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Westmoreland New Hampshire

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

and

School District Officers

For the Year Ending June 30, 2007





This year's Town Report is dedicated to all those who contribute to the good of our Town.

■
New (to us) Fire truck

■
Bessie Pierce Bridge off Partridge Brook Road, completed this past Summer.
The cost of the bridge was \$60,000 of which State Bridge Aid reimbursed 80% (\$48,000).
The cost to tax payers: \$12,000.

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Selectmen's Report — 2007

There has been no lull in the needs of the town.

Heavy and continuous Spring rain resulted in another bank slide on Great Meadow Ferry Road. After the bid for repair was awarded to CFC, the bank gave way again doubling the previous cost. Lucky for us the town's share went from 25/75 split in cost to 5/95.

The Bessie Pierce Bridge was replaced in the dog-days of Summer. We thank the hard working, dedicated men of the Westmoreland Highway Department for another job well done.

Late in the Summer the big dying Spruce on the Common was taken down. There will be a special space made to accommodate a 25 foot tree which will be in place for the holidays. The tree will be removed in the Spring leaving needed space for town events.

The second printing of *The History and Genealogy of Westmoreland* was completed in September. Copies are available at the Selectmen's office and Westmoreland Public Library for \$35. Thank you Jim Blake for taking the photograph of the restored town curtain included in this edition.

Dick Schmidt performed a thorough energy audit of Town Hall and supplied us with a list of quick-fix energy savers as well as more spendy projects to be tackled as funds allow. Dick installed a set-back thermostat that allows temperature to be programmed for each day of the week — the temperature is set at 60 degrees when the building is not in use. The temperature can be raised manually but reverts to the program at 9pm. Conserving energy is part of the Town Hall renovation plan which we hope will be approved by the voters. Thank you Dick!

As we head towards the end of the first decade of 2000, planning for the future is essential. We hope you will agree that the procurement of much needed land, the ownership and management of our transfer station, and the renovations to Town Hall will benefit the town well into the future.

Respectfully submitted.

Board of Selectmen:

David R. Putnam, Chair
Wesley I. Staples
Marjorie Merena

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

David Putnam, Chair, Wesley Staples, Marjorie Merena

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

JoAnn LaBarre

SECRETARY

Tina Cutter

CUSTODIAN

Edward Messer

AUDITORS

Walter Niland / Lori-Anne Ingram

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Messer, Dorothy Thompson, Pat Bentrup

CONSTABLE

James A. Cemorelis

ROAD AGNET

Gary Hudson

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker, Russell Kotfila, Tom Bates

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Jayne Burnett, Chair, Peter Longsjo, Bruce Clement, Cynthia Cote, Marjorie Merena

WELFARE OFFICE

Elaine M. Moore

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

JoAnn LaBarre, Robert Moore, Russ Kotfila

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Moore, Jr., Chair, Kelly Goodrich,
Michael Acerno, Gary Dermott, David Putnam

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Chair, Elaine Moore, Sec., Wesley Staples, Laurie Burt, Bruce Smith,
James Starkey, Nancy Zeller, Robert Harcke, Walter Derjue, Alt.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Peter Remy, Chair, Elaine Moore, Sec., John Burt, Brian Merry, Brenda, Shelley,
Barry Shonbeck, Russell Huntley, Alt., April Ferguson, Alt.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Bruce R. Smith. Resigned
Robert Moore Jr.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Larry Muchmore

HEALTH OFFICER

Lloyd Draper, Barbara Chase

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward Messer

WANTASKTIQUET REGION RIVER
SUBCOMMITTEE

Jim Blake, Richard Schmidt, Stuart Adams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, Chair, Jim Blake, Vice President, Jeff Smith, Resigned
Walter Derjue, George Duke, John Lukin, Russ Martens, Richard Schmidt
Selena Gallen, Alt.

RECREATION COMMISSION

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bill Howland, President, Jim Blake, Vice President, Jan Carpenter, Secretary,
Libby McKenney, Treasurer

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Vacant

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 Eleventh day of March, 2008 **at 11 of the clock** in the forenoon, to act upon the following subject:

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

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00PM March 12, 2008 at the Westmoreland School gymnasium.

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

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of buying the Matyas property, R7 Lot 52 which is adjacent to the Highway garage. The sum of \$50,000 to be taken from Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve, the balance, \$150,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or note in accordance with the provision of new budget act (RSA 33) and to authorize such bonds or note and to determine the rate of interest there on. 2/3 Ballot Vote required. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to repair the River Road North bridge Number 107/163. \$16,000 to be taken from the Bridge Capital Reserve fund and the balance, \$64,000, to come from State Bridge Aid. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to renovate Town Hall selectmen's office, kitchen, and bathroom and to create storage space in the basement. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to have the town books audited. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 to purchase Transfer Station equipment. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 12: To see if the municipality will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of receiving monies from the sale of cemetery lots to repair and maintain town cemeteries and to further appoint the Cemetery Trustees to serve as agents of the Fund to expend any funds in the trust for the purpose of the trust.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

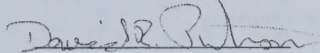
Article 13: To see if the municipality will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Burial Support Fund, for the purpose of burials for town-assisted persons and to further appoint the Cemetery Trustees to serve as agents of the Fund to expend any funds in the trust for the purpose of the trust. The selectmen and the budget committee recommend this article. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Article 14: To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. The funds are included in the proposed operating budget.

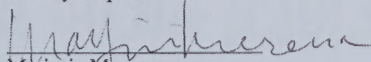
Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,005,095 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include Special or individual articles. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

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

Selectmen of Westmoreland


David Putnam, Chairman

Wesley Staples


Marjorie Merena

FINANCIAL REPORT - BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$127,343.65
Cash Investments		827,727.22
Cash Conservation Fund		27,148.39
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		163,492.79
Accounts Receivable:	DOT - Bessie Pierce Bridge	44,000.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2006	20,796.41
	Prior	47,594.51
Uncollected Taxes:	Property Taxes - 2007	236,960.08
	Land Use Change Tax	9,220.00
	Timber Tax	1,417.00
Less Allowance for Refunds & Abatements		(4,671.46)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,501,028.59

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:

School Tax Payable		1,037,834.00
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation	27,148.39
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction (2002)	25,126.54
	Fire Equipment (1982)	20,276.18
	Highway Equipment (1982)	52,070.16
	Municipal Land Purchase (2006)	56,386.30
	Police Cruiser (1998)	9,034.33
	Revaluation (1993)	599.28
	Total Capital Reserve Funds	163,492.79
Total Liabilities		1,228,475.18
Fund Equity:		
	Reserved: Pandemic	167.96
	Total Reserved	167.96
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus):		
	2007	76,142.29
	Prior	196,243.16
	Total Fund Balance	272,385.45
Total Fund Equity		272,553.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$1,501,028.59

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation <u>2007</u>	Actual Expenditures <u>2007</u>	Selectmen's Budget <u>2008</u>	Budget Committee Recommended <u>2008</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
4130	33,375	30,967	33,250	33,250
4140	20,989	20,650	21,793	21,793
4150	38,706	37,015	38,722	38,722
4153	7,000	7,679	7,500	7,500
4155	60,323	63,740	67,654	67,654
4191	5,101	3,695	5,560	5,560
4194	17,653	19,692	20,692	20,692
4195	6,000	6,000	9,000	9,000
4196	13,284	12,312	13,400	13,400
Insurance Not Allocated to Depts.				
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
4210	7,350	7,595	9,350	9,350
4215	19,000	18,663	21,000	21,000
4220	28,000	27,082	29,770	29,770
4240	4,000	4,053	4,000	4,000
4290	7,000	892	11,000	11,000
<u>HIGHWAYS & STREETS</u>				
4311	118,480	114,429	116,795	116,795
4312	377,952	378,262	410,550	410,550
4316	2,500	2,714	2,800	2,800
<u>OTHER HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES</u>				
4313	20,000	20,000	0	0
4313	0	0	2,500	2,500
4319	6,250	6,630	0	0
<u>SANITATION</u>				
4324	95,600	77,129	93,250	93,250
<u>HEALTH</u>				
4411	100	100	100	100
4414	100	326	200	200
4415	4,700	4,700	5,000	5,000
<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441	130	130	130	130
4442	3,000	247	5,000	5,000
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
4520	4,375	4,375	5,000	5,000
4550	27,750	27,750	29,830	29,830
4583	200	259	300	300

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation <u>2007</u>	Actual Expenditures <u>2007</u>	Selectmen's Budget <u>2008</u>	Budget Committee Recommended <u>2008</u>
<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
4611	500	229	500	500
Conservation Commission				
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
4711	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Bessie Pierce Bridge				
4721	1,780	1,858	950	950
Interest on Long Term Loans				
4723	15,000	17,653	15,000	15,000
Interest on TAN				
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>				
Land & Improvements				
4901	67,500	65,324	0	0
*Stream Bank Restoration				
	0	0	200,000	200,000
*Land Purchase				
4902	0	0	80,000	80,000
*River Road North Bridge Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
	12,500	12,500	0	0
*Fire Truck Restoration				
	0	0	5,000	5,000
*Transfer Station Equipment				
4909	3,998	3,998	0	0
*Tennis Court Resurfacing				
	7,000	7,000	0	0
*Town History Books				
	0	0	35,000	35,000
*Town Hall Renovation				
	0	0	10,000	10,000
*Audit				
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT</u>				
4912	3,000	4,525	4,500	4,500
Conservation Fund				
4915	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
*Capital Res-Bridge Reconstruction				
4915	0	0	5,000	5,000
*Capital Res-Fire Equipment				
4915	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
*Capital Res-Highway Equipment				
4915	0	0	15,000	15,000
*Capital Res-Mun Land Purchase				

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

\$1,075,376 \$1,045,173 \$1,375,095 1,375,095

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes

\$723,758

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)

\$351,618

Budget Committee: Robert Moore, Kelly Goodrich, Gary Dermott, Michael Acerno, David Putnam

*Warrant Articles

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues <u>2007</u>	Actual Revenues <u>2007</u>	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues <u>2008</u>
<u>TAXES</u>			
3120 Land Use Change Tax	12,000	18,270	9,000
3185 Yield Taxes	20,000	22,757	20,000
3187 Excavation Tax	5,000	5,156	5,000
3190 Interest & Penalties-Taxes	10,000	12,177	4,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>			
3210 Business Licenses & Permits	600	835	800
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	250,000	264,633	260,000
3230 Building Permits	4,000	4,053	4,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,000	7,843	5,000
<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
3319 Streambank Restoration	50,625	50,625	0
3319 Pandemic	6,000	375	5,000
<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351 Shared Revenue	9,686	17,819	17,000
3352 Rooms & Meals	78,633	78,633	75,000
3353 Highway Block Grant	69,022	69,022	71,427
3356 Forest Land Reimbursement	17	17	50
3359 Bessie Pierce Bridge	44,000	44,000	0
3359 River Road North Bridge	0	0	64,000
<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>			
3379 Misc.	500	517	0
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401 Income from Departments	3,000	4,106	5,000
3501 Sale of Tax Deeded Property	5,000	23,750	0
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3502 Interest	11,000	13,044	13,000
3503 Rent of Property	5,800	6,001	6,000
3504 Fines from the Court	0	25	25
3509 Other	300	1,187	4,500
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>			
3916 Trust Funds	75	75	0
3915 From Capital Reserve Funds:			
Fire Equipment	7,500	7,500	0
Municipal Land Purchase	0	0	50,000
Bridge Reconstruction	0	0	16,000
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
3934 Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	150,000
3939 Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	125,000	125,000	125,000
 TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	 \$723,758	 \$777,420	 \$909,802

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 13 & MARCH 14, 2007

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Peter Heed, Moderator, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 11:00 am with the readings of Articles One and Two of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School during the Annual Town Meeting after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 by Peter Heed, Moderator.

Moderator Peter Heed called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem, reading through the entire warrant aloud and then with the reading of the results of Articles One and Two as follows:

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

The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 425 of the registered 1151 voters = 37%. "The following are the winners and I so declare it," stated Moderator Peter Heed with the reading of the results. These are noted with an * after the number of votes received.

For three years	Selectman	
	Marjorie Merena	232*
	Robert Moore, Jr.	179
	Misc.	3
For one year	Town Clerk	
	Cindi H. Adler	392*
	Misc.	5
For one year	Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	399*
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Tina Fletcher	17 (declined)
	Kimberly Piers	2
	Susan Castor	2
	Earla Williams	2
	Misc.	25
	(To be decided at a later date)	

For three years	Budget Committee	
	G. Russell Austin	4
	Michael Reed	4
	Misc.	26
(To be appointed by Budget Committee at a later date)		
For one year	Budget Committee	
	Gary Dermott	325*
	Misc.	6
For three years	Trustee of the Library	
	Jayne Burnett	34*
	Misc.	22
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Thomas Bates	10*
	Misc.	16
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	Russell A. Kotfila	304*
	Misc.	2
For one year	Cemetery Trustee	
	JoAnn LaBarre	4 (declined)
	Carlson Barrett	3
	Donald Hall	3
	Wendy Putnam	3
	Misc.	12
For one year	Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Adler	380*
	Misc.	5
For two years	Auditor	
	Susan Reed	4*
	Kathryn DeFreitas	3
	Misc.	12
For one year	Auditor	
	Walter J. Niland	316*
	Misc.	2

For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Elaine M. Moore	10*
	Robert Moore, Jr.	9
	JoAnn LaBarre	6
	Misc.	15

ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board (Copies on file with the Town Clerk)

The Westmoreland Planning Board has proposed the following changes to the Westmoreland Ordinances.

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Section 414 Location of Driveways

Current

All Driveways are to be located at least one hundred feet from a street line intersection for all uses, except one and two family residential uses, and shall be subject to approval by the town road agent. All driveways must be accesses from the frontage of a Class V or better road.

No driveway can be closer than 10 feet from a boundary line.

Proposed

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

No driveway can be closer than 10 feet from a boundary line. *Shared driveways are allowed by special exception in all zones.*

YES 271* NO 119

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

Section 421:1 Portable Structures

Current

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

Proposed

Portable structures are allowed by permit, *must have at least 20 feet setback from Side and back yards, and must meet* all other regulations for the zone in which

they are placed.

YES 264*

NO 129

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

Lot Coverage Definition

Current

The percentage of a lot area covered by a building. Coverage shall also include parking spaces and driveways.

Proposed

That portion of a lot that is covered by a building, structures, and man-made improvements on the ground surface, such as paving, crushed stone and that prevent the absorption of storm water.

YES 251*

NO 120

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Lot Coverage by Zone

Current

Table 502 Commercial Industrial – Maximum lot coverage 25%

Table 503 Forestry Residential – Maximum lot coverage not defined

Table 505 Rural Residential – Maximum lot coverage not defined

Proposed

Table 502 Commercial Industrial – *Maximum lot coverage 75%*

Table 503 Forestry Residential – *Maximum lot coverage 15%*

Table 505 Rural Residential – *Maximum lot coverage 15%*

YES 224*

NO 131

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Minor Subdivision Checklist of Items Required for a Subdivision Plat

Current

#8. Water courses, ponds, standing water, rock ledges, stone walls & other natural features: existing and proposed foliage lines and open space to be preserved.

Proposed

#8. Water courses, ponds, standing water, rock ledges, stone walls & other natural features: existing and proposed foliage lines and open space to be preserved. *Wetland resources, as defined by the town's Wetland Resource Map (July 2002). These shall include public wells, intermittent and perennial water courses, wetland indicators including USGS Wetland Areas and USDA Hydric Soils, as well as the town's wetland buffer zone.*

YES 277* NO 94

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Major Subdivision Checklist of Items Required for a Subdivision Plat Current

#8. Water courses, ponds, standing water, rock ledges, stone walls & other natural features: existing and proposed foliage lines and open space to be preserved.

Proposed

#8. Water courses, ponds, standing water, rock ledges, stone walls & other natural features: existing and proposed foliage lines and open space preserved. *Wetland resources, as defined by the town's Wetland Resource Map (July 2002). These shall include public wells, intermittent and perennial water courses, wetland indicators including USGS Wetland Areas and USDA Hydric Soils, as well as the town's wetland buffer zone.*

YES 281* NO 92

Tom Hanna was recognized by the Moderator and suggested to the Selectmen they post the entire Ordinance Change Amendments proposed in following years in the Warrant so that townspeople have a chance to look at them prior to elections. Sarah Bonneau reiterated this suggestion to make sure this suggestion is in the record.

