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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**OF**

**WESTMORELAND**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**AND**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2004**

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## OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK	399-7211	Monday	7:30 am - 2:00 pm
		Monday evening	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
		Wednesday	7:30 am - 11:00 am
		Wednesday evening	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
		CLOSED HOLIDAYS	
TAX COLLECTOR	399-7211	Same hours as Town Clerk	
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	399-4471	Tues., Thurs., Fri.	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
		Wednesday	Noon - 7:00 pm
SELECTMEN'S MEETING		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month – 7:00 pm	
PLANNING BOARD		2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month – 7:30 pm	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month – 7:30 pm	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month – 7:00 pm	
OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE	399-4310		
CONSTABLE	357-9820		
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	355-2000		
TO RESERVE TOWN HALL	399-4471		



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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The primary issue during all of 2004 was that of the finances associated with the flooding that occurred in Westmoreland in August of 2003. During that time, much damage was done to our town roads and to the Mill Brook Bridge in East Westmoreland. All road repairs are now completed and we expect that the work on the reconstruction of Mill Brook Bridge will begin very soon.

A financial report of all income and costs associated with the road repairs is included elsewhere in this Annual Report. We do want to mention that Westmoreland did receive funding from two sources: the 75% federal FEMA aid and the 12.5% state aid from the State of New Hampshire. Despite newspaper articles to the contrary, the State did send us a check for \$80,972.88. We feel that this was solely due to the untiring efforts of Senator Bob Odell (District 8) and Senator Tom Eaton (District 10). Except for their work, Westmoreland probably would not have received any state aid.

Other issues during the year included the following:

1. The Warner Curtain has been restored. It will be stored and displayed at the Westmoreland School gymnasium.
2. Elaine Clement Hall is no longer working in the selectmen's office. We thank her for her service to the town. Her replacement is Jane Flood. We welcome her to our office.
3. JoAnn LaBarre has developed a very attractive web site for the Town. Money to fund this site has been included in the budget for this year. We hope to have the site up and running in the very near future.
4. As we voted in Article 4 at last year's Town Meeting, the Town did borrow \$40,000 for two years to partially fund the purchase of the new highway truck. \$20,000 plus interest will be repaid in late 2005 and the remainder will be paid in late 2006. The annual percentage rate on this loan is 2.39%.

As always, we sincerely thank all people who work in any capacity for the Town of Westmoreland. Whether they be town employees, those who serve on the various town committees or those who volunteer their time in some way – we appreciate the efforts of all.

Russ Austin, Dave Putnam, and Elaine Moore

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **SELECTMEN**

G.Russell Austin, Chair, David Putnam Elaine M. Moore

### **MODERATOR**

Carlson Barrett

### **TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR**

Cindi H. Adler

### **TREASURER**

JoAnn LaBarre

### **SECRETARY**

Jane Flood

### **CUSTODIAN**

Gweneth H. Frost

### **AUDITORS**

Susan Reed Robert Moore, Jr.

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Barbara Messer Dorothy Thompson Pat Bentrup

### **CONSTABLE**

James A. Cemorelis

### **ROAD AGENT**

Gary Hudson

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Harry Nelson

### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Patrick Baker Russell Kotfila George Nitschelm

### **LIBRARIAN.**

Mary Crowther

### **TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY**

Susan West, Chm. Terry Cox Peter Longsjø Cindy Cote  
Jayne Burnett – Bruce Clement

### **WELFARE OFFICER**

Elaine M. Moore

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

JoAnn LaBarre Carlson Barrett Donald Hall



## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Wesley Staples-Chair, Robert Moore, Kelly Goodrich,  
Michael Acerno, Jr.

## PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Co-Chm. Linn Starkey, Jr. Co-Chm.  
Laurie Burt James Ashworth Jeff Ingram  
Elaine Moore Alan Johnson Walter Derjue-Alt.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Bruce Smith

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Linn Starkey, Jr.

## HEALTH OFFICER

Lloyd Draper

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward Messer

## SUBCOMMITTEE WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER

Gwen Mitchell Stuart Adams James Blake

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Marshall Patmos, Chm. Jeff Smith James Blake Walter Derjue  
George Duke John Lukin

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris David Bressett Marc Ferenc Thomas Ainsworth  
David Shelley

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Earl Spaulding, Pres. William Hunter, V.P.  
Sally Hatt, Secy. Bill Howland

## BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Susan M. Castor Tina Fletcher

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2004  
Balance Sheet

<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$181,323.79
Cash Investment		1,455,194.42
Cash Conservation Fund		13,601.16
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		115,664.71
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2003	34,300.70
	Prior Taxes	53,651.30
Uncollected Taxes:	Levy of 2004 (including all Taxes)	215,814.22
Accounts Receivable:	FEMA/Storm Damage	78,193.53
Less Allowance for Abatements		(3,565.55)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$2,144,178.28</b>

## **Liabilities & Fund Equity**

<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Owed by the Town:	School Tax Payable	1,486,150.00
	FEMA/Storm Damage	68,279.16
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation	13,601.16
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction	20,368.42
	Fire Equipment	15,188.59
	Highway Equipment	21,097.61
	Landfill Closure	50,502.44
	Police Cruiser	7,979.42
	Revaluation	528.23
	Total Capital Reserve Funds	115,664.71
Total Liabilities		1,683,695.03
<b>Fund Equity:</b>		
	Reserved: Bridge Repair	40,000.00
	Engineering	27,213.57
	Warner Curtain Restoration	3,727.94
	Total Reserved	70,941.51
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) End-of December 2003	301,394.22	
Undesignated Fund Balance used to reduce taxes	(100,000.00)	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 2004	188,147.52	
Total Fund Balance		389,541.74
Total Fund Equity		460,483.25
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITIES</b>		<b>\$2,144,178.28</b>

## TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE 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, the eighth day of March, 2005 **at 11 of the clock** in the forenoon, to act upon the following subject:

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

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00PM March 9, 2005 at the Westmoreland School gymnasium.

Article 2 To hear the reports of Agents and take any action relative thereto.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to remove the existing guardrails and install new guardrails along both sides of Atherton Hill on River Road.  
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to purchase and install a new commercial-size oil furnace in the Town Hall. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to repave the area in front of the Fire Station and the parking areas in front of the Town Hall.  
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 6 To see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of Twenty Five Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$25,050) to fund the cost of a replacement culvert to be installed under South Village Road. The cost of this project will be partially funded by a grant of \$18,750 from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This grant has already been approved by the New Hampshire State Hazard Mitigation Committee. The remaining cost of Sixty Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300) will be raised by taxation.  
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.  
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.  
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.  
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)



Article 10 To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. The funds are included in the proposed operating budget – Article 12.

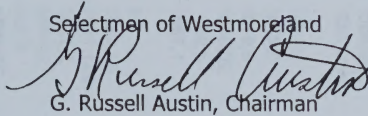
Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to store the earliest existing Westmoreland Town Record Books at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene, NH. The specific books included for storage include the following: Westmoreland Record Book B (1775-1831), Westmoreland NH Charter Book, and the Westmoreland Treasurer's Record Book, 1807-1870. The Town of Westmoreland will not be charged for this archival storage.

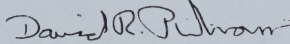
Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$779,671) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

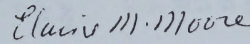
Article 13 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five.

Selectmen of Westmoreland

  
G. Russell Austin, Chairman

  
David R. Putnam

  
Elaine M. Moore

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 2004	Actual Expenditures 2004	Selectmen's Budget 2005	Budget Committee Recommended 2005
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
4130 Executive	37,795	39,710	37,440	37,440
4140 Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	21,645	18,970	20,020	20,020
4150 Financial Administration	17,740	16,791	45,536	45,536
4153 Legal Expenses	6,000	3,295	6,000	6,000
4155 Personnel Administration	51,290	45,628	49,810	49,810
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,082	2,517	4,704	2,775
4194 General Government Bldg.	14,265	13,222	18,595	18,595
4195 Cemeteries	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
4196 Insurance Not Allocated to Depts.	12,077	9,782	17,500	17,500
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
4210 Police	7,450	7,479	7,450	7,450
4215 Ambulance	7,000	6,918	7,000	7,000
4220 Fire & Rescue	20,080	20,316	22,780	22,780
4240 Building Inspection	3,500	4,951	4,000	4,000
4290 Emergency Management	1,000	1,786	1,000	1,000
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
4311 Highway Administration	104,083	94,487	110,248	110,248
4312 Highways & Streets	235,850	231,752	243,376	243,376
4316 Street Lighting	2,300	2,172	2,300	2,300
<b>SANITATION</b>				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	75,730	75,427	81,480	81,480
<b>HEALTH</b>				
4411 Health Administration	100	100	100	100
4414 Animal Control	100	60	100	100
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700
<b>WELFARE</b>				
4441 Welfare Administration	100	130	130	130
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
4520 Parks & Recreation	4,475	4,375	4,375	4,375
4550 Library	23,040	23,040	23,800	23,800
4583 Patriotic Purposes	400	292	400	400

	Actual Appropriation <u>2004</u>	Actual Expenditures <u>2004</u>	Selectmen's Budget <u>2005</u>	Budget Committee Recommended <u>2005</u>
4611	575	514	350	0
CONSERVATION				
Conservation Commission				
DEBT SERVICE				
4711	0	0	20,000	20,000
4711	28,014	28,014	29,374	29,374
4721	3,525	3,525	3,182	3,182
4723	4,000	2,592	3,200	3,200
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902	115,000	110,688	0	0
4902	10,000	10,000	0	0
4909	6,300	6,300	0	0
4909	21,096	13,665	0	0
4901	0	0	20,000	20,000
4901	0	0	9,000	9,000
4901	0	0	25,050	25,050
4903	0	0	3,500	3,500
INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT				
4912	3,000	8,175	4,000	4,000
4915	0	0	10,000	10,000
4915	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000
Operating Budget				
*Special/Individual Warrant Articles				
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:				
			\$781,950	\$779,671
			\$87,550	\$ 87,550
			\$869,500	\$867,221
				\$605,232
				\$261,989

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes  
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)

Budget Committee: Wes Staples, Chair, Robert Moore, Kelly Goodrich, Michael Acerno, Russ Austin



SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues <u>2004</u>	Actual Revenues <u>2004</u>	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues <u>2005</u>	
<u>TAXES</u>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	12,600	16,350	8,000
3185	Yield Taxes	23,000	24,580	23,000
3187	Excavation Tax	3,800	3,801	3,800
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	8,800	13,032	8,650
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</u>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	800	900	800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	251,500	279,639	276,000
3230	Building Permits	3,500	4,951	4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,855	3,989	3,505
<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
3319	03 Snow Storm	0	28,175	0
<u>FROM STATE</u>				
3351	Shared Revenue	9,686	17,819	10,000
3352	Rooms & Meals	60,967	60,967	60,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	68,988	68,988	73,942
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	20	20	20
3359	Other	100	81,968	18,850
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>				
3401	Income from Departments	5,540	5,935	2,700
<u>SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY</u>				
3501	Sale of Town Owned Property	15,000	15,000	0
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>				
3502	Interest	8,000	7,244	6,500
3503	Rent of Property	4,300	5,257	5,200
3506	Insurance Reimbursement	500	0	0
3509	Other	150	450	250
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>				
3916	Trust Funds	40	12	15
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
3934	Proceeds from loan - Highway Truck	40,000	40,000	0
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		621,146	779,077	\$605,232

**TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MARCH 9 & MARCH 10, 2004**

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Donald Hall, Moderator, Pro-Tem, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. with the readings of Article One and Article Two of the Town Warrant and Article One of the School Warrant, and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 12, 2004 for the School Warrant after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 by Donald Hall, Moderator, Pro-Tem.

Moderator Peter Heed called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at the Westmoreland School with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.

Moderator Peter Heed explained some of the ground rules as well as telling the townspeople that he has to step down as Moderator, stating that he was able to fulfill this Town Meeting as he was elected to this position prior to the appointment of Attorney General, but in position of Attorney General he is very careful about potential conflicts and "I wouldn't want to have to investigate myself as Moderator. I love being Moderator in Westmoreland and perhaps someday I will be again."

ARTICLE ONE – To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 323 of the registered 1008 voters=32%. \*---are the winners, and I so declare it." As stated by Moderator Peter Heed by the recorded results.

For three years	Selectman	
	Elaine M. Moore	194*
	Michael Reed	113
For one year	Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Alder	292*
	Porschia Mason	29
For one year	Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	313*
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Susan Castor	5*
	Karen LeDuc (declined)	
	Tina Fletcher	4*
	Stanley Castor, Jr	2
For two years	Moderator	
	Peter Heed (declined)	37
	Carlson Barrett	11*

	Bruce Smith	5
	Donald Hall	4
For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Elaine M. Moore	276*
For three years	Budget Committee	
	Robert Moore, Jr.	7*
	Wesley Staples	4
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	JoAnn LaBarre	309*
For Two years	Auditor	
	Robert Moore, Jr	5*
	Susan Reed	5
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	George Nitschelm	12*
	Gwen Mitchell	5
For six years	Supervisor of Checklist	
	Dorothy M. Thompson	283*
For one year	Town Clerk	
	Cindi H. Adler	309*
	Porschia Mason	4
For three years	Trustee of Library	
	Jayne Burnett	286*
For one year	Trustee of Library	
	Bruce A. Clement	299*

ARTICLE TWO – To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board. (Copies on file in the Town Clerk office)

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 421:1 Portable Structures

Portable structures are allowed by permit if they meet all other regulations for the zone in which they are placed.

