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Town Officers

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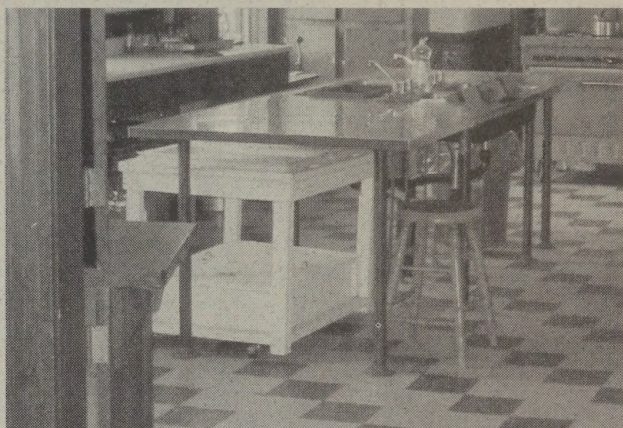
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

and

School District Officers

For the Year Ending June 30, 2008





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Town Hall Kitchen – Before and After.

“After” photo taken February 17, 2009 at the Friendly Meal.

Contracted improvements – expanding the Select Board’s offices – will continue during 2009.

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Cover: Ted Ferguson preparing to set up the holiday tree.

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

David Putnam - Chair, Marjorie Merena, Russell Austin

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

JoAnn LaBarre

SECRETARY

Tina Cutter

CUSTODIAN

Edward Messer

AUDITORS

Lori-Anne Ingram

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Messer- Resigned, Dorothy Thompson - Resigned, Pat Bentrup,
Nancy Hillier, Robert Hall

CONSTABLE

James A. Cemorelis

ROAD AGENT

Gary Hudson

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Tom Bates, Russell Kotfila, Patrick Baker

LIBRARIAN

Maisie Crowther

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Jayne Burnett - Chair, Peter Longsjø, Lynn Zimmerman, Cynthia Cote, Marjorie Merena

WELFARE OFFICE

Elaine M. Moore

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

JoAnn LaBarre, Russ Kotfila, Robert Moore

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kelly Goodrich - Chair, Michael Acerno, Gary Dermott, David Putnam,
William Campbell

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bresset t- Chair, Laurie Burt - Vise Chair, Elaine Moore, Sec.- Resigned, Lori-
Anne Ingram, Sec., Russell Austin, Bruce Smith, James Starkey, Nancy Zeller,
Robert Harcke, Alt.- Vacant

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

Robert Moore Jr.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Larry Muchmore

HEALTH OFFICER

Lloyd Draper, Barbara Chase

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward Messer

WANTASKTIQUET REGION RIVER

SUBCOMMITTEE

Richard Schmidt, Stuart Adams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmo s- Chair, George Duke, John Lukin, Russ Martens, Richard Schmidt,
Gina Gitchell, Ken Wright, Selena Gallen -Alt., Paula Page - Alt.

RECREATION COMMISSION

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jan Carpenter - Secretary, Sally Albrecht - Treasurer

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Vacant

SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Harcke

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 Tenth day of March, 2009 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 the ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00PM March 11, 2009 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 \$140,000 for the purpose of buying a new tanker. The sum of \$25,000 will come from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve, \$25,000 from the Fire Fighter Association, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$90,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officers to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. 2/3 Ballot Vote required. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this Article.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000 for the purpose of buying a highway truck with plows. The sum of \$60,000 will come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$50,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officers to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and \$25,000 to be raised by taxes. 2/3 Ballot Vote required. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to replace the tank on tanker 2. \$25,000 will come from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$25,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officers to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. 2/3 Ballot Vote required. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)

Article 6: 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 the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Re-evaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)

Article 10: To see if the municipality will vote to establish a Capitol Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall Clock Repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article.)


Article 11: To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. The funds are included in the proposed operating budget.

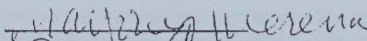
Article 12: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a 1(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

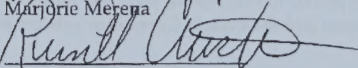
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million, twenty five thousand, five hundred sixty six dollars (\$1,025,566) as recommended by the Budget Committee, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include Special or individual articles.

Article 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectmen of Westmoreland


David Putnam, Chairman


Marjorie Merena


Russell Austin

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 11 & MARCH 12, 2008

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Donald Hall, Moderator, Pro-tem on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 11:00 am with the readings of Article One of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 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 11, 2008 by Thomas Warner, Moderator, Pro-tem.

Moderator Peter Heed called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 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 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 305 of the registered 1231 voters = 25%. "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	
	Russ Austin	187*
	Laurie Burt	44
	Robert Moore, Jr.	64
	Mark Terry	1
For one year	Town Clerk	
	Cindi H. Adler	287*
	Misc.	6
For one year	Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	292*
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Susan Castor	3
	Karen LeDuc	2
	Laurie Burt	2
	Tina Fletcher	2
	Misc.	25
	(To be decided at a later date)	

For three years	Budget Committee	
	William Campbell	147*
	Elaine Moore	132
	JoAnn LaBarre	1
For two years	Budget Committee	
	Gary Dermott	185*
	Dawn Lincoln	71
For three years (2)	Trustee of the Library	
	Peter Longsjø	257*
	Lynn Zimmerman	33
	Misc.	9
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Russ Kotfila	225*
	Walt Derjue	1
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	JoAnn LaBarre	283*
For two years	Moderator	
	Peter Heed	58*
	Bruce Smith	7
	Carlson Barrett	5
	Misc.	6
For one year	Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Adler	282*
	Misc.	5
For two years	Auditor	
	Lori-Ann Ingram	2*
	Misc.	12
For one year	Auditor	
	Lori-Ann Ingram	259*
	Misc.	2
For six years	Supervisor of the Checklist	
	Patricia Bentrup	258

For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Elaine M. Moore	222*
	George Laine	2
	JoAnn LaBarre	2
	Russ Austin	2
	Misc.	5

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

Article moved by David Putnam and seconded by Wesley Staples. Cindi Adler spoke to the Article as Town Clerk. She stated she had been in contact with the Municipal Agent's Office since the beginning of the year and had expressed the Townspeople requests, patience and need for the Westmoreland Town Clerk to become a Municipal Agent for motor vehicle registrations. The Town Clerk explained that the Town did not have the funds this year to invest in this program. The Municipal Agent's office stated that they would offer their system – the "MAAP Browser System" to the Town of Westmoreland at a very minimal charge (\$25 for the Municipal Agent stamp and \$50 for a toggle switch for the computer. This amount could come out of the Town Clerk's supplies budget.) The State would provide the computer, monitor, printer and the "MAAP" program for free (with the understanding that that is all that is this computer system is to be used for), along with their free Help-Line which is available to your Town Clerks whenever Town Clerks around the state have hours. They would come to the Town Clerk's office and set everything up. Your Town Clerk would attend 6 days of classes in Concord, and the system should be up and running by the beginning of July, 2008. The Municipal Agent's office would also provide the Town with a registrant reminder letter, if we wish (this would take the place of the copies of the new pre-printed registrations I now mail each month) for .052 cents per letter, which the Town Clerk would mail out with any additional information needed (dog license reminders, etc.). There would be a \$2.50 Town Clerk fee added to the State fee if one wishes to receive their state stickers and/or plates at the Town Clerk's office. Of course, this is the option of the registrant – one may still go to Keene for their stickers, or mail to Concord if one wishes. To complete both transactions at the Town Clerk's office, one will still need to make 2 checks out – one for the Town, and one for the State, just as we do now. This on-line system will not make it possible for your Town to register boats and off-road vehicles yet. Eventually it will make it possible for one to go onto the "Compass" system which will allow you to do everything from the comfort of your home computer. The Municipal Agent's office is waiting for a copy of the Minutes of the Town's governing body (and what better meeting of the Town's governing body than the Annual Town Meeting), appointing me as Municipal Agent for the Town of Westmoreland. When they receive the minutes, they can set up the training classes so we can get started.

R. Marshall Patmos made motion to amend Article 2 to appoint Cindi Adler as Municipal Agent for the Town of Westmoreland. The amendment was seconded by Jack Zeller.

Nancy Shonbeck questioned where the \$75 was to come from and the Town Clerk stated it would come out of the Town Clerk supplies budget.

THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 2 WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 2, AS AMENDED WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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)

Motion moved by David Putnam and Seconded by Wesley Staples. David Putnam spoke to the Article stating that they will use the money from the Trust Fund we started for the Town to buy property from the Transfer Station money last year and then raise by taxes to buy this property. It is a Pro-active move to buy this property for future growth of the Town and its offices. It is the land that is adjacent to the Town Garage property. When asked the appraised value by the town, David stated that the Town has it appraised as a building lot appraised at \$113,000. It is listed as 19 acres, but the surveyor stated it is 27 acres. He stated that the price was higher than the appraised value but it is of great value to the Town to purchase it for the future. It is worth it to us to pay his asking price as the Town Garage abuts the property. Nancy Zeller asked if it is true that the land value was lowered to \$113,000 because of the location to the saw mill and garage frontage. Scott Talbot asked what the road frontage to this land is. David stated 500 feet of road frontage. Tim Thompson asked it's use. David stated it is field and it is across from the snowmobile bridge. Nancy Zeller asked what percentage of this land is wetland. Wesley stated it was very minimal. James Blake from the Conservation Committee stated that it is NOT minimal. There is a considerable amount of wetlands. If you look at the Southwest Regional Map, there is significant wetlands. There is a pond, a stream, hydrate soils and a 75' wide boundary. 25% Town and state wetlands and it DIVIDES the property. David stated we would be using the back of the lot. It was recommended that the land NOT be purchased until the owner determines its size and how much is wetlands. The Selectmen must take physical and legal restraints. George Duke stated that the rear of the land is a PSNH easement. How much acreage does that included? David stated that it is across the back and 40' wide piece that we probably wouldn't use anyway. There is a field in the back grown to scrub brush and small pine. Jack Zeller questioned the raising of \$20,000 to buy this it is only appraised at \$113,000. Madeline Ulrich asked the Budget Committee do we want to buy this land if there a bridge or road that needs repair? David stated that if this Article is defeated, we may not have another opportunity to purchase a piece of land this size. When asked what effect this will have