Moderator Peter Heed then stated that the Cheshire County Delegation has finally voted for the County Jail to be built on Route 101 in Marlborough, above Rocky Brook. Jack Pratt then spoke to thank the Westmoreland Townspeople for sticking with the Commissioners through thick and thin times with regard to the Jail situation – some pretty thick, and some very thin times. He came to express his gratitude and thank the Town.

Moderator Peter Heed then read aloud the remainder of the Articles to be considered at this Town Meeting before addressing them individually, indicating that regarding Article 18, the amount can be amended tonight due to the procedural error in the amount which should read \$969,368 as the proposed operating budget not the \$490,920 as printed. He had spoken to the DRA and the Attorney General's Office on this matter. Also, we would not be considering Article 19 as it was the same as Article 13.

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

Article moved by David Putnam and seconded by Wesley Staples. No discussion.

ARTICLE 3 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000) to replace the Makinen Road Bridge, number 151/125, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision 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. Reimbursement of \$392,000 will come from the State Bridge Aid and \$98,000 to be raised by taxes. 2/3 vote required. (The Selectmen Recommends this Article) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore.

David Putnam made motion to AMEND THE FIGURES OF ARTICLE 4 stating that due to a typographical error, the amounts are incorrect. After discussing and refiguring the amounts aloud with Treasurer JoAnn LaBarre, then and there, the AMENDED ARTICLE 4 should read:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) to replace the Makinen Road Bridge, number 151/125, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision 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. Reimbursement of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$380,000) will come from the State Bridge Aid and Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to be raised by taxes. 2/3 vote required. (The Selectmen Recommend this Article) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

and he wished to Amend the figures in Article 4 as such. Amendment to the figures of Article 4 was seconded by Wesley Staples.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Selectmen Chairman David Putnam refused to speak on the Article.

Budget Committee Chairman, Robert Moore Jr. stated that the Budget Committee did not recommend this article. He stated that they felt that the temporary bridge in place now is costing the Town \$2500 per year and they felt that for now the money could be

better spent and that we should have an Article which is better written and get our facts better together before we make a decision on this.

Lisa Moon asked where the bridge was located, and why hadn't the Paulin's bridge been fixed that we had passed at last year's Town Meeting. We're still waiting for this.

David Putnam stated that Makinen Road Bridge is located off Route 12 in East Westmoreland and said the state assured them that if this Article is defeated, we won't get the state funding back within a year, but if we pass this article we will get our funding this year. This is still under the money from the flood so we are assured we will receive the money back this year. If we don't go pass this then we will have to wait until the year 2010 or 2011 to receive the state reimbursement for this bridge money. Also, the bridge that was referred to as the "Paulin's Bridge" on Partridge Brook Road is being done this year.

Gary Dermott asked the Selectmen if they would address Article 5, since articles 4 & 5 go hand in hand. He asked they explain that the State will pay this Town Bridge Aid money to extend Thompson Road by 1600' to connect to the Makinen Road, which is said to include the extra culvert, fabric and gravel to upgrade Thompson Road first. He also wants the Townspeople to understand that if we vote the bridge down, the State Bridge Aid could also be allowed in Article 5.

Patrice Aguda-Brown asked if the Town goes with Article 5 and extending the Thompson Road, would the Town still be able to use Makinen Road and Dave Putnam said no. The Makinen Road Bridge would be done away with and one would then have to use Thompson Road to get to Makinen Road.

Ian Hurley asked how long Makinen Road Bridge had been in place.

David Putnam stated 40-50 years is his best he could guess. This would replace the bridge to service three households. This state's estimate is for a "Gold-Plated Bridge", yes, and we have to raise \$95,000 which is our 20% -- as long as the bridge meets state standards, they will reimburse the other 80%.

Ian asked if we choose not to take the State's money, can't we replace the "crap abutment" from town money instead and keep the bridge open that way.

Dave stated that if we choose not to use the state's design, we'd have to fund it. They would not reimburse us any funds and would not guarantee a bridge they didn't design.

Tina Fletcher spoke to the Article, asking the Townspeople to refer to the handouts they received on their way in titled "**Vote Yes to Article 4 / Vote No to Article 5**"

Cost of Bridge Replacement
\$490,000 – all but \$98,000 to be reimbursed (Per Warrant Article #4)

Taxpayer Cost \$98,000

Cost of Road Extension
\$200,000 – all but \$40,000 to be reimbursed (Per Warrant Article 5)

Taxpayer Cost: \$40,000

Bridge Life Expectancy: 50-70 years
m

Road Life Expectancy: Continual with
Maintenance

Maintenance – None
m

Maintenance - \$96,136 for 60 years
(or \$160,000 at 3% inflation)

**Total Cost: \$98,000
m**

**Total Cost: \$136,136 (or \$200,000 at
3% inflation)**

The above shows it makes fiscal sense to Vote Yes to Article 4 and build a new bridge.

She stated that this states plain and simple that it is fiscally responsible to build the bridge.

R. Bruce Smith stated that the Town already maintains Thompson Road. The Budget Committee didn't vote for either one and the Selectmen voted for both. He would like to know where the Selectmen stand on this.

Dave stated that the Selectmen want this issue resolved this year so they are giving the Town a choice: the bridge at \$490,000 or the road extension at \$467,695. You can see that the Budget Committees total recommended budget is less than the Selectmen's on Page 12. If you look at the Revenue Page 13 in your annual report, you will see there is about \$595,000 listed in 3359 to off-set this. {Although he didn't state it, this figure includes the Bessie Pierce Bridge} "I knew it was going to get like this." You people told us last year we didn't have our facts together, so this year we do. We want this resolved. We don't care which one you pick.

Wesley Staples commented on the handout stating that it states the total cost of the bridge is \$98,000 after the end of 60 years, but you then have to buy a new bridge. We won't have to buy a new road. We are maintaining it now and will still have it at the end of 60 years.

Scott Leslie spoke stating that we don't need the state's "Gold-Plated Bridge" for \$490,000 - we don't need a FEMA bridge – we just need a bridge for three families. If we had the road go through and connect with Capron Road, as had been discussed, or if the road had a lot of heavy use, then yes, but we don't – just make a bridge.

Jack Zeller asked Wes Staples, being the previous Road Agent, which he would vote for, the bridge or the road extension. Wes said the road.

Cici Bonneau stated that she supports Bob Moore in that there hasn't been enough information brought forth and that we should wait on a decision until there is.

Dianna Madden asked what the \$200,000 for the Thompson Road extension includes.

Dave stated that it includes the upgrade of the existing Thompson Road, replaces culvert, pays for fabric and gravel and extends the road 1600' more to Makinen Road.

Larry Siegel asked if the \$200,000 is enough to pay for upgrading the existing road as well as make the thru road.

Jay Madden asked what the 50-year forecast is for maintained roads.

Dave stated same as the rest – cannot give you an answer. In 50 years you will have to build another bridge. The road will have normal maintenance. I cannot break down the cost, but the road will still be there. It will be part of the Highway Department budget.

George Duke questioned Dave as to what he was saying, that if we did not make a decision, we wouldn't get any money from the state? Dave responded with, "we might be waiting until the year 2010."

Marshall Gordon stated that he is against the extension of Thompson Road.

Mark Bouley said that Thompson Road is seasonal. \$200,000 is too low a figure if you are rebuilding Thompson Road and 1600' extension. It won't do both. Also, there will be more than three more households added by the extension, there will be more house lots open and more building which will mean MORE TRAFFIC.

Art Geiss stated it was strongly suggested at the end of Town Meeting that the Selectmen apply to FEMA for money for this bridge when asked if they had. DID YOU APPLY FOR FEMA MONEY?

Dave said no, they did not apply for any FEMA money.

Tina Fletcher asked that the Selectmen to explain their figures – the current road, the increase of traffic, the retired people at what would be end of Thompson Road which are close to Route 12 via Makinen Road. The bridge was probably put there originally because of all the ledge and steepness of the would-be extension. She thought the figures are too conservative.

Arnold Makinen stated that he had lived on Makinen Road for 48 years and the bridge had always been there. \$490,000 is the cost of a high-end bridge. He thinks the Town should look at all avenues before making a decision.

Larry Siegel stated that that he appreciates the Budget Committees input and sides with them that the thought process for this takes more effort and if the response time for the state to reimburse us from Bridge Aid is 2-3 years, that in the scheme of things, we'd be justified in taking the time to get more facts and think things through a bit more.

Mike Reed stated that we have other bridges that are red-flagged and need attention that cannot be put off. According to the handout, the bridge will not need any maintenance once it is replaced. If you do not maintain a bridge, it will fall in – look at the ones we have now that are in need of repair. He is in favor of the road, not the bridge.

Kelly Goodrich, member of the Budget Committee is against both. He's against the bridge and the money for the road extension is not a complete figure. Needs more work.

Jay Madden stated that he thought if the road had not been maintained for over 20 years, it goes back to the landowners.

Dave stated that it doesn't revert back to landowners unless the road is thrown up by the Town. It is technically still a Town road – it needs 50' of gravel – and it is a "crappy" Class V Road, but the Town's road, all the same.

Scott Goodnow stated that the roads don't mean much to him, but he knows the property that would be affected and the Rock Maples make that property and it has a cherished character. He wouldn't want to lose that. He favors the bridge. Thompson Road already needs major work from the stream destroying the lower end.

Lauren Hurley stated that her parents own the land up there and that although they could sell a lot of house lots, they don't want to see this change, and she's not in favor of the road extension either.

R. Bruce Smith moved questions and discussion. Cici Bonneau seconded the motion.

Move questions on Amended Article 4 voted in the Affirmative by voice vote.

Ballot vote (required 2/3) set up at 8:08 pm.

BALLOTS CAST: 168 YES 68 NO 100

AMENDED ARTICLE 4 DEFEATED BY BALLOT VOTE.

Moderator Peter Heed brought the meeting back to order with the reading the results of Article 4 and the reading of Article 5 at 8:44 pm.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to open the Class 6 portion of Thompson Road. One Hundred Sixty Dollars to be reimbursed by State Bridge Aid and \$40,000 to be raised by taxes.
(The Selectmen Recommends this Article) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by R. Bruce Smith.

R. Bruce Smith stated that this is not a bond article and therefore does not require a 2/3 vote, just a simple majority. It is handled differently.

Ian Hurley asked if not a bonded article at \$200,000, yet we expect \$160,000 from the state if this is to pass, how are our taxes impacted – on the \$40,000 and would we receive the \$160,000 from the state this year.

Dave Putnam stated that the state would reimburse us THIS YEAR year for the \$160,000, so the impact would be the \$40,000.

Marshall Patmos stated that he is not sure that \$200,000 would cover the extension as Eliot Thompson would need another tractor and a winch to pull more people out of the mud.

Mike Reed stated that we first need the Article to be amended to read \$160,000, as it was written as One Hundred Sixty Dollars. Mike Reed made motion to AMEND ARTICLE 5 to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to open the Class VI portion of Thompson Road. One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars to be reimbursed by State Bridge Aid and Forty Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes. (The Selectmen Recommend this Article) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion moved by Dave Putnam and seconded by R. Bruce Smith.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Tom Hanna asked what the feasibility of passing over this Article and some change to the Makinen Road Bridge to next year would be.

Dave Putnam stated, "Again, as I stated many times before tonight, it's going to cost us more than the \$90,000 to \$95,000 to build the bridge on our own. We can get the State Bridge Aid back THIS YEAR if we vote this in, since we just voted the bridge down."

Tom Hanna stated that if the Homeowners on the two roads are not in favor of the road extension / joining, perhaps the Selectmen should look into other options.

Bill Foshier asked how many more building lots could go in that road extension.

David Putnam said four.

Diana Madden asked how much land, trees and fields would the homeowners be losing.

Dave stated that they have the Right of Way. The stone walls are some of the boundaries – they would be sympathetic to the trees. The Town owns the Right of Way where Thompson Road now ends, it drops off and will need fill, all is figured into the dollar figure we gave you.

Scott Leslie stated that it doesn't make sense to turn a dead end road into another dead end road. Makinen Road into Capron Road makes more sense with it coming out onto Route 12.

Jack Zeller asked who is benefiting from the extension of Thompson Road.

Wes stated that the people on Makinen Road are benefiting as the state law requires that the Town provide access to its residents. The bridge now is suspended by 3/4" rods holding it with the temporary bridge.

Tina Fletcher stated that she and the other Thompson Road and Makinen Road residents appreciate the residents' concern for their road. The temporary bridge is inexpensive enough and seems to be doing the trick, so why do we need to do anything?

Dave stated that that is a temporary fix to that bridge and we used the money in the Town's Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund to get them through.

Mike Reed stated to Jack Zeller that he and all the townspeople would benefit by putting the road in and cutting the costs by no bridge.

Bill Chase stated that steel and all costs are going up. He is for passing this article.

Hand Count was too close to rule on so Moderator Peter Heed stated there will be a Ballot Count on the Amended Article 5.

Ballot Voting started at 9:03 pm.

BALLOTS CAST: 163 YES 78 NO 85

AMENDED ARTICLE 5 IS DEFEATED BY BALLOT VOTE.

Moderator Peter Heed called the Annual Town Meeting back to order with the reading of the results of Amended Article 5 and the reading of Article 6 at 9:30 pm.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred (\$12,500) to refurbish 36 Engine #4. Seven Thousand Five Hundred to come from Fire Truck Capital Reserve, and Five Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Bob Hamilton.

Harry Nelson spoke to the article stating that this would refurbish 36 Engine #4, hoping to save the Town a little money. The quotes he received guaranteed that the refurbishing would make 36 Engine #4 last at least 10 more years.

ARTICLE 6 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500) for stream bank restoration on Great Meadow Ferry and Partridge Brook Road. Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$50,625) to be reimbursed by the Federal Government and Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$16,875) to be raised by taxes.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommends this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore.

Dave Putnam spoke to the article stating that this money cleaned up the debris along the corridor of Route 12 and along Partridge Brook Road. This will also be used to fix Great Meadow Ferry Road where we had a tremendous issue of the road just disappearing and having to rebuild a big chunk of it, and the toe still in need of repair as well as on Partridge Brook Road to build up the Town road and the banking in order to fix the toe there as well.

ARTICLE 7 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$3,998) to resurface the tennis courts.

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by John Harris.

Susan Harris presented this for the budget to the Selectmen, and as you can see on page 12 of your Annual Report it is in both the Selectmen's and the Budget Committee's Budget. This would be done by a company from the Brattleboro/Springfield area that resurfaces tennis courts and this would last for the next 10-20 years. There is an RSA which states that this should come before the Town for a Voice vote for the record after being recommended by both the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 8 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to reprint the town History. The book is with a soft cover in a quantity of between 250 and 300 books.
(The Board of Selectmen Recommend this Article) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore.

Janice Carpenter spoke to the Article stating that the History books that were published have been gone and have been gone for some time. The Historical Committee

went to three different printers for quotes. The new History book would be soft-covered and 300 of them would cost between \$20-\$27 per book to print then sold for \$35 each to realize a profit of up to \$15 per book for the Town. This is revenue for the Town.

Patricia Bentrup asked if this would be an update from the previous History, and why not Hard-covered?

Jan stated that it has only been 30 years since the prior History was published. Usually it at least 75 years before an update, so these would be reprinted as is. These will be printed in soft cover to keep the costs down. It was up to the Committee, and they felt that soft-covered would be better accepted and more affordable at this time.

Cici Bonneau stated that at a meeting she had spoken to the Budget Committee expressing there is a real market and need for these books and to have them reprinted. She herself uses hers a lot and knows others as well do. She urged the Townspeople to approve this article.

ARTICLE 9 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Wesley Staples.

Dave spoke to the article stating that the Selectmen try to set aside an amount each year to this Capital Reserve Fund so that when it comes time to get new equipment for the Highway Department, we don't have to pay out of pocket all at once.

Leona Gordon asked how much was in this Fund now.

Dave stated that the amount is listed on Page 56 of the Annual Report as \$44791.84.

ARTICLE 10 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by George Duke.

David Putnam stated that this is the same idea – putting money aside for repairs of bridges that need repair. Right now the Town has 4 bridges which are "red listed". He stated the amount in that account right now is \$42,424.65.

