170.00
Land Use Change	500.00			
Yield Taxes	10,901.00	1,458.00		
Interest (include lien conversion)	331.09	3,401.37		
Penalties	5.00	147.00	40.00	17.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	2,404.00			
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> INVENTORY TAX PENALTY	675.00			
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		41,987.21		
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED</b>				

## ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	359.00	1,828.00		
Resident Taxes		560.00	420.00	210.00
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>				

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	159,845.00			
Resident Taxes	770.00	70.00	20.00	50.00
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	1,848.00	1,887.00	677.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$2439091.09</b>	<b>\$190798.58</b>	<b>\$1,567.00</b>	<b>\$447.00</b>

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# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Westmoreland Year Ending 2002

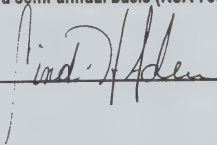
## DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	2000	PRIOR LEVIES	
	2001		1999 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	PRIOR
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		71,110.02	46,785.07	6,952.50
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	41,987.21			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	256.69	1,608.48	4,916.69	192.77
OVERPAYMENT	426.01			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 42,669.91</b>	<b>\$ 72,718.50</b>	<b>\$ 51,701.76</b>	<b>\$ 7,145.27</b>

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy	2000	PRIOR LEVIES	
		2001		1999 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	PRIOR
Redemptions		7,614.01	21,181.87	39,430.70	1,957.42
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	256.69	1,608.48	4,916.69	192.77
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	34,799.21	49,928.15	7,354.37	4,995.08
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 42,699.91</b>	<b>\$ 72,718.50</b>	<b>\$ 51,701.37</b>	<b>\$ 7,145.27</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? NO

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE  DATE 12-31-02

## CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

In 2002, there were 6 cemetery lots sold. There are lots available in the East and South Village cemeteries and limited ones in the North and Paine cemeteries. We continue to fix stones and plan to do roadwork in the North and East cemeteries.

Cemetery Trustees: Donald Hall, JoAnn LaBarre, Carlson Barrett

2002 Financial Report  
Savings Bank of Walpole  
Savings Account #601-023218

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2002		\$8,092.21
INCOME:		
Sale of Lots - South Cemetery	1,400.00	
Sale of Lots - East Cemetery	200.00	
2002 Town Appropriation	4,000.00	
Trust Fund Interest - 2001	2,874.93	
Interest	114.51	
		\$8,589.44
EXPENSES:		
Trustees for Perpetual Care Funds	800.00	
C&D Landscaping - mowing/clean-up	6,690.00	
Maple Hedge Farm - Burial	350.00	
		\$7,840.00
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2002		\$8,841.65



## BRIGGS BLEEKER & WHITE FUNDS REPORT

On December 19, 2002 the staff and students at Westmoreland School had their Annual Holiday parties. The interest from the Briggs, Bleeker, and White Funds was used to purchase gifts for students in grades Kindergarten through grade five. We purchased soda and ordered pizza for the Middle School students to enjoy at their parties. We are glad to have carried on this tradition in Westmoreland.

Stanley Castor, Jr.  
Susan Castor

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Activities in 2002

In 2002, the Zoning Board of Adjustment had nine (9) requests for Variances, of which three (3) were granted, three (3) were denied, two (2) were withdrawn, and one (1) is pending. Upon appeal one denied variance was reheard and granted. None were denied.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearings for Special Exceptions and Variances originate with the Zoning Administrator, R. Bruce Smith. Hearings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, when necessary. Completed Zoning Hearing 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 Hearing Applications consist of five different components: the denied Zoning Permit Application from the Zoning Administrator, Application for Hearing Appeal available in the Selectmen's Office, a diagram showing current condition of property and proposed changes, and the filing fee.

As of January 1, 2003, the filing fee for a zoning hearing is \$55.00 plus \$4.00 for each abutter, payable to the Town of Westmoreland.

Zoning Board Members during 2002

Peter Remy, chm. Brenda Shelley Brian Merry John Burt Barry Shonbeck April Ferguson, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Draper, Clerk

### REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2002

One- Family dwellings	13	Additions	7	Porch	2
Swimming Pool	1	Commercial	2	Sheds	1
Remodeling	9	Barns	4	Deck	1
Garages	3	Tower	2	Other	1

Respectfully submitted,  
Linn Starkey, Jr.

## 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 PM.

In 2002 there were 8 Site Plan approvals and 3 Subdivision approvals. Meetings were very busy toward the end of the year and 2003 is shaping up to be just as busy.

The board experienced some losses this year with the passing of Reginald Simino and the resignations of Linwood Burt and JoAnn LaBarre. Reggie served on the planning board for many years including the last 5 as chairman. He worked hard to make sure that the issues brought before the board were being addressed in a sensible but fair manner. He also made sure that the board addressed critical issues. Lindy was our historian – when questions of former roads and other planning issues came up, he was able to give historical perspective to the changes that had occurred over the years. JoAnn was our researcher; she was wonderful at checking with the appropriate agencies and organizations for answers when the board ran into puzzling questions. We greatly miss these members who had the interests of Westmoreland and its citizens at heart. We welcome Alan Johnson and Laurie Burt as new members of the board, and Elaine Hall as secretary. The Selectman are in the process of finding an alternate for the board as well.

The Master Plan subcommittee, energetically led by Jim Blake, has worked very hard on updating our town master plan. The final draft review will be early in 2003 and the new plans should be available for purchase at cost in the Selectman's office toward the end of the year. Refer to their committee report elsewhere in this booklet.

We would like to remind residents that booklets listing the necessary steps and applicable ordinances for subdivision or site plan review are available in the Selectmen's office. Also, if a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector would be wise. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed.

**Co-Chairs:**

Lauren Bressett,  
Linn Starkey, Jr,  
Elaine Hall, Secretary

**Members:**

James Ashworth  
Laurie Burt

**Jeff Ingram**

Alan Johnson  
Michael Reed

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Westmoreland Historical Society was formed in 1955. The purpose of the group was to serve as a historical society and to preserve the historical Corner School house on the corner of the River Road and Poocham Road. Built in 1789, and moved twice, the schoolhouse stands today as one of oldest structures in town.

During the past year the group hired a building inspector to examine the building from top to bottom. We were very pleased with the outcome. Overall the building was in good condition except for a few things. The roof needs to be shingled and the chimney, which once was used for the schools stove, needs repairs. Other minor repairs were recommended and we planned to have all the work done during the upcoming year.

The group is currently writing a book on all the houses in Westmoreland, new and old. The project was started in the Fall of 1997 with the hopes that it would take us seven years to complete. Properties are researched from the most current owners to as far back as we can go, alot of times back to the 1700's. The group, called the House Committee, has dwindled since 1997 but we are overall on schedule. If you have information about your house you would like to add call Bill Howland at 357-0966 or Bill Hunter at 399-4472.

Current officers in the group are Bill Howland, President; Bill Hunter, Vice President and Sally Hatt as secretary. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 7, May 5, Septmeber 2, October 6 and November 3. A house tour is planned for June 2. If you're interested in area history, the public is invited. New member are always welcome.

Bill Howland

## HEALTH OFFICER REPORT FOR YEAR 2002

The Health Officer is responsible for maintaining public health, inspecting private and public residential structures, prosecuting violations of state and local regulations, curtailing public nuisances, and investigating allegations of public nuisances. Expediting failed septic systems for state and local installers can also be done through the health office. The Health Officer can be reached through the Selectmen's office or by calling direct and leaving a message at 399-7777.

Questions and complaints that were investigated for the year 2002 are as follows:

1 private school inspection.

Just a reminder to owners of private wells and springs, the state encourages water testing by certified labratories. For more information about contacting certified laboratories, their services and costs, please contact the N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services.

Respectfully submitted

William Huntley  
Health Officer

## TRANSFER STATION

Progress is being made toward the closing of the landfill but is not done when the facility is open so there isn't much to see yet. The cost of disposal has increased and therefore it is critical that all users pay their fair share. Be sure to check in with the attendant when leaving items for the demo and metal roll-offs. Cardboard should be broken down at the seams, not stomped on. Below are figures from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

ITEM	WEIGHT	COST
Compactor	269.17 Tons	\$25,059.34
Mixed Recycling	26.65 Tons	2,100.00
Newspaper	30.95 Tons	200.00
Cardboard	23.01 Tons	846.00
Metal	9.25 Tons	300.00
Demo (construction, furniture, etc.)	24.27 Tons	1007.95
Tires	1 load	0
White Goods (refrigerators, etc.)	1 load	0

## HIGHWAY REPORT 2002

The Westmoreland Highway Department, in addition to the regular road maintenance, was able to replace several culverts, thanks to the purchase of the new town backhoe. It has already proven to be an invaluable piece of equipment. The department also put another 600 yards of gravel on Paine Hill.

Bruce Russell resigned as Road Agent in May; he was an asset to the town with both his knowledge and experience. He is missed by the department. The department now has 3 full time employees with the recent addition of Mark Currier. Mark is a Westmoreland resident and is also a member of the Fire/Rescue Department. We welcome Mark and look forward to working with him.

The garage now has a new shed as well as a wood-burning furnace. This has proven to be very cost effective for the town and the facilities are comfortable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rick Hatt, Harry Nelson, and Dave Putnam for helping with all the snow storms during the month of December, it's good to have extra personnel to call upon when needed.

This has been a very challenging year for me and I sincerely thank the people of Westmoreland and the selectmen who have been so supportive of the Highway Department.

Gary Hudson  
Road Agent

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Before I begin with reporting the Police Department statistics, I would like to take the opportunity to announce a change at the Westmoreland Police Department. For those of you who don't yet know, Jack Zeller has retired, and as of October 1<sup>st</sup> I have been serving as the town's Constable. I am a full-time Police Officer with the City of Keene Police Department. I am currently assigned to the investigations division as a police detective. I have a master's degree in criminal Justice and bring several years experience in patrol, investigations, and crime scene processing to the job. I look forward to serving your community, and appreciate the warm welcomes I have already received by those who have met me.