YES – 234\*

NO – 81



2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No.2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

SECTION 414 Location of Driveways

All driveways are to be located at least one hundred (100) feet from a street line intersection for all uses, except one and two family residential uses, and shall be subject to approval by the Town Road Agent. All driveways must be accessed from the frontage of a Class V or better road. No driveway can be closer than 10 feet from a boundary line.

YES – 242\*

NO – 76

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance,s follows:

SECTION 413 Drive-In Establishments

Plans for the erection or structural alteration of any drive-in facility or business shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval. The Board may require such changes or additions in relation to years, driveways, entrances and exits, and landscaping, and the location, height and exterior sketches of buildings and enclosures to insure safety, to minimize traffic or difficulties, and to safeguard adjacent properties.

YES – 244\*

NO – 64

ARTICLE THREE – To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative thereto.

Article Three motion to move by Russ Austin, seconded by Mike Reed. No discussion. Article Three voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOUR – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) to purchase a new highway truck with plows and an all season body; and to authorize the issuance of not more than forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33); and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; with the balance of seventy-five-thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be raised by taxation. 2/3 ballot vote is required. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article Four motion to move by Russ Austin and seconded by Wendy Putnam, was addressed by Mike Reed stating that this is the last of the fleet needing replacement which will set the 10-year replacement cycle into place for all of the highway equipment. Moderator Peter Heed asked” what about the color? I like green.” Mike Reed stated it would be green. Moderator asked for any other questions – none asked. Ballot vote to be cast after Article Six.

ARTICLE EIGHT- To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three-hundred dollars (\$6,300) to restore the Warner Curtain in the Town Hall. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

David Putnam moved the motion to Article Eight and Russ Austin seconded it. Walter Carroll spoke to the article stating that there was written material handed out on this and hoped that everyone had a chance to look at the curtain behind the Moderator and Selectmen. He stated that it was probably painted after WWII. He enclosed a bit of Everett Warner's biography in the handout. Mr. Warner was quite well thought of and Walter personally likes his work very much. He had an ash-can style of painting. He was well respected where he taught and with the work he donated. He has a son in Pennsylvania and a son in Wolfboro that Walter has chatted with and exchanged information. The last time Mr. Warner's work exchanged in a market it brought six figures. There is a group of curators in Vermont that have been discovering and refinishing town curtains and gave us some suggestions at the best way to restore our curtain, without seeing it. Marshall Patmos asked if it is and will it be properly insured or is it only covered under the Town Hall insurance. John Lukin stated that \$6,300 may be only a drop in the bucket of what it will cost to restore and protect. Walter Carroll stated that he is working with a conservator for the plan they have right now, but making sure it is cleared with others first. Patrice Aguda-Brown asked if it should be permanently displayed instead of rolled up or moved around. Walter stated that part of the cost figured is to make a box so that it can be retracted and rolled to move it. Possibly to be displayed in the School Gymnasium for Town Meetings and the like. The box will insure it's safety between displays. Jeanette Blanchette stated that it doesn't make sense to roll it up and asked if anyone had looked into having it appraised, framed, under glass, etc. Walter stated that the present rolling devise rolls it up too tightly, and that most of the damage has been done from not rolling it up and down carefully. After restoration it will be rolled to a larger roll and it will be better.

Article Eight voted unanimously in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE NINE - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase a computer and motor vehicle registration software for the Town Clerk office. The Selectmen and the Budget committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion to move Article Nine was by Russ Austin and seconded by Donald Hall. Cindi Adler spoke to the Article stating that in talking to Munismart, the company so many of the towns recommend now, we would not be able to get on line, the programs, computer and printer along with the support system and training for much under \$7,500 and the state has a new MAAP (Municipal Agent Automation Project) project to develop a new Motor Vehicle Automated online system to be used by Municipal Agents that is not up and running completely yet so that the best we could do is get ready for next year when it is up and running by having the computer system and a vendor that will be certified to interface with MAAP, along with the training and knowledge when it is up and running. Marshall Patmos then amended the Article to change the amount from \$5,000 to \$7,500 which was seconded by Jack Laurent. The amendment was voted in the affirmative by voice vote. Dan LaFleur asked what the Budget Committee and Selectmen felt about this and Bob Moore from the Budget Committee stated that he was against it as he doesn't mind driving to Keene for this registrations once a year. It was cheaper than \$7,500 for a computer system. Mike Reed spoke for the Selectmen stating that they felt \$5,000 was

enough to get the computer, motor vehicle program they picked out and printers and that they thought it would save everyone in town a trip to Keene to get their motor vehicle stickers. Dan LaFleur stated that since the Town Clerk sends copies of the Motor Vehicle registrations now prior to their renewal, and gives everyone the option to register by mail now, one doesn't have to leave the comfort of their home to re-register their vehicles, "I just registered my two cars by mail, and it only cost me .37 cents, twice." The amended Article was too close to call by voice vote so the Moderator requested a Hand Vote.

Amended Article Nine was defeated by Hand Vote YES – 40 No – 56

ARTICLE TEN- To see if the town will approve the following question: Shall we adopt the provisions of RDA 72:1-C which authorize any town or city to elect NOT to assess, levy and collect a Resident Tax:

Article Ten motion moved by Russ Austin and seconded by Mike Reed. Russ Austin stated that it was plain and simple, this article has to be voted on in order to kill the Resident Tax. We know that a few would like to see it continue, but perhaps the majority would like to discontinue it. Last year we took in \$8,860 in Resident Taxes, and after the Tax Collector's fee and mailing, we netted possibly \$7,604. The State said that only 36 of the 234 towns still hold the Resident Tax in place – that's 15%. All others have discontinued it. Leigh Marthe stated that the Resident Tax would have almost paid for the Fire Truck – instead of a bake sale – isn't it still worth it. Jeff Ingram asked isn't it better to get \$10,000 out of \$10,000. Marshal Patmos suggested we keep the Resident Tax one more year to pay for the Town Clerk computer next year. Pat Bentrup stated that she hated to tell the younger group, but the people like her over 65 do not have to pay it. Mike Reed stated that it is still a tax-one will pay the \$10 in Resident Tax or roughly 7 cents on the tax rate to pay the difference-there is no gain. Jim Beeler stated, "I don't think any of us are going to live long enough to see any of our other taxes eliminated, so we should probably seize the moment". Jack Laurent stated that based on last year's tax rate he will now pay \$22 extra tax on something he no longer had to pay as he is over 65, but let's get rid of it anyway.

Article Ten voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article Eleven motion to move by Mike Reed and seconded by Russ Austin. No discussion.

Article Eleven voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE TWELVE – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion moved on Article Twelve by Mike Reed and seconded by David Putnam. John Lukin asked what amount was in the Fund now. JoAnn LaBarre stated that it was \$10,981.88. John asked if this article is over and above what we just voted in for the new truck. David Putnam stated that it is over and above what we just voted in for the new



truck. With the new truck the fleet will be in good shape and if we continue to put away into this fund, by the time we need a new truck, we should have the majority of the money raised.

Article Twelve voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – In accordance with RSA 35:15, to see if the town will vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the following Capital Reserve Funds: Highway Truck, Cruiser, Fire Truck and Bridge Rebuilding.

Article Thirteen so moved by Mike Reed and seconded by Russ Austin. Mike Reed spoke to the article stating that what this article does for the town. If the Selectmen of the Town are not names, the Selectmen cannot spend the funds. Most towns make the Selectmen agents to the funds. It has to go only for what the Capital Reserve Fund specifically states- it is not an open checkbook for the Selectmen.. Moderator Peter Heed stated that he is surprised we hadn't voted this already - that most towns have this. Dan LaFleur asked what the Cruiser Fund is. Mike Reed stated that it is for a Police Cruiser, not a PT Cruiser. Flossie Gray asked who was going to drive the cruiser. Moderator Peter Heed said we'll take that up at the next Police Meeting.

Article Thirteen voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – To see if the town will vote in increase the Disabled Veteran's Exemption from seven-hundred dollars (\$700) to fourteen-hundred dollars (\$1,400).

Moderator Peter Heed stated that this might look familiar from last year. We voted for this by voice vote last year and it needed to be by ballot vote. The DRA rules have changed and now it can be voted in by voice vote this year so it's basically a formality. Motion of Article Fourteen moved by Mike Reed and seconded by Dave Putnam. Russ Austin stated that this does not affect many people. JoAnn LaBarre stated that it affected on person by its error last year and that she strongly suggests the Selectmen consider an abatement for that one person for his 2003 Property Tax.

Article Fourteen voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE FOUR ballots counted and results were: YES 100 NO 14.  
Article Four passes with more than 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE SIX ballots counted and results were: YES 87 NO 27  
Article Six passes with more than 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1994 International highway truck as they see fit.

Article Five moved by Dave Putnam and seconded by Mike Reed. Bob Moore, Jr. asked if "...as we see fit" should be in the Article as it is already included in the Revenue side of the budget. Mike Reed stated that the proceeds of the truck sale will go into the General Fund to reduce the taxes. It is included in with the Revenues.  
Article Five voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$40 for the library and to use the 2003 interest from the Jotham Lord Fund for this purpose. The Selectmen and the Budget committee recommend this appropriation.

Article Fifteen motion moved by Mike Reed and seconded by Russ Austin. Russ Austin made motion to amend the Article to” “To see if the Town will vote to use the 2003 interest from the Jotham Lord Fund for the Library.” Stating that the amount was already put into the Operating Budget so this is the simplest way around it all. Without the Amendment, the amount would be put in twice. We almost forgot to put it in at all. Moderator Peter Heed said it just needs “to change the language.”

Amended Article Fifteen voted in the affirmative by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$702,876, which represents the operating budget; said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Mike Reed moved to motion to Article Sixteen and Russ Austin seconded it. Bob Moore, Jr. stated that it should be brought out that the Budget Committee brought in the raise for Selectmen from \$1,000 -\$1,500 and a total increase for the Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist is \$240 total this year. Mike Reed stated that it was Bob himself that brought that to the Committee – another Historical Moment!

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion to move Article Seventeen by Mike Reed and seconded by Russ Austin. Moderator Peter Heed stated that this part of the Warrant was not in the Annual Report, but is the part of the Warrant and needs to be addressed. Ted Ferguson asked for an update on the Flood situation and how did we make out: Mike Reed gave the Highlights of where we stand and stated that anyone can come look at the folder for the exact amounts. He stated that the town has received money from the federal government to help with the repairs but not from the state. “To date, the state has not, I repeat not, contributed any money to the rebuilding efforts.” He said that the majority of the work is complete, and the town and federal funds have covered the costs so far and we are waiting for some more of the money. Kelly Goodrich asked if South Village Road has a base coat or final coat. Mike Reed stated that he thinks it is a 3” completed coat. John Harris asked if there are any plans to fix the railroad culvert. Marshall Patmos stated that the State is working on that. Barbara Chase thanked the Selectmen for their job through the floods. Mike Reed thanked the Highway Crew for their help and efforts as well as the Fire/Rescue. Harry Nelson thanked Wilkes Construct for their help in the effort. Dave Putnam thanked Mike Reed for his three years as Selectman, as did Russ Austin. Russ Austin also welcomed Elaine Moore aboard as the new Selectman. Russ Austin stated that we are all out of Town Histories, they sold gradually through the years and the outfit that published them is now out of existence. If anyone has any interest, please contact Bill Howland – maybe someone would like to get into this. Also, we are in need of new voting booths if anyone would like to help with that. Barbara Messer stated that since Elaine Moore was voted in as Selectman, we need a new Supervisor of the Checklist to fill her remaining four-year position, and to see her if interested. Mike Reed thanked Pete Petschick of Chesterfield for his help in getting us money for the floods. The Selectmen are looking for an Emergency Management Director if anyone is interested.

Arthur Ainsworth, who passed away this year was recognized for all he did for our town and county. Linn Starkey, Jr. addressed the town as Planning Board and gave an autographed (by the Planning Board) copy of the Master Plan to Carrie Siminio, for all of Reggie Simino's help throughout the years and work on it. And also a copy to Walter Carroll for all the sketches he submitted for their use.