ARTICLE 11 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 12: To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. The Funds are included in the proposed operating budget.
(The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by R. Bruce Smith.

Bruce Clement made the motion to amend Article 12 so that the proceeds from the Jotham Lord Fund go to the Town Library. The amount this year is \$74.96. The Library Trustees appreciate the support of the Town and "...every little bit helps." Amendment seconded by June Hammond.

AMENDMENT VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 12 NOW READS: To see if the Town will vote the proceeds from the Jotham Lord Fund (the amount of \$74.96) be given to the Town Library for their use.

AMENDED ARTICLE 12 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to approve a twice a year billing or take any action at this time.
(The Board of Selectmen approve this article.)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore.

Dave spoke to the article stating that when the school budget was discussed, it was made known that SAU #29 wanted to have more uniform payments made to the school district by the town. The town has always borrowed the money and then paid the loans back in December when the bulk of the money came in by taxes. This year we borrowed a tremendous amount of money in June and July at 3-4% interest. We would have an estimated tax bill in June to get revenue in so we wouldn't have to borrow so much.

Jack Laurent asked Dave how much the town would be saving this way.

JoAnn LaBarre stated that the town paid \$15,000 in interest in 2006.

R. Bruce Smith asked if this would mean we would have an estimated tax for the first half on the evaluation of the property for that year.

Walter Derjue stated that if we pay ½ in June and ½ in December, we're paying ½ in advance – the tax payers will have to borrow for the first ½ to pay their bills if their money is tied into the yearly accounts.

Bob Härke asked if Line 4723 would be removed from the budget line for the \$15,000 proposed for next year's "Interest on TAN".

Dave Putnam stated that it is the intention of the Selectmen to have this go into effect in June of 2008.

Bob Moore stated that he had always voted against this as it was always to the town's advantage to borrow and invest the money until it is needed, but felt it has not been as beneficial lately.

Barry Shonbeck asked if there is a net gain to this proposal.

JoAnn LaBarre stated that we wouldn't be able to invest the money by borrowing, but we wouldn't be paying the rising interest rates.

Larry Siegel asked what impact there would be on the Abatement Process.

Dave assured him the Abatement Process would be the same after the December billing.

Cindi Adler, the town's tax collector spoke to the article, stating, "Imagine my surprise when I first saw this Warrant Article and that the Selectmen had "approved" it and then to see Article 19 which is basically the same article again, and not A WORD had been spoken to me that this idea was even up for consideration. I assume the Selectmen researched all that would need to be considered upon approval of this article, so I was waiting to see what they had come up with, for which I'm still waiting. I put some figures and information together in short notice I had to help you understand."

"The Selectmen had invited me to a meeting in January, 2005 at which time they had considered computerizing the Tax Collector. They showed me the quote from Avitar for the Software and one year of support at \$7500. I explained that I had brought up to the idea of computerizing the Town Clerk to the Selectmen for the three years prior to this and it was an article on the Town Warrant the previous Town Meeting at which the Amended \$7500 Article was defeated, to a system I would make use of every day which included the computer, printer and all. I told them I did not feel the Town would want to pay the same money for Software and 1 year of support for something I would make use of approximately one month of the year, at which they wrote to Avitar stating, the Tax Collector "...wishes to continue keeping records longhand."

She stated that if the Town wishes to go to bi-annual billing, they should realize the cost that will go along with it. The computer software and one year of support at \$7500 is right on top with a computer, printer, double the postage, printing, paper, envelopes, training and salary increase, with a first year price tag of approximately \$15,000. She stated she checked with Walpole (which is the town we seem to comparing all our quotes to) as well as a few other towns. The Walpole Tax Collector has bi-annual billing, and is paid ½ of 1% of the Tax Warrant. Your Tax Collector was paid a salary of \$5481.14 plus she gets minimal fees for the Tax Lien process. ½ of 1% of the Westmoreland 2006 Tax Warrant would be \$12,780. Twice a year billing would mean twice the work, which she

is not opposed to as long as it is compensated for. She stated she keeps track of her time for her own records and averaging the time over the past three years of the hours, this would be an increase of approximately 386 hours. She stated she had not yet heard what the Selectmen have come up with.

ARTICLE 13 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Westmoreland will authorize the Selectmen to execute, acknowledge and deliver a deed without covenants to Peter A. and Linda L. Remy conveying all of the town's right, title and interest in that certain parcel of land situated between the westerly side of Granger Hollow Road, so called, as no constructed and easterly of the boundary of land of Peter A. and Linda L. Remy. The land described in this article is the former road bed of Granger Hollow Road which has now been relocated to the east. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Elaine Moore.

Dave spoke to the article stating that Peter and Linda Remy had brought this to the attention of the Board that this section of land had been deeded to the town and now that the Granger Hollow Road has been relocated to the east of the property, the property should be deeded back to the Remys. This is a formality to correct this and make it legal.

Karl Shonbeck asked if this would clear the deed to the present use of the land.

Moderator Peter Heed stated it would.

ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the local and state levels:

Resolved: We the citizens of Westmoreland, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. "The Pledge" perpetuates a burdensome property tax. We urge our elected officials to reject "The Pledge," have an open discussion covering all options, and to adopt a revenue system that relieves the local property tax burden. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Motion to move article by Jan Hurley and seconded by Jim Blake.

David Leinster spoke to the article said he was asked to speak to the article and stated there is a pamphlet out that gives more information. There is a question of "The Pledge" akin to a major religion. With the current "Ax the Tax" concept, if you are running for Governor, if you don't take "The Pledge", you don't get elected. The Education Funding issue has been in a 14-year legal battle, and this pledge keeps the idea of any other tax for funding at bay. New Hampshire is one of the highest income per capita states, but we

have the 49th lowest tax base. This pledge has brought new meaning to limited government. We need efficiency for a fair government. We need to urge the Legislature to give up the slogan of “The Pledge.”

Ed Sienkiewicz stated that there are other means of taxation. He is from New York where there is income and sales tax, etc. and likes the way things are here.

Marshall Patmos stated he didn’t want to be in the middle of a religious war. He doesn’t think the pledge is a good idea.

Moderator Peter Heed stated that this is a non-binding resolution.

ARTICLE 15 vote by Voice vote was declared too close for the Moderator to call so he requested a Hand Count.

ARTICLE 15 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY HAND COUNT VOTE.
YES 65 NO 62

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Westmoreland. These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. Economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid Development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Motion to move article by Jim Blake and seconded by Marshall Gordon.

Buffy Dewey spoke to the article stating she was asked to speak on behalf of the Sierra Club. She stated that although some people think their voice is not heard, the one thing we can all do is speak up to change things. 2 decades ago we faced the Acid Rain issue and by speaking up, it was reduced by 1/3. New Hampshire has the highest Adult Asthma rate in the United States. The Sierra Club asked me to speak to encourage this town to address this issue of climate change – we need all voices to be heard.

David Moon stated that he has been following and teaching about these issues for 25 years. We need to listen to the scientists – UNH has some really good ones. We need to listen to the details. When we hear predictions of models, they predict the future but there are a series of things that led up to these things of what shouldn’t have happened in the past. We need to listen and take steps to control these and turn these situations around.

Moderator Peter Heed stated this is a Non-binding Resolution.

ARTICLE 16 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 17: The method used to statistically update property assessments in 2006 in Westmoreland was flawed, lacked fairness, and should be replaced. Mandatory property assessment updates should be calculated based on a single percentage increase over 2005 values and applied equally to all Westmoreland properties. In addition Westmoreland should return to a town-wide system of individual property assessments conducted at agreed upon fixed intervals. (PETITION ARTICLE)

Motion moved by George Duke and seconded by Susie Harris.

John Harris spoke to the article stating that it is important to realize how the Property Tax reassessment was done in 2006, instead of the process used in the past to determine the rate of property tax due by every land owner. The process used in 2006 was a statistical update, a cost-saving feature which the Selectmen approved for the Assessor to use. In the public meeting put on by the assessor after we received our taxes last fall, he stated that the system he used in the statistical update was a neighborhood design. There was not book at the time of how a neighborhood was determined or where each one began or ended. The book just recently showed up in the Selectmen's office. He felt that the Selectmen moving to this new method of Assessing is a mistake and if we allow this method to stay, it will stay as part of the system in the future. He stated this is a less accurate method. He referred the townspeople to the blue handout they were given which is titled "Article # 17 Statistical Update", which states:

To see if the town will vote to repeal the statistical update as the method for assessing town properties and return to a town-wide revaluation at regular 5-8 year intervals. If mandated to update assessment values, the town will use a single percentage based on the most recent town-wide revaluation to calculate assessment increases.

The statistical updated method of assessment in Westmoreland is unfair and should be rejected for the following reasons:

1. The 2006 statistical update method relies on insufficient data.

In the statistical update a total of 59 homes and 20 unimproved properties provided the data sample used to update more than 1,000 properties in town. This is a sample size of only 8%. In a town-wide revaluation, assessors have available five to eight years of sales data to calculate assessment rates.

2. The update method artificially introduces the concept of neighborhoods in place of assessing the town as a single unit.

The update method established neighborhoods defined as “areas that exhibit homogeneous environmental, economic and social characteristics” to replace individual property assessments. The concept of neighborhoods distorts the real nature of Westmoreland, where there is considerable economic and social diversity spread widely across our town. A town-wide revaluation regards the town as a single unit for assessment purposes.

3. The update method eliminates the ability to compare individual property values.

As part of the revaluation process in 2003, residents received a booklet listing all property values in town and encouraging residents to “compare your assessment to other properties you deem similar to help you determine if your assessment is fair and equitable.” No similar booklet was prepared as part of the statistical update because town-wide comparisons no longer apply one neighborhoods are established for assessment purposes.

4. The statistical update method was implemented without appropriate town discussion and support.

The adoption of a statistical updated method was made without sufficient public input. No mention of the change was made public until after the residents had received their 2006 property tax bills. The 2005 Town meeting minutes report only the following: The assessing agent we had a contract with was let go...the new company we hired as a single individual who can do it all... There will be an increase in assessor fees when we do a new revaluation and property owners will be notified of the assessor’s presence. (page 25)

The Statistical update is based on statistical data for the past 2 years, instead of the full revaluation which is normally 5-8 years. He stated how in each “neighborhood”, it was figured differently and on different number of homes/land taken from the property sales, showing some increases by small amounts, and some by extreme amounts. He stated that the new assessments were pitting some against others. This town is NOT a SERIES of NEIGHBORHOODS—IT IS ONE! He went on to say there are four main problems with the Statistical Update being: the “Neighborhoods”, in 2003 there was a booklet put out with the full revaluation in which one could look in and were encouraged to look in to compare with other properties as your own and it would help keep the town fair and equitable. There is no book with this. They have now established “neighborhoods” – not Town-wide, so there is no way to compare land values and changes. Last year the Selectmen hired a new assessor (see page 25 of your Annual Report) a single person. We had the other Assessors with a 5-year on-going revaluation plan, in which 20% of the Town would be valued each year so as not to have the full price to pay at the end of the 5 years. This 5-year plan apparently ended when the Selectmen broke the contract with the previous assessors. Elaine Moore had stated at the meeting put on in December of 2006 by Jim Rice, the assessor, that they would publish the new valuations, per the Statistical Update, in this Town Report so that we would all be able to compare as before—that they

probably wouldn't have a chance to print a booklet or anything before then but they were encouraged to come in to the Selectmen's office to compare and get copies of their newest tax assessment card. The 2006 property taxes for the most part are collected now so there is probably anything that can be done for those, but we should reject the idea of this Statistical Update and go back to the Town Wide Assessment and raise the taxes based on the valuations of 2005.

David Putnam spoke to the article stating that the Selectmen tried to do the best thing. He said they did not adopt anything. The Department of Revenue told them they had to be close to 100% at all times. He said they adopted this procedure until a full revaluation can be done again. The Statistical Update is one step in the system. It is one part of the full revaluation system. We received a letter from the Department of Revenue stating that this Statistical Update was not flawed. The Assessor we have is now a single person, he is the same person who was working for Avitar when we had them, before breaking that contract and hiring him (Granite State Municipal Assessing). He asked the Moderator to read the numbered paragraphs from the letter (below).

The letter from the Department of Revenue reads as follows:

March 10, 2007

Board of Selectmen
Town of Westmoreland
PO Box 55
Westmoreland, NH 03467

Dear Board Members:

The Department of Revenue Administration pursuant to RSA 21-J:11 is charged with the responsibility of monitoring revaluations and supporting municipalities with revaluation contract compliance.

In recognition of our role as overseers of municipal assessing practices, we have been asked by the Westmoreland Selectmen to address Article 18, a petition article to be voted on by the citizens of Westmoreland at their 2007 town meeting.

The article reads: The method used to statistically update property assessments in 2006 in Westmoreland was flawed, lacked fairness, and should be replaced. Mandatory property assessment updates should be calculated based on a single percentage increase over 2005 values and applied equally to all Westmoreland properties. In addition Westmoreland should return to a town-wide system of individual property assessments conducted at agreed upon fixed intervals.

The following is the DRA's position regarding the petition article:

1. As has been verified in our final report on the 2006 Statistical Update, the sales verification process, valuation methodology, and statistical analysis used to arrive at updated values by Granite State Municipal Assessing resulted in a successful Statistical Update. The results of the update were measured by the DRA in their annual Equalization Study. The 2006 Equalization Study indicated a median ratio of 99.6% which measures the level of assessed value compared to market value. According to the International Association of Assessing Officials in NH Assessing Standards Board, the Benchmark for the median ratio is 90 to 110% with a goal of 100%. The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of assessment equity between property types (for example, vacant land, residential and commercial properties, waterfront and view properties, old and new properties, single story and 2-story properties, etc.) COD's under 15 tend to indicate good assessment equity and Westmoreland's COD is 5.8.
2. Though historically some communities have calculated a single percentage assessment increase (or decrease) for all properties in a community, this approach is not recommended because it does not address different rates in market value change between property types. For example if land values have increased at a faster rate than improved properties, or if single family dwellings have increased at a faster rate than commercial properties, the "single percentage increase" does not address the market changes for these different property types. Granite State's methodology in utilizing current market sales as benchmarks to which all town property values are adjusted is the preferred method of updating values.
3. The DRA sees no evidence indicating that the 2006 revaluation was "flawed" and "lacked fairness". The current system of updating assessments is "town-wide" and addresses assessment level and proportionality for all properties in Westmoreland.

The DRA would remind property owners who feel they have been unfairly or inaccurately assessed of the statutory obligation of the Selectmen and contract assessor to consider any abatement requests with proper application and for good cause shown (RSA 76:16).

It is my hope that Westmoreland's ongoing assessment plan will result in continued assessment accuracy and equity in future years. I look forward to continuing any support and assistance that the DRA can provide to your municipality. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me at (603)271-2687.

Sincerely,

Sam Greene, NHCR 393
Assessment Bureau Representative

Larry Siegel asked if this article would put us in opposition with the law.

Elaine Moore stated that we were required to use this method. It wasn't just chosen by a group in the DRA, it is the law. This is the method mandated by the DRA. A complete revaluation would have been too costly.

R. Bruce Smith stated that this was the method the Selectmen chose and preferred. There were other options.

Elaine Moore stated this was the method mandated by the DRA. It needed to be done.

R. Bruce Smith stated the SELECTMEN CHOSE not to use the other methods. The State did not tell the Board they HAD to use the Statistical Update method, they simply stated that the town had to be brought up to 100%. THERE WERE OTHER METHODS. The Selectmen and the Assessor CHOSE this method. We just had to have a plan of action in order so that we could have the full town-wide revaluation done in 2008, but since the change of assessing companies by the Selectmen, we no longer had a plan of action in order. There were other methods.

Bill Fosher asked exactly what we are voting on, the article as written in the warrant or the way it is written on the blue hand-out.

Moderator Peter Heed stated it is the way it is written in the Warrant as seen in the Annual Report. The Article is a STRONG SUGGESTION to the Selectmen.

Tim Thompson spoke to the article stating that his taxes didn't go up at all, but some got "whooped". He stated that the way this was done seems to be creating some to question and lose faith in the fairness of the system, which in turn makes people lose faith in the government of the town. We are all in this together. This does not seem at all fair and the two "should"s in the article should be changed to "would"s. We should go back to the old system.

Vincent Ferlini spoke on statistical predictions and stated that with every Statistical Prediction there is MARGIN OF ERROR. He stated that if you have any real doubts of statistical predictions, you would never take any medicine. We all take risks.

John Harris then stated that he had spoken with Jim Rice, the Assessor. The State said because we didn't have a plan of action for a full town-wide revaluation (because of the change in assessing companies) we would need to do the Statistical Update. If we could have demonstrated that we had a plan of full town-wide revaluation in 2008, we could have waited. So in essence, by saving money, we're losing.

Elaine Moore stated that "Peter didn't read the entire letter from the State. Anyone who has a problem with their assessment can file with the Board of Land and Tax Appeals.

John Harris asked if what she is stating is that we are stuck with these assessed values we now have from this Statistical Update.

Elaine Moore stated that unless one files with the Board of Land and Tax Appeals, that is their assessment for probably two years. They had set the rate as a cheap fix until there is a full town-wide revaluation done.

ARTICLE 17 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY HAND VOTE.

YES 71 NO 44

Despite the passage of the resolution, Selectman Elaine Moore said, "It's not going to do any good. It's not going to change anything."

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$490,920) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by R. Bruce Smith.

Moderator Peter Heed stated that the Selectmen had come to him regarding this amount being incorrect at Town Elections and he had put calls into both Secretary of State's office and the Department of Revenue Administration of the Selectmen's error and to make sure that this could be amended to the correct amount and addressed at this meeting instead of having to have a special meeting. It is legal to address this and Amend this article tonight at this meeting.

Motion to AMEND ARTICLE 18 by David Putnam to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$969,378 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles was seconded by R. Bruce Smith.

Scott Talbot came forward stating he was looking at line #4210. He stated that he had a question to the Selectmen asking that during the budget process if they had received the proposed figure of \$50,000 brought to them on this line.

Elaine Moore stated that it was never received.

Scott then asked the Selectmen if they felt they were getting adequate coverage from the Constable for our money.

The Selectmen stated they felt that for their money they were. David Putnam stated that Jim actively works on Police investigations, dog problems and meets with the Selectmen as to things which need attention. He further went on to say that at

some time we will need to go for a more permanent situation, but we are not prepared to do so right now. We know eventually we will need someone with more hours, and a vehicle, but we will need a facility or housing for both the individual and his vehicle.

Scott Talbot addressed the issue of the Constable attending the Selectmen's meetings, stating that the records show that between June 1, 2006 and January, 2007, the Constable was mentioned in attendance of only 2 meetings and he issued 13 pistol permits. There is a safety issue. The assaults have been handled by the State Police and it takes around 20 minutes for a State Police Trooper to get to our town. The Constable is paid \$6000 a year and is printing off the State Police Run reports as his reports for our Annual Town Report. This is not his report. In lieu of the Selectmen's response, Scott did not propose a change in the Police Budget at this time.

Barry Shonbeck asked on line #4312, Highways and Streets, why the Budget Committee and the Selectmen differ by \$30,000.

Bob Moore, Jr, Chairman of the Budget Committee stated that due to the mild winter we were having, they took \$5,000 off from the salt and then they cut \$25,000 out of the tar budget as well.

Bonny Royea asked if the Town History printing should be added to this Amended amount.

Moderator Peter Heed stated that the printing was an individual article and is not included in this article too.

Bob Moore, Jr. stated that Harry Nelson might be mad, but he felt the Town should know that \$5000 was added to the Fire Department's budget to pay the Firemen this year. Harry will be taking care of the formula for this payment.

AMENDED ARTICLE 18 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the vote will vote to go to twice a year tax billing system.

Moderator Peter Heed stated that this Article is passed over due to it's being a repeat of Article 13. Moved by R. Bruce Smith and seconded by Joanne Smith.

ARTICLE 19 PASSED OVER BY VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion moved by David Putnam an seconded by June Hammond.

Jack Zeller asked that we recognize Elaine Moore for her service to the town and

she received a round of applause.

R. Bruce Smith made motion to Adjourn at 11:10 pm. Seconded by JoAnn LaBarre.

ADJOURNMENT VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE..

Unapproved Minutes

Cindi H. Adler
Westmoreland Town Clerk

INVENTORY VALUATION – 2007

Residential Land.....	55,920,900
Residential Buildings.....	120,716,700
Current Use Land.....	3,011,635
Commercial Land.....	7,821,100
Commercial Buildings.....	9,965,100
Manufactured Buildings.....	536,100
Public Utilities.....	3,220,300
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EMEMPTIONS.....	201,191,835
Exemptions to Value.....	105,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE.....	201,296,835

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall – Land and Buildings.....	599,600
Town Hall – Furniture and Equipment.....	30,000
Library - Land and Buildings.....	337,100
Library - Contents.....	387,240
Police Department Equipment.....	3,000
Fire Department – Land and Building.....	82,600
Fire Department – Contents.....	100,000
Highway Department – Land and Building.....	171,200
Highway Department – Contents.....	51,500
Parks, Common and Playgrounds.....	175,600
School – Land and Buildings.....	181,300
School Equipment.....	210,000
Historical Land, Buildings and Contents.....	155,900
Transfer Station – Land and Buildings.....	143,900
Misc. Land (11 properties)	262,400

TOTAL \$2,891,340.00

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive		\$33,375
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		20,989
Financial Administration		38,706
Legal Expense		7,000
Personnel Administration		60,323
Planning & Zoning		5,101
General Government Building		17,853
Cemeteries		6,000
Insurance		13,264
Police		7,350
Ambulance		19,000
Fire & Rescue		28,000
Building Inspector		4,000
Emergency Management		7,000
Highways & Streets		496,432
Bridge Repair		20,000
Street Lighting		2,500
Brook Clean-Up		6,250
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling		95,600
Health Officer		100
Animal Control		100
Health Agencies		4,700
Welfare Officer		130
Welfare - Direct Assistance		3,000
Parks & Recreation		4,375
Library		27,750
Patriotic Purposes		200
Conservation Commission		500
Bridge Loan		20,000
Interest on TAN & Long Term		16,780
Stream Bank Restoration		67,500
Fire Truck Restoration		12,500
Town History Books		7,000
Tennis Court Resurfacing		3,998
Conservation Fund Transfer		3,000
Capital Reserve Funds		15,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN		\$1,075,376
Less Revenues		723,758
Less Shared Revenue		8,133
Add-War Service Credits		7,600
Add -Overlay		<u>9,135</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION		360,220
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX		1,629,542
STATE EDUCATION TAX		373,292
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT		<u>377,705</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY		\$2,740,759
Less-War Service Credits		<u>7,600</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT		\$2,733,159
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$2,634,336	
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	631,502	
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>373,292</u>	
	\$1,629,542	
2007 Tax Rate	School - Local	\$8.10
	School - State	\$1.89
	County	\$1.87
	Town	\$1.80
		\$13.66

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Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2007	\$336,919.43
Activity:	
plus receipts	4,839,982.72
less payments	5,019,558.50
plus investment cash flow	<u>-30,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2007:	\$127,343.65

Investment Account Balance - January 1, 2007	789,007.93
plus transfers in	1,308,719.29
less transfers out	1,270,000.00
Balance December 31, 2007:	\$827,727.22

Distribution of Cash-on-Hand General Fund Accounts:

TDBanknorth Checking	\$127,343.65
TDBanknorth Investment Account	\$826,908.67
MBIA Investment Account	<u>\$818.55</u>
Total Cash-on-Hand 12/31/07	\$955,070.87

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2007

Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - Current Year	2,660,455.66	
Tax Leins Redeemed	74,121.66	
Taxes Sold to Town	45,819.76	
Land Use Change Tax	9,050.00	
Yield (Timber) Tax	21,340.11	
Excavation Tax	5,156.00	
Tax Interest & Penalties	7,791.79	
Tax Interest & Costs - Redemptions	<u>4,385.46</u>	\$2,828,120.44

Licenses, Permits & Fees:

3210 Business Licenses & Permits:	
U.C.C. Fees	810.00
Junk Yard Fee	25.00
3220 Motor Vehicle Fees:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	263,986.00
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	840.00
3230 Building Permits	4,052.79
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
Dog Licenses	2,451.50
Marriage Licenses	585.00
Vital Statistics Requests	248.00
Pistol Permits	200.00
Planning & Zoning Hearings	1,288.21

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Bank Fees	200.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	12.00	
Transfer Station Fees (Items)	2,831.30	
Dump Permit Fees	<u>27.00</u>	\$277,556.80
3319 Federal Sources:		
Brook Clean-Up	\$389,101.00	
Pandemic	\$375.00	
Streambank Restoration	<u>\$125,252.98</u>	\$514,728.98
State Sources:		
3351 Shared Revenue	17,819.00	
3352 Rooms & Meals Distribution	78,633.39	
3353 Highway Block Grant	69,022.37	
3356 Forest Land Reimbursement	16.52	
3359 Historical Society Grant	<u>6,600.00</u>	\$172,091.28
3379 From Other Governments:	517.45	\$517.45
3401 Income from Departments:		
Fire Department	1,070.20	
School Mowing	1,616.66	
Recycling - Transfer Station	<u>1,418.96</u>	\$4,105.82
3501 Sale of Tax Deeded Property	23,750.00	\$23,750.00
3502 Interest - Checking Account		\$4,325.19
3503 From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rent	4,800.00	
Town Hall Rent	<u>1,201.30</u>	\$6,001.30
3501 Fines & Forfeits:		
Fines from the Court	25.00	\$25.00
3509 Other Misc. Revenue:		
Town History Book Sales	660.00	
Copies & Postage	375.50	
Misc.	<u>150.00</u>	\$1,185.50
Interfund Transfers In:		
3915 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	7,500.00	
3916 Jotham Lord Trust Fund	74.96	\$7,574.96
3939 Other Financial Sources:		
Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	\$1,000,000.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,839,982.72

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2007

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Secretary	14,830.93	
Selectmen	4,500.00	
Moderator	75.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00	
Printing	3,110.68	
Dues	2,468.08	
Notices	445.54	
Equipment Agreements	769.00	
Software Agreements	3,297.99	
Supplies	944.91	
Postage & PO Fees	259.98	
Jotham Lord Fund	74.96	
Other	<u>40.00</u>	\$30,967.07

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk	4,800.48	
Town Clerk Fees	10,097.00	
Deputy Town Clerk Fees	410.00	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	140.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	120.00	
Town Clerk Telephone	977.73	
Printing	199.90	
Dues	25.00	
Notices	221.71	
Equipment Agreements	769.00	
Election Day Dinners	60.00	
Town Clerk Supplies	349.86	
Postage	597.56	
Town Clerk Publications	222.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,391.00	
Vital Statistics	172.00	
Other	96.96	\$20,650.20

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector	5,653.89	
Tax Collector Fees	1,178.00	
Auditor Salary	300.00	
Treasurer	8,000.79	
Property Assessing	19,723.24	
Bank Charges	309.97	
Recording Fees	114.23	
Dues	85.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	249.73	
Treasurer Supplies	325.68	
Postage	<u>1,074.85</u>	\$37,015.38

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4153 Legal Expenses		\$7,679.32
4155 Personnel Administration:		
Health Insurance	37,034.76	
Dental Insurance	1,968.48	
FICA	12,919.13	
Medicare	3,021.52	
Retirement	<u>8,795.97</u>	\$63,739.86
4191 Planning & Zoning:		
Clerk Fees	725.00	
Printing	62.00	
Recording Fees	26.00	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,951.00	
Notices	392.71	
Supplies	180.00	
Postage	<u>358.52</u>	\$3,695.23
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian	4,305.86	
Telephone	2,214.59	
Internet Service	498.45	
Electricity	1,145.93	
Heating Fuel	5,410.88	
Propane	85.80	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,653.49	
Supplies	217.39	
Mowing	815.00	
Other	<u>2,345.00</u>	\$19,692.39
4195 Cemeteries		\$6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated/Dept		
Worker's Compensation	6,748.00	
Property Insurance	1,868.00	
Liability Insurance	<u>3,696.38</u>	\$12,312.38
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 Police Department:		
Constable Salary	6,000.00	
Supplies	799.99	
E&O Insurance	<u>794.84</u>	\$7,594.83
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service		\$18,663.36

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4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:

Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	
Firemen Salaries	4,750.00	
Telephones/Internet	1,141.71	
Training	500.00	
Electricity	786.01	
Heating Fuel	3,751.19	
E&O Insurance	387.09	
Life Insurance	285.00	
Vehicle Insurance	2,093.04	
Dues	150.00	
Office Supplies	179.57	
Building Repair & Maintenance	50.01	
Radio Repair	217.00	
Flow Testing	895.00	
Vehicle Fuel	1,070.20	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	5,451.37	
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	220.00	
Equipment	3,256.31	
Equipment - Radios	<u>898.00</u>	\$27,081.50

4240 Building Inspector: Salary \$4,052.79

4290 Emergency Management:

Forest Fire Control	\$517.45	
Pandemic	<u>\$207.04</u>	\$724.49

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Permanent Wages	114,225.13	
Temporary Wages	<u>203.50</u>	\$114,428.63

4312 Highways & Streets:

Uniforms	1,762.38	
Telephone	626.13	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	168.00	
Electricity	898.18	
Hired Equipment	5,252.00	
Vehicle Insurance	2,802.04	
Building Repair & Maintenance	2,224.98	
Paving- Asphalt	180,357.31	
Paving- Shiming	15,969.41	
Salt & Chloride	39,729.22	
Sand & Gravel	28,614.79	
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	29,800.16	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	50,570.94	
Cutting Edges	3,411.41	
Tires	8,868.84	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	189.05	

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4312 Highways & Streets, cont.:		
Culverts	2,453.90	
Signs	827.29	
Other	<u>3,736.18</u>	\$378,262.21
4313 Bridges		\$20,000.00
4316 Street Lighting		\$2,713.89
4319 Brook Clean-Up		\$6,630.00
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4324 Solid Waste Disposal:		
Recycling Employee	6,113.12	
Telephone	390.51	
Disposal Service	66,156.06	
Hazardous Waste Day	1,435.73	
Testing Fees	2,400.00	
Electricity	426.75	
Other	<u>206.42</u>	\$77,128.59
<u>HEALTH</u>		
4411 Health Officer Salary		\$100.00
4414 Animal Control		\$325.50
4415 Health Agencies		\$4,700.00
<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441 Welfare Officer Salary		\$100.00
4441 Dues		\$30.00
4442 Direct Assistance		\$247.27
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>		
4520 Park & Recreation:		
Mowing		\$4,375.00
4550 Library:		
Library Salaries	17,526.66	
Appropriation	<u>10,223.34</u>	\$27,750.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags		\$258.58
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4611 Conservation:		
Dues	175.00	
Other	<u>54.00</u>	\$229.00
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
4711 Bessie Pierce Bridge		\$20,000.00
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans		\$1,858.02
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN		\$17,652.77

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901 Land & Imp - Streambank Restoration	\$65,323.55
4902 Fire Truck Restoration	\$12,500.00
4909 Other - Town History Books	\$7,000.00
4909 Other - Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$3,998.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Special Revenue Account	
4912 Conservation Fund	\$4,525.00
4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts	
Bridge Reconstruction	\$10,000.00
Highway Equipment	\$5,000.00

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES \$1,045,004.81

OTHER EXPENSES

Refund of Taxes	8,935.74
County Taxes	377,705.00
Overpayment of Property Tax	6,345.33
Overpayment of Motor Vehicle	193.00
School District	2,056,499.00
Short Term Principal (TAN)	1,000,000.00
Stream Bank Restoration (Additional)	74,627.98
Brook Clean-Up (Additional)	389,101.00
Historical Society Grant	6,600.00
Taxes Bought By Town	49,787.09
Reserved from 2006:	
Pandemic	510.55
Brook Clean-Up	4,249.00

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES \$3,974,553.69

GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS \$5,019,558.50

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STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA)
Balance - January 1, 2007 \$778.40
Plus Deposits in 2007 \$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2007 \$40.15
Less Withdrawals in 2007 \$0.00
Balance - December 31, 2007 **\$818.55**

TDBanknorth Investment Account
Balance - January 1, 2007 \$788,229.53
Plus Deposits in 2007 \$1,300,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2007 \$8,679.14
Less Withdrawals in 2007 \$1,270,000.00
Less Service Charges in 2007 \$0.00
Balance - December 31, 2007 **\$826,908.67**

Conservation Commission Account
Balance - January 1, 2007 21,444.78
Plus Deposits in 2007 \$4,525.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2007 \$1,178.61
Less Withdrawals in 2007 \$0.00
Balance - December 31, 2007 **\$27,148.39**

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Bessie Pierce Bridge - Connecticut River Bank
Date of Loan - 12/15/06
Maturity of Loan - 12/31/08
Amount of Loan - \$40,000
Rate of Loan - 4.45%
Payment per year - \$20,000 plus interest
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/07) - \$20,000

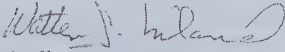
Jo Ann LaBare
Treasurer

AUDITORS REPORT - 2007

This is to certify that I have examined and audited accounts of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Trustees of the Trust Funds, these items are complete and accepted as correct: Cemetery, Library, Vehicle Registration, General Ledger documents are in progress. When all items are complete I will issue a final report.

Please be aware Westmoreland is fortunate to have such fine and dedicated people responsible for our town record keeping.

Walter J. Niland



Auditor

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
WESTMORELAND, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Motor Vehicle Registrations – 2508	\$263793.00
Overpayments	193.00
Title Application Fees	840.00
Dog Licenses 337 Tag	2,226.50
9 Group	225.00
Vital Statistic Research/Request	248.00
Marriage License – 13	585.00
Candidacy Filings – 8	7.00
UCC and Other Filings	815.00
Bank Return Fees	140.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK	\$269,072.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts—Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

DEBITS

	2007	2006	2005	Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes		207841.25		
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Taxes	2733558.00	11.00		
Land Use Change	18270.00			
Yield Taxes	22757.11			
Excavation Tax	5156.00			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	4652.88	1574.00		
Overpayment – Interest		889.84		
Interest – Late Taxes	91.77	7700.02		
TOTAL DEBITS	2784485.76	218016.11		

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes	2497221.17	163234.49		
Land Use Change	9050.00			
Yield Taxes	21340.11			
Interest	91.77	8589.86		
Excavation Taxes	5156.00			
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		45819.76		
Abatements Made				
Property Taxes	4027.75	372.00		
Land Use Change				
Uncollected Taxes – End of Year				
Property Taxes	236961.96			
Land Use Change Tax	9220.00			
Yield Tax	1417.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	2784485.76	218016.11		

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2006	2005	Prior Levies 2004	Prior
Unredeemed Liens at Beg of Fiscal Year		30344.36	35710.70	26670.43
Liens Executed During Year	49,787.09			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	464.80	850.23	1275.83	1794.60
TOTAL DEBITS	50251.89	31194.59	36986.53	28465.03

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Redemptions:	28990.68	13500.40	13069.75	18560.83
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	464.80	850.23	1275.83	1794.60
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	20796.41	16843.96	22640.95	8109.60
TOTAL CREDITS	50251.89	31194.59	26986.53	28465.03

WESTMORELAND BUILDING INSPECTOR

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Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2007

Additions	10
Barns	6
Decks	4
Remodel	9
Sheds	5
Single Family Dwellings	11
Commercial	1

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Muchmore
Building Inspector

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

There were four cemetery lots sold in 2007. Lots are available for sale in the East and South Village cemeteries. The North & Gline cemeteries have a limited number of lots left.

The Cemetery Trustees must be notified of all burials, including cremains, in a town cemetery. This is important so that the burial is done according to regulations and is recorded in town records.

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: Russ Kotfila, JoAnn LaBarre & Robert Moore, Jr.

2007 Financial Report
Cemetery Trustees
Savings Bank of Walpole
Savings Account

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2007		\$14,114.58
INCOME:		
Town Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Trust Fund Interest - 2006	\$2,636.95	
Lot Sales	\$2,000.00	
Interest	\$235.23	
		\$10,872.18
EXPENSES:		
Mowing	\$7,255.00	
Stone Rubbing signs	\$90.00	
Fill for roadways and East & North	\$200.00	
Transfer to Perpetual Care Funds	\$1,000.00	
		\$8,545.00
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$16,441.76

BRIGGS FUND
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No Activity in 2007

Planning Board Report 2007

Westmoreland Planning Board Members are appointed by the Selectmen. The 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. Anything requiring a vote must be officially noticed which means that the secretary must receive the information 21 days prior to the meeting.

In 2007 there was one lot line adjustment approved, two voluntary mergers approved, one business transfer plan reviewed and approved, and two subdivisions approved and three Site Plan Reviews approved. There were a number of informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land.

In addition, we reviewed and established new rules of procedure for the Planning Board. These are available at the town office or on the web site www.westmorelandtown.com and lay out how the board conducts its hearings and other business.

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

Robert Harcke

Bruce Smith

James Starkey

Nancy Zeller

Wesley Staples, Selectman

Walter Derjue, Alternate

Elaine Moore, Secretary

**Transfer Station
Annual Report – 2007**

Item	No. of hauls	Total tons
Compactor	36	315.69
Demo / 30yd	19	42.12
Co-mingle / 30yd	34	50.2*
Corrugated / 30yd	5	9.62**
Paper / 30yd	2	20.64***
Appliances / 30yd	1	2.46****
Metal / 30yd	4	7.34*****
Overflow	6	9.2
Totals:	107	457.27

* Co-mingle: During the contract disagreement with Waste Management we handled hauling the co-mingle to Keene until WM called for cease and desist.

** 1.21.07, 3.28.07, 8.23.07, 10.10.07

During the contract disagreement with Waste Management, Recycling Services in Claremont hauled and paid us for our corrugated until WM called for cease and desist.

*** 3.3.07, 5.10.07

During the contract disagreement with Waste Management, Recycling Services in Claremont hauled and paid us for our paper until WM called for cease and desist.

**** We had Waste Management remove the Appliance container. Appliances went to the Metal shed.

***** During the contract disagreement with Waste Management, we hauled our metal, including appliances, and received payment for the goods.

On May 1, 2007, Waste Management stopped supplying an attendant to our Transfer Station. Volunteers and the selectmen ran the facility until WM brought an attendant back. During the time we ran the Transfer Station, we had other vendors haul our paper, corrugated and co-mingle. We received *payment* for the corrugated and paper. Our highway Department hauled our metal, and again, we received payment for it. The situation with WM did not result in an amended contract. Although WM has maintained the operation of the Transfer Station, we have been allowed to haul and receive payment for paper, corrugated, and metal.

A brochure with complete Transfer Station information will be available at Town Meeting and in the Selectmen's office.

Westmoreland Highway Department

Annual Report – 2007

Along with routine Highway Maintenance, the Department resurfaced 10 miles of town roads, and shimmed another two miles. Due to dry summer weather we were able to rent an over the rail mower, which allowed us to cut the brush along the roadsides back farther than usual. We also replaced the Bessie Pierce Bridge superstructure, and install guardrails beside Partridge Brook Road. This will take the bridge off the states critical deficiency list.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Hudson

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT - 2007

2007 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 (road hazards, break-downs, VIN checks, etc). Activity in these areas remained about the same as last year. Animal owners should make a conscious effort not to allow your animals to run astray or become a nuisance to your neighbors. Barking dogs should be kept inside the house or controlled in such a manner as to not become problematic with your neighbors. Targeted motor vehicle enforcement will continue, as I have found it helps in areas where motor vehicle violations are a consistent problem. Most traffic complaints are generated from the high traffic areas on routes 12 and 63, more so from cell phone callers passing through than town residents. Occasionally, there are complaints on residential roads as well. The complaints are mostly related to issues of speed. Be cautious in neighborhoods and on small windy roads. Drive courteously.

The numbers of major and violent 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 town constable position is part-time. This means that for the most part I work on an on-call / as-needed basis without regular hours. The Cheshire County Sheriff's Department handles the dispatch function for Westmoreland, and has the ability to contact me directly. 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. Please keep in mind that the 911 system is reserved for emergencies only and business related calls could distract Dispatchers, Police, Fire, and/or Ambulance personnel from true emergencies.

The Police Department is pleased to announce that we are currently in the process of adding an additional part time officer to our staff. We are also working on securing a police vehicle, some permanent office space in town hall, and other essential emergency equipment. These additions will help us become more available and more prepared to provide greater services to the community.

James Cemorelis
Town Constable

**WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 2007**

Technology: The most significant physical change in our library this year has been the installation of an air conditioning system. This has made a difference not only in the increased circulation during the summer, but has reduced the damaging effects of humidity on our print collection. We have a new copier that we find to be more versatile and efficient. With the purchase of two Dell computers with a wireless connection, our technical support has been upgraded. We are using the same printers and monitors purchased in 2001. Since approximately 75% of our staff time is spent using the software programs installed in 2001, it is imperative that our operating system is capable of running them. **Patron Visits and Programs:** The library was open 153 scheduled days. In addition, it was open on 20 Wednesday mornings, and other programs extended the normal open hours. There were 3122 patron visits, 67 programs were held, indicating 39% of our 173 total library-use days were scheduled with programs. Regular programs included Book Group, Writing Group, Summer Reading Program, and class visits from Westmoreland School totaling 343 children and 321 adults. In May, author and agriculturalist, Ron Jager, gave a special presentation of his books that 35 people attended. The average age of the children attending The Summer Reading Program, "Reading Road Trip, USA," was 4 years. Again, a group hiked the trail to the Wise Mine.

33 new patrons registered, including 2 from out-of-town, 206 patrons used the reading room and copier, 63 patrons used our computer. The library staff and volunteers answered 48 adult and 8 children's reference inquiries. 22 non-patron visitors inquired for information about Westmoreland history and genealogy. **Circulation:** Of the 4166 items circulated to adults and children, 57% were fiction; 23% non-fiction; 10% Periodicals; 6% Videos/DVDs, and 4% Audio Books. We borrowed 398 items from other libraries, and loaned 184 items to other libraries. An average of 31 items circulated over the 153 regularly scheduled open days. Overdue notices for 104 items were mailed. 25 books were repaired. Lost items totaled 20. **Collection Management:** The library processed a total of 348 adult and junior books, of which 169 were purchased, and 179 donated. We processed 17 Audio Books and 28 DVDs. We withdrew 398 books from our junior and adult collection. Many of these had not circulated for over 20 years, or were in poor condition, and some favorites have been replaced. Several books have been donated to Maplewood Nursing Home and to the Westmoreland School. **Newsletter:** We have benefited by the increase in communication that our bi-annual Newsletter has generated. It is mailed to every town resident, and is made possible by the generosity of an unrestricted gift, and the combined efforts of our trustees and staff. **Staff Development:** The staff attended a total of 5 Nubanusit Meetings, one of which our library hosted at the Town Hall. These meetings are one of the ways we can explore and share new ideas among libraries with similar concerns. During the last quarter, we have trained two temporary part-time assistants. **Volunteers and Fund-Raising:** The 398 hours of volunteer time have been valuable to the smooth operation of our library. Our book sales this year totaled \$556.81, which includes the on-going book sale table at the Town Hall. Our volunteer assistance included the community service of 4 students who helped sort, repair, and shelve books, enter data on the computer, and create ten posters for the Junior Dewey Decimal categories. Our gardens and grounds were kept mowed, shoveled, and clipped by volunteers. **Looking to the future.** In August, Bobbi Slossar from NHSL talked with Jayne Burnett and Maisie about a web-based or software program that might reduce the time spent tracking circulation. In conjunction with the Westmoreland School, we received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and are looking forward to programs about Abraham Lincoln in February. We are seeking other grant opportunities to boost our children's collection. The library is continually meeting new challenges with the support of our community. We are researching a more adequate restroom facility. It is a priority to secure our patrons' safety and comfort, as well as that of our equipment and collection. In summary, we have a beautiful library facility, a strong collection, and a growing population of young readers. We want to keep them interested in reading.

Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Crowther, Librarian

Westmoreland Public Library
Statement of Activities
For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2007

Cash Inflows	Operations	Memorial & Special	Building	Total
Town Appropriations	27,750.00			27,750.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	768.25			768.25
Jotham Lord Fund	74.96			74.96
Book Sales & Fundraising	577.81			577.81
Contributions	587.50			587.50
Interest	21.14		478.90	500.04
Other (copier, late fees)	60.00			60.00
Total Cash Inflows	29,839.66	0.00	478.90	30,318.56
Cash Outflows				
Payroll	17,526.66			17,526.66
Books/Periodicals	3,037.83			3,037.83
Supplies	758.47			758.47
Utilities (gas, electric, phone)	3,637.67			3,637.67
Postage & Box Rental	288.06			288.06
Computer Expenses	700.03			700.03
Furnishings & Building Improv			7,000.65	7,000.65
Equipment & Repairs	80.56			80.56
Mileage	101.36			101.36
Printing	0.00			0.00
Dues & Registration	40.00			40.00
Maintenance	300.94			300.94
Miscellaneous	0.00			0.00
Program Expenses	128.76	50.00		178.76
Computer Upgrade, one time	1,000.00			1,000.00
Total Cash Outflows	27,600.34	50.00	7,000.65	34,650.99
Net Cash from Operations	2,239.32	-50.00	-6,521.75	-4,332.43
Balance 1/1/07	4,703.22	4,911.16	14,272.48	23,886.86
Net Cash from Operations	2,239.32	-50.00	-6,521.75	-4,332.43
Balance 12/31/07	6,942.54	4,861.16	7,750.73	19,554.43

Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance 12/31/07	11,803.70
Edward Jones Investment Account Balance 12/31/07	7,750.73
	<u>19,554.43</u>

REPORT OF THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
For the year 2007

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 continued oversight on the Emergency Watershed Protection Program restoration work on Partridge Brook and Mill Brook off Route 12 and the County Farm Connecticut river erosion mitigation project by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Both projects are now complete. We also have representation on the town water protection program committee coordinated by the Granite State Rural Water Association. Discussion continues for a Connecticut River public boat landing for canoes and kayaks on public property.

While the open space committee has not been very active this past year, there remains a great deal of interest in "protecting those lands and special places that are the rural character of Westmoreland". This Commission started a dialogue with the Monadnock Conservancy to participate in a 5 town land conservation project which will continue in 2008 and beyond.

We continue to work with County officials to pursue a conservation easement on the county farm property in Westmoreland. County property in Westmoreland has been looked at as part of a wetland mitigation project involving the new jail site in Keene.

In April, the Commission spearheaded a second very successful roadside clean-up project with support from the Westmoreland Garden Club with dozens of volunteers participating. Another clean up project is planned for April 19, 2008.

The Commission's suggested additions/changes to the town's Site Plan Review check list and the Major and Minor Subdivision checklists were approved and adopted this year. We are reviewing model steep slope ordinances that might be appropriate for Westmoreland in the interests of water/wetland conservation and public safety.

We reluctantly accepted Jeff Smith's resignation from the Commission this Fall and wish to thank him for his efforts over the years.

As usual, members are active in a number of committees and groups in town and 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. 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, 2/15/08

Marshall Patmos , Chairman	Jim Blake, Vice Chairman	Russ Martens, Secretary
Walt Derjue	George Duke	John Lukin
Dick Schmidt	Selena Gallen, Alternate	

Westmorland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
772 Route 63
Westmoreland, New Hampshire 03467
(603)399-9993
wvfd1@verizon.net

The department responded to a total of 121 fire and rescue calls in 2007. These calls consumed over 550 man hours. The department welcomed two new members this year. A Forest Fire Wardens dinner was hosted by the department in May and we also held our annual Chicken Barbecue in July with a concert provided by Westmoreland Town Band. The second annual Open House was held that included a fire safety program demonstration and was enjoyed by all those who attended. This safety program was also held during Fire Prevention Week at Westmoreland School for all students in the primary grades.

The Department Members had an opportunity for a day of “live burn” training with a house that was donated by the Shapiro family. This exercise gave the members a great opportunity to hone their fire/rescue skills in this is a safe and controlled environment.

This year the Firefighters Association purchased five complete self contained breathing apparatus and five spare bottles and donated them to the fire department.

The Department has recently applied for a grant through the US Smokeless Tobacco Company for a Polaris Ranger 6 X 6 Utility vehicle. This vehicle would aid the department and our bordering towns with off road emergencies should the grant be received.

The Department Members invite all townspeople to stop by and view the equipment especially Engine 2 that was completely refurbished by Greenwood Unlimited. The work performed by Greenwood Unlimited far exceeded our expectations. This truck will serve the town for years to come.

Any Westmoreland resident wishing to become a member of the Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at the Fire Station.

The department members would like to remind town’s people that they have smoke detectors available free of charge for any Westmoreland home that may need one.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Department would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for their outstanding support this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Nelson, Chief

2007 Fire & Rescue Calls		
Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA County Jail	0	0:00
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	4	9:31
AFA Private Residence	6	17:05
AFA Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
AFA School	0	0:00
Brush Fire	2	51:20
Car Fire	2	9:12
Chimney Fire	3	24:21
CO Detector	0	0:00
Downed Wires / Transformer	2	3:49
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas / Oil Leak	0	0:00
Good Intent / Smoke Investigation	0	0:00
Hazmat	0	0:00
ME County Jail	0	0:00
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	6	8:17
ME Other	48	87:22
Motor Vehicle Accident	21	140:41
Mutual Aid	13	122:08
Public Assist	9	20:56
Structure Fires	1	22:21
Other	4	33:07
Total	121	550:10
Month	# Calls	Total Number Of Calls
Jan-07	9	9
Feb-07	13	22
Mar-07	9	31
Apr-07	17	48
May-07	11	59
Jun-07	13	72
Jul-07	11	83
Aug-07	12	95
Sep-07	6	101
Oct-07	10	111
Nov-07	5	116
Dec-07	5	121

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

During the past year several health related items have occurred:

- ❖ We were tasked with developing a response to an epidemic or bio-warfare attack. Barbara Chase was appointed Deputy Health Officer to coordinate and to participate in learning programs to this end..
- ❖ The year had the usual items of animal bites, a rabid raccoon and the related fear of a rabies outbreak.
- ❖ We made routine investigations including studies of child care facilities, and a possible day camp; the inspection of a private school.
- ❖ We cooperated with the University of Massachusetts on studying deer ticks to determine the danger of human infection. To date a report on this investigation has not been filed.

The year has presented worthwhile, challenging, and interesting questions. We look forward to continuing our liaison with the state health department and the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd F. Draper
Health Officer
Town of Westmoreland

WESTMORELAND ZONING BOARD
2007

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a very busy year with the following hearings:

- a- Nine (9) Special Exception hearings – with all approved
- b- Three (3) Variance requests with two approved and one denied.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will be changing their hearing date from the second Tuesday of every month to another date to be determined. A new date will be decided at the next meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and will be posted on the Town Website and at the Town Hall.

Anyone with zoning questions, or is requesting a meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment should call the Westmoreland Zoning Administrator, Bob Moore –Home: 399-4310 or cell: 313-3453. You may also visit him at his residence: 49 River Road in Westmoreland.

If you are going to request a hearing with the Zoning Board of Adjustment you must have all your paperwork, signed by the Zoning Administrator, maps, and all other pertinent information to the Zoning Secretary at least fifteen days (15) before the next Zoning meeting. You may reach the Zoning Secretary either thru the Selectmen's Office, 399-4471 or her cell phone 313-1806.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Moore
Zoning Secretary

WESTMORELAND TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
ANNUAL REPORT – 2007

The trustees met four times during the year to administer affairs of the trusts. Town trust funds are invested in certificates of deposit held in an account with Edward Jones Company. Return in 2007 on trust funds held at Edward Jones was 5.03% compared to 3.36% in 2006. The CD's are laddered in maturity to insulate against future market conditions. Capital reserve funds continue to be invested in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool. Return on capital reserve funds was 5.16% in 2007, compared to 4.54% in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick N. Baker
Russell Kotfila
Thomas S. Bates

WESTMORELAND TRUST FUNDS
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
12/31/2007

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK #	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAW	CEMETERY BRAGG	LUCILLE LORD	JOTHAM LIBRARY	ACERNO	LOIS LEACH	STARKEY COBB	School Renovation	Thomas White
7/24/07	East Cemetery		400.00									
11/30/07	South Village Cemetery		400.00		400.00							
12/11/07	NHPDIP for School		40,000.00		400.00						40,000.00	
12/21/07	South Village Cemetery		200.00		200.00							
2/8/07	Westmoreland School	1129		(445.46)								
5/22/07	Theresa Acerno	1130		(234.00)								
6/11/07	Library	1131		(768.25)			(768.25)					
7/21/07	Barbara Messer	1132		(94.05)					(94.05)			
7/21/07	Cemetery trust	1133		(2,636.95)								
7/21/07	Town Westmoreland	1134		(74.96)								
7/26/07	Rebecca Cleveland	1135		(290.00)			(74.96)					
10/25/07	Land Activity Fund	1136		(123.11)								
11/30/07	Joann LaBarre	1137		(285.21)						(285.21)		
12/11/07	Westmoreland School	1138		(40,000.00)							(40,000.00)	

TOTALS 41,000.00 (44,951.99) (1,636.95) (568.57) (74.96) (768.25) (234.00) (94.05) (285.21) 0.00 (290.00)

2007 Money market interest

CD INTEREST

Jan	341.55
Feb	3,947.40
Mar	75.08
Apr	67.81
May	75.08
Jun	72.86
Jul	75.08
Aug	3,881.84
Sep	350.64
Oct	357.91
Nov	266.67
Dec	275.96
	266.67
	9,712.40
	10,053.95

Total CD interest

Total interest

Total deposits

51,053.95

12/31/2006 BALANCE 2,865.95

DEPOSITS 51,053.95

WITHDRAWALS (44,951.99)

12/31/2007 BALANCE 8,967.91

12/31/2007 STATEMENT 8,967.91



ANNUAL REPORT - 2007
Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Wantastiquet Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River, and other invasive species.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the Select Board. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the second Wednesday evening of every other month at the Westmoreland or Westminster Town Hall. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

*Jim Blake, Dick Schmidt, and Stuart Adams, Westmoreland representatives
to the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee*

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Bellows Falls and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for signs in 2008 and visit the Byway at www.ctrivertavel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, CRJC is advisory and has no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Robert Harcke, Connecticut River Commissioner

WESTMORELAND BIRTHS 2007

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Mother's Name / Father's Name
02-14-07	Keene, NH	Brandon Michael Cote	Kara DuBois / Stephen Cote
05-10-07	Lebanon, NH	Parker Claire Paxton Toyloy	Suzanne Ahn / Marc Toyloy
06-05-07	Peterborough, NH	Amelia Louise Dodson	Mary Dodson / Caleb Dodson
07-24-07	Keene, NH	Logan Riley Berthiaume	Kathleen McMahon / Daniel Berthiaume
07-30-07	Keene, NH	Nancy Lou Shapiro	Laurie Hull / Andrew Shapiro
08-10-07	Keene, NH	Carter Patrick Benoit	Laurel Gibbs / Jeremy Benoit
09-05-07	Keene, NH	Aiden Michael Capen	Paula Cummings / Kenneth Capen
09-11-07	Lebanon, NH	Grady Garcia Gowell	Yancy Bird/ Matthew Gowell
09-20-07	Keene, NH	Gustyn Orison Smith	Kathleen Smith/ Billy Joe Smith
10-30-07	Keene, NH	Justin Mendoza	Alfa Mendoza / Rigoberto Mendoza
10-31-07	Keene, NH	Jaiden Paul Goodnow	Rebecca Fournier / Dana Goodnow
11-11-07	Lebanon, NH	Ethan Ray Petschick	Wendy Patmos / Peter Petschick
11-19-07	Keene, NH	Mya Jean Dewey	Christy Clark / Ian Dewey

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2007

Names of Groom And Bride	Residences	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Andy R. Russell Maryellen Miller	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	01-01-07	Westmoreland, NH
Richard F. Tracy, Jr. Nancy E. Ethier	Hinsdale, NH Hinsdale, NH	01-27-07	Swanzey, NH
Donald F. Jurezyk Mira Eileen Dizon	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	03-03-07	New Castle, NH
James L. Bowes Shirley A. Drew	Westmoreland, NH Walpole, NH	04-26-07	Westmoreland, NH
Jesse S. Ross Amy J. Jeffrey	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	05-26-07	Westmoreland, NH
Marc L. Vance Jessica A. Cormier	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	06-16-07	Westmoreland, NH
Justin Putzel Jennifer L. Merritt	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	06-23-07	Nelson, NH
Thomas C. Warner, III Kristen L. Stewart	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	06-25-07	Westmoreland, NH
James S. Worcester Connie M. Belanger	Westmoreland, NH Port Charlotte, FL	06-27-07	Fitzwilliam, NH
Scott S. Stevens Laura C. Thompson	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	07-14-07	Walpole, NH
Bernd R. Zabel Nancy M. Eakins	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	08-03-07	Chesterfield, NH
Peter T. Holt Bonnie L. Porter	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	08-07-07	Keene, NH
Craig A. Wallis Sandierose Grant	Westmoreland, NH Swanzey, NH	08-19-07	Chesterfield, NH
Matthew C. Chickering Amber M. Voudren	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	09-01-07	Chesterfield, NH

Thomas O. Hanna	Westmoreland, NH		
Mary. von Krusenstern	Westmoreland, NH	09-08-07	Westmoreland, NH
Scott A. Goodnow	Westmoreland, NH		
Suzanne C. Wallace	Westmoreland, NH	09-15-07	Westmoreland, NH
Hugh A. Shelley	Westmoreland, NH		
Marcia A. Starkey	Westmoreland, NH	09-29-07	Westmoreland, NH
Keith P. Kraus	Westmoreland, NH		
Elise K. Sawyer	Westmoreland, NH	10-06-07	Newbury, NH
Robert J. Hall	Westmoreland, NH		
Sandra L. Harrick	Westmoreland, NH	10-13-07	Walpole, NH
Clinton Spaar, III	Westmoreland, NH		
Mary Jane Hammond	Westmoreland, NH	11-09-07	Cayo, Belize
William R. Hinds	Westmoreland, NH		
Patricia A. Hinds	Crown Point, NY	12-01-07	Charlestown, NH

2007 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS (IN TOWN)

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/ Mother's Name
04-27-07	Glebe Road	Diana L. Handy	Lyle Handy Leila Maguire
05-03-07	79 Reynolds Road	Dana S. Coburn	Olaf Coburn / Ella Sanderson
05-05-07	201 River Road	Lucille H. Yeaton	Frank Hill / Lucia Burt
07-04-07	South Village Road	Merrill H. Barber, Jr.	Merrill Barber, Sr. / Bernice Waite
07-17-07	201 River Road	C. Catherine Steinheuser	Charles Schultz / Clara Fromweiler
10-10-07	201 River Road	Clara M. Watkins	James E. Morse / Mary Sweeney

2007 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/ Mother's Name
01-17-07	Boston, MA	Timothy S. Davis	Robert Davis / Cindy White
03-04-07	Fort Myers, FL	Aldona E. Ross	Theodore Dinkel / Alice Nagine
04-16-07	West Swanzey, NH	Bessie M. Bates	Gene Nichols / Florence Howard
05-05-07	Keene, NH	Stanley D. Castor, Sr.	Clarence Castor/ Josephine Shattuck
05-26-07	Keene, NH	Sean C. Tease	Cameron M. Tease / Marie L. Kaiser
08-01-07	Keene, NH	Stephen P. Dille	Richard Dille / Mary Walden
08-10-07	Keene, NH	Muriel M. Lounder	Carl Morrill / Gertrude Brooks
08-25-07	Keene, NH	David H. Boudrieau	Harry Boudrieau / Alice Guilmette
10-18-07	Keene, NH	William C. Hosegood	William Hosegood Ethel Duke
10-31-07	Rockingham, VT	David G. Adams	George Adams / Lois Goodale

MAPLEWOOD DEATHS

RESIDENTS – DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2007

Date of Death	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01-07-07	Edward Lake, Sr.	William Lake	Elizabeth Moore
03-03-07	Murial Ivanov-Rinov	Oliver Davenport	Veronica White
03-03-07	Maxine Caltrider	Harry Merritt	Anne Barnes
03-07-07	Doris Lozey	Wilfred Croteau	Mary Loranger
04-01-07	Harriet Dickie	Lovell Whitney	Harriet Lynaugh
04-14-07	Floyd Drake, Jr.	Floyd Drake, Sr.	Alice Anderson
06-06-07	Robert Royar	Frederick Royar	Mable Delivs
06-24-07	Freeland S. Yardley	William A. Yardley	Alice Bahan
07-03-07	Mabel C. Stone	Ned Patterson	Emily Maines
07-21-07	Marian Garner	Alfred Leh	Caroline Donovan
07-25-07	Mildred Walker	Walter Etter	Hazel Snow
10-19-07	Joseph Allen	(Unknown) Alinokov	Sadie (Unknown)
11-05-07	Veronica Senk	John Borek	Caroline Dubiel
12-04-07	John O'Leary	William Keating	Mary O'Leary

RESIDENTS – DEATHS OUT OF TOWN 2007

04-07-07	Hilda Webber	Leroy Tuttle	Maxine Farra
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NON-RESIDENTS – DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2007

Date of Death	Name
02-09-07	Anna Grrecki
03-13-07	Lou Aileen Clark Gorman
03-25-07	Norman Charles Parrott
04-12-07	Avis Putnam
07-10-07	Justine Smith Philbrook
10-19-07	Joseph P. Allen
11-15-07	Emma Marie Holzinger

2007 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Burial Date	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
04-27-07	Bessie M. Bates	04-16-07	West Swanzey, NH	East Cemetery
05-10-07	Stanley D. Castor	05-05-07	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
05-19-07	Aldona E. Ross	03-04-07	Fort Myers, FL	East Cemetery
05-24-07	Timothy S. Davis.	01-17-07	Boston, MA	South Village Cemetery
06-14-07	Belle Lucille Parker	05-27-07	Glen Cove, NY	South Village Cemetery
07-26-07	Shirley A. Gagnon	07-04-07	Florida	South Village Cemetery
09-01-07	Chester Ralph French	01-27-07	New London, CT	South Village Cemetery
10-16-07	Clara M. Watkins	10-10-07	Westmoreland, NH	South Village Cemetery
10-18-07	Erwin R. Graves		Florida	South Village Cemetery
10-18-07	Rhoda H. Graves	12-12-06	Vermont	South Village Cemetery
10-22-07	William C. Hosegood	10-18-07	Keene, NH	South Village Cemetery
11-10-07	Doris C. Sanborn	09-25-07	Lower Providence Twp, PA	South Village Cemetery
11-11-07	David G. Adams	10-31-07	Rockingham, VT	North Cemetery

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.

Wayne E. Woolridge
Co-Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Stuart R. Adams, Chair

Michael J. Acerno, Jr.

Tina Fletcher

Ian Hurley

Madeline Ullrich

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

CLERK

Deb Nelson

TREASURER

Diane Hall

AUDITOR

Jo Ann LaBarre

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Wayne E. Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools

William B. Gurney, Co-Superintendent of Schools

John R. Harper, Business Administrator

Timothy L. Ruehr, Business Administrator - Towns

Paul R. Cooper, Director of Human Resources

Catherine L. Reeves, Director of Special Education

James E. Wallace, Director of Technology Services

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 12th day of March, 2008, 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 school board members for three years
- A moderator for the ensuing year
- A clerk for the ensuing year
- A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2008
- An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 11th day of February, 2008.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

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

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 14th day of March, 2008, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$2,922,764 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board recommends \$2,922,764.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2008 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 School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$15,745) of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2008, 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, 2008 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 3 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 3 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

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

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 13th day of February, 2008.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

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WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING

February 13, 2008

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2008-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,498,295	\$1,309,913	\$2,040,827	\$1,633,407	-19.96%	55.89%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$56,547	\$56,547	\$0	\$63,038	NA	2.16%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$308,163	\$289,584	\$258,400	\$289,867	12.18%	9.92%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,863,005	\$1,656,024 (\$245,692)	\$2,299,227	\$1,986,312	-13.61%	67.96%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$567,072	\$632,995	\$712,096	\$564,543	-20.72%	19.32%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Reg)	\$41,981	\$40,383	\$43,450	\$42,842	-1.40%	1.47%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC INSTRU.	\$171,910	\$94,653	\$194,508	\$175,310	-9.87%	6.00%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$9,000	\$14,389	\$0	\$0	NA	0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$788,963	\$782,429	\$950,054	\$782,695	-17.62%	26.78%
SAU #29	\$129,357	\$129,318	\$141,045	\$153,757	9.01%	5.26%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,782,325	\$2,567,772	\$3,390,326	\$2,922,764	-13.79%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$2,782,325	\$2,567,772	\$3,390,326	\$2,922,764	-13.79%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 130 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$485,223	\$476,013	\$501,530	\$538,739		
Benefits	\$199,289	\$213,894	\$236,171	\$246,901		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$44,311	\$24,225	\$24,239	\$29,175		
Repair Equipment	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$26,762	\$18,835	\$25,415	\$26,015		
Equipment	\$818	\$619	\$2,887	\$532		
Furniture	\$2,243	\$2,039	\$3,000	\$58		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$760,146	\$735,625	\$794,742	\$842,920	6.06%	28.84%
CO-CURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$11,613	\$11,018	\$11,831	\$11,826		
Assemblies/Officials	\$6,410	\$2,943	\$6,890	\$6,890		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,300	\$474	\$2,300	\$2,300		
Dues and Fees	\$1,575	\$1,485	\$1,850	\$2,876		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$21,898	\$15,920	\$22,871	\$23,892	4.46%	0.82%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Guidance	\$50,452	\$27,346	\$46,345	\$50,449		
Health	\$40,298	\$22,128	\$23,306	\$24,819		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$90,750	\$49,474	\$69,651	\$75,268	8.06%	2.58%

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$5,273	\$1,939	\$5,273	\$5,273		
Course Reimbursement	\$6,500	\$4,375	\$7,000	\$7,500		
Management Development	\$2,000	\$1,791	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Staff Development	\$3,000	\$1,615	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$885	\$524	\$885	\$685		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$17,658	\$10,244	\$18,158	\$18,458	1.65%	0.63%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$43,967	\$43,653	\$46,323	\$50,920		
Media Membership	\$804	\$924	\$936	\$938		
Library Books & Supplies	\$4,705	\$3,127	\$4,535	\$4,445		
Equipment/Software	\$1,750	\$923	\$1,750	\$1,750		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$51,226	\$48,627	\$53,544	\$58,053	8.42%	1.99%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,255	\$3,288	\$3,360	\$3,360		
Legal/Audit Services	\$4,900	\$6,881	\$4,900	\$10,100		
Other School District Expenses	\$800	\$1,373	\$800	\$1,225		
School Board Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$8,955	\$11,542	\$9,060	\$14,685	62.09%	0.50%

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principle's Salary	\$58,300	\$58,300	\$61,215	\$67,000		
Secretary's Salary	\$23,450	\$25,120	\$25,120	\$26,376		
Benefits	\$28,151	\$27,701	\$30,759	\$31,863		
Copier Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,418	\$4,250	\$4,250		
Telephone	\$7,500	\$6,249	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Postage/Printing	\$1,350	\$475	\$850	\$850		
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,855	\$2,152	\$2,200	\$2,200		
Software	\$1,111	\$808	\$1,235	\$2,828		
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$120	\$200	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$1,080	\$79	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$129,997	\$127,421	\$134,329	\$144,067	7.25%	4.93%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$37,320	\$40,668	\$41,417	\$49,711		
Benefits	\$12,590	\$12,901	\$14,097	\$14,168		
Rubbish Removal	\$5,291	\$3,212	\$4,250	\$4,250		
Maintenance Services	\$13,150	\$9,801	\$13,150	\$13,050		
Repairs to Building	\$51,076	\$47,286	\$44,000	\$20,000		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$7,000	\$3,758	\$6,000	\$6,000		
Supplies/Materials	\$7,750	\$2,666	\$8,500	\$8,500		
Electricity	\$18,000	\$18,304	\$18,000	\$19,000		
Oil/Gas	\$21,600	\$25,669	\$24,100	\$28,500		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$173,777	\$164,464	\$173,514	\$163,179	-5.96%	5.58%

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$97,956	\$100,641	\$101,385	\$109,962		
Athletic	\$2,205	\$2,802	\$2,400	\$2,400		
Field Trips	\$3,323	\$2,537	\$3,323	\$3,323		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$103,484	\$105,980	\$107,108	\$115,685	8.01%	3.96%
STAFF SERVICES						
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$250	\$1,137	\$500	\$1,200		
Unemployment/Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$13	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$1,250	\$1,150	\$1,500	\$2,200	46.67%	0.08%
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Food Services	\$67,000	\$10,312	\$75,000	\$85,000		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$43,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$90,000		
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$14,154	\$14,154	\$16,350	\$0		
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$490,000	\$0		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$139,154	\$39,466	\$656,350	\$175,000	-73.34%	5.99%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,498,295	\$1,309,913	\$2,040,827	\$1,633,407	-19.96%	55.89%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principle	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$45,000		
Bond Interest	\$1,547	\$1,547	\$0	\$18,038		
Interest on Cat. Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$56,547	\$56,547	\$0	\$63,038	NA	2.16%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,554,842	\$1,366,460	\$2,040,827	\$1,696,445	-16.87%	58.04%

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$122,802	\$99,662	\$103,139	\$93,184		
Benefits	\$48,201	\$37,026	\$48,010	\$47,328		
Vision/Audiology	\$1,000	\$400	\$0	\$1,000		
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,150	\$53	\$1,050	\$1,100		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$48,005	\$78,612	\$21,119	\$69,155		
Pre-School Tuition	\$15,735	\$22,950	\$36,132	\$6,700		
Psychology	\$17,870	\$10,661	\$15,000	\$16,000		
Speech	\$26,400	\$18,489	\$15,950	\$15,400		
OT/PT	\$9,000	\$13,974	\$9,000	\$10,000		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$18,000	\$7,737	\$9,000	\$30,000		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$308,163	\$289,564	\$258,400	\$289,867	12.18%	9.92%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,863,005	\$1,656,024	\$2,299,227	\$1,986,312	-13.61%	67.96%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School	\$567,072	\$632,995	\$712,096	\$564,543		
63 students @ \$8,961						
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$567,072	\$632,995	\$712,096	\$564,543	-20.72%	19.32%

	BUDGET 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2006-2007	BUDGET 2007-2008	School Board's PROPOSED 2008-2009	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$41,981	\$40,383	\$43,450	\$42,842		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$41,981	\$40,383	\$43,450	\$42,842	-1.40%	1.47%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$609,053	\$673,378	\$755,546	\$607,385	-19.61%	20.78%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (8 students @ \$15,745)	\$146,910	\$64,949	\$147,150	\$125,960	-14.40%	4.31%
High School Out-of-District Tuition - High School Collaborative	\$1,000	\$5,704	\$47,358	\$49,350		
Special Instr. Transportation (0 student - TNT program)	\$24,000	\$23,999	\$0	\$0		
	\$9,000	\$14,399	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$180,910	\$109,051	\$194,508	\$175,310	-9.87%	6.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$789,963	\$782,429	\$950,054	\$782,695	-17.62%	26.78%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$129,357	\$129,318	\$141,045	\$153,757	9.01%	5.26%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,782,325	\$2,567,772	\$3,390,326	\$2,922,764	-13.79%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,782,325	\$2,567,772	\$3,390,326	\$2,922,764	-13.79%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND
2008-09 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2007-08 BUDGET	2008-09 PROPOSED	%	\$
			INCREASE	INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$50,278	\$15,000		
Local Property Taxes	\$1,629,542	\$1,655,339	1.58%	\$25,797
Tuition (school of choice)	\$6,500	\$0		
Interest	\$6,000	\$10,000		
Lunch Local	\$45,000	\$55,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,100	\$2,100		
N.H. Property Tax	\$373,292	\$420,911	12.76%	\$47,619
N.H Adequacy Aid	\$631,502	\$631,502	0.00%	\$0
N.H. Building Aid	\$934	\$0		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$7,028	\$5,112		
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Federal Funds	\$60,000	\$90,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$26,350	\$0		
Sale of Bond	\$440,000	\$0		
Transfer from Trust Funds	\$40,000	\$0		
Transfer from Prior Year	\$34,000	\$0		
TOTALS	\$3,390,326	\$2,922,764	-13.79%	-\$467,562

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET 3.67%
(Local and State School Tax)

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET \$0.3690

TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000 \$36.90

WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT

		TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)	\$2,922,764	\$0.37
Warrant #3 Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$0.08
Warrant # 4 Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$15,745	\$0.00
TOTAL WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES	\$2,937,764	
BUDGET DECREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES	(\$452,562)	-13.3%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES	4.41%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES	\$0.4474	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000	\$44.74	

Historical School Tax Chart		Total School		% Tax	
Average 6 year tax increase is 1.43% per year	Rate	Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	Change from	Previous Year
	2002-03	\$18.14	\$1,832,990	\$553,670	
	2003-04	\$11.96	\$1,710,134	\$693,719	-6.70%
	2004-05	\$13.99	\$2,016,150	\$617,212	17.89%
	2005-06	\$13.09	\$1,903,423	\$601,430	-5.59%
	2006-07	\$9.47	\$1,881,499	\$601,430	-1.15%
	2007-08	\$9.99	\$2,002,834	\$631,502	6.45%
	2008-09	\$9.92	\$2,076,250	\$631,502	3.67%

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES			
AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES			
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a			
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE			
State Equity Aid for Special Ed.	\$200,550	\$200,550	\$210,578
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$0	\$33,920
Medicaid Reim.	\$7,064	\$5,000	\$5,000
Catastrophic Aid	\$7,324	\$7,028	\$5,112
TOTAL REVENUE	\$214,938	\$205,550	\$249,498
EXPENSE			
Instruction and Services	\$376,480	\$443,908	\$435,177
Transportation	\$22,135	\$9,000	\$30,000
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$0	\$33,920
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$398,615	\$452,908	\$499,097
NET COST	\$183,678	\$247,358	\$249,599



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Westmoreland School District
Westmoreland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Westmoreland School District, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as of June 30, 2007 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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 financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the School District's capital assets nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets; and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Westmoreland School District at June 30, 2007, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Westmoreland School District as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Westmoreland School District has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Westmoreland School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

November 16, 2007

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Professional Association*

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

West Muscatand School District

Summary

Cash on hand July 1, 2006 (Treasurer's bank balance) 62,871.59

Received from Selectmen (Include amounts Actually received)

Current Appropriation 138,1499.00

Deficit Appropriation _____

Balance of Previous Appropriations _____

Advance on Next Year's Appropriations _____

Revenue from State Sources 659,037.99

Revenue from Federal Sources 28,190.28

Received from Tuitions 66,219.83

Received as Income from Trust Funds 445.46

Received from Sales of Notes and Bonds (Principal only) _____

Received from Capital Reserve Funds _____

Received from all Other Sources 74,738.09

Total Receipts 270,130.65

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts) 277,300.210

LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID 2,614,803.00

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2007 (Treasurer's Bank Balance) (46,613.05)

Viene Hall
 District Treasurer

AUDITORS' 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 _____ of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, _____, and find them correct in all respects.

Date: _____

Auditors _____

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7-06-	Bank - PDEP		15,618.53
6-07	Tampa Bay Bank		1,381,499.00
1	State of NH	Medicaid	12,148.29
"	"	Ben. Use Aid	1,094.19
"	"	Idigason/Equitable	6,087,533.90
"	"	State	2,048,844.44
"	"	State of New	705.46
"	Federal	REAP	15,200.11
"	"	Lunch Reimbursement	13,988.11
Washington School	School		14,181.97
Manassas School	School		6,021.82
Salvo	Transportation		1,994.50
Verizon + AIRT	ERate Return		12,579.25
Ford Fund			445.46
Miscellaneous			503.85
			2,710,849

TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 16, 2007

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, March 16, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Westmoreland School.

Mr. Peter Heed addressed the weather conditions, unsafe roads, and in all fairness to people who were unable to attend the meeting because of the snowstorm, it was recommended that the School District Meeting be postponed until Friday, March 23, 2007 at 7PM.

Motion by Mr. Bruce Smith that the meeting be postponed until Friday, March 23, 2007 at 7PM because of the weather conditions. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Rancourt.

No discussion.

Motion passed by a voice vote.



Gail Answorth, Clerk
Westmoreland School District
A True Copy Attest

Westmoreland School District
March 23, 2007

Results from election of March 13, 2007:

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:

Peter Heed – 385 votes and declared elected

For One Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years:

Madeline Ullrich – 350 votes and declared elected

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:

JoAnn LaBarre – 8 votes and declared elected

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:

Diane Hall – 17 votes and declared elected

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:

Gail Ainsworth – 365 votes and declared elected.

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, March 23, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Westmoreland School. Mr. Heed noted that the meeting was continued from March 16, 2007 because of a snow storm.

Mr. Heed nominated Justine (Tina) Fletcher for Clerk pro tempe. Mr. Heed asked for other nominations. There being none, a voice vote was called and passed.

Mr. Heed reviewed the rules and procedures for acting upon one amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

Mr. Heed introduced the members of the Westmoreland School Board and Wayne Woolridge Assistant Superintendent and James Vezina, from SAU29.

Mr. Heed read:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$490,000 for the construction of an addition, renovation and re-equipping of the school's kitchen, main entrance and related areas, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$40,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and also to determine the rate of interest thereon: furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the District's Capital Reserve raised by general taxation; or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.) (Two-thirds ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Ian Hurley moved the article as read. Motion Seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Adams indicated that the school board had added a line item for \$20,000 for a building fund that the taxpayers have approved each year. The School Board waited for the gym payments to be completed so as to have the least impact to taxpayers. The impact of this article will be slightly less than what the impact was for the gym.

Mr. Marshall Gordon asked for clarification on the projection for the population of the school in coming years.

Mr. Mike Acerno advised that our population was now 154 and they expect it to be the same.

Mr. Gordon asked if this was significantly higher than prior years.

Mr. Acerno indicated that this is 30 higher than in the last several years.

Mr. Gordon wanted a breakdown of what the state would pay for versus what they wouldn't.

Mr. Acerno indicated that the state will pay 30% of the entire project. He stated that if we just renovated the kitchen we wouldn't get any state aid.

Mr. Bob Hamilton indicated that the kitchen was woefully inadequate in space and outdated equipment. The fire suppression system was unsafe. Mr. Hamilton also indicated that he works at Symonds School and he is their representative to the SAU29's Safety Committee. He stated that Westmoreland School is the only school in SAU29 without a safe entrance. He feels the kids in Westmoreland feel safe. He asked that we show them how much we care for their safety by voting for this issue.

Mr. Barry Shonbeck asked if there was any relationship between this Article and Articles 4 & 5.

Mr. Acerno stated no. Articles 4 and 5 are traditionally voted on to cover unanticipated education cost. He stated that if Article 1 passes – then they are asking for only \$10,000 for the building fund instead of \$20,000.

Ms. Gwen Frost asked what the old kitchen would be used for.

Mr. Acerno advised that they would take a window from the library and use it in the kitchen and with the money approved in this Article, they would be able to rewire and update the space. It would possibly be used for a reading room or possibly a music room. This is still under discussion.

Mr. Bruce Smith asked if the designs were put out to bid?

Mr. Stuart Adams advised that last year the voters approved \$15,000 for architectural fees and this was passed. A local resident, Kelly Goodrich, who is experienced in estimating did this work at no cost.

Mr. Smith asked if this work would be put out to bid?

Mr. Adams said yes. They are required to do this.

Mr. Heed called the vote and read Article 1 again. This article requires a ballot vote. Mr. Heed opened the vote at 7:25.

After all present had voted, Mr. Heed continued on to Article 3 while the polls were left open as required.

Mr. Heed read:

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Mr. Ian Hurley moved Article 3 as read. Motion seconded.

Mr. Woolridge indicated that this article was just to hear the reports if you want.

No Discussion.

Article 3 was read again. Article 3 passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Heed read:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000; of said sum, \$5,000 is to come from general taxation and up to 410,000 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, 2007 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 Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Mr. Ian moved the article as written. Motion seconded.

No Discussion

Article 4 was read again. Article 4 passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Heed read Article 5:

ARTICLE 5: The see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$16,350 of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2007, 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 years 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, 2007 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 Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Mr. Ian Hurley moved as written. Motion seconded.

Mr. Acerno indicated that this was for unanticipated education costs such as high students or special ed students moving into town. The fund currently has \$84,000 in it. The board would like the fund to have \$100,000 in it so this may be the last time they need to come to the voters for this fund.

Mr. Hamilton asked what the difference was between high school tuition for a regular student and a special ed student.

Mr. Acerno advised it was \$7,000.

Ms. Leigh Marthe asked how they came up with a figure of \$16,350

Mr. Acerno advised that this was tuition for one special ed student.