There have been some questions as to how to get in touch with the Constable. Since I am a part-time officer for the town this can get a bit confusing. The first and foremost thing to remember is this; if you have an emergency of any sort, call 911 and the appropriate emergency service personnel will respond immediately. If there is a situation that is not an emergency, but you need police service, you should call mutual aid at 352-1100. For non-emergency problems, animal complaints, business related issues, questions, comments, or to relay police related information, etc. I have a dedicated line, in my home, for these types of calls. The number is 357-7305.

I have spent some time reviewing the police logs from the past several years to compare them with the 2002 activity. It appears as though calls for police service have followed a typical pattern over the past few years. The majority of calls for service revolve around animal complaints and motor vehicle complaints. I have already mitigated a few animal complaints, and will continue to do so as they arise. However, animal owners should make a conscious effort not to allow your animals to run astray or become a nuisance. I am in the process of compiling some data to find the motor vehicle problem areas in town. I will then try to coordinate a targeted motor vehicle enforcement routine.

2002 showed a sharp reduction in violent crimes, compared to other years. The most significant decline was the number of calls for families in need of assistance with domestic violence issues. There were no reported sexual assaults and no reported criminal threatening.

As done in the past, I will continue to rely on State Police to handle the majority of motor vehicle accidents and major crimes. The State Police have the personnel, emergency vehicles, and specialized equipment to better handle these situations. I have spoken to Lt. Kelly and Sgt. Reisenberg from Troop C and both have offered their continued support to handle these matters in the town. This is greatly appreciated, as it saves the taxpayers thousands of dollars each year.

The statistic below do not reflect calls for service directed to the State Police or crimes reported and then determined to be unfounded.

Accidents	9	Domestic	7
Alarms	3	Harassment	2
Animal	51	House Checks	11
Assault	0	Juvenile (other than arrests)	4
Assist other Depts.	4	Burglary	4
Criminal Mischief	2	Miscellaneous	71
Criminal Threatening	0	Motor Vehicle	19
Criminal Trespass	0	Sexual Assault (Felony)	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Sexual Assault (Mis.)	0
Theft/Shoplifting	1	Suspicious Persons	3

TOTAL CALLS: 191

James Cemorelis  
Town Constable

## WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2002

One of the major changes at the library has been the addition of two new Trustees, making a total of five on the Board. A landscaping project to honor Marion Starkey was completed with a garden and sundial in front of the new addition. Snow removal from the paved parking lot has been much easier. Book shelves have been repaired by additions to some of the older stacks, and a new bookcase was made for newly acquired materials.

Following are some goals that were achieved in addition to providing books, reference services, and programs to the public: the safety and security of materials; entry of our juvenile inventory on a database record, coordination with the Westmoreland School for a website, the increase of our children's programs, and consequently a strengthening community involvement with the library. With regard to safety and security, we now regularly back up all computer files, and have a photo-inventory of our equipment and furnishings. We have collaborated with the School to add information about the Public Library on their website. All Juvenile Fiction and Non-fiction materials have been uploaded on our File Maker, a copy of which should soon be available for use by the School. As part of their community service and as volunteers, six students have worked at the Library, helping with the database, maintaining and repairing the collection, and offering story hour for young children.

Our association with Nubanusit Coop connects our library to other libraries in the area and to the New Hampshire State Library. Every library is using Epixtech, a new Interlibrary Loan software for the ordering and tracking of books borrowed throughout the State. The staff has participated in workshops to learn about this new program, HTML programming, E-books, and puppetry. Our library hosted a Nubanusit Coop meeting in September. Through the State Library, we received a Library Services and Technology Assistance Grant of \$500 for multicultural and diversity materials. We were able to update our juvenile collection in these areas.

The Library was open a total of 149 days; 75 new patrons registered and 2830 patrons visited. 4295 materials were circulated of which 56% was fiction, 21 items were in Large Print. 39 reference questions were answered. 205 patrons used the reading room, and 70 used the computer. We borrowed 281 materials from and loaned 43 items to other libraries. Purchased acquisitions included 133 adult and 116 juvenile books. Donated acquisitions included 80 adult books, 111 juvenile books, 25 audio tapes, 63 videos, and 10 CDs.

The Library reports that 775 items were withdrawn from the juvenile fiction, adult fiction and biography sections. 9 books were lost, and 214 items were overdue throughout the year. Patrons donated responsibly to our contribution jar when returning overdue books. 26 books were repaired. Our discarded books were added to our Annual Book Sale which brought in a total of \$568.55. The raffle of a quilt, donated by Rosalie Walker, raised \$389.

Our Assistant Librarian, Elizabeth Landry, moved away in November, and Julie King was hired to fill this position.

Volunteers served 542 hours at the library, helping at the circulation desk, adding inventory to the database, shelving, processing new acquisitions, and helping staff with technical aspects of the computers. A workshop for volunteers was held in March.

**Programs:** In addition to weekly visits from the Kindergarten and First Grades, and visits from the Third Grade to their Community Library, we held a Game Night in February, and Story Hour for 3 and 4 year olds met in the spring, under the direction of Danielle Simmons. An Intergenerational Story Hour was held in the fall, and led by two students as part of their community service project. The Summer Reading Program, based on the theme “Lions, Tigers, and Books, Oh My!” involved many volunteers and children in lively programs. Christina Gibbons gave a slide presentation on the History of Women’s Literacy. A quilting group met for several weeks. 298 Children and 119 adults attended programs at the library throughout the year.

Some of our goals for 2003 are to rebuild the workstation and the circulation desk area to be more ergonomic for volunteers and staff and easier for patrons to access. A completed inventory of adult fiction and non-fiction is planned. This will involve our updating the non-fiction areas, and entering titles on our database. We will be updating all patron information so we have an accurate patron file.

In summary, the library has been fortunate this year in having the assistance of so many volunteers. We continue to build on the strong support of patrons, and townspeople who assist us in many aspects of our services, and to collaborate with other town organizations for mutual benefit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maisie Crowther, Director

**WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FINANCIAL REPORT 2002**

**Savings Bank of Walpole Balance 1/1/2002**      \$ 4,770.47

**INCOME**

Adjustment	\$ 23.97
Book Replacement	\$ 9.00
Book Sales	\$ 568.55
Contributions	\$ 257.53
Copy Machine	\$ 54.50
Fundraising	\$ 399.00
Gifts-Books and Memorial Fund	\$ 233.90
Grant	\$ 500.00
Interest Earned-Checking	\$ 9.73
Jotham Lord Fund	\$ 79.22
Out of Town Patron Cards	\$ 15.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 20,580.78
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 897.77

**TOTAL REVENUE**      **\$ 23,628.95**

**EXPENSES**

Books	\$ 3,610.89
Building	\$ 235.88
Computer	\$ 286.80
Donations	\$ 130.00
Dues	\$ 75.00
Electricity	\$ 611.52
Equipment and Repair	\$ 512.00
Heat	\$ 2,021.21
Magazines	\$ 204.82
Maintenance	\$ 113.11
Mileage	\$ 225.79
Post Office Box	\$ 53.00
Postage	\$ 70.08
Program	\$ 94.71
Salaries      Salaries	\$ 13,802.81
FICA & Medicare	\$ 1,055.92
Staff Education	\$ 100.00
Supplies	\$ 702.49
Telephone	\$ 1,344.35

**TOTAL EXPENSES**      **\$ 25,250.38**

SBW Starting Balance 1/1/2002	\$ 4,770.47
Revenue	\$ 23,628.95
Total Revenue	\$ 28,399.42
Expenses	\$ (25,250.38)
<b>SBW Ending Balance 12/31/2002</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,149.04</u></b>

EJ Starting Balance 1/1/2002	\$ 19,115.00
Income	\$ 192.05
Total Income	\$ 19,307.05
Expenses	\$ (5,141.95)

**Ending Balance EJ 12/31/2002**      **\$ 14,165.10**



## Master Plan Subcommittee

The Planning Board setup our subcommittee late in 2001 with the goal of updating the town's Master Plan of 1986. A master plan is a document developed by a community to guide its future land use and development and is therefore intended to aid the planning board in its duties.

As an initial part of the process of generating a new master plan, we conducted a town survey. The purpose was to determine public concerns and perceptions of the present town and what direction the people would like to see the town take in the future. From the results we put together a list of charts and recommendations for town growth.

The mechanics of initiating the survey was to modify a survey used in the previous master planning process. We reviewed town surveys from similar sized communities in the area using a library of surveys from SWRPC. We had 850 forms printed. About 150 went to out of town property owners and 650 were distributed to all post office boxes and town mailboxes. This then included all town property owners and renters. The forms were mailed out late February.

With regard to results, we received a total of 241 forms which included 277 individual responses. 202 forms were from residents. With 576 households (per 2000 census) this means a 35 % response rate for households. About 150 forms were sent to out of town property owners. 38 of these forms were returned for a 25% return rate. Both of these return rates were quite good. The returns were then tabulated onto a survey worksheet and charted using Excel and included with the draft master plan.

In addition to the survey, I made public presentations to the Historical Society and at a town hall meeting hosted by the Conservation Commission. An article was also included in the Westmorelander. From these and the survey results we developed an understanding of what direction the people wanted the community to grow.

The master plan includes a number of sections that are devoted to various aspects of a community, including land use, housing, conservation, economics, public service, roads and public services. The 2000 census, Southwest Regional Planning Commission, and town office data were valuable sources of information. Our team then began the updating of these sections. First drafts of 10 of the 12 sections have been completed. A new zoning map was completed and a development constraints map is underway. We are expecting to begin the review process early this spring.