Motion to adjourn the 2004 Annual Town Meeting of Westmoreland, NH was at 9:30 pm by Wendy Putnam and seconded by Barbara Messer. Voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Unapproved Minutes

Cyndi Adler – Town Clerk



## INVENTORY VALUATION – 2004

Residential Land	\$49,271,600
Residential Buildings	73,205,000
Current Use Land	2,876,677
Commercial Land	7,411,700
Commercial Buildings	7,832,900
Manufactured Buildings	496,600
Public Utilities	2,473,500
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	143,567,977
Exemptions to Value	200,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	143,360,977

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall-Land and Buildings	538,900
Town Hall- Furniture & Equipment	30,000
Library – Land and Buildings	250,500
Library Contents	87,400
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Land and Buildings	77,200
Fire Department Contents	100,000
Highway Department – Land & Buildings	148,400
Highway Department Contents	51,500
Parks, Common, and Playgrounds	142,200
School – Land & Buildings	1,781,700
School Equipment	210,000
Historical Building & Contents	98,200
Transfer Station – Land & Buildings	120,700
Misc. Land (11 properties)	263,100
TOTAL	\$3,902,300

**APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE**

Executive	\$37,795
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,645
Financial Administration	17,740
Legal Expense	6,000
Personnel Administration	51,290
Planning & Zoning	4,082
General Government Building	14,265
Cemeteries	6,000
Insurance	12,077
Police	7,450
Ambulance	7,000
Fire & Rescue	20,080
Building Inspector	3,500
Emergency Management	1,000
Highways & Streets	339,933
Street Lighting	2,300
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	75,730
Animal Control	100
Health Officer	100
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000
Welfare Officer	100
Health Agencies	4,700
Parks & Recreation	4,475
Library	23,040
Patriotic Purposes	400
Conservation Commission	575
Loader/Backhoe	28,014
Interest on TAN & Long Term	7,525
Highway Truck	115,000
Fire Pumper	10,000
Warner Curtain Restoration	6,300
Property Assessing	21,096
Conservation Fund Transfer	3,000
Capital Res. Fire Truck	5,000
Capital Res. Highway Equipment	10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	<b>\$870,312</b>
Less Revenues	621,146
Less Shared Revenue	6,464
Add-War Service Credits	9,300
Add -Overlay	<u>14,202</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	266,204
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	1,626,311
STATE EDUCATION TAX	389,839
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>303,412</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$2,585,766
Less-War Service Credits	<u>9,300</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	<b>\$2,576,466</b>
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$2,633,362
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	617,212
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>389,839</u>
	\$1,626,311

<b>2004 Tax Rate</b>	School - Local	\$11.25
	School - State	\$2.74
	County	\$2.10
	Town	<u>\$1.85</u>
		<b>\$17.94</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2004**

**EXPENDITURE**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:		
Administrative Assistant	26,837.02	
Selectmen	4,125.00	
Moderator	75.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	
Tax Maps	463.35	
Printing	1,694.19	
Dues	1,105.00	
Notices	390.12	
Equipment Agreements	700.00	
Equipment- Computer	2,802.50	
Supplies	595.75	
Postage & PO Fees	273.81	
Equipment Repair	0.00	
Equipment	203.82	
Jotham Lord Fund	12.44	
Other	<u>332.00</u>	39,710.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:		
Town Clerk	3,924.96	
Town Clerk Fees	9,342.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	0.00	
Election Fees	300.00	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	325.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	420.00	
Town Clerk Telephone	862.21	
Interpreter Fees	0.00	
Printing	183.52	
Town Clerk Dues	45.00	
Notices	201.06	
Equipment Agreements	700.00	
Election Day Dinners	200.00	
Town Clerk Supplies	314.23	
Postage	699.41	
Town Clerk Publications	136.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,051.69	
Vital Statistics	195.00	
Town Clerk Workshops	32.00	
Other	<u>38.15</u>	18,970.23
4150 Financial Administration:		
Tax Collector	4,899.96	
Tax Collector Fees	1,654.00	
Auditors	300.00	
Treasurer	7,500.00	
Bank Charges	312.30	
Recording Fees	170.81	
Printing	67.00	
Dues	20.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	267.15	
Treasurer Supplies	415.48	
Postage	1,185.48	
Other	<u>0.00</u>	16,792.18
4153 Legal Expenses		3,294.92



4155 Personnel Administration		
Health Insurance	22,710.00	
Dental Insurance	1,485.72	
FICA	11,691.14	
Medicare	2,734.24	
Retirement	7,006.54	45,627.64
4191 Planning & Zoning:		
ZBA Clerk Fees	70.00	
Maps	0.00	
Printing	0.00	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,907.00	
Notices	333.22	
Supplies	0.00	
Postage	206.52	
Other	<u>0.00</u>	2,516.74
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian	4,200.04	
Telephone	1,396.09	
Internet Service	199.50	
Electricity	912.00	
Heating Fuel	2,941.23	
Propane	83.41	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,566.15	
Supplies	97.70	
Mowing	815.00	
Other	<u>11.20</u>	13,222.32
4195 Cemeteries		6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated/Dept		
Worker's Compensation	5,199.50	
Property Insurance	1,439.11	
Liability Insurance	3,143.25	
Contingency Fund	0.00	9,781.86
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 Police Department:		
Constable Salary	6,000.00	
E&O Insurance	779.25	
Operation – Gasoline	0.00	
Supplies	700.00	
Other	<u>0.00</u>	7,479.25
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service		6,917.81
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:		
Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	
Telephones	641.38	
Training	1,054.32	
Electricity	573.95	
Heating Fuel	1,758.56	
E&O Insurance	379.50	
Life Insurance	180.00	
Vehicle Insurance	1,710.00	
Dues	0.00	
Office Supplies	8.96	
Building Repair & Maintenance	471.91	
Radio Repair	991.16	
Vehicle Fuel	678.64	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	4,555.05	
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	130.00	
Equipment	6,169.27	
Equipment - Radios	0.00	
Other	<u>13.47</u>	20,316.17

4240 Building Inspection:		
Building Inspector Salary		4,950.74
4290 Emergency Management:		
Forest Fire Control		1,786.22

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:		
Permanent Wages	93,579.27	
Temporary Wages	907.50	94,486.77

4312 Highways & Streets:

Telephone	408.91	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	193.00	
Electricity	648.58	
Hired Equipment	4,284.87	
Vehicle Insurance	2,720.72	
Building Repair & Maintenance	4,534.44	
Paving- Asphalt	92,927.17	
Paving- Shimming	11,467.96	
Salt & Chloride	31,426.62	
Sand & Gravel	22,859.00	
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	15,801.74	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	26,651.84	
Cutting Edges	7,145.49	
Tires	3,581.00	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	80.00	
Culverts	5,576.87	
Signs	653.14	
Other	<u>789.90</u>	231,751.25

4316 Street Lighting		2,172.48
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SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:		
Recycling Employee	3,840.00	
Telephone	381.71	
Disposal Service	66,676.15	
Testing Fees	4,070.00	
Electricity	356.99	
Other	<u>102.50</u>	75,427.35

HEALTH

4411 Health Officer Salary		100.00
4414 Animal Control		60.00
4415 Health Agencies		4,700.00

WELFARE

4441 Welfare Administration:		
Welfare Officer Salary	100.00	
Dues	30.00	130.00
4442 Direct Assistance		0.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:		
Mowing	4,375.00	
Other	0.00	4,375.00

4550 Library:

Library Salaries	16,161.78	
Appropriation	<u>6,878.22</u>	23,040.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags		291.91
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CONSERVATION

4611 Conservation:

Maps	0.00	
Dues	350.00	
Other	<u>164.00</u>	514.00

DEBT SERVICE

4711 Loader/Backhoe		28,013.55
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans		3,524.79
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN		2,591.88

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4902 Machinery, Vehicle & Equipment:

Highway Truck		110,688.00
Fire Pumper		10,000.00
4909 Other:		
Warner Curtain Restoration		6,300.00
Property Assessing		13,665.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Special Revenue Account

4912 Conservation Fund		8,175.00
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Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts

4915 Fire Equipment		5,000.00
4915 Highway Equipment		10,000.00

**TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES 832,373.06**

OTHER EXPENSES

Refund of Taxes	15,339.22	
County Taxes	305,081.00	
Overpayment of Property Tax	143.00	
School District	1,528,134.00	
Short Term Principal (TAN)	450,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	42,612.39	
Accounts Payable - FEMA	26,382.08	
Reserved from 2003:		
Engineering	28,760.10	
Map Digitizing	4,200.00	
Town Hall Repairs	500.00	

**TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES 2,401,151.79**

**GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS 3,233,524.85**



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT**

BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 2004	\$1,124,160.62
Plus Receipts	\$6,260,077.02
Less Payments	\$5,734,118.27
CASH ON HAND - December 31, 2004	<b>\$1,650,119.37</b>

Distribution of Cash on Hand

Bank of New Hampshire Checking	\$181,323.79
Bank of New Hampshire Investment Account	\$1,454,472.16
MBIA Investment Account	\$722.26
Conservation Commission Fund	\$13,601.16
	<b>\$1,650,119.37</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2004**

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes - Current Year	2,494,177.75	
Tax Leins Redeemed	40,440.10	
Taxes Sold to Town	39,394.00	
Resident Taxes - 2003 & Delinquent	1,320.00	
Land Use Change Tax	16,350.00	
Yield (Timber) Tax	22,085.59	
Excavation Tax	3,801.38	
Tax Interest & Penalties	6,764.27	
Tax Interest & Costs - Redemptions	6,267.53	
Total from Local Taxes		\$2,630,600.62
From Licenses & Permits:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	278,823.00	
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	816.00	
U.C.C. Fees	875.00	
Dog Licenses & Fines	2,518.50	
Building Permits	4,950.74	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	944.00	
Marriage Licenses	180.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	180.00	
Pistol Permits	80.00	
Current Use Fees	32.74	
Dump Permits	13.00	
Junk Yard Fee	25.00	
Non-Sufficient-Fund Fees	30.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	11.00	
Total from Licenses & Permits		\$289,478.98

From Federal Sources		
Federal Gov't Refund - '03 Snow Storm	5,242.08	
Federal Gov't - '03 Floods - Overage	22,932.49	
Federal Gov't Refund - '03 Floods - Accts Receivable	37,136.47	
Total from Federal Sources		\$65,311.04
From State Sources:		
Shared Revenue	17,819.00	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	60,967.40	
Highway Block Grant	68,987.75	
Forest Land Reimbursement	19.96	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	994.94	
Disaster Relief - 2003 Floods	80,972.88	
Fire Dept Camera - Accts Receivable	8,456.47	
Total from Intergovernmental Sources		\$238,218.40
From Charges for Services:		
Welfare Department	2,257.03	
Westmoreland School District	1,616.66	
Fire Department	678.64	
Misc.	1,383.08	
Total from Charges for Services		\$5,935.41
From Sale of Town Property & Equipment:		
Highway Truck	15,000.00	
		\$15,000.00
From Interest		
Checking Account	1,648.10	
Investment Accounts	5,668.76	
		\$7,316.86
From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rent	4,000.08	
Town Hall Rent	1,257.00	
Total from Rent of Property		\$5,257.08
From Other Local Sources:		
Copies & Postage	209.29	
Misc.	240.54	
Total from Other Local Sources		\$449.83
Transfer from Trust Fund - Jotham Lord	12.44	
		\$12.44
From Other Financial Sources:		
Proceeds from Long-Term Notes	40,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes	450,000.00	
Total from Other Financial Sources		\$490,000.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$3,747,580.66

**STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER**

MBIA Investment Account	
Balance - January 1, 2004	\$715.72
Plus Deposits in 2004	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2004	\$6.54
Less Withdrawals in 2004	\$0.00
Balance - December 31, 2004	<b>\$722.26</b>

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool	
Balance - January 1, 2004	\$853,882.48
Plus Deposits in 2004	\$1,550,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2004	\$5,589.68
Less Withdrawals in 2004	\$955,000.00
Balance - December 31, 2004	<b>\$1,454,472.16</b>

Conservation Commission Account	
Balance - January 1, 2004	5,353.62
Plus transfer from General Fund	8,175.00
Plus interest received	72.54
Less Payments	<u>0.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2004	<b>\$13,601.16</b>

**LOANS OUTSTANDING**

Backhoe & Loader Lease - John Deere Credit  
Date of Lease - 6/10/02  
Maturity of Lease - 6/10/06  
Amount of Lease - \$143,750  
Rate of Lease - 4.75%  
Payment per year - \$31,538.34 (includes interest)  
Amount owed on lease (as of 12/31/04) - \$60,173.15

*Jo Ann LaBare*  
*Treasurer*

Highway Truck - Connecticut River Bank  
Date of Loan - 12/8/04  
Maturity of Loan - 12/31/06  
Amount of Loan - \$40,000  
Rate of Loan - 2.39%  
Payment per year - \$20,000 plus interest  
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/04) - \$41,494.24



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 2003 FLOODING IN WESTMORELAND

The 2003 flooding in Westmoreland involved two areas of work: 1.) repairs of the roads and 2.) replacement of the Mill Brook bridge. All road repairs have now been finished. The bridge work should start in the first few months of 2005 and will continue throughout the year until done.

The itemization of the finances associated with the road work is given below.