on our property taxes, David Putnam stated that if everything passes tonight, it will raise the Town portion of Property Taxes by 33% or 6 cents per \$1000 assessment. Peter Heed asked JoAnn LaBarre if this was correct. She asked David Putnam if he said 6 cents – twice – to clarify and he said yes. Marjorie Merena stated that she figured her tax increase last night and if everything passes, her taxes will only go up \$19.00. JoAnn LaBarre stated that this was incorrect – if all passes tonight, taxes for the Town portion would raise around 56 cents per \$1000 assessed. She went on to say that the land purchase would not effect the taxes THIS year, the costs to the Town wouldn't effect the taxes until 2009. Jeannie Sy stated that paying \$200,000 for a piece of land that is assessed at \$113,000 that has had no land use study done, and according to the overlay map, is not clear as to what we are buying here, before we buy it we need to know that we are going to do with it? We need to know what we need land for first, before we just buy. Owning land is great, but not in this economy right now. Ken Thompson who used to own the piece of land in question stated that there is a lot of ledge on this piece of property and it is deep. He stated he thought about 25% of it is useable. He suggested not paying top dollar. It's been on the market before and it is not moving. Wendy Putnam stated that anyone that is going to buy land, first needs to have the financing in a row. She went on to say that it is central to Town, the Fire Department is overcrowded. The town is growing and eventually you're going to need to put your Police and Fire Department somewhere. We need to approve this Article. Jim Myers stated that if the Transfer Station is put over here, how is it going to charge residents? David stated that he will not pursue this right now, but at some point the Town is going to take over the Transfer Station. The Town is not renewing its contract with Waste Management. Yes, this land may be used for a new transfer station. The Post Office is outgrowing its space in the Town Hall basement and will need a new place. There is potential usage for the Fire Department and Police Department to be moved there as well. Jim Myers stated that to think the Selectmen would locate all your things on one street is mind-boggling! In the flood just a couple of years ago, that road was one that was completely washed out!! How would you have gotten to it or from it---and if EVERYTHING was on that road---then what? Mike Henchey asked if they had even contacted the Matyas'. They don't seem to care if they sell this property or not. What is the impact on them if we don't purchase. David Putnam stated he didn't know. Mike Henchey asked Why don't you know? Lori Ingram asked what are the costs for a study. Do we purchase and then do a study? David Putnam stated he didn't know. Lori asked Why did they not know? Tina Fletcher asked if the \$200,000 is for the purchase of this property. She objects to put money aside for THIS property. David Leinster stated that there seems to be a conflict between the Conservation Committee and the Selectmen/Budget Committee on this. Were the Selectmen informed there are wetland issues? David said no. Wesley stated that many years ago it was a back field and we got sand out of it, the only wetlands was a brook that cut it in two on the back part of front loam of 1-2' gravel. There is a gravel bank built on a lot of it. Jim Blake questioned the Selectmen on their statement of not being informed, as Marshall Patmos had sent them a letter with the Conservation Committee's concerns. Marshall Patmos confirmed he had sent them a letter and that all they needed to do was take a look at the Maps in the Town Hall that had been purchased just a few years ago to see what the concerns are. A study should have been done first. Dawn Lincoln asked why the assessed value is so off the price. Marjorie stated that the Town had a survey

done. The property was assessed at 19 acres by our Assessor. Our Attorney had the survey and there is actually 27 acres to this property. It is close to Town. It would end the problem we have with accessibility to our Town Barn. The question of accessibility to the Town Barn started when the Selectmen were served papers with the Right of Way issue. They turned down that offer to sell ¼ acre to the Town. The Selectmen offered them \$51,000. Marjorie stated they are appalled at the amount we are paying for this lawsuit. The Matyas property could be the new home for the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station can be a clean-run station and if it centrally located, it would be better. We are making money off the Transfer Station. William Campbell asked if the property is in current use and who would have to pay the Land Use Change Tax. David stated that the Town would abate it. Jack Zeller made motion to move questions. Nancy Ranson seconded the motion. Ballot vote set up at 7:55 pm. At 8:55 pm, the ballots were counted and the results read.

YES - 16 Votes NO - 154 Votes --- ARTICLE 3 IS DEFEATED.

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)

Motion to move by David Putnam and Seconded by Marjorie Merena. David spoke to the Article stating that again, this is the bridge on River Road North and it is a Red-listed Bridge. We have 4 more on this list to be done. The abutments seem to be in good shape, but the support structure needs work. We have a design approved by the State which is an erector set type design, like the one we just did on Partridge Brook Road. We will take \$16,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$64,000 out of Surplus and the put the \$64,000 back into Surplus when we get it back from the State. It was stated that the Bessie Pierce Bridge we did last year gets very little traffic, but this bridge gets heavy truck traffic. David stated that the rating on the bridge now is 6 ton, should be able to handle more in a couple of years. When asked where this bridge is in Town, Gary Hudson stated that it is a short bridge with a 24' span down behind the old Major Leonard Keep.

ARTICLE 4 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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

Motion to move by David Putnam and Seconded by Wesley Staples. David stated this was a small amount for all the Selectmen want. The Selectmen need more space and a place for their meetings, so they will expand their space to include the Men's Bathroom, by opening and widening the existing door between that will give them that

space. This room will be the Selectmen's Secretary's office. They will put a cement box room down in the basement that will be climate controlled for the archival papers that are now being stored in cabinets. This will be fire safe and will have an outside exit for removing material should the building catch fire. The bathroom will now be a uni-sex bathroom where the women's bathroom is now with handicap accessibility and two stalls. Also the Selectmen had an Energy Audit done by Dick Schmidt which has resulted in having a set back thermometer installed, and there is more to do on that list. The kitchen will have a new floor. The kitchen island will accommodate the Hobart SR24H, high temperature sanitizing dish washer and have drawers built in for flatware and dish towel and a new side by side refrigerator. Nancy Ranson asked if there is any asbestos in the floor and how it will be replaced. Marjorie stated that they will fill in the cracks and just cover it. Pat Bentrup asked if the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office which is very crowded would get any benefit from this project. Marjorie stated that the Selectmen had not asked the Town Clerk if she needed anything, but they would certainly consider it if they have any leftover money. Mike Henchey asked why we need a dishwasher because as he understands it the well runs dry every year. Marjorie stated the dishwasher uses less water than the way dishes are done now and since we have been renting it out for public use, like receptions and banquets, dishes need to be sanitized, etc. David stated that the pressure switch just sticks, the Town Hall doesn't run out of water. Jan Carpenter questioned the storage in the basement for the archival papers. She is on the Historical Society and this is an issue as basements are notorious for being damp. There are guidelines that must be followed for archival preservation and wants to be sure the Selectmen have taken this into consideration. David Putnam then stated that the Selectmen aren't talking about archival papers. Bonnie Royea stated that David Putnam had just stated that it would be for archival papers, so what archival papers are the Selectmen talking about? David stated that the Selectmen have old records that are upstairs in boxes and filling their cabinets that are too important to throw away, but they have no room for. Bonnie then asked, "And just WHAT are you covering the kitchen floor with?" Marjorie stated that Monadnock Flooring looked at it and that the Selectmen don't know what flooring it would be, but it could be done. Mike Henchey stated that the Constable wants and assistant, and said he will have an office in the Town Hall in his Annual Report, where are those provisions for his office? David stated that there aren't any at this time.

ARTICLE 5 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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)

Motion moved by David Putnam and Seconded by Marjorie Merena. Marjorie stated that in the past year we have had a lot of things that the government had to reimburse the Town for, such as the Bessie Pierce Bridge and the Great Meadow Ferry Road disaster. When the government reimburses us so much (we had a lot of work done), we are required by law to have an outside audit done, so I felt we needed to have an outside audit done of all Town records so we are "fair and square" with the State. Richard

Schmidt asked when the last one was done and asked who they would be having audit. The Town Clerk read from the 2005 Annual Report when the last one was done. Marjorie stated that she had gotten an estimate from someone in Concord they were going to have do it, but she doesn't know their name.

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 \$5000 to purchase Transfer Station equipment.

Motion moved by David Putnam and Seconded by Marjorie Merena. David stated they eluded to this question with the land article. We wish to make this as efficient as possible. We belong to the Recycling Association of New Hampshire, and get their free advice. Rick Cooper is reviewing. We did not own the Compactor. If we could purchase a compactor unit for the price, we can continue to run the Transfer Station by ourselves as we are not renewing Waste Management's contract. We will look into purchasing the one that is already there from Waste. Jim Blake questioned as to who would maintain the compactor. David Putnam stated that the Town will have to maintain it and do maintenance on it. All we will have to pay for it the Tipping Fee and the Trucking Fees. We were paying Waste to run the Transfer Station. They paid Earl Kathan and we paid David Poklemba or whoever we had working for us. Last summer we had no one to run it with Earl so Waste Management said we were in default of our contract with them. We hired 5 people – 1 lasted 1 day, 1 lasted a week, 1 didn't show up at all and 1 had heart problems. Stuart West asked if it is closed, what are the advantages and reduce it over all eventually. David gave the tonnages and we use 48%. There is no money to be MADE in recycling, there is however money to be REDUCED. Every time we push that button on the compactor, we pay. Gwen Frost asked since the compactor is so very worn, is it worth its cost? David stated that this is a 2 year compactor. Langdon is holding their 3 yard compactor for us after this decision. Rick said it was reasonably good for its age. We have talked to Earl and he said he would work for the Town. George Duke stated that Earl said the Selectmen had not even approached him to work for them. He also asked who is going to be certified to run the Transfer Station. David stated David Poklemba will be going for his certification. George stated that he was under the impression that we owned the Compactor. David stated we have the records stating what we do and do not own and stated the Town does not own the compactor. George asked why are we paying for a transfer station when we can just as easily go to Keene. David stated that he is working from the town's position, he has spoken to Keene. Mike Reed stated that if you take your trash to Keene, you pay—they weigh and you can only pay by check. Ted Ferguson asked what happens if Earl gets sick again and how long does it take to get certified. David said he does not know how long it takes to get someone certified but stated that Earl told him the Town can run the Transfer Station for a while without a certified person.

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 Ten

Thousand Dollars(\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
(The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by Wesley Staples and Seconded by David Putnam. David stated that this is an annual thing we do—put money aside for the future purchases. The oldest truck we have now is a 2001. We're banking this for a rainy day. Jim Starkey asked the amount in this Capital Reserve Fund. Dawn Lincoln stated \$52,000.

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 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 Wesley Staples. David spoke to the article stating that we still have 4 other bridges to fix and this is just putting some money aside so we can pick them off, and to be able to take advantage of the State Bridge Aid. Nancy Shonbeck stated that we are taking out \$16,000 for the River Road North bridge, how much does this leave us with. JoAnn LaBarre stated that there is \$25,000 in it now so it leaves us with \$9,000. Marius Hauri asked what the expiration is on the State Bridge Funding. David Putnam stated he didn't know.

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 Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Marjorie Merena. David spoke to the article stating there is \$20,000 in there now. The Selectmen did not put *anything* in last year as there was a Warrant Article to refurbish one of the trucks last year. We have a 1979 Tanker that will probably need replacing next. Harry Nelson confirmed that either the 1979 Tanker or the 1954 Brush truck will need to be replaced next.