Members:	Don Hall	Jeff Ingram	Ray Mailhot
	Theresa Russell	Barry Shonbeck	Marshall Patmos
		Julie King	Ray Zabel
Chairman:	Jim Blake		

## 2002 REPORT OF THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NH RSA 36-A provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose to identify, protect and conserve the land and water resources of their community. Additionally, as charged by RSA 483-A, the commission also reviews wetland applications for local review in conjunction with the NH Wetlands board. A wetland application (forms available in the town office) is necessary for any activity that involves projects to excavate, remove, dredge, fill or construct a structure in any surface waters or wetlands of the state.

The Commission continues to work on a natural resource inventory that will give an overview of the towns' natural resources including wetland and fragile soil information that highlights some of the environmentally sensitive areas of the town. Working with Southwest Region Planning Commission, the Commission has had digital maps and overlays prepared of soils data, wetland and water resources, aquifers, floodplains, aerial photos, topographic and general land use. An updated digital zoning map has also been prepared to assist with town planning. The base maps and overlays which provide a comprehensive look at the town are available for use and are helpful to the selectmen, commission, planning and zoning boards and citizens.

In addition to having reviewed a number of applications for the planning board, we are assisting with the update of the town's master plan. Member Jim Blake is chairing the plan update subcommittee.

Permanent land protection and the conservation of open space in town is an important issue as highlighted in the results of a town survey completed earlier in the year. Efforts to assist with land conservation and protection are worthwhile. A Conservation Fund was approved at the 2002 town meeting where 50% of the current-use penalty tax would be put in the fund for purposes of land protection. The commission has already had some public information sessions and has plans for land protection information and education efforts and perhaps forming a committee of interested citizens to assist with the effort.

The Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan for the town was updated in 2002 and will be submitted as part of the master plan update.

2002 saw a terrible loss to the Town and the Conservation Commission because of the untimely passing of long time Commission member Fran Laurent. She was a conscientious and dedicated individual in all of her civic efforts and provided a practical approach to the conservation of natural resources through her work on the Commission. Fran is remembered for her gentle manner, high standards, and perseverance and is one of the people in life that we feel honored to have worked with through the years.

The Westmoreland Conservation Commission meets on the first Tuesday of the month and is always looking for interested individuals to join our ranks or to help us with the tasks at hand. Feel free to contact any member with questions or concerns you may have about environmental or conservation issues.

Marshall Patmos, Chairman  
Jim Blake  
Jeff Smith  
Bob Moore  
John Lukin  
Walt Derjue  
George Duke

## FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

2002 was another busy year for the Fire Department responding to 122 calls. The department held two fund raisers; the Forest Fire Warden's Association Dinner in May and the Chicken BBQ in June, where the Westmoreland Town Band provided outstanding music for all to enjoy. A portion of the proceeds from the fundraisers, along with the donations we receive throughout the year, will be used towards the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera.

At the town meeting in March of 2002 voters approved purchasing a new rescue body for the Rescue Truck and the Firefighter's Association purchased extra equipment to help us do our job more efficiently. The department invites citizens to stop by and see this new equipment.

The department welcomed two new members who are currently taking an Emergency Medical Technicians course (EMT). Any Westmoreland resident interested in becoming a member of the department is welcome to join us at 8:00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month at the Fire Station.

The members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department want to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for their outstanding support this past year.

Harry Nelson  
Fire Chief

### 2002 Fire & Rescue Calls

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Total Personnel Hours</u>
<b>Automatic Fire Alarms:</b>		
County Jail	6	3:47
Maplewood Nursing Home	9	20:06
Private Residence	6	8:03
Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
School	3	2:51
Brush Fire	1	9:40
Car Fire	0	0:00
Chimney Fire	2	24:20
CO Detector	0	0:00
Downed Wires/Transformer	9	48:26
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas/Oil Leak	4	26:56
Good Intent/Smoke Investigation	1	5:52
Hazmat	0	0:00
<b>Medical Emergencies:</b>		
County Jail	3	6:24
Maplewood Nursing Home	10	18:04
Other	32	67:50
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20	106:20
Mutual Aid	8	78:29
Public Assist	0	0:00
Structure Fires	2	51:38
Other	6	23:22
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>502:08</b>

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b># Calls</b>	<b>Total Number of Calls</b>
Jan	3	3
Feb	10	13
Mar	14	27
Apr	15	42
May	15	57
Jun	13	70
Jul	8	78
Aug	8	86
Sep	7	93
Oct	5	98
Nov	13	111
Dec	11	122

**TOWN OF WESTMORELAND**  
**Trustees of Trust Funds**  
**Annual Report -2002**

The death of Fran Laurent was a tragic loss to the Town and to the Trustees of Trust Funds. She shall be missed. Bob Andrews retired having served the Town well. George Nitschelm and Russ Kotfila were appointed by the Selectmen as replacements for Fran and Bob.

The Trustees met four times during the year to administer the affairs of the trusts. Of particular concern to the Trustees was the dramatic decrease in income from the trusts as a result of declining interest rates. Funds are currently invested predominantly in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool. The Trustees are investigating options for investing in longer-term bonds providing higher income with minimum risk.

Trustees:

Patrick N. Baker

Russell Kotfila

George Nitschelm

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

2002 ADDITIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trust Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7-29-02	East Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$100.00
4-20,9-16,9-24,11-2-02	South Village Perpetual. Care	700.00
3-26-02	Acerno, Michael J. - Scholarship	22.65
3-26-02	Men's Club	44.57
		867.22

<u>Date</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-7-02	Special Education/High School Tuition	\$12,069.00
3-7-02	School Renovation	5,000.00
12-16-02	Bridge Rebuilding	20,000.00
		37,069.00

2002 DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Trust Fund Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Theresa M. Acerno	Acerno, M. J., Scholarship Fund	High School Scholarship	\$200.00
Barbara Messer	Lois Leach Graduates Fund	Graduates' Dinner	107.87
Cemetery Trustees	Town Cemetery Funds	Cemetery Maintenance	2,874.93
Westmoreland School	Pearl L. Bragg Trust Fund	School Health Care	362.96
Town of Westmoreland	Jotham Lord Trust Fund	Support of Town Library	79.22
KSC Owl Soccer Camp	Thomas White Soccer Scholarship	Soccer Camp Scholarship	251.90
Westmoreland Library	Town Library Funds	Support of Town Library	897.77
Susan Castor	Briggs, Bleeker & White Funds	School Christmas Gifts	187.14
Theresa Russell	Starkey - Cobb Fund	Care of Aged & Needy	309.67
Union Meeting House	Union Meeting House Fund	Maintenance & Repair	118.04
Transfer to Principal	Westmoreland Men's Club	Per Terms of Trust	44.57
Transfer to Principal	Acerno, M.J., Scholarship Fund	Per Terms of Trust	22.65
			5,456.72

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town of Westmoreland	Fire Truck	New Fire Truck	\$8,118.00
Town of Westmoreland	Town Revaluation	Town Revaluation	36,000.00
			44,118.00

TRUST FUNDS	Purpose	Date	How Invested PD/F#	PRINCIPAL		INCOME		GRAND TOTAL	
				12/31/01 Balance	New Funds	12/31/01 Balance	Income Expended	12/31/01 Balance	12/31/02 Balance
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>									
Canoe Meadow Cemetery		0013		\$301.52	0	301.52	12.05	3.99	313.57
Chaffee Cemetery		0014		100.91	0.00	100.91	113.19	7.90	205.99
E Cemetery Prop. Care		0002		7,820.38	100.00	7,920.38	413.23	122.09	8,233.61
Glac Cemetery		0003		5,095.68	0.00	5,095.68	2,412.22	285.82	7,507.80
North Cem Uplakes Cemetery		0011		12,825.91	0.00	12,825.91	456.74	196.44	13,322.65
North Presbyterian Care Cemetery		0015		14,732.63	0.00	14,732.63	729.02	228.80	15,511.55
Outlying (Cole) Cemetery		0016		502.91	0.00	502.91	576.04	15.63	1,078.95
Pratt Cemetery		0017		301.48	0.00	301.48	12.05	3.99	313.63
S Village, M & I Cemetery		0006		11,366.72	0.00	11,366.72	449.38	173.89	11,806.10
S Village, Perr Care Cemetery		0012		16,489.56	700.00	17,189.56	820.96	658.86	17,510.42
S Village, D Blood Cemetery		0010		20,068.37	0.00	20,068.37	5,113.71	377.46	25,200.54
S Village, D Blood Cemetery		Vang		15,403.54	(3,611.48)	11,792.06	0.00	158.39	13,409.34
TOTAL CEMETERY				105,025.41	(2,811.48)	102,213.93	11,198.49	1,693.28	116,223.90
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS</b>									
OTHER MEETING-HOUSE TRUST FUNDS									
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS									
0028				22,849.19	0.00	22,849.19	897.77	350.50	23,746.96
0029				2,934.46	0.00	2,934.46	118.04	44.57	3,052.50
TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS				25,783.65	0.00	25,783.65	1,015.81	395.07	26,796.46
<b>OTHER TRUST FUNDS</b>									
Starkey Cobb Town Aged & Needy		1935		7,647.87	0.00	7,647.87	309.67	119.03	7,957.54
Lord, Jotham Town Vote		1816		2,010.09	0.00	2,010.09	79.22	30.89	2,089.31
Mens Club Wern Historical Society		1982		3,650.76	44.57	3,695.33	1,199.72	72.67	4,850.48
Special School Fund SPED/HHS Tuition		1996		0.00	12,069.00	12,069.00	434.14	148.77	12,651.91
Recreation Fund		2001		1,723.81	0.00	1,723.81	65.49	26.59	1,789.30
TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS				14,032.53	44.57	14,077.10	1,628.39	274.35	15,705.45
<b>SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS</b>									
Averno, Michael J. Scholarship		1994		5,826.59	22.65	5,849.24	226.46	88.96	6,053.05
Bleeker Children's Christmas		1985		502.48	0.00	502.48	36.02	7.42	520.85
Bragg, Pearl Lucile Health/School		1954		9,104.19	0.00	9,104.19	362.96	141.04	9,467.15
Broggs, O L Children's Christmas		1918		1,004.52	0.00	1,004.52	46.23	15.31	1,050.75
Cutter, Susan H Grammar Award		1990		508.47	0.00	508.47	174.65	10.95	683.02
Eszy, Henry School Support		1889		905.33	0.00	905.33	94.08	14.92	1,009.00
Fox, Elephant School Support		1817		1,004.84	0.00	1,004.84	104.81	16.59	1,121.24
Leach, Lois Graduate's Banquet		1976		2,533.12	0.00	2,533.12	202.84	39.85	2,735.96
Town Library School Support		1829		1,781.58	0.00	1,781.58	190.77	29.64	1,972.35
White, Ruth A Children's Christmas		1991		3,050.84	0.00	3,050.84	174.40	48.30	3,252.24
White, Thomas Soccer Scholarship		1985		2,989.63	0.00	2,989.63	1,254.72	62.10	4,244.35
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS				29,211.60	22.65	29,234.25	2,867.84	475.08	32,072.13
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS				175,053.19	9,324.74	184,377.93	17,170.38	2,961.38	192,223.57
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>									
Bridge Rebuilding		2002		0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Fire Truck		1986		8,000.00	(6,000.00)	2,000.00	117.76	63.82	83.56
Highway Truck		1986		0.00	0.00	0.00	937.99	14.76	952.75
School Renovation		2002		0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	58.82	5,058.82
Town Revaluation		1993		35,000.00	(35,000.00)	0.00	8,516.09	501.39	43,516.09
Police Cruiser		1998		7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	722.31	115.73	7,722.31
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES				50,000.00	(18,000.00)	32,000.00	10,313.75	781.97	41,972.72
TOTAL ALL FUNDS				225,053.19	216,377.93	27,484.13	24,680.09	252,537.32	241,058.02
TOTAL PD/FI FUNDS				209,643.65	204,579.87	27,484.13	24,481.10	237,127.78	229,060.97