Mr. Heed called the article and read it again. Article 5 passed by voice vote.

Mr. Heed then closed the polls at 8:25 PM. Mr. Heed read the results as follows: A total of 129 paper ballots were cast: 116 yes; 13 no. Article 1 passed by paper ballot vote. There was applause.

Mr. Heed read:

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.

Mr. Acerno moved that the District raise and appropriate \$2,834,976 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 was seconded.

Mr. Marshall Gordon asked why several revenue categories showed \$0 revenue that had money last year. For example, tuition for outside students had \$60,000 last year.

Mr. Acerno indicated that \$60,000 was for the school of choice program. It is federal money that we are not guaranteed to receive again this year.

Mr. Woolridge indicated this was part of an \$8.5 million dollar grant to this area.

Mr. Gordon asked about the other items.

Mr. Acerno indicated that this was state aid money that we don't know if we are going to receive. He indicated that the Board has to come to the voters with the worst case scenario.

Mr. Gordon asked what would happen if we received state aid.

Mr. Acerno advised that it would be returned to the taxpayers.

Ms. Gwen Mitchell asked about the increase in the media generalist position. Was this funded in another way and we were now absorbing the cost of that position.

Mr. Acerno indicated that we used to sell a portion of this position. We then received a grant to fund the full time position. When we lost the grant, we decided to fund the full time position.

Ms. Mitchell asked if the other specials (music, art, gym) were full time positions.

Mr. Acerno stated that they were not.

Ms. Pat Bentrup asked why the increase for SAU29 was 9% when in past years it was usually 4 or 5%.

Mr. Wayne Woolridge from SAU29 indicated that the majority of the increase is for anticipated rent as they will likely be moving to another location. He indicated that half of what we pay is based on student population and half is based on property values in Westmoreland as they compare to other towns.

A resident asked why there was an increase of 15.89%.

Mr. Acerno answered that this was what we are losing for state aid. We have to make that up through taxes.

Ms. Gwen Frost asked what it meant in the article "salaries for school district officials and agents" - who is that?

Mr. Acerno stated "its not us". It is all personnel including teachers and SAU29.

Mr. Acerno stated "ifs not us". It is all personnel including teachers and SAU29.

Mr. Heed called the article for a vote. Read Article 2 again. Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Heed read:

ARTICLE #6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Mr. Hurley moved as read. Seconded.

Mr. Bruce Clement suggested that Kelly Goodrich donated his time for the estimating of this renovation and the least we could do was thank him for his time. There was a round of applause for Mr. Goodrich.

Mr. Heed mentioned that one of the reasons he moved to Westmoreland was because of the wonderful school we have and although his children are no longer at the Westmoreland School he still feels the impact of this school.

Mr. Heed called for a vote on Article 2 and to adjourn the meeting. Article 2 passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:40.

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Justine S. Fletcher, Clerk
5-31-07

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Westmoreland School excels among schools in SAU 29. One area where Westmoreland School stands out is in the area of academic performance in reading writing and math. This conclusion was once again substantiated by the most recent state assessments. In the state assessments Westmoreland School students scored first overall in the percentage of students at or above the proficient level in math, reading and writing as compared to all the schools in SAU 29, as well as the 20 schools in our region. The state test results reflect the knowledge and skills (known as Grade Level Expectations) that proficient students should have mastered by the end of the previous school year. Results for each school reflect the results for all students tested who were enrolled at the end of the prior school year. In May of 2008, a State Science Assessment will be given to each Westmoreland student in the fourth and eighth grades. Westmoreland students have a history of strong performance on the New Hampshire assessments and Westmoreland has a strong science program so we feel confident our students will perform well on this new assessment. The 2008/2009 proposed budget includes funds for teachers to work over the summer aligning the Westmoreland science curriculum with the new State Science Standards from which the science tests were created.

The administrators of the Monadnock Regional Public Schools of Choice Grant also substantiated the contention that Westmoreland School stands out among SAU 29 schools when the school was named a "School of Choice" three years ago. Unfortunately the choice grant ended in December of 2007. Westmoreland still received \$9,890 of unanticipated revenue from the grant during the 2007/2008 school year and more than \$100,000 over the past three years.

Westmoreland students and all students in SAU 29 schools continue to participate in the Northwest Evaluation Association program during 2007-2008. 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. Westmoreland School piloted this assessment four years ago and, based on the pilot, all schools in SAU 29 have since adopted NWEA.

Westmoreland students at Keene High School continue to perform well. This past year Westmoreland had 84 students enrolled at Keene High School. These students are taking advantage of a wide range of academic, as well as co-curricular activities. In English, 83 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In mathematics, 52 percent earned grades of "B" or better. In science, 70 percent of the students earned grades of "B" or better. In social studies, 80 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In world language, 63 percent of the students earned grades of "B" or better. The overall attendance rate for Westmoreland students at Keene High School was 96 percent compared to 95.1 percent for the overall Keene High School population. Each Westmoreland data point listed above was better than the overall Keene High School data point.

Westmoreland students participated in the following KHS extra-curricula activities: Alpine Skiing, Band, Freshman Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Blackbird Bylines, Bowling, Freshman Boys Basketball, JV Boys Basketball, Varsity Boys Basketball, Boys Cross

Country, Boys Lacrosse, Freshman Boys Soccer, Boys JV Soccer, Varsity Boys Soccer, Boys Tennis, Boys Track, Student Home Builders, Chorus, Class Council – Gr. 9, Class Council – Gr. 12, Drama Club, Envirothon Team, Family Career & Community, Freshman Field Hockey, JV Field Hockey, Freshman Football, JV Football, Varsity Football, Future Business Leaders of America, Freshman Girls Basketball, JV Girls Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball, Girls Lacrosse, Freshman Girls Soccer, JV Girls Soccer, Varsity Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Track, Girls Varsity Volleyball, Interact Student Rotarians, Key Club, Latin Club, National Honor Society, Nordic Skiing, Ping Pong Club, Quiz Bowl, Rubik's Cube Society, Salmagundi, Skills USA, Student Council, Students for a Free Tibet, Swimming-Diving, Ushers Club, World Language Honor Society, Youth Monadnock Cares, and Youth & Government.

Westmoreland seniors from the class of 2007 reported their post-secondary plans as follows: Babson College, Cornell, EMT, KSC (4), Motorcycle Mechanic Institute, HCTC, Notre Dame, UNH, USC, UVM, Military, undecided/working (5).

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 school board/staff goal-setting retreat. This activity not only produces a focus around which planning and allocation of resources occurs, but also fosters a dynamic of cooperation and trust.

The Westmoreland community should be very proud of its school. Both the education program and the facility are in fine shape. This reality should not be taken for granted. Continuation of this situation is highly contingent upon the hard work of the staff and the board, and open lines of communication between the home and 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 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Wayne E. Woolridge
Co-Superintendent of Schools

Principal's Report

The 2007-2008 school year started with an administrative change. Mrs. Meredith Cargill was granted a one-year leave of absence and Mr. William Savage was employed as the Interim Principal. He came out of retirement after serving for a number of years as an administrator at Keene High School.

This fall started with 21 new kindergarteners making a total enrollment of 147 students.

School enrollment:	K-21	3-20	6-13	
	1-22	4-8	7-12	
	2-22	5-26	8-11	Total 147

School Improvement Goals: Each spring, representatives from all stakeholders groups come together for the annual 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. The goals for this school year included:

1. Building Pride
2. Behavioral Pride
3. Reading/Writing
4. Technology-ongoing

The voters of Westmoreland certainly helped us with Building Pride when they approved a bond to renovate/construct a new kitchen, front security entry and heating system. Thank you for improving the education environment for our children. Our custodian John Beecher has been out on extended leave, during his absence his duties have been filled by David Olmstead and Charles Sweeney. Chad Adams assists them during the school day.

We have involved our students in many behavioral experiences that have been designed to make Westmoreland School a friendly, warm place to learn. Guidance classes in grades 2-8 included programs offered by the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention and Girls Incorporated of New Hampshire. Some of the topics were "Bully Proofing", "Internet Safety" and "Kidability" a national child abuse prevention program.

Academics: We would like to congratulate Hayley Madden as the Valedictorian and Rory Moon as the Salutatorian of the eighth grade class of 2007. The graduation exercise was very positive and the class of 2007 has made a nice adjustment to Keene High School. Meetings with Keene High School administration were very positive and they indicated that our students were achieving better grades than the average student.

All students enrolled at Westmoreland take courses in the four major content areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies as well as guidance, library/technology, physical education, health, music and art. Students in grades 3-8 also have Spanish.

Once again we made "Adequate Yearly Progress" under the No Child Left Behind Act as a result of our participation in the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program. On January 28, 2008 we received the news that our school had the highest scores in SAU 29 on the New England Common Assessment Tests.

We continue to emphasize reading in kindergarten and first grade with a minimum of 120 minutes per day quality instruction.

Arts: Elementary students still participate in a comprehensive general music, chorus and band. Students participate in two concerts during the year under the direction of our "Music Man" Carlson Barrett and Bell Choir director Nancy Newton. We continue our involvement with the New Hampshire Dance Institute Program that culminates with a spring performance. This year, with a contribution from an anonymous donor, we will be offering a week-long program with Children's Stage Adventures concluding with a community performance that Friday evening.

We would like to recognize the hard work put into the Community Service Projects by students, supported by parents and organized by Paul Deschenes. This year about 510 community service hours were completed. Among the projects were collecting clothing to send to El Salvador, local road and cemetery clean up, work on school athletic fields, the Community Kitchen, The Children's Learning Center, Monadnock Humane Society, "Fast Friends", Greyhound Rescue, 4-H, Cedarcrest, Maplewood, Keene Day Care, the Town Library and Westmoreland School, Special Olympics, and made care packages for troops in Iraq.

Many students participated in either the school athletic programs or the recreation leagues. Once again the soccer tournament sponsored by the Sports Boosters was a big success.

We had four new staff members this year. Chad Boswell is our Middle School Science Teacher and comes to us from Chesterfield where he served as a Teacher's Aide. Catherine Morris, a Keene native is our new School Counselor. She has experience in the Fall Mountain District as well as in the Focus Program at Cheshire Medical Center. Our new Food Service Manager is Marcia Winchester. What a wonderful job she has done organizing the program and preparing delicious meals for our students.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and outstanding faculty and staff to their support during my year as Interim Principal.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Savage

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL STAFF

William Savage	Principal
Debbie Nelson	Secretary
Catherine Morris	School Counselor
Sandee Auvil	Nurse
Jennifer Young	Kindergarten
Brenda Shelley	Grade 1
Leslie Carlson	Grade 2
Stacy Riendeau	Grade 3
Karen Durling	Grade 4
Nancy Belsky	Grade 5/Mathematics
Chad Boswell	Grade 6/Science
Melissa Crotto	Grade 7/Language Arts
Paul Deschenes	Grade 8/ Social Studies
Nancy Newton	Reading Specialist
Lori Costagna	Special Education
Mee Yin Morrison	Art
Carlson Barrett	Music
Matthew Schmidt	Physical Education/Middle School Health
Rob Stack	Media Specialist
Kate Schmidt	Spanish
Marcia Winchester	Cook
John Beecher	Custodian
Flossie Gray	Classroom Aide
Kathy Sportello	Special Education Inclusionary Aide
David Olmstead	Special Education Inclusionary Aide
Nancy McKenna	Classroom Aide
Chad Adams	Custodial/Kitchen

Health Report for 2008
Westmoreland School

From September through December the health office has seen more than 350 office visits, with approximately 141 over-the-counter medications, additionally 67 regular scheduled medication visits and 57 as needed medications.

All students were weighed and measured on picture day in September.

Students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 have been screened for vision and hearing. I've made three referrals so far.

The fluoride rinse program has been in place since September, with 62 first through fourth graders participating weekly.

Health class for grades k-3 with weekly health topics such as; the importance of hand washing, community and environmental health, family health, injury prevention, nutrition and physical activity. Using the healthteacher.com curriculum as a guide, videos, handouts and classroom participation have been methods used to teach health class.

Sandee Auvil, RN, BC
School Nurse

School Lunch Report

First on the agenda, the new, big kitchen is a wonderful place to work! Thank you!

Tradition, creativity and nutritious meals are our main focus. A new salad bar is always part of the lunch and wholesome choices are on the breakfast and lunch menus. Fresh fruit is available to all students at snack time as well as during all lunches.

Our current enrollment at Westmoreland School is 147 with 75-80% of our students participating daily in the breakfast and lunch program.

Chad Adams is a good helper with many tasks and the students enjoy having him with us.

Students have been very appreciative of the upgraded meals this year.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions they may be directed to my attention at 399-4421.

Thank you for all your wonderful support.

Marcia Winchester
Kitchen Manager

GRADE 8

Lucas Brown
Zackary Cleveland
Sarah Fields
Olivia Gourley
Mariah Krochmal
Daniel McKenna
Chad Merrill
Jacob Myers
Jared Perry
Travis Smith
Mollie Torrey

Kristin Adler
Jared Barnett
Alexander Bates
Jacqueline Beck
Nicole Bouley
Chelsie Brehm
Heather Castor
Jessica Chickering
Bradley Clark
Sarah Cooke
Marcus Ferenc
Edward Ferguson
Brianna Firenze
Caleb Fissette
Caroline Hamilton
Kelsey Huckins
Margaret Krochmal
Clair Larsen
Jeffrey Matthews
Douglas McKenna
Paige Mills
Jennifer Moore
Kelsey Myers
Christopher Shelley
Andrea Thompson
Brenna Thompson

WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

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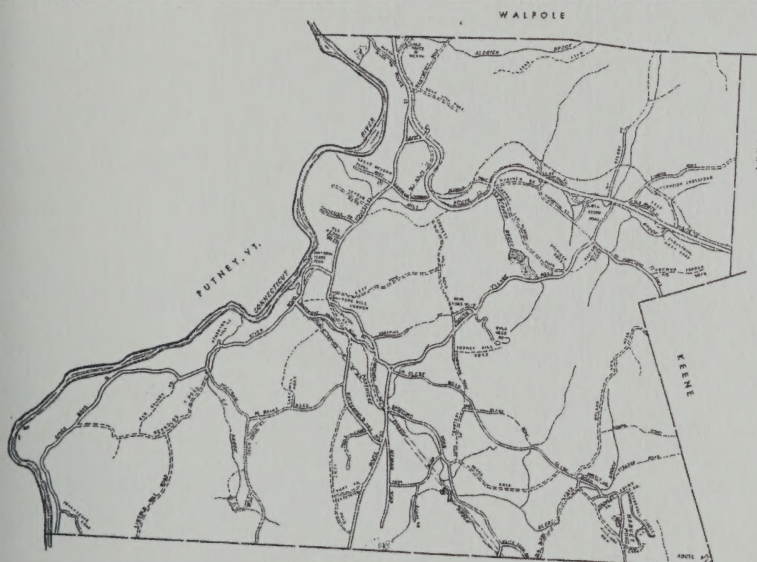
Town Clerk & Town Tax collector: 399-7211
 Monday: 7:30am – 2pm, 7:pm – 8:30pm
 Wednesday: 7:30am – 11am, 7pm – 8pm

Selectmen's meeting: 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7pm
 Planning board: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm
 Zoning board: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm
 Conservation comm.: 1st Thursday, 7pm

Selectmen's Office: 399-4471
 Tuesday thru Friday 9am – 3pm
 2nd & 4th Mondays 9am – 3pm
 1st and 3rd Thursdays evenings 6 – 7pm

Overseer of Public Welfare: 399 4310
 Police services: 355-2000
 To Reserve Town Hall: 399-4471

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WESTMORELAND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Household Hazardous Waste Days

Summer/Fall 2008

Spring 2009

July:	August:	Sept:	Oct:	March:	April:	May:	June:
Sat. 12	Sat. 9	Sat. 13	Sat. 4	Sat. 21	Sat. 11	Sat. 9	Sat. 6
Wed. 16	Wed. 13	Wed. 17	Wed. 8	Wed. 25	Wed. 15	Wed. 13	Wed. 10
Sat. 26	Sat. 23	Sat. 27	Sat. 18	Sat. 28	Sat. 25	Sat. 16	Sat. 20

All collections will run from 8 am to 1 pm at the Keene Recycling Center on Route 12 North.

For more information on recycling contact: www.ci.keene.nh.us/publicworks/

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