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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Marjorie Merena. JoAnn LaBarre stated there is \$56,000 in this fund now. John Lukin made motion to amend to increase

this amount to \$50,000 – increase by \$35,000. He stated he was behind Article 3, but the Selectmen need to do their homework! George Duke seconded the motion. Tim Thompson asked if the money in this fund can be used to do a study. David Putnam stated that the funds are to purchase land only – cannot be used for a study. Jeannie Sy asked if the money is in there, can the Selectmen purchase land without a Town Meeting. David Putnam stated that the Selectmen have the authority to purchase land if they find it and the money is in this fund, without the Town's approval, but we feel we should have the public's input, but yes, they do have the authority if something comes up and they feel it is good. Jeannie Sy stated that this amendment would give the Selectmen \$106,000 to purchase land without the Town's say-so. David Putnam stated yes, it is contingent on how much is approved, but yes, the amount they can spend is increasing, and they can spend it. He went on to say that based on what has happened here tonight, the door has been opened, the Selectmen know what the people feel. There are fewer and fewer chunks of land available, so the Selectmen would have to act if something came up. But based on what the Town has stated tonight, the Board would certainly have public hearings before they spend that amount of money. Ted Ferguson asked if it is public knowledge that those having the ROW to the Town Garage had put an offer out to have the Town purchase that land. David Putnam stated that yes, the Selectmen did make an offer, but the party declined. Ted asked if the Selectmen would offer to buy the party out for the ROW. David Putnam stated that the Town would have to pay \$64,000 for ¼ acre of land, and that just didn't make sense. He stated that the Selectmen have a sense of direction from the Town now on what the people want. The Town just turned down paying \$200,000 for 27 acres, why pay \$64,000 for ¼ acre? Nancy Ranson asked, when the Town put the Town Barn at that location, did the Town have the ROW? David Putnam stated that the Selectmen thought they did, but it is now in dispute. Bob Moore asked how much this would increase out taxes (the \$35,000 increase). JoAnn stated that it amounts to just under 5 cents per \$10,000 we increase the budget, so just under 18 cents per \$1,000 assessed. Gwen Frost questioned if John Lukin wanted to raise the amount to \$50,000 and give the authority to the Selectmen to spend it. Yes was the reply.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11, AS WRITTEN, VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Wesley Staples. David Putnam referred this Article to JoAnn LaBarre for explanation. JoAnn spoke to the Article stating that 12 years ago the Town voted to have Cemetery Trustees. The Trustees set up

their own savings accounts and took care of their own income and expenses. The Trustees now want to have this fund set up and use this capability to put the accounts back into the Town's hands, so the Trustees of Trust Funds will have the instruction. By law when one purchases a lot, ½ goes to the Town, and ½ goes to the Perpetual Care Fund for mowing, etc. If approved, this money would be taken from the savings account and put into this fund. Peter Heed asked how much money per year this would involve, and JoAnn stated between \$1500 - \$2000. They would still pay bills for mowing, etc. Dawn Lincoln stated that the budget for Cemetery Trust Funds shows \$20,000. Bob Moore stated that that is the Annual Operating Budget for the year, including this fund.

ARTICLE 12 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

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 Budget Committee Recommend this Article)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Wesley Staples. JoAnn LaBarre spoke to the article stating that different from the fund for repairs and maintenance, this would be set up for people that cannot afford to be buried. This would be set up with funds from the savings account now. William Campbell asked how it will get funds in the future. JoAnn stated that if the funds are used, the Trustees can put in for additional funds at the next annual meeting to replenish it. She stated that in the 12 years she has been here, the Town has only been asked once for funds. The Town would be responsible for the base fee for cremation and the Funeral Director would pick up the rest of the tab.

ARTICLE 13 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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.

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Marjorie Merena. David Putnam spoke to the article stating that basically, this is interest off a Fund that was left to the Town. This year the amount is \$113.77, which is up from last year's \$72.00. Sandra Blake stated that she is a volunteer at the Westmoreland Public Library and would like to amend the article for the funds to go the Town Library for the Children's Library Fund. Bonnie Royea stated that she feels that this always goes to the Library and she went on to say that Lord Cemetery is in disrepair. There are limbs and trees down and the Cemetery Committee funds always seem to go to the cemeteries that people go by all the time and not to the ones that people don't see as often, so she would like the funds to go to fix up the Lord Cemetery. JoAnn LaBarre stated that Bonnie should speak with the Cemetery Trustees to work with them on Lord Cemetery and that perhaps there could be a work bee

set up for that cemetery. The amendment is to give the funds to the Children's Library Fund at the Town Library.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDED ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

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)

Motion moved by David Putnam and seconded by Wesley Staples. David Putnam stated that as earlier discusses, the Transfer Operating Budget has been increased to show Earl Kathan's pay now. Also there is an increase of \$1200 for the Constable for a 2nd part time police office that the Selectmen have put in the budget. He went on to say that the Highway Department Overtime pay is almost down to nothing, due to the near record winter we just had. I would suggest we should add 40 hours of overtime to this. In November it started that we couldn't get much more salt and then sand became a challenge to get a little later. They have been doing a real good job for us, and this past year was a near record winter where the storms seem to hit every weekend. Peter Heed stated that we can't amend a budget to add 40 overtime hours, it would have to have a dollar amount. David then stated he'd like to amend the budget by \$3,000 to cover 3 men for 40 hours of overtime. Wesley Staples seconded the motion. George Duke stated that he though Earl Kathan was paid by Waste Management, why is that line in, David Putnam responded that we are hiring him as a Town employee now. And secondly, George Duke went on to question as to why we are hiring a second part time police officer when the Town can't even get the present constable to ever show up in town. David Putnam responded stating that Jim Cemorelis, the Constable, came to the Selectmen with two different proposals, involving adding two new part time police officers to cover the town with 24/7 service, and a cruiser and a place to have an office. We thought we could compromise a little. Jim isn't able to come to all of the calls, so if we have another part timer to com when he cannot, it would help the town. Peter Heed stated that first we need to tend to the amendment to the article for the Highway Department increase of \$3,000. for overtime. Ina Dewey asked that we ask Gary if that is enough. Gary stated that it is hard to say. Scott Talbot asked what the amount he felt they would need and JoAnn LaBarre stated that for the 3 men to get 40 hours of overtime, with payroll taxes and all, it should be more like \$5,000. Moderator Peter Heed asked to close questions and vote on the amendment.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 15 TO INCREASE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY \$3,000 WAS INCONCLUSIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

HAND COUNT TO AMEND THE ARTICLE PASSES BY HAND VOTE COUNT
YES - 59 NO - 56

Bill Chase then made motion to add another \$2,000 to the Highway Department Budget to cover the remaining overtime costs for the 40 hours per man. Barbara Chase seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 15 TO INCREASE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY ANOTHER \$2,000 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Jim Starkey asked if there are any Surplus Funds to cover this overage if this should occur. David Putnam stated that basically, we cannot go over budget, and no, we cannot take Surplus money to cover should there be a budget overage. Jim Starkey asked what the Surplus was for then. David Putnam stated the Surplus Funds are to reduce taxes. When Jim asked if that is all they could be used for, David replied, "Yes."

William Campbell asked why the Emergency Management budget is increased so much. Mike Reed stated that the State requires the Town to have an Emergency Plan. This was put in the budget last year, but the State did not come through with their money. The plan we have is very old, we're hoping this money will come back to us this year if we reapply to the state. If we have no plan, we will lose any chance of receiving FEMA money. Harry Nelson, Barbara Chase and Mike Reed have received \$5,000 combined for the time they have put into this. If this budget is approved, the three can get started on updating and reapplying for a new plan to better guard us in the event of a disaster.

Mike Reed then asked if under the Welfare line in the budget if \$5,000 was enough. This surely will not cover much emergency fuel oil assistance. Last week when he checked, it was up to \$3.47/gallon. The Town cannot deny anyone who qualifies for this assistance, so he amended the article to add \$5,000 more to Welfare. The motion was seconded by Jim Blake. Bob Moore stated that Elaine, his wife, and the Overseer of Public Welfare last year stated that no one had asked for fuel oil assistance, just help to pay rent.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 15 TO ADD \$5,000 TO WELFARE WAS DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

April Ferguson then spoke stating she doesn't mean any disrespect to anyone, but the Town is not getting proper coverage from the constable we have now. If we perhaps had a constable that lives in Town, we would be more likely to get a response as he would have our town at heart. She has had two incidents, herself where she got absolutely no response from our constable, one involving a stolen cell phone, which the State Police helped her to handle. I have heard a lot of complaints of how he doesn't respond to any calls. If we had someone that lived in Town, and I have heard there are a couple that do that would be willing to take the job, perhaps the people in town would feel they are being taken care of...right now, they don't feel this way. April received a round of applause. Ted Ferguson then made a motion to cut the Constable's budget by \$2,000 and get rid of the part-time policeman and the Constable and get someone in town that will do the job. Nobody ever sees this constable and nobody ever gets a response from him. I

would like to recommend to the Selectmen that if he isn't doing his job, he should be fired and get someone who will. In any other job, if you don't do your job, you don't get paid -- you get fired. He has been to no accidents and I haven't heard of anyone he has responded to. We should hire Jack Zeller back. David Putnam stated that when Jack Zeller was constable, we had the same complaints of him not showing up to accidents by the Fire Department. Zane White stated that he was told that the Selectmen had gone to the City of Keene to purchase a Ford Explorer the City was getting rid of for a cruiser for the constable. David stated that it had been told him that they would give us the Explorer but then they needed to still get \$6,000 out of it so we decided to wait. George Duke stated that it is his understanding that a Town under population of 3000 doesn't actually need to have a Constable or Police. If that is so, and no one shows when we call anyway, why do we have one? Jack Zeller stated first, he hasn't applied for this job. He was our Town Constable for 5 years in the past. Jim Cemorelis actually works for Jack in Keene full time. He didn't know the Town had even asked about the Ford Explorer, but the one they are talking about is the one his Supervisor drives and he wouldn't give 5 cents for it. The City drives these vehicles until they will not run anymore. As far as needing a Constable, he is not in favor of increasing the size of our Police department, but does feel the need for the Town to have a constable or police officer. When he was constable, about 90% of the calls were animal related, which we shouldn't expect the State Police to be tending to. If there is a major issue, the State Police should be taking care of those. We do need a constable, one to handle the local issues like the neighbor's dog is messing on your property, a snake in your house, etc., one wouldn't expect a State Trooper to be called on that. April Ferguson asked if she can just call Jack if she needs help then. David Leinster asked who is accountable for this Constable and what reprimand is given. David Putnam stated that The Selectmen are accountable for the Constable and he reports to them. The Selectmen tell him what to do -- handle local complaints, make usual rounds. The State Police handle the major issues and he handles the local complaints. We did have the State Police sit on two of the Town roads to handle complaints of speeding etc for a couple of days. The people the State Troopers did not get people that did not live in town from those two settings.

Carrie Staples asked if ANYONE had received a response from this Constable that had called him. NOT ONE had received a response from this Constable.

AMENDMENT TO REUCED THE POLICE BUDGET BY \$2,000 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 15 NOW AMENDED TO THE SUM OF \$1,008,095. THE AMENDED ARTICLE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

WHAT WOULD BE ARTICLE 16, IF THE SELECTMEN HAD ADDED IT IS:

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

David Putnam wished to thank Wesley Staples for his service on the Board of Selectmen. He had stepped in when Junior Starkey passed away. He stated it had been

an honor to work with him and that he had done a good job. Wesley received a Town round of applause.

April Ferguson wanted to thank the Road Crew for the fantastic job they have done.

Motion by Jim Starkey to adjourn at 10:25 pm. Seconded by Jim Blake.

ADJOURNMENT VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE..