**ANNUAL REPORT - 2002**  
**Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee**  
**Connecticut River Joint Commissions**

We have distributed boating guides to the river and a new map and guide for the Connecticut River Byway, a regional economic development project focusing on the river, natural resources, recreation, farming, history, culture, and local products. Copies of both of these free publications are available.

We have continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, advising the State of New Hampshire on the rehabilitation of the Chesterfield/Brattleboro bridge and expansion of a marina in Hinsdale. We also provided the Connecticut River Flood Control Commission with advice on revised floodplain maps.

We have encouraged all towns in our region, including Westmoreland, to review our *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Westminster has recently accomplished this, and other towns are following suit. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the NH Shoreland Protection Act now applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

Westmoreland currently has a vacancy on the Subcommittee, following the resignation of long-time member and secretary, Jan Kos. The Subcommittee is most grateful to Jan for her dedicated service to the river. Citizens interested in representing the Town are encouraged to contact the Selectmen.

The Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the fourth Wednesday evening of every other month, usually at the Westmoreland Town Hall. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at [www.crjc.org/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm).

Submitted by the committee:

***Stuart Adams, Westmoreland representative***



2002 MARRIAGES

<u>NAMES OF GROOM &amp; BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
BRIAN S. BATES MALINDA S. BATES	Westmoreland, NH West Swanzey, NH	February 22, 2002	Keene, NH
JEREMY NATHAN BENOIT LAUREL ANN GIBBS	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	October 19, 2002	Walpole, NH
JEREMY PATRICK BLANCHARD MELISSA ANN McCLENNING	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	August 3, 2002	Westmoreland, NH
PETER CHARLES HATT DEBORAH (FIELD) PRICE	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	January 1, 2002	Keene, NH
* MATTHEW BARRY HOLZER WENDY JUNE DERJUE	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY	August 4, 2001	Westmoreland, NH
SAMUEL LEE TAGGARD MEGAN DENHOLM LEDUC	Brattleboro, VT Durham, NC	August 10, 2002	Westmoreland, NH

\* inadvertently omitted in 2001 listing

2002 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Baby's Name</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>
08-06-02	Brattleboro, VT	LYDIA PAIGE BUNSZEL	Kim Topa	Bob Bunszel
05-29-02	Keene, NH	GIBSON MICHAEL GITCHELL	Virginia Acerno	Graham Gitchehl
09-09-02	Lebanon, NH	REBECCA EMILEIGH KENYON	Shannan Dubois	Timothy Kenyon
02-26-02	Keene, NH	HANNA MARIE MESIC	Rebecca Ann Kraft	Leonard Mesic Jr
06-07-02	Keene, NH	NICHOLAS ROBERT NADEAU	Gretchen Harcke	Brian Nadeau
01-18-02	Keene, NH	LUKE MICHAEL PIERS	Kimberly J. Lohnes	George F. Piers
08-15-02	Keene, NH	EMMALINE ISABELLA RIENDEAU	Stacy Ray	Robert Riendeau
06-25-02	Keene, NH	CADE IAN RINKER	Jennifer Rinker	Charles Tucker
09-02-02	Keene, NH	GUNNAR HAZEN SHONBECK	Julie Wyman	Karl Shonbeck
01-08-02	Keene, NH	ANDREW LINDSAY ULRICH	Sandra Hunt	Kerry Ulrich

BURIALS 2002

<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Burial Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
07-20-02	North Cemetery	GEORGE JOSEPH AUDET	Brattleboro, VT	July 17, 2002
05-03-02	East Cemetery	RAYNOR MILON BATES	Keene, NH	March 4, 2002
09-10-02	South Village Cem.	DONNA JEAN CHAMBERLAIN	Keene, NH	September 7, 2002
2002	So. Village Cemetery	HELEN G. DeSILVEY	North Carolina	May 18, 2002
05-17-02	So. Village Cemetery	DARRELL M. FLAGG	Keene, NH	December 21, 2001
08-28-02	So. Village Cemetery	FRANCES EMMA LAURENT	Traverse City, MI	August 23, 2002
04-24-02	So. Village Cemetery	JOHN W. MAXSON	Keene, NH	December 12, 2001
Spring'02	North Cemetery	MARY E. REID	Keene, NH	December 30, 2001
05-10-02	East Cemetery	JUDITH FRANCES RICE	Springfield, VT	January 17, 2002
09-21-02	So. Village Cemetery	REGINALD SIMINO	Keene, NH	September 15, 2002

2002 DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
03-04-02	Keene, NH	RAYNOR MILON BATES	Coburn Bates	Christie Miller
12-04-02	Keene, NH	DONALD P. CANDE	Robert P. Cande	Hazel Runnells
12-08-02	Keene, NH	WILLIAM F. DEWEY, JR.	William F. Dewey, Sr.	Mary Louise Walker
08-23-02	Traverse City, MI	FRANCES E. LAURENT	Harry Maier	Martha Hake
02-09-02	Keene, NH	MARION A. MACMILLIN	Henry Dillon	Mary Bannack
12-23-02	Keene, NH	ANGELICA MARIE MALLOY	Charles Micola	Josephine Torchia
02-04-02	Brattleboro, VT	PHYLLIS E. POWELL	Charles Gould	Ruby Graham
09-15-02	Keene, NH	REGINALD J. SIMINO	Joseph D. Simino	Muriel L. Turney
02-05-02	Jaffrey, NH	ELIZABETH S. WHEELWRIGHT	David Wheelwright	Louisa Scudder
12-19-02	Keene, NH	OLGA E. ZINN	Michael Russell	Mary Seliskey

2002 DEATHS IN TOWN (Not Maplewood)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
08-05-02	WILMA STANLEY HILL	Hillcrest Home	Derby Stanley	Edith White
10-02-02	GALE H. MUCHMORE	3 Old Millbrook Road	Hadley L. Muchmore	Beatrice I. Curtis
10-25-02	GERTRUDE NORENE SICA	21 Capron Road	Henry B. Wiley	Dorothy Wells

2002 MAPLEWOOD DEATHS

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
04-25-02	ARTHUR J. AMBROSINO	Townshend, VT	Vincent Ambrosino	Vincenza Marie Maione
03-10-02	VELMA M. BANDEL	West Swanzey, NH	George W. Bush	Mary Scott
03-16-02	HOWARD B. BEAL	Spofford, NH	Howard Beal	Clara Trull
08-27-02	LOUISE BELLOHUSEN	Westmoreland, NH	Ernest Sternberg	Louise Price
01-09-02	ROSEMARY BERNHEIMER	Westmoreland, NH	Charles Tomer	Effie Malboof
03-07-02	ELIZABETH MARY BEVENS	Westmoreland, NH	William Wickman	Anna Kirby
03-01-02	BERLE M. BINETTE	Westmoreland, NH	John E. Johnson	Irene M. Gilbo
11-06-02	HELEN B. BLODGETT	Hinsdale, NH	Henry Barrett	Lizzie Brown
03-03-02	EVA ABIGAIL BROWN	Westmoreland, NH	George H. Ingalls	Hattie Shattuck
08-24-02	NATALIE E. BROWN	Walpole, NH	Earl A. Robinson	Stella Lovering
07-24-02	HARLOW W. CHURCHILL	Shelburne, MA	Wallace Churchill	Laura Jane Harris
04-22-02	GRACE MARIE COPPOLA	Keene, NH	Donarto DiTullio	Antonetta DiRado

