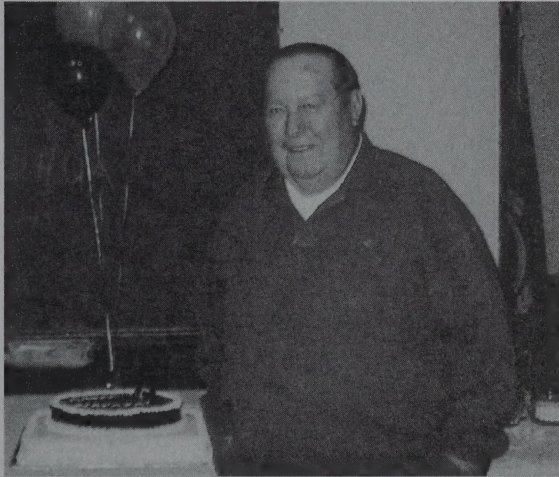


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ANNUAL REPORTS
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NEW HAMPSHIRE



TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

AND

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

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This year's Town Report is dedicated to Linn Starkey, Jr.

Junior served the Town many years as Fire Chief, Building Inspector, Selectman, and on many Boards and Committees. He coached Little League and Babe Ruth ball teams and will be remembered by many boys, now men, from Westmoreland and all the towns in the Leagues.

Most people think of Junior as a builder, but he was a veteran mason, milk tester and a farmer among other things, but mostly he was a friend to many.

We will miss not being able to call him for advice on many things in our daily chores.

Junior
1927 – 2006

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., Wed., Fri.	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
		Thursday	Noon - 7:00 pm
SELECTMEN'S MEETING		1 st & 3 rd Thursdays each month – 7:00 pm	
PLANNING BOARD		2 nd Tuesday each month – 7:30 pm	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		2 nd Tuesday each month – 7:30 pm	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		1 st Thursday each month – 7:00 pm	
OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE	399-4310		
POLICE SERVICES	355-2000		
TO RESERVE TOWN HALL	399-4471		

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT – 2005

The year 2005 was a busy year one trying to tie up loose end. Finally Mill Brook Bridge is finished and completes repairs from the flood of 03'. The weather has not been kind this year with two major snow storms hitting in January and again in February taxing our supply of sand and salt. Then came the rains again. There was a lot of flooding again, taking out part of Glebe Road and the Hatt Road Bridge. Thankfully a lot of Hazard Mitigation work paid for much of the repair work so the town expenses were not as high as they might have been.

Part of the Hazard Mitigation was to place a new box culvert on south Village Road, which was done this summer.

The Board dealt with other issues also. A new Junk Yard Ordinance was passed and the Board adopted the State of New Hampshire Regulations. The Town had a full audit which was done by Vachon/Clukay Associates. This was the first time a formal audit has been done in the Town. The auditors report is contained in the Town Report. It was a very satisfactory audit. The Board of Selectmen believes a formal audit every five to seven years is appropriate for our town.

A new furnace was installed at the Town Hall and was piped into the old wood system to heat upstairs without building a wood fire.

The Lions Club donated two bulletin boards for the front of the Town Hall. One is used for town documents and the other may be used by the public. We wish to thank the Lions Club for their generous donation. The boards certainly beautify the front of the hall.

In the fall Smith and Allen Paving dug up the old parking lots in front of the Town Hall, Post Office, and Fire Station and repaved all sections.

The Selectmen regretfully accepted the resignation of Jane Flood as their Secretary. We wish to thank Jane for all she did for us during her tenure here. We hired Trisha Moore to take Jane's place.

As always the Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the people who work in any capacity for the town of Westmoreland, whether they are employees or volunteers.

We wish to thank all the townspeople for their support throughout the year.

Although this is a report of 2005 we wish to express our sincere thoughts to the Starkey family. Jr. was an active member of the Board of Selectmen and will be missed.

Respectfully,

David Putnam, Chairman

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

David Putnam, Chair, Elaine M. Moore, Linn
Starkey Jr.

MODERATOR

Carlson Barrett

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

JoAnn LaBarre

SECRETARY

Jane Flood, Resigned
Trisha Moore

CUSTODIAN

Gweneth H. Frost, Resigned
Edward Messer

AUDITORS

Vachon, Clukay & CO., PA
Town: Susan Reed, Michael Reed

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, Chair, Peter Longsjo,
Cindy Cote, Jayne Burnett, Bruce Clement

WELFARE OFFICER
Elaine M. Moore

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
JoAnn LaBarre, Carlson Barrett, Donald Hall

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Robert Moore, Jr., Chair, Kelly Goodrich,
James Blake, Michael Acerno, Elaine M. Moore

PLANNING BOARD
Lauren Bressett, Co-Chair, Linn Starkey Jr. - Co. Chair
Alan Johnson, Laurie Burt, Wesley Staples,
James Ashworth, Robert Harcke, Walter Derjue

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
Peter Remy, Chair, John Burt, Barry Shonbeck,
Brenda Shelley, Brian Merry, April Ferguson,
Russell Huntley, Alt., Helen Draper, Clk.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Bruce Smith

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Linn Starkey, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER
Lloyd Draper

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Edward Messer

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER
SUBCOMMITTEE
Gwen Mitchell, Stuart Adams, James Blake

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Marshall Patmos, James Blake, Jeff Smith,
Walter Derjue, John Lukin, George Duke

RECREATION COMMISSION
Thomas Ainsworth, David Bressett,
David Shelley, Mark Ferenc, Susan Harris

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Bill Howland, President, Jan Carpenter, Libby McKenney

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE
Tina Fletcher

SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING
COMMISSION
Robert Harcke, Marshall Patmos

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 Fourteenth day of March, 2006 **at 11 of the clbck** in the forenoon, to act upon the following subject:

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

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the FIRM Flood Insurance Rates as proposed by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Westmoreland's Zoning Ordinance, Section 452 as follows: Incorporates the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study for Cheshire County, NH dated May 23, 2006 into the Ordinance, along with associated editorial revisions, in order to maintain the town's eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and preserve the availability of reasonably priced flood insurance to Westmoreland property owners.
(The Board of Selectmen Recommend This Article)

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00PM March 15, 2006 at the Westmoreland School gymnasium.

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

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to upgrade 1800' from class VI to class V of the Thompson Road, the cost of this project will be partially funded by reimbursement of 80% from the State of New Hampshire; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.
(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this article)
2/3 vote required

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to repair the Bessie Pierce Bridge, bridge number 102088; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this Article)
2/3 vote required

- Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article.)
- Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this article.)
- Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$7,540.00) for the purchase and installation of a fence at the Town Shop. This fence will be laced across the front of the property line.
- Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00) to purchase guardrails to be placed on five hundred feet of Poocham Road.
- Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,250.00) to put a new roof on the Corner School Building on River Road in Westmoreland. Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will be paid by the Westmoreland Historical Society and the remaining balance of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,750.00) will be raised by taxes.
- Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this article.)
- Article 12: To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to be placed in the general fund. (The Board of Selectmen Recommend this article.)
- Article 13: To see if the town will vote to establish a Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of land for the Town of Westmoreland, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$51,945.00) to be placed in this account. With said funds to come from the general fund. (The amount of \$51,945 is from the closure of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund which was dissolved in warrant article 12 which said amount placed in the general fund.
(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend the article.)

Article 14: To see if the town will vote an increase for the Elderly Exemption Tax Credit from Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, and Twenty Thousand Dollars \$20,000.00) to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (25,000.00) for a person 80 years of age and older.

Article 15: 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 11)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell a parcel of land located on Glebe Road, being .07 acres identified as Tax Map 5, Lot 18 to Douglas L. Kendall for the sum of \$500.00, subject to the restriction that it shall not be a separate lot of record but shall be merged with his abutting land. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Article 17: To see whether you are in favor of the permanent preservation of the County owned land, especially the land between River Road and the Connecticut River, for the purposes of agriculture, forestry and recreation. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to close Partridge Book Road to through trucks in excess of 12,000 lbs. (Agricultural and Emergency Service vehicles exempt) (PETITION ARTICLE)


Article 19: To allow the Town of Westmoreland to consider at Town Meeting whether to upgrade a portion of Hunt Road from Class VI to Class V. (PETITION ARTICLE) (The upgrade would run from the end of the current class IV portion of Hunt Road to the end of E.P. Dewey property. E. P. Dewey will be financially responsible for the upgrade.)


Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$849,588) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal the 16th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Six.

Selectmen of Westmoreland


David R. Putnam, Chairman


Elaine M. Moore

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen
For the Year Ending December 31, 2005
Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$89,799.46
Cash Investment		1,037,885.10
Cash Conservation Fund		17,283.82
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		148,985.52
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2004	44,169.03
	Prior Taxes	46,079.33
Uncollected Taxes:	Levy of 2005 (including all Taxes)	190,934.91
Accounts Receivable:		270,109.38
Less Allowance for Abatements		(11,135.37)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,834,111.18

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:

Accounts Owed by the Town:	School Tax Payable		1,278,423.00
	FEMA/Storm Damage		31,143.50
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation		17,283.82
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction	30,955.75	
	Fire Equipment	20,625.21	
	Highway Equipment	36,708.45	
	Landfill Closure	51,945.23	
	Police Cruiser	8,207.32	
	Revaluation	543.56	
	Total Capital Reserve Funds		148,985.52
Total Liabilities			1,475,835.84

Fund Equity:

	Reserved: Revaluation	10,702.01	
	Town Hall Repairs	2,600.00	
	Total Reserved		13,302.01
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) End-of December 2004		389,541.74	
Undesignated Fund Balance used to reduce taxes		(125,000.00)	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 2005		80,431.59	
	Total Fund Balance		344,973.33
Total Fund Equity			358,275.34

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES **\$1,834,111.18**

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 2005	Actual Expenditures 2005	Selectmen's Budget 2006	Budget Committee Recommended 2006
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130 Executive	37,440	31,838	32,998	32,998
4140 Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	20,020	17,476	20,709	20,709
4150 Financial Administration	45,536	52,018	37,060	37,060
4153 Legal Expenses	6,000	6,740	6,000	6,000
4155 Personnel Administration	49,810	51,877	51,082	51,082
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,704	3,739	4,680.00	4,680.00
4194 General Government Bldg.	28,595	19,647	16,915.00	16,915.00
4195 Cemeteries	6,000	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated to Depts.	17,500	16,598	12,320.00	12,320.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	7,450	7,495	7,450.00	7,450.00
4215 Ambulance	10,255	5,567	12,000.00	12,000.00
4220 Fire & Rescue	22,780	21,865	22,700.00	22,700.00
4240 Building Inspection	4,000	4,192	4,000.00	4,000.00
4290 Emergency Management	1,000	92	1,000.00	1,000.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Highway Administration	110,248	109,927	114,727.00	114,727.00
4312 Highways & Streets	243,376	248,425	307,440.00	307,440.00
4316 Street Lighting	2,300	2,106	2,300.00	2,300.00
4313 BRIDGES (Hatt Rd.)	0	28,156	0.00	0.00
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	81,480	71,637	92,480.00	92,480.00
HEALTH				
4411 Health Administration	100	100	100.00	100.00
4414 Animal Control	100	84	100.00	100.00
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,700	4,700	4,700.00	4,700.00
WELFARE				
4441 Welfare Administration	130	130	130.00	130.00
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	418	3,000.00	3,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520 Parks & Recreation	4,375	4,375	4,375.00	4,375.00
4550 Library	23,800	23,800	25,500.00	25,500.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	400	152	300.00	300.00

	Actual Appropriation 2005	Actual Expenditures 2005	Selectmen's Budget 2006	Budget Committee Recommended 2006
4611	350	168	425.00	425.00
CONSERVATION				
Conservation Commission				
DEBT SERVICE				
4711	20,000	20,000	20,000.00	20,000.00
4711	29,374	29,374	30,800.00	30,800.00
4721	3,182	3,181	1,217.00	1,217.00
4723	3,200	8,371	4,000.00	4,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	20,000	19,650	0.00	0.00
4901	9,000	8,045	5,100.00	5,100.00
4901	25,050	19,434	0.00	0.00
4901			100,000.00	100,000.00
4903	3,500	3,500	0.00	0.00
4903			5,250.00	5,250.00
4909	0	0	40,000.00	40,000.00
4909	0	0	7,540.00	7,540.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT				
4912	4,000	3,080	4,000.00	4,000.00
4915	10,000	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00
4915	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
4915	15,000	15,000	15,000.00	15,000.00
Operating Budget				
	\$795,205	\$803,323	\$850,508	\$849,588
	\$87,550	\$80,629	\$187,890	\$187,890
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:				
	\$882,755	\$883,952	\$1,038,398	\$1,037,478
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes				
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				
			\$690,049	\$690,049
			\$347,429	\$347,429

Budget Committee: Robert Moore, Kelly Goodrich, James Blake, Michael Acerno, David Putnam

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues <u>2005</u>	Actual Revenues <u>2005</u>	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues <u>2006</u>	
<u>TAXES</u>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	20,000	18,070	8,000
3185	Yield Taxes	8,000	7,171	8,000
3187	Excavation Tax	4,500	4,552	4,500
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	7,000	7,878	7,550
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	800	775	800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	266,000	232,802	241,000
3230	Building Permits	4,000	4,192	4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,505	3,840	3,555
<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
3319	03 Snow Storm	18,763	61,288	0
<u>FROM STATE</u>				
3351	Shared Revenue	9,686	17,819	17,000
3352	Rooms & Meals	67,509	67,509	67,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	73,942	73,942	71,873
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	21	21	21
3359	Other	18,850	55,903	80,100
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>				
3401	Income from Departments	2,700	2,187	2,800
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>				
3502	Interest	8,000	11,554	8,000
3503	Rent of Property	5,200	5,636	5,500
3504	Fines & Forfeits	0	92	0
3506	Insurance Reimbursement	0	4,150	0
3509	Other	250	653	300
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>				
3916	Trust Funds	15	35	50
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
3934	Proceeds from bonds or notes			60,000
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	125,000	125,000	100,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	643,741	705,068	\$690,049

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 8 & MARCH 9, 2005

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Carlson Barrett, Moderator, on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. with the readings of Article One 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 9, 2005 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 11, 2004 for the School Warrant after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 by Carlson Barrett, Moderator.

Moderator Carlson Barrett called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland School, Wednesday, March 9, 2005, with the reading of the Election results.

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

The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 286 of the registered 1130 voters = 26%. * "...are the winners, and I so declare it," as stated by Moderator Carlson Barrett by the recorded results.