Unapproved Minutes

Cindi H. Adler
Westmoreland Town Clerk

Handouts: Westmoreland Historical Society Report omitted from the Annual Town Report.
Westmoreland School Warrant omitted from Annual Town Report
Keeping Farming Vital in Westmoreland
By Westmoreland Agriculture Committee
What Makes Westmoreland a Special Place
By Westmoreland Conservation Commission
Community Conservation Partnership Meeting notice

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: _____ Westmoreland _____

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 09 to December 31, 09
or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

 Kelly Goodrich

 Gary Dermott

 Michael Acerno

 David Putnam

 William Campbell

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		33,250	29347	39225		39225	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		21792	24447	25695		21295	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		38,722	27860	26907		26907	
4152	Revaluation of Property							
4153	Legal Expense		7,500	6946	8000		8000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		67,654	72025	71500		71160	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		5,660	3808	5350		5350	
4194	General Government Buildings		20,692	17201	21300		21300	
4195	Cemeteries		9,000	9896	10700		10700	
4196	Insurance		13,400	12486	13350		13350	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government							
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		7,350	7566	7350		7350	
4215-4219	Ambulance		21,000	22749	24729		24729	
4220-4229	Fire		29,770	32696	29770		29770	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,000	2172	3000		3000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		11,000	6000	4000		4000	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		121,795	132622	127500		127500	
4312	Highways & Streets		410550	409525	444600		444600	
4313	Bridges		2,500	0	2500		2500	

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEES' APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		2,800	2960		3000		3000
4319	Other							

SANITATION								
4321	Administration		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		93,250	96986		97900		97900
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							

HEALTH/WELEFARE								
4411	Administration		100	100		100		100
4414	Pest Control		200	104		200		200
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,000	4700		5000		5000
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5,130	1514		5130		5130
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		5000	4375	5000	5000	5000	XXXXXX
4550-4559	Library		29830	29830	32600	32600	32600	XXXXXX
4583	Patriotic Purposes		300	371	400	400	400	XXXXXX
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							XXXXXX
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		500	293	500	500	500	XXXXXX
4619	Other Conservation							XXXXXX
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							XXXXXX
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							XXXXXX
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		20000	20000	0	0	0	XXXXXX
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		950	892	0	0	0	XXXXXX
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		15000	14056	15000	15000	15000	XXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							XXXXXX
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land		80000	54290	0	0	0	XXXXXX
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	3+4	5000	3500	185000	140000	185000	XXXXXX
4903	Buildings		0	0	0	0	0	XXXXXX
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		45000	37325	0	0	0	XXXXXX
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		4500	4700	0	0	0	XXXXXX
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	0	0	0	0	XXXXXX
4914	To Enterprise Fund		0	0	0	0	0	XXXXXX
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
	Electric-								
	Airport-								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *	5 to 10	40000	40000	31000		31000		
4916	To Exp. Tr.Fund-except #4917 *								
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *								
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919	To Fiduciary Funds								
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		1,178,095	1133282	1246306		140000	1246306	14000

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		18500	18400	16000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		26000	18321	18000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes				
	Inventory Penalties		8500	10527	10000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		3500	3594	3500
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		800	745	800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		245000	248884	245000
3230	Building Permits		2000	2172	3000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6000	8876	9000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		5000	5000	0
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		9686	17819	17000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		83163	83163	83000
3353	Highway Block Grant		71427	71181	74919
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		18	18	18
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		64000	52872	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		300	318	300
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		4000	5519	5519
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		10000	7765	7700
3503-3509	Other		8081	8217	8000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		16000	0	85000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		4100	4155	4150
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	50000
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		0		
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		125000	125000	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			711075	692545	640387

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1133282	1246306	1246306
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		216000	216000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		0	0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended		1246306	1246306
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)		640387	640387
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		821919	821919

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____ 124600
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

Selectmen's Report — 2008

The year brought improvements to the Town Hall, changes on the Common, and great attention paid to the economy and keeping our budget in tact.

The Town Hall kitchen received a facelift. Cupboards, drawers, and a commercial dish machine were built in to the island and the old flooring was replaced. We thank the Lions and Ladies Aid for their contributions to the cost of the dish machine. Contracted improvements to the Select Board's office will continue into this year.

Ted Ferguson placed the pipe in the ground on the Common as the permanent place for our holiday tree. A 20' Spruce was donated by Hans Dennie which Ted and crew set up. The Town purchased new lights and would like to note that these commercial grade LED lights are brilliant, unbreakable, cool to the touch, durable up to 200,000 hours, and save up to 98% energy consumption compared to incandescent equivalents. The Lions contributed to this purchase.

We will have power supplied to the Common this year — the tree lights were not on consistently as the power cord had to be taken up every time the plows went through South Village Common. The availability of power on the Common will be useful for other events as well.

We commend the good work of our Highway Department — Gary, Dave, and Ed — on the construction of the new River Road North Bridge as well as the work done last year on the Bessie Pierce Bridge.

Thank you Dottie Thompson and Barb Messer for serving as Supervisors of the Checklist; Walt Derjue for service on the Conservation Commission; Laurie Burt, Secretary to the Planning Board; Elaine Moore, Secretary to the Planning Board; and Bob Moore for helping in the Town Office during the maternity absence of Tina Cutter. Thanks also to Jim Merritt for his fine work on the Town Hall kitchen. Your service to the Town is truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted.

The Board of Selectmen:

David R. Putnam, Chair

Marjorie Merena

G. Russell Austin

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive		\$33,250
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		21,792
Financial Administration		38,722
Legal Expense		7,500
Personnel Administration		67,654
Planning & Zoning		5,560
General Government Building		20,692
Cemeteries		9,000
Insurance		13,400
Police		7,350
Ambulance		21,000
Fire & Rescue		29,770
Building Inspector		4,000
Emergency Management		11,000
Highways & Streets		532,345
Bridge Repair		2,500
Street Lighting		2,800
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling		93,250
Health Officer		100
Animal Control		200
Health Agencies		5,000
Welfare Admin		130
Welfare - Direct Assistance		5,000
Parks & Recreation		5,000
Library		29,830
Patriotic Purposes		300
Conservation Commission		500
Bridge Loan		20,000
Interest on TAN & Long Term		15,950
CO - Bridge Repair		80,000
Transfer Station Equipment		5,000
Town Hall Renovations		35,000
Audit		10,000
Conservation Fund Transfer		4,500
Capital Reserve Funds		40,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN		\$1,178,095
Less Revenues		711,075
Less Shared Revenue		6,464
Add-War Service Credits		8,100
Add -Overlay		<u>5,946</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION		474,602
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX		1,633,189
STATE EDUCATION TAX		420,911
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT		<u>493,818</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY		\$3,022,520
Less-War Service Credits		<u>8,100</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT		\$3,014,420
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$2,685,602	
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	631,502	
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>420,911</u>	
	\$1,633,189	
2008 Tax Rate	School - Local	\$8.03
	School - State	\$2.10
	County	\$2.43
	Town	<u>\$2.33</u>
		\$14.89

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2008	\$127,343.65
Activity:	
plus receipts	4,706,813.66
less payments	4,644,197.36
plus investment cash flow	<u>-106,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2008:	\$83,959.95
Investment Account Balance - January 1, 2008	827,727.22
plus transfers in	1,565,015.98
less transfers out	1,454,020.00
Balance December 31, 2008:	\$938,723.20
Distribution of Cash-on-Hand General Fund Accounts:	
TDBanknorth Checking	\$83,959.95
TDBanknorth Investment Account	\$937,884.49
MBIA Investment Account	<u>\$838.71</u>
Total Cash-on-Hand 12/31/08	\$1,022,683.15

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2008

Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes - Current Year	3,042,620.52	
Tax Leins Redeemed	37,780.90	
Taxes Sold to Town	41,118.84	
Land Use Change Tax	45,300.00	
Yield (Timber) Tax	18,321.00	
Excavation Tax	3,594.00	
Tax Interest & Penalties	1,750.89	
Tax Interest & Costs - Redemptions	<u>5,256.81</u>	\$3,195,742.96
Licenses, Permits & Fees:		
3210 Business Licenses & Permits:		
U.C.C. Fees	720.00	
Junk Yard Fee	25.00	
3220 Motor Vehicle Fees:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	246,039.00	
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	780.00	
Motor Vehicle State Fees	2,065.00	
3230 Building Permits	2,171.82	
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees:		
Dog Licenses	2,031.50	
Marriage Licenses	405.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	372.00	
Pistol Permits	200.00	
Voluntary Merger Fee	16.42	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	1,045.26	
Bank Fees	140.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	16.00	
Transfer Station Fees (Items)	4,650.00	\$260,677.00

Treasurer's Report, continued

3319 Federal Sources:		
Pandemic		\$5,000.00
State Sources:		
3351 Shared Revenue	17,819.00	
3352 Rooms & Meals Distribution	83,162.57	
3353 Highway Block Grant	71,181.41	
3356 Forest Land Reimbursement	17.51	
3359 Bessie Pierce Bridge	<u>53,871.75</u>	\$226,052.24
3379 From Other Governments:		\$318.16
3401 Income from Departments:		
Fire Department	1,210.05	
School Mowing	0.00	
Recycling - Transfer Station	1,991.95	
Christmas Tree Lights	100.00	
Town Hall - Dish Washer	<u>600.00</u>	\$3,902.00
3502 Interest - Checking Account		\$2,749.37
3503 From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rent	4,800.00	
Town Hall Rent	<u>1,350.00</u>	\$6,150.00
3501 Fines & Forfeits:		
Forest Fire Reimbursement		\$532.00
3509 Other Misc. Revenue:		
Town History Book Sales	1,379.00	
Copies & Postage	7.25	
Misc.	<u>148.28</u>	\$1,534.53
Interfund Transfers In:		
3916 Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	4,041.63	
3916 Jotham Lord Trust Fund	<u>113.77</u>	\$4,155.40
3939 Other Financial Sources:		
Tax Anticipation Notes		<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,706,813.66

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2008

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:	
Secretary	17,741.76
Selectmen	4,500.00
Moderator	75.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00
Printing	1,450.00
Dues	1,416.37

Treasurer's Report, continued

Notices	57.85	
Equipment Agreements	14.99	
Software Agreements	1,917.98	
Supplies	848.35	
Postage & PO Fees	549.85	
Equipment	79.98	
Jotham Lord Fund	113.77	
Other	<u>431.28</u>	\$29,347.18

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk	5,000.42	
Town Clerk Fees	11,539.00	
Deputy Town Clerk Fees	520.00	
Election Fees	275.00	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	515.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	450.00	
Town Clerk Telephone	1,296.45	
Printing	176.96	
Dues	25.00	
Notices	614.80	
Election Day Dinners	870.27	
Town Clerk Supplies	406.70	
Postage	670.87	
Town Clerk Publications	66.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,231.97	
Vital Statistics	285.00	
Town Clerk Workshops	<u>473.58</u>	\$24,417.02

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector	5,889.40	
Tax Collector Fees	1,092.00	
Treasurer	8,334.00	
Property Assessing	9,997.94	
Bank Charges	335.89	
Recording Fees	16.42	
Printing	37.50	
Dues	45.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	193.20	
Tax Collector Workshops	69.19	
Treasurer Supplies	394.50	
Postage	<u>1,434.94</u>	\$27,839.98

4153 Legal Expenses \$6,945.78

4155 Personnel Administration:

Health Insurance	39,788.76	
Dental Insurance	2,019.72	
FICA	15,094.84	
Medicare	3,530.36	
Retirement	<u>11,591.12</u>	\$72,024.80

Treasurer's Report, continued

4191 Planning & Zoning:

Clerk Fees	550.00	
Legal Fees	800.00	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,949.00	
Notices	420.84	
Supplies	7.93	
Postage	<u>80.60</u>	\$3,808.37

4194 General Government Buildings:

Custodian	4,645.56	
Telephone	2,420.48	
Internet Service	835.30	
Electricity	1,433.66	
Heating Fuel	4,433.20	
Propane	361.52	
Repairs & Maintenance	855.49	
Supplies	400.58	
Mowing	<u>815.00</u>	\$16,200.79

4195 Cemeteries

\$9,895.50

4196 Insurance Not Allocated/Dept

Worker's Compensation	6,228.00	
Property Insurance	2,046.21	
Liability Insurance	<u>4,211.96</u>	\$12,486.17