11-17-02	MARY CROKE	Westmoreland, NH	Elmer Aird	Trenna Stowell
10-26-02	ROBERT F. DELANO, SR.	Hinsdale, NH	Ralph Delano	Madelyn Stearns
06-28-02	LILLIE STEARNS DENNIS	Keene, NH	Emory Ward Stearns	Mabel Josephine Wright
02-27-02	MARGARET C. DITTRICH	Westmoreland, NH	Leonert Ostheimer	Mathilda Heinke
05-17-02	MYRTON W. EDSON	Lempster, NH	Myrton Edson	Mabel Thornton
09-14-02	GENEVIEVE A. FABISIAK	Jaffrey, NH	Pete Fabisiak	Martha Cycowski
03-04-02	ISABEL ETHEL FLAGG	Westmoreland, NH	Arthur Edwin Crouch	Gertrude Bodman Packard
04-23-02	RAFFAELA ANN GIBSON	Westmoreland, NH	Joseph Anthony Cappello, Sr.	Constance Risotti
11-23-02	FRANCES A. GOLEC	Bellows Falls, VT	Vincent Godrick Gwardiak	Kunagunda A. Weigloski
03-15-02	ESTHER T. HOWARD	Walpole, NH	David Thomson	Martha Brown
12-30-02	FRANK S. JACOBS	Walpole, NH	Henry B. Jacobs	Dorothea Saunders
09-01-02	PAULINE KUCHINSKY	Stoddard, NH	Nakita Zaitz	Anna Nazarieva
03-01-02	SARA GERTRUDE LAMB	Westmoreland, NH	Arthur J. Lamb	Louise Rumrill

08-14-02	CHARLES RICHARD LANG	Stoddard, NH	Charles A. Lang	Frances Metcalf
10-28-02	DOROTHY LOU MacMILLAN	Westmoreland, NH	William D. MacMillan	Sadie Lecompte
01-24-02	LEONA VIRGINIA MANSFIELD	Westmoreland, NH	Ronald F. Mansfield	Anna B. Samuelson
05-30-02	SHIRLEY MAE MARTINEZ	Westmoreland, NH	Paul Wright	Mary Ellen Bushway
04-19-02	LYLE R. McCLENNING	Keene, NH	Roscoe McClenning	Ethel Hurlburt
02-17-02	MARGARET H. McKENNY	Putney, VT	Hugh L. Thompson	Caroline Goss
03-04-02	PHILIP F. McLELLAN	Dublin, NH	Ralph McLellan	Reta East
07-04-02	JOHN G. MOORE	Brattleboro, VT	George Moore	Frances Gilmer
01-03-02	JO ANN TAMBASCO MORSE	Spoftord, NH	Daniel Tambasco	Jennie Forte
03-27-02	LANE A. NICHOLS	Dummerston, VT	Arthur D. Nichols	Elizabeth Rice
02-20-02	CONSTANCE L. ODLE	Hinsdale, NH	Henry M. Rock	Hazel Brown
11-16-02	NOREINE J. OMAN	Westmoreland, NH	Charles Joudrey	Blanche Belliveau
03-04-02	EARL W. PROULX	Surry, NH	Merritt E. Proulx	Florence Goddard
10-31-02	BARBARA RUTH REYNOLDS	Keene, NH	Earl Burgess	Helen Briggs



07-02-02	RONALD BOYINGTON REYNOLDS	Westmoreland, NH	Carroll Robert Reynolds	Faye Griffin Wall
09-26-02	ELIHU RICHARD ROTFORT	Westmoreland, NH	Nathan Rotfort	Alice Segal
01-07-02	EVELYN RUFFLE	Keene, NH	John Harrison	Mary Mucklow
04-22-02	DOROTHY B. SAVORY	Alstead, NH	Frank E. Brown	Abbie Sleeper
03-14-02	RAYMOND W. SKROCKI	No. Walpole, NH	Teofil Skrocki	Julie Doliva
02-14-02	GILBERT E. SWEET	So. Chester, VT	Wilbur Sweet	Edith Lent
03-26-02	ARTHUR EDWIN THOMPSON	Westmoreland, NH	Earl Thompson	Winifred Beckwith
02-07-02	THOMAS HERBERT VEALÉ, JR.	Westmoreland, NH	Thomas Herbert Veale, Sr.	Dorcas Williams
01-15-02	ELOISE WHITE	Brattleboro, VT	Henry M. Hartman	Anna Disbrow
12-26-02	LOIS WRIGHT	Westmoreland, NH	Phin Wright	Bertha Mark

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### SCHOOL BOARD

*Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair*  
*Stuart R. Adams*  
*Florence K. Gray*  
*Lisa G. Moon*  
*Madeline C. Ullrich*

### MODERATOR

*Peter Heed*

### CLERK

*Gail H. Ainsworth*

### TREASURER

*Susan DeLuca*

### AUDITOR

*Jo Ann LaBarre*

### N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

*Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools*  
*Wayne E. Woolridge, Assistant Superintendent of Schools*  
*Barbara S. Tremblay, Assistant Superintendent of Schools*  
*John R. Harper, Business Administrator*  
*Timothy L. Ruehr, Business Manager*  
*Patricia Trow Parent, Manager of Personnel Services*  
*Bruce Thielen, Director of Special Education*  
*Michael Duhaime, Director of Technology Services*

### WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of January, 2003

Kindergarten	17
Grade 1	16
Grade 2	11
Grade 3	14
Grade 4	22
Grade 5	16
Grade 6	16
Grade 7	25
Grade 8	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>157</b>

## 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 11th day of March, 2003, at 11:00 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 school district officers:

Two members 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, 2003  
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 20th day of February, 2003.

*Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair  
Stuart R. Adams  
Florence K. Gray  
Lisa G. Moon  
Madeline C. Ullrich*

## 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 14th day of March, 2003, 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 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 3: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$5,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2003, to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said appropriation to be funded from any excess unreserved funds over \$33,000, which is available on June 30, 2003. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$13,223 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2003, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2003 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 3 (Capital Reserve transfer), Article 3 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under-funded federal educational mandates including, but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law, as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S					
	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2001-2002	BUDGET 2002-2003	PROPOSED 2003-2004	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,134,832	\$1,076,167	\$1,222,079	\$1,295,368	6.00%	50.09%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$77,759	\$74,152	\$74,665	\$65,829	-11.83%	2.55%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$198,124	\$253,723	\$218,615	\$204,114	-6.63%	7.89%
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST</b>	<b>\$1,410,715</b>	<b>\$1,408,043</b>	<b>\$1,515,359</b>	<b>\$1,565,311</b>	<b>3.30%</b>	<b>60.53%</b>
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$521,274	\$497,218	\$555,923	\$543,456	-2.24%	21.01%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Reg)	\$36,968	\$36,621	\$37,707	\$38,049	0.91%	1.47%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$502,753	\$466,424	\$563,994	\$330,265	-41.44%	12.77%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$26,262	\$24,046	\$41,400	\$28,745	-30.57%	1.11%
<b>TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST</b>	<b>\$1,087,257</b>	<b>\$1,024,309</b>	<b>\$1,199,024</b>	<b>\$940,515</b>	<b>-21.56%</b>	<b>36.37%</b>
SAU #29	\$101,822	\$101,822	\$109,448	\$109,125	-0.30%	4.22%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,573,532</b>	<b>\$2,510,128</b>	<b>\$2,782,431</b>	<b>\$2,586,206</b>	<b>-7.05%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$23,306	\$0	\$0	\$0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,596,838</b>	<b>\$2,510,128</b>	<b>\$2,782,431</b>	<b>\$2,586,206</b>	<b>-7.05%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGET

	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2001-2002	BUDGET 2002-2003	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S		% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
				PROPOSED 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2003-2004		
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 152 Students Projected)							
REGULAR INSTRUCTION							
Salaries	\$441,699	\$433,922	\$453,990	\$505,202			
Benefits	\$152,516	\$146,639	\$182,167	\$189,689			
Repair Equipment	\$1,100	\$160	\$1,500	\$1,500			
Conservation Camp	\$1,210	\$1,210	\$1,200	\$1,200			
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$26,367	\$24,671	\$26,796	\$28,201			
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$1,300			
Furniture	\$1,096	\$653	\$1,500	\$1,625			
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$623,988	\$607,254	\$667,353	\$728,717	9.20%	28.18%	
EXTRACURRICULAR							
Salaries & Benefits	\$8,904	\$6,993	\$8,852	\$11,419			
Assemblies/Officials	\$3,150	\$2,600	\$4,150	\$5,400			
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,360	\$1,354	\$2,375	\$5,026			
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$14,414	\$10,947	\$15,377	\$21,845	42.06%	0.84%	
SCHOOL SERVICES							
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Guidance	\$54,424	\$50,642	\$56,732	\$50,631			
Health	\$17,737	\$18,344	\$21,497	\$23,534			
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$72,161	\$68,986	\$78,229	\$74,165	-5.20%	2.87%	

SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S						
	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2001-2002	BUDGET 2002-2003	PROPOSED 2003-2004	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$4,240	\$3,256	\$4,020	\$3,220		
Course Reimbursement	\$4,500	\$3,677	\$4,500	\$5,500		
Staff Development	\$2,400	\$2,136	\$2,400	\$2,400		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$967	\$244	\$967	\$899		
<b>TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$12,107</b>	<b>\$9,312</b>	<b>\$11,887</b>	<b>\$12,019</b>	<b>1.11%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>						
Salary & Benefits	\$32,617	\$33,735	\$34,315	\$36,977		
Media Membership	\$875	\$937	\$924	\$918		
Library Books & Supplies	\$5,035	\$2,817	\$5,065	\$5,990		
Equipment/Software	\$1,500	\$1,097	\$1,500	\$1,750		
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>	<b>\$40,027</b>	<b>\$38,586</b>	<b>\$41,804</b>	<b>\$45,635</b>	<b>9.16%</b>	<b>1.76%</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,990	\$1,034	\$2,490	\$2,490		
Legal/Audit Services	\$5,900	\$7,018	\$5,900	\$900		
Other School District Expenses	\$830	\$490	\$830	\$830		
School Board Association	\$2,350	\$2,315	\$2,350	\$2,350		
<b>TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$11,070</b>	<b>\$10,856</b>	<b>\$11,570</b>	<b>\$6,570</b>	<b>-43.22%</b>	<b>0.25%</b>

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	COMMITTEE'S		BUDGET 2002-2003	PROPOSED 2003-2004		
	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2001-2002				
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Principal's Salary	\$56,925	\$56,925	\$59,629	\$62,610		
Secretary's Salary	\$17,250	\$16,698	\$17,940	\$20,250		
Benefits	\$19,643	\$19,695	\$22,727	\$23,438		
Management Development	\$500	\$167	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Copier Maintenance	\$3,782	\$3,677	\$3,800	\$3,800		
Telephone	\$2,600	\$2,480	\$8,600	\$4,536		
Postage	\$1,200	\$760	\$1,200	\$1,212		
Supplies/Misc.	\$3,221	\$2,122	\$3,674	\$3,997		
Equipment/Furniture	\$0	\$509	\$1,500	\$1,350		
Professional Dues	\$679	\$604	\$750	\$825		
Software	\$500	\$460	\$1,000	\$1,055		
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$106,300</b>	<b>\$104,098</b>	<b>\$121,820</b>	<b>\$124,073</b>	<b>1.85%</b>	<b>4.80%</b>
<b>BUILDING SERVICES</b>						
Salaries	\$28,726	\$32,167	\$28,192	\$32,205		
Benefits	\$12,399	\$9,026	\$17,011	\$10,064		
Rubbish Removal	\$4,002	\$3,660	\$4,100	\$4,100		
Repairs to Building	\$20,000	\$15,481	\$20,000	\$20,000		
Maintenance Services	\$8,631	\$9,372	\$9,500	\$10,200		
SMP Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,334	\$6,000	\$7,500		
Supplies/Materials	\$6,000	\$6,270	\$7,000	\$7,000		
Electricity	\$13,623	\$13,717	\$13,623	\$13,895		
Oil/Gas	\$11,519	\$10,761	\$11,657	\$13,037		
Equipment & Repair	\$250	\$423	\$350	\$350		
<b>TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$111,150</b>	<b>\$107,211</b>	<b>\$117,433</b>	<b>\$118,351</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>4.58%</b>

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S					
	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2001-2002	BUDGET 2002-2003	PROPOSED 2003-2004	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
<b>ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION</b>						
Regular Elementary	\$82,284	\$82,017	\$83,930	\$88,782		
Athletic	\$1,939	\$2,125	\$2,018	\$2,079		
Field Trips	\$2,923	\$2,622	\$3,040	\$3,132		
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.</b>	\$87,146	\$86,764	\$88,988	\$93,993	5.62%	3.63%
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$12,069	\$12,069	\$12,618	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$4,400	\$0	\$8,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Food Services	\$35,000	\$15,084	\$42,000	\$42,000		
<b>TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS</b>	\$56,469	\$32,153	\$67,618	\$70,000	3.52%	2.71%
<b>SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)</b>	\$1,134,832	\$1,076,167	\$1,222,079	\$1,295,368	6.00%	50.09%
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$17,016	\$17,016	\$13,922	\$10,829		
Interest on Cat.Aid Borrowing	\$5,743	\$6,137	\$5,743	\$0		
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	\$77,759	\$78,152	\$74,665	\$65,829	-11.83%	2.55%
<b>SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)</b>	\$1,212,591	\$1,154,319	\$1,296,744	\$1,361,197	4.97%	52.63%

SCHOOL BOARD'S  
& BUDGET  
COMMITTEE'S

**BUDGET 2001-2002**      **ACTUAL 2001-2002**      **BUDGET 2002-2003**      **PROPOSED 2003-2004**      **% CHANGE**      **% TOTAL BUDGET**

**ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION**

Salaries	\$93,768	\$103,667	\$118,218	\$90,997		
Benefits	\$31,559	\$30,732	\$48,410	\$25,314		
OT/PT/Vision/Audiology	\$5,234	\$7,071	\$7,906	\$10,400		
Supplies/Equipment/Mileage	\$2,108	\$1,157	\$1,871	\$2,145		
Pre-School Tuition	\$3,180	\$4,840	\$2,100	\$2,100		
Elementary/MS Collaborative Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Elementary Out-of-District Tuition	\$15,000	\$40,291	\$0	\$18,358		
Tuition-Summer Programs	\$6,370	\$0	\$5,170	\$3,500		
Psychology	\$24,230	\$20,273	\$18,240	\$18,000		
Speech	\$15,200	\$19,763	\$16,700	\$23,300		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$1,475	\$25,929	\$0	\$10,000		

TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUC.      \$198,124      \$253,723      \$218,615      \$204,114      -6.63%      7.89%

TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST      \$1,410,715      \$1,408,043      \$1,515,359      \$1,565,311      3.30%      60.53%

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS**

Keene High School	\$521,274	\$497,218	\$555,923	\$543,456		
74 students @ \$7,344						

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS      \$521,274      \$497,218      \$555,923      \$543,456      -2.24%      21.01%

SCHOOL BOARD'S  
& BUDGET  
COMMITTEE'S

	BUDGET 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2001-2002	BUDGET 2002-2003	PROPOSED 2003-2004	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$36,968	\$36,621	\$37,707	\$38,049		
TOTAL HS TRANSPORT.	\$36,968	\$36,621	\$37,707	\$38,049	0.91%	1.47%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$558,242	\$533,839	\$593,630	\$581,505	-2.04%	22.48%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (17 students @ \$13,223)	\$241,380	\$209,315	\$227,124	\$224,791	-1.03%	8.69%
Special Instr. Transportation	\$26,262	\$24,046	\$41,400	\$28,745		
Tuition - High School Collaborative (2 student - TNT program)	\$15,000	\$27,919	\$63,000	\$38,000		
Tutoring - High School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
High School Out-of-District (3 Students)	\$220,111	\$205,144	\$232,470	\$38,729		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL INSTRUC.	\$502,753	\$466,424	\$563,994	\$330,265	-4.44%	12.77%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$1,060,995	\$1,000,263	\$1,157,624	\$911,770	-21.24%	35.26%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$101,822	\$101,822	\$109,448	\$109,125	-0.30%	4.22%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,573,532	\$2,510,128	\$2,782,431	\$2,586,206	-7.05%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$23,306	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,596,838</b>	<b>\$2,510,128</b>	<b>\$2,782,431</b>	<b>\$2,586,206</b>	<b>-7.05%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**WESTMORELAND  
2003-2004 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET  
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2002-2003 BUDGET	2003-2004 PROPOSED	%	\$
			INCREASE	INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$90,897	\$33,000		
<b>Local Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,240,938</b>	<b>\$1,161,237</b>	<b>-6.42%</b>	<b>(\$79,701)</b>
Interest	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Lunch Local	\$29,000	\$29,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Media Generalist Reimbursement	\$7,248	\$8,217		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,400	\$826		
<b>N.H. Property Tax</b>	<b>\$592,052</b>	<b>\$558,931</b>	<b>-5.59%</b>	<b>(\$33,121)</b>
<b>N.H. Adequacy Grant</b>	<b>\$553,670</b>	<b>\$706,635</b>	<b>27.63%</b>	<b>\$152,965</b>
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,500	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$177,882	\$0		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$19,984	\$0		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$12,650	\$12,650		
Federal Funds(Title1 & 2, etc.)	\$19,410	\$39,410		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$11,000		
Supplemental Appropriations	\$54,428	\$0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,836,859</b>	<b>\$2,586,206</b>	<b>-8.84%</b>	<b>(\$250,653)</b>
Totals w/out sup. appr.	\$2,782,431	\$2,586,206	-7.05%	(\$196,225)
PROPERTY TAX DECREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State)			-6.16%	
TAX RATE DECREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET				(\$1.12)
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000				(\$112)

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

For the  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002  
Westmoreland School District

	<b>Summary</b>	
Cash on Hand July 2001 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		94,058.48
Received from Selectmen (Include amounts actually received)	\$1,743,496.00	
Current Appropriation		
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriations		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation		
Revenue from State Sources	809,350.91	
Revenue from Federal Sources		
Received from Tuitions		
Received as Income from Trust Funds	566.91	
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal Only)		
Received from Capital Reserve Funds		
Received from All Other Sources	<u>245,600.75</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>2,799,014.57</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR(Balance and Receipts)		2,893,073.05
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		<u>(2,769,712.43)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2002 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		<u>123,360.62</u>
August 18, 2002		<u>Susan M. DeLuca</u> District Treasurer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books, voucher, 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, 2002, And find them correct in all respects.

Feb 9, 2003 2002

Auditor(s) J. Ann LaBare

**GIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE**



**DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

<u>DATE</u>	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7/01 – 6/02	Town of Westmoreland	Appropriation	1,743,496.00
	State of New Hampshire	Various	809,350.91
	Granite Bank	Interest	2,384.83
	NHPDIP	Interest	1,596.24
	Granite Bank	CAT Aid Loan	190,006.00
	Westmoreland School	School Lunch	26,320.09
	Barbara Messer	Health Insurance	5,533.92
	Delano Transportation	Bus Tickets	3,031.66
	Miscellaneous	Various	17,294.92

**TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR      \$2,799,014.57**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SCHOOL WARRANT**

**October 4, 2002**

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 4th day of October, 2002, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles.

The special Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, October 4, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland School. The Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

ARTICLE 1: 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, said sums representing the additional costs attributable to the increase of salary and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year: \$9,536.00 in 2001-2002; \$25,549.00 in 2002-2003; \$24,763.00 in 2003-2004; and \$25,829.00 in 2004-2005; and further, to appropriate \$9,536.00 from the 2001-2002 undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover the costs of the increases attributed to the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and further to approve the cost items for 2002-2003, said sums to come from a transfer of appropriations within the current approved budget and will not require any additional funds to be raised through general taxation for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board recommend favorable action on this article.)*

Motion by Michael Acerno that the District 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, said sums representing the additional costs attributable to the increase of salary and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year: \$9,536.00 in 2001-2002; \$25,549.00 in 2002-2003; \$24,763.00 in 2003-2004; and \$25,829.00 in 2004-2005; and further, to appropriate \$9,536.00 from the 2001-2002 undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover the costs of the increases attributed to the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and further to approve the cost items for 2002-2003, said sums to come from a transfer of appropriations within the current approved budget and will not require any additional funds to be raised through general taxation for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

Mr. Michael Acerno explained the article, stating the difference between this proposal and the proposal made at the March District Meeting. He explained how the salaries would be distributed to the teachers.

No discussion.

Article 1 passed by a voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Michael Acerno and seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote.

*Gail Ainsworth, Clerk*

Westmoreland School District  
A True Copy Attest

## **WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 15, 2002**

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, Peter Heed, 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 the District Moderator for the ensuing year:  
Peter Heed - 89 votes and declared elected.

For Two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:  
Stuart Adams - 192 votes and declared elected.  
Lisa Moon - 173 votes and declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:  
Evelyn Hunter - 4 votes and declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:  
Susan DeLuca - 307 votes and declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:  
Gail Ainsworth - 316 votes and declared elected.

347 voters of the registered 912 voted.

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, March 15, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. at the Westmoreland School. After the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, the Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

Mr. Peter Heed introduced the administration from the S.A.U.: Dr. Phillip McCormack, Mr. John Harper, Mr. Thomas Kane, Mr. Douglas Hatfield, Ms. Pat Trow Parent, Mr. Timothy Ruehr, and the Westmoreland School Principal, Mr. William Gurney.

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

Motion by Stuart Adams that the District receive the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, or offices chosen as printed in the annual report. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

Article 1 passed by a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the District will vote to appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000.00 for additional special education and special education transportation costs for the current school year. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000.00 for additional special education and special education transportation costs for the current school year. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

Motion by Mr. Michael Acerno to amend Article 2 by increasing the sum by \$29,892.00 to read \$44,892.00. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated catastrophic aid revenue, unanticipated Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

The motion to amend Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

Article 2, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,892.00 as a deficit appropriation to cover unanticipated special education and special education transportation costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, 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.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams to pass over Article 3. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

Article 3 passed over by a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the District will vote to ratify and be bound by the financial provisions of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: \$7,752.00 in 2001-2002; \$46,268.00 in 2002-2003; and \$29,841.00 in 2003-2004; and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,752.00 as a deficit appropriation to fund the costs for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,268.00 to fund the cost of the 2002-2003 fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article. The Westmoreland Budget Committee does not support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District will vote to ratify and be bound by the financial provisions of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: \$7,752.00 in 2001-2002; \$46,268.00 in 2002-2003; and \$29,841.00 in 2003-2004; and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,752.00 as a deficit appropriation to fund the costs for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,268.00 to fund the cost of the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Mrs. Florence Gray.

Dr. Dan Lafleur spoke on this article explaining the increases. He stated that the teachers and the School Board had met and had come to an agreement with the proposed increases. He stated that the financial provisions were necessary to keep the Westmoreland teachers competitive with other towns in the district.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding contract negotiations, student per teacher ratio, salary ranges.

Mr. Marshall Gordon suggested that the School Board train a negotiator for upcoming contract negotiations, rather than paying an independent person to do this.

A ballot vote was requested.

Yes votes: 100; No votes: 107

Article 4 was defeated.

Dr. Dan Lafleur moved to restrict going back to Article 4 at a later time in the evening. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stuart Adams.

Passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District, if Article 4 is defeated, will authorize the Westmoreland School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only.

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District, if Article 4 is defeated, will authorize the Westmoreland School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to \$209,990.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 2002-2003 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interest 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.*)

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to \$209,990.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 2002-2003 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interest 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. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

Article 6 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: 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.

Motion by Mrs. Fran Laurent, Budget Committee, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of two million, seven hundred forty-one thousand, five hundred fifty-three (\$2,741,553.00) dollars for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion seconded by Mr. Lloyd Draper.

Mrs. Laurent spoke on how the Budget Committee decided to cut the \$9,049 from the school budget. She stated that, basically, the Budget Committee agreed with the School Board's recommended budget. She stated that the cuts were basically in salaries for substitute teachers, custodian supplies, new equipment, leaving the school nurse position at a 63% position, as opposed to the 75% position requested by the School Board.

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams to amend Article 7 by increasing the sum by \$9,049.00 to read \$2,750,602.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

Mr. Stuart Adams explained why the cuts Mrs. Laurent had presented should not be made.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to amend Article 7 passed by a voice vote.

Article 7, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,211.00 to fund the costs associated with the expansion of the Kindergarten program at Westmoreland School from 60 percent to 100 percent, 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.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,211.00 to fund the costs associated with the expansion of the Kindergarten program at Westmoreland School from 60 percent to 100 percent, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

Dr. Dan Lafleur spoke to this article, stating what parents were interested in and that the study committee, formed to look into the expansion of the kindergarten program, had looked at what other districts were doing. He stated that a survey was sent to the parents of children under the age of five. He noted that a majority of the surveys were returned and that all people showed an interest in a full day kindergarten program.

Considerable discussion ensued.

A ballot vote was requested on this Article.

Votes: Yes: 109; No: 89

Article 8 passes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to fund the costs associated with major renovation of the playground at Westmoreland School, 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.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to fund the costs associated with major renovation of the playground at Westmoreland School, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

Mrs. Dawn Merrill, Playground Committee, spoke on this Article. She stated that the committee had done considerable research on costs, standards of the current playground vs. a new playground, American Disability Act (ADA) laws,

etc. She stated that some of the old playground could be incorporated into the new proposed playground.

Mr. Doug Adler asked about fund raising the money for a new playground.

Mrs. Merrill stated that fund raising has been taking place, stating that the PTA had some fund raisers. Currently they have approximately \$6,300.

Mrs. Laurent stated that it appeared that the present playground was a safety issue and that the present playground just needed to be made safer.

Considerable discussion ensued.

A request for a ballot vote was requested on this Article.

Vote: Yes: 69; No: 105

Article 9 was defeated.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be deposited in the capital reserve fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, 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.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be deposited in the capital reserve fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

Article 10 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the District will appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$12,618.00 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2002, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions 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.)*

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams that the District will appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$12,618.00 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2002, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

Article 11 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Stuart Adams to transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.



Dr. Dan Lafleur requested a recount of the ballots on Article 4. The recount was done (Yes: 98 No: 109) and showed the same outcome.

Mrs. Lisa Moon asked if Article 4 could be reconsidered for less money. Mr. Heed stated that we could not go back to Article 4 because of the motion made.

Motion by Mr. Stuart Adams and seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote.

*Gail Ainsworth*, Clerk  
Westmoreland School District

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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Several important things have occurred at Westmoreland School which have contributed to a productive and positive year for students and staff. Some of these include the formal introduction of an all-day kindergarten program, the passage of a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between the school board and teachers' association, the completion of renovation projects in and around the building, and the recruitment of new staff to fill several teacher vacancies. The positive learning environment that exists at the school has also contributed to student success for those at the school and those who have moved on to Keene High School. As has become characteristic of Westmoreland Elementary School, a great deal of community support and involvement have been of tremendous value to school initiatives.

Probably the single greatest initiative that has occurred this year is the formal introduction of the all-day kindergarten program. This follows a highly successful pilot program last year that was supported by private funding. This initiative provides children with the opportunity to spend the entire day at the school and, thus, greatly increases the amount of time available to develop skills needed to be successful in school. The success of similar programs in other SAU 29 schools, as well as in other schools throughout the country, indicates that students will have more time to master respective academic concepts and skills; more opportunity to become involved in school activities and develop a greater sense of belonging; and greater opportunity to work in groups, as well as independently, and to develop the ability to accept responsibility. Initial indications are that the 17 students in this year's kindergarten class are meeting with the same types of success that is in evidence in other SAU 29 schools with all-day kindergarten. Monitoring the success of these students over time will greatly assist our efforts to assess the long-term benefits and impact of this program.

The staff has continued its efforts to assess the effectiveness of the existing curriculum. This assessment has resulted in initiatives in the areas of reading and math. The role of the reading specialist has been expanded to work with students in the upper grades. A new math program, Houghton-Mifflin, has been implemented in kindergarten through grade 6. This program places a major emphasis on problem solving and common applicators of mathematical concepts. There is also a strong remedial component that is beneficial to students.

Decisions relative to curriculum and programming are based on teacher assessment of student performance. This usually occurs in two ways. First is the observation of students in daily classroom activities. Research shows that this is probably the most effective form of assessment. However, other forms of assessment exist. One is the analysis of student performance on various testing instruments. The state mandated testing program (NHEIAP) is one test that is used throughout the state. Given the relatively small class sizes in Westmoreland, it is most helpful to look at average scores over the last three years. The three-year average scores for Westmoreland's third grade students in English/language arts and math (the only subjects tested) show some gain, but overall, are at a less than state average level for those students scoring "Basic" or better. "Basic" is what the State Department of Education equates to performing at grade level. The trend in evidence at this level indicates this is an area that the school staff needs to monitor more closely over the year.

The opposite is true of sixth grade scores that show Westmoreland students' three-year average scores (at the "Basic" or better level) as higher than the state averages in all subject areas tested -- English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Differences between Westmoreland and state average scores in math, science and social studies differ as much as 12 to 18 percentage points. These are significant differences.

The academic background and skills that Westmoreland students leave the elementary school with has contributed to their success at Keene High School. This year, 97 students from Westmoreland attend Keene High School. Overall, their grade point average (GPA) increased slightly this year to 2.74, which equates to an approximate "B-" average. Student performance was particularly strong in the areas of English, science, social studies, and world language where 61, 66, 74, and 67 percent of the students taking courses in these subject areas, respectively, attained a grade of "B" or better. In addition to a solid academic performance, students from Westmoreland continue to participate in many co-curricular activities (e.g., football, hockey, soccer, basketball, Drama Club, Envirothon, Interact, National Honor Society). The attendance rate for Westmoreland students at the high school is 95.4 percent. This is higher than the rate for the whole school. A Westmoreland student was also one of the top ten graduates in the Class of 2002.

Students and staff at Westmoreland School continue to greatly benefit from a very strong community commitment. One measure of this is the level of community involvement in, and attendance at, school-related activities. Of notable comment is the tremendous community effort that was put forth to replace the playground equipment. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of numerous community members and volunteers, the children now have a wonderful play area. Community members who continue to serve on various committees also greatly facilitate improvements to the school. In particular, the work of the facilities committee continues to provide the focus and needed planning to assure a safe, clean and well-equipped learning environment. Community attendance at various curriculum and parent nights, as well as athletic contests, is another example of the way in which the community is actively involved in the school.

The staff at Westmoreland School and I are very thankful for the community's support and positive vote on the teachers' contract. It helped retain those staff members who have made a commitment to Westmoreland and its children, and it will greatly aid the administration's efforts to recruit new staff when necessary.

Effective communication between the school and community facilitates this type of community involvement and support. The publication of the *Blue Storm News* is a wonderful expansion of the school's attempt to keep community members informed. I ask that, in addition to reading this publication, you take an opportunity to visit the school, and/or attend a PTA or school board meeting. I also ask that you attend the annual district meeting on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Your input is important.

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are enjoying a very good year at Westmoreland School. This fall, we welcomed 17 new kindergarten students to begin our first official year of all day kindergarten. As of January 8, 2003, our enrollment is 157 students and our class sizes are:

K	17	4	22	8	20
1	16	5	16		
2	11	6	16		
3	14	7	25		

Our projected enrollment for the next school year is 153.

### Academics

We introduced a new reading program last year in grades five and eight. This year, we have included all middle school students in the reading program built around the use of literature circles or small reading groups. Following a year of program evaluation, a new math program has been instituted in the elementary grades. Teachers are pleased with the new math products. Our test scores on the New Hampshire Education Improvement and Assessment Program tests were mixed last spring. We noted gains in third and sixth grade English Language Arts scores, but other test sections' scores declined. Our students at Keene High School are doing well and taking advantage of advanced courses at all levels. Mary Duke was named Salutatorian and Hannah Lafleur was Valedictorian for our eighth grade class last spring.

### Athletics

We have been impressed with the hard work and enthusiastic play of our student athletes this year. Our fall soccer teams played well and the girls won the annual soccer tournament in a dramatic overtime victory. The tournament was organized by the Sports Boosters and led by Kim Brown and Dave Shelley. Our girls' basketball team remains undefeated in league play and the boys are improving steadily. Last spring, our baseball and softball teams played well and were coached by Scott Brown and Paul Deschenes.

### New Faculty

We have had a number of staff changes since the last school district meeting. Stacy Riendeau has returned from maternity leave. Brenda Shelly replaced Stacey until Christmas vacation and did a wonderful job. Amy Treat was selected as our new Guidance Counselor replacing Celia Slason who accepted a position in Keene. Chris Keyes has taken the reins of our middle school science program following Don Davis's acceptance of a position in Florida to be closer to his family. Our new Special Education teacher is Heather Hanley who had previously served as an aide in our Resource Room.

### Technology

We have been pleased with our increased use of technology and software during the past year. Rob Stack has assumed the role of Technology Coordinator and has done a fine job of implementing new programs. Debbie Nelson has gained a greater understanding of desktop publishing and produces our monthly newsletters and calendars. We purchased a new computer projector with grant funds.

### Fun Run/Community Day

We again combined the PTA Fun Run led by Linda Rubin and Cindy Richard with the annual staff/community day. However, we found ourselves in the midst of a blizzard despite the spring date. Race winners selected their prizes by flashlight in our multi-purpose room and afternoon activities were cancelled due to the power outage. However, the day was fun and monies were raised to help support PTA and school initiatives.

### Facilities

Summer maintenance projects, including the complete renovation of our primary bathrooms, were completed on time and within budget. The largest project undertaken this year has been our new playground, funded entirely by private donations. Last spring, our PTA decided to go ahead with this ambitious project and organized themselves into two committees. Linda Ruben and Lisa Moon headed the funding campaign and worked throughout the summer and fall to raise donations. Dawn Merrill and Lori Ingram worked with playground contractors to design a structure that met our needs and was within our budget. Ben Davis organized the site work in preparation for the project for his Eagle Scout badge. The new structure was erected in late October. The area is now busy every recess and has also become a magnet for young families during leisure hours.

### Volunteers

The growth of volunteerism at Westmoreland School has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We are blessed with a great number of parents and community members willing to share their time and expertise to improve our school. People helping to improve the school facilities included Stuart Adams, the Ingram family, Kyle Keith, Gary Gray, Tom Richard, Bob and Cindy Davis, and Deb and Bill McGahie. Other folks have spent many hours of time working with students including Flossie Gray, Missy Kritzer, Tina Fletcher, Chris Aguda-Brown, Susanne Bates, Carla Mansfield and Sue Castor. Becky Whippie, as president of the PTA, has provided great leadership to keep the organization focused on improving the quality of our school. Several companies have been generous with building materials, equipment and supplies. I would like to thank Sherwin Williams of Keene, Ingram Construction, Carroll Concrete, MacMillan Construction and Cold River Materials of Walpole.

On behalf of the families and faculty of our school, I wish to extend our gratitude to the Westmoreland community for an outstanding commitment to local education.

*William B. Gurney*  
*Principal*

## **HEALTH SERVICES REPORT January 2001 – January 2002**

The health office is now open (since the start of this school year) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. five days a week. Student visits for illness and injury have totaled 1,872 for the entire year. This does not include scheduled medication visits, physicals, staff visits or routine screenings. This fall, 356 screenings have been done in the past two months for head lice. This elevated number reflects a minor outbreak of pediculosis (head lice) that occurred this fall. Classes are typically screened multiple times after an outbreak to ensure that each student is cleared. I will continue to provide periodic screenings throughout the year.

Other screenings that continue to be offered at Westmoreland School are vision, hearing, height, weight and scoliosis checks. This information becomes part of each child's school health file, which is updated on a regular basis.

Each year the State of New Hampshire mandates that each school nurse complete the Annual Immunization Report. This was completed and Westmoreland is once again 100 percent in compliance with state requirements.

This year, thanks to the help of the Cheshire Smiles Program, we have been able to offer a weekly fluoride rinse program to students in grades 1 through 4. As in the past, Cheshire Smiles has also been here in the springtime to provide dental screenings, cleanings and education to students in kindergarten through grade 4.

Dr. Sutton has once again offered her services as our school physician. She has been able to provide physicals for students in grades 4, 6, and 7, and for those students participating in sports for the first time.

A flu vaccine clinic was offered to all staff at school through the cooperation and assistance of Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services.

In May, 2002, Westmoreland School was able to offer a dedicated blood drive with the cooperation of the American Red Cross. Many of our students were able to provide community service at this event; these students did an exemplary job at serving their community. Many thanks to all the people of Westmoreland who donated time -- and blood -- to this event.

Other activities include cleaning and stocking first aid kits, maintaining and ordering medical supplies, monitoring students on medications, meeting with parents regarding specific health concerns, and acting as a resource to staff regarding children with chronic illnesses.

As in the past, I have been attending various workshops and in-service training that broaden my knowledge base and increase my ability to serve the children of Westmoreland. It continues to be a pleasure to care for the students of Westmoreland.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brenda Beardsley, R.N., B.S.N.*

## **SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT**

Our kitchen continues to be a busy place. Children are enjoying breakfast before school begins or later in the morning at snack time. We are feeding approximately 35 children breakfast each day, which makes our breakfast program the most successful in the area. Our hot lunch program is also growing with a 75 percent daily participation rate.

New items are added to the menu periodically and are usually a hit with the students. We will continue to look for new and exciting foods to try.

The most significant change to our kitchen has been the addition of Melvin (our previously owned computer). With the help of Rob Stack, we have implemented a new bookkeeping system which aids in the accuracy of student account balances.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make our lunch program so successful.

*Laura Kraus*  
Kitchen Manager

## STAFF

William Gurney . . . . . Principal  
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Nancy Belsky . . . . . Grade 7/Mathematics  
Jay Bowks . . . . . Foreign Language  
Leslie Carlson . . . . . Grade 2  
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Kim Wallach . . . . . Music  
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Mary Mullen LaValley . . . . . Inclusion Aide  
Kathy Sportello . . . . . Special Education Tutor  
Brenda Beardsley . . . . . School Nurse  
Laura Kraus . . . . . School Lunch  
John Beecher . . . . . Custodian



# WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

2003

## GRADE 8

Arianna Adler  
Walker Brown  
Shauna Colby  
Brett Keith  
Caitlyn Lawson  
Brian Luce  
Matthew Moody  
Jennifer Moore  
Michael Nelson  
Lucas Patnode  
William Rawling  
Michael Remy  
Austin Richard  
Charles Rudolph  
Ian Seraichick  
Conrad Shelley  
Amanda Starkey  
Emilia Whippie  
Matthew Wirth  
Maximilian Zurmuhlen

## GRADE 12

Chad Adams  
Abigail Ainsworth  
Jeremiah Alfano  
Thomas Burt  
Adam Castor  
Emily Cook  
Brean Farquharson  
Toni-Leigh Firenze  
Amanda Gragen  
Hannah Gray  
Anna Harris  
Kristopher Keith  
Joshua Leslie  
Ann McClening  
Nicole Melanson  
Julie Mills  
Jeffrey Mitchell  
Timothy Moreland  
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Joy Stronk  
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