For three years	Selectman	
	Michael Reed	116
	Linn J. Starkey, Jr.	169*
For one year	Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Adler	264*
	Misc.	3
For one year	Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	274*
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Susan Castor	7*
	Tina Fletcher	6*
	Misc.	33
For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Elaine M. Moore	19*
	JoAnn LaBarre	12
	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	10
	Misc.	20

For three years	Budget Committee	
	James Blake	37*
	Wesley Staples	13
	Misc.	20
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	Donald E. Hall	251*
	Misc.	1
For two years	Auditor	
	Susan Reed	4*
	Kathryn DeFreitas	3
	Misc.	15
For one year	Auditor	
	Mike Reed	2*
	Misc.	13
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Russ Kotfila	9*
	Patrick Baker	2
	JoAnn LaBarre	2
	Misc.	13
For two years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Russ Kotfila	3*
	Misc.	12
For one year	Town Clerk	
	Cindi H. Adler	260*
	Misc.	5
For three years (2)	Trustee of Library	
	Bruce Clement	246*
	Peter Longsjo	216*
	Misc.	2

“At this point, before we get into the actual meeting, we have something very, very special to be presented to the Town of Westmoreland,” Moderator Carlson Barrett stated. Russ Austin said he first had a couple of people to thank before the presentation. He then went on to recognize and thank Jeffrey Ingram for his service to the Planning Board in the past years who has resigned due to personal obligations. He then went on to thank Bill Huntley for his many years of service as Health Officer, from which he resigned in

2004, and Lloyd Draper “picked it up”. In reiterating what is stated in the Selectmen’s message in the Town Report, he went on to thank the two Senators, Bob O’Dell from District 8 and Tom Eaton from District 10 who worked to get this town \$81,000 of State money to go with the FEMA aid for the flood predicament. “I think I’m safe in saying that without their work, we probably wouldn’t have gotten any money from the State.” Next he thanked Elaine Moore for her help, especially in the office for the other Selectmen. “She’s worked real hard, especially in the last six months. She’s much more in tune with the operations of the office than either Dave or I are/were so I just want to recognize her.” He then turned the floor over to Walter Carroll.

“Well, Fellow Residents of Westmoreland, this is your Town Curtain,” was how Walter Carroll began. “Well, try to imagine the drum roll with a dramatic clash of cymbals.” Curtain is lowered by Walter Carroll. There is a huge round of applause and a clash of cymbals. All is then quiet as the curtain is admired by the residents present. He stated that the cleat and the rope will have a cage over it eventually, actually within a few days, “...so the little darlings at the school don’t roll it up and down just for exercise.” He went on to tell the Town that, “Your Town Curtain was painted by Everett Warner. It was painted with water base paints which actually are also water soluble on cotton muslin 21’ wide and 12’ 8” tall. It was more or less a year’s project to bring it to the condition you see it in. We needed to conserve, stabilize and protect the curtain and install it in its present semi-permanent home. There was a little bit of controversy over where the curtain should be. We felt that this was the best place to put it for current use so that it could be used for civic functions and school functions, and if at some future time we want to re-install it in the Town Theater, that can be done. The general principal of art conservation these days is to do as little as necessary. That’s why you see this area over here where the grey wasn’t quite painted in. Since it painted in on the original the Conservator didn’t change that. There is what is called “in-painting” done in places where there were creases and that sort of thing, but there wasn’t any extreme painting. What we didn’t want to do is “Disneyfy the thing” and make it not like it was in the original, and ruin it for future generations. That’s what happens over time when works aren’t properly conserved; paint layers build up and then after a couple of hundred years the picture that you see is no longer the one that was actually painted. So they do as little as practicable. However, even in its present state I think the Curtain will give us many years of service. The Town very generously appropriated \$6300 at last year’s Town Meeting and we spent \$4931.16 of it so we were able to return \$1368.84 to the Town.”

“I thought you might like to know a little bit about the restoration process. It started off with cleaning dry. I don’t want to say dry cleaning because that implies something else. The entire curtain was gone over with hand vacuums, it was then humidified. Over the years these things get brittle and dry out. They need to be humidified so they have more support. Then it was dry sponge-cleaned by hand. Then it was spot-cleaned with various solvents and liquids in places where that needed to be done: highlights of the clouds and things of that sort that needed to be brought out. Then the pulls and tears were repaired with the latest methods, and those methods are such that there’s no build-up. There’s no thick fabric going on because that would grate as the thing was lowered and raised, so the very thinnest kinds of repairs are made. Finally, there was a selective touch-up painting, and that was done with acrylic paints which are water-based paints

which don't dissolve once they are dried. The roller was then padded. That's the thing on the bottom that the thing rolls up on. Oddly enough, this group that I was working with has discovered that the best modern roller to use is galvanized steel down pipe. When I saw the thing at first and we were beginning to conserve the curtain I thought that's the first thing we throw away because that must have been somebody's gym prank for the way of solving a problem. But no, that's the latest in technology for restoring town curtains and there are hundreds of town curtains around, I also discovered in this process. Then, of course, we built this box and tried to disguise it so that it wouldn't be an intrusive element in the room and then we rigged and installed the piece and that was the process we went through."

"You also might want to know a little bit about who Everett Warner was. Everett Warner actually lived in my house at the foot of Park Hill. It was a summer home at first. At the time he had the house as a summer home, he was teaching in Pennsylvania. During the war, he went to work in Washington and did what an artist would do for the war effort. That is, he designed camouflage for ships for the U.S. Navy. (During the First World War, Warner produced camouflage designs for the War Risk Bureau, and in WWII, was recalled by the Navy as Chief Civilian Aide for Ship Camouflage where he served from 1942 to 1945.) After the war he came to live permanently in Westmoreland, and sometime after the War ended and before 1948, he painted this curtain. And actually there's an article in the Keene Sentinel which was headlined something like, "I'm Sick Of The Old Curtain, So I Painted A New One." I've been meaning to look that up in the Archives, but I haven't gotten around to it yet. Everett Warner was no slouch. He was a classically trained artist of the time. He started out in the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C.; he went to the Art Student's League in New York City; he went to the Academe Julian in Paris where my wife also went and did his European stint and got a job as a faculty member in a very good University Carnegie Mellon in Pennsylvania, and was quite prolific and I personally like his paintings very much. They depict a kind of side of industrialization, particularly when he worked in Pennsylvania. When he came to live in Westmoreland, he painted more idealistic pictures about the countryside. A lot of them feature the Park Hill Meeting House. A very sort of horrible event occurred in 1972, and that is Everett Warner's studio caught fire and over 70% of the body of his work was lost in that fire. His studio was opposite the house on the right-hand side on Route 63 as you go north and if you look carefully between the Corak brick house and the Farquharson house you'll see the chimney stack of his studio that still stands there. That's where his studio was and that's where most of the pictures were stored. (That property is still owned by a Warner.) He died in 1963, and in 1972 the fire occurred in his studio. As flames burst through the roof, paintings and drawings were hurled out by the flames and where they hung up on tree branches. It must have been a sort of horrific and awful event to see a man's whole life's work go up in smoke. (Warner's paintings and etchings that were not lost in the fire are represented in the permanent collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Carnegie Mellon University, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Museum of the City of New York, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and many others.) That was Everett Warner."

"I'd like to thank some of the people who were involved as volunteers in the project. Without volunteer work we would not have been able to keep the costs down to what we

did. We used a professional conservator, Michele Pagan, and a professional from the Vermont Painted Curtains project, Chris Hadsel. Those people obviously aren't here, but we wouldn't have been able to do this without them. It was just by chance it turned out this project was going on in Vermont and we could take advantage of all of the wonderful things they discovered along the way that would have taken us...that just would have been impossible for us to discover on our own, so we were able to fall luckily into that."

"Bob Bonneau made the new home for the curtain and gave us a lot of extras, and also, he installed it. Jim Edmonds and Joe Edmonds were instrumental in the set up and the take down. The set up was quite extensive. We had to practically use every folding table in the Town of Westmoreland, because this thing had to fit on the table and that's the way the conservator and volunteer helpers worked. It was like a sea of tables. Bert Edmonds, Jim Blake, Julia King, and Pamela Carroll all worked on the conservation. I'd like to thank Wesley Staples who drilled through this very thick steel in order to keep the thing from coming down on us when we reel it up. Sometimes it gets a little stuck. The rope isn't quite right yet. It needs to be untwisted and until we got those holes drilled it was in danger of being pulled down on us when we reeled it up. And, of course, I'd like to thank Don Watson for almost playing the drum roll so that we could lower the thing properly. Thank you."

Moderator Carlson Barrett reflected by saying, "I can remember for many years growing up here in Town when Town Meeting was held over there at the Town Hall, and seeing throughout the years, the many Moderators in front of this picture. For me, it's an honor to stand in front of it here with you folks tonight. Let's give them another round of applause. This is absolutely beautiful. Thank you very, very much.

Now, we're going to proceed with the meeting."

Jack Laurent asked for point of order for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator led the pledge. Moderator Carlson Barrett then stated that the Town Warrant appears on page 6 of the Annual Report and the Operating Budget on page 8, and the meeting began.

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

Article Two moved by Elaine Moore and seconded by Russ Austin. No discussion. Article Two voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE THREE – 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 Three moved by Russ Austin and seconded by June Hammond. 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 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 Four so moved by Russ Austin and seconded by Jim Blake. No discussion.

Article Four voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIVE – 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 Five so moved by Wesley Staples and seconded by George Haselton. Moderator opened the Article up for discussion and Cindi Adler asked if that was to include the much needed parking lot area of the Post Office. Selectman Dave Putnam stated, “No. Not at this time. We’re taking care of the Fire Department and in front of the Town Hall, and hoping the Post Office will help with that part.” Selectman Russ Austin stated, “What we hope to do is the Fire Station, the Post Office, although not be responsible for the whole thing, and in front of the Town Hall.” Discussion closed by the Moderator.

Article Five voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIX – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the 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 Six moved by Russ Austin and seconded by Wesley Staples. No discussion.

Article Six voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE SEVEN – 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 Seven so moved by Dave Putnam and seconded by Russ Austin. Barry Shonbeck asked if this money was to replace a specific bridge or is this just into the general capital reserve fund. Russ Austin stated that this money is for bridges. He stated that “...a number of them that are classified as red-listed, which is a classification the State uses which means they need repair. We’ll try to take them in order of priority – whatever’s the worst and we’ll try to find the least expensive way out of it – repairing the

worst bridges first”. Priscilla Haselton asked if there were already funds allocated for this, and Dave Putnam said, “Yes, there is funds in the account already.” Russ Austin referred to Page 5 which lists the Capital Reserve Fund and their totals; there is \$20,368.42 in that fund now and we’re adding to that total at this time. No further discussion.

Article Seven voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT -- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be place in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article Eight moved by Harry Nelson and seconded by Russ Austin. No discussion.

Article Eight voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article Nine motion made by Kenneth Glover and seconded by Wesley Staples. No discussion.

Article Nine voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE TEN – 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.

Robert Moore Jr. made the motion that the proceeds from the Jotham Lord Fund be given to the Briggs Fund. Wesley Staples seconded the motion. Russ Austin said, “Now that you’ve brought up the Briggs Fund, our apologies to Karen LeDuc and Tina Fletcher. Somehow the report from the Briggs Fund didn’t get into the Annual Report, so we have them here on the table if you wish to pick one up on your way out. I know it’s not really pertinent to the thing, but…” The Moderator asked for any further discussion. There was none.

Article 10 voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

{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 Toadstool 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 }

ARTICLE ELEVEN – 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 Eleven motion was made by Carrie Simino and seconded by Priscilla Haselton. Sandra Blake asked if people were allowed to go and see these records from time to time at the Historical Society. Moderator Carlson Barrett said the answer is yes. Barry Shonbeck asked for reaffirmation that this is purely for storage, and it is not a gift to them; that they still remain the property of Westmoreland. The Moderator reaffirmed this. Russ Austin spoke to the article stating that in a very brief history, this has already been full circle once. They were sent to the Historical Society sometime in 2004 and the Selectmen received a few complaints though he wasn’t sure if it was the two individuals did not want them there in the first place, or if only that it was not done properly, which according to them was to bring it up at Town Meeting. “But, because of these two complaints, we felt we should bring them back, and they’ve sat in the cabinet since, waiting for Town Meeting, which is what the individuals wanted.” He read from the agreement, “...this loan agreement shows plainly that the loan status will expire in 10 years if we do this. If at that time Westmoreland has constructed a more protective facility, these documents may be brought back to Town. Meanwhile, they’re safe and available for research at any regular open hours 6 days a week at the Historical Society of Cheshire County. Westmoreland will not be charged for this. In other words, if you want to go look at them, at any regular time, you can.”

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 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 Twelve motion made by Jr. Starkey and seconded by Cici Bonneau.

Marshall Patmos made the motion to amend the Article to add \$350, that figure, in essence to restore the Conservation Commission Fund with the annual operating budget of \$350. Second was made by Jim Blake.

Amendment voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

Barry Shonbeck made the motion to amend the Article to restore \$1929 to the Planning / Zoning Budget in order to stay members of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission. This is a group that the Zoning Board has used quite extensively for Maps for the Town, for coming out with the Town Ordinances, and a number of other things. Russ Austin stated that the Selectmen had this in their budget but the Budget Committee pulled it out. Barry Shonbeck stated that this is a Commission to which 35 of the region's 36 towns belong or pay dues to – that means 35 towns we can get help and feedback from, and when 35 of the 36 towns pay dues to this group, that says that 35 towns think that this is well worth the money. We're talking less than \$2,000 there. And they've brought so much to this town alone already, including a grant. Jim Blake stated that he would like to reiterate what Barry said and the Town should stay within the Southwest Regional Planning Commission. He's seen it be a very useful tool for the Planning Board. They were very helpful in generating the Town Ordinances, and were very helpful in the Ordinance for the Tower and in re-writing the Master Plan. And most recently, they gave a lot of assistance with the Emergency Management Plan for the town. A lot of what they have contributed has really saved us and we should definitely stay in the group. John Harris asked if someone from the Budget Committee would speak to tell the Town why they took it out of the budget. No one spoke to this request. Patrice Aguda-Brown asked how long the Town had been a member. Barry said maybe 3 years, he wasn't sure. Wesley Staples stated the thought quite a lot longer. JoAnn LaBarre stated that we had been in it years ago and then we got out, then back in. Carrie Simino stated that they also provide training programs and gave help with the Elchip Grant for Park Hill –it is a very useful tool. Moderator Carlson Barrett said, "We have an Amendment on the floor now that we add \$1929 to the Operating Budget to make us once again members of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission."

Amendment voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

Mike Reed asked to speak to 4150 on page 8, it was \$17,740 proposed last year and now is \$45,536 for 2005. Russ Austin stated that the biggest single item increase in there is the \$21,096 which is for property assessing for which last year we passed a 5 year contract with Avitar and since that was year one, in years 2, 3, 4, & 5 the full rate of share automatically goes into the budget fund. Also we have \$7,000 in there for an audit. We decided to just include that in the budget this year. We had signed a contract with them already, subject to the town's approval. Don Hall asked if this Audit was going to be

done every year by an outside agency. Dave Putnam stated, "We don't need one every year. We took in a lot of Money from the flood from F.E.M.A. and if we take in over \$300,000 in funds from that agency, they like you to be audited, so that's why it's in the budget. It will just be this year to see where we're at." "Any further questions or discussion?" asked the Moderator. Russ Austin said "Yeah. I'll just throw out a figure so we can get the discussion going. I guess I would like to amend the bottom line of the budget, increase it by \$10,000." Many questioning: "For what?" Russ replied, "Oh, I was going to do that in the discussion... for the septic system in the Town Hall / Post Office, because it's been a big problem for a long while. I've had a lot of phone calls in the last month and a half." Moderator Carlson Barrett stated that motion has been made to amend to add \$10,000 to the bottom line of the budget to be spent on repairing the septic system at the Town Hall and the Post Office and asked for a second. The motion was seconded by Jack Laurent. Russ Austin stated that Postmistress Lynne Fisk has been calling him regularly regarding the septic smell in the Post Office. The employees at the Post Office said that last week alone there were 2-3 hours in the mornings where there was a very bad smell and the Selectmen really don't know what the problem is. The Selectmen have had various knowledgeable people look at it and they have replaced the toilet in the Post Office thinking maybe there was a crack or leak in it, but that did not correct the problem, so their feeling is there needs to be some major work to the septic system. Dave Putnam said he got an estimate of about \$8,000, but that's just to improve what's already there without making any major changes. Russ Austin said that he was told that Elwin Messer and Leon McClening put in whatever was good at the time but it's probably pretty well gone now and no one seems to know exactly where it is, although it's supposed to be somewhere at the base of one of the fire escapes. Anyway, it is long overdue and it does need to be fixed. Marshall Patmos suggested making the half moon in the door a little bigger to let it vent better, and questioned that if no one even knows where the system is, will \$10,000 be enough as that may just cover the exploratory search for it. He then asked if it had ever been pumped. Wes Staples said it has never been pumped. Dave Putnam stated, "The way the law reads, it's an in time thing. As long as we replace what is there like we have a metal tank, if it's rotted or whatever, we can replace it with a concrete tank, but if we add capacity, in other words, if we are going to change its use so you were going to add more toilets or add showers or that kind of thing, then we would have to have it engineered for spray field or whatever... but the quickest, cheapest fix is to replace what is there and that was roughly \$8,000. Mame Odette asked if the Fire Station is on the same septic system and Dave said no. There was further discussion if we could make the amount with contingency if we needed it, increase the amount, etc. but the Selectmen could not give any definite answer as they did not what they were dealing with.

The amendment of \$10,000 to be added to the bottom line of the budget to be used to repair the septic system at the Town Hall and Post Office was voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

Russ Austin said, "I was eating my...supper I got another phone call here...I would like to amend the bottom line of the budget by an extra \$3255... to take care of a probable increase in our ambulance contract." Motion was seconded by Carrie Simino. Russ

Austin spoke to the amendment stating that \$7,000 has been budgeted as that was what it was last year for the contract with City of Keene. “The call I got was from Chief Lamoreaux . He said was the price is going up. They are going to meet tomorrow with some representative or the next level of a committee that has to approve a request and they hope they’re going to get it. Our total for the year will come to \$11,338. instead of the \$7,000 for the year so that translates into about \$2,835 per quarter...before we were limited to a 3% cap even if the real costs went up more than that...however,... what really happened was that all the costs went up \$108,000 and that so far the City of Keene was footing that bill. Obviously they don’t want to do it permanently, so now all the I think, 7 towns... will be asked to pay their share...he said the first quarter will be billed as usual at the \$7,000 per year rate, that comes out to \$1,750 for the first quarterly rate, and then if we go with the higher rate for quarters 2, 3, and 4 that’s \$2,835 for the second, third and fourth quarter, so you add that all up, you come to \$10,255 for the full year. We allocated \$7,000 already that is in the budget, so the difference of \$3255 that’s my amendment.” Priscilla Haselton asked what the benefits are to the townspeople and if it includes Maplewood and the Jail. Russ stated that it is for any citizen in our town that needs ambulance service. Maplewood and the County Jail have their own private contracts. Jack Laurent stated that when he needed ambulance service, he received a bill for \$129 and paid it. Why are we paying this if we have to pay the bill ourselves? Russ stated that we pay because a lot of the people or some of the people don’t pay. Jack asked if we are trying to get reimbursed for the people that are not paying – let’s be fair. Russ stated, “...formerly we did, but when we started this new contract two or three years ago, part of being in the contract was that this group of whatever it is of 7 towns, they would take care of the record keeping and billing and get this extra money and we wouldn’t have to...doing it the old way, we kept billing, billing, billing and people never paid it.” Jack said, “...then what you are saying is I should not pay the bill?” Russ replied, “Well, if you want to incur that, I’m not saying that though.” Dave Putnam stated, “...based on having ambulance stand-by for this town, and run it...the insurance alone would cost you more than \$7,000 obviously... we pay to have an ambulance on stand-by, with 3 attendants 24 – 7. That’s what you’re paying for with this money. Basically, if you need a paramedic and they have to work on you, you will be billed for that. What you are paying for here is just to have an ambulance – for the town to have service. We don’t have a rescue squad. It’s volunteer. We have 5-6 EMT certified people from town on the squad but we’re not always available. The ambulance will come with 3 attendants and a paramedic will be on that ambulance. That’s what you are paying for here.” Bruce Clement asked if we don’t pay for this service and we don’t have a contract with City of Keene, what happens. Dave replied, “If we don’t have a contract, they’d probably send DiLuzio and you’d pay the whole bill, whatever it costs.” Bruce Clement asked if DiLuzio is then another option. Dave replied, “As a firefighter in this town, DiLuzio only comes with two attendants. Sometimes they don’t have a medic on staff all the time. If we come to your house in the middle of the day, and I leave my job at the County to come and assist, ...they come with two attendants, one of us has to go into Keene on the ambulance so there’s a driver and two attendants. Then somebody from my squad here in Town has to come pick me up and bring me home. For leaving my paying job for volunteer service it adds time to the call. On average we average 45 minutes per call, now you’ve added extra time to that because now I have to go to Keene

and someone else has to come pick me up and back to my job. I think its money well spent for the service to the Town. They do an excellent job.” Russ Austin asked if anyone else knows about this, if possibly they were missing anything so it could be voted on tonight. Bob Moore asked if we are renegotiating the contract. Russ responded, “I think that’s what we were discussing here. The original contract was either with the City of Keene or with DiLuzio. I think those were our only choices.” Marshall Patmos asked when the contracts were made and when are they up. Russ said he wished he knew, but didn’t. JoAnn Labarre stated that she is pretty sure it is up in April. She knew it was spring and it is a 3 year contract. Russ questioned JoAnn as to whether the contract is up when the first payment for 2005 is paid. JoAnn is not sure. Russ stated that when they signed the contract they are now with (City of Keene) they went with the City of Keene as it was less expensive than the alternative. Larry McFarland stated that this has come up at a very late moment and stated he didn’t think any of us have been given enough information to make a decision on it right now and suggested the Selectmen look into this and other options in negotiating and report to us at the next meeting. Russ stated that tonight was the first he had heard about it. Carrie Simino stated that City of Keene has 3 attendants on their service and if it’s a matter of someone in a “real needs” situation, she is in favor of staying with City of Keene. Russ explained the situation as last year we paid almost \$7,000 and this year they are estimating for Westmoreland is \$11,338 which is an additional \$4338. His understanding of it is that Keene has been left with \$108,000. They don’t want to pay for the 7 surrounding Towns using the service so they are now going to distribute, prorate and apply the amount to the 7 towns that are part of the district so as he understands, that is the biggest increase. JoAnn stated that prior to the contract with the City of Keene, we also paid and did the billing out of the Town Office to the individuals. It was hard to collect the money from some and we’d have to hire a private collection agency. The City of Keene probably had to hire a private collection agency. That’s probably what they are paying for. Dave Putnam said the City is real quick on sending out bills. They’re really good about renigging on the contracts too. We are just trying to be prepared so we have enough money to cover it. Bob Moore stated that he felt the issue just came up at the last minute. Dave said “It did. The City should have gotten to the Town so that they could have worked it into the Budget. Right, Bob, this is set per capita. We were at 3.62 per capita and now they are saying 7.37.” Barry Shonbeck questioned, “Just so I understand this...if we don’t approve this money, we stand a chance of not being able to renew our contract for the next year?” Dave said, “I’d say that’s true, or we’d have to shop around for the lowest bidder.” Russ stated that he didn’t know about this until a couple of hours ago and his take is that this \$108,000 which they are left with, they don’t wish to increase further so the average is now going to be distributed, prorated and applied to the 7 towns that are part of the district.” When asked if we still are covered, Russ replied, “...temporarily until hopefully we pay. Remember I said we were limited to a 3% cap, but really their costs were much more than that but because of the contract with 3%, they had to stick to that. When asked if the City is looking for another 3-year contract, or if it might be a 1-year, Russ replied he did not know. Dave Putnam stated, “I don’t know. I wasn’t involved with the negotiation and I was told we are to renegotiate in April. That’s probably why they weren’t in a hurry to tell us – because they knew we had to renegotiate the contract and they could discuss the per capita then.” Marshall Patmos stated, “... we are really close to both

Brattleboro and Keene here in Westmoreland and I don't feel it is out of the question to have the Selectmen negotiate with Brattleboro for their rescue/ambulance service instead of Keene. It might even be cheaper. I know the Emergency Room in Brattleboro is cheaper than Keene, and the overall may be also and maybe we should be looking into them." Mike Reed said that he believes the contract we have currently was extended from last year—that the 3-year contract was up and the reason they said they'd extend it was Keene was waiting to get their study done on the issue to determine all with costs. This doesn't have anything to do with April 1st as the new contract period. I have been in contact with them in the past few months in reference to what they have available. After the Moderator re-stating the Amendment motion that we add \$3255 to the bottom line of the operating budget for the increase amount for the Ambulance Service, the Amendment was voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

The new figure for Article 12 now reads \$795,205 with the Amendments.

Article 12 voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

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

Dave Putnam spoke to the fact that Russ Austin is leaving the Selectmen's Office. He stated that this was Russ' sixth year as Selectman. "He's done a lot of good for this town. I've certainly enjoyed working with him. I've learned a lot from him. He's got a great sense of humor. I think he deserves a big round of applause..." which he then received. Bill Chase then spoke of Russ stating that he served the community well and presented him with a bag of small items for their trip to Florida.

Bill Chase also stated that there is a meeting on Friday night at the Keene Library with regard to the County Jail. The County Delegation is meeting with the Keene City Council to share information. The meeting will be downstairs in one of the Hearing Rooms. The public is invited to come and listen and then afterwards submit written input if they wish to do that. There is to be a vote on the Bond Issue on March 28th. Dick Cate then urged as many townspeople as possible to attend. "It's very important that when the Delegation looks out on the crowd they see just as many people from Westmoreland as they do from Keene."

Moderator Carlson Barrett informed those present that Friday Night there is the School Meeting at the School at 7 pm.

Mike Reed recognized Scott Fifield, who had just returned home from Iraq. He had been there for over one year with the Army. He received a large round of applause. Moderator Carlson Barrett thanked Scott Fifield and all the others for their service and welcomed Scott back home.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 was made by Russ Austin and seconded by Barbara Messer.

Adjournment voted in the Affirmative by Voice Vote.

Unapproved Minutes

**Cindi H. Adler
Town Clerk**

INVENTORY VALUATION – 2005

Residential Land	\$ 48,895,600
Residential Buildings	76,452,200
Current Use Land	2,489,255
Commercial Land	6,970,100
Commercial Buildings	8,277,600
Manufactured Buildings	490,300
Public Utilities	2,473,500
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	\$146,048,555
Exemptions to Value	115,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE	\$145,933,555

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall – Land and Buildings	\$ 461,700
Town Hall – Furniture and Equipment	30,000
Library – Land and Buildings	250,500
Library – Contents	387,240
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Land and Buildings	77,200
Fire Department – Contents	100,000
Highway Department – Land and Buildings	148,400
Highway Department – Contents	51,500
Parks, Common and Playgrounds	140,700
School – Land and Buildings	1,909,100
School Equipment	210,000
Historical Land, Buildings and Contents	98,200
Transfer Station – Land and Buildings	120,700
Misc. Land (11 properties)	262,400
TOTAL	\$ 4,250,640

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$37,440
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,020
Financial Administration	45,536
Legal Expense	6,000
Personnel Administration	49,810
Planning & Zoning	4,704
General Government Building	28,595
Cemeteries	6,000
Insurance	17,500
Police	7,450
Ambulance	10,255
Fire & Rescue	22,780
Building Inspector	4,000
Emergency Management	1,000
Highways & Streets	353,624
Street Lighting	2,300
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	81,480
Animal Control	100
Health Officer	100
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000
Welfare Officer	130
Health Agencies	4,700
Parks & Recreation	4,375
Library	23,800
Patriotic Purposes	400
Conservation Commission	350
Loader/Backhoe	29,374
Interest on TAN & Long Term	6,382
Highway Truck	20,000
Government Building Paving	20,000
Guardrails	9,000
Hazard Mitigation - Culvert	25,050
Town Hall Furnace	3,500
Conservation Fund Transfer	4,000
Capital Reserve Funds	30,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	<u>\$882,755</u>
Less Revenues	643,741
Less Shared Revenue	6,464
Add-War Service Credits	7,400
Add -Overlay	<u>31,020</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	270,970
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	1,501,559
STATE EDUCATION TAX	401,864
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>318,748</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$2,493,141
Less-War Service Credits	<u>7,400</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	<u>\$2,485,741</u>
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$2,504,853
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	601,430
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>401,864</u>
	\$1,501,559

2005 Tax Rate	School - Local	\$10.29
	School - State	\$2.80
	County	\$2.19
	Town	<u>\$1.86</u>
		\$17.14

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2005

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:		
Secretary	20,612.00	
Selectmen	4,500.00	
Moderator	75.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00	
Printing	1,488.98	
Dues	1,284.95	
Notices	482.34	
Equipment- Computer	1,685.05	
Supplies	977.86	
Postage & PO Fees	230.68	
Equipment	215.97	
Jotham Lord Fund	35.23	
Other	<u>100.00</u>	31,838.06
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:		
Town Clerk	4,374.99	
Town Clerk Fees	9,142.00	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	90.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	120.00	
Town Clerk Telephone	1,014.52	
Printing	117.73	
Town Clerk Dues	45.00	
Notices	190.20	
Election Day Dinners	50.00	
Town Clerk Supplies	213.33	
Postage	764.81	
Town Clerk Publications	102.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,061.36	
Vital Statistics	<u>190.00</u>	17,475.94
4150 Financial Administration:		
Tax Collector	5,200.02	
Tax Collector Fees	1,040.00	
Treasurer	7,500.00	
Audit	7,373.00	
Property Assessing	28,527.00	
Bank Charges	322.84	
Recording Fees	174.77	
Printing	95.50	
Dues	70.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	55.55	
Treasurer Supplies	515.65	
Postage	983.86	
Other	<u>159.42</u>	52,017.61
4153 Legal Expenses		6,740.20

4155 Personnel Administration		
Health Insurance	27,811.89	
Dental Insurance	1,946.37	
FICA	12,291.53	
Medicare	2,874.66	
Retirement	6,952.48	51,876.93
4191 Planning & Zoning:		
ZBA Clerk Fees	950.00	
Printing	66.00	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,929.00	
Notices	325.02	
Supplies	66.65	
Postage	355.03	
Other	<u>46.96</u>	3,738.66
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian	4,200.04	
Telephone	1,881.20	
Internet Service	490.45	
Electricity	822.11	
Heating Fuel	4,082.44	
Propane	130.51	
Repairs & Maintenance	7,055.00	
Supplies	169.82	
Mowing	<u>815.00</u>	19,646.57
4195 Cemeteries		6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated/Dept		
Worker's Compensation	5,348.73	
Property Insurance	1,634.45	
Liability Insurance	3,339.80	
Contingency Fund	6,274.75	16,597.73
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 Police Department:		
Constable Salary	6,000.00	
E&O Insurance	794.84	
Supplies	<u>700.00</u>	7,494.84
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service		5,566.68
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:		
Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	
Telephones	694.24	
Training	1,905.00	
Electricity	609.86	
Heating Fuel	2,799.43	
E&O Insurance	387.09	
Life Insurance	140.00	
Vehicle Insurance	2,093.04	
Dues	150.00	
Office Supplies	1,283.15	
Building Repair & Maintenance	82.65	
Radio Repair	227.20	
Flow Testing	742.05	
Vehicle Fuel	570.11	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	1,911.10	
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	172.00	
Equipment	7,048.71	
Other	<u>49.24</u>	21,864.87
4240 Building Inspection:		
Building Inspector Salary		4,191.74
4290 Emergency Management:		
Forest Fire Control		91.79

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Permanent Wages 109,927.31

4312 Highways & Streets:

Uniforms	825.00	
Telephone	489.34	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	149.00	
Electricity	851.55	
Hired Equipment	4,151.30	
Vehicle Insurance	2,802.04	
Building Repair & Maintenance	667.65	
Paving- Asphalt	88,113.84	
Paving- Shimming	14,332.10	
Salt & Chloride	44,081.08	
Sand & Gravel	27,973.74	
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	26,055.96	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	25,723.29	
Cutting Edges	2,941.07	
Tires	4,347.00	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	83.13	
Culverts	2,916.40	
Signs	655.50	
Other	<u>1,265.70</u>	248,424.69

4313 Bridges

Repair & Maintenance 28,155.50

4316 Street Lighting

2,105.75

SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:

Recycling Employee	3,952.00	
Telephone	382.44	
Disposal Service	66,774.70	
Electricity	324.36	
Other	<u>203.05</u>	71,636.55

HEALTH

4411 Health Officer Salary 100.00

4414 Animal Control 84.00

4415 Health Agencies 4,700.00

WELFARE

4441 Welfare Administration:

Welfare Officer Salary 100.00

Dues 30.00 130.00

4442 Direct Assistance 418.10

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:

Mowing 4,375.00

4550 Library:

Library Salaries 16,185.27

Appropriation 7,614.73 23,800.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags 151.59

CONSERVATION

4611 Conservation:

Maps	75.00	
Other	<u>93.00</u>	168.00

DEBT SERVICE

4711 Loader/Backhoe		29,373.54
4711 Highway Truck		20,000.00
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans		3,181.04
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN		8,370.61

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901 Land & Improvements		
Government Building Paving		19,650.00
Guardrails		8,044.50
Hazard Mitigation Grant - Culvert		19,434.10
4903 Buildings		
Town Hall Furnace		3,500.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Special Revenue Account		
4912 Conservation Fund		3,080.00
4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts		
Bridge Reconstruction		10,000.00
Fire Equipment		5,000.00
Highway Equipment		15,000.00

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES **\$883,951.90**

OTHER EXPENSES

Refund of Taxes	14,302.78	
County Taxes	320,417.00	
Overpayment of Property Tax	2,571.00	
Overpayment of Motor Vehicle	189.00	
School District	2,111,150.00	
Short Term Principal (TAN)	900,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	50,905.32	
Transfer to Conservation Fund	175.00	
Accounts Payable - FEMA	87,202.06	
Undesignate Fund Balance - Bridge Repair	149,190.35	
Reserved from 2004:		
Engineering	27,213.57	
Bridge Repair	40,000.00	
Warner Curtain	2,359.10	

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES \$3,705,675.18

GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS **4,589,627.08**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2005	\$181,323.79
Activity:	
plus voided checks	136.72
plus receipts	4,028,520.52
less payments	4,589,627.08
plus accounts payable	44,445.51
plus investment cash flow	<u>425,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2005:	\$89,799.46

Distribution of Cash-on-Hand General Fund Accounts:

TDBanknorth Checking	\$89,799.46
TDBanknorth Investment Account	\$1,037,141.96
MBIA Investment Account	<u>\$743.14</u>
Total Cash-on-Hand 12/31/05	\$1,127,684.56

John A. Brown
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2005

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - Current Year	2,468,459.18	
Tax Leins Redeemed	48,608.96	
Taxes Sold to Town	47,214.00	
Land Use Change Tax	6,160.00	
Yield (Timber) Tax	7,145.99	
Excavation Tax	4,552.14	
Tax Interest & Penalties	6,030.58	
Tax Interest & Costs - Redemptions	5,018.98	
Total from Local Taxes		\$2,593,189.83

From Licenses & Permits:

Motor Vehicle Permits	256,005.14	
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	784.00	
U.C.C. Fees	750.00	
Dog Licenses & Fines	2,301.50	
Building Permits	4,191.74	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	778.00	
Marriage Licenses	225.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	396.00	
Pistol Permits	120.00	
Current Use Fees	27.00	
Dump Permits	50.00	
Junk Yard Fee	25.00	
Non-Sufficient-Fund Fees	185.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	5.00	
Total from Licenses & Permits		\$265,843.38

From Federal Sources		
Federal Gov't - Snow Storms	18,763.55	
Federal Gov't - '05 Floods	20,338.52	
Total from Federal Sources		\$39,102.07
From State Sources:		
Shared Revenue	17,819.00	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	67,508.60	
Highway Block Grant	73,941.86	
Forest Land Reimbursement	21.15	
Hazard Mitiagation Grant	19,500.00	
Old Mill Brook Bridge	36,253.00	
Misc.	150.00	
Total from Intergovernmental Sources		\$215,193.61
From Charges for Services:		
Fire Department	570.11	
Total from Charges for Services		\$570.11
From Interest		
Checking Account	3,862.86	
		\$3,862.86
From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rent	4,000.08	
Town Hall Rent	1,636.00	
Total from Rent of Property		\$5,636.08
Forest Fire Reimbursement	91.79	
Insurance Reimbursement	4,150.00	\$4,241.79
From Other Local Sources:		
Copies & Postage	337.25	
Misc.	333.31	
Total from Other Local Sources		\$670.56
Transfer from Trust Fund - Jotham Lord	35.23	
Transfer from Conservation Commission	175.00	
		\$210.23
From Other Financial Sources:		
Tax Anticipation Notes	900,000.00	
Total from Other Financial Sources		\$900,000.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,028,520.52

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA)

Balance - January 1, 2005	\$722.26
Plus Deposits in 2005	\$200,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2005	\$20.88
Less Withdrawals in 2005	\$200,000.00
Balance - December 31, 2005	\$743.14

TDBanknorth Investment Account

Balance - January 1, 2005	\$1,454,472.16
Plus Deposits in 2005	\$1,375,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2005	\$7,669.80
Less Withdrawals in 2005	\$1,800,000.00
Balance - December 31, 2005	\$1,037,141.96

Conservation Commission Account

Balance - January 1, 2005	13,601.16
Plus transfer from General Fund	3,255.00
Plus interest received	427.66
Less Payments	0.00
Balance - December 31, 2005	\$17,283.82

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 12/31/05) - \$31,538.34

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 12/31/05) - \$20,478.00

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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August 1, 2005

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated August 1, 2005.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement

The management of the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire's ability to record,

process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the basic financial statements.

LACK OF SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Observation

Due to the limited number of people working in the office, many critical duties are combined and given to available employees. Presently, a single individual prepares and signs checks, reconciles bank accounts, performs all payroll duties, and maintains the general ledger. We noted that the Town's bookkeeper is also the Town's treasurer. This represents a lack of segregation of duties since the person who is responsible for writing the checks also has the authority to sign the checks and the authority to reconcile the bank statement after month end.

Implication

Internal controls over cash and cash disbursements are weakened as the same individual who is responsible for writing the checks also reconciles the bank statement after month end, and records the transaction. The Town is exposed to an increased risk that unauthorized disbursements will be made and go undetected.

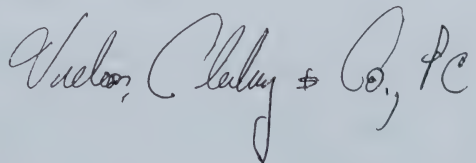
Recommendation

To the extent possible, duties should be segregated to serve as a check and balance to maintain the best control system as possible. We recommend that all checks require the signatures of two selectmen as well as the treasurer.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the basic financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We believe that the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Town of Westmoreland in a separate letter dated August 1, 2005.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Commissioners. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.



**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
WESTMORELAND, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005**

Motor Vehicle Registrations - 2434	\$256,005.14
Overpayments	189.00
Title Application Fees	784.00
Dog Licenses 350 Tag	2,151.50
6 Group	150.00
Vital Statistic Research/Request	396.00
Marriage License – 5	225.00
Candidacy Filings – 9	5.00
UCC and Other Filings	705.00
Bank Return Fees	185.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK	\$260,795.64

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts—Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

DEBITS

	2005	2004	2003	Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes		212049.53		
Yield Taxes		1319.79	1182.65	839.00
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Taxes	2485247.00			
Land Use Change	18070.00			
Yield Taxes	7594.56			
Excavation Tax	4552.14			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	572.00	2000.00		
Interest – Late Taxes	156.87	5911.85		
TOTAL DEBITS	2516192.57	221281.17	1182.65	839.00

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes	2304332.65	163937.53		
Land Use Change	6160.00			
Yield Taxes	5365.23	941.76		839.00
Interest	156.87	5911.85		
Excavation Taxes	4552.14			
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		47214.00		
Abatements Made				
Property Taxes		2898.00		
Land Use Change	4620.00			
Yield Taxes	1629.40			
Uncollected Taxes – End of Year				
Property Taxes	181486.35			
Land Use Change	7290.00			
Yield Taxes	599.93	378.03	1182.65	
TOTAL CREDITS	2516192.57	221281.17	1182.65	839.00

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

	Tax Lien on Accounts of Levies of			
DEBITS	2004	2003	2002	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance At Beginning of Fiscal Year		34421.03	14560.92	39090.48
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	50905.32			
Interest and Costs Collected	457.99	1132.95	658.74	2769.30
TOTAL DEBITS	51363.31	35553.98	15219.66	41859.78
CREDITS				
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year				
Redemptions	6736.29	6720.99	4139.72	31011.96
Interest and Costs Collected After Lien Execution	457.99	1132.95	658.74	2769.30
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	44169.03	27700.04	10421.20	8078.52
TOTAL CREDITS	51363.31	35553.98	15219.66	41859.78

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2005

One Family Dwelling: 10
Swimming Pools: 1
Sheds: 3

Barns: 2
Additions: 5
Tower Additions: 1

Commercial: 1
Decks: 1

Respectfully Submitted,
Linn Starkey, Jr.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

There were two cemetery lots sold in 2005. Thank you to McKim Mitchell of Chesterfield for reassembling and erecting four older stones in the South Village Cemetery. While the responsibility of stone repair lies with the lot owners, in many cases this is not possible and we feel it is important to repair what we can with some of the funds we receive.

For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

Cemetery Trustees: Carlson Barrett, Don Hall & JoAnn LaBarre

2005 Financial Report
Cemetery Trustees
Savings Bank of Walpole
Savings Account

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2005	\$8,299.90
INCOME:	
2005 Town Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Trust Funds Interest - 2004	\$2,338.21
Lot Sales	\$600.00
Interest	\$120.27
	\$9,058.48
EXPENSES:	
C&D Landscaping - mowing/clean-up	\$5,340.00
Stone Repair	\$287.50
Newspaper Notice	\$74.10
Westmoreland Trustees of Trust Funds	\$300.00
	\$6,001.60
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2005	\$11,356.78

BRIGGS FUND REPORT

On December 21st, 2005 the staff and students at Westmoreland School held their annual holiday parties.

As you know, the Briggs, Bleeker and White Funds are used to purchase gifts for all the students at Westmoreland School. At last year's Town Meeting, it was voted to use the interest from the Lord Fund for this purpose.

This year, because of a generous donation from Westmoreland Girl Scout Troop 4012, the interest from the Briggs, Bleeker and White Funds were not needed to carry out this tradition. The Lord Fund interest was used to purchase wrapping paper. This Girl Scout Troop had received a donation of brand new, handmade glass ornaments from JoAnn's Fabric and they were unanimous in their decision to share this with the Westmoreland School. They have also donated these ornaments to Joan's Pantry to be included in their holiday food baskets.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts for their generosity and thank you for the opportunity to carry out this tradition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Fletcher

Planning Board Report 2005

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and begin at 7:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public. If anyone has business to bring before the board, they should contact the board's secretary to be put on the agenda.

In 2005 there were 4 lot line adjustments approved, one business transfer plan reviewed and approved, and one subdivision that was not approved. There were a number of informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land.

The board experienced some losses this year with the resignations of Alan Johnson and Jeff Ingram. We welcomed back Wesley Staples who was on the board a number of years ago and Bob Harcke as a new member of the board. Members are appointed by the Selectmen.

The purpose of the planning board is to guide the development of the town. This is carried out through use of the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinances and processes such as subdivision and site plan review. We would like to remind residents that the Zoning Ordinances and booklets listing the necessary steps and applicable ordinances for subdivision or site plan review are available in the Selectmen's office and are on the town's website. If a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector is the first place to start. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed. If residents have suggestions for changes for the Zoning Ordinances we encourage you to submit them to the board for consideration.

Westmoreland Planning Board Members

Lauren Bressett, Chair
Laurie Burt, Secretary
James Ashworth
Robert Harcke

Wesley Staples
Walter Derjue, Alternate
Linn Starkey, Jr., Selectman

TRANSFER STATION REPORT - 2005

Item Description	# of Haul	Total Tons	Total Cost
Compactor	40	350	37182.05
Demo - 30yd	27	73.15	4683.25
Co-Mingle 30yd	27	42.05	2700
Cardboard - 30yd	8	26.64	800
Paper - 30yd	4	45.35	400
Appliances - 30y	2	3.31	0
Metal - 30yd	6	15.04	0
Totals	114	555.54	45765.3

WESTMORELAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department along with regular Highway maintenance, resurfaced approximately 7 miles of road this summer, installed a cement box culvert on South Village Road as part of a Hazard Mitigation Grant through the state, and replaced 850' of guardrail on River Road.

FWW Construction completed the Old Millbrook Road Bridge construction project just prior to the floods of October.

Unlike our neighbors to the North and South, we did not sustain any severe damage to the roads, however the Hatt Road Bridge was closed due to scouring under both abutments. There was minor damage to approximately half of the Town roads, consisting of mostly ditch and shoulder erosion, Highway personnel completed all repairs prior to winter.

We would like to thank the residents of Westmoreland for their continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectively submitted
Gary Hudson, Road Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2005 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; including accidents, operation complaints, and general assistance to motorists. Activity in these areas increased this year. 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. Many traffic complaints come from motorists passing through town on route 12 and calling in complaints on cell phones.

Last year I noted a sharp increase in accidental and hang-up calls to 911 this year. Problems in this area have decreased slightly. Again, 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. 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	55	Domestic disturbance	4
Alarms	13	Noise Complaints	5
Harassment	3	Road Hazards	11
Animal	22	House Checks	0
Assault	2	Juvenile (other than arrests)	3
Citizen Assist (General)	21	Burglary	2
Criminal Mischief	2	Miscellaneous	41
Criminal Threatening	0	Motor Vehicle Complaints	29
Criminal Trespass	2	Sexual Assault (Felony)	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Sexual Assault (Mis.)	0
Theft/Fraud	9	Suspicious Persons	8
911 Hang-up Calls	23	Assist Motorist (General)	9
		TOTAL CALLS:	264

James Cemorelis
Town Constable

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Programs: This has been a year filled with program activity. In April, Janisse Ray spoke to us of her books written about her Georgia childhood. In November, Marjorie Pivar, co-author of "Fourth Uncle in the Mountain," was keynote speaker at our 100th Birthday Celebration and Volunteer Recognition event. Story Hour for preschoolers, led by Jayne Burnett and Missy Kritzer, was held every other week. The Book Group, coordinated by Julie King, met the first Tuesday of the month. A Book Party was held in May. Cindy Cote offered a scrap-booking workshop one Saturday. The Summer Reading Program, "Camp Wannaread," included guest speaker Maxine Houle, and a trip to the Wise Mine led by Bob Borofsky, among other activities, including map-making and watercolor painting. **Circulation Statistics:** The library was open a total of 150 days. Of the 4276 items borrowed, 323 were received from other libraries, and 278 were sent to other libraries. Of the other 3675 items borrowed from the library, 59% were fiction; 28% non-fiction; 2% audiocassettes; 5% videos; and 6% magazines. 30 new patrons were registered. 29 adult reference and 23 children's reference questions were researched. In-house use of the library reading area totaled 182, and the computer was used 53 times by patrons and other visitors. 399 items were added, 375 of which were print materials. 213 titles were withdrawn from the collection. The library sent out overdue notices for 139 items; 5 items were lost. **Patron Statistics:** There were 2969 patron visits. 98 adults and 115 children attended Story Hour.; 47 adults and 51 children participated in the Summer Reading Program; and 161 adults and 207 children attended library programs, including school visits and special programs. 32 persons attended our 100th birthday party. In all, 53 library programs and one non-library program were held at the library. **Collection Management:** We are planning to combine our older fiction collection with Chesterfield Library. This will make more space for newer acquisitions. Books not here may be borrowed easily from Chesterfield. **Grants:** This year we received a grant from the Libri Foundation. We raised enough money from our book sale to donate \$350 toward a 2 for 1 grant for \$700, making a total of \$1050 worth of children's books. **Annual Book Sale:** was held at the Westmoreland School, as part of the "Our Town" project. The annual book sale alone added \$366.25 to our revenue. **Technical progress:** The library is currently linked to the Internet through Verizon's DSL service. The wireless feature allows patrons to use the Internet through their own computers in or near our library. Data entry of our adult fiction and non-fiction holdings has continued with volunteer assistance. **Volunteers and projects:** The library has started to loan books to Maplewood residents. Volunteers reported 458 hours of donated time to the library. Their time is very much appreciated and contributes to the smooth running of our services. **Looking ahead,** the library continues to fulfill its mission of providing the community with materials for research and recreation available here and throughout New Hampshire. We appreciate our patrons' suggestions for acquisitions and special programs. Through our membership in the Nubanusit Cooperative, we are able to remain current with the developments in the library world. Informing our patrons of new developments is a challenge, but we have seen good results with our signboard, and through our patrons' network. Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Crowther, Librarian

Westmoreland Public Library
Statement of Activities
For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2005

Cash Inflows	Operations	Memorial & Special	Building	Total
Town Appropriations	23,800.00			23,800.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	360.45			360.45
Book Sales & Fundraising	445.47			445.47
Contributions	230.00	5,100.00		5,330.00
Interest	4.24		328.65	332.89
Other (copier, late fees)	55.00			55.00
Total Cash Inflows	24,895.16	5,100.00	328.65	30,323.81
Cash Outflows				
Payroll	16,185.27			16,185.27
Books/Periodicals	2,969.99	260.36		3,230.35
Supplies	388.25			388.25
Utilities (gas, electric, phone)	3,148.35			3,148.35
Postage & Box Rental	160.97			160.97
Computer Expenses	736.77			736.77
Equipment & Repairs	666.80		81.25	748.05
Mileage	87.29			87.29
Printing	12.80			12.80
Dues	40.00			40.00
Maintenance	0.00		65.00	65.00
Miscellaneous	358.80			358.80
Program Expenses	50.97			50.97
Total Cash Outflows	24,806.26	260.36	146.25	25,212.87
Net Cash from Operations	88.90	4,839.64	182.40	5,110.94
Balance 1/1/05	2,667.09	936.73	13,624.25	17,228.07
Net Cash from Operations	88.90	4,839.64	182.40	5,110.94
Balance 12/31/05	2,755.99	5,776.37	13,806.65	22,339.01
Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance 12/31/05				8,532.36
Edward Jones Investment Account Balance 12/31/05				13,806.65
				<u>22,339.01</u>

REPORT OF THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION **For the year 2005**

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. Also 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. The Commission has reviewed and responded to a number of wetland applications and general wetland issue inquiries. We continue to work on the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) which will give an overview of the natural resources including farm and forestland, wetland and soil information and some of the environmentally sensitive areas of the town. A digitized tax map has been prepared incorporating property lines with soils data, wetland and water resources. All the maps and overlays are available at the town hall for use by selectmen, conservation commission, planning and zoning boards, residents and others.

At the end of the year an open space committee, as recommended in the town Master Plan, was formed with a diverse membership starting to formulate plans for conserving the rural character and special places in town. The group has been meeting monthly and invites anyone interested to attend. Contact a Conservation Commission member for information.

A successful “our town” photo contest was held, helping to promote the positive aspects of what makes Westmoreland special and plans are to repeat it in 2006. The Commission is coordinating a spring roadside cleanup effort and continues to try to locate a Connecticut River public boat landing for canoes and kayaks on public property.

As usual, members are active in a number of committees and groups in the region and have attended a variety of natural resource training and seminars throughout the year. The Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall. We are always looking for interested individuals to help us with the tasks at hand. Feel free to contact any of the members about our work or with questions or concerns with environmental or conservation issues. Also check the town website for more information on the Conservation Commission.

Respectively submitted,
Marshall Patmos , Chairman
Members:
Jim Blake, Vice Chairman
Jeff Smith, Secretary
Walt Derjue
George Duke
John Lukin

WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The department responded to a total of 107 fire and rescue calls in 2005. These calls consumed over 396 person hours. The active roster stands at 14 fire and rescue personal. The department welcomed one new member during the year. The department hosted the Forest Fire Warden's Association Dinner in May and held its annual Chicken barbecue in July. The Westmoreland Town Band provided the music for the chicken barbecue.

We received two grants from the State of New Hampshire in 2005, one of the grants was for New Mobile radios in all of the trucks, and the other was for a new computer for the fire station so we can do all of the EMS and Fire reports that need to be sent to the state.

We would like to ask for your help by putting your house numbers on either your house [If visible from the road] or on 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 the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. We also encourage you to stop by the Fire Station and take a look at some of the equipment the department has.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for your outstanding support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Harry Nelson

2005 FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
Automatic Fire Alarms		
County Jail	0	0:00
Maplewood Nursing Home	3	4:48
Private Residence	3	4:17
Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
School	1	0:22
Brush Fire	5	24:14
Car Fire	4	15:48
Chimney Fire	1	4:45
CO Detector	2	9:30
Downed Wires / Transformer	5	8:22
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas / Oil Leak	1	9:00
Good Intent / Smoke Investigat	2	2:48
Hazmat	0	0:00
Medical Emergencies		
County Jail	1	1:51
Maplewood Nursing Home	3	4:20
Other	33	58:23
Motor Vehicle Accident	26	178:01
Mutual Aid	9	46:32
Public Assist	4	16:58
Structure Fires	0	0:00
Other	4	6:32
Total	107	396:21
Month	# Calls	Total Number Of Calls
Jan-05	10	10
Feb-05	7	17
Mar-05	9	26
Apr-05	5	31
May-05	13	44
Jun-05	10	54
Jul-05	11	65
Aug-05	5	70
Sep-05	5	75
Oct-05	11	86
Nov-05	11	97
Dec-05	10	107

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Activities in 2005

In 2005 the Zoning Board of Adjustment had four (4) requests for Variances. Two of these were granted and two were denied. It also had six (6) requests for Special Exceptions. Of these five (5) were granted and one (1) was denied.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for Special Exceptions and Variances originate with the Zoning Administrator R. Bruce Smith. Hearings are usually held 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 2005: Peter Remy, Chairman, Brenda Shelley, Brian Merry, John Burt, and Barry Shonbeck. Alternates Russell Huntley and April Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted
Helen Draper, Clerk

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND

Trustees of Trust Funds

Annual Report - 2005

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 2005 on trust funds was 2.67%, significantly better than the 1.61% in 2004. The trust fund CDs are laddered in maturity and we expect a further improvement in return in 2006. Capital Reserve funds continue to be invested in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool. Return on Capital Reserve funds was 1.60% in 2005 compared with 1.12% in 2004. A new trust fund was established in the memory of Jeffrey Starkey. Thomas Bates replaced George Nitschelm as a Trustee, as George has moved from Westmoreland.

Trustees:

Thomas Bates
Patrick N. Baker
Russell Kotfila

2005
MS 9

Purpose	Date	How Invested	PRINCIPAL		INCOME				GRAND TOTAL			
			12/31/04 Balance	Share	New Funds	Withdrawn	12/31/05 Balance	12/31/04 Balance	Expanded 2005	12/31/05 Balance	12/31/04	12/31/05
COMMON TRUST FUNDS												
Cemetery Library	EJ - CDs		104,411.23	30.6%	300.00	518.87	10,719.37	2,804.23	518.87	2,338.21	11,704.25	115,896.81
Union Meeting House	EJ - CDs		22,849.19	6.7%	40.00		400.44	596.92		400.45	23,456.83	23,456.83
Other	EJ - CDs		2,934.48	0.9%	12.53		73.36	117.01		310.88	2,965.89	3,059.27
	EJ - CDs		42,582.51	12.53%	2,872.35		3,226.90	1,177.88			45,818.41	48,568.77
Total Common Trust Funds			172,787.39	50.9%	3,212.95	518.87	14,368.14	4,622.52	518.87	3,049.64	18,488.88	181,970.78
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS												
Fire Truck	1989	POIP#	15,000.00	4.4%	5,000.00		188.59	436.82			625.21	15,185.59
Town Revaluation	1983	0004	20,000.00	0.0%			528.23	15.33			543.56	20,628.21
Highway Truck	1989	0005	20,000.00	5.9%	15,000.00		1,067.81	810.84			1,708.45	21,007.81
SPED/HS Tuition	1986	0006	37,910.00	11.2%	28,107.00		887.00	1,493.27			1,980.78	39,007.78
Recreation Fund	2001	0019	1,723.81	0.5%			124.20	52.81			177.01	1,900.82
Police Cruiser	1998	0033	7,000.00	2.1%	10,000.00		979.42	277.90			1,267.32	7,979.42
School Renovation	2002	0034	15,000.00	4.4%	10,000.00		287.86	590.57			868.23	15,288.23
Bridge Rebuilding	2002	0035	20,000.00	5.9%	10,000.00		388.42	587.33			965.75	20,965.75
Landfill Closure	2003	0038	50,000.00	14.7%	10,000.00		502.44	1,442.72			1,845.23	50,502.44
Total Capital Reserve Funds			186,633.81	48.1%	88,107.00	0.00	234,740.81	4,588.08	5,447.46	0.00	10,016.52	171,202.87
TOTAL ALL FUNDS			339,421.20	100.0%	71,319.95	518.87	410,221.86	18,987.20	10,089.88	3,049.64	28,506.40	358,388.40
												438,728.06

2006 ADDITIONS

Date	Trust Fund	Amount	Trust Fund	Amount	Purpose	Amount
2-24-05	Acerno, M.J., Scholarship fund - reinvest	\$10.28	Acerno, M.J., Scholarship Fund	Transfer to Principal	Per Terms of Trust	\$10.28
2-24-05	Men's Club - reinvest	\$6.44	Acerno, M.J., Scholarship Fund	T. Acerno	Scholarship	\$125.00
4-24-05	Library	\$40.00	Cemetary Trust Funds	Cemetary Trustees	Cemetary Maintenance	\$1,819.34
6-20-05	North Cemetary Perp. Care	\$200.00	Cemetary Trust Funds	Transfer to Income	Cemetary Maintenance	\$518.67
7-21-05	South Village Perp. Care	\$100.00	Jobham Lord Trust Fund	Westmoreland Library	Town Needs	\$35.23
various	Jeff Starkey Scholarship	\$2,855.63	Library Trust Funds	Westmoreland Library	Support of Town Library	\$400.45
		\$3,212.35	Starkey - Cobb Fund	J. LaBarre	Care of Aged & Needy	\$134.03
		\$5,000.00	Westmoreland Men's Club	Transfer to Principal	Per Terms of Trust	\$6.44
3-9-05	School Renovation	\$13,644.00				\$3,049.64
3-5-05	SPED/HS Tuition	\$5,000.00				
11-15-05	School Renovation	\$14,483.00				
11-15-05	SPED/HS Tuition	\$5,000.00				
12-20-05	Fire Truck	\$10,000.00				
12-20-05	Bridge Rebuilding	\$15,000.00				
12-20-05	Highway Truck	\$68,107.00				

COMMON TRUST FUNDS MS10

Name of Fund	Purpose	Date	Acct	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			GRAND TOTAL		
				Balance	Share	Total share	New Funds Withdrawn	Balance	Income	Transfer	Expended	Balance	12/31/05
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS													
2005													
Cemetary	Cemetary			301.52	0.2%	0.2%	1.52	300.00	107.74	6.80	8.02	307.35	308.02
Cemetary	Cemetary			100.91	0.1%	0.1%	0.91	100.00	107.74	0.91	111.06	208.65	211.06
Cemetary	Cemetary			7,920.38	4.9%	38.14	7,920.24	1,882.24	246.28	176.95	305.96	9,169.66	9,168.23
Cemetary	Cemetary			5,095.58	2.9%	53.58	5,095.00	2,219.51	177.69	63.36	238.69	13,046.65	13,095.78
Cemetary	Cemetary			12,825.91	7.9%	74.91	12,825.00	1,857.58	454.50	333.17	570.33	15,287.03	15,287.03
Cemetary	Cemetary			14,832.53	8.6%	74.91	14,832.00	1,857.58	454.50	74.91	561.51	15,287.03	15,287.03
Cemetary	Cemetary			507.91	0.3%	2.91	507.00	2.91	56.72	11.72	14.87	520.33	520.33
Cemetary	Cemetary			301.48	0.2%	1.48	300.00	0.00	50.83	7.47	1.48	307.31	308.02
Cemetary	Cemetary			11,356.72	6.6%	0.00	11,356.72	204.63	291.67	0.00	196.03	11,548.41	11,548.41
Cemetary	Cemetary			17,689.56	10.2%	292.05	17,689.56	440.38	282.05	583.31	611.22	18,161.66	18,161.66
Cemetary	Cemetary			33,463.73	19.4%	0.00	33,463.73	6,231.28	988.91	0.00	586.82	39,721.01	40,103.10
Cemetary	Cemetary			104,411.23	60.4%	300.00	104,192.36	10,719.36	2,804.23	5,187.87	2,398.21	115,130.59	115,896.81
Total Cemetary								104,192.36			11,704.25		
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS													
Bennett, E. G.	Library	1978		4,743.86	20.8%	2.7%	4,752.16	63.15	117.70	63.14	117.71	4,827.01	4,869.87
Biggs, O.L.	Library	1918		2,009.69	8.8%	1.2%	2,013.21	35.23	48.96	35.22	48.87	2,044.62	2,063.08
Burt, M.W.	Library	1903		502.28	2.2%	0.3%	503.16	8.60	12.46	8.60	12.46	511.06	515.62
Colson, H.F.	Library	1967		1,004.64	4.4%	0.6%	1,006.90	17.62	24.93	17.61	24.94	1,022.46	1,031.94
Cousens, R.G.	Library	1978		200.58	0.8%	0.1%	200.58	3.59	4.94	3.59	4.94	204.52	206.30
Greene, Dorothy P.	Library	2000		5,000.00	21.9%	2.9%	5,008.75	87.55	124.03	87.63	123.97	5,087.55	5,132.72
Neil, Emory	Library	1983		1,004.81	4.4%	0.6%	1,006.57	17.82	24.84	17.81	24.84	1,024.43	1,031.51
Neil, Frances	Library	1989		1,017.07	4.5%	0.6%	1,018.85	17.84	25.24	17.82	25.26	1,034.91	1,044.11
Starkley, M.	Library	1978		2,713.06	11.9%	1.6%	2,717.81	47.56	67.31	47.55	67.32	2,769.62	2,785.13
Thompson & Overman	Library	1978		2,009.71	8.8%	1.2%	2,012.23	35.23	48.96	35.22	48.87	2,044.94	2,063.10
Warner, K.T.	Library	1978		22,849.19	13.2%	40.00	22,889.19	400.44	566.92	0.00	400.45	23,249.63	23,456.08
Total								22,849.19			11,704.25		
UNION MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUNDS													
Hall, Sarah M.K.	U.M.H.	1947		100.31	0.1%	0.1%	100.31	1.78	2.51	1.78	2.51	102.07	104.58
Hall, Victor	U.M.H.	1946		502.60	0.3%	0.3%	502.60	8.63	12.57	8.63	12.57	511.43	524.00
Johnson, Lewis P.	U.M.H.	1985		1,004.64	0.6%	0.6%	1,004.64	17.59	25.13	17.59	25.13	1,022.43	1,047.56
Woodward Memorial	U.M.H.	1965		3,328.71	1.4%	0.00	3,328.71	33.25	33.17	33.25	33.17	3,365.13	3,371.71
Total								5,366.26			124.61		
OTHER TRUST FUNDS													
Acemo Scholarship Fund	School			5,870.67	3.4%	10.28	5,880.95	142.92	146.63	135.28	154.47	6,013.59	6,035.42
Bleeker	School			502.49	0.3%	0.00	502.49	8.81	12.56	21.37	21.37	511.30	523.96
Pearl Brigg	School			9,104.19	5.3%	0.00	9,104.19	216.41	229.05	445.46	445.46	9,320.60	9,549.65
Briggs Christmas	School			1,004.52	0.6%	0.00	1,004.52	17.60	25.12	42.72	42.72	1,022.12	1,047.24
Cutter Grammar	School			508.47	0.3%	0.00	508.47	179.09	18.80	195.99	195.99	687.56	704.46
Etty	School			905.33	0.5%	0.00	905.33	131.10	25.47	156.57	156.57	1,036.43	1,061.90
Fox	School			1,004.84	0.6%	0.00	1,004.84	146.20	28.29	174.49	174.49	1,151.04	1,179.33
Low Leach Graduates	School			2,533.12	1.5%	0.00	2,533.12	44.69	63.35	108.04	108.04	2,578.81	2,641.16
Jeff Stanley	School			0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	54.06	0.00	54.06	54.06	2,609.89	2,669.95
Marion Ford	Town			2,010.89	1.2%	0.00	2,010.89	35.23	48.64	35.23	48.64	2,046.76	2,095.73
Marion Ford	Town			3,689.38	2.1%	0.00	3,689.38	64.44	86.44	134.03	134.03	3,787.85	3,868.32
Shaw Cobb	Agled			7,647.87	4.4%	6.44	7,647.87	134.03	190.70	190.70	190.70	7,781.90	7,839.57
Town Library	School			1,781.58	1.0%	0.00	1,781.58	263.83	50.27	314.20	314.20	2,045.51	2,066.78
Ruth White - Christmas	School			3,050.84	1.8%	0.00	3,050.84	53.47	76.29	129.75	129.75	3,104.31	3,180.60
Thomas White - Soccer	School			2,989.63	1.7%	0.00	2,989.63	504.23	85.86	590.09	590.09	3,463.86	3,579.72
Total Other Trust Funds				42,592.51	24.7%	2,872.35	42,592.51	3,226.90	1,177.99	0.00	310.96	45,819.41	49,558.78
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS								172,787.39			3,049.64		
								14,368.13	4,622.52	518.87	16,489.88	16,489.88	
								177,155.52	9,110.52	3,568.51	17,069.76	17,069.76	

ANNUAL REPORT - 2005
Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, swimming, fishing, boating, and area trails. A new water quality assessment conducted for us by the State of New Hampshire indicates that the water in the Westmoreland area is once again safe for swimming and other recreation. We have now begun work on revising and updating the water resources chapter of our plan, and are encouraging stronger efforts at water quality monitoring.

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. 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 floodplain and 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.

The 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 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 <http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm>.

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

ANNUAL REPORT - 2005
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as all-terrain vehicles and recreational use of the river to the Connecticut River Birding Trail and archeological discoveries 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.

With the support of the four US Senators from the two states, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including a new guide to locally grown food and the protection of Fall Mountain.

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 the Connecticut River Byway. We brought Governors Jim Douglas of Vermont and John Lynch of New Hampshire together for a tour of the river region, and through our efforts, the 500 miles of state-designated roadway have been named a National Scenic Byway. CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at <http://www.ctrivertravel.net>

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

Bruce Clement and Bob Harcke, Connecticut River Commissioners

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2005

Names of Groom And Bride	Residences	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Wesley I. Staples Marian H. Simino	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	05-14-05	Westmoreland, NH
Paul C. Wilson Darcy L. Smith	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	07-02-05	Westmoreland, NH
Donald E. Meyer Mary E. Fredette	Harrisville, NH Westmoreland, NH	07-02-05	Keene, NH
Robert A. Syms Robin J. Nelson	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	07-04-05	Bretton Woods, NH
Thomas S. Fitzherbert Kristina H. Gomarlo	Claremont, NH Claremont, NH	08-21-05	Westmoreland, NH
Richard S. Napier Melissa A. Malmberg	Duxbury, MA Duxbury, MA	09-10-05	Westmoreland, NH
John J. Wills Sarah E. Hart	Westmoreland, NH Munsonville, NH	09-24-05	Sharon, NH
Daniel M. McManus Korinne L. Maffetone	W. Chesterfield, NH W. Chesterfield, NH	10-01-05	Keene, NH
Justin D. Fyffe Jessica L. Haas	Westmoreland, NH Keene, NH	10-08-05	Keene, NH
Morgan E. Ellison Jennifer L. Royea	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	11-26-05	Chesterfield, NH
Gregg B. Meehan Premruddee Phanchai	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	12-20-05	Keene, NH

WESTMORELAND BIRTHS 2005

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Mother's Name / Father's Name
02-01-05	Lebanon, NH	Timothy Andrew Mandigo	Lisa Dodge / John Mandigo
02-12-05	Keene, NH	Xander Leo Olmstead	Chelsea Alexander/ Jason Olmstead
03-15-05	Keene, NH	Evann Lole Hebert	Wendi Johnson / Jonathan Hebert
04-25-05	Peterborough, NH	Isaac Franklin Pierce	Shannon Watson / Jamie Pierce
05-08-05	Keene, NH	Noah Webster Purinton-Benjamin	Koren Purinton / Nicholas Benjamin
05-11-05	Lebanon, NH	Julian James Marthe Siegel	Leigh Marthe / Lawrence Siegel
05-28-05	Keene, NH	Garrett James Gitchell	Virginia Acerno/ Graham Gitchell
07-25-05	Keene, NH	Jack Edward Wilson Riendeau	Stacy Ray / Robert Riendeau
08-01-05	Keene, NH	Jett William Giza	Elizabeth Finch / Scott Giza
08-17-05	Keene, NH	Whitney Elizabeth Hadlow	Christine Petri / Frederick Hadlow
08-23-05	Keene, NH	Noah Taylor Simino	Jessica Taylor / Justin Simino
08-27-05	Peterborough, NH	Benjamin Michael Glaholt	Sarah Glaholt / Corry Glaholt
10-31-05	Keene, NH	Trent Charles Stafford	Stephanie Kazizis / Seth Stafford

2005 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/ Mother's Name
02-23-05	Lebanon, NH	William Baldwin Hunter	John Hunter/ Irene Baldwin
03-06-05	Riverview, FL	Rosemarie A. Janda	
04-06-05	Keene, NH	William C. Frazier, Sr.	Charles Frazier/ Esther Nordlin
05-16-05	Keene, NH	Loretta L.Krol Mosher	Arthur Bourcier/ Leona Dame
06-01-05	Keene, NH	Patricia M. Crossan	Patrick Crossan/ Margaret O'Mara
07-28-05	Claremont, NH	Alfred J. Willette	Alfred Willette/ Lena Kamendulis
08-20-05	Keene, NH	Harold Fletcher	John Fletcher/ JosephineNowakowski
10-03-05	Lebanon, NH	Philip Aldrich Staples	Charles Staples/ Bertha Aldrich
11-02-05	Keene, NH	Warren Norman Britton	Lawrence Britton/ Yvonne Davis
11-13-05	Keene, NH	Thomas Winfield Hatt	Amos W. Hatt/ Mary Brigadeen

2005 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS (IN TOWN)

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/ Mother's Name
02-01-05	64 McAdam Road	Laurence H. Russell, Jr.	Laurence H. Russell Hazel Fellows
06-12-05	749 Route 63	Linwood Burt	Lawrence Burt Ruth Grimes

MAPLEWOOD DEATHS

RESIDENTS – DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2005

Date of Death	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
02-19-05	Marion Reynolds	Hugh Matthewson	Mattie Carpenter
03-09-05	Agnes Lord	William Tucker	Louisa Williams
06-22-05	Thomas Lord	Thomas Lord	Geneva Anderson
07-02-05	Doris W. Brainard	Henry Wadsworth	Winnie Prescott
08-02-05	Lucelia MacDonald	William Dow	Nora Crosby
08-03-05	Christine Holmes	Elmer Johnson	Lela Griffith
09-08-05	Julia Keating	Martin Sullivan	Katherine Gilbo
09-17-05	Una Campbell	Frank Sherman	Etta Brent
11-03-05	Ida Forrest	Frederick Young	Mary Nolin
11-19-05	Addie Strong	Henry Hamilton	Ethel Wakefield
11-29-05	Lillian Kossakoski	Albert Mountford	Lillian Norton
12-03-05	Edith Hastings	Samuel Doody	Rose Charette
12-27-05	Raymond Reed	Carl Reed	Vera (Unknown)

RESIDENTS – DEATHS OUT OF TOWN 2005

06-28-05	Fay Prowse	Donald White	Bernice Maxwell
09-25-05	Catherine Campagna	William Bonner	Dorothy Bragg

NON-RESIDENTS – DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2005

Date of Death	Name
01-13-05	Harold A. Mizo, Sr.
02-23-05	Eileen Burns
03-08-05	Ruth Leonard Barry
03-15-05	Anna Kusina Kolesnik
04-27-05	Lorraine Bugbee Dickerman
05-28-05	Hazel Grace Fletcher
08-05-05	Helen McLaren Hutchins
08-12-05	Edna Mae Avery
10-05-05	Erma Nellie Whitaker
11-15-05	Norma Caroline Koson
11-23-05	Dawn L. Bolster
11-23-05	Lucy E. Smith

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair
Stuart R. Adams
Ian Hurley
Lisa G. Moon
Madeline Ullrich

MODERATOR

Vacant

CLERK

Gail H. Ainsworth

TREASURER

Susan DeLuca

AUDITOR

Jo Ann LaBarre

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Michele L. Munson, Superintendent of Schools
Wayne E. Woolridge, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
William B. Gurney, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
James H. Vezina, Business Administrator
Timothy L. Ruehr, Business Manager for Towns
Paul R. Cooper, Manager of Personnel Services
Bruce E. Thielen, Director of Special Education
Michael A. Duhaime, Director of Technology Services

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of January, 2006

Kindergarten	18
Grade 1	18
Grade 2	10
Grade 3	20
Grade 4	14
Grade 5	11
Grade 6	12
Grade 7	20
Grade 8	18
TOTAL	141

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.

Michele L. Munson
Superintendent of Schools

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 14th day of March, 2006, 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
One member of the school board for the ensuing year
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2006
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 22nd day of February, 2006.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair
Stuart R. Adams
Ian Hurley
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Madeline Ullrich

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 10th day of March, 2006, 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 raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be used to develop and design preliminary plans for a school renovation project which includes the redesign and improvement of the school's kitchen facilities, main entrance way including security improvements and adjacent areas, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$15,000; of said sum, \$5,000 is to come from general taxation and up to \$10,000 from unencumbered funds; and, further, to authorize the Board to transfer up to \$10,000 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2006 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 Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$14,154 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2006, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2006 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*
- ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE

PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET

DISTRICT MEETING

March 10, 2006

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2004-2005	BUDGET 2005-2006	School Board & Budget Committee's PROPOSED 2006-2007	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,373,681	\$1,302,591	\$1,429,585	\$1,436,802	0.50%	52.81%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$62,735	\$62,734	\$59,641	\$56,547	-5.19%	2.08%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$236,078	\$234,268	\$231,016	\$308,163	33.39%	11.33%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,672,493	\$1,599,594 (\$189,262)	\$1,720,242	\$1,801,512	4.72%	66.21%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$623,376	\$611,682	\$575,029	\$567,072	-1.38%	20.84%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Reg)	\$39,190	\$38,438	\$40,366	\$41,981	4.00%	1.54%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$273,906	\$214,247	\$247,008	\$171,910	-30.40%	6.32%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$23,000	\$4,586	\$9,450	\$9,000	-4.76%	0.33%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$959,472	\$868,953	\$871,853	\$789,963	-9.39%	29.03%
SAU #29	\$115,689	\$115,689	\$121,634	\$129,357	6.35%	4.75%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,747,654	\$2,584,235	\$2,713,729	\$2,720,832	0.26%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$2,747,654	\$2,584,235	\$2,713,729	\$2,720,832	0.26%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		School Board & Budget Committee's		% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	2004-2005	2004-2005	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007				
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 130 Students Projected)										
REGULAR INSTRUCTION										
Salaries	\$520,861	\$479,700	\$517,775	\$485,223						
Benefits	\$207,735	\$167,286	\$197,139	\$199,289						
Purchased Instructional Service	\$0	\$43,012	\$15,000	\$44,311						
Repair Equipment	\$1,500	\$235	\$1,500	\$1,500						
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$26,259	\$23,976	\$26,964	\$26,762						
Equipment	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$676						
Furniture	\$1,212	\$746	\$1,895	\$2,243						
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$757,767	\$714,954	\$760,473	\$760,004					-0.06%	27.93%
EXTRACURRICULAR										
Salaries & Benefits	\$11,419	\$14,141	\$11,809	\$11,613						
Assemblies/Officials	\$5,450	\$4,722	\$5,450	\$6,410						
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,158	\$1,799	\$2,445	\$2,300						
Dues and Fees	\$1,800	\$1,785	\$1,275	\$1,575						
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$20,827	\$22,447	\$20,979	\$21,898					4.38%	0.80%
SCHOOL SERVICES										
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0						
Guidance	\$50,875	\$47,289	\$53,044	\$50,452						
Health	\$32,620	\$39,242	\$34,487	\$40,298						
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$83,495	\$86,530	\$87,531	\$90,750					3.68%	3.34%

	School Board & Budget Committee's			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	%
	2004-2005	2004-2005	2005-2006	CHANGE
			PROPOSED	% TOTAL
			2006-2007	BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT				
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$5,544	\$2,767	\$5,050	\$5,273
Course Reimbursement	\$5,500	\$40	\$6,000	\$6,500
Management Development	\$2,000	\$977	\$2,000	\$2,000
Staff Development	\$2,520	\$1,266	\$3,000	\$3,000
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$799	\$246	\$799	\$885
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$16,363	\$5,296	\$16,849	\$17,658
				4.80%
				0.65%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA				
Salary & Benefits	\$38,194	\$37,363	\$40,597	\$43,967
Media Membership	\$756	\$774	\$780	\$804
Library Books & Supplies	\$4,585	\$4,332	\$4,645	\$4,705
Equipment/Software	\$1,750	\$450	\$1,750	\$1,750
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$45,285	\$42,919	\$47,772	\$51,226
				7.23%
				1.88%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS				
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,891	\$2,600	\$2,891	\$3,255
Legal/Audit Services	\$5,900	\$9,415	\$1,400	\$4,900
Other School District Expenses	\$800	\$917	\$800	\$800
School Board Association	\$2,500	\$2,386	\$2,500	\$0
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$12,091	\$15,318	\$7,591	\$8,955
				17.97%
				0.33%

	School Board & Budget Committee's				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2004-2005	BUDGET 2005-2006	PROPOSED 2006-2007		
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principle's Salary	\$65,741	\$65,741	\$69,028	\$58,300		
Secretary's Salary	\$21,263	\$19,752	\$22,334	\$23,450		
Benefits	\$25,024	\$23,343	\$27,184	\$28,151		
Copier Maintenance	\$4,250	\$6,128	\$5,704	\$6,000		
Telephone	\$4,536	\$4,499	\$9,600	\$7,500		
Postage/Printing	\$1,712	\$618	\$1,350	\$1,350		
Supplies/Misc.	\$2,770	\$1,705	\$2,816	\$2,855		
Software	\$1,045	\$1,015	\$1,062	\$1,111		
Equipment/Furniture	\$150	\$60	\$200	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$900	\$118	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$127,391	\$122,979	\$140,278	\$129,917	-7.39%	4.77%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$34,483	\$33,577	\$35,566	\$37,320		
Benefits	\$10,751	\$10,939	\$11,516	\$12,590		
Rubbish Removal	\$4,100	\$2,499	\$4,751	\$4,250		
Maintenance Services	\$11,990	\$14,285	\$12,750	\$13,150		
Repairs to Building	\$20,000	\$50,364	\$42,675	\$20,000		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$7,500	\$6,048	\$7,000	\$7,000		
Supplies/Materials	\$7,750	\$5,326	\$7,750	\$7,750		
Electricity	\$13,895	\$16,575	\$14,450	\$18,000		
Oil/Gas	\$14,287	\$16,027	\$21,225	\$21,600		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$124,756	\$155,640	\$157,683	\$141,660	-10.16%	5.21%

School Board &
Budget Committee's

	BUDGET 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2004-2005	BUDGET 2005-2006	PROPOSED 2006-2007	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$91,445	\$96,900	\$94,188	\$97,956		
Athletic	\$2,141	\$2,569	\$2,205	\$2,205		
Field Trips	\$3,226	\$3,517	\$3,323	\$3,323		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$96,812	\$102,986	\$99,716	\$103,484	3.78%	3.80%
STAFF SERVICES						
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250		
Unemployment/Student Loan Repay	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$250	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,250	0.00%	0.05%
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$13,644	\$13,644	\$14,463	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$43,000		
Transfer to Food Services	\$42,000	\$14,879	\$42,000	\$67,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$88,644	\$33,523	\$89,463	\$110,000	22.96%	4.04%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,373,681	\$1,302,591	\$1,429,585	\$1,436,802	0.50%	52.81%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principle	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$7,735	\$7,734	\$4,641	\$1,547		
Interest on Cat. Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$62,735	\$62,734	\$59,641	\$56,547	-5.19%	2.08%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,436,416	\$1,365,325	\$1,489,226	\$1,493,349	0.28%	54.89%

School Board &
Budget Committees

	BUDGET 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2004-2005	BUDGET 2005-2006	PROPOSED 2006-2007	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$124,578	\$121,075	\$115,793	\$122,802		
Benefits	\$33,140	\$31,402	\$34,585	\$48,201		
Vision/Audiology	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Supplies/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,425	\$997	\$1,679	\$1,150		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$15,905	\$19,471	\$16,799	\$48,005		
Pre-School Tuition	\$3,480	\$6,892	\$3,480	\$15,735		
Psychology	\$18,000	\$15,909	\$20,000	\$17,870		
Speech	\$24,450	\$24,104	\$25,200	\$26,400		
OT/ PT	\$8,100	\$6,141	\$6,300	\$9,000		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$6,000	\$8,276	\$6,180	\$18,000		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$236,078	\$234,268	\$231,016	\$308,163	33.39%	11.33%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,672,493	\$1,599,594	\$1,720,242	\$1,801,512	4.72%	66.21%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School	\$623,376	\$611,682	\$575,029	\$567,072		
66 students @ \$8,592						
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$623,376	\$611,682	\$575,029	\$567,072	-1.38%	20.84%

	School Board & Budget Committee's					
	BUDGET 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2004-2005	BUDGET 2005-2006	PROPOSED 2006-2007	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$39,190	\$38,438	\$40,366	\$41,981		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$39,190	\$38,438	\$40,366	\$41,981	4.00%	1.54%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$662,566	\$650,120	\$615,395	\$609,053	-1.03%	22.38%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (10 students @ \$14,154)	\$191,016	\$138,989	\$159,093	\$141,540	-11.03%	5.20%
Tutoring - High School	\$10,164	\$7,365	\$6,237	\$5,370		
High School Out-of-District	\$40,604	\$52,493	\$61,678	\$1,000		
Tuition - High School Collaborative (1 student - TNT program)	\$32,122	\$15,400	\$20,000	\$24,000		
Special Instr. Transportation	\$23,000	\$4,586	\$9,450	\$9,000		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$296,906	\$218,833	\$256,458	\$180,910	-29.46%	6.65%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$959,472	\$868,953	\$871,853	\$789,963	-9.39%	29.03%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$115,689	\$115,689	\$121,634	\$129,357	6.35%	4.75%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,747,654	\$2,584,235	\$2,713,729	\$2,720,832	0.26%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,747,654	\$2,584,235	\$2,713,729	\$2,720,832	0.26%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND
2006-2007 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2005-2006 BUDGET	2006-2007 PROPOSED	%	\$
			INCREASE	INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$68,014	\$64,000		
Local Property Taxes	\$1,501,559	\$1,493,092	-0.56%	-\$8,467
Interest	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Lunch Local	\$29,000	\$40,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Guidance Reimb.	\$0	\$11,431		
Media Generalist Reim.(grant funded)	\$8,662	\$9,770		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$3,450	\$2,100		
N.H. Property Tax	\$401,864	\$401,864	0.00%	\$0
N.H. Adequacy/ Equity Grant	\$601,430	\$601,430	0.00%	\$0
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,124	\$15,345		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$0	\$0		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$0	\$0		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$12,650	\$5,000		
Federal Funds	\$28,000	\$43,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$25,000		
Supplemental Appropriations	\$23,176	\$0		
TOTALS	\$2,713,729	\$2,720,832	0.26%	\$7,103
PROPERTY TAX DECREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax)			-0.44%	
TAX RATE DECREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET				-\$0.0580
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000				-\$5.80
WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT				TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2		\$2,720,832		-\$0.06
Warrant # 3 School Renovation		\$15,000		\$0.10
Warrant #4 Transfer to Capital Reserve		\$15,000		\$0.10
Warrant # 5 Transfer to Expendable Trust		\$14,154		\$0.10
TOTAL WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		\$2,764,986		
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES		\$51,257		1.9%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES			2.25%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES				\$0.2447
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000				\$24.47

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005

Summary

Cash on Hand July 200 4		11,273.39
Received from Selectman		
Current Appropriation	2,016,150.00	
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriation's		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation		
Revenue from State Sources	682,048.73	
Revenue from Federal Sources		
Received from Tuition's		
Received as Income from Trust Funds		
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal Only)		
Received from Capital Reserve Funds		
Received from All Other Sources	78,588.55	
Total Receipts		2,776,787.28
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipt)		2,788,060.67
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		2,704,911.97
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2004 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		83,148.70


District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, voucher, bank statements, and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 200 , And find them correct in all respects.

December 31, 2005 Auditor(s) 

GIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7/04-6/05	Town of Westmoreland	Appropriation	2,016,150.00
	State of NH	Various	682,048.73
	Ocean National	Interest	325.44
	NHPDIP	Interest	1,011.67
	Westmoreland School	School Lunch	33,962.43
	Barbara Messer	Health Insurance	6,603.84
	Delano Transportation	Bus Tickets	2,627.00
	Miscellaneous		34,058.17

TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR

2,776,787.28

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 11, 2005

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, Carlson Barrett, at 11:00 a.m. The school warrant and Article 1 were read by the Moderator and after he declared the polls open, voting commenced. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were then counted and the results of the elections are as follows:

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:
Carlson Barrett - 264 votes and declared elected.

For Two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:
Stuart Adams - 252 votes and declared elected.
Lisa Moon - 200 votes and declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:
Joanne LaBarre - 276 votes and declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:
Susan DeLuca - 261 votes and declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:
Gail Ainsworth - 269 votes and declared elected.

286 voters of the registered 1130 voted.

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Carlson Barrett on Friday, March 11, 2005, 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.: Barbara Tremblay, Pat Trow Parent, 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. Ian Hurley.

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 Mr. Michael Acemo that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,641,760 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. Ian Hurley.

No discussion.

Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

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 the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mrs. Lisa Moon that the District 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 appropriate at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ian Hurley.

No discussion.

Article 3 passed by a voice vote.

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.

Article 4 was passed over.

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 take any other action in relation hereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mrs. Lisa Moon that the District 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 take any other action in relation hereto. Motion seconded by Mr. Ian Hurley.

No discussion.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

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 the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Mrs. Lisa Moon that the District 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. Motion seconded by Mr. Ian Hurley.

Mrs. Pat Bentrup asked the School Board how much money was in the fund presently. Mr. Michael Acerno stated that there presently is \$52,000 in the account.

Article 6 passed by voice vote.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Lisa Moon that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Mr. Ian Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Article 7 passed by voice vote.

Gail Ainsworth, Clerk
Westmoreland School District

A True Copy Attest

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Westmoreland is indeed fortunate to have found an excellent principal, Meredith Cargill, to replace William Gurney. Mr. Gurney served as Westmoreland School's principal for the past five years. Mr. Gurney is now an assistant superintendent in SAU 29. Mrs. Cargill has already demonstrated solid leadership in many areas including budget development. She brings a thorough understanding of curriculum and instruction, as well as demonstrated leadership skills to Westmoreland School. Mrs. Cargill's leadership skills were evident when Westmoreland School was named "A School of Choice" by the administrators of the Monadnock Regional Public Schools of Choice Grant.

The design team for the grant proposal was composed of Mrs. Cargill, John Snowden, Rob Stack and Nancy Belsky. As a result of being named a "School of Choice," Westmoreland School will have the option of enrolling students from other schools in SAUs 29 and 38. The grant will pay for tuition and transportation for students who attend Westmoreland School under the School of Choice Grant.

Focus on student achievement has Westmoreland students joining their classmates in other SAU 29 schools by participating in the Northwest Evaluation Association pilot testing program during the 2005-2006 school year. NWEA has grown dramatically in recent years as school districts seek a method for measuring individual student progress over time. The computer adaptive tests give students, parents and teachers immediate feedback on student progress and level of performance. Expenses associated with the implementation of these assessments have been paid through an SAU 29 grant.

Westmoreland's students at Keene High School continue to perform well. This past year, Westmoreland had 90 students enrolled at the high school. These students are taking advantage of a wide range of academic, as well as co-curricular activities. The overall grade point average (GPA) in mathematics, science, English language arts and social studies for Westmoreland's students at Keene High School increased from last year. In English, 75 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In mathematics, 69 percent earned grades of "B" or better. In science, 76 percent of the students earned grades of "B" or better and, in social studies, 76 percent of Westmoreland students earned a grade of "B" or better.

Over 40 staff members from nine schools in SAU 29 and Winchester Elementary School participated in summer curriculum work in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and social studies in 2005. The primary focus of the activities in ELA and math was the alignment of SAU 29 curriculum to New Hampshire assessment standards known as Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). This was a continuation of work begun in 2004 seeking to ensure that instruction prepares students for state assessments without diminishing the breadth and quality of the programs provided by our schools.

A social studies curriculum activity focused on the newly-implemented United States History program in grades seven and eight. Beginning with native cultures and European exploration, the two-year program engages students in an activity-based experience that provides for knowledge of the geography and an understanding of the development of our government, economy and history through the early years of the twentieth century.

In 2006, curriculum work will emphasize science, physical education, and health, as well as continued work in social studies with a focus on grades five and six.

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. 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 the Northwest Evaluation Association's "Measure of Academic Progress," skillful teaching techniques, curriculum mapping, technology integration, and students with special needs.

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 school. 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 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Michele L. Munson
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment

This fall we enthusiastically welcomed 19 new kindergarteners. As of January 6, 2006, our enrollment is 141 students and our class sizes are:

K – 18	3 – 20	6 – 12
1 – 18	4 – 14	7 – 20
2 – 10	5 – 11	8 – 18

School Improvement Goals

Each spring, representatives from all stakeholder groups come together for the Westmoreland School Board Retreat. The goal of this retreat is to identify our accomplishments and then areas that we would like to improve the following year. This school year's goals included:

- ensuring a smooth transition between new administration and staff,
- looking at a school reading program,
- our commitment to technology integration, and
- strategies to address declining enrollment.

Staff and administration have worked and will continue to work on achieving these goals throughout the year.

In an attempt to provide technology instruction for students and to make ourselves less vulnerable to fluctuations in enrollment, we have pursued a unique opportunity with Monadnock Region Public Schools of Choice (MRPSOC). Under a grant that MRPSOC has received, Westmoreland School will be designated as a *Program of Choice* for technology. This means that, starting with the 2006-2007 school year, students outside of our town would be able to apply to attend Westmoreland School and tuition would be funded by the grant. In return, our school would be dedicated to integrating technology as a resource for higher-order thinking and problem solving.

This school year, a new group of teachers and paraprofessionals are being trained in technology integration through "Tech Teams." This program, that began last year, allows teachers to learn how to use technology as a tool for problem-based learning. Last year's Tech Team graduates will participate in Smart Teams, which continues on using more advanced forms of technology. We hope to design a computer lab for classes with existing machines and within the existing space of our school. We are using our new Alexandria library program and all titles will be updated this year and we hope to have automated book checkout soon.

Academics

We would like to congratulate Tim Beeler as the valedictorian and Derek Starkey as the salutatorian for our eighth grade class of 2005. Looking at this school year, we have had a successful start. All students have access to all four major content areas, and additionally are enrolled in courses in Guidance, Library Technology, Physical Education, and Art. Students in grades 4-8 take Spanish, and in grades 5-8 take Health.

This October, we were involved in two assessments for grades 3-8. The first assessment is mandated under the No Child Left Behind Law; it is referred to as the NECAP test (New England Common Assessment Program). All students throughout the state take this test. Last year we piloted the test and determined benchmark data and do not yet have the October 2005 results to measure our progress. We anticipate receiving our results later this spring. The second assessment is the computerized MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test. It was developed by the not-for-profit organization: Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), and is becoming widely utilized throughout the state. This test evaluates students' progress in three areas: English Language Arts, Reading, and Mathematics. The results are used to help teachers differentiate instruction. We look forward to utilizing the results from both assessments to meet the needs of all learners at Westmoreland School.

Arts

Our New Hampshire Dance Institute Program is underway and going strong. Valerie Snowdon returns to us for a second year as the instructor, working with school coordinator Susanne Bates. The theme this year will be *Je Danse* and will be presented Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. Field Trips and Community Service have included: Keene State College's Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, Mariposa Museum, and performances at the Colonial Theater. Additionally, the Keene High School Concert Choir has performed for us.

During the holidays, students performed in their annual concert under the direction of Carlson Barrett, Marcia Oster, and Nancy Newton. Carlson teaches general music for grades K-8; Marcia Oster conducts a choir and an instrumental music program, and Nancy Newton leads three bell choirs. Attendance was high and the whole program was a success! This spring, in conjunction with the spring musical concert, teachers and students will be hosting an "Arts Night" to celebrate the performing and fine arts integration throughout our school.

Athletics

Lisa Manning-Blattstein is our new athletic director, replacing Cindy Richards who filled the position for the past several years. Our girls' soccer team had a very successful season under the direction of Rai Fedorowitz. The boys' soccer team worked hard under the leadership of Wayne Whippie and Lance Cleveland. Both teams participated in the annual Westmoreland Sports Boosters soccer tournament October 29 and 30, organized by Becky and Wayne Whippie. Wayne continues on as the boys' basketball coach with Jeff Ingram; Darcy Wilson is coaching the girls' team. Paul Deschenes will coach the girls' softball team and Leo Blair will coach the boys' baseball team this spring. We are happy to be able to offer these programs to our middle school students.

New Faculty

We are so fortunate this year to have Carlson Barrett heading our general music program. After thirty-five years of teaching at Keene Middle School, it is a honor to "bring him home" to Westmoreland. Lisa Manning-Blattstein, our new athletic director, teaches physical education, and middle school health. She joins us from teaching experiences in New York and California. As the new principal, I (Meredith Cargill) feel like I am also "coming home." I grew up with my father teaching middle school Science for almost two decades at Westmoreland School. I am a former resident, and loved having the opportunity to teach fifth grade here. I thank the parents and community for such a warm reception and I am excited to carry on the tradition of excellence that makes Westmoreland School great.

Facilities

This summer the elementary school parking lot was reworked. Thanks to Ed Messer, Jim Myers, John Beecher, and Bill Gurney, the existing shed was moved to the soccer field. We appreciate Troy Wilkes, Stan Castor, Jeff Ingram, Ted Ferguson, and Reggie Goodnow; through their combined efforts we were able to acquire bleachers from Keene State College that will be set up this spring. Through Millbrook Woodworks and the Ted Ferguson family, we were able to put a new shed near the dumpster for recycling materials and related items. The outside of the gymnasium was power-washed and repainted by S&S Painting and Dave and Brenda Shelley. We are looking at plans to renovate the kitchen, hoping to have a plan to bring to voters in March 2007.

Volunteers

We are so fortunate to have many community members and parents that give of their time and talents to volunteer in our school. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank all of those who helped "beautify" our school grounds and decorate during our work party prior to open house. We have a variety of academic and maintenance volunteer opportunities available and are always looking to build our relationship with community members. Please contact the school if you would like more information or if you would like the chance to share feedback. My door is open and I thank you for your commitment and service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Cargill

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL STAFF

Meredith Cargill.....	Principal
Debra Nelson	Secretary
Carlson Barrett.....	Music
Nancy Belsky	Middle School Mathematics
Leo Blair.....	Special Education
Jay Bowks	World Language
Leslie Carlson	Grade 2
Melissa Crotto-Young	Middle School English Language Arts
Paul Deschenes, Jr.	Middle School Social Studies
Karen Durling	Grade 4
Leah Kish	Middle School Science
Lisa Manning-Blattstein	Physical Education/Health
Maria Martinez.....	Kindergarten
Mee Yin Morrison	Art
Nancy Newton	Reading Specialist
Marcia Oster.....	Instrumental Music/Choir
Laurie Perreault.....	Grade 1
Stacy Riendeau.....	Grade 3
Robert Stack.....	Media Generalist
Amy Treat	Guidance Counselor
Pam Prentiss	Occupational Therapy
Lois Sellers.....	Speech/Language Therapist
Sandra Swinburne	School Psychologist
Jeanne Symonds.....	Educational Evaluator
Susanne Bates	Aide/Title I
Susan Castor.....	Middle School Resource Room Aide
Flossie Gray	Special Education Aide
Debora McGahie.....	Special Education Aide
Mary Mullen-LaValley	Special Education Aide
Kathy Sportello	Elementary Resource Room Aide
Cindy Wood	School Nurse
Laura Kraus.....	School Lunch
John Beecher.....	Custodian

HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

During September through December, the health office has seen more than 900 visits, with approximately 175 over-the-counter medications administered. Additionally, there were about 300 visits for scheduled prescription medications, and approximately 100 visits by a student with diabetes for blood sugar monitoring and insulin injections.

About 80 students (the lower school) have been checked for lice twice this semester, with no cases presenting.

All students have been weighed and measured, with confidential data submitted to Advocates for Healthy Youth for analysis of body mass index and overweight/obesity statistics.

All students have been screened for vision and hearing. I've made two referrals so far, and will be rechecking several students soon.

The fluoride rinse program has been in place since September, with 48 first through fourth graders participating weekly.

The kindergarten and first grade have participated in the Germ-Busters hand-washing class.

The New Hampshire State immunization review of grades K, 1, 6, 7, and 8 was completed with a couple of conditional enrollments. One kindergartner, who is not in compliance, is not currently attending school.

Several handouts have been sent home with students this fall with healthy lifestyle tips.

The health office is currently working on wellness and flu pandemic preparedness policies. Also, emergency "go" kits for each classroom will be assembled in the spring semester for use in case of an emergency or evacuation.

Cindy Wood, RN
School Nurse

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

Westmoreland School's lunch program has been on the rise with the student participation slowly increasing each day. We have added a few new items to the menu that I hope will be well liked by all. The favorites still remain to be pizza, chicken, and pasta (of any kind!). With the addition of sausage, egg, and cheese bagels to the menu, breakfast and snack have been on the rise. We are serving an average of 35 to 40 students a day.

Having Chad Adams officially in the kitchen has been a wonderful help to me. It allows us the time to be more creative with the lunches and try to experiment with new flavors and foods. So far, the response has been favorable.

As always, if you have a good idea for a new lunch or breakfast item, please give me a call or come to see us. Our door is always open to any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Laura Kraus
Kitchen Manager

WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

2006

GRADE 8

Linnea Adler
Nelson Brown
Aubrey Coley
Heather Davis
Samantha Fields
Samuel Gelb
Maryssa Goodrich
Kristen Huckins
Alec Ingram
Nichole Juniper
Alexis Kissell
Alexander Mitchell
Elliot Mitchell
Kelcey Smith
Alyson Stevens
Brett Stone
Lucy Thompson
Jonathan Walters

GRADE 12

Tryselia Adler
Nathan Barnett
Kyle Braaten
Christopher Brown
Chelsea Cary
Timothy Davis
Maria DeFreitas
Christopher Draper
Mary Duke
Alyson Finnegan
Rebecca Gelb
Kaitlyn Huckins
Sarah Kissell
Hannah Lafleur
Nathan Leslie
Katie Melanson
Tonya Parent
Amy Ray
Michael Russo
Steven Russo
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