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police Department:

Constable Salary	6,000.00	
Supplies	700.00	
E&O Insurance	<u>866.37</u>	\$7,566.37

4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service

\$22,749.28

4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:

Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	
Firemen Salaries	4,991.00	
Telephones/Internet	1,177.37	
Training	1,645.00	
Electricity	802.00	
Heating Fuel	3,764.46	
E&O Insurance	421.92	
Life Insurance	345.00	
Vehicle Insurance	2,281.44	
Dues	150.00	
Office Supplies	89.98	
Building Repair & Maintenance	519.93	
Radio Repair	74.62	
Flow Testing	1,940.00	
Vehicle Fuel	1,210.05	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	7,449.62	
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	220.00	
Equipment - New	2,716.06	
Equipment - Gear	<u>1,897.46</u>	\$32,695.91

Treasurer's Report, continued

4240 Building Inspector: Salary		\$2,171.82
4290 Emergency Management:		
Forest Fire Control	\$1,000.00	
Pandemic	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$6,000.00

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:		
Permanent Wages		\$132,622.07

4312 Highways & Streets:

Uniforms	2,079.78	
Telephone	1,131.12	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	196.00	
Electricity	890.78	
Hired Equipment	2,747.80	
Vehicle Insurance	2,337.59	
Building Repair & Maintenance	7,098.28	
Paving- Asphalt	143,821.06	
Paving- Shimming	18,243.86	
Salt & Chloride	76,156.05	
Sand & Gravel	27,430.11	
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	43,349.07	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	59,581.26	
Cutting Edges	8,067.54	
Tires	9,831.18	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	120.00	
Culverts	3,540.00	
Signs	111.85	
Other	<u>2,791.74</u>	\$409,525.07

4316 Street Lighting		\$2,929.81
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SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:		
Recycling Employee	18,484.72	
Telephone	351.44	
Disposal Service	71,394.37	
Hazardous Waste Day	625.33	
Testing Fees	4,800.00	
Electricity	570.69	
Building Repairs	300.98	
Other	<u>458.46</u>	\$96,985.99

HEALTH

4411 Health Officer Salary		\$100.00
4414 Animal Control		\$104.00
4415 Health Agencies		\$4,700.00

WELFARE

4441 Welfare Officer Salary		\$100.00
4441 Dues		\$30.00
4442 Direct Assistance		\$1,384.35

Treasurer's Report, continued

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:

Mowing 4,375.00

4550 Library:

Library Salaries 18,510.11

Appropriation 11,319.89 29,830.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags 371.19

CONSERVATION

4611 Conservation:

Training 60.00

Dues 200.00

Supplies 33.00 293.00

DEBT SERVICE

4711 Bessie Pierce Bridge 20,000.00

4721 Interest on Long Term Loans 892.44

4723 Short Term Interest on TAN 14,055.55

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901 River Road Bridge 54,290.02

4902 Transfer Station Equipment 3,500.00

4903 Town Hall Renovations 17,428.93

4909 Audit 1,950.00

INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Special Revenue Account

4912 Conservation Fund 4,700.00

4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve Accounts

Bridge Reconstruction 10,000.00

Fire Equipment 5,000.00

Municipal Land Purchase 15,000.00

Highway Equipment 10,000.00

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES 1,114,316.39

OTHER EXPENSES

Refund of Taxes 4,413.42

County Taxes 495,487.00

Overpayment of Property Tax 2,627.71

School District 1,967,834.00

Short Term Principal (TAN) 1,000,000.00

Transfer to Conservation Fund 18,400.00

Taxes Bought By Town 41,118.84

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES 3,529,880.97

GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS 4,644,197.36

Treasurer's Report, continued

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA)	
Balance - January 1, 2008	\$818.55
Plus Deposits in 2008	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2008	\$20.16
Less Withdrawals in 2008	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2008	\$838.71
TDBanknorth Investment Account	
Balance - January 1, 2008	\$826,908.67
Plus Deposits in 2008	\$1,560,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2008	\$4,995.82
Less Withdrawals in 2008	\$1,454,000.00
Less Service Charges in 2008	<u>\$20.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2008	\$937,884.49
Conservation Commission Account	
Balance - January 1, 2008	\$27,148.39
Plus Deposits in 2008	\$23,100.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2008	\$796.73
Less Withdrawals in 2008	<u>\$2,502.47</u>
Balance - December 31, 2008	\$48,542.65

LOANS OUTSTANDING

None

JoAnn LaBare
Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT - BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$83,959.95
Cash Investments		938,723.20
Cash Conservation Fund		48,542.65
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		207,538.07
Accounts Receivable:	DOT - River Road North Bridge	43,000.00
	School Mowing	1,616.66
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2007	33,130.44
	Prior	39,391.23
Uncollected Taxes:	Property Taxes - 2008	184,649.66
Less Allowance for Refunds & Abatements		(5,946.00)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,574,605.86

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:

School Tax Payable		1,124,100.00
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation	48,542.65
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction (2002)	35,750.67
	Fire Equipment (1982)	25,777.95
	Highway Equipment (1982)	63,356.52
	Municipal Land Purchase (2006)	72,782.12
	Police Cruiser (1998)	9,256.42
	Revaluation (1993)	614.39
	Total Capital Reserve Funds	207,538.07
Total Liabilities		1,380,180.72

Fund Equity:

Reserved: Corner School Repair	1,000.00	
Audit	375.00	
Town Hall Renovations	17,571.07	
Total Reserved		18,946.07
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus):		
2008	27,774.81	
Prior	147,704.26	
Total Fund Balance		175,479.07
Total Fund Equity		194,425.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$1,574,605.86

INVENTORY VALUATION – 2008

Residential Land.....	66,920,063
Residential Buildings.....	133,224,600
Current Use Land.....	3,189,463
Commercial Land.....	7,893,100
Commercial Buildings.....	9,985,500
Manufactured Buildings.....	546,300
Public Utilities.....	3,446,300
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EMEMPTIONS.....	203,590,963
Exemptions to Value.....	115,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE.....	203,705,963

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.....	183,900
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	 \$2,893,940

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts—Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

DEBITS

	2008	2007	2006	Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes		236,961.96		
Land Use Change		9,220.00		
Yield Taxes		1,417.00		
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Taxes	3,020,326.66	3,718.26		
Land Use Change	36,800.00			
Yield Taxes	18,321.00			
Excavation Tax	3,594.00			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	102.00	2,525.71		
Interest – Late Taxes	120.54	6,734.85		
TOTAL DEBITS	3,079,264.20	260,577.78		

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes	2,835,779.00	206,843.40		
Land Use Change	36,800.00	8,500.00		
Yield Taxes	18,321.00	900.00		
Interest	120.54	6,734.85		
Excavation Taxes	3,594.00			
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		37,599.53		
Uncollected Taxes – End of Year				
Property Taxes	184,649.66			
TOTAL CREDITS	3,079,264.20	260,577.78		

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2007	2006	Prior Levies 2005	Prior
Unredeemed Liens at Beg of Fiscal Year		20,796.41	16,843.96	30,750.55
Liens Executed During Year	41,118.84			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	461.31	442.11	608.87	1,903.99
TOTAL DEBITS	41,580.15	21,238.52	17,452.83	32,654.54

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Redemptions:	7,950.33	6,353.15	8,607.10	13,970.32
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	461.31	442.11	608.87	1,903.99
Abatements	38.07	34.56	34.56	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	33,130.44	14,408.70	8,202.30	16,780.23
TOTAL CREDITS	41,580.15	21,238.52	17,452.83	32,654.54

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
WESTMORELAND, NH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Motor Vehicle Registrations – 2462	\$246,039.00
State Motor Vehicle Fees – 826	2,065.00
Title Application Fees – 404	780.00
Dog Licenses 292 Tag	1,806.50
9 Group	225.00
Vital Statistic Research/Requests - 36	372.00
Marriage Licenses – 9	405.00
UCC and Other Filings	736.00
Returned Check Fees	140.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK	\$252,568.50

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name / Father's Name</i>
01/19/08	Keene, NH	Beckett Aaron Atherton	Rebecca Leavitt / Unlisted
01/19/08	Keene, NH	Brennan Alex Atherton	Rebecca Leavitt / Unlisted
01/22/08	Peterborough, NH	Natasha Jane Walter	Marni Walter / Randall Walter
02/13/08	Keene, NH	Tanner Michael Giza	Elizabeth Giza / Scott Giza
03/31/08	Keene, NH	Bryce Andrew Mackey	Hailey Mackey / Andrew Mackey
04/14/08	Keene, NH	Kaleb Eliot Hayhurst	Jennifer Kefer / Christopher Hayhurst
07/07/08	Keene, NH	Mason Laine Vance	Jessica Vance / Marc Vance
09/03/08	Lebanon, NH	Ashlyn Matteson-Hawley Smith	Marisa Smith / David Smith
09/12/08	Peterborough, NH	Patrick David Lake	Jessica Moody / Benjamin Lake
11/07/08	Keene, NH	Samuel Benjamin Merry	Suzanna Merry / Jeffrey Merry

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2008

<i>Names of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residences</i>	<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
<i>Kelly Goodrich Tracina VanDyke</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>01/12/08</i>	<i>Brattleboro, VT</i>
<i>Matthew Fyffe Julie Mills</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>02/16/08</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>
<i>Jeremy DeLisle Lezlie Wender</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>03/19/08</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>Roberto Melecio Amanda Moody</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>05/01/08</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>
<i>Gilbert Desroches Amanda Terry</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>05/24/08</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>Ian Smith Jessica Hoyt</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>08/09/08</i>	<i>Jaffrey, NH</i>
<i>James Lorette Andrea Slayton</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>09/20/08</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>John Lynch Nancy Graham</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>11/06/08</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>John Laurent Doris Du Mond</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Keene, NH</i>	<i>12/04/08</i>	<i>Charlestown, NH</i>

DEATHS IN WESTMORELAND IN 2008
(Not Maplewood)

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
06-05-2008	James Blake	111 Owls Hill Road	Richard Blake	Myrtle Stull
03-01-2008	Robert Jacobson	496 Spofford Road	Torsten Jacobson	Hazel Pellette
12-17-2008	Marjorie Hudson	73 Wentworth Road	John Marino	Margaret Kovacs

2008 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/25/08	<i>Helen Stolper</i>	<i>Roy Sweet</i>	<i>Ruth Klein</i>
01/29/08	<i>Nellie Connor</i>	<i>James Brawner</i>	<i>Maria Shelton</i>
01/31/08	<i>Gladys Lang Murray</i>	<i>Charles G. Lang</i>	<i>Susan G. Guth</i>
02/04/00	<i>Ollar B. Pedersen</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>
02/12/08	<i>Ernest R. Sawyer</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>
02/20/08	<i>Joseph Coppola</i>	<i>Dominic Coppola</i>	<i>Elizabeth Dintino</i>
02/29/08	<i>George R. Willard</i>	<i>George Willard</i>	<i>Alice Dennis</i>
03/10/08	<i>Jacqueline Ann Greenough</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>
04/11/08	<i>Olivette Lillis</i>	<i>Daniel Lillis</i>	<i>Olivette Buckley</i>
04/18/08	<i>Roland Cote</i>	<i>Marshall Cota</i>	<i>Eliza Ducharme</i>
05/30/08	<i>Georgiana Taylor</i>	<i>Neal Hulett</i>	<i>Azuba Ayers</i>
06/08/08	<i>Romeyn Hammond</i>	<i>Walter E. Hammond</i>	<i>Ethel Van Zandt</i>
06/16/08	<i>John Albert Mosley</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>
06/26/08	<i>Lola Nash</i>	<i>Harold Wright</i>	<i>Grace Westgate</i>
07/07/08	<i>Gallen Holmes</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>
07/19/08	<i>Irma L. Cowland</i>	<i>Wendall Henderson</i>	<i>Susie Howart</i>
08/02/08	<i>Shirley E. Remick</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>	<i>(Unknown)</i>
08/13/08	<i>Betty Smith</i>	<i>Louis Gauthier</i>	<i>Mildred Whilliaus</i>
08/25/08	<i>Rose Grabowski</i>	<i>John Lyp</i>	<i>Katherine Cichanski</i>
08/27/08	<i>Richard Del Sesto</i>	<i>Anthony Del Sesto</i>	<i>Dorothy Montanro</i>
11/01/08	<i>Pauline Carpenter</i>	<i>Henry Porter</i>	<i>Dorothy Bellows</i>
11/15/08	<i>Garolyn Gale Herr</i>	<i>Galen Hassell</i>	<i>Florence Tenney</i>
11/28/08	<i>Althea Farnum</i>	<i>Oril Clark</i>	<i>Minnie Lucia</i>

<i>12/02/08</i>	<i>Dorothy Baronoski</i>	<i>Daniel Fowler</i>	<i>Myrtle Mulroney</i>
<i>12/02/08</i>	<i>Joyce Chase</i>	<i>Victor Vallier</i>	<i>Maude Clapp</i>
<i>12/21/08</i>	<i>Eleanor Davis</i>	<i>Kenneth Garvey</i>	<i>Maude DeLong</i>
<i>12/22/08</i>	<i>Lawrence Racine</i>	<i>Alfred Racine</i>	<i>Anne Boucher</i>

2008 WESTMORELAND DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name Mother's Name
02-04-08	Keene, NH	John F. Olmstead	Cleo Olmstead Dorothy Thompson
03-23-08	Cape Coral, FL	Larry K. Newton, Sr.	Lawrence Newton Ruby (Unknown)
04-24-08	Keene, NH	Robert A. Bouley	Joseph Bouley Hannah Crossman
05-01-08	Keene, NH	Robert Wesley, Sr.	George H. Wesley Hildagarde Leonard
08-20-08	Keene, NH	Arthur R. Herrick, Jr.	Arthur Herrick Anne L. Lufkin
08-21-08	Keene, NH	Andrew Payne	Lorne Payne Sheila Perrara
09-02-08		Alexander Merena	
09-23-08	Boston, MA	Elizabeth F. Fissette	Harold M. Frye Helen J. Follensbee
09-26-08	Keene, NH	William D. Howland	David L. Howland Barbara M. Lumley
10-24-08	Raleigh, NC	Dr. Clyde A. Goodrum	Adam Goodrum Alice Sullivan
11-28-08	Lebanon, NH	Joanne M. Cook	Robert MacDonald Hazel Scammon
12-03-08	Charlesown, NH	Virginia White	George Duby (Unknown)

2008 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Burial Date	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
-08	Stewart W. Bacon	03-17-08	Bennington, VT	So. Village Cemetery
04-23-08	Roland D. Cote	04-18-08	Westmoreland,NH	So. Village Cemetery
06-07-08	Herbert R. Benedict	03-22-08	Keene, NH	North Cemetery
07-25-08	Wells L. Davis	12-18-07	Portland, ME	So. Village Cemetery
09-29-08	William D. Howland	09-26-08	Keene, NH	So. Village Cemetery
10-24-08	Norman Winchester, Sr.	10-15-08	Keene, NH	North Cemetery
10-24-08	Elizabeth F. Fissette	09-23-08	Boston, MA	So. Village Cemetery
12-03-08	Joanne M. Cook	11-28-08	Lebanon, NH	East Cemetery

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND

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The trustees met four times during the year to administer affairs of the trusts. Town trust funds are invested in CD's which are held in an account with Edward Jones Company. Return in 2008 on trust funds held at Edward Jones was 4.71%, compared to 5.03% in 2007. The CD's are laddered in maturity to offer some protection against fluctuating interest rates. Capital reserve funds continue to be invested in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool. Return on capital reserve funds was 2.28% in 2008, compared to 5.16% in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Westmoreland
Trust Funds
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COMMON TRUST FUNDS	Purpose	Date	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			GRAND TOTAL				
				Share	12/31/2007 Balance	Deposits	Withdrawn	12/31/2008 Balance	12/31/2007 Balance	Income 2008	Transfer 2008	Expended 2008	12/31/08 Balance	12/31/2007	12/31/2008
Cemetery	EJ - CDs		EJ - CDs	59.3%	105,892.36	17,998.29	0.00	123,790.75	16,285.50	5,919.68	(4,041.63)	18,163.55	122,177.96	141,954.30	
Library	EJ - CDs		EJ - CDs	12.8%	22,889.19	0.00	0.00	22,889.19	1,437.56	1,279.57	(1,295.50)	1,421.63	24,326.75	24,310.82	
Union Meeting House	EJ - CDs		EJ - CDs	1.6%	2,934.46	0.00	0.00	2,934.46	164.04	164.04	(396.12)	3,334.80	3,102.72		
Other	Other		Other	26.3%	46,919.66	160.00	0.00	47,079.66	6,140.46	2,622.95	(1,329.63)	7,433.78	53,060.32	54,513.64	
Total Common Trust Funds				100.0%	178,635.67	18,058.39	0.00	196,694.26	24,263.86	9,986.24	0.00	27,187.22	202,889.73	223,881.48	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS															
Fire Truck	Fire Truck	1968	PD/P#		17,500.00	5,000.00	0.00	22,500.00	2,776.18	501.77		3,277.95	20,276.18	25,777.95	
Town Revaluation	Town Revaluation	1993	0005		0.00	0.00	0.00	599.28	15.11			614.39	599.28	614.39	
Highway Truck	Highway Truck	1968	0006		46,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	56,500.00	5,570.16	1,286.36		6,856.52	52,070.16	63,556.52	
SPEEDHS Tuition	SPEEDHS Tuition	1956	0007		96,521.00	0.00	0.00	96,521.00	10,002.54	2,618.73		12,621.27	109,142.27	109,142.27	
Recreation Fund	Recreation Fund	2001	0019		1,723.81	0.00	0.00	1,723.81	368.78	51.41		420.19	2,092.59	2,144.00	
Police Cruiser	Police Cruiser	1989	0033		7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	2,034.33	222.09		2,256.42	9,034.33	9,256.42	
School Renovation	School Renovation	2002	0034		15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	3,599.26	457.31		4,056.57	19,056.57	19,056.57	
Bridge Rebuilding	Bridge Rebuilding	2002	0035		21,875.00	10,000.00	0.00	31,875.00	3,251.54	624.13		3,875.67	35,750.67	35,750.67	
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	2003	0036		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Land purchase	Land purchase	2006	0037		51,945.23	15,000.00	0.00	66,945.23	4,441.07	1,395.92		5,836.99	56,386.30	72,782.12	
Total Capital Reserve Funds					258,065.04	40,000.00	0.00	298,065.04	32,643.14	7,172.73	0.00	39,815.87	290,708.18	337,860.91	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS					436,700.91	58,058.39	0.00	494,759.30	56,907.00	17,158.97	0.00	(7,062.88)	61,166.20	493,607.91	561,762.39
CAPITAL RESERVE															
ADDITIONS															
Town of Westmoreland	Bridge rebuilding	12/1/08				10,000.00							10,000.00		
Town of Westmoreland	Fire truck	12/1/08				5,000.00							5,000.00		
Town of Westmoreland	Highway equipment	12/1/08				4,000.00							4,000.00		
Town of Westmoreland	Land purchase	12/1/08				15,000.00							15,000.00		
						40,000.00							40,000.00		
Deposit in transit at 12/31/08															
Check date 12/16/08	School renovation	1/15/09			15,000.00								15,000.00		
Received by insurers 1/13/09	Special ed/HS	1/15/09			15,745.00								15,745.00		
Deposit confirmation date 1/15/09															
Total						30,745.00							30,745.00		
Common funds interest						219.21							219.21		
Edward Jones interest						(3.00)							(3.00)		
Edward Jones fee						9,770.03							9,770.03		
CDs						9,986.24							9,986.24		

WESTMORELAND TRUST FUNDS
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
12/31/2008

1/26/2009

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK #	DEPOSIT	WITHDRAW	CD'S	CEMETERY	UNION MEETING	JEFF STARKEY	JOTHAM LORD	LIBRARY	ACERNO	LOIS LEACH	STARKEY THOMAS COBB	FEES
3/31/08	Cemetery Trustees		16,498.39			16,498.39								
5/1/08	Cemetery Trustees		800.00			800.00								
7/21/08	Redeemed CD		57,000.00		57,000.00									
7/25/08	Redeemed CD		63,000.00		63,000.00									
8/13/08	Cemetery Trustees		100.00			100.00								
10/14/08	Andrew Payne memorial		120.00					120.00						
10/20/08	Christine Dobbins		40.00					40.00						
11/3/08	Cemetery Trustees		300.00			300.00								
12/4/08	Cemetery Trustees		200.00			200.00	(396.12)							
1/25/08	Union Meeting House	1139		(396.12)										
4/2/08	Theresa Acerno	1140		(300.00)										
4/27/08	Libary	1141		(1,285.50)										
5/1/08	Town Westmoreland	1142		(113.77)				(113.77)						
6/15/08	Deborah Starkey	1143		(143.00)								(143.00)		
7/2/08	Purchase CD			(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)									
7/23/08	Purchase CD			(59,000.00)	(59,000.00)									
7/25/08	Town Westmoreland	1144		(4,041.63)	(4,041.63)									
9/15/08	Purchase CD			(63,000.00)	(63,000.00)									
9/15/08	Melanie Ulrich	DM 1145		(3.00)									(3.00)	
10/1/08	Minimum balance fee			(432.86)									(432.86)	
12/4/08	Gann Labaree	1146		(180.00)										
12/8/08	Catherine Kossel	1147		(180.00)										
TOTALS			138,058.39	(154,065.88)	(27,000.00)	13,856.76	(396.12)	(20.00)	(113.77)	(1,295.50)	(300.00)	(143.00)	(432.86)	(3.00)

Jan	2008 Money market Interest	212.21												
Feb	CD INTEREST	3,394.49												
Mar		275.56												
Apr		696.53												
May		568.59												
Jun		275.56												
Jul		3,322.03												
Aug		0.00												
Sep		671.80												
Oct		207.12												
Nov		214.03												
Dec		507.12												
	Total CD interest	9,370.03												
	Total interest	9,582.24												
	Total deposits	148,047.63												
12/31/2007	BALANCE	8,967.91												
	DEPOSITS	148,047.63												
	WITHDRAWALS	(154,065.88)												
12/31/2008	BALANCE	2,949.65												
12/31/2008	STATEMENT	2,949.65												

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GRAND TOTAL

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Name of Fund	Purpose	Date Acct	Share	Total Share	12/31/07 Balance	New funds	Withdrawn	12/31/08 Balance	12/31/07 Income	12/31/08 Income	Transfer	INCOME Expended	12/31/08 Balance	12/31/07	12/31/08
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS															
Carone Meadow Cemetery	Cemetery		0.3%	0.2%	300.00			300.00	21.15	16.77		(16.89)	29.94	321.15	320.94
Chaffee Cemetery	Cemetery		0.1%	0.1%	100.00			100.00	115.46	45.59		(6.50)	151.55	151.55	151.55
E. Cemetery Park, Care	Cemetery		7.6%	8.1%	8,003.00			8,003.00	483.29	483.29		(483.29)	653.78	8,587.02	8,587.02
Gen. Cemetery	Cemetery		2.8%	2.8%	5,032.00			5,032.00	2,524.79	2,524.79		(2,524.79)	7,560.29	7,560.29	7,560.29
North Cemetery, Gen. Upland	Cemetery		12.1%	7.2%	12,772.60			12,772.60	872.06	714.02		(722.91)	863.17	13,644.66	13,655.77
North Cemetery, Perpetual Care	Cemetery		14.1%	8.4%	14,957.56			14,957.56	1,243.84	636.17		(946.59)	1,214.43	16,182.40	16,177.99
Outlying Cemeteries, (Cole)	Cemetery		0.3%	0.3%	500.00			500.00	583.39	27.95		(28.30)	583.04	1,083.94	1,083.94
Pell Cemetery	Cemetery		0.3%	0.2%	300.00			300.00	21.15	16.77		(16.77)	20.94	321.15	320.94
S. Village Cemetery, M. & I.	Cemetery		10.7%	6.4%	11,956.72			11,956.72	764.41	634.87		(642.72)	766.50	12,411.13	12,433.22
S. Village Cemetery, Perp. Care	Cemetery		17.8%	10.5%	18,807.51			18,807.51	1,389.33	1,051.39		(1,050.52)	1,262.20	20,208.64	20,207.71
D. Blood - 1997-ETP	Cemetery		31.6%	16.7%	33,483.73			32,463.13	6,064.00	1,871.03		(1,871.03)	5,193.00	41,356.13	41,356.13
Deerfield Maintenance fund	Cemetery		0.0%	0.0%	0.00			1,000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Edson Perpetual Care	Cemetery		0.0%	0.0%	0.00			50.00	0.00	0.00		(50.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cemetery			100.0%	59.3%	105,892.36	17,898.39	0.00	123,790.75	16,285.51	5,919.68		(4,041.63)	18,163.56	122,177.87	141,954.31
								123,790.75		5,919.68					
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS															
Bennett, E.G.	Library	1978	20.8%	2.7%	4,752.16			4,752.16	298.48	205.69		(288.97)	298.17	5,050.64	5,047.32
Burgess, O.L.	Library	1918	8.8%	1.1%	2,013.21			2,013.21	128.44	128.13		(128.13)	534.76	534.41	534.41
Burt, M.A., E.	Library	1980	4.2%	0.6%	1,008.60			1,008.60	62.24	56.27		(56.27)	1,069.83	1,069.13	1,069.13
Carson, H.G.	Library	1978	7.2%	0.9%	1,645.79			1,645.79	103.37	92.00		(93.15)	1,748.01	1,748.01	1,748.01
Goodson, A.M.	Library	1968	0.9%	0.1%	201.31			201.31	12.66	11.25		(11.39)	12.52	213.97	213.83
Greene, Dorothy P.	Library	2000	21.9%	2.8%	5,008.75			5,008.75	314.49	280.00		(283.49)	311.00	5,332.24	5,319.75
Heft, Emery	Library	1983	4.4%	0.6%	1,008.57			1,008.57	63.23	56.27		(56.97)	63.31	1,069.80	1,069.10
Heft, Frances	Library	1989	4.5%	0.6%	1,018.85			1,018.85	62.31	58.56		(57.97)	63.31	1,082.87	1,082.16
Slattery, M.	Library	1988	1.9%	0.2%	2,001.75			2,001.75	62.31	58.56		(57.97)	63.31	1,082.87	1,082.16
Thompson & Overman	Library	1979	4.4%	0.6%	1,011.85			1,011.85	62.31	58.56		(57.97)	63.31	1,082.87	1,082.16
Walner, K.T.	Library	1978	1.8%	0.2%	2,013.21			2,013.21	128.44	125.55		(125.55)	1,688.50	2,886.50	2,886.50
Total			100.0%	12.8%	22,889.19	0.00	0.00	22,889.19	1,437.56	1,279.57	0	(1,285.50)	1,421.61	24,326.75	24,310.82
								22,889.19		1,279.57					
UNION MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUNDS															
Hall, Sarah M.K.	U.M.H.	1947	3.4%	0.1%	100.31			100.31	13.59	5.61		(13.54)	5.76	114.00	106.07
Hall, Victor	U.M.H.	1946	17.1%	0.3%	502.60			502.60	68.59	28.10		(67.65)	28.84	531.44	531.44
Johnson, Lewis P.	U.M.H.	1985	34.2%	0.6%	1,004.84			1,004.84	137.07	58.17		(135.64)	57.60	1,141.51	1,062.44
Woodward Memorial	U.M.H.	1988	45.2%	0.7%	1,328.71			1,328.71	160.59	142.16		(138.12)	168.26	1,334.90	1,302.72
Total			100.0%	1.8%	2,936.46	0.00	0.00	2,936.46	400.37	164.04	0.00	(386.12)	168.26	3,334.80	3,102.72
								2,936.46		164.04					
OTHER TRUST FUNDS															
Acemo Scholarship Fund	School	1994	12.5%	3.3%	5,880.95			5,880.95	332.85	328.76		(300.00)	361.61	6,213.80	6,242.58
Bleeker	School	1985	1.1%	0.3%	502.49			502.49	68.55	28.09		(59.13)	571.04	10,991.13	10,991.13
Pearl Bragg	School	1987	18.4%	5.1%	9,104.19			9,104.19	515.28	505.95		(1,024.23)	9,618.47	10,128.42	10,128.42
Briggs Christmas	School	1918	2.1%	0.6%	1,004.52			1,004.52	81.03	56.16		(1,069.55)	1,141.71	1,141.71	1,141.71
Cutter Grammar	School	1980	1.1%	0.3%	508.47			508.47	243.73	28.42		(295.16)	1,146.80	1,146.80	1,146.80
Eoy	School	1989	1.3%	0.4%	500.33			500.33	1,004.84	268.83		(1,146.80)	1,146.80	1,146.80	1,146.80
Forbes	School	1976	5.4%	1.4%	2,533.12			2,533.12	146.58	141.61		(143.00)	145.19	2,679.70	2,678.31
Leach Galatulas	School	2000	9.2%	2.4%	4,310.63	160.00		4,470.63	404.54	240.58		(1,180.00)	465.52	4,715.17	4,936.15
John Starkley	School	1816	4.3%	1.1%	2,010.09			2,010.09	113.77	113.77		(113.77)	1,123.37	2,122.46	2,122.46
John Starkley	School	1816	2.1%	0.5%	3,685.31			3,685.31	1,812.38	206.02		(432.88)	2,018.40	5,497.69	5,703.71
Mens Club	School	1935	16.3%	4.3%	7,647.87			7,647.87	432.88	427.54		(427.54)	8,080.73	9,075.41	9,075.41
Slattery Cabb	School	1829	6.8%	1.7%	1,781.58			1,781.58	481.47	59.60		(581.07)	3,487.65	3,487.65	3,487.65
Turn Library	School	1891	3.5%	0.9%	3,025.84			3,025.84	190.78	187.13		(180.00)	3,837.55	3,837.55	3,837.55
Turn White - Soccer	School	1985	1.0%	0.2%	463.91			463.91	6.40	6.40		(6.40)	463.91	463.91	463.91
Total Other Trust Funds			100.0%	26.3%	46,919.86	160.00	0.00	47,079.86	2,632.95	2,632.95	0.00	(1,329.53)	7,433.76	53,060.30	54,513.62
								47,079.86		2,632.95					
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS															
			100.0%		178,635.87	18,059.39	0.00	196,695.26	24,253.85	9,986.24	0.00	(7,062.88)	27,181.21	202,899.72	223,881.47

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For the eighth year the library has enjoyed the benefits of our children's room.

Programs, Gifts and Grants: Our Newsletter, made possible by an unrestricted gift, has promoted several programs this year. In July, 70 persons attended a program sponsored by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science and funded by gifts. Other programs stretching our walls included a dramatization of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, portrayed by Steve and Sharon Wood, through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Leigh Marthe of Westmoreland, read from her new publication in October. In November, Duncan McDougall, Director of the Children's Literacy Foundation, introduced all Westmoreland School students to the new collection of literature our library received as a result of a grant award valued at over \$2000. These programs were complemented by our ongoing Children's Story Hour, coordinated by Carol Browning Lent in the spring and summer, and by Gina Gitchell this fall. The adult book group met regularly, led by Julie King. Memorial donations were designated for Large Print and other types of materials. Our summer program, "G'Day for Reading," brought Australian customs, animals, and geography closer to our children, who enjoyed reading series fiction and the incentives sponsored by Twinkle Town, iParty and the New Hampshire State Library. The annual Wise Mine tour led many prospectors to search for its renowned fluorite. There were 50 programs in which a total of 366 Adults and 414 Children participated. **Circulation & Patrons:** The library was open a total of 152 days and 12 additional Wednesdays for Story Hour. 26 new patrons registered. There were 2959 visits from patrons who borrowed 3298 items from our library, and 332 on interlibrary loan. Our library loaned 231 items to other libraries, totaling 3861 items in circulation. Of the items borrowed from our library, 57% were fiction; 29% non-fiction; 5% magazines; 7% video; 2% audio-books. **Reference:** 30 questions were researched. **Acquisitions:** We added 477 books to our collection, 291 were donated, including 115 books from CLiF. 28 videos and 22 audio books were added. **Discarded:** 304 books and 10 videos were withdrawn. **Overdues:** Notices were mailed for 106 overdue books. **In-Library Use:** 231 patrons used our reading room and copier; 82 patrons used our computer. **Collection Management:** The children's room has specific areas dedicated to new junior books and videos. Our Large Print section has increased through donations from NHSL. We have a new collection of Granite State Graziers Reference books. **Volunteers:** 263.5 hours were logged in by volunteers who helped in the processing of new books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, discarding procedures, circulation, and in all aspects of managing the book sales which brought in a total of \$597.10. **On-going discussions:** We are looking for more information about a web-based program to inform the public of our collection availability. We seek to acquire works from new authors, as well as an author's latest work, and review our collection with space requirements in mind. Our bathroom facilities need attention, and we are researching alternatives to the present system. We need a new floor furnace. **Summary:** This year we have utilized our grant awards to offer engaging programs to the community. The challenge is to keep young readers active in the life of our library.

Respectfully submitted, Maisie Crowther, Librarian

Westmoreland Public Library
Statement of Activities
For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2008

Cash Inflows	Operations	Memorial & Special	Building	Total
Town Appropriations	29,830.00			29,830.00
Grants		376.52		376.52
Gifts & Fundraising	694.91	900.00		1,594.91
Trustee of Trust Funds	1,295.50			1,295.50
Jotham Lord Fund	113.77			113.77
Book Sales	641.10			641.10
Interest	19.06		133.84	152.90
Other (copier, late fees)	69.00			69.00
Total Cash Inflows	32,663.34	1,276.52	133.84	34,073.70
Cash Outflows				
Payroll	18,510.11			18,510.11
Books/Periodicals	2,855.55	900.00		3,755.55
Contracted Staff	90.00			90.00
Supplies	555.88			555.88
Utilities (gas, electric, phone)	3,188.04			3,188.04
Postage & Box Rental	186.30	96.17		282.47
Computer Expenses	860.34			860.34
Furnishings & Building Improv			845.00	845.00
Equipment & Repairs				0.00
Mileage				0.00
Printing		260.99		260.99
Dues & Registration	60.00			60.00
Maintenance	642.58			642.58
Miscellaneous				0.00
Program Expenses	163.78	576.52		740.30
Total Cash Outflows	27,112.58	1,833.68	845.00	29,791.26
Net Cash from Operations	5,550.76	-557.16	-711.16	4,282.44
Balance 1/1/08	6,942.54	4,861.16	7,750.73	19,554.43
Net Cash from Operations	5,550.76	-557.16	-711.16	4,282.44
Balance 12/31/08	12,493.30	4,304.00	7,039.57	23,836.87

Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance 12/31/08	16,797.30
Edward Jones Account Balance 12/31/08	7,039.57
	<u>23,836.87</u>

Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Department

772 Route 63
Westmoreland, NH 03467
Phone (603) 399-9993
wvfd@cheshire.net

The department responded to a total of 140 fire and rescue calls in 2008. These calls consumed over 601 man hours. The department welcomed four new members this year. A Forest Fire Wardens dinner was hosted by the department in May. In July the skies opened up during serving time at our annual Chicken Barbecue, but was still well attended and enjoyed by all eating inside or taking their dinners to go. Unfortunately the Westmoreland Town band was unable to play due to the weather.

After trying last year and not being awarded, again this year we applied for a grant through the US Smokeless Tobacco Company for a Polaris Ranger 6 X 6 Utility vehicle. This vehicle would aid our department and bordering towns with any off road emergencies. Thank you to Dick Schmidt for all his efforts with the application process.

With the generous donations the department has been able to upgrade our defibrillator, air packs and purchase radios for new members.

Visitors are always welcome to stop by the Fire Station to tour and view our equipment. the Fire Department has smoke detectors for anyone that may need one for their Westmoreland home. Any Westmoreland resident interested in becoming a member of the department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at the Fire Station.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Nelson, Chief

2008 Fire & Rescue Calls

Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA County Jail	1	0:08
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	3	9:33
AFA Private Residence	12	24:50
AFA Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
AFA School	0	0:00
Brush Fire	2	34:35
Car Fire	3	18:30
Chimney Fire	1	6:00
CO Detector	1	3:42
Downed Wires / Transformer	11	30:33
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas / Oil Leak	1	9:54
Good Intent / Smoke Investigation	6	15:57
Hazmat	0	0:00
ME County Jail	0	0:00
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	11	11:33
ME Other	43	78:59
Motor Vehicle Accident	18	132:58
Mutual Aid	17	195:31
Public Assist	3	7:47
Structure Fires	0	0:00
Other	7	20:49
Total	140	601:19
Month	# Calls	Total Number Of Calls
Jan-08	10	10
Feb-08	18	28
Mar-08	9	37
Apr-08	11	48
May-08	14	62
Jun-08	7	69
Jul-08	22	91
Aug-08	8	99
Sep-08	13	112
Oct-08	9	121
Nov-08	5	126
Dec-08	14	140

WESTMORELAND BUILDING INSPECTOR

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Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2008

Addition	10
Barns	6
Decks	4
Remodel	9
Sheds	5
Single Family Dwellings	1
Commercial	2
Pool	1
Garage	6

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Muchmore
Building Inspector

BRIGGS FUND

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No Activity in 2008

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

There were five cemetery lots sold in 2008. 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 cremations, in a town cemetery. This is important so that the burial is done according to regulations and becomes a permanent record of the town. For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

The increasing popularity of green burials has been discussed and added to the By-Laws - those interested in learning more can contact the Trustees.

On behalf of the entire Town, the Cemetery Trustees would like to commend Alex Remy for the work that he did at the South Village Cemetery for his Eagle Scout Project. Alex did major repairs to the utility shed, including a new roof and a fresh layer of paint. Two benches were set for visitors to rest on and many trees were cleared along the borders that have opened up more land that can be used as lots for our townspeople. Cemeteries are a very important part of a town and Alex can be very proud of the part he played in helping to preserve a part of our history.

Cemetery Trustees

Russ Kotfila

Jo Ann LaBarre

Robert Moore, Jr.

2008 REPORT OF THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NH RSA 36-A, provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose to identify, protect and conserve the land and water resources of their community. 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.

In addition to reviewing and responding to wetland applications and general wetland issues, concerns and inquiries, the Commission completed and presented for use a zoning administrator/building inspector wetlands checklist, submitted a steep slope/driveway ordinance for planning board consideration and initiated an energy committee as part of a multi-town effort.

In furthering the expressed resident interest of "protecting those lands and special places that are the rural character of Westmoreland", we are participating in the Community Conservation Partnership (CCP) with the Monadnock Conservancy, Antioch New England Institute, the Southwest Region Planning Commission, UNH Cooperative Extension and 5 other towns in the area. Two town forums were held in 2008 with more than 125 residents providing input for prioritizing conservation needs. Subcommittees have refined the data. For 2009, a conservation plan will be prepared and presented for town approval and inclusion in the Town Master Plan

Preparation of an updated Water Resource/Property line map from Southwest Regional Planning Commission is also in the works for 2009.

Pursuing a conservation easement in the proposed jail wetland mitigation with County officials on the County farm property in Westmoreland never came to fruition but still remains a high priority.

In April, the Commission spearheaded a third very successful roadside clean-up project with support from the Westmoreland Lions Club with dozens of volunteers participating. Another clean up project is planned for April 18, 2009.

We welcomed new members Gina Gitchell, Ken Wright and alternate Paula Page. to the Commission.. Gina and Ken are filling positions left vacant by the untimely passing of Jim Blake and the resignation of Walt Derjue

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. We also have representation on the town water protection program committee coordinated by the Granite State Rural Water Association, representation on the Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission and the Monadnock Conservancy.

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,

1/29/09

Marshall Patmos , Chairman John Lukin, Vice Chairman Russ Martens, Secretary

George Duke Gina Gitchell Dick Schmidt

Ken Wright Selena Gallen. Alternate Paula Page Alternate

Health Officer Report 2008

Lloyd Draper, Health Officer

2008 has been mildly tranquil. The major items were

- ❖ Deputy Health Officer Barbara Chase and Michael Reed, Emergency Response Officer have worked in conjunction with the state and county agencies to design a plan to be utilized in case of epidemic, bio-chemical attack, and other contingencies. It is well done, and both deserve compliments by the community.
- ❖ There has been a rise in the number of people seeking foster care licenses to care for children. The town does the health reports for the social services agencies involved.
- ❖ There has been concern over the dilapidated condition of some homes and the possibility of illegal junk yards.

Westmoreland Highway Department

Continuous snow from January to March, heavy rains from June to September, and one of the worst ice storms in many years, kept the Department busy clearing and fixing roads. We were, however, along with routine maintenance able to resurface 6 miles of road in town, do some roadside tree and brush trimming, replace the River Road North Bridge Superstructure, and pour a new concrete footing under the north abutment. This should remove the bridge from the NHDOT's "red list", but we had no word of this at the end of the year.

On the last day of November this year, after an ice storm, the newest truck in our fleet caught fire. We were able to get it out of the garage and save the building, but the truck sustained heavy damage to the hydraulic and electrical system. At the end of the year, it was still in the repair shop.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Westmoreland for their understanding in this trying time, and for their support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Hudson, Road Agent

Planning Board Report 2008

Westmoreland Planning Board members are appointed by the Selectmen. The board holds regular meetings at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month 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.

The past year has seen some changes in the board. We would like to thank Walter Derjue for his years of service as board alternate and Elaine Moore for her work as board secretary. The Selectmen are currently considering nominations for filling the alternate position. We welcomed Lori Ann Ingram as our new board secretary this fall.

In 2008 there were: one voluntary merger, three site plans approved and one withdrawn, and three subdivisions approved. There were three informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land and one site visit. There were three items that were referred to the Selectmen for review and addressing. We also reviewed and made suggestions to the road standards that were drafted by the Road Agent.

In addition, we are in the process of reviewing the town zoning ordinances. We have reviewed over half and have marked ones that we will revisit and make possible adjustments to. We hope to have this project finished with revised ordinances ready for voting upon at the 2010 town meeting.

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 as well as our board procedures are available in the Selectmen's office and are on the town's website www.westmorelandtown.com. 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	James Starkey
Laurie Burt, Vice Chair	Nancy Zeller
Robert Harcke	G Russell Austin, Selectman
Bruce Smith	Vacancy, Alternate

Lori Ann Ingram, Secretary

Transfer Station Annual report — 2008

Transfer Station Staff:

Earl Kathan, Dave Poklemba, Earl McClening

All are certified for the positions they hold.

This year the Westmoreland Transfer Station Staff became employees of the town. All equipment and containers at the transfer station are the property of the Town — nothing is rented. Triple-T has proved a wise choice for hauling and the station is clean, orderly, and running smoothly. Improvements to the “put-n-take” shed are forthcoming.

Although the return on recyclable goods fluctuated during the year, the act of recycling eliminated tipping fees (compactor tipping fee is \$100 per ton), equipment rental, and hauling previously contracted to Waste Management. Revenue from recycled goods and fees for the disposal of whiteware and construction debris came to \$6650.

The Highway Department took over the far side of the recycling shed for sand/salt storage and to put the loader/backhoe under cover. The availability of salt and sand at that end of town makes caring for our roads, as well as the Transfer Station, far more efficient in bad weather.

We would like to remind all residents that Transfer Station stickers are required for each vehicle entering the station. We have been lax in checking stickers but will be on the look-out from now on. Stickers are available from the Town Clerk and at the Selectmen’s Office.

We encourage residents to recycle — all paper, corrugated board, glass/plastic/metal cans; useable items to the put-n-take shed — as everything recycled and *not put in the compactor* is money saved for the Town.

WESTMORELAND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the fourth Wednesday of the month if a request for a Variance or Special Exception is submitted to the Board.

The following requests were submitted to the Zoning Board this year.

5 applications for Variances - 4 Approved – 1 Denied

4 applicants for Special Exception – 4 Approved

The meetings are open to the public and start at 7:30 PM.

Board members are: Peter Remy- Chairman, Brian Merry, John Burt, Brenda Shelley, Barry Shonbeck, and Alternate Russell Huntley.

Applications for either a Variance or Special Exception may be obtained by contacting the Westmoreland Zoning Administrator – Bob Moore at 399-4310.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Remy, Chairman

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Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Wantastiquet Subcommittee completed a new and expanded *Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan*. We will sponsor public presentations on the new plan during the winter and spring. The Plan emphasizes the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town master plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Owners of land near water should know about the newly updated state shoreland protection law. Natural ground cover must remain within 50' of the water of lakes, ponds, and rivers, and use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides is restricted.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river, and is advisory with no regulatory authority. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading invasive plants such as *Didymo*, the recently discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

We will miss the many contributions and dedication of Jim Blake, who was an active member of the Subcommittee. Citizens who would like to help represent the town should contