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ANNUAL REPORTS OF



Town Officers
For the Year ending December 31, 2017

AND

School District Officers
For the Year ending June 30, 2017

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

June 19, 2017 brought us yet another round of flooding in some areas of town. Many cubic yards of gravel were purchased and some culvert work was done. Another major road project was done in 2017 with the shoring-up of a section of River Road that was in danger of erosion. The cost of these projects was \$33,012. Luckily in 2017 the State distributed additional appropriations of Highway Block Grant Funds to towns to use on unanticipated or new road projects. Westmoreland received \$71,441. Using some of these funds meant that surplus did not have to be used and could be used to help reduce the tax rate for 2017.

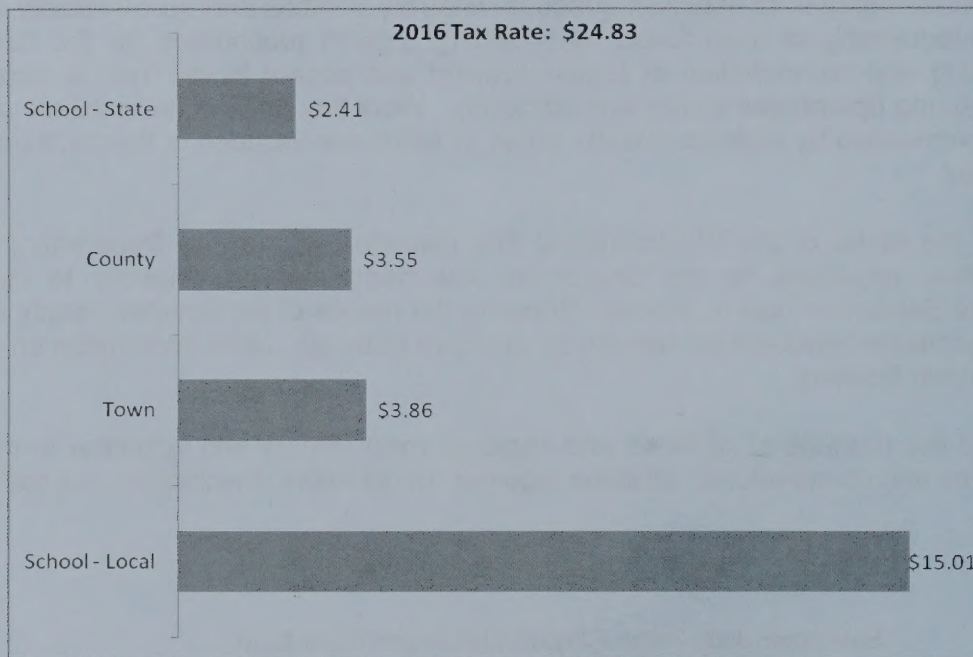
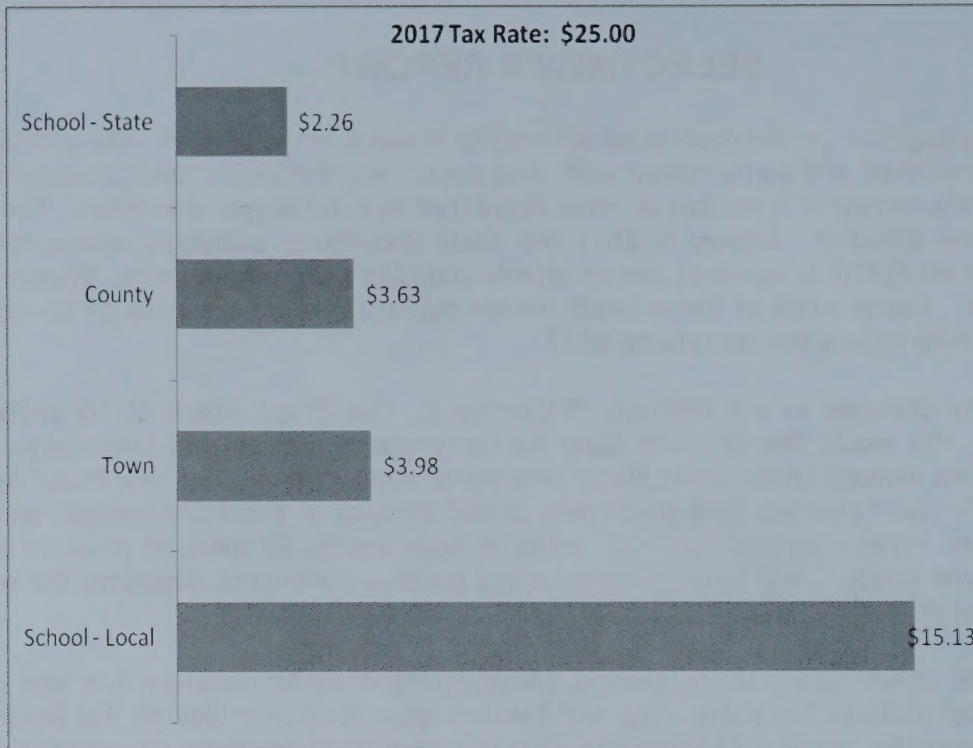
2017 saw many changes in our Highway Department. Our Road Agent of 16 years, Gary Hudson, retired. We would like to thank Gary for his years of service and knowledge. David Poklemba, who has worked for the town since January of 2004, became our new Road Agent on October 1st. We also have two new employees, David Weaver of West Chesterfield and Jason Fowler of Spofford. Westmoreland has 13.7 miles of State roads, 27 miles of paved roads and 13.6 miles of gravel roads. We have received many positive comments regarding the work the crew has been doing.

Following a vote at last year's town meeting, MelansonHeath of Manchester, NH was hired to perform a financial audit of the town. The audit is available for public view in the Selectmen's Office. One of the major issues addressed was that Westmoreland needed a Deposit Policy. The objective of a Deposit Policy is to establish adequate financial controls and accountability in order to ensure the safeguarding of town funds by providing uniform procedures for the collection, turnover, depositing and reconciliation of funds received and posted to the Town's accounting system, while ensuring operational quality and efficiency. Work has been done to initiate many of the changes recommended by MelansonHeath, some of which are included in the 2018 proposed budget and warrant.

In planning for the future of the Westmoreland Fire Department, the Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee appointed by the Selectmen, has been meeting diligently to plan and recommend to the Selectmen how to proceed following the results of the feasibility study done in 2017 by Scully Architects (available for viewing on the town website). More information on this will be presented at Town Meeting.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of those who serve as town officers and volunteer to serve on boards, committees and commissions. Working together, we all make Westmoreland a community to be proud of.

Selectmen Jack Zeller, Clayton Stalker and Russ Austin



If you would like to post something on the town's website 'Community Page', be added to a contact list to receive pertinent notices by email or if there is something you would like to see on our web site, please send an e-mail to townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net.

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TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Jack Zeller, Clayton R. Stalker, Jr., Russ Austin

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jo Ann LaBarre

MODERATOR

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

TOWN CLERK

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

Jo Ann LaBarre

DEPUTY TREASURER

Theresa Russell

TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Pam Jenkins

CUSTODIAN

Reg Goodnow

RECYCLING CENTER SUPERVISOR

Ron Fish

AUDITOR

MelansonHeath, Manchester, NH

ROAD AGENT

Gary Hudson, Retired
David Poklemba

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jayne Burnett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Thomas Finnegan, Director William Chase, Deputy Director Robert Hamilton, Deputy Director

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

David Wirth

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Larry Muchmore

HEALTH OFFICER

Richard Paul

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Elaine Moore

PERAMBULATION AGENT

Jim Ranson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Ed Johnson

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Elaine Moore, *Sharon Riesenber, Patricia Patmos, Rachel Bartlett

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker, Tim Thompson, Cecile Goff

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robert Moore, Robert Davis, Jo Ann LaBarre

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Louise Slayton, TJ Kelly, Kathy Cox, Jan Hurley, Donna Cary

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Susan Finnegan, Richard Paul, Wesley Staples, Jack Zeller, Dean Priebe

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Bruce Smith, Jim Starkey, *Dawn Lincoln, Tim Thompson, Steve Houle, Mark Hayward,
Clayton Stalker Alternate: Alison Fissette Clerk/Alternate – Elaine Moore

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, Brian Merry, Nancy Ranson, Russ Huntley, Barry Shonbeck,
Alternates – Bill Campbell, Ernie Perham Clerk – Jackie Cleary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, John Lukin, Richard Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer,
April Ferguson, Mary Bradley Alternate: Selena Gallen

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Jo Ann LaBarre, David Poklemba, Kathy Cox

RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris, Jason Simino, David Bressett, Mark Hayward, Jr., Lisa Huckins

PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard High, John Harris, Patti Seymour, Jan Hurley, Walter Carroll, Jan Carpenter

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Tim Thompson, Madelynn Cassin

WANTASKTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Westmoreland Members: Perry Sawyer, John Lukin

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMITTEE

Westmoreland Member: Robert Harcke

ADVISORY/SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Committees that are considered short-term and cease once their goal is met)

FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Scott Talbot, Tom Finnegan,
Clyde Simino, Bill Campbell, Bob Bartlett, Wes Staples Clerk - Rachel Bartlett

TOWN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ernie Perham, Bob Hamilton, Madelyn Ullrich, *Paula Leslie,
Richard Paul, Marshall Patmos, Susan Finnegan, Pat Dugger

*Resigned

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00AM TO 7:00PM

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, March 13, 2018 at 11:00am, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2 To see if the voters will approve Ordinance changes as proposed by the Planning Board.

Following the counting of ballots, the annual meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Westmoreland School. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

Article 3 To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,224,205 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend this Article. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately.
Majority vote required.

*Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

*Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

*Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of a site plan study on the town-owned property located behind the Town Hall. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 for the purpose of repairing a portion of the south-side exterior wall of the Town Hall. The project will also include drainage work. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

*Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,205 for the purpose of purchasing a Jaws of Life for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of \$33,445 from FEMA. The remaining cost of \$1,760 represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. Excess funds, if approved by FEMA, will be spent to purchase accessories for the Jaws of Life. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2023, whichever is sooner. This appropriation is contingent upon receipt of the grant and if not received, the warrant article will be null and void. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

Article 11 To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$100) is included in the proposed operating budget. *Majority vote required.*

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:25 to compensate the town clerk for his or her services in the form of a fixed compensation in lieu of a combination of salary and statutory fees. If adopted, the change will commence on April 1, 2018. *Majority vote required.*

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:33 to compensate the tax collector for his or her services in the form of a fixed compensation in lieu of a combination of salary and statutory fees. If adopted, the change will commence on April 1, 2018. *Majority vote required.*

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. *Majority vote required.*

*Article 15 (By Petition) Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts & Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to form an intergovernmental task force. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential for offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy will move NH to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The building of offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire.

Article 16 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Board of Selectmen

Jack Zeller, Chairman

Clayton R. Stalker, Jr.

Russ Austin

*Special Article per RSA 32:3,VI (d) & RSA 32:7V

2018 BUDGET - EXPENSES

		Budget 2017	Actuals 2017	Selectmen Budget 2018	Budget Comm Budget 2018
01E · GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130	Executive	72,811	71,179	74,425	74,425
4140	Election & Registration	31,451	32,727	34,205	34,205
4150	Financial Administration	39,716	39,767	53,180	53,180
4153	Legal	3,500	1,054	3,500	3,500
4155	Personnel Administration	99,300	98,729	119,191	119,191
4191	Planning & Zoning	3,723	3,090	3,692	3,692
4194	General Gov't Building	13,444	14,975	14,617	14,617
4195	Cemeteries	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
4196	Insurance not Allocated	13,930	13,900	13,867	13,867
02E · PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210	Police	500	0	500	500
4215	Ambulance	55,363	55,363	54,322	54,322
4220	Fire & Rescue	33,275	33,239	35,240	35,240
4240	Building Inspection	2,000	1,192	2,000	2,000
4290	Emergency Management	2,900	1,518	2,900	2,900
4299	Mutual Aid	21,460	21,460	21,825	21,825
03E · HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
4311	Highway Administration	145,810	143,752	144,500	144,500
4312	Highways & Streets	463,575	460,629	437,136	437,136
4316	Street Lighting	3,500	3,460	3,500	3,500
04E · SANITATION					
4324	Solid Waste & Recycling	89,575	89,575	105,886	105,886
06E · HEALTH					
4411	Health Officer	240	235	240	240
4414	Animal Control	200	10	200	200
4415	Agencies & Services	5,000	4,973	5,000	5,000
07E · WELFARE					
4441	Welfare Officer	240	245	300	300
4442	Direct Assistance	4,760	1,200	4,700	4,700
08E · CULTURE AND RECREATION					
4520	Parks & Recreation	2,500	1,725	1,500	1,500
4550	Library	35,250	33,630	36,790	36,790
4583	Patriotic Purposes	275	292	325	325
09E · CONSERVATION					
4611	Commission	650	366	650	650
12E · DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Principal - Highway Truck	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
4721	Long-Term Interest	3,019	3,019	2,013	2,013
4723	Tan Interest	1	0	1	1
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$1,195,968	\$1,179,301	\$1,224,205	\$1,224,205

	Budget 2017	Actuals 2017	Selectmen Budget 2018	Budget Comm Budget 2018
13E · CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901 - LAND & IMPROVEMENTS				
Land Purchase	46,000	45,000	0	0
4902 - MACHINERY, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT				
Fire Dept - Jaws of Life (Grant)	0	0	35,205	35,205
4903 - BUILDINGS				
Town Hall floor finishing	3,530	3,530	0	0
Post Office interior painting	4,500	2,960	0	0
Library Interior painting	7,000	5,880	0	0
Town Hall exterior wall repair	0	0	13,500	13,500
4909 - OTHER IMPROVEMENTS				
Fire Dept - Equipment (Grant)	64,780	64,780	0	0
Financial Audit	13,000	11,250	0	0
Site Plan Study of town land	0	0	15,000	15,000
14E · INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT				
4915 · TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE				
Bridge Reconstruction	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Fire Equipment	0	0	20,000	20,000
Highway Equipment	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	\$218,810	\$213,400	\$163,705	\$163,705
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,414,778	\$1,392,702	\$1,387,910	\$1,387,910
LESS AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$778,815		\$661,968	\$661,968
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$635,963		\$725,942	\$725,942
(Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
Town Portion of Tax Rate:		
Property Tax Increase/Decrease from 2017 Budget	13.61%	13.61%
Tax Rate Increase/Decrease	+ \$0.54	\$0.54
Tax Impact on \$200,000 home	+ \$108.00	\$108.00

Estimated Tax Impact for additions/deletions to the budget

(Local Assessed Valuation: \$165,046,875)

<u>Addition/Deletion</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>	<u>\$200,000 Home</u>
\$1,650	\$0.01	\$2
\$16,504	\$0.10	\$20
\$165,046	\$1.00	\$200

2018 BUDGET - REVENUE

		Estimated Revenue 2017	Actual Revenue 2017	Selectmen's Estimated Revenue 2018	Budget Comm Estimated Revenue 2018
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	7,000	7,160	2,500	2,500
3185	Yield Taxes	47,000	49,282	20,000	20,000
3187	Excavation Tax	737	737	500	500
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	15,000	16,639	15,000	15,000
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	1,125	1,085	1,025	1,025
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	307,400	338,639	337,400	337,400
3230	Building Permits	1,200	1,192	1,000	1,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	11,190	11,169	11,230	11,230
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
3319	F/R - Equipment	61,541	61,696		
3319	F/R - Jaws of Life	0	0	33,445	33,445
	FROM STATE				
3352	Rooms & Meals	89,383	89,383	88,000	88,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	83,627	83,626	82,000	82,000
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	11	11	10	10
3359	Forest Fire Reimbursement	110	110	100	100
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401	Income from Departments	4,000	4,833	4,500	4,500
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Town-Owned Equipment	5,656	6,456	0	0
3502	Interest	3,000	3,054	4,000	4,000
3503	Rent of Property	6,100	6,255	6,200	6,200
3504	Fines & Forfeits	1,061	1,061	0	0
3506	Insurance Dividends	1,999	1,999	0	0
3508	Contributions & Donations	2,940	2,940	0	0
3509	History Sales & Misc. Copies	1,652	1,958	280	280
	INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds:				
	Municipal Land Purchase	46,000	45,000	0	0
	Audit	7,130	7,130	0	0
3916	Trust Funds	3,953	3,953	4,778	4,778
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	70,000	70,000	50,000	50,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$778,815	\$815,368	\$661,968	\$661,968

TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14 & MARCH 15, 2017

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Robert W. Moore, Jr., Moderator, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 11:00 am with the readings of Article One and stating that we are also voting on Article 2 (the Ordinance Changes) of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School during the Annual Town Meeting after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 by Robert W. Moore, Jr., Moderator.