INCOME

State of New Hampshire	\$80,972.88
FEMA	<u>421,598.67</u>
Total Income	\$502,571.55

EXPENSES

All States Asphalt	\$58,024.00
BFC, Inc.	584.26
Cersosimo Industries	28,306.75
Cold River Materials	2,474.86
Fall Mountain Building Supply	13,413.45
F W Whitcomb	173,927.00
Gary Hudson	1,500.00
George R. Graves	21,080.00
Graves Trucking	7,284.00
Highway Steel	519.00
Keene Sentinel	34.80
Lane Construction	34,678.72
Pat Rawson Construction	384.00
Payroll Overtime	1,396.13
SVE Associates	7,912.02
Wes Staples	462.00
Westmoreland Store	157.89
Wilkes Bros. Construction	<u>56,441.67</u>
Total Expenses	\$408,580.55

With the road portion finished, we are left with a surplus of \$93,991. This will now be applied to the costs of the bridge replacement. We do expect further income from FEMA and also from the State of NH in the form of Bridge Aid. Hopefully, the Town of Westmoreland will be left with only a very minor portion of any bridge costs.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Summary of Tax Accounts - Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004**

**DEBITS**

	2003	2002	PRIOR
Uncollected Taxes Beginning Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	173,485.25		
Resident Taxes	1,480.00		
Yield Taxes	1,182.65		839.00
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	2,576,876.00		
Land Use Change	16,350.00		
Yield Taxes	25,539.93		
Excavation Tax @ .02/yd	3,801.38		
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	143.00		
Yield Taxes	0.06		
Interest - Late Tax	226.34		
Resident Tax Penalty	6,410.93		
	127.00		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 2,622,936.71</b>	<b>\$ 182,685.83</b>	<b>\$ 839.00</b>

**CREDITS**

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	2,261,086.50		
Resident Taxes	133,091.25		
Land Use Change	1,320.00		
Yield Taxes	16,350.00		
Interest	22,085.59		
	226.34		
Penalties	6,410.93		
Excavation Tax @ .02/yd	127.00		
Conversion to Lien	3,801.38		
	39,394.00		
Abatements Made			
Property Taxes	3,882.97		
Resident Taxes	1,000.00		
Yield Taxes	160.00		
	2,134.61		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	212,049.53		
Yield Taxes	1,319.79		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$2,622,936.71</b>	<b>\$182,685.83</b>	<b>\$ 839.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004**

<b>DEBITS</b>	Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of:			
	2003	2002	2001	PRIOR
Unredeemed Liens Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year:		250,147.76	29,955.32	38,958.68
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	42,612.39			
Interest & Costs Collected	321.33	2,023.90	1,636.64	2,285.66
Overpayment	120.33			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>42,054.05</b>	<b>27,038.66</b>	<b>31,591.96</b>	<b>41,244.34</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>				
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Redemptions	7,182.93	8,639.30	8,934.40	15,683.47
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	321.33	2,023.90	1,636.64	2,285.66
Liens Deeded to Municipality	1,128.76	1,814.54	1,694.69	3,511.06
Unredeemed Liens Balance End Of Year	34,421.03	14,560.92	19,326.23	19,764.15
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$43,054.05</b>	<b>\$27,038.66</b>	<b>\$31,591.09</b>	<b>\$41,244.34</b>



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
WESTMORELAND, NH 03467  
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Motor Vehicle Registrations	2,384	\$278,823.00
Title Application Fees		816.00
Dog Licenses	378 Tag	2,368.50
	6 Group	150.00
Vital Statistical Research/Requests		180.00
Marriage Licenses	4	180.00
Candidacy Filings	13	11.00
UCC and Other Filings		860.00
Bank Return Fees		30.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>\$283,418.50</b>

## **AUDITORS REPORT**

The year 2004 town books have not been audited at this time as there is a warrant article to be voted on to have a CPA do the auditing after April 1.

Board of Selectmen

## PLANNING BOARD – 2004

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall and are open to the public starting at 7:30 PM.

In 2004 there were two minor subdivision approvals; two boundary line adjustments; three site plan updates and one site plan approval.

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

### Members:

Laurent Bressett, Co-Chair  
Linn Starkey, Co-Chair  
Laurie Burt, Secretary  
Elaine Moore, Selectman

James Ashworth  
Jeff Ingram  
Alan Johnson  
Walter Derjue, Alt.



## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

### Activities in 2004

In 2004 the Zoning Board of Adjustment had four (4) requests for Variances, including one which was pending from 2003. Two of the requests were granted and two were denied. It also had one (1) request for a Special Exception, which was granted. Two requests for Rehearings were received. One was heard and granted; the other is still pending.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for Special Exceptions and Variances originate with the Zoning Administrator, R. Bruce Smith. Hearings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month, as necessary. Completed Zoning Hearing Applications must be in the hands of the Zoning Clerk, Helen Draper at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

Zoning Hearing Applications consist of five (5) different components: the denied Zoning Permit Application from the Zoning Administrator, Application for Hearing Appeal available in the Selectmen's office, a diagram showing current condition of property and proposed changes, a list of abutters with current addresses, and the filing fee. The filing fee for a zoning hearing is \$55.00, plus \$4.00 for each abutter payable to the Town of Westmoreland.

Zoning Board members during 2003: Peter Remy, Chairman, Brenda Shelley, Brian Merry, John Burt, and Barry Shonbeck. Alternates Russell Huntley and April Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Draper, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2004

One Family Dwelling	9	Additions	2	Remodeling	7
Barns	5	Garages	7	Sheds	11
Commercial	5	Decks	5	Porches	1
Swimming Pools	1				

Respectfully submitted,  
Linn Starkey, Jr.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT – 2004

<u>Item Description</u>	<u># of Hauls</u>	<u>Total Tons</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Compactor	38	338.45	\$36,052.75
Demo (30 yard)	27	70.95	6,541.70
Co-mingle (30 yard)	32	60.34	3,200.00
Cardboard (30 yard)	7	15.98	700.00
Paper (30 yard)	4	48.75	400.00
Tires (30 yard)	1	2.33	100.00
TOTALS	109	536.80	\$46,994.45

## WESTMORELAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2004, the Highway Department resurfaced 8.5 miles of town road along with other regular Highway maintenance. We also paved sections of Hurricane, and Glebe Roads, replaced guardrails on Glebe Road, stone lined ditches on South Village and London Roads, and replaced culverts on Nims and London Crossroad. This takes care of all repairs resulting from the flooding of 2003, with the exception of Old Mill Brook Road bridge.

This year we replaced a 1994 International highway truck with a new 2005 Model International. This was the last vehicle in the fleet to be replaced. There should be no more major Equipment purchases for at least 6 years.

We also had a new employee start in January 2004. His name is Dave Poklemba. Dave brings a lot of knowledge with him in the construction field with him. He will be a big asset to the town.

We hope that you are all reasonably satisfied with the Departments performance, and thank for all of your support.

Gary Hudson – Road Agent



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

2004 calls for general police services have followed the typical pattern over the past few years. The majority of calls for service continue to revolve around animal complaints and motor vehicle related issues. Animal owners should make a conscious effort not to allow your animals to run astray or become a nuisance to your neighbors. Targeted motor vehicle enforcement will continue, as I have found it helps in areas where motor vehicle violations are a consistent problem.

I noticed a sharp increase in accidental and hang-up calls to 911 this year. Most often, young children are the callers. Please be aware that, for obvious safety reasons, a Police Officer will typically always respond to your home when 911 is called. The 911 system is reserved for emergencies only and accidental calls could distract Police, Fire, and/or Ambulance personnel from true emergencies. It is encouraged that you speak with children, and make personal efforts to minimize these incidents.

The numbers of major crimes in town remained low this year. There was decrease in reported incidents involving violence. There was also a decrease in the number of reported incidents involving serious property crimes.

As done in the past, we continue to rely on State Police to handle the majority of motor vehicle accidents and major crimes. The State Police have the personnel, emergency vehicles, and specialized equipment to better handle these situations. Troop C has offered their continued support to handle these matters in the town.

The Cheshire County Sheriff's Department is continuing to handle the dispatch function for all Police Departments in Cheshire County, except Keene. The number is 355-2000. If you have any non-emergency need for police services, this is the number you should call. As always, if you have a bone fide emergency of any kind, you should immediately call 911.

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

Accidents	36	Domestic disturbance	6
Alarms	19	Noise Complaints	7
Harassment	1	Road Hazards	17
Animal	15	House Checks	2
Assault	2	Juvenile (other than arrests)	5
Assist other Depts.	4	Burglary	1
Criminal Mischief	3	Miscellaneous	68
Criminal Threatening	0	Motor Vehicle Complaints	12
Criminal Trespass	5	Sexual Assault (Felony) 1	
Disorderly Conduct	0	Sexual Assault (Mis.)	0
Theft/Shoplifting	9	Suspicious Persons	4
911 Hang-up Calls	23	Intoxicated Persons	2

TOTAL CALLS: 242

James Cemorelis  
Town Constable

**WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Annual Report 2004**

The Westmoreland Public Library was open 22 hours a week. Two paid staff members worked a total of 28 hours per week. The library was open for 152 days. The five members of the Board of Trustees met on the first Monday of each month. **Patron and Circulation Statistics:** This year marks the first year we have loaned out more items to other New Hampshire libraries than we borrowed for our patrons. This is due to the more efficient technology we have employed in uploading our holdings into the statewide NHU-PAC system. The State Library gives an award to a library with the greatest percentage of loaned to borrowed items. Including the 257 loaned and 251 borrowed items on interlibrary loan, our total circulation totaled 4656. Of the 4148 items circulated to our patrons from our library, 58% were fiction; 23% non-fiction; 4% audiotapes; 7% videos and 8 % magazines. 40 Large Print items circulated. Our updated records show more than 400 active patrons. There were 3066 patron visits. 26 new cards were issued; 43 reference questions researched, including visiting and correspondent genealogists; 225 patrons used our in-library services, including reading room, copier and computer. **Collection Development:** We purchased 234 adult and juvenile books, and 8 magazine subscriptions. Donated items included 85 books, 33 videos, 38 books on tape, 18 Music CDs, and 7 magazine and news subscriptions. We withdrew 209 books, sent out notices for 118 overdue materials, lost 6 books and replaced them. **Programs:** A total of 303 adults and 536 children attended our programs including Preschool Story Hour, Summer Program, Book Group, school visits and other special programs at the library. School visits included Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Our summer reading program focused on the theme "Check out a Hero." We scheduled a Wise Mine Tour, K-9 and police vehicle presentations, a sing-a-long, activities in book-making, T-shirt decorating, U.S. Postal Service history in stamps, and ended the program with a picnic of hero sandwiches. We shared in the costs of programs by Warren Rasmussen and Stephen Coronella at the Chesterfield Library, which many of our patrons attended. **Volunteers:** The library would not be able to keep up with the constant flow of circulation, acquisition, book sale and fund-raising, maintenance, and technical needs without the aid of our volunteers who recorded 470 hours of their time and labor this year. To recognize our volunteers, we sponsored a special program "American Nurse at War," presented by Stephen Hooper, based on the work of Marion McCune Rice in the First World War. **Outreach and Network:** Our association with the State Library and the Nubanusit Coop continue to assist us in our concerns for the future of small public libraries. Through the network of emails, librarians discuss topics such as collection development, policies, privacy act, holiday, benefits, salary scale, grant writing, and library workshops. Videos from the Coop collection and Large Print Books are on loan for 2-3 months. The assistant librarian attended a book-repair workshop. The librarian attended the Children's Literacy Foundation Annual Meeting, where Katherine Paterson was the keynote speaker. Illustrator John Gurney gave a presentation of his work to students at Westmoreland School, sponsored by CLiF. The Trustees and Staff wish to thank everyone for their continued support of our library services. It is a privilege to serve this community.

Respectfully, submitted, Maisie Crowther, Librarian

**Westmoreland Public Library**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2004**

<b>Cash Inflows</b>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Total</b>
Town Appropriations	23,040.00			23,040.00
Jotham Lord Fund	12.44			12.44
Trustee of Trust Funds	142.37			142.37
Book Sales & Fundraising	893.28			893.28
Contributions	504.00	1,060.00	100.00	1,664.00
Interest	2.61		75.11	77.72
Other (copier, late fees)	135.75			135.75
<b>Total Cash Inflows</b>	<b>24,730.45</b>	<b>1,060.00</b>	<b>175.11</b>	<b>25,965.56</b>
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Payroll	16,161.78			16,161.78
Books/Periodicals	2,936.17	123.27		3,059.44
Supplies	618.84			618.84
Utilities (gas, electric, phone)	3,439.94			3,439.94
Postage & Box Rental	170.91			170.91
Computer Expenses	323.38			323.38
Equipment & Repairs	168.30			168.30
Mileage	178.12			178.12
Printing	110.06			110.06
Dues	40.00			40.00
Maintenance	275.00		338.97	613.97
Miscellaneous	30.00			30.00
Program Expenses	105.32			105.32
<b>Total Cash Outflows</b>	<b>24,557.82</b>	<b>123.27</b>	<b>338.97</b>	<b>25,020.06</b>
<b>Net Cash from Operations</b>	<b>172.63</b>	<b>936.73</b>	<b>-163.86</b>	<b>945.50</b>
<b>Balance 1/1/04</b>	<b>2,394.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,788.11</b>	<b>16,182.57</b>
<b>Net Cash from Operations</b>	<b>172.63</b>	<b>936.73</b>	<b>-163.86</b>	<b>945.50</b>
<b>Balance 12/31/04</b>	<b>2,567.09</b>	<b>936.73</b>	<b>13,624.25</b>	<b>17,128.07</b>

Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance 12/31/04				3,603.82
Edward Jones Investment Account Balance 12/31/04				13,524.25
				<u>17,128.07</u>

## Briggs Fund Report

On December 21st, 2004 the staff and students at Westmoreland School had their annual holiday parties.

The interest from the Briggs, Bleeker and White Funds along with a donation from the Trustees were used to purchase stretchy animal bookmarks for the Kindergarten and small Dover activity, sticker or tattoo books for Grades 1 through 8.

We also want to extend our appreciation to Toadstool Bookstore for giving us a discount. The generosity of the Trustees and Toadstoll was very helpful in allowing us to carry out this tradition.

Thank you for the opportunity to carry out this tradition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Leduc  
Tina Fletcher





## 2004 REPORT OF THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

As charged by RSA 483-A, the Commission reviews wetland applications for local review in conjunction with the NH Wetlands Bureau. A wetlands application (forms available in the town office) is necessary for any activity that involves projects to excavate, remove, dredge, fill or construct a structure in any surface waters or wetlands of the state. 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

In addition to reviewing and responding to a number of wetland applications and inquiries, the Commission continues work on a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) and has investigated a comprehensive NH method wetland evaluation to designate prime wetlands in town that might be in need of protection. The NRI will give an overview of the towns' natural resources including farm and forestland, wetland and soil information and some of the environmentally sensitive areas of the town. In addition to the preparation in prior years of digital maps and overlays of soils data, wetland and water resources, aquifers, floodplains, aerial photos, topographic and general land use maps prepared through SW Regional Planning, an updated digital zoning map was completed this year. A digital tax map along with a water resources property map was also prepared. All the maps and overlays are available at the town hall for use by selectmen, conservation commission, planning and zoning boards, residents and others.

Other issues the Commission has been involved in include citizen concerns of roadside disposal of fill material at several sites in town, farm land preservation in relation to a new county jail site, invasive plants at the County Farm, town website development, Connecticut River stream bank stabilization due to the 2003 floods, and revisiting development of a public boat launch primarily for canoes and kayaks.

Starting in 2005 the Commission will change its meeting time to the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall. We are always looking for interested individuals help us with the tasks at hand. Feel free to contact any of the members with questions or concerns you may have about our work or environmental or conservation issues.

Marshall Patmos, Chairman  
Jim Blake, Vice Chairman  
Jeff Smith, Secretary  
Bob Moore  
John Lukin  
Walt Derjue

2/9/05

## **WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

The department responded to a total of 116 fire and rescue calls in 2004. These calls consumed over 500 person-hours. Along with fire and rescue calls, the department conducted and participated in over 300 hours of fire and rescue training.

The Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department active roster stands at 18 fire and rescue personnel, with 5 personnel being Emergency Medical Technician qualified. The department has welcomed 2 new members during the year and 3 members leave from the department.

The department placed a new fire engine in service thanks to the generosity of the people who approved the purchase at town meeting. This engine will provide the department with greater flexibility in responding to emergencies.

An addition was added to the fire department to house the newly purchased fire engine. The total cost of the new addition was paid for solely by the Firefighters Association and the generosity of businesses and friends of Westmoreland. The Association would like to thank: Jim Leroy and Panel Pro, Ted Ferguson and Ferguson Roofing, Perkins Lumber, David Wirth, Earle McClening, Bruce Davis and Cersosimo Industries, Ron Clace, Champion Overhead Doors, Westmoreland Highway Department, Terry Flood and the members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department.

Besides responding to calls and conducting training, the department was also involved with numerous other activities. The department hosted the Forest Fire Warden's Association Dinner in May and sponsored the chicken barbecue in July. The department would like to thank the Westmoreland Town Band for once again providing the music at the chicken barbecue.

We would like to ask for help by putting your house numbers on either your house (if visible from the road), your mail box (both sides), or on a post at the end of your driveway. This will aid us in reaching your home in case of an emergency.

Any Westmoreland town resident wishing to become a member of the Westmoreland Fire and Rescue Department may join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. The members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for your outstanding support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Harry Nelson

## 2004 Fire & Rescue Calls

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Total Personnel Hours</u>
Automatic Fire Alarms:		
County Jail	0	0.00
Maplewood Nursing Home	5	9.06
Private Residence	1	4.54
Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
School	1	0.22
Brush Fire	3	52.46
Car Fire	3	15.42
Chimney Fire	1	8.00
CO Detector	1	1.10
Downed Wires/Transformer	10	13.27
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas/Oil Leak	0	0.00
Good Intent/Smoke Investigation	4	14.56
Hazmat	0	0:00
Medical Emergencies:		
County Jail	0	0.00
Maplewood Nursing Home	5	10.14
Other	36	76.08
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23	135.24
Mutual Aid	7	106.36
Public Assist	4	12.24
Structure Fires	3	62.36
Other	9	18.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>542.26</b>

<u>Month</u>	<u># Calls</u>	<u>Total Number of Calls</u>
Jan	17	17
Feb	4	21
Mar	7	28
Apr	7	35
May	12	47
Jun	6	55
Jul	12	67
Aug	8	75
Sep	9	84
Oct	8	92
Nov	14	106
Dec	10	116



## WELFARE DEPARTMENT REPORT – 2004

There were two requests for assistance in 2004. Both were denied for various reasons. This department is here to give short term assistance to clients who are in need of assistance.

Some of the criteria looked at is:

- 1) How many adults and children are in the family
- 2) Ages of children
- 3) Are adults working – if not why
- 4) If out on medical leave a report from the doctor indicating no work must be given to this department.
- 5) Has the client/s reported to various agencies to help getting the client back into the workforce: i.e. – Social Security –unemployment department, Health and Human Services, filling out employment applications with various companies, etc.
- 6) Client must show receipts regarding how their income has been spent in the last two months. If there is a mismanagement of money the client must attend counseling in money management. If this is a criteria and the client does not attend counseling the client is denied assistance.

If a client does receive assistance and they own their own home a Lien is placed on the property. If a client does not own their own home, an agreement is made, and signed, that when the client becomes employed an amount will be taken out of their paycheck and sent directly to the Town of Westmoreland for reimbursement. This continues until the total due is paid in full. Most companies will agree to these terms and have been very helpful.

The Town of Westmoreland did received a little over \$2,000 dollars reimbursement in 2004. The money received was for prior years assistance.

I look forward to another year as your Welfare Director.

Respectfully,

Elaine Moore  
Westmoreland Welfare Director

## CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

There were five cemetery lots sold in 2004. We continue to fix stones and plan to do roadwork in the North and East cemeteries in 2005.

Cemetery Trustees: Carlson Barrett, Don Hall & JoAnn LaBarre

2004 Financial Report  
Cemetery Trustees  
Savings Bank of Walpole  
Savings Account #601-023218

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2004		\$6,791.37
INCOME:		
2004 Town Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Trust Fund Interest - 2003	\$639.41	
Lot Sales	\$1,200.00	
Interest	\$44.12	
		\$7,883.53
EXPENSES:		
C&D Landscaping - mowing/clean-up	\$5,775.00	
Westmoreland Trustees of Trust Funds	\$600.00	
		\$6,375.00
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2004		\$8,299.90

ANNUAL REPORT 2004  
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as the future of hydro dam ownership and status of boating law enforcement on the river to economic development initiatives in the valley. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

In 2004, the Commissions stimulated a water quality assessment of the entire 275 miles of river shared by New Hampshire and Vermont. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency led the study to bring reliable information to those using the river and planning for its future.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for the locally-inspired projects, including grants for water quality monitoring in the Ashuelot River watershed, farmland conservation in Claremont, several river access and recreation projects, and natural resources inventories for Colebrook and for the Waits River headwaters.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we won a federal grant to provide signage for each of them, and created a video about the river valley. "Welcome to the Heart of New England." CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net)

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org) for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

Bruce Clement, Connecticut River Commissioner

ANNUAL REPORT – 2004  
WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE  
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Wantastiquet Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan* with a close look at a variety of recreation-related issues in our region, especially at the need for more access for small boats. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on expansion of a marina in Hinsdale and to the River Commission about siting for the Cheshire County jail and the proposed upgrade of Vermont Yankee.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the statewide Shoreland Protection Act applies to the Connecticut River and Partridge Brook. Contact the town office for more information.

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

Stuart Adams, Jim Blake, and Gwen Mitchell, Westmoreland representatives



# **TOWN OF WESTMORELAND**

## **Trustees of Trust Funds**

### **Annual Report - 2004**

The Trustees met four times during the year to administer affairs of the trusts. Town Trust funds are invested in CDs which are held in an account with Edward Jones Company. Return in 2004 on Trust funds was 1.61%, significantly better than in 2003. The Trust fund CDs are laddered in maturity and we expect a further improvement in return in 2005. Capital Reserve funds continue to be invested in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool. Return on Capital Reserve funds was 1.12% in 2004 compared with 0.97% in 2003. George Nitschelm has moved from Westmoreland but will continue to serve as a Trustee until his elected term is fulfilled or he is replaced. His fellow Trustees and the Town thank him for his conscientious and able service to the Town.

Trustees:

Patrick N. Baker

Russell Kotfila

George Nitschelm

**2004 ADDITIONS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trust Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-2-04	South Village, Perp. Care	\$100.00
12-1-04	South Village, Perp. Care	\$400.00
12-1-04	North Cemetery Perp. Care	<u>\$100.00</u>
		\$100.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-9-04	Fire Truck	\$5,000.00
12-9-04	Highway Truck	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
		\$15,000.00

**2004 DISBURSEMENTS**

<u>Trust Fund Name</u>	<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Acerno, M.J., Scholarship Fund	Transfer to Principal	Per Terms of Trust	\$3.63
Briggs, Bleeker & White Funds	T. Fletcher	School Christmas	\$178.16
Cemetery Trust Funds	Cemetery Trustees	Cemetery Maintainance	\$639.41
Jotham Lord Trust Fund	Town of Westmoreland	Town Needs	\$12.44
Library Trust Funds	Westmoreland Library	Support of Town Library	\$142.37
Lois Leach Graduates Fund	B. Messer	Graduates' Dinner	\$51.23
Starkey - Cobb Fund	J. LeBarre	Care of Aged & Needy	\$47.69
Thomas White Soccer Scholarship	T. Richard	Soccer Camp Scholarship	\$260.00
Union Meeting House	Union Meeting House	Support	\$62.72
Westmoreland Men's Club	Transfer to Principal	Per Terms of Trust	<u>\$3.02</u>
			\$1,400.67

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Westmoreland School	Special Ed./High School Tuitor		<u>\$652.17</u>
			\$652.17

2004		Purpose	Date	How Invested	PRINCIPAL		12/31/03 Balance	INCOME	12/31/04 Balance	INCOME Expended 2004	12/31/04 Balance	GRAND TOTAL 12/31/03	GRAND TOTAL 12/31/04
TRUST FUNDS					New Funds								
Cemetery Trust Funds		Cemetery		EJ-CDs	\$301.52	301.52	2.26	5.28	1.71	5.83	303.78	307.35	
		Cemeter		EJ-CDs	100.91	100.91	107.15	1.77	1.17	107.75	208.06	208.66	
		Office Cemetery		EJ-CDs	7,920.38	7,920.38	153.01	138.81	45.54	246.28	8,073.39	8,168.66	
		E Cemetery Prop. Care		EJ-CDs	5,095.58	5,095.58	2,171.20	69.30	40.99	220.51	7,268.78	7,315.09	
		Gline Cemetery		EJ-CDs	12,825.94	12,825.94	68.70	224.78	72.74	220.51	12,864.61	13,046.65	
		North Cemetery, Gen. Urn/keep		EJ-CDs	14,732.53	14,832.53	380.98	258.20	84.69	454.5	15,013.52	15,287.03	
		North Cemetery, Perpetual Care		EJ-CDs	302.91	502.91	541.80	8.81	5.89	544.72	1,047.71	1,047.63	
		Outlying Cemeteries: (Cole)		EJ-CDs	301.46	301.46	2.26	1.77	1.17	5.83	303.74	307.31	
		Park Cemetery		EJ-CDs	11,356.72	11,356.72	70.26	199.03	64.46	204.63	11,748.88	11,981.55	
		S Village Cemetery, M. & I.		EJ-CDs	17,189.56	17,189.56	269.33	301.26	98.49	472.1	17,458.69	18,161.06	
		S Village Cemetery, Perp. Care.		EJ-CDs	33,483.73	33,483.73	5,872.46	586.62	222.01	623.72	39,350.59	39,721.00	
		S Village Cemetery, D. Blood		EJ-CDs	103,811.23	104,411.23	9,539.42	1,819.34	639.41	107.19	113,350.65	115,130.60	
		Total Cemetery			22,849.19	22,849.19	142.37	400.45	142.37	400.45	22,991.56	23,249.64	
Library Trust Funds				EJ-CDs	2,934.46	2,934.46	62.72	51.43	62.72	51.43	2,997.18	2,985.89	
Union Meeting House Trust Funds				EJ-CDs									
Other Trust Funds													
		Stanley Cobb	1935	EJ-CDs	7,647.87	7,647.87	47.69	134.03	47.69	134.03	7,695.56	7,781.90	
		Lord, Jotham	1816	EJ-CDs	2,010.09	2,010.09	12.44	35.23	12.44	35.23	2,022.53	2,045.32	
		Men's Club Mem.	1982	EJ-CDs	3,675.85	3,675.85	1,284.77	64.42	1,349.19	64.42	4,960.62	5,028.06	
School Trust Funds													
		Acermo Scholarship Fund	1994	EJ-CDs	5,867.04	5,870.67	40.10	102.82	40.10	102.82	5,907.14	6,013.59	
		Bleeker	1985	EJ-CDs	502.49	502.49	2.66	8.81	2.66	8.81	505.15	511.30	
		Bragg, Pearl Lucile	1954	EJ-CDs	9,104.19	9,104.19	56.85	159.56	56.85	159.56	9,161.04	9,320.60	
		Bliggs, O L	1918	EJ-CDs	1,004.52	1,004.52	6.42	17.60	6.42	17.6	1,010.94	1,022.12	
		Cutter, Susan H.	1990	EJ-CDs	508.47	508.47	170.18	8.91	179.09	8.91	678.65	687.56	
		Esry, Henry	1889	EJ-CDs	905.33	905.33	115.23	18.87	131.1	18.87	1,020.56	1,036.43	
		Fox, Elphiehat	1817	EJ-CDs	1,004.84	1,004.84	128.59	17.61	146.2	17.61	1,133.43	1,151.04	
		Leach, Lois	1976	EJ-CDs	2,533.12	2,533.12	51.53	44.39	51.23	44.69	2,584.65	2,577.81	
		White Ruth A.	1929	EJ-CDs	1,781.58	1,781.58	232.71	31.22	263.93	31.22	2,044.29	2,045.51	
		White, Thomas	1993	EJ-CDs	3,050.84	3,050.84	169.08	53.47	169.08	53.47	3,219.92	3,104.31	
		Soccer Scholarship	1985	EJ-CDs	2,989.63	2,989.63	7,111.83	52.40	260.00	504.23	3,701.46	3,493.86	
		Total School Funds			29,252.05	29,255.68	1,685.18	512.66	489.39	1,708.45	30,937.23	30,964.13	
		Petty Cash					38.50		38.50				
		Total Trust Funds			172,180.74	172,787.39	12,813.09	3,017.56	1,432.52	14,398.15	184,993.63	187,185.64	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
		Bridge Rebuilding	2002	0035	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00						
		Fire Truck	1968	0004	10,000.00	10,000.00	85.21	103.38					
		Highway Truck	1968	0006	10,000.00	10,000.00	961.86	51.73	523.11				
		Landfill Closure	2003	0036	24,687.00	37,910.00	772.66	376.96	652.17				
		Police Cruiser	1999	0033	1,723.81	1,723.81	106.30	17.90					
		Recreation Fund	2001	0019	7,000.00	7,000.00	901.26	78.16					
		School Renovation	2002	0034	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	134.31	148.35				
		SPEEDHS Tution	1996	0005	20,000.00	20,000.00	169.00	199.42					
		Town Reevaluation	1993	0007	50,000.00	50,000.00	8.04	494.40					
		Total Capital Reserve Funds			133,410.81	33,223.00	186,633.81	3,681.79	1,539.44	652.17	187,202.87	187,202.87	
		TOTAL ALL FUNDS			305,591.55	33,828.65	339,421.20	16,494.88	4,557.00	2,084.69	18,967.21	340,309.43	358,388.41

## *2004 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD*

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
<i>01/02/04</i>	<i>Gordon Davis</i>	<i>George Davis</i>	<i>Mavier Porter</i>
<i>02/14/04</i>	<i>Mary Lizotte</i>	<i>Andrew Amter</i>	<i>Veronica (Unknown)</i>
<i>02/29/04</i>	<i>Mary Booker</i>	<i>Asa Booker</i>	<i>Emma Brown</i>
<i>04/06/04</i>	<i>Elaine Hepburn</i>	<i>Frederick Sullivan</i>	<i>Lillian Cromack</i>
<i>05/14/04</i>	<i>Ruth Williamson</i>	<i>Alson Dugan</i>	<i>Grace Eels</i>
<i>05/31/04</i>	<i>George Gaal</i>	<i>Bela Gaal</i>	<i>Theresia Lukaczy</i>
<i>06/24/04</i>	<i>Evelyn Burns</i>	<i>Burt Foster</i>	<i>Josephine Trow</i>
<i>08/21/04</i>	<i>Dorothy David</i>	<i>Willaim Gueris</i>	<i>Sarah Hamlin</i>
<i>09/09/04</i>	<i>George O'Donnell</i>	<i>George O'Donnell</i>	<i>Madeline Pease</i>
<i>09/16/04</i>	<i>Elizabeth Minickiello</i>	<i>Ruric Jordan</i>	<i>Alice Owen</i>
<i>09/19/04</i>	<i>Ernest Merrifield</i>	<i>Jacob Merrifield</i>	<i>Myrtle Greenwald</i>
<i>10/06/04</i>	<i>Anna Salo</i>	<i>John Sargeant</i>	<i>Elyse Elliott</i>
<i>10/06/04</i>	<i>Gaylord Price</i>	<i>Ordie Price</i>	<i>Pearl Allen</i>
<i>11/21/04</i>	<i>Ellen Hosmer</i>	<i>Frank Whipple</i>	<i>Jennie Norton</i>
<i>11/23/04</i>	<i>Gray Taylor</i>	<i>Charles Taylor</i>	<i>Luella Hastings</i>

## **2004 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS OUT OF TOWN**

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name/ Mother's Name</i>
01/26/04	Keene, NH	Arthur Ainsworth	Harry Ainsworth Mildred (Unknown)
07/10/04	Keene, NH	Benjamin Leech	Ian Leech Sally Hatt
11/20/04	Keene, NH	William Stacy	William Stacy Ethel Moulprop

## **2004 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS IN TOWN (Not Maplewood)**

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name/ Mother's Name</i>
01/16/04	26 River Road	Janet Richards	John Vinton Florence Stevens
03/19/04	1119 Route 63	Donald E. Ray	Osborne Ray Mary Kabersevic
03/23/04	1116 Route 63	Walter Schumann	Walter Schumann Margarete Hinricks
05/16/04	125 Poocham Road	Greig S. McManus	Michael McManus Helen Hunt
10/02/04	936 Route 63	Coral (Voss) Stewart	Carl Kneeland Grace O'Harra
10/31/04	201 River Road	Pauline Thompson	Harold Holbrook Florence Willis
11/02/04	4 River Road	John Reid	John Reid Elsa Anderson



## 2004 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Burial Date	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
04-10-04	Jason R. Graves	04-06-04	Lebanon, NH	South Village Cemetery
04-23-04	Leon Earl McClening	01-10-04	Portsmouth, NH	South Village Cemetery
04-30-04	Joseph A. Simino	04-26-04	Lebanon, NH	South Village Cemetery
05-03-04	Dorothy R. Rhodes	04-27-04	Dover, NH	South Village Cemetery
05-17-04	Janet V. Richards	01-16-04	Westmoreland, NH	South Village Cemetery
05-20-04	Laurel Perry Smith	12-09-02	New Castle, DE	South Village Cemetery
07-16-04	Benjamin D. Leech	07-10-04	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
09-16-04	Eleanor Mary Pierce	09-09-04	Portland, CT	South Village Cemetery
10-07-04	Coral Jane Voss Stewart	10-02-04	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
10-12-04	Audrey V. Murphy	10-10-04	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
11-06-04	John A. Reid	11-02-04	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
11-06-04	Pauline B. Thompson	10-31-04	Westmoreland, NH	East Cemetery
11-13-04	Oscar John Makinen	11-09-04	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
11-24-04	Robert E. Green	11-17-04	Westmoreland, NH	South Village Cemetery
11-30-04	Gloria Dot Crowder	11-26-04	Lebanon, NH	South Village Cemetery

## **TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2004**

<i>Names of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residences</i>	<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
<i>James M. Morris Jeannette L. Duhaime</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>02/14/04</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>
<i>Greig S. McManus Diane S. Champion</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>04/02/04</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>Reginald L. Goodnow Shannon L. Driscoll</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>04/25/04</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>David A. Smith Marisa L. Gagne</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>06/26/04</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>
<i>Douglas S. Shoukimas Jeanne H. Blanchette</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>07/06/04</i>	<i>Gettysburg, PA</i>
<i>Craig A. Day Jamie D. Cheever</i>	<i>Walpole, NH Walpole, NH</i>	<i>08/07/04</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>John R. Picard Lindseigh M. Marrone</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>09/18/04</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>

## TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2004

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>
01/05/04	Keene, NH	Emilia Jayden Fitzherbert	Kristina Gomarlo	Thomas Fitzherbert
02/06/04	Brattleboro, VT	Tess Lauretta Chamberlin	Kristen Chamberlin	David Chamberlin
03/09/04	Keene, NH	Thalia Ann Stafford	Stephanie E. Kazizis	Seth Stafford
04/08/04	Brattleboro, VT	Marisa Lee Stetson	Diana Bressett	Zachary Stetson
05/02/04	Keene, NH	Ian Henry Bergeron	Linda Groiss	John Bergeron
06/14/04	Keene, NH	Lauren Marie Fabis	Karen Mueller	Paul Fabis
06/23/04	Peterborough, NH	Hayden Scott Gourley	Jill Lorette	Scott Gourley
06/24/04	Keene, NH	Jessica Jay Shapiro	Laurie Hull	Andrew Shapiro
07/22/04	Lebanon, NH	Sirena Ailene Willette	Diane Hall	Alfred Willette
07/22/04	Lebanon, NH	Kaelyn Jean Willette	Diane Hall	Alfred Willette
08/24/04	Keene, NH	Macey Parker Webber	Kelly Lyn Wright	Eric Webber
10/25/04	Peterborough, NH	Carina Mary Walter	Marni Walter	Randall Walter
11/23/04	Peterborough, NH	Elizabeth Michele Pride	Christine Magraw	Bruce Pride

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

## SCHOOL BOARD

*Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair*  
*Stuart R. Adams*  
*Florence K. Gray*  
*Ian Hurley*  
*Lisa G. Moon*

## MODERATOR

*Carlson Barrett*

## CLERK

*Gail H. Ainsworth*

## TREASURER

*Susan DeLuca*

## AUDITOR

*Jo Ann LaBarre*

## N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

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

## WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of January, 2005

Kindergarten	15
Grade 1	11
Grade 2	17
Grade 3	12
Grade 4	12
Grade 5	14
Grade 6	20
Grade 7	14
Grade 8	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>



## COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

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

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

*Barbara S. Tremblay*  
Superintendent of Schools

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 11th day of March, 2005, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Teachers' Association which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits: \$29,330 in 2005-2006; \$24,784 in 2006-2007; \$21,229 in 2007-2008; and \$23,254 in 2008-2009.

And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,330 for the 2005-2006 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 in the prior fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland School Board and Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the District, if Article 3 is defeated, will authorize the Westmoreland School Board to call one special district meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 on cost items only.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,463 to be deposited in the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

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

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 8th day of March, 2005, at 11:00 in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

Two members of the school board for the ensuing three years  
A moderator for the ensuing year  
A clerk for the ensuing year  
A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2005  
An auditor for the ensuing year

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,313,591	\$1,252,203	\$1,373,680	\$1,358,984	-1.07%	51.44%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$65,829	\$65,828	\$62,735	\$59,641	-4.93%	2.26%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$204,114	\$279,291	\$236,078	\$229,648	-2.72%	8.69%
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST</b>	<b>\$1,583,534</b>	<b>\$1,597,322</b>	<b>\$1,672,493</b>	<b>\$1,648,273</b>	<b>-1.45%</b>	<b>62.39%</b>
		(\$186,990)				
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$543,456	\$554,554	\$623,376	\$575,029	-7.76%	21.77%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Reg)	\$38,049	\$31,404	\$39,190	\$40,366	3.00%	1.53%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$301,520	\$261,164	\$273,906	\$247,008	-9.82%	9.35%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$28,745	\$7,691	\$23,000	\$9,450	-58.91%	0.36%
<b>TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST</b>	<b>\$911,770</b>	<b>\$854,813</b>	<b>\$959,472</b>	<b>\$871,853</b>	<b>-9.13%</b>	<b>33.00%</b>
SAU #29	\$109,125	\$109,125	\$115,689	\$121,634	5.14%	4.60%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,604,429</b>	<b>\$2,561,260</b>	<b>\$2,747,654</b>	<b>\$2,641,760</b>	<b>-3.85%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,604,429</b>	<b>\$2,561,260</b>	<b>\$2,747,654</b>	<b>\$2,641,760</b>	<b>-3.85%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005	PROPOSED 2005-2006	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
<b>ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION</b> (GRADES K-8 - 130 Students Projected)						
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>						
Salaries	\$505,202	\$505,037	\$520,861	\$497,725		
Benefits	\$189,689	\$178,924	\$207,735	\$194,693		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000		
Repair Equipment	\$1,500	\$1,037	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$28,201	\$23,875	\$26,259	\$26,964		
Equipment	\$1,300	\$496	\$200	\$200		
Furniture	\$1,625	\$1,267	\$1,212	\$1,895		
<b>TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$727,517</b>	<b>\$710,636</b>	<b>\$757,767</b>	<b>\$737,977</b>	<b>-2.61%</b>	<b>27.94%</b>
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	\$11,419	\$12,727	\$11,419	\$11,809		
Assemblies/Officials	\$5,400	\$3,505	\$5,450	\$5,450		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$4,626	\$4,054	\$2,158	\$2,445		
Dues and Fees	\$1,600	\$1,299	\$1,800	\$1,275		
<b>TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR</b>	<b>\$23,045</b>	<b>\$21,585</b>	<b>\$20,827</b>	<b>\$20,979</b>	<b>0.73%</b>	<b>0.79%</b>
<b>SCHOOL SERVICES</b>						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Guidance	\$50,631	\$42,149	\$50,874	\$51,918		
Health	\$23,534	\$31,919	\$32,620	\$33,265		
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$74,165</b>	<b>\$74,068</b>	<b>\$83,494</b>	<b>\$85,183</b>	<b>2.02%</b>	<b>3.22%</b>

	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005	PROPOSED 2005-2006	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$3,220	\$1,497	\$5,544	\$5,050		
Course Reimbursement	\$5,500	\$775	\$5,500	\$5,500		
Management Development	\$1,000	\$509	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Staff Development	\$2,400	\$2,322	\$2,520	\$3,000		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$899	\$872	\$799	\$799		
<b>TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$13,019</b>	<b>\$5,975</b>	<b>\$16,363</b>	<b>\$16,349</b>	<b>-0.09%</b>	<b>0.62%</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>						
Salary & Benefits	\$36,977	\$36,037	\$38,194	\$38,979		
Media Membership	\$918	\$828	\$756	\$780		
Library Books & Supplies	\$5,990	\$2,088	\$4,585	\$4,645		
Equipment/Software	\$1,750	\$208	\$1,750	\$1,750		
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>	<b>\$45,635</b>	<b>\$39,161</b>	<b>\$45,285</b>	<b>\$46,154</b>	<b>1.92%</b>	<b>1.75%</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,520	\$2,218	\$2,891	\$2,891		
Legal/Audit Services	\$900	\$18,723	\$5,900	\$1,400		
Other School District Expenses	\$800	\$734	\$800	\$800		
School Board Association	\$2,350	\$2,376	\$2,500	\$2,500		
<b>TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$6,570</b>	<b>\$24,051</b>	<b>\$12,091</b>	<b>\$7,591</b>	<b>-37.22%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>

	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005	PROPOSED 2005-2006	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Principal's Salary	\$62,610	\$62,610	\$65,741	\$69,028		
Secretary's Salary	\$20,250	\$19,154	\$21,263	\$22,334		
Benefits	\$23,268	\$23,360	\$25,024	\$27,184		
Copier Maintenance	\$3,800	\$6,074	\$4,250	\$5,704		
Telephone	\$4,536	\$5,964	\$4,536	\$9,600		
Postage/Printing	\$2,462	\$825	\$1,712	\$1,350		
Supplies/Misc.	\$2,747	\$1,364	\$2,770	\$2,816		
Software	\$1,055	\$958	\$1,045	\$1,062		
Equipment/Furniture	\$1,350	\$1,283	\$150	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$825	\$625	\$900	\$1,000		
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$122,903</b>	<b>\$122,217</b>	<b>\$127,391</b>	<b>\$140,278</b>	<b>10.12%</b>	<b>5.31%</b>
<b>BUILDING SERVICES</b>						
Salaries	\$32,205	\$33,127	\$34,482	\$35,566		
Benefits	\$10,064	\$10,936	\$10,752	\$11,516		
Rubbish Removal	\$4,100	\$1,359	\$4,100	\$4,250		
Maintenance Services	\$10,550	\$16,627	\$11,990	\$12,750		
Repairs to Building	\$20,000	\$19,303	\$20,000	\$20,000		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$7,500	\$6,934	\$7,500	\$7,000		
Supplies/Materials	\$7,000	\$6,432	\$7,750	\$7,750		
Electricity	\$13,895	\$13,994	\$13,895	\$14,450		
Oil/Gas	\$13,037	\$10,432	\$14,287	\$21,225		
<b>TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$118,351</b>	<b>\$119,144</b>	<b>\$124,756</b>	<b>\$134,507</b>	<b>7.82%</b>	<b>5.09%</b>

	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005	PROPOSED 2005-2006	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$88,782	\$96,344	\$91,445	\$94,188		
Athletic	\$2,079	\$2,612	\$2,141	\$2,205		
Field Trips	\$3,132	\$2,796	\$3,226	\$3,323		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$93,993	\$101,752	\$96,812	\$99,716	3.00%	3.77%
STAFF SERVICES						
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$170	\$73	\$250	\$250		
Unemployment	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$170	\$86	\$250	\$250	0.00%	0.01%
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$13,223	\$13,223	\$13,644	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Food Services	\$42,000	\$15,305	\$42,000	\$42,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$88,223	\$33,528	\$88,644	\$70,000	-21.03%	2.65%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,313,591	\$1,252,203	\$1,373,680	\$1,358,984	-1.07%	51.44%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$10,829	\$10,828	\$7,735	\$4,641		
Interest on Cat-Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$65,829	\$65,828	\$62,735	\$59,641	-4.93%	2.26%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,379,420	\$1,318,031	\$1,436,415	\$1,418,625	-1.24%	53.70%

	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005	PROPOSED 2005-2006	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
<b>ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION</b>						
Salaries	\$90,997	\$116,909	\$124,578	\$114,578		
Benefits	\$25,314	\$29,380	\$33,140	\$34,432		
Vision/Audiology	\$1,950	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Supplies/Equipment/Mileage	\$2,145	\$954	\$1,425	\$1,679		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$18,358	\$57,951	\$15,905	\$16,799		
Pre-School Tuition	\$2,100	\$4,897	\$3,480	\$3,480		
Tuition-Summer Programs (moved to salary)	\$3,500	\$245	\$0	\$0		
Psychology	\$18,000	\$18,653	\$18,000	\$20,000		
Speech	\$23,300	\$22,906	\$24,450	\$25,200		
OT/PT	\$8,450	\$7,995	\$8,100	\$6,300		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$10,000	\$19,401	\$6,000	\$6,180		
<b>TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.</b>	<b>\$204,114</b>	<b>\$279,291</b>	<b>\$236,078</b>	<b>\$229,648</b>	<b>-2.72%</b>	<b>8.69%</b>
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST</b>	<b>\$1,583,534</b>	<b>\$1,597,322</b>	<b>\$1,672,493</b>	<b>\$1,648,273</b>	<b>-1.45%</b>	<b>62.39%</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>						
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS</b>						
Keene High School	\$543,456	\$554,554	\$623,376	\$575,029		
71 students @ \$8,099						
<b>TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS</b>	<b>\$543,456</b>	<b>\$554,554</b>	<b>\$623,376</b>	<b>\$575,029</b>	<b>-7.76%</b>	<b>21.77%</b>



	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005	PROPOSED 2005-2006	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$38,049	\$31,404	\$39,190	\$40,366		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$38,049	\$31,404	\$39,190	\$40,366	3.00%	1.53%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$581,505	\$585,958	\$662,566	\$615,395	-7.12%	23.29%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (11 students @ \$14,463)	\$224,791	\$217,589	\$191,016	\$159,093	-16.71%	6.02%
Tutoring - High School	\$0	\$0	\$10,164	\$6,237		
High School Out-of-District Tuition - High School Collaborative (1 student - TNT program)	\$38,729	\$23,729	\$40,604	\$61,678		
Psych Counseling	\$38,000	\$16,526	\$32,122	\$20,000		
Special Instr. Transportation	\$0	\$3,320	\$0	\$0		
	\$28,745	\$7,691	\$23,000	\$9,450		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$330,265	\$268,855	\$296,906	\$256,458	-13.62%	9.71%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$911,770	\$854,813	\$959,472	\$871,853	-9.13%	33.00%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$109,125	\$109,125	\$115,689	\$121,634	5.14%	4.60%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,604,429	\$2,561,260	\$2,747,654	\$2,641,760	-3.85%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,604,429</b>	<b>\$2,561,260</b>	<b>\$2,747,654</b>	<b>\$2,641,760</b>	<b>-3.85%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**WESTMORELAND**  
**2004-2005 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**  
**ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2004-2005 BUDGET	2005-2006 PROPOSED	%	\$
			INCREASE	INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$114,292	\$80,000		
<b>Local Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,512,019</b>	<b>\$1,434,282</b>	<b>-5.14%</b>	<b>-\$77,737</b>
Interest	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Lunch Local	\$29,000	\$29,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Media Generalist Reimbursement	\$8,487	\$8,662		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$3,450		
<b>N.H. Property Tax</b>	<b>\$389,839</b>	<b>\$410,501</b>	<b>5.30%</b>	<b>\$20,662</b>
<b>N.H. Adequacy Grant</b>	<b>\$617,212</b>	<b>\$593,915</b>	<b>-3.77%</b>	<b>-\$23,297</b>
N.H. Building Aid	\$15,355	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$0	\$5,000		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$0	\$0		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$12,650	\$12,650		
Federal Funds	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$11,000		
Supplemental Appropriations	\$0	\$0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,747,654</b>	<b>\$2,641,760</b>	<b>-3.85%</b>	<b>-\$105,894</b>


PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax) -3.00%

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET -\$0.3925

TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000 -\$39

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
For the  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004**

**Summary**

Cash on Hand July 2003		95,041.99
Received from Selectmen	1,710,134.00	
Current Appropriation		
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriation's		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation		
Revenue from State Sources	738,254.91	
Revenue from Federal Sources		
Received from Tuitions	5,000.00	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	141.04	
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal Only)		
Received from Capital Reserve Fnds		
Received from All Other Sources	78,673.36	
	Total Receipts	2,532,203.31
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FRISCAL YEAR(Balance and Receipt		2,627,245.30
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		(2,615,971.91)
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2004 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		11,273.39
January 18, 2005		 <u>District Treasurer</u>

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

**This is to certify that we have examined the books, voucher, bank statements, and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, And find them correct in all respects.**

January 26 2005

Auditor(s) Jo Ann LaBane

**GIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE**



## WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 12, 2004

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

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:  
Carlson Barrett – 15 votes and declared elected.

For One Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years:  
Florence Gray – 194 votes and declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:  
Joanne LaBarre – 11 votes and declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:  
Susan DeLuca – 284 votes and declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:  
Gail Ainsworth – 294 votes and declared elected.

323 voters of the registered 1008 voted.

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Carlson Barrett on Friday, March 12, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. at the Westmoreland School. The Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

Mr. Carlson Barrett introduced the administration from the S.A.U.: Dr. Phillip McCormack, Mr. Timothy Ruehr, Mr. Wayne Woolridge and the Westmoreland School Principal, Mr. William Gurney,

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

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

No discussion.

Article 1 passed by a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion by Robert Moore that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,716,905 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Acerno.

Motion by Mrs. Dawn Merrill to amend the article to read that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,729,010 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion was seconded by Georgiana Hamilton.

Mrs. Merrill stated the purpose of amending this article was to add in \$12,105 so that the current guidance counselor position would be a full time position.



Mr. Michael Acerno stated that the School Board had the final decision in the spending of the \$12,105 if it should be added back into the Budget.

Mrs. Pat Bentrup asked why the \$12,105 was cut from the budget.

Mr. Michael Acerno explained that the School Board felt a cut needed to be made to the budget because of the declining number of students attending the school. He stated that within the next four years, with the decline going as it is, there would be approximately 112 students in the school.

Considerable discussion ensued.

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Dan LaFleur to amend the article to read that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,671,010 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Beeler.

Mr. LaFleur stated that after viewing his Town Report and noticing that class sizes were declining that he felt it appropriate to decrease the budget by one full-time teacher. He asked if Mr. Ruehr if he could come up with an approximate wage and benefits of one full-time teacher to decrease this amount from the budget.

Mr. Ruehr stated it would be an approximate \$58,000 decrease in the budget. He explained that to eliminate a teacher it would have to be brought to the union.

Considerable discussion ensued.

Mr. Jack Laurent presented Mr. Carlson Barrett with a 5 signature petition requesting a ballot vote.

Yes votes: 13. No votes: 62.

The amendment failed.

Motion by Dawn Merrill that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,729,010 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Acerno.

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

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mrs. Lisa Moon that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Mr. Stuart Adams.

Article 3 passed by a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-four dollars (\$13,644) to be deposited in the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mrs. Lisa Moon that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-four dollars (\$13,644) to be deposited in the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto. Motion seconded by Mrs. Flossie Gray.

No discussion.

Article 4 passed by a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

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

No discussion.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Michael Acerno and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Moon to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote.

*Gail Ainsworth, Clerk  
Westmoreland School District*

A True Copy Attest

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

This year marks the third anniversary of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, a significant piece of federal legislation that has, and will continue to have a tremendous impact on Westmoreland School.

Student performance is the focus of NCLB. Although there are many ways in which this can be measured, NCLB relied on the statewide testing program (NHEIAP) in 2004 to provide the data by which schools are measured. This year, as in recent years, Westmoreland's students have performed very well on these tests. At the third grade level, 82 percent of the students scored at the "basic or better" level in English language arts. (Basic is the equivalent to "at grade level.") These students did similarly well in mathematics with 82 percent of the students scoring at the basic or better level. Sixth grade students also performed well with 86 percent of the students scoring at the basic or better level in English language arts and, in mathematics, with 93 percent of the students scoring at the basic or better level. In addition to scoring well according to state standards, scores earned by both the third and sixth graders place them well above federal expectations. The Westmoreland NHEIAP scores have shown marked improvement this year.

The assessments, required by Federal No Child Left Behind legislation, determine whether or not schools meet standards established by the state and federal governments, also known as Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). This past year, the Westmoreland staff has focused tremendous effort on interpreting the results of the assessments and identifying areas in the curriculum that are in need of strengthening.

A curriculum conference area was established on SAU 29's e-mail system in order to provide a centralized location for Westmoreland staff to access state and SAU 29 curriculum information. All Westmoreland curriculum committee work, state curriculum frameworks, curriculum guides, and information related to No Child Left Behind are now posted and accessible to all Westmoreland staff members. Information is reviewed and edited on a regular basis.

In 2003-2004, work on the Westmoreland social studies curriculum addressed the sequencing of topics for kindergarten through grade eight. The most significant work in social studies involved the creation of a new course sequence in United States history for grades seven and eight that is now being used in Westmoreland. The program engages students in a two-year exploration of American history from the European Age of Discovery to the 1920s. The primary focus of committee work involved the establishment of a content scope and sequence for grade seven and the selection of instructional materials and textbooks. While current attention has turned to grade eight content, consideration is also being given to the alignment of curriculum in grades five and six so as to create a more comprehensive, integrated sequence of content and address areas of the New Hampshire K-8 Social Studies Framework. Your principal was invaluable regarding this revision of the social studies curriculum.

In 2004, the New Hampshire Department of Education joined with its counterparts in Vermont and Rhode Island to create the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). NECAP establishes criteria for the assessment of all Westmoreland students in grades three through eight in mathematics, reading, and writing as required by the federal government through No Child Left Behind legislation. During the summer of 2004, special curriculum committees composed of classroom teachers reviewed these new standards for assessment and school progress and rewrote curriculum documents so as to address these new Grade Level Expectations. The results of that committee work have been distributed to staff members and posted on the Curriculum Conference of the SAU 29 e-mail system. All Westmoreland students in grades three through eight will be annually tested on the Grade Level Expectations beginning in October of 2005.

Westmoreland's students at Keene High School also continue to perform well. This past year, Westmoreland had 95 students enrolled at the high school. These students are taking advantage of a wide range of academic, as well as co-curricular activities. Collectively, the overall grade point average (GPA) in mathematics, science, and world language for Westmoreland's students increased slightly from last year. In English, 67 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In mathematics, 51 percent earned grades of "B" or better. In science, 67 percent of the students earned grades of "B" or better. Students enrolled in honors or Advanced Placement classes also performed very well, with 100 percent of the students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes in English, math, science, or social studies, respectively, earning grades of "B" or better. The Westmoreland attendance rate at KHS was 95 percent compared to 94.4 percent for all KHS students.

Westmoreland has a tremendous level of parental involvement and support, which research shows is critical to student success and overall school quality. A strong PTA presence and high volunteerism are characteristics of Westmoreland School. These factors contribute to a very positive school environment and strong community ownership in, and support for, the school. Westmoreland teachers have continued their efforts to ensure that the children are offered a well-coordinated and challenging curriculum. The work that went into the implementation of the reading program is an example of this effort. Many have worked hard to broaden their subject area background and/or their skills to meet the needs of each child and to enhance their effectiveness as a teacher. This has come as a result of their involvement in quality professional development training in areas such as skillful teaching techniques, curriculum mapping, technology integration, teaching in the content area (reading, social studies), and the needs of disabled students.

The constructive working relationship between the school board and staff continues to promote continuous school improvement. This is facilitated by good communication between the staff and board and by board members' recognition of, and interaction with, the staff. One example of this is the annual school board/staff goal-setting retreat. This activity not only produces a focus around which planning and allocation of resources occurs, but also a dynamic of cooperation and trust.

The Westmoreland School community should be very proud of its school. The improvement that has occurred should not be taken for granted, nor should the strong support given to the school by the community. Continuation of this improvement is highly contingent upon open lines of communication between the home and school and a good understanding of what goes on in the schools. Please make the time to visit the school, to attend a school-related activity, or attend a school board meeting. Please be sure to attend the annual district meeting on Friday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.

*Barbara S. Tremblay*  
*Superintendent of Schools*



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are enjoying a very good year at Westmoreland School. This fall, we welcomed 17 new kindergarten students to begin our third official year of all day kindergarten.

As of January 7, 2005, our enrollment is 129 students and our class sizes are:

K - 16	3 - 12	6 - 20
1 - 11	4 - 12	7 - 14
2 - 17	5 - 13	8 - 14

Our projected enrollment for the next school year is 130.

## Academics

Overall, our academic program is going well. Our math program, which was introduced three years ago, continues to impress us and student progress, as measured by NHEIAP, is promising. For our emerging readers, a greater emphasis has been placed upon individual and small group reading following the loss of our Title I funds last year. Our test scores on the New Hampshire Education Improvement and Assessment Program tests have improved steadily over the last two years. Our students in grades three and six produced the following results in the spring of 2004:

Grade 3 English Language Arts	251 (+11 points)	82% above Novice
Mathematics	256 (-1 point)	82% above Novice
Grade 6 English Language Arts	251 (+13 points)	86% above Novice
Mathematics	264 (+15 points)	93% above Novice

This year, we have piloted a new assessment program for students in New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island. In the fall of 2005, we will administer the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program to students in grades three through eight. The results from this series of standardized tests will be used to determine our school's adequate yearly progress as outlined in the *No Child Left Behind* legislation.

Kristin Adler was named Salutatorian and Douglas McKenna was Valedictorian for our eighth grade graduating class of 2004.

## Athletics

We have been impressed with the hard work and enthusiastic play of our student athletes this year. Our fall soccer teams played well under the supervision of coaches Rai Fedorowicz, Cindy Richard, John Starkey and Tom Bates. The tournament was organized by the Sports Boosters and led by Kim Brown. Our boys' basketball team is showing steady improvement and our girls' team is also doing well. Last spring, our baseball and softball teams played well and were coached by Leo Blair and Paul Deschenes.

## New Faculty

We welcomed several new teachers to Westmoreland School. Cathy Harvey has replaced Kim Wallach as our general music teacher. Cathy lives in Chesterfield with her family. Leah Kish is our new middle school science teacher, filling the void created by the retirement of Chris Keyes. Leah graduated from Keene State College in the spring of 2004. Another former Westmoreland School student has joined our faculty. Melissa Crotto-Young is our new English Language Arts teacher for the middle school.



### Arts

Our students continue to participate in the New Hampshire Dance Institute. This year, our instructor is Valerie Snowden (a former Westmoreland School student), and Susanne Bates continues as our coordinator. Members of our dance crew total 24 students this year and will perform with other members from schools throughout the Monadnock Region during the Memorial Day weekend. Field trips for the arts have taken our students to plays, concerts, movies, Keene State College and the Currier Museum of Art.

### Technology

Federal grants have enabled us to update our computer system. We have added a new computer to each classroom to replace older Pentium II models. A laptop computer was also purchased to be used for reading assessments. Rob Stack has completed the automation of our library books with the Alexandria system. Assisting him in this process was Beth Martin.

### Fun Run/Community Day

We were able to offer the Fun Run this year thanks to a committee led by Rand and Jayne Burnett. Funds raised through the Fun Run supported initiatives sponsored by the PTA.

### Facilities

A state inspection of our underground oil tank discovered a small amount of groundwater in the interstitial space. Although no leakage of oil had occurred, we were ordered by the State of New Hampshire to replace the tank. A new 8,000 gallon tank was installed this fall. Our Facilities Committee is exploring future upgrades to our kitchen facilities and front entryway.

### Our Town

We are bringing back an old tradition at Westmoreland School. Our faculty and students have begun learning more about Westmoreland as part of our year-long local history project. Local folks are encouraged to share their knowledge of the town and work with our students to develop a stronger link with the community. Activities will culminate with community-wide activities the weekend of June 4.

### Volunteers

The growth of volunteerism at Westmoreland School has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We are blessed with a great number of parents and community members willing to share their time and expertise to improve our school. Townspeople who gave their time to improve the school facilities included Stuart Adams, the Ingram family, Kyle Keith, the Myers Family, Harry Nelson, the Wilkes Family, the Gray Family, Tom Richard, and the McGahie Family. Among the folks who have spent many hours of time working with students include Dr. John Mills, Missy Kritzer, Tina Fletcher, Susanne Bates, Dawn Merrill, Deb Myers, Carla Mansfield and Sue Castor. Lori Ingram, as president of the PTA, has provided great leadership to keep the organization focused on improving the quality of our school.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*William Gurney*

## STAFF

William Gurney . . . . .	Principal
Debra Nelson . . . . .	Secretary
Nancy Belsky . . . . .	Math (5-8)
Leo Blair . . . . .	Special Education
Jay Bowks . . . . .	World Language
Leslie Carlson . . . . .	Grade 2
Melissa Crotto-Young . . . . .	Language Arts (5-8)
Paul Deschenes, Jr. . . . .	Social Studies (5-8)
Karen Durling . . . . .	Grade 4
Cathryn Harvey . . . . .	Music
Leah Kish . . . . .	Science (5-8)
Maria Martinez . . . . .	Kindergarten
Mee Yin Morrison . . . . .	Art
Nancy Newton . . . . .	Reading Specialist
Marcia Oster . . . . .	Music
Laurie Perreault . . . . .	Grade 1
Stacy Riendeau . . . . .	Grade 3
Robert Stack . . . . .	Media Generalist
Karen Sullivan . . . . .	Physical Ed./Health
Amy Treat . . . . .	Guidance Counselor
Karen Brunjes . . . . .	Speech/Language Therapist
Sandra Swinburne . . . . .	School Psychologist
Jeanne Symonds . . . . .	Education Evaluator
Carol White . . . . .	Certified Occup. Therapy Asst.
Susanne Bates . . . . .	Aide
Susan Castor . . . . .	Special Education Tutor
A. David Diccio . . . . .	Resource Room Aide
Jesse Ramirez Mallis . . . . .	Special Education Tutor
Porschia Mason-White . . . . .	Aide
Mary Mullen LaValley . . . . .	Special Education Tutor
Brenda Shelley . . . . .	Special Education Tutor
Kathy Sportello . . . . .	Resource Room Aide
Cindy Wood . . . . .	School Nurse
Laura Kraus . . . . .	School Lunch
John Beecher . . . . .	Custodian

## HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

It has been a busy fall here in the health office. All the students have been screened for vision and hearing, and everyone has been weighed and measured. The immunization review has been completed with 100% compliance in the grades audited. Physicals were offered in September by our school physician, Dr. John Mills, for middle school students going to Sargent Camp or playing school sports. Kindergartners learned about handwashing with a "Gerbusters" class that featured glow-in-the-dark germ powder. Several other classes had "refresher courses" in handwashing as well. A Red Cross babysitting course was organized with 14 sixth and seventh graders participating. Puberty classes were held for the boys and girls of fifth grade. About 36 elementary children are participating in a weekly fluoride rinse program through *Cheshire Smiles*. They will be here in the spring to conduct dental screenings and cleanings to eligible students.

During the months of September, October, November and December, there were approximately 900 visits to the health office, and about 300 prescription or over-the-counter medications given (not including insulin), as well as countless cough drops for sore throats and coughs. There have been no cases of head lice.

There is a new Health and Wellness Committee at our school. Some of the issues that we are looking at are sex education, foods and nutrition in school, and physical activity and child obesity. Two tasting opportunities have been offered during the lunch period for children to try some healthy snacks. We are looking into inviting a speaker to address issues related to teen sexuality. We are checking to see if we can get pedometers to do the 10,000 steps-a-day program. I am offering to help put together a "lunchbox cookbook" with easy, nourishing lunchbox ideas. I look forward to spending most of my time during the spring semester with health promotion now that most of the required tasks are out of the way.

*Cindy Wood, RN, BSN*

## SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

This year, the school has purchased a new computer system to handle all of the lunch program accounting. It is a wonderful program that has reduced the paperwork by half and has been very helpful in generating reports for letting parents know their children's balances.

Participation in the lunch program has been good with at least 68 percent participation each day. Recently, we introduced "made to order" salads for the middle school students and staff, and it has been a huge success. Our breakfast program is still very popular with 23 to 30 students participating for breakfast/snack daily.

I would like to recognize my volunteer helper Chad Adams for the hard work he does in the kitchen every day. He is a wonderful addition to our school and the children love him. Thanks, also, to our staff and PTA for helping to communicate the message of healthier eating habits to our students.

*Laura Kraus*  
Kitchen Manager



# WESTMORELAND GRADUATES 2005

## GRADE 8

Colin Bates  
Timothy Beeler  
Alexander Brown  
Kaylla Carle  
Jennifer Delisle  
Steven Hale  
Mary Kate Henderson  
Kyle Juniper  
Michael Kingsbury  
Alex Remy  
Lindsay Richard  
Derek Starkey  
Ryan Ullrich  
Courtney White  
Kevin Wirth

## GRADE 12

Stephanie Adler  
Fern Aguda-Brown  
Adam Goodnow  
Catherine Gray  
Maggie Harris  
Nolan Henderson  
Tyson Jache  
Daniel Kamps  
Sophia Lafleur  
Graham Lynch  
Christopher Payne  
Bonnie Porter  
Zachary Rubin  
Jenny Scadova  
Heidi Shonbeck  
Amber Stronk  
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