Moderator Robert W. Moore, Jr. called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, requesting that all Veterans present to stand and to lead us in Pledge of Allegiance, which they proudly did. He then began the meeting by thanking all who braved the storm Tuesday that came out and voted, and declaring the winners in the ballot votes of Articles One and Two marked by * below), stating that the Ordinance Changes (Article Two) passed as well, (although he did not understand the limiting of 2 people per bedroom part):

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The results of balloting were as follows - Miscellaneous indicates number of one or two write-in votes. (Total ballots cast were 118 of the registered 1280 voters = 11%):

SELECTBOARD MEMBER - for three years

Russ Austin	105*
Sean Laine	3
Misc.	2

TOWN CLERK- for one year

Cindi H. Adler	111*
Misc.	6

TREASURER - for one year

Jo Ann LaBarre	110*
Cathy Laine	3
Misc.	3

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER - for three years

Wesley Staples	111*
Misc.	1

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEMBER - for three years

Cecile Goff	3*
Gary Gray	3
Misc.	8

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE - for one year

Elaine Moore	71*
Kelly N. Wright	40

CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEMBER - for three years

Jo Ann LaBarre	111*
Cathy Laine	3
Misc.	3

AUDITOR - for 2 years

Nancy Zeller 2
Misc. 3

TAX COLLECTOR - for one year

Cindi H. Adler 111*
Misc. 6

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS - for one year - vote for two

Timothy Thompson 4*
Madelynn Cassin 4*
Patrick Baker 3
Misc.

TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY MEMBER - for 3 years- vote for two

Katherine P. Cox 106*
T. J. Kelly 97*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters will approve Ordinance changes proposed by the Planning Board.

Explanation: Matter added to current ordinance appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current ordinance appears as a ~~strikethrough~~

No 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 407:2 E. Two means of egress from the ADU shall be provided, **as well as an interior door.**
add M. Occupancy is limited to 2 people per bedroom

Article Two Ordinance Amendment No 1 Passes with Majority Ballot Vote

YES 65 NO 47

1. 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 431 Signage

~~431:1 C. A.~~ Signage not covered below or not in compliance may be allowed by special exception. No signs or billboards shall be permitted in any district except as specifically permitted herein. ~~as follows:~~

B. Temporary sign not to exceed 6 sq. Feet and unlit is allowed in any district for a period not to exceed 180 days:

~~Temporary service signs not to exceed six square feet with the name and contact information of the contractor will be allowed during the active service period and up to 30 days after completion of the service.~~

A. C. An open flag or banner may be displayed during business hours.

~~SECTION 432 Advertising Billboards~~

~~Advertising billboards shall not be permitted in any Residential or Village Center Districts.~~

431:2 SECTION 433 Signs in Residential Districts

~~B.~~ All permitted or approved non-residential uses shall be allowed to erect and maintain **signage** ~~a single free sign and any number of additional signs,~~ **on the immediate property** where the use occurs, provided that the combination area of all signs does not exceed 32 square feet for all uses and are not contiguous with the primary sign. ~~The following signs are permitted when located on the immediate property:~~

- A. No signs shall be larger than 16 square feet
- ~~C.~~ ~~B.~~ Signs shall not exceed 15 feet from ground level

431.3 ~~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 business sign not larger than 32 square feet
 - 2. Additional signage pertaining to permitted uses where the use occurs provided the combination area of all signs does not exceed 64 square feet.
- B. When more than one business exists on a property:
 - 1. One directory sign not larger than 32 square feet, plus an additional 6 square feet per additional business listing the name of each business on site.
 - 2. One sign per business not larger than 16 square feet located on or immediately adjacent to each business.
 - 3. One additional banner sign not larger than 12 square feet located on or immediately adjacent to each business.

431.4 ~~SECTION 435~~ Computation of Permissible Sign Area

When computing the total permissible sign area for any use:

- A. Existing signs shall be included.
- B. The total area of all signs shall not exceed the requirements as set forth in this Ordinance.
- C. Signs consisting of free standing letters, numerals or other devices shall include any intervening spaces between them.
- D. Only the larger face area of double-faced or v-type sign shall be used.
- E. Back-to-back signs may be counted as one sign.
- F. Open flags are not counted in the computation of permissible sign area.

431.5 ~~SECTION 436~~ Traffic Hazard, Safety Obstructions

Every sign shall be designed and located in such a manner as to:

- A. Not impair public safety.
- B. ~~Not restrict clear vision between a sidewalk and street.~~
- ~~C.~~ ~~B.~~ Not be confused with any traffic sign or signal.
- ~~D.~~ ~~Not prevent free access to any door, window or fire escape.~~

431.6 ~~SECTION 437~~

- A. A steady light may illuminate signs, provided that such lighting will not illuminate or reflect onto other properties or onto a public road.

B. Flashing, oscillating, and revolving ~~neon or other tubular gas~~ signs shall not be permitted, unless necessary or public safety and welfare.-

Article Two Ordinance Amendment No 2 Passes with Majority Ballot Vote

YES 80 NO 34

Moderator, Robert W. Moore, Jr. stated that most shows have commercials, and felt that we could take a break for a few minutes and explain and reflect back on a few things. He stated that at the Budget Meeting, someone asked what the Jotham Lord Fund is, and that will come up later in the meeting, but thought we could explain it now. All these things are in the Town History, so I guess that is what this “Commercial” is for, but In 1816 Lotham Lord left \$10 to the Town at 5% interest which the Selectmen were to keep in trust updating the interest every 3 months and was to be left alone until the balance of \$2,000 was reached, which it did in 1920 (so it took 104 years to reach that amount), so for the past 97 years, we have voted the interest from that account to wherever the Townspeople felt is needed. It has most of the time, been voted to give the funds to the Town Library for their use. He went on to read some excerpts from the 1967 Annual Town Report (50 years ago) reading about the history of the committee appointed the year before, in which the committee of “ready and willing to help and still be able” felt it was feasible to publish the History along with the Abbott Papers. There were 5 original ladies on this and they have all passed away but all their gathering of information and hard work led to the publishing of the History of Westmoreland and being put out in 1976. In 1967 there were only 467 registered voters and 127 voted then, so we almost caught them with the number (not percentage) who voted yesterday.

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative thereto.

Article moved by Bruce Clement and seconded by Ellen Clement.

No Discussion.

ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommendation sum of \$1,195,968 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend this Article. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Russ Austin and seconded by Clayton Stalker.

Moderator stated that the budget is listed on pages 8&9 of the Town Report.

No Discussion.

ARTICLE 4 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Ellen Clement and seconded by Bruce Clement.

Russ Austin spoke to the Article stating “you might ask, which bridge are we talking about? The bridge we are looking at is the bridge down by the Jail. This is a “Good Faith” effort to the Commissioners that at least we “intend” to do something with that “Red-Listed Bridge, because they were concerned about the bridge. It was found that the Town owns the bridge. Two of the Commissioners attended the last

Selectmen's meeting and, just because they were being courteous and wanted to be sure that we eventually intend to eventually do something with that bridge And they are making some big improvements to Maplewood now as they are keeping it here in Town, so they want to be sure something is being done." It was asked if there is a Total Estimate for what the Bridge will cost. Russ stated that "in 2011, the estimate was just over \$1 million, but that was from the State and they always want the best of the best, so it can probably be done for less with a smaller amount of money." Jeanette Hubert stated that she did read in the minutes of the Select Board Meeting that there was State money available but we need to get on the waiting list. Russ stated, "yes, that is 80/20 percentage wise. That is the State will give 80 percent toward the bridge. But we have to get on the wait list, and that is what we are starting now, at least, it is something. And the current wait time, because other bridges had applied already, I believe it is 8-10 years or something like that before the funds will even be available." Dean Priebe asked how much the bridge cost up near Walpole, the River Road North bridge. Russ didn't know and stated there were others paying into that. Dean asked what about the other one we replaced recently. Russ said he didn't know that either. Dean then asked so \$50,000 would satisfy these guys, would \$25,000 do it? Russ said, "I don't know, but he would say that \$50,000 should be the first step, but he didn't know, but they did seem satisfied that this was in "good Faith" on our part." Malia Boaz just wanted to remind everyone that we fought really hard to keep Maplewood here, and for us at this point to start arguing and going back is not helping. She said she felt the majority of people in this Town wanted to keep Maplewood here and this is a small amount, because they estimated \$1.5 million that it would cost to eventually get that bridge done, and they used that against us in our meetings. Jack Zeller stated that when they were in a rift about Maplewood and when they first came to find just one more reason they wouldn't keep it here in Town, just the engineering costs we need to raise, before we can get anything back, is \$250,000, so \$50,000 is just a drop in the bucket, and when we go to get a contractor for the State it is going to be in excess of \$2 million so we put this \$50,000 in so that they wouldn't use this against us and they couldn't use the excuse of the bridge. In fact, we should probably be raising \$100,000 instead of \$50,000, but I hope that we will at least do this toward the engineering costs because we have to raise the whole million and a half or two million before we get the 80% back. Russ Austin said we can pay this in piecemeal. Pam Clark asked when we are applying to get on this "list". Russ Austin said they had been talking to the State section that does the bridges and asked how much we need before we can actually apply to even get on the 8-10 year list, but they haven't gotten back yet, so we don't know.

ARTICLE 5 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,000 to purchase property adjacent to the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of funds from the Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take appropriate actions to facilitate said purchase. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Russ Austin and seconded by Jack Zeller.

Moderator, Bob Moore state this is is the land behind the Town Hall we are talking about. Jeannette Hubert asked if this land is very wet land. Jack Zeller stated "there is some wet-land issue. There is a brook that runs under Rt63 and goes out behind the Firehouse 6 or 8 feet of it and then across that field...nothing that can't be litigated. The issue for the Board and the Budget Committee was How much land does the Town own? And the other question, at least to me is, is this just because the Fire Department wants their property improved. It is not." We may need ball fields in the future, we may need cemeteries in the future, we may need to build apartments in the future, or other things in the future, we have no plan for it right now. This 1.3 acres is a bargain, and it is adjacent to the Town Hall and Fire Department and it is so rare in this little setting. We spoke with the owners and we feel it is a fair deal.

And it is really reasonable, and after living with someone in the real estate market for 30 years, when you figure that land is really cheap when you don't really need it, but when you do need it's extremely expensive. This is good for the Town." Jeannette Hubert said she is really concerned about the wetlands issue, and what if the State forbids us to do Anything with it. Russ Austin stated that he understands her concern and that not All of the 1.3 acres is wetlands. He stated that this money is coming from the Capital Reserve Fund which has \$75,000 in it, we are not raising this now, it is coming from the Capital Reserve Fund . Jeannette said she understood that but she has dealt with State and Wetland issues before and I know thinks we should maybe hold off, because even If we can do something with it, it may double or triple our costs to be able to. Reg Goodnow used it for vegetables this past year and we will consider this when making recommendations. Jeannette Hubert stated that she understood This Is Considering. Russ Austin stated that there is a committee of 8. Jeannette stated that then it IS for the Fire Department.

Well, yes, they have put in their recommendation as to what they would like to see done. But we may turn it into a parking lot, we certainly need parking space. I don't think it's that difficult a decision. We don't even know what the Fire Department wants. Jeannette rebutted with she wasn't saying it is, she would just like to know what we will be doing with it and what will be allowed. Jack Zeller stated that "it is not all wetlands, and I don't know where that is coming from; and the Fire House and Town Hall don't even have septic systems. And when the State hears that, we may be using it for that. Trust Me, this is a bargain." Jeannette said, "so now it could be a septic system in addition to a Fire House." Jack stated " it could be a lot of things. It could be a Ball Field for the kids, it could be a Cemetery, it could be a new Fire Department.. a \$10 million Fire Department. It could be Town Offices, a Town Barn, it could be a lot of things. It is land of which we have zero around Town...Zero."

Clay Stalker spoke saying that "we don't have a plan for this land. We just don't want to pass up the opportunity to pick up a lot right here in the village." Richard Paul made motion to move questions. Bruce Clement seconded.

ARTICLE 6 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Article 7 moved by Richard Paul and seconded by Wesley Staples

No Discussion.

ARTICLE 7 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of hiring a public accountant licensed by the State of NH under RSA 309-A:B to conduct an audit of any officer or agent handling funds of the Town of Westmoreland; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$7,130 from the Audit Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; with the balance of \$5,870 to be raised by taxation. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Article 8 moved by Richard Paul and seconded by Wesley Staples.

Mr. Harville asked why are we leaving \$1 in the Capital Reserve Fund. Bob Moore stated that the State requires us to have an full audit every 5 to 10 years, and we haven't had a full audit of All of the agents and officers for a very long time, only some of the agents have been audited by an outside company in the past 10 years.

Mr. Harville asked what the difference of this audit versus the Audit done and reported in the Town Report. Jack Zeller stated that the Town Auditors do what he'd say is an extremely abbreviated audit, and the Town Auditors do the best they can. He 's not sure as a Selectman, that we need to raise \$13,000 a year for a full audit every year for every department, but we should have a complete audit done this year of all departments, making sure that all the money is accounted for and recorded in the right ways and we haven't done that for some years. The Town Auditors are unable to obtain some information, and maybe we do not need to raise \$13,000 every year to have a full audit every year, but we should this year. Russ Austin stated that in this day and age, it is something that should be done, maybe every year. He stated that the School does this every year. Dean Priebe asked if it be put in as a Budget Line Item every ear from now on, or how will that work? Russ didn't know. Assessing is now being done by State approved Assessors instead of Selectmen and maybe the same should be done with auditing. Marshall Patmos asked if this would be put out to bid to several firms. Russ assured him it would. We don't have a State approved firm around here anyway. Tom Finnegan asked if anyone had any idea how often other towns have full audit by State approved auditor. Jo Ann stated but it is now a requirement but is not enforced, but could be. Kelly Wright stated that she knows Alstead does every year. Jo Ann stated that it is beneficial so that if another flood or any other unforeseen disaster comes up, it would good to have someone to call to help with the financial potion of that. Jan Hurley stated that this would be for the protection of all to have this done, the officers and agents as well as the Townspeople. Malia Boaz stated this is just for this year we are voting on now. Moderator Bob Moore assured her it is.

ARTICLE 8 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote, if Article 8 passes, to discontinue the Audit Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's general fund. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Jack Zeller.

Jo Ann LaBarre stated this is the way it has to be written for the State RSA. Lauren Bressette asked if this was premature and shouldn't we wait to next year if we are going to do this every year. Don't we want to preserve this fund in case we decide not to do this every year? Bob Moore stated that there is so little of amount that we may not want to leave it open. Jack Zeller stated that if we do not wish to audit every year, then we may want to kill this Article, but we may want to do this every other year, we may want to have a fund so we can raise every other year, to lower the tax burden. Madlyn Ullrich stated that we were thinking of having part of this the general fund, so do we need this fund or is it now in the Town Budget, and do we have to vote on this every year or how does that work. Jack Zeller said that if it becomes an annual thing, then it would become part of the annual budget. If you want to have a special motion each year, then it would have to be a special article., But I think the trend here is to put the \$13,000 or \$14,000 per year as a line item in the budget which you wouldn't generally see, and that's the real issue. Russ Austin said we're not trying to hide anything. Bob Moore said that is just what you are doing. Clayton Stalker said that if we find out from the State that we are required to do this annually or semi-annually, we'll still have discussion going forward as to whether it will be an Article or Line Item, so that's something to keep in mind

ARTICLE 9 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY MAJORITY VOICE VOTE.

Moderator Bob Moore again related to the 1967 Annual Town Report, stating that there are probably 50 people named in the book, either officers, agents or other. There are only two people left in Town that are

in that Report of 1967. He asked if anyone knew who they are. It was guessed that he is one, and he said the other was Wesley Staples. He said he's not sure if that is good or bad, but it is a fact.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of painting the interior of the Westmoreland Public Library. \$3,500 will be funded by the Library Building Fund held by the Library Trustees with the remaining cost of \$3,500 to be raised by taxation. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Article 10 Motion moved by Bruce Clement and Seconded by Jack Zeller.

Malia Boaz asked if this is to hire somebody to do this. Bob assured yes. She then asked how much would it cost if we has a what they call a Barduck Day where people from the community come in, grab a couple of gallons of paint an have a Saturday afternoon and paint it. Jan Hurley spoke to that stating that the physical amount of work that would have to be done for a painting party in that library is simply not feasible. There is one part of it, the Children section, is tremendously high, and it really needs a professional. Malia stated it was just a thought.

ARTICLE 10 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the purpose of painting the interior of the Westmoreland Post Office. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Clayton Stalker.

Malia Boaz asked if this would go out to both jobs if you get somebody to do it. Marshall asked if that is about what we get from rent from there. Bob stated that he thinks rent is up to \$5500. Every so many years we have to paint it for them according to the contract so Select Board says we will paint one coat, if they want a second coat, they can pay.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,530

For the purpose of recoating the wood floors in the Town Hall. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Jack Zeller.

Bob Moore stated that that is about the last thing to do for a while. Russ Austin stated that "this is the floor as you walk in. The main hallway floor and also the floor of where you know, we eat. The big room there." Malia asked, "And the offices?" Russ said, "That's been done. If we do this, then the only thing left is Cindi's Office. The only thing left is her floor." Malia said, "I would hate to be the one to move the things out of that office." Bob stated there is a lot in there.

ARTICLE 12 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,780 for the purpose of purchasing hose, nozzles and equipment for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of \$61,541 from FEMA. The remaining cost of \$3,239 represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed by 12/31/2022, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion was moved by Ellen Clement and Seconded by Jack Zeller.

Bob Moore stated this was in last year, but didn't get the defibrillator.

ARTICLE 13 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,450 for the purpose of purchasing a Jaws of Life for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of \$31,778 from FEMA. The remaining cost of \$1,672 represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. Excess funds, if approved by FEMA, will be spent to purchase accessories for the Jaws of Life. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed by 12/31/2022, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion was Moved by Harry Nelson and Seconded by Marshall Patmos.

Moderator Bob Moore stated this is a five-year plan to receive the grant and make these purchases, like in Article 13, so it is in the Warrant until it is completed.

ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 15: To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$83) is included in the proposed operating budget. Majority vote required.

Motion made by Bruce Clement for the monies to be given to the Town Public Library. Seconded by Jan Hurley.

ARTICLE 15 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Moderator Bob Moore then spoke about the Starkey Fund that was set up to be expended for the needy for Christmas. He feels this should show in the Town Report.

He has noticed it has not been in for a number of years and it should be reported.

It should show in the Town Budget that those monies were expended as were meant to be--not names, as that is part of the funds make-up-- but it should show in the Budget and the Town Report. Malia Boaz asked if he is applying for the job of Auditor. He stated no, he just feels it is a Town Fund and should show in the Report. Russ Austin stated that this year it was \$750. In December, the Selectmen receive the fund and then decide who really need it and should receive the monies. This year the Selectmen decided to give it to 4 people and also a donation to Maplewood to help buy residents Christmas Gifts.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

I believe Ernie Perham wished to speak to this Article about the papers he was handing out as you walked in. Ernie proposed to expand the Veterans Memorial on the common to cover all the wars. I have about 150 names that need to be on to cover all of the wars to date: The Revolutionary War, The French and Indian War, and the more current Korean War, Gulf War, Iraq War, etc. The Memorial on the Common has those who fought in World War I and World War II. We need to fix the Memorial that now stands, we can get the granite from the same granite quarry as used in the posts surrounding the common. There are 2 additional panels with names of this granite and the bases of those as well as the benches will have the river stone to match the monument. He is applying for grants to help in this venture. He is working with Parker House so as to be able to have tax exemptions for those donating This would be a tax-exempt contribution for those who would like to make contributions of any contribution over \$250, you will be issued a 503 or 501c-19. The grants take more time so he's thinking a year to get those in place, but would like to work off contributions and grants to have this done, and not tax dollars. My nephew is an

architect and has willingly drawn up the plans for free. Any monies donated over the amount needed to re-construct the original monument and add the 2 other panels and benches would be used for Maintenance of the Memorial. Ernie stated that it will cost \$11,600 to put the granite in place. The Monument that now stands is estimated at \$15,000 by Starkey, a mason from Keene to tear down and rebuild the existing monument. The base which is crumbling. We are not sure what is at the core as to if it will be just additional resurfacing the base or full rebuild. Each letter set is \$2, so total it would run roughly \$3300-3400. The panel angle on the side panels is designed so that it would not break off. The panels would be buried into the ground 1-1/2 feet. He has spoken to Col. Martin who put the Walpole Veterans' Memorial together. All input is welcome. Jack Zeller stated that there should be a committee set up to present this to the Town. Marshall Patmos stated that we should back Ernie and have a formal motion to have Ernie pursue this endeavor. If so, he makes the motion. Richard Paul stated that before we go too fast. As Marshall stated, I think we should have the Town vote to pursue this but this is the Town's Common and before we alter things, we should have a committee to decide as to what will be done we need a form of discipline and a plan as just how we might do this and what the monument should entail as not everyone might agree. The Town needs to have a say. Jeanette Hubert stated there should be some legalistical set up for accepting donations. JoAnn LaBarre stated that we need to set precedence as to who is to be listed. If we go by those buried here from the wars, they may not have been living here at time of their service, so they should not be listed. Ernie stated that there are records in Concord and he will research himself. Tom Finnegan asked how much of the Town Common Space would be taken up with this memorial. Ernie stated the 2 benches and two side monuments with open book look. Jack Zeller stated that we should form a committee, with Ernie a main part of it, so all will be represented and then present things to the Town again. Lauren Bressett proposed and made motion that we authorize the Select Board to appoint a committee to develop plans for a Veterans Memorial and accept donations for said Memorial. Seconded by Marshall Patmos.

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Madelynn Ullrich stated we should get a committee set up before soliciting funds. David Harville stated that we maybe ask for Pledges that would be conditional on Committee and Town approval of the Memorial. Perry Sawyer said the Town of Walpole with their bandstand created some issues with the Townspeople too. If money is available next year, it will not be difficult when presented. Moderator Bob Moore stated that we cannot raise monies under this Article, we can only create a committee. Ernie stated that the original monument was put up in 1924 and would at least like it refurbished so as to last many more years.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:23 pm by Bruce Clement and Seconded by Ellen Clement.

VOICE VOTE TO THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Unapproved Minutes. To be approved at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi H. Adler

Westmoreland Town Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT - BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$1,553,045.11
Cash Conservation Fund		78,595.05
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		158,367.55
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2015	12,158.35
	Levy of 2016	15,028.12
Uncollected Taxes:	Property Taxes - 2017	171,545.00
Tax Deeded Property - for resale		16,031.26
Less Allowance for Refunds & Abatements		(7,383.00)
Amt needed to pay long-term debt		70,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$2,067,387.44

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:

School Tax payable		\$1,424,796.00
Special Revenue Fund	Conservation Fund	78,595.05
Reserved Funds:	Emg Management Supplies	242.86
	PO Interior Painting	210.00
	RC Well Testing	3,636.42
	Total Reserved Funds:	4,089.28
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction (2002)	51,539.34
	Fire Equipment (1982)	41,706.64
	Highway Equipment (1982)	30,890.55
	Municipal Land Purchase (2006)	30,417.39
	Town Hall Clock (2009)	3,123.51
	Recreation (1975)	690.12
	Total Capital Reserve Funds:	158,367.55
Deferred Grant Revenue:	SB38-Excess Hwy Block Grant '17	38,429.38
Other Payables:	Cultural Arts Donaiton	2,034.42
Long-term notes payable:		70,000.00

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Tax Deeded Property		16,031.26
Unassigned Fund Balance: 2017	58,794.01	
Unassigned Fund Balance: Prior	216,250.49	
Total Fund Balance:		275,044.50

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES **\$2,067,387.44**

INVENTORY VALUATION

2017 MS-1:

Residential Land	2,912.66 Acres	43,965,100
Current Use Land	18,709.09 Acres	1,724,875
Commercial Land	355.69 Acres	5,360,600
Residential Building		102,863,100
Commercial Buildings		8,530,000
Manufactured Buildings		434,100
Public Utilities		2,244,100
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EMEMPTIONS		165,121,875
Exemptions to Value		75,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE		\$165,046,875

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Fire Department – Land and Buildings U7-16	597,900
Town Hall – Contents	248,000
Library - Land and Buildings U6-7	311,400
Library - Contents	142,000
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Contents	105,000
Highway Department – Land and Building R7-51	185,400
Highway Department – Contents	70,000
Town Common - U6-24	50,400
Park Hill Commons - U3-8, U3-29, U3-30	9,000
Woodward Field - U2-8	74,100
School – Land and Buildings	2,064,500
Historical Land and Buildings (Corner Schoolhouse) U7-2	145,400
Corner Schoolhouse - Contents	21,500
Recycling Center – Land and Buildings R14-22	111,400
Misc. Land and Buildings (11 properties)	323,000
Cemeteries (9)	
TOTAL	\$4,462,000

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$72,811
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	31,451
Financial Administration	52,716
Legal Expense	3,500
Personnel Administration	99,300
Planning & Zoning	3,723
General Government Building	13,444
Cemeteries	13,000
Insurance	13,930
Police	500
Ambulance	55,363
Fire & Rescue	33,275
Building Inspector	2,000
Emergency Management	2,900
Mutual Aid	21,460
Highways & Streets - Admin	145,810
Highways & Streets	463,575
Street Lighting	3,500
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	89,575
Health Officer	240
Animal Control	200
Health Agencies	5,000
Welfare Admin & Direct Assistance	5,000
Parks & Recreation	2,500
Library	35,250
Patriotic Purposes	275
Conservation Commission	650
Debt Service	38,020
Capital Outlay	125,810
Capital Reserve Funds	80,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$1,414,778
Less Revenues	708,815
Less Fund Balance voted from surplus	70,000
Add-War Service Credits	14,600
Add -Overlay	<u>7,383</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	657,946
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	2,497,091
STATE EDUCATION TAX	367,705
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>598,358</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$4,121,100
Less-War Service Credits	<u>14,600</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$4,106,500
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$3,604,934
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	740,138
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>367,705</u>
	\$2,497,091
2017 Tax Rate	
School - Local	\$15.13
School - State	\$2.26
County	\$3.63
Town	<u>\$3.98</u>
	\$25.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2017

TD Bank Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2017	\$1,506,860.85
Activity:	
plus receipts	5,070,053.20
less payments	<u>5,023,868.94</u>
Balance December 31, 2017:	\$1,553,045.11

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2017

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2017

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive Office:	
Town Administrator	58,041.45
Selectmen	6,000.00
Moderator	150.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	240.00
Printing	675.00
Dues	1,452.00
Notices	223.77
Equipment Agreements	249.00
Software Agreements	2,310.97
Supplies	657.17
Postage & PO Fees	197.94
Equipment	804.00
Jotham Lord Fund	83.90
Other	<u>94.15</u>
	\$71,179.35

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:	
Town Clerk	6,171.03
Town Clerk Fees	18,735.00
Supervisors Fees	900
Election Fees - Ballot Clerks	125.00
Town Clerk Telephone	914.86
Printing	232.50
Dues - Town Clerk	45.00
Election Notices - Town Clerk	306.90
Notices - Supervisors	62.78
Notices - Other	55.80
Election Day Dinners	240.00
Supplies - Town Clerk	1,307.47
Supplies - Supervisors	73.81
Postage - Town Clerk	890.20
Postage - Supervisors	24.17
Mileage - Supervisors	252.52
Publications - Town Clerk	65.95
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	924.18
Vital Statistics	24.00
Equipment	664.80
Workshops/Mileage-Town Clerk	<u>711.25</u>
	\$32,727.22
Insurance Not Allocated/Dept:	
Worker's Compensation	7,270.00
Property Insurance	2,803.00
Liability Insurance	2,827.00
Contingency Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$13,900.00
Cemeteries:	\$13,000.00

Financial Administration:	
Tax Collector	11,119.71
Tax Collector Fees	874.00
Treasurer	1,530.00
Property Assessing	18,000.00
Bank Charges	1,164.31
Recording Fees	78.45
Dues - Other	55.00
Software Agreements - Tax Collector	2,020.00
Software Agreements - Treasurer	499.00
Supplies - Tax Collector	1,089.49
Supplies - Treasurer	356.45
Postage - Tax Collector	1966.63
Postage - Treasurer	372.94
Workshops/Mileage-Tax Collector	<u>640.85</u>
	\$39,766.83

Legal Expenses:	
Attorney Fees	\$1,053.50
Personnel Administration:	
Health Insurance	49,390.15
Dental Insurance	3,100.20
Health/Dental - Cash Opt-Out	305.50
FICA	19,271.93
Medicare	4,507.18
Retirement	<u>22,154.36</u>
	\$98,729.32

Planning & Zoning:	
PB Clerk Fees	900.00
ZB Clerk Fees	100.00
SWRPC Dues	1,748.00
PB Notices	143.10
ZB Notices	50.84
PB Supplies	88.00
ZB Supplies	<u>60.00</u>
	\$3,089.94

General Government Buildings:	
Custodian	5,218.74
Telephone	1,321.48
Internet Service	179.64
Electricity	1,416.12
Heating Fuel	1,151.45
Propane	93.54
Repairs & Maintenance	2,828.26
Supplies	459.86
Mowing	1,955.00
Equipment	<u>350.55</u>
	\$14,974.64

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

\$288,420.80

Treasurer's Report, continued

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ambulance Service:	\$55,362.56
Mutual Aid Service:	\$21,460.00
Building Inspector:	\$1,192.13
Emergency Management:	
Emg Mgt Director Salary	200.00
Forest Fire Control - Wages	434.17
EOC - Supplies	102.02
Forest Fire Control - Misc.	<u>538.75</u>
	\$1,274.94
Fire & Rescue Departments:	
Fire Chief Salary	1,500.00
Firemen Salaries	4,992.60
Telephones/Internet	1,041.94
Training	800.00
Electricity	1,000.50
Heating Fuel	2,248.49
Generator - Propane/Repair	362.37
Life Insurance	400.00
Vehicle Insurance	4,022.00
Dues	550.00
Office Supplies	266.11
Building Repair/Maintenance	1,026.95
Radio Repair	299.48
Flow Testing	1,950.00
Vehicle Fuel	899.26
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	5,892.23
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	300.00
Equipment - New	3,646.76
Equipment - Rescue	<u>2,039.63</u>
	\$33,238.32
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	\$112,527.95

SANITATION:

Solid Waste Disposal:	
Employee Salaries	25,316.29
Telephone	425.90
Disposal Service - Trucking	17,940.00
Disposal Service - Tonage	37,722.25
Testing Fees	2,462.50
Electricity	486.48
Dues	200.00
Supplies	793.08
Repairs & Maintenance	<u>592.08</u>
TOTAL SANITATION:	\$85,938.58

CONSERVATION:

Dues	266.00
Supplies	100.39
TOTAL CONSERVATION:	\$366.39

HIGHWAYS & STREETS:

Uniforms	1,833.28
Telephone	910.23
Drug/Alcohol Testing	354.00
Electricity	1,330.38
Heating Fuel	1,876.51
Hired Equipment	2,625.00
Vehicle Insurance	5,362.00
Dues & Membership	275.00
Notices	546.96
Building Repair/Maintenance	552.31
Paving- Asphalt	236,736.96
Paving- Shimming	2,715.10
Salt & Chloride	58,829.47
Sand & Gravel	29,941.46
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	25,258.21
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	71,393.32
Cutting Edges	4,377.00
Tires	12,608.77
Signs	1,392.63
Other	<u>1,710.79</u>
	\$460,629.38
Highway Administration:	
Temporary Wages	4,124.73
Permanent Wages	<u>139,626.82</u>
	\$143,751.55
Street Lighting	\$3,459.70
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS:	\$607,840.63

HEALTH:

Health Officer Salary	200.00
Dues/Workshops	35.00
Animal Control	10.00
Agencies & Services	<u>4,973.00</u>
	\$5,218.00

WELFARE:

Welfare Officer Salary	200.00
Dues/Workshops	45.00
Direct Assistance	<u>1,200.00</u>
	\$1,445.00

TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE: \$6,663.00

DEBT SERVICE:

Highway Truck	35,000.00
Interest	<u>3,018.75</u>
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$38,018.75

Treasurer's Report, continued

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Park & Recreation:

Mowing 1,725.00
Patriotic Purposes 291.55
\$2,016.55

Library:

Library Salaries 25,429.69
Appropriation 8,200.00
\$33,629.69

TOTAL CULTURE & REC: \$35,646.24

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES:

\$1,388,612.34

OTHER EXPENSES:

Refund of Property Tax \$2,243.88
Overpayment of Property Tax \$6,513.05
Overpayment of Motor Vehicle \$511.00
Timber Tax - Bond return \$238.86
County Taxes \$598,358.00
School District \$2,861,305.00
Taxes Bought By Town \$33,968.85

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:

\$3,635,256.60

GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS

\$5,023,868.94

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

2017 Activity

Conservation Commission Account

Balance - January 1, 2017 \$71,068.14
Plus Deposits 2017 \$7,160.00
Plus Interest Earned 2017 \$366.91
Less Withdrawals 2017 \$0.00
Balance - December 31, 2017 **\$78,595.05**

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Highway Truck - Savings Bank of Walpole
Date of Loan: 12/19/2017
Maturity of Loan: 12/19/2019
Amount of Loan: \$105,000
Rate of Loan: 2.875%
Payment per Year: \$35,000
Amount owed on Loan (1/1/2018): \$70,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Treasurer

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Land Purchase 45,000.00
Library Interior Painting 5,880.00
Post Office Interior Painting 2,750.00
Town Hall Floor Finishing 3,530.00
Fire Rescue - Misc. Equipment 64,780.00
Financial Audit 11,250.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$133,190.00

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE:

Bridge Reconstruction 50,000.00
Highway Equipment 30,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFER TO CR: \$80,000.00

Reserved from 2016:

F/R Feasibility Study \$4,800.00
Cemetery Stone Repair/Tree Cutting \$1,464.40
Highway Truck \$68,112.00
Town Hall painting/ceilings \$15,980.00

Fire Department Pagers \$8,750.00
June 19 Storm Repairs \$33,011.56

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts – Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

*****DEBITS*****

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year.....	2017.....	2016.....	2015.....	Prior
Property Taxes.....		223,549.28.....		4,010.00
Land Use Change.....				
Yield Taxes.....		15,053.42.....		
Taxes Committed This Year.....				
Property Taxes.....	4,106,665.00.....			
Land Use Change.....	14,320.00.....			
Yield Taxes.....	45,948.72.....			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yard.....	736.62.....			
Overpayment Refunds.....				
Property Taxes.....	4,538.00.....	6,513.05.....		
Interest – Late Tax.....	2,499.90.....	6,112.04.....		
TOTAL DEBITS.....	4,174,708.24.....	251,227.79.....		4,010.00

*****CREDITS*****

Remitted to Treasurer.....				
Property Taxes.....	3,934,987.00.....	199,151.33.....		4,010.00
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Conversion to Lien.....		30,911.00.....		
Abatements				
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TOTAL CREDITS.....	4,174,708.24.....	251,227.79.....		4,010.00

*****DEBITS*****

.....Last Year's Levy.....Prior Levies.....
.....2016.....2015.....2014.....Priors
Unredeemed Liens.....	
At Beg of Fiscal Year.....	25,417.26.....17,702.92.....13,301.19
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year.....	30,911.00.....
Interest Collected.....	428.55.....1,916.32.....4,269.21.....1,412.73
TOTAL DEBITS.....	31,339.55.....27,333.58.....21,972.13.....14,713.92

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Remitted To Treasurer.....	
Redemptions.....	18,940.73.....13,258.91.....17,702.92.....13,301.19
Interest.....	428.55.....1,916.32.....4,269.21.....1,412.73
Unredeemed Liens Balance.....	
End of Year.....	11,970.27.....12,158.35.....
TOTAL CREDITS.....	31,339.55.....27,333.58.....21,972.13.....14,713.92

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
WESTMORELAND, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Motor Vehicle Registrations.....	\$331,140.00
Overpayments Refunded.....	(551.00)
State Motor Vehicle Fees - Agent.....	6,050.00
State Motor Vehicle Fees - Town.....	1,210.00
Title Application Fees.....	750.00
Dog Licenses - Tag.....	1,994.00
Dog Licenses - Group.....	125.00
Vital Statistic Research/Requests.....	280.00
Marriage Licenses.....	150.00
UCC and Other Filings.....	1,060.00
Returned Check Fees.....	120.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK.....	\$342,368.00

HEALTH

During 2017, I responded to 2 septic system inspections, a dog bite and rabies protocol, a health inspection for a public facility and reviewed 2 foster care home licenses. With the assistance of our Town Administrator, a notice was posted on the town website that we were alerted by the State of NH about the elevated risk of West Nile Virus due to a positive test in Keene.

Richard Paul, Health Officer

PUBLIC WELFARE

In 2017, there have been three requests for welfare assistance. One request was approved. At this time there are no active cases.

Elaine Moore, Officer of Public Welfare

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello fellow Westmorelanders. My name is David Poklemba and I am the new road agent, as Gary Hudson has retired. Congratulations go out to him. First I would like to say thank you for the new plow truck voted on at the last town meeting. This year we finished paving River Rd, South Village Rd and Hurricane Rd. We have gone through some changes this year and have a whole new crew. First is Dave Weaver who started with us the end of August. Dave and I have been working vigorously through September and October fixing the flood damage left from June and got the damage cleaned up caused from the October 30th wind storm, plus other general road maintenance. Our other new man is Jason Fowler who started with us on December 21st just before our holiday snow and ice storms. We have continued our regular maintenance and winter preparations. We have a great working crew and have accomplished a lot of work in a short period of time and can't wait till spring to keep at it – there's a lot to be done. Thank you all for your support, and remember please drive slow past us when you see us out there.

Sincerely, David Poklemba, Road Agent

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

There were three cemetery lots sold in 2017. 30 stones were repaired in the South Village Cemetery and 22 in the North Cemetery. While it is the family's responsibility to repair broken or fallen stones, we feel it is important to keep up with repairs as much as possible. Age and New England winters make repairs a continual issue.

The Cemetery Trustees must be notified of all burials, including cremations, in a town cemetery. This is important so that the burial is done according to regulations and becomes a permanent record of the town. For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

Cemetery Trustees, Robert Davis, Jo Ann LaBarre & Robert Moore

PLANNING BOARD

Westmoreland Planning Board members are appointed by the Selectmen. The board holds regular meetings which are open to the public at the Town Hall on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. If anyone has business to bring before the board, they should contact the board's secretary, Elaine Moore, to be put on the agenda. Anything requiring a hearing must be officially noticed which means that the secretary must receive the information 21 days prior to the meeting. Folks just wanting information do not need to be noted on the agenda.

The purpose of the planning board is to guide the development of the town. Decisions are made considering the landowner's rights and desires and balancing this with the intent of the town as shown in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances through processes such as subdivision and site plan review. Information on the necessary steps for subdivision or site plan review as well as ordinances is available in the Selectmen's office and on the town's website.

If a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator is the first place to start. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed. If residents have suggestions for changes for the Zoning Ordinances we encourage you to submit them to the board for consideration. While the board drafts ordinances, it is the residents who vote to determine whether to adopt them during the March ballot vote.

The past year Dawn Lincoln stepped down as alternate. We thank Dawn for her service to the board and welcome Elaine Moore as an alternate.

In 2017 there was an approval for two site plans, an incomplete lot line adjustment, permission for Eversource to trim on a scenic road, an informational meeting with Southwestern Regional Planning Commission, and review of a number of ordinances including a solar ordinance being presented to the town for approval.

We worked on ordinances and submitted some minor changes to a few ordinances as well as a solar ordinance chapter for vote at town meeting. We have marked a number of additional ordinances for review next year.

Westmoreland Planning Board Members

Lauren Bressett, Chair	Mark Hayward, Sr	Tim Thompson
Bruce Smith, Vice Chair	Steve Houle	Alison Fissette, Alternate
Clayton Stalker, Selectman	James Starkey	Elaine More, Secretary and Alternate

BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 19 permits were issued in 2017

Single family dwelling	3	Shed	5
Garage	6	Remodel	5

Larry Muchmore, Building Inspector

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment considers applications for property uses which may need a Special Exception or a Variance according to the Westmoreland Zoning Ordinances.

Zoning Board Administrator: David Wirth

Zoning Board Chairman, Peter Remy; Vice-Chairman, Barry Shonbeck. Members: Brian Merry, Russ Huntley, Nancy Ranson. Alternate members: Ernie Perham, Bill Campbell.

The Zoning Board meets at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month when an application has been submitted. Notices of hearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Westmoreland Post Office and in The Keene Sentinel at least five days before the hearing. The Zoning Board is looking for a new alternate member. Contact Jo Ann LaBarre at the Town Hall if you are interested.

2017 Hearings

The Zoning Board met on February 22, 2017 to consider an application by John Matthews for a Special Exception for a covered commercial parking lot on his nine acre property located in the Commercial/Industrial District on Route 12, Map R14, Lot 44.

The Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the Special Exception.

The Zoning Board met on May 17, 2017 to consider an application by Marlo Paju to open a group antiques shop co-op in Building B of the Westmoreland Industrial Park located at 857 Route 12, Map R-14, Lot 46 in the Commercial/ Industrial Zone. The Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the Special Exception.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Cleary, Zoning Board Clerk

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The year of 2017 had no significant emergency events. We continue to have a daily dialogue with the State Emergency Management Department. A large part of their activity is weather related issues; they keep us updated with the latest forecast and predictions of possible events and concerns.

With that being said, I would like to urge all residents to be prepared for any natural disasters at their home. Power outages, while they have improved, continue to be an event during all seasonal storms. Having back up food and water supplies, as well as heat and lighting could go a long way towards self-sufficiency during times of interruption. For any long-term situations our emergency shelter at the elementary school, could always be activated.

The town has made significant strides towards emergency preparedness in the past few years. We are always trying to anticipate future needs. If you have any concerns or input, feel free to contact the Emergency Management Department through Jo Ann at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Finnegan
Emergency Management Director

Bill Chase
Deputy EMD

Bob Hamilton
Deputy EMD

Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society

Our programs began on Monday, May 1st with the presentation titled "Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the epic journey of naturalist Edwin Way Teale" by John Harris. On June 5th Jim Rousmaniere spoke at Corner School about "Celebrating the Lowly Brick" with special mention of the several brick yards which were located in Westmoreland.

This year our Director, Richard High, took on the additional function of making arrangements and doing all the work to schedule three summer programs, two offered by the NH Cultural Commission. He was assisted with publicity and posters by Ernie Hebert.

These programs all took place on Friday evenings at the Meeting House. The first on June 23, entitled "Life, Death and Laughs in a Small Town: [Ernie] Hebert's Fictional Darby, NH." The next was "A Taste of the Old Country in the New: Franco-Americans in Manchester" on July 21 presented by Robert Perreault followed on August 25 by Dan Billin who spoke about "Abolitionists of Noyes Academy". Refreshments were offered following each program and they all were very well attended by both our members and guests from several other towns.

We managed to squeeze in the Annual Meeting on Sunday July 30 at the Meeting House followed by the usual delicious pot luck supper and again sold some books at the Ladies Aid Bazaar.

Our year was climaxed on Sept. 22 by a cooperative program with Chesterfield Historical Society and was an impersonation by Tracy Messer of former President Calvin Coolidge. We were pleased to have President Coolidge's great-granddaughter, Jenny Harville, in the audience.

Last year saw the long-time water problem at the Meeting House finally solved. Walter Carroll worked long and hard to resolve it with the generous assistance of John Matthews and some small residual funds from the last LCHIP grant.

Now that the Meeting House has been so nicely restored, we felt it was time to advertise the available venue for weddings, receptions, meetings, small parties, etc. With the assistance of Beth Pelton, Photographer, and C&S Print Shop we produced a new color brochure this year which has been placed in businesses and organizations around Cheshire County.

We sought some much needed help with the gardens at the Corner School and were very pleased when Bert Edmonds and Carol Austin kindly came forward. We hope that during the coming growing season we will have several volunteers to give our gardens some more much-needed TLC. Jim Ranson and Walter Carroll continue to do timely grass mowing at our two historic buildings.

Since the warmer months, Deb Stavseth and Jan Carpenter have been at work most Monday mornings upstairs at the Town Hall working on the Archives which are now all cataloged and are in the process of being entered into our Past Perfect computer program. It's a great feeling to know just what historic items we have, and most of all, where they are located.

New members are always very welcome and the Executive Committee has openings for Director and Secretary.

Richard High, Patti Seymour, Jan Hurley, Walter Carroll, John Harris & Jan Carpenter
(Westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org)

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY



2017 was a big year for libraries in New Hampshire. It marked the 300th anniversary of the opening of the New Hampshire State Library, the first State Library in America.

"We have the led the nation in making books available to all citizens" said State Librarian Michael York during a celebration to mark the anniversary. He continued, today, he said, "there are 234 communities in New Hampshire and there are 234 public libraries. Nobody else can make that claim.- not McDonald's, not 7-11, not Dunkin'Donuts."

Here is the report from your local library:

- **Patrons**

The library was open 146 days last year. During that time 3167 patrons visited us, 38 of whom were first time visitors to the library. In-library use: 182 patrons used our in-house services, including our public computer, wireless service, fax and copying machines.

- **Book Circulation**

3829 books circulated from the Westmoreland Library this year. We borrowed 398 books from other libraries for our patrons, and we loaned 206 books from our stacks to other libraries. **Collection Management:** Acquisitions: We added 157 new books to our collection this year, 4 of which we received as donations. In addition we added 136 items of mixed media including audio books, magazines and videos. 290 items were withdrawn from the collection.

Note: The numbers of patrons and circulation are a bit lower than last year but totally in keeping with the number of days open. Interior painting necessitated a week's closure.

- **Building Maintenance**

Under the direction of the Trustees, the library witnessed significant improvements to the building this year. The interior was repainted. In addition the propane heater was repaired, a snow rod was installed on the roof to prevent snowfall at the entryway and the lighting in the children's section and main room received long-needed replacement of many fluorescent bulbs.

- **Gifts**

We are thankful for the many gifts we received throughout the year including memorial contributions and continued financial support of our automated cataloging system. We are especially grateful to the many volunteers who continue to give freely of their time and talents - and finally, a special thank you to our Board of Trustees chaired by Louise Slayton.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Burnett
Library Director

Westmoreland Public Library
Statement of Activities
12 Months Ending December 31, 2017

Town Appropriation	35,250.00
Expenses	
Payroll	25,431.22
Books & Periodicals	3,727.58
Program Expenses	5.00
Supplies	542.18
PO Box Rental	116.00
Electricity	1,054.60
Heat	1,549.85
Phone & Internet	1,238.66
Dues & registration	30.00
Snow Removal	480.00
Computer Expenses/Tech Support	329.99
Building maintenance	744.92
 Total Appropriation Expense	 35,250.00
 Other Income	
Jotham Lord Fund	83.90
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1,969.86
Interest Earned	2.67
Fundraising & Contributions	1,422.55
 Total Other Income	 3,478.98
 Other Expenses	
Building Repairs & Maintenance	500.08
Volunteer recognition	140.00
Computer Automation	1,000.00
 Total Other Expense	 1,640.08
 Savings Bank of Walpole Checking	
Account Balance Dec. 31 2017	6,943.13
Savings Bank of Walpole Savings Account	
(Designated Funds)	7,078.34
Operating Balance	1,838.90

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Again this year was busy for the Supervisors. Rachael Bartlett was appointed to a 1 year term, replacing Sharon Riesenbergh. All three Supervisors attended training in Concord on the use of the ElectionNet program. Due to some new laws and/or changes made to existing laws governing Elections, some existing programs were changed and training was needed.

We held work sessions not only working on ElectionNet, but also going through more existing "old" paperwork that needed to be destroyed. We believe we are now in very good shape with all of our records.

Anyone new in town or moving out of town can contact the Supervisors at any time to let us know of the change. It will be very helpful to us and easier to update our records.

The current checklist has 1,255 registered voters: 305 Democrats - 263 Republicans - 687 Undeclared
We wish to thank our Moderator Bob Moore, Town Clerk Cindy Adler and all the Ballot Clerks for their help in all the elections that were held in 2017.

Supervisors of Checklist: Elaine Moore Pati Patmos Rachel Bartlett

AUDIT REPORT

MelansonHeath, Accountants and Auditors of Manchester, NH examined and audited the accounts of the Town of Westmoreland: Financial Records, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town Clerk and Library for the year 2016. A Management Letter and Financial Statement Reports are on file for viewing in the Selectmen's Office.

BRIGGS FUND

No activity in 2017.

Have Lunch with Friendly Meals and Meals on Wheels

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, Friendly Meals and Meals on Wheels carry on in Westmoreland! Friendly Meals are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at the Town Hall. The noon time lunch is open to anyone over 60. It is a great opportunity to see friends or meet new people. Seniors from other towns are also invited, so if someone has moved away and would like to come back for lunch to catch up with old friends, they are welcome! The lunch is provided by Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services. A \$3.00 donation is requested and reservations are greatly appreciated. Call Judy Rancourt at 399-7085 for reservations.

Meals on Wheels are offered for those who are house bound. Hot meals are delivered by volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Louise Slayton coordinates delivery volunteers. Meals on Wheels can be available for a short time while a person is recovering after a hospital stay or ongoing to help an older neighbor or family member to be safe and independent at home. The service is available for a donation. Last year, 288 meals on wheels were delivered in Westmoreland; 178 Friendly Meals were served at the Town Hall! For more information about receiving Meals on Wheels, call Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) at 352-2253.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Department responded to a total of 187 Fire and Rescue calls in 2017. These calls consumed over 723 person-hours, this was the busiest year ever for the department. We have also been doing monthly training with the Spofford/Chesterfield Departments.

In June the Department held its annual Chicken Barbecue, it was a big success for us as we sold out of chicken and were able to enjoy the wonderful music from the Westmoreland Town Band.

In 2016 the Departments of Westmoreland, Spofford and Chesterfield applied for a Federal Grant [FEMA] to replace all of our aging hose, fittings, and nozzles. This was a regional grant of the three towns. We were awarded this grant in June of 2017. This brings the Total amount of grant monies that the Westmoreland Fire Department has been awarded thru FEMA to over \$235,000.00.

This year the Department has applied for one more grant to replace our aging Hydraulic Rescue Tools.

We are asking all Westmoreland residents to have your house numbers visible from the roadway this will assist us in getting to your emergency in a reasonable amount of time. If you put them on your mailbox make sure to put them on both sides.

Visitors are always welcome to stop by the Fire Station for a tour and view the apparatus. Any Westmoreland resident interested in becoming a member of the department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at the Fire Station.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Department would like to thank the citizens for their outstanding support again this past year. Our goal is to keep the citizens of Westmoreland from harm with professional service.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 399-9993 or wvfd1@myfairpoint.net

Respectfully Submitted
 Harry E. Nelson
 Fire Chief

Type	#of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA Business	2	2:27
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	3	7:01
AFA Private Residence	3	5:19
Brush Fire	2	27:32
Car Fire	2	10:22
Chimney Fire	1	10:58
CO Detector	3	11:46
Downed Wires/Transformer	21	125:22
Good Intent/Smoke Investigation	6	9:48
Hazmat	1	4:54
ME Maplewood Assisted Living	7	7:34
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	8	14:39
ME Private Residence	51	96:02
ME Other	6	9:57
Motor Vehicle Accident	24	207:55
Mutual Aid Given	12	99:26
Public Assist	18	32:47
Public Assist	1	2:00
Other	17	40:03
Total	187	723:52

Month	# Calls	Total # Of Calls
Jan-16	9	9
Feb-16	19	28
Mar-16	19	47
Apr-16	11	58
May-16	15	73
Jun-16	20	93
Jul-16	17	110
Aug-16	12	122
Sep-16	18	140
Oct-16	14	154
Nov-16	19	173
Dec-16	14	187

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

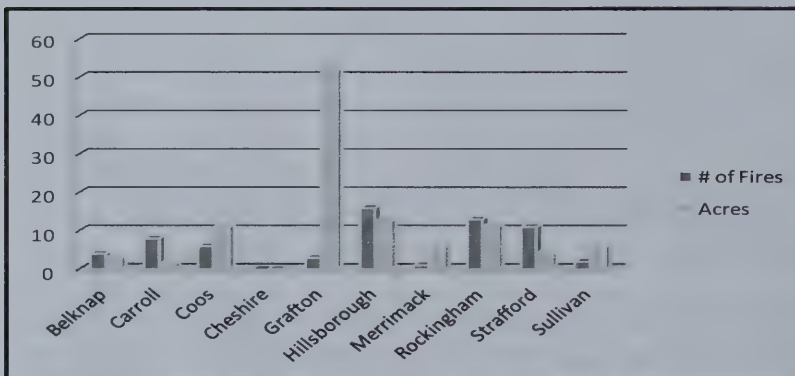
This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfil.org.

2017 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)



HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
0	7	11	1	4	0	4	0	37

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. Charged by RSA 482-A, and RSA 483-B the Commission reviews local wetland applications and, in conjunction with the NH Wetlands Bureau, is involved in the NH Shoreland Protection Act. In addition, we have a responsibility in the review process of sand and gravel permitting under RSA 155-E. Information and applications for the activities described are available at the town office, at the town website (www.westmorelandnh.com) or at the NH Department of Environmental Services website (www.des.nh.gov).

In addition to responding to wetland issues as requested and reviewing formal applications, the Commission has worked with the Selectboard, the NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Dept of Transportation, NH Trails Bureau, NH Division of Forests and Lands, US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Cheshire County Conservation District, UNH Cooperative Extension, Connecticut River Joint Rivers Commission, and Cheshire County officials on a variety of issues.

With citizen expressed interest in retaining the rural character and natural resource components of Westmoreland, the Commission continues to assist landowners with information pertaining to the permanent conservation and protection of their land. We have initiated a land conservation effort offering landowners a number of options for getting information concerning land management and protection. The Commission is also working with the Monadnock Conservancy on some permanent land conservation projects which should be finalized in 2018.

In cooperation with "Litter Free NH", the Commission sponsored another successful roadside clean-up in April spearheaded again by the Westmoreland Lions Club. The Lions Club has involved volunteers participating hundreds of hours over the years collecting many hundreds of bag of trash and other assorted junk from about 20 miles of roads in town. This is always a great well intentioned community effort.

Our members are active on a number of town and regional committees including the Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission and have attended a variety of local and state natural resource training and seminars throughout the year.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall normally at 8:30AM. Please contact any member about our work or with questions or concerns. Also check the town website for more information. Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact the Chairman, any member or the Selectmen. We have seven full time members and an allowance for any number of alternate members.

Respectively submitted, Marshall Patmos, Chairman

Members: John Lukin, April Ferguson, Dick Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer, Mary Bradley

RECREATION COMMITTEE

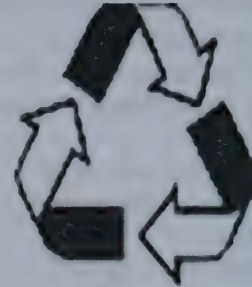
The Recreation Committee discussed the need to replace the backboards and nets on the basketball court on Woodward Field in East Westmoreland. If anyone has concerns about this, please contact someone on our committee. Recently, the committee has been approached to explore the possible construction of a public boat launch at the former jail site on River Road. We look forward to your thoughts on this matter.

Committee: Susie Harris, chair, David Bressett, Mark Hayward, Lisa Huckins and Jason Simino

RECYCLING CENTER

The following information reflects the amount of material taken out of the Transfer Station and income & expenses for recycling:

Waste Disposal	Comingled Recycling Tons	Compactor Tons	Demo Tons
2016	64.93	330.32	26.84
2017	66.4	302.93	24.3



Recycling	Cans Pounds	Cardboard Pounds	Paper Pounds	Light Iron Pounds
2016	4,400	18,980	37,940	20,700
2017	3,440	35,080	79,520	23,459

Income	Recyclables	Demo Item Fees
2016	\$2,834	\$5,131
2017	\$4,833	\$4,445

Expense	Trucking
2016	\$2,805
2017	\$3,885

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The trustees met six times during 2017 to administer affairs of the trusts. At year end, Town common trust funds were invested in common stocks and cash in an Edward Jones account. The yield on common trust fund assets was 3.4% in 2017 compared to 3.4% in 2016. The yield on capital reserves was 1.6% in 2017 compared to 0.06% in 2016. Trust fund market valuation to cost is positive around 16%.

The trustees' trust fund investment strategy is to maximize both income and assets with prudent investments. Our target yield is 3+%. Our strategy is to be fully invested in high yielding solid common stocks, and not to try to time the market. Capital reserve funds are currently invested in a CDs with local banks. The Jotham Lord Fund received a \$1,000 donation in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick N. Baker, Timothy Thompson and Cecile Goff

Town of Westmoreland - Trust Funds and Capital Reserves

CAPITAL RESERVES
2017

MS 9
Date

	Date	12/31/2016		Capital Gain/Loss	Deposits	Withdrawn	12/31/2017		INCOME			GRAND TOTAL	
		Balance	Balance				Balance	Balance	Income	Transfer	Expended	12/31/2016 Balance	12/31/2017 Balance
COMMON TRUST FUNDS													
Cemetery	1968	151,090.94	155,567.62	3,857.93	4,600.00	3,981.25	155,567.62	11,253.88	6,337.09	3,869.05	13,721.92	162,344.82	169,289.54
Library	1968	55,977.93	57,407.26	1,429.33	-	-	57,407.26	3,165.03	2,347.84	1,969.86	3,543.01	59,142.96	60,950.27
Other	1996	76,507.77	78,580.25	1,953.54	1,018.94	900.00	78,580.25	6,993.94	3,208.91	2,165.62	8,056.17	83,501.71	86,636.42
Total Common Trust Funds		283,576.63	291,555.13	7,240.80	5,618.94	4,881.25	291,555.13	21,412.85	11,893.84	8,004.53	25,321.10	304,989.49	316,876.23
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
Fire Truck	1968	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-	40,000.00	1,169.53	537.14	-	1,706.67	41,169.53	41,706.67
Highway Truck	1968	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	492.73	397.84	-	890.57	492.73	30,890.57
SPED/HS Tuition	1996	199,883.00	199,883.00	-	-	-	199,883.00	17,310.90	2,833.74	-	20,144.64	217,193.90	220,027.64
Recreation Fund	2001	223.81	223.81	-	-	-	223.81	457.42	8.89	-	466.31	681.23	690.12
School Legal Services	2014	1,093.50	1,093.50	-	-	-	1,093.50	9.55	14.39	-	23.94	1,103.05	1,117.44
School Renovation	2002	75,835.60	11,960.60	-	-	63,875.00	11,960.60	5,015.52	221.49	-	5,237.01	80,851.12	17,197.61
Bridge Rebuilding	2002	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	875.56	663.78	-	1,539.34	875.56	51,539.34
Land Purchase	2006	66,945.23	21,945.23	-	45,000.00	-	21,945.23	8,080.46	391.75	-	8,472.21	75,025.69	30,417.44
Town Clock	2009	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	83.30	40.22	-	123.52	3,083.30	3,123.52
Financial Audit	2013	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	130.98	-	130.98	-	7,130.98	7,130.98
Total Capital Reserve Funds		393,981.14	358,106.14	-	80,000.00	115,875.00	358,106.14	33,625.95	5,109.24	-	38,604.21	427,607.09	396,710.35
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		393,981.14	278,106.14	-	85,618.94	120,756.25	278,106.14	55,038.82	17,003.08	18.94	8,135.51	732,596.58	713,586.58

COMMON TRUST FUNDS

	Date	2017		2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
		Income	Assets										
Edward Jones MM	#254-08778-1-4	0.00	10,843.71	34,814.94	10,843.71	34,814.94	75.16	10,340.36	12,987.57	0.50%	12,987.57	200,000.00	200,000.00
Common shares at cost	Edward Jones	0.00	306,032.51	270,174.55	306,032.51	270,174.55	5,025.69	250,000.00	83,692.78	1.97%	83,692.78	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total common trust funds		0.00	316,876.22	304,989.49	316,876.22	304,989.49	0.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	1.25%	100,000.00	30.00	30.00
Capital Reserves Yield = 1.29%													
Total Capital Reserve & Trust Funds											732,596.58	713,586.57	

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2017

<i>--Date-----</i>	<i>Place-----</i>	<i>Baby's Name-----</i>	<i>Mother's Name/- Father's Name</i>
09-21-16	Springfield, MA	Jackson Parker Blanchard	Melissa McClening/Jeremy Blanchard
02-26-17	Keene, NH	Layton Tayne Clark	Chelsea Rancourt/Eric Clark
07-16-17	Keene, NH	Kenzlee Ann Howe	Alexis Carey/ David Howe, Jr
03-21-17	Keene, NH	Samuel Jon Lounsbury	Heather Swentik/Jonathan Lounsbury
03-22-17	Keene, NH	Emmett Burke Mahoney	Susan Mahoney/Douglas Mahoney
07-15-17	Keene, NH	Charles Everett Rodenhauser	Kelley Ramsey/Paul Rodenhauser
05-13-17	Lebanon, NH	Quinn Madeline Lou Smith	Marisa Smith/ David Smith
10-10-17	Keene, NH	Miles Lawrence Washburn	Sarah Washburn/Ryan Washburn

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2017

<i>Names of Groom and Bride -----</i>	<i>Residences-----</i>	<i>Date of Marriage----</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
-Nolan M Henderson/-----	Westmoreland, NH-----		
--Kimberly L Audet-----	Westmoreland, NH-----	10-28-17-----	Walpole, NH---
-----Evan J Scott/-----	Westmoreland, NH-----		
---Sabrina E Adams-----	Westmoreland, NH-----	06-10-17-----	Spofford, NH---
-----Cary B Smith/-----	Westmoreland, NH-----		
--Deborah J Laviana-----	Westmoreland, NH-----	05-14-17-----	Westmoreland, NH

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND DEATHS IN WESTMORELAND - 2017

(Not at Maplewood)

<i>----Date of Death-----</i>	<i>Name-----</i>	<i>Place of Death-----</i>	<i>Father's Name / Mother's Name</i>
-----10-05-17-----	Philip Aldrich Hall-----	75 Route 63-----	Forest Hall, Sr/ Ellen Aldrich
-----03-12-17-----	Guy Rogers MacMillin-----	138 Spofford Rd-----	Guy E MacMillin/ Marion Dillon
-----08-29-17-----	Donald Charles McKenney-----	52 Ferry Road-----	Charles McKenney/ Helen Cook
-----03-07-17-----	Michael Scott Moreland-----	90 Partridge Brook Rd-----	J D Moreland/ Vernell Phipps
-----06-05-17-----	Kathleen Mary Newell-----	83 McAdam Road-----	Clyde James/ Anne Sullivan
-----05-11-17-----	Donald Charles O'Connor-----	13 London Road-----	Maurice O'Connor/ Marion Graham
-----07-01-17-----	James Wesley Snyder-----	332 Route 63-----	Herbert Snyder, Sr/Luzell Armbrister
-----09-02-17-----	Joan Marie Waite-----	118 Patton Road-----	Percival Burrington/Grace Clark
-----07-14-17-----	Thomas Clark Warner, Jr-----	626 River Road-----	Thomas Warner, Sr/ Helen Northrup
-----03-15-17-----	Donald Robert Watson-----	161 Hatt Road-----	Edwin Watson/ Jean Wiatr

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND DEATHS - OUT OF TOWN IN 2017

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/Mother's Name
07-04-17	Keene, NH	Marci Beth Cooke	Michael Semel /Harriet Schwartzbach
03-06-17	Keene, NH	Ardell Hazel Cunningham	
11-25-17	Lebanon, NH	Neal V Galford, Sr	Edwin Brackett/Gladys Galford
12-19-17	Merrimack, NH	Deborah Lorraine Jenkins Hall	Donald E Jenkins/Barbara Arlene Barrett
03-10-17	Keene, NH	Elizabeth Britton Hall	Arthur Britton/Inez Wallace
05-19-17	Lebanon, NH	Chong Ok Lee	Soo Tae Song/Keum Ok Park
05-15-17	Keene, NH	Jong E Lee	Kyu Chul Lee/Bok Soon Kim
10-11-17	Keene, NH	Shirley J Marrotte	Charles E Gregory, Sr/Agnes Anderson
03-12-17	Keene, NH	Jacob Francis Matthews	Jeffrey Matthews/Jennifer Fredette
12-01-16	Northbridge, MA	Linwood Charles Paine	Cameron Linwood Paine/Carrie Burr
12-28-16	Keene, NH	Peter R Provencher, Sr	Joseph Provencher/Doris Fredette
01-14-17	Okeechobee, FL	Arlene Rose Rumrill	
07-14-17	W Swanzey, NH	Barbara H Vincent	
01-07-17	Alstead, NH	Robert Harry Wesley, Jr	Robert Wesley, Sr/Barbara Fredette
10-17-17	Sun Sity Center, FL	Kenneth K Wright, II	Kenneth K Wright/Wanda Mason
09-17-17	Murrells Inlet, SC	Raymond Zabel	Raymond Zabel, Sr/Elizabeth Zabel

2017 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Name	Date of Death	Burial Date	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Richard A Adams, Sr	10-21-17	11-02-17	Hillsborough, NH	So Village Cemetery
Arthur Conkling, Sr	12-26-14	05-06-17	Titusville, FL	North Cemetery
Ardell H Cunningham	03-06-17	05-06-17	Keene, NH	So Village Cemetery
Elizabeth Britton Hall	03-10-17	04-26-17	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
Rena M Kathan	01-08-17	06-02-17	Newport, NH	So Village Cemetery
Steven W Kenyon	07-08-17	08-13-17	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
Arlene May King	05-23-17	05-27-17	Westmoreland, NH	East Cemetery
Mary C Leonard	02-07-17	05-06-17	Walpole, NH	North Cemetery
Harry Gould Newell	04-10-14	08-25-17	Keene, NH	So Village Cemetery
Kathleen Mary Newell	06-05-17	08-25-17	Westmoreland, NH	So Village Cemetery
Linwood Charles Paine	12-01-16	06-04-17	Northbridge MA	Gline Cemetery
Bruce Ronald Starkey	01-06-17	05-09-17	Keene, NH	So Village Cemetery

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS - IN TOWN 2017

Date of Death-----Name-----Father's Name-----Mother's Name-----

---10-23-17-----Dorothy Barna-----Richard Moore-----Eva Shedd-----
 ---06-26-17-----Marion Lorraine Cay-----Louis Stearns-----Marion Robertson---
 ---10-22-17-----Lester M Chickering-----Louis Chickering-----Ida Bennett-----
 ---03-31-17-----Elizabeth Louise Crowley-----Maynard Hall-----Elsa -----
 ---05-04-17-----Dorothy Marie Cummings-----Michael A DeLouise-----Matilda V Avanzi--
 ---09-09-17-----Nicholas S DeNucci-----Nicola DeNucci-----Concetta Viviano--
 ---07-16-17-----Leonard W Drake-----Sherman Drake--Katherine Estella Wheeler
 ---02-20-17-----George Dubina-----Archie Dubina-----Margaret -----
 ---02-07-17-----Beatrice Louise Gefrich-----George Gefrich-----Beatrice McLaughlin
 ---12-26-17-----Lorelei Germond-----Gardner Mason-----Bernice -----
 ---09-08-17-----Debra M Grumbley-----Robert Williams-----Jacqueline Johnson--
 ---07-03-17-----Jeannette Lillian Hall-----
 ---10-02-17-----Elizabeth M Herzog-----John J Mathiot-----Delia E McKenzie--
 ---05-23-17-----Evelyn W Hill-----John Walker-----Mary Ja-----
 ---07-13-17-----Dorothy Elizabeth Hunt---Walter Harold Hidden---Mary Elizabeth Roberts
 ---03-19-17-----Evelyn E Johnson-----Grover Rock-----Althea Herndon--
 ---03-03-17-----Robert Edward Judd-----
 ---07-08-17-----Steven W Kenyon-----Harold Kenyon-----Lois Cantliffe---
 ---05-23-17-----Arlene M King-----Arthur J Sharkey-----Sylvia A Castor--
 ---03-22-17-----Lawrence Gregg Miller-----Leonard Paul Miller-----Effie Salter---
 ---01-31-17-----John William Myers, Jr-----John William Myers, Sr-----Mary Suchan--
 ---12-25-17-----Mary J Nelson-----Joseph H Cheney-----Mary E Butler--
 ---09-29-17-----James Ames Patterson, Jr-----James Ames Patterson, Sr---Elizabeth Brewer
 ---07-01-17-----Arlayne Edgewood Pierce-----Charles Derosier-----Rose Lord---
 ---07-26-17-----Joanne E Pletcher-----Sydney Smith-----Barbara Konkol--
 ---03-28-17-----Julia Carolyn Prybylo-----Frank Prybylo-----Carolyn Pikul---
 ---01-28-17-----Marshall Elmer Putnam-----Elmer Putnam-----Helen Pierce---
 ---02-12-17-----Beverly Beatrice Raymond-----Helard Linscott, Sr-----Myrtle Woodward
 ---11-16-17-----William J Siewert-----William Siewert-----Catherine Cantwell
 ---12-26-17-----R Bruce Smith-----Robert O Smith-----Mary Minkiewicz
 ---02-06-17-----Rachel E Stone-----Jean Lecuyer-----Rose Dubois---
 ---12-09-17-----Bridgette D Szyman-----Leonard Szyman-----Despina Condolon
 ---11-05-17-----Edna E Trask-----Bernard Thompson-----Doris Stanchfield
 ---12-29-17-----George Vakalis-----Angelos Vakalis-----Angela Bouhagier
 ---11-21-17-----John Burton Walker, Sr-----Harold Walker-----Francis Ralph--
 ---12-09-17-----Jerome J Weinrieb-----Abraham Weinrieb-----Celia "Tilly" Stein
 ---03-24-17-----George Aaron Whipple-----Perley Whipple-----Avis Crowell--
 ---07-13-17-----Barbara A Winston-----Albert Kruschwitz-----Theresa Quill--
 ---05-06-17-----Marguerite E Wyman-----Alexander Bruder-----Mildred Willard

SCHOOL BOARD

Kurt R. Martin - Stuart R. Adams - Michael J. Acemo, Jr. – Madelyn Cassin – Dean R. Priebe

MODERATOR

Peter Hills

CLERK

Deb Nelson

TREASURER

Melissa Lemnah

AUDITOR

Plodzik & Sanderson

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Robert H. Malay, Superintendent of Schools

Dorothy Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Timothy L. Ruehr, SAU 29 Business Administrator

Janel Swanson, Business Administrator for Towns

Nancy Deutsch, Manager of Human Resources

Dr. Rick Matte, Director of Student Services

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Westmoreland School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Nancy Deutsch, Title IX Coordinator for School Administrative Unit 29, and Director of Human Resources, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire 03431, telephone number (603) 357-9002 ext. 213.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to Dr. Rick Matte, Director of Student Services, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire 03431, telephone number (603) 357-9001 ext. 230.

Robert H. Malay
Superintendent of Schools

[Source: Notice of Non-Discrimination, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (August 2010); Title IX Resource Guide, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, at 6-7 (April 2015).]

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 13th day of March, 2018, at 11:00 am in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 am, and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials at 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

- One School Board Member for three-year term
- One School Board Member for two-year term
- A Moderator for one-year term
- A Clerk for one-year term
- A Treasurer for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 2018

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 12th day of February, 2018.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Michael J. Acerno, Chair, Stuart R. Adams, Madelyn Cassin, Kurt R. Martin, Dean R. Priebe

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 16th day of March, 2018, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,879,434 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board also recommends \$3,879,434.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be transferred to the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by voters 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 funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2018. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 12th day of February, 2018.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

*Michael J. Acerno, Chair
Stuart R. Adams
Madelyn Cassin
Kurt R. Martin
Dean R. Priebe*

**Westmoreland School District Meeting
March 17, 2017**

Moderator Moore called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance with attendees.

Moderator Moore explained that he is the Moderator Pro Temp this evening as Mr. Smith was unable to be here and asked Mr. Moore to run the meeting this evening. Mr. Martin (School Board Chairperson) read a Resolution that will be presented to Mr. Smith.

**Resolution
Adopted March 17, 2017**

WHEREAS, *Bruce Smith has served as the Moderator of the Westmoreland School District for twenty-one years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Bruce Smith always presided over district meetings in a gracious, fair, and respectful manner; and his expertise, knowledge, and dedication truly reflected his genuine interest in the Town of Westmoreland, its children, and the future; and,*

WHEREAS, *Bruce Smith's commitment to education has been evidenced by his willingness to contribute his time, wisdom and skills, while sharing his passion to teach students in the community and also abroad; his enthusiasm, guidance and generosity will be missed; now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that the School District of Westmoreland, in grateful acknowledgement of Bruce Smith's numerous contributions and twenty-one years of service, honor itself by causing a copy of this resolution to be entered into the records of the District as a permanent tribute to Mr. Smith, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Smith.*

THE WESTMORELAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator Moore noted the results of the election: School District Moderator: Peter Hills, School Board Members: Michael Acerno and Madelyn Cassin for three years and Kurt Martin for two years, School District Treasurer: Melissa Lemnah one year, School District Clerk: Debbie Nelson. Moderator Moore shared some interesting facts and history from the 1967 School District Report. There was also a vote of the teacher contract that year which brought the highest salary up to \$5,200, there were 162 students that year first through eighth grade and the meeting went until almost 11 pm that evening.

Moderator Moore read Article 1: *To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.* Mr. Acerno moved Article I, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for discussion, hearing none asked for a voice vote, Article I passed.

Moderator Moore read Article II: *To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,946,697 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board also recommends \$3,946,697.* Mr. Acerno moved Article II, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for discussion, hearing none asked for a voice vote, Article II passed.

Moderator Moore read Article III: *To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:*

YEAR Estimated Increase:	2017-18	\$15,463
	2018-19	\$24,773
	2019-20	\$24,896

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,463 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid the prior fiscal year. (The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.) Mr. Acerno moved Article III, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for discussion, hearing none asked for a voice vote, Article III passed.

Moderator Moore read Article IV: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof on the north side of the main building, and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$15,000 from the School Renovation 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 Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)* Mr. Acerno moved Article IV, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for discussion. Mr. Harry Nelson asked if the total cost of the project is \$15,000 or is that just the amount from the Capital Reserve to be used for the project. Mr. Martin explained the total cost of the project is about \$41,000 and that \$15,000 would come from the Capital Reserve and the remainder \$26,000 would come from the regular budgeted amount for building repairs and projects. No extra tax dollars would need to be raised to complete this project. Mr. Barry Shonbeck asked what would be left in the Capital Reserve after the withdrawal. Mr. Martin noted the account would have less than \$2,000 remaining. Hearing no other discussion Moderator Moore asked for a voice vote, Article IV passed.

Moderator Moore read Article V: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3, 900) to be transferred to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 14, 2014, for the purpose of paying legal costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2017. (The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)* Mr. Acerno moved Article V, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for discussion, hearing none asked for a voice vote, Article V passed.

Moderator Moore read Article VI: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25, 000) to be transferred to the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by voters 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 funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2017. If there is an insufficient unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2017, to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 5 (Legal Capital Reserve Fund), Article 5 will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. (The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)* Mr. Acerno moved Article VI, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for discussion, hearing none asked for a voice vote, Article VI passed.

Moderator Moore read Article VII: *To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.* Mr. Acerno moved Article VII, seconded by Mr. Priebe.

Moderator Moore asked for any discussion: Mr. Perry Sawyer noted that an energy upgrade had been done a few years ago and as he sits here this evening some of the lights go out, is that poor workmanship/upgrades or expected. Mr. Hayward explained that the lighting is motion censored so that lights will automatically shut off with no movement to help with energy costs. Hearing no other discussion Moderator Moore asked for a voice vote, Article VII passed.

Moderator Moore asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Acerno made the motion, Mr. Graham Gitchell seconded, a voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra J. Nelson
Westmoreland School District Clerk

Westmoreland School Lunch Program 2017-2018

Marcia Winchester continues to manage the lunch program here at the school and has the support and assistance of a part time aide, which is a position shared by Kristin Adler and Jill Moore.

Participation with the lunch program is averaging around 50%. At the beginning of the school year we had students participate in a survey to get their feedback on the lunch program. In doing so we were able to get new ideas for meals they would like to see as well as take away some of the less popular options.

We now have the ability to order produce through a new program FFavors, which has helped incorporate more fresh vegetables and fruit throughout the students' daily meals. With this winter being on the colder side we have also been able to make soup as an additional option a couple times a week which the students enjoy. We continue to sell ice cream on Fridays that are approved by Smart Snacks in School, which helps with revenue. We also continue to follow National School Lunch Program regulations, and enjoy providing the children with healthy options to fuel their education.

Sincerely, Marcia Winchester

WESTMORELAND STAFF & GRADUATES

Westmoreland School 2017-2018 Staff

Mark Hayward-Principal
Kendra DiLegge-School Counselor
Debra Nelson-Secretary

Zak Blake –Special Education
Jen Wilcox-Special Education
Rachael Fowler-Kindergarten Teacher
Stacy Riendeau-Grade 1
Karen Durling-Grade 2
Leslie Carlson-Grade 3
Henry Bailly-Grade 4
Caragh (McManus) Wilder- (5) MS Mathematics
Cheryl Patty- (6) MS Science
Melissa Crotto-Young (7) MS Language Arts
Paul Deschenes- (8) MS Social Studies
David Sontag-PE/Health
Danielle Barney-Reading Specialist
Robert Stack-Media Generalist
Kristin Hertzler-Music
Leigh Niland-Art
Greenough Nowakoski-Spanish
Bridget Walz-Nurse
Marcia Winchester-Kitchen Manager
Kristin Adler-Kitchen Aide
Jill Moore-Kitchen Aide
Benjamin Hobbs-Custodian
Mike Finnell-Maintenance

Amy Royce-Title One
Susanne Bates-Title One
Kathy Sportello-SPED Aide
Beth Pearce-SPED Aide
Nancy McKenna-Classroom Aide
Jamie Day-Aide
Carol Browing Lent-Classroom Aide
Michelle Priebe-Aide

Westmoreland Graduates

8th GRADE

Trevor Amidon
Ian Bergeron
Maya Carey
Tess Chamberlin
Olivia Cormier
Hayden Gourley
Alex Hanninen
Jonathan Hills
Brennan Lilly
Dakota Moreau-Owen
Aidan Paju
Nina Priebe
Marie Prock
Xavier Russell
Jessica Shapiro
Marisa Stetson
Lorielle Ulitsch
Macey Webber
Gracey Wilkes
Kaelyn Willette
Sirena Willette

12TH GRADE

Nathan Adams
Benjamin Burdett
Caleb Fifield
Natalie Goodrich
Noah Goodrich
Frederick Hadlow Jr.
Bailey Huntley
Payton Lilly
Jeffrey Lybarger
Sierra Mesic
Jack Nadeau
Callie O'Neil
Elaina Paulin
Kayley Pelton
Jordyn Rancourt
Nicholas Royce
Ethan Scanlan
Lauren Scanlan
Makenzie Seaman

DISTRICT REPORT

Mission Statement of the Westmoreland School

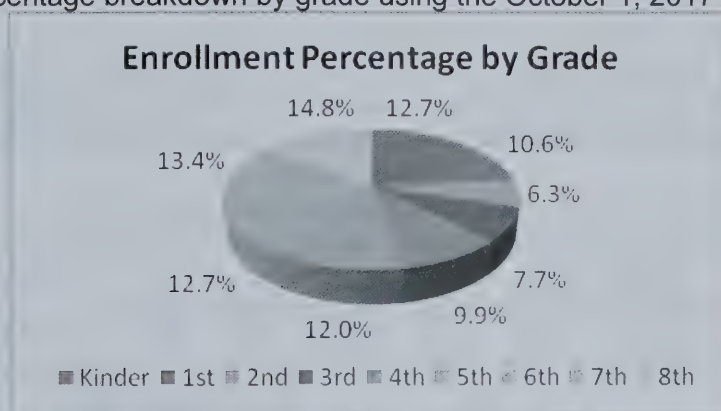
At Westmoreland School, we believe that quality education is a fundamental right of all children. The education and social development of each child is the shared responsibility of the community, school, parents, and the child. We strive to provide each child with the skills they will need to face the challenges of a changing world. As a community of lifelong learners, we will treat each other as worthwhile individuals.

Westmoreland School Enrollment

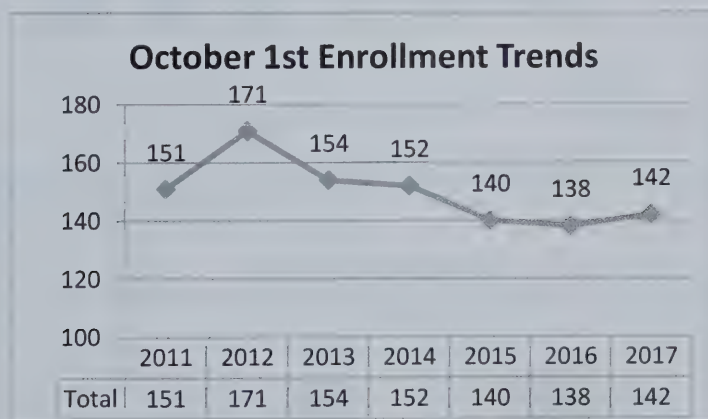
This year we were excited to end up with 19 kindergarten students attending Westmoreland School, bringing our overall enrollment as of January 2018 to 142 students. Here are the current class sizes:

K-19	3-12	6-17
1-14	4-14	7-19
2-9	5-17	8-21

Here's a look at the percentage breakdown by grade using the October 1, 2017 enrollment:



Finally, a look at the October 1st enrollment trend from 2011-2017:



School Facility Maintenance

This past summer we continued to work on our ongoing facility maintenance plan with improvements such as the new roof on the north side of the school, which finishes the multi-year roof project. (Thank you to Ferguson Roofing of Westmoreland for doing a great job.) Thanks also to Village Painters (led by Dana Torrey of Westmoreland) for their work doing exterior painting around the front and elementary side of the building. In addition, a new fence was installed around the dumpster/shed area at the top of the parking lot.

Community Connections

Reminder that the school website is [wes.sau29.org](http://www.wes.sau29.org) and the weekly "Principal's Post" newsletter is on our homepage, so you can find out the latest about what is happening at the school, just click on the date below "weekly newsletter." Please feel free to email me at mhayward@sau29.org if you have any questions.

We continue to have a fund at the school to help students who may have some extra needs, called the "Student Assistance Fund" that is made up of donations from staff and any community members who would like to help out. The funds go toward helping students pay for activities (American Heritage Tour, field trips, etc.) in order to ensure that no student misses out on a special learning opportunity due to lack of funds. (And we always take Box Tops to help with areas of need as well.)

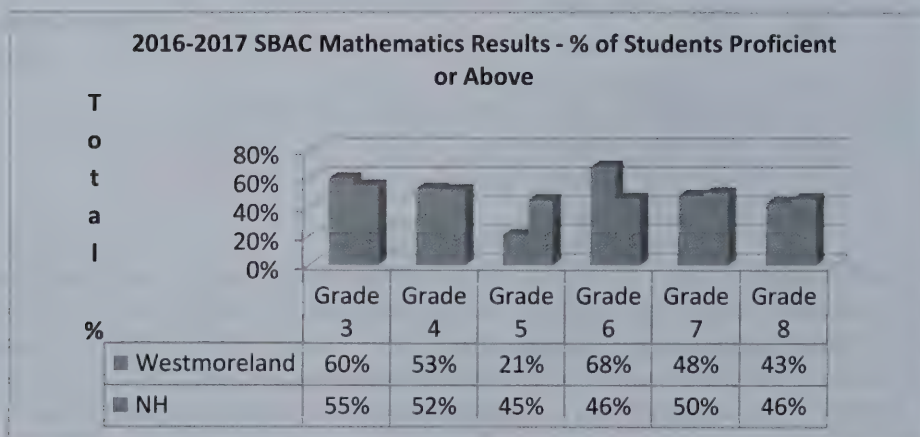
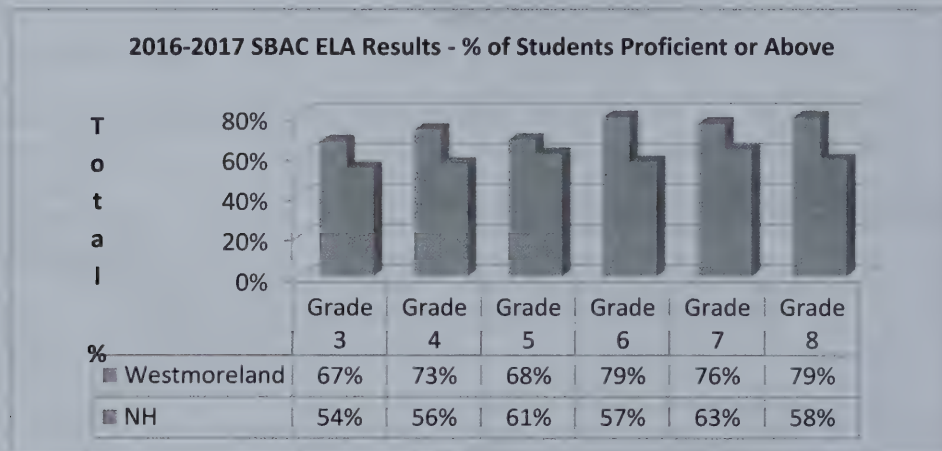
The **Student of the Month Lion's Club Luncheon** is now in its 7th year and we are happy to be able to continue it again with the generous support of the Westmoreland Lion's Club. We also would like to thank the Lion's Club for continuing to work with us in financially supporting our yearly reward event for students, as well as working with the Keene Lion's Club to provide our school a **Free Eye Screening Day** (This year it was expanded to grades K, 1, 3, and 7.) coordinated with our new school nurse, Mrs. **Bridget Walz**.

Academics

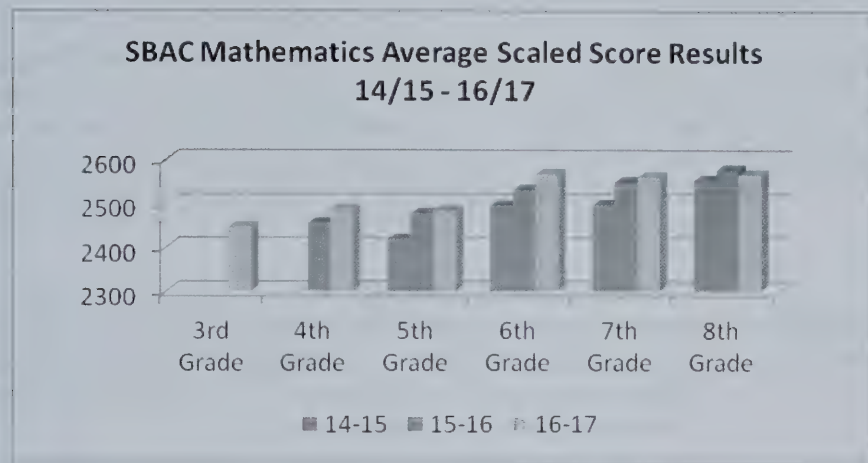
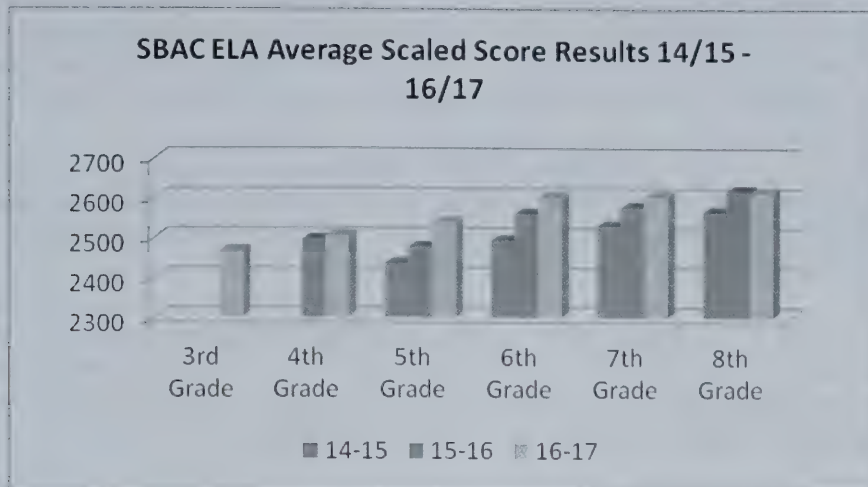
We would like to congratulate **Adelyne Hayward** as the Valedictorian and **Riley Chamberlin** as the Salutatorian of the Westmoreland School graduating class of 2017. We had 15 students participate in the commencement ceremonies and most moved on to Keene High School where they have been doing very well.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Results for all students who were at the school at the end of the assessment administration

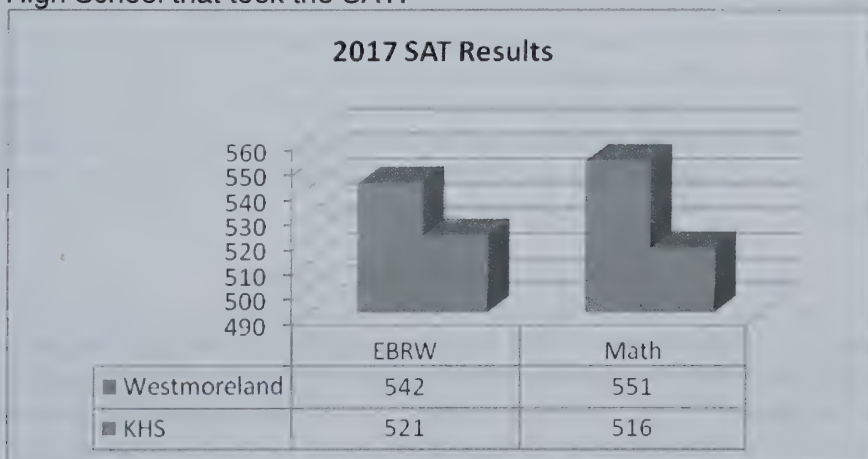


****Indicator of Cohort Growth:** The following charts show the average number of scaled score points added to a cohort group from one grade to the next for three (3) consecutive years. For example, the 5th grade during 2016-2017 show the results from when they were in 4th grade (2015-2016) and 3rd grade (2014-2015). Note – students that are represented in these results may not have been present during both years**



SAT Results

Below is a look at how Westmoreland students at Keene High School performed in comparison to all students at Keene High School that took the SAT.



Arts and Enrichment

Our students continue to enjoy and benefit from our fine arts and music programs and we will continue to display examples of our students' excellent art work in the front lobby case and in the multi-purpose room for everyone to enjoy.

We also continue to have the New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) program each week for grades 4-8, with a large number of students who will perform over Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. For our younger students we had an excellent NHDI residency program here led by Lisa Cook for grades K-3.

Athletics and Wellness

This past fall we again had a number of students participate in the Annual Kid's DeMar Marathon, where students had to log in at least 25 miles of running over the summer and then complete one final mile during marathon day to make it an overall marathon length achievement.

On the middle school sports front, it was a great soccer season with another beautiful weekend for our annual tournament. This year the girl's team won the championship with a victory over Chesterfield in the finals. Our basketball teams have also had a nice start to the season this winter, and we are looking forward to another strong spring season for our baseball and softball teams.

Community Service

The Westmoreland Middle School students performed an impressive total of 533 hours of community service this past year, helping to enrich and support their local communities. All middle school students at Westmoreland are required in their Social Studies classes to perform at least 6 hours of community service, and to submit a 2-3 page report which includes a written proposal, contracts and a journal or time line. Many students performed more than 6 hours of service, and the grateful recipients of this time and energy make up an impressive and varied list. Agencies or organizations that the Bulldogs helped out this year include:

Westmoreland School	Westmoreland Fire Department
St. Jude's Children's Hospital	Westmoreland School PTA
Keene Community Kitchen	Cheshire County Historical Society
NHDI	Westmoreland School Boosters
Keene Swamp Bats	Genesis/Westwood Health Care
Stonewall Farm	Heaven Can Wait Farm
Fast Friends	Monadnock Humane Society
Keene UCC	Rte 66 Bicycle Race
Cheshire County 4-H	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation
Brattleboro Concert Choir	Boston Terriers Dog Show
Cheshire Children's Museum	Home Away From Home Day Care
Keene Montessori School	Ox Breeders Association
Miracles in Motion	Johnny Appleseed Day Care
Greek Orthodox Church	Maplewood Nursing Home
Pisgah Park	Keene Middle School
Westmoreland Lions Club	Keene Youth Football
NAEP testing	Westmoreland School Mock Election
Local road & path cleanup	Memorial Day Veterans Flags

The Middle School Student Council's **Annual Food Pantry Fundraiser** was again a great success. The Student Council raised **\$1025 for the Community Kitchen** through coupon book sales. Instead of the previous canned goods drive and food box sales, we simply asked each student to buy/sell two coupon books and all profits went to the fundraiser.

WYSI (formerly WYSBO)

As always, the Westmoreland Youth Sports group (Led by Board: Gina Gitchell, Jennifer Putzel, Kara Barnum, Michelle Priebe, and Christy Dewey) is a huge asset to our sports programs at the school and around the town, putting together numerous opportunities for participation, helping to maintain athletic facilities, and fundraising to support our programs. Thank you especially to Christy Dewey and everyone else who work so hard to make the soccer tournament a success each year.

Westmoreland PTA

The PTA (led by Jennifer Harville, Ellen Lavasseur, Stephanie Kelly, Diane Cyr, and Diane Stetson) has continued to be a strong supporter of Westmoreland School this year and has run some great programs for our school community. They donate funds for staff members to purchase additional resources and pursue special initiatives, and last year provided an awesome school-wide experience by bringing us the Eyes of Owls program. Besides this and many other activities, they also organize the back-to-school Meet and Greet in August, Teacher Appreciation Week, Reflections Program, Original Artworks, the Scholastic Book Fair, Town Calendar, Holiday Wreath sales and the Bulldog 4 Fun Run.

The PTA Bulldog 4 Fun Run has been a great community event and was again a success this past year and will continue to be as long as more people come forward to help lead the effort. We would love to increase the amount of participants (of all ages and abilities) that we have had in recent years. Please come and walk, run, or just volunteer along the course and cheer on our participants.

You can always help the PTA and Westmoreland School with your shopping choices. The PTA Amazon Smiles program, where you can simply go to this site: <http://smile.amazon.com/>, search for Westmoreland PTA, and then it's just regular shopping on Amazon with PTA getting the proceeds.

PTA/Pit Stop Fundraiser – This past October the PTA made \$335.00 from sales at Pit Stop Smokehouse and Westmoreland School is grateful for this community support.

Volunteers

The Westmoreland Public Library has been a great partner presenting outstanding programs for our young readers who look forward to their visits to the library and we appreciate the incredible outreach work the library staff puts together.

A HUGE thank you to Westmorelander **Barney Sherwin** for making it possible for us to participate in the Keene Pumpkin Festival with the rest of SAU 29 schools. Regarding the pumpkins and jack o' lanterns, he was the one responsible for delivering and picking them up, storing them for two nights, and dropping them off on the day of the festival.

We would like to thank our volunteers in the America Reads program that come here every week and work with our young learners. They are Ann Ray, Carol Austin, and Kathy Cox. We are thankful for their time, commitment, and dedication. We are also thankful for Kristen Chamberlin and Stacy Riendeau for setting up the spring talent show, and Jaime Russell for leading the book fair, and all the parents who volunteered that week. In sports, Tom Patty for helping with baseball and for all the parents who coached the Rec. sports teams throughout the year. Finally, sorry to all I may have missed, as there are many other people out there who give their time and effort to help our school in many different ways and for this we are grateful.

School Start Time Committee

At a regular meeting of the Keene Board of Education on February 14, 2017, the Keene Board directed the administration to develop a research plan for shifting the start times of the Keene schools for the 2019-2020 school year. The committee (consisting of 20 members including representatives of each of the town districts to be impacted) met for the first time on August 3, 2017 to begin the process. A public forum was held on November 29, 2017 in order to gather feedback from stakeholders regarding the potential shift in school start times beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Following the forum, a

stakeholder survey was distributed to further gather feedback. The committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Central Office. A final proposal to the Keene Board of Education will be provided at the June 2018 KBE meeting.

School Calendar Committee

The 20-member committee began meeting on September 20, 2017 to begin the process of developing the 2018-2019 school year calendar. The committee distributed a stakeholder survey at the end of September seeking input regarding the creation of the 2018-2019 calendar. The results of the survey can be found at www.sau29.org.

Strategic Plan Update

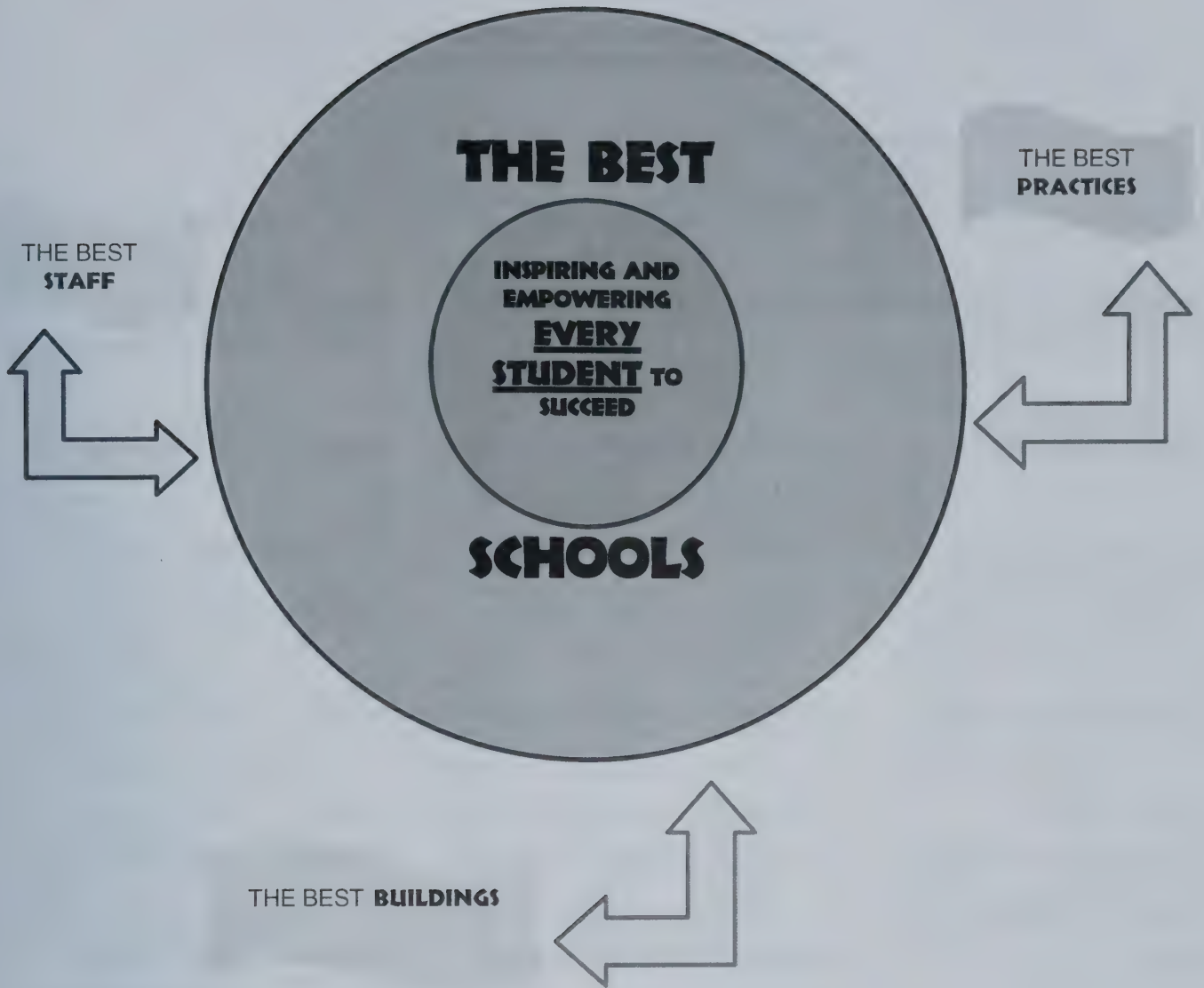
The existing strategic plan (through school year 2014-2015) has been evaluated and current practices analyzed resulting in the new model for the SAU 29 Strategic Plan. The focal point of the Plan is the vision for SAU 29, "To inspire and empower every student to succeed". Superintendent Malay presented the updated version of the Strategic Plan to the NHSAU29 School Board on September 27, 2017. The key points of the plan involve having the **best staff**, the **best buildings**, and the **best practices** to ensure that SAU 29 is comprised of the best schools in the state.

In the fall of 2017, Superintendent Malay shared the turnover (30%) in staffing at the Central Office with the NHSAU29 School Board and plans to stabilize and elevate the quality of staffing going forward. Recent hires have led to greater confidence that the Central Office is operating at an optimum level with a high quality staff in place for the foreseeable future. In the Superintendent's Office, the addition of Assistant Superintendent Dotty Frazier has resulted in positive changes and forward-thinking momentum that has already resulted in the strengthening of our services to schools. Shayna Pelkey (Administrative Assistant) and Antje Hornbeck (Public Information Coordinator) round out the new hires in the Superintendent's Office. Dr. Rick Matte, Director of Student Services has hit the ground running and brings his expertise to the former Special Education Department, now further broadened to cover a greater area of services for all students. Ryanne Schoonover, Administrative Assistant joined the Student Services Department at the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Veteran technician Bob Milliken has taken on the role of Information Technology Manager bringing stability and expertise to his role with the IT Department. In the Business Office, Jaime Donovan (Administrative Assistant) has filled the final opening in the staff and has proven to be a welcomed addition to the Central Office.

Mark P. Hayward, Jr.
Principal

Stuart R. Adams
School Board Chair

Robert H. Malay
Superintendent of Schools



**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2016-17	ACTUAL 2016-17	BUDGET 2017-18	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2018-19	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$2,147,590	\$1,857,275	\$2,106,870	\$2,094,191	-0.60%	53.98%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$143,150	\$143,150	\$137,665	\$90,241	-34.45%	2.33%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$419,334	\$435,614	\$461,521	\$333,051	-27.84%	8.59%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,710,074	\$2,436,039	\$2,706,056	\$2,517,483	-6.97%	64.89%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$875,748	\$907,357	\$926,940	\$874,315	-5.68%	22.54%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Reg)	\$56,238	\$54,509	\$57,886	\$57,886	0.00%	1.49%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$182,910	\$122,957	\$147,255	\$262,476	78.25%	6.77%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$1,114,896	\$1,084,823	\$1,132,081	\$1,194,677	5.53%	30.80%
SAU #29	\$165,502	\$165,502	\$167,923	\$167,274	-0.39%	4.31%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,990,472	\$3,686,364	\$4,006,060	\$3,879,434	-3.16%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$3,990,472	\$3,686,364	\$4,006,060	\$3,879,434	-3.16%	100.00%

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PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2016-17	ACTUAL 2016-17	BUDGET 2017-18	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2018-19	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 135 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$689,070	\$679,977	\$679,630	\$704,871		
Benefits	\$374,736	\$309,000	\$357,492	\$349,719		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Repair Equipment	\$2,500	\$248	\$2,500	\$1,000		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$19,976	\$17,311	\$19,474	\$20,589		
Equipment	\$3,100	\$2,584	\$5,500	\$4,500		
Furniture	\$800	\$1,000	\$500	\$0		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,090,182	\$1,010,120	\$1,065,096	\$1,080,679	1.46%	27.86%
CO-CURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$19,949	\$13,202	\$20,664	\$21,179		
Assemblies/Officials	\$2,996	\$5,253	\$3,046	\$3,100		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,350	\$1,643	\$2,350	\$2,450		
Dues and Fees	\$3,123	\$2,208	\$2,855	\$3,055		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$28,418	\$22,306	\$28,915	\$29,784	3.01%	0.77%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Guidance	\$38,608	\$34,934	\$38,475	\$69,346		
Health	\$25,975	\$25,740	\$27,003	\$28,899		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$64,583	\$60,674	\$65,478	\$98,245	50.04%	2.53%
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$1,859	\$617	\$1,859	\$1,859		
Course Reimbursement	\$9,000	\$1,750	\$9,000	\$9,000		
Management Development	\$2,000	\$306	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Staff Development	\$4,000	\$3,609	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$200	\$45	\$200	\$200		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$17,059	\$6,327	\$17,059	\$17,059	0.00%	0.44%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$81,057	\$80,407	\$83,598	\$85,218		
Library Books & Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,297	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Equipment/Software	\$1,000	\$50	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$85,057	\$82,754	\$87,598	\$89,218	1.85%	2.30%

	BUDGET 2016-17	ACTUAL 2016-17	BUDGET 2017-18	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2018-19	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,283	\$2,826	\$3,291	\$3,278		
Legal/Audit Services	\$8,600	\$7,288	\$8,600	\$7,300		
Other School District Expenses	\$1,225	\$2,566	\$1,225	\$1,225		
Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$13,108	\$12,680	\$13,116	\$16,803	28.11%	0.43%
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principal's Salary	\$81,369	\$81,369	\$83,403	\$85,488		
Secretary's Salary	\$32,004	\$31,321	\$32,804	\$33,624		
Benefits	\$64,533	\$62,302	\$71,023	\$65,451		
Copier / Maintenance	\$1,600	\$1,597	\$1,700	\$1,700		
Telephone	\$10,700	\$10,887	\$11,000	\$7,800		
Postage/Printing	\$700	\$333	\$700	\$700		
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,100	\$1,187	\$2,100	\$2,100		
Software	\$2,654	\$1,727	\$2,784	\$2,084		
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$195,860	\$190,724	\$205,714	\$199,147	-3.19%	5.13%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$57,195	\$61,868	\$58,625	\$53,304		
Benefits	\$32,669	\$31,675	\$35,668	\$25,721		
Rubbish Removal	\$3,500	\$2,838	\$3,500	\$3,200		
Maintenance Services	\$16,450	\$16,550	\$16,450	\$17,600		
Repairs to Building	\$30,000	\$28,124	\$4,000	\$20,000		
Special Projects	\$65,000	\$63,875	\$41,000	\$0		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$5,750	\$5,421	\$5,750	\$5,830		
Supplies/Materials	\$10,000	\$9,804	\$10,000	\$10,300		
Electricity	\$24,500	\$25,002	\$24,500	\$22,000		
Oil/ Propane	\$18,800	\$9,492	\$15,480	\$19,580		
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$263,864	\$254,648	\$214,973	\$177,535	-17.42%	4.58%
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$152,059	\$147,404	\$156,621	\$156,621		
Athletic	\$2,900	\$3,419	\$2,900	\$3,600		
Field Trips	\$2,500	\$3,468	\$3,500	\$3,500		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$157,459	\$154,291	\$163,021	\$163,721	0.43%	4.22%
STAFF SERVICES						
Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$1,000	\$1,269	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$2,000	\$1,269	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%	0.05%

	BUDGET 2016-17	ACTUAL 2016-17	BUDGET 2017-18	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2018-19	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Food Services	\$125,000	\$46,482	\$125,000	\$130,000		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$28,900	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$230,000	\$61,482	\$243,900	\$220,000	-9.80%	5.67%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$2,147,590	\$1,857,275	\$2,106,870	\$2,094,191	-0.60%	53.98%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principle	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$82,000		
Bond Interest	\$18,150	\$18,150	\$12,665	\$8,241		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$143,150	\$143,150	\$137,665	\$90,241	-34.45%	2.33%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$2,290,740	\$2,000,424	\$2,244,535	\$2,184,432	-2.68%	56.31%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$135,076	\$112,344	\$134,159	\$126,207		
Benefits	\$79,122	\$58,912	\$87,397	\$77,000		
Vision/Audiology/Purchased Service	\$3,938	\$1,388	\$3,938	\$0		
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$2,000	\$1,905	\$2,100	\$2,300		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$85,000	\$85,995	\$85,000	\$0		
Pre-School Tuition	\$9,000	\$39,731	\$27,500	\$11,700		
ELL	\$0	\$7,911	\$7,934	\$9,530		
Psychology	\$7,700	\$7,959	\$7,980	\$8,319		
Speech	\$50,800	\$56,223	\$50,800	\$60,587		
OT/ PT	\$30,720	\$34,252	\$28,000	\$34,900		
In-house Summer Program	\$2,478	\$2,275	\$2,513	\$2,508		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$13,500	\$26,719	\$24,200	\$0		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$419,334	\$435,614	\$461,521	\$333,051	-27.84%	8.59%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,710,074	\$2,436,039	\$2,706,056	\$2,517,483	-6.97%	64.89%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School (65 students @ \$13,451 [down from 70])	\$875,748	\$907,357	\$926,940	\$874,315		
TOTAL REG HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$875,748	\$907,357	\$926,940	\$874,315	-5.68%	22.54%

	BUDGET 2016-17	ACTUAL 2016-17	BUDGET 2017-18	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2018-19	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$56,238	\$54,509	\$57,886	\$57,886		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$56,238	\$54,509	\$57,886	\$57,886	0.00%	1.49%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$931,986	\$961,866	\$984,826	\$932,201	-5.34%	24.03%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (9 students @ \$29,164 [up from 7])	\$182,910	\$78,390	\$147,255	\$262,476	78.25%	6.77%
High School Out-of-District	\$0	\$44,567	\$0	\$0		
Special Instr. Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$182,910	\$122,957	\$147,255	\$262,476	78.25%	6.77%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$1,114,896	\$1,084,823	\$1,132,081	\$1,194,677	5.53%	30.80%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$165,502	\$165,502	\$167,923	\$167,274	-0.39%	4.31%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,990,472	\$3,686,364	\$4,006,060	\$3,879,434	-3.16%	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,990,472	\$3,686,364	\$4,006,060	\$3,879,434	-3.16%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND
2018-2019 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2017-18 BUDGET	2018-19 PROPOSED	%	\$
			INCREASE	INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$104,976	\$50,000		
Local Property Taxes	\$2,497,091	\$2,507,874	0.43%	\$10,783
Tuition	\$500	\$800		
Transport. Fees	\$1,300	\$1,300		
Interest	\$1,000	\$1,200		
Lunch Local	\$55,000	\$55,000		
E-Rate Reimbursement/Other	\$8,300	\$9,000		
N.H. Property Tax	\$367,705	\$364,086	-0.98%	-\$3,619
N.H Adequacy Aid	\$740,138	\$703,874	-4.90%	-\$36,264
N.H. Building Aid	\$12,150	\$0		
N.H. Kindergarten Aid	\$0	\$14,300		
N.H. Catastrophic Aid	\$32,000	\$35,000		
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$22,000	\$17,000		
Federal Funds	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$28,900	\$0		
Sale of Bond	\$0	\$0		
Transfer from Trust Funds	\$15,000	\$0		
Prior Year Transfer	\$0	\$0		
TOTALS	\$4,006,060	\$3,879,434	-3.16%	-\$126,626

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax)	0.25%	\$7,164
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET	\$0.0431	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000	\$4.31	

WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT	Total Amount	Total Tax	TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)	\$3,879,434	\$2,871,960	\$0.04
Warrant Article #3 (Surplus to Bldg Cap. Res. Fund)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.15
TOTAL	\$3,904,434	\$2,896,960	\$0.20
TOTAL BUDGET WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		\$3,904,434	
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES		(\$101,626)	-2.5%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		1.12%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES		\$0.1965	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000		\$19.65	

Historical School Tax Chart	Year	Rate	Total School Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	% Tax Change from Previous Year
	2007-08	\$9.99	\$2,002,834	\$631,502	
	2008-09	\$10.13	\$2,054,100	\$631,502	2.56%
	2009-10	\$10.49	\$2,138,441	\$648,046	4.11%
	2010-11	\$10.92	\$2,234,211	\$614,399	4.48%
	2011-12	\$13.75	\$2,394,596	\$614,400	7.18%
	2012-13	\$13.76	\$2,393,454	\$614,400	-0.05%
	2013-14	\$14.96	\$2,593,715	\$663,552	8.37%
	2014-15	\$14.53	\$2,531,253	\$676,873	-2.41%
	2015-16	\$14.50	\$2,531,444	\$731,023	0.01%
	2016-17	\$17.42	\$2,841,305	\$694,351	12.24%
	2017-18	\$17.39	\$2,864,796	\$740,138	0.83%
budget article only	2018-19	\$17.43	\$2,871,960	\$703,874	0.25%
with warrant articles	2018-19	\$17.59	\$2,896,960	\$703,874	1.12%

**DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES
AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a

	2015-16 ACTUAL	2016-17 ACTUAL
REVENUE		
State Adequacy Aid for Special Ed.	\$62,859	\$56,844
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$39,240	\$37,082
Medicaid Reim.	\$18,704	\$25,150
Catastrophic Aid	\$22,551	\$23,594
TOTAL REVENUE	\$143,354	\$142,670
EXPENSE		
Instruction and Services	\$576,925	\$538,682
Transportation	\$19,525	\$26,719
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$39,240	\$37,082
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$635,690	\$602,483
NET COST	\$492,335	\$459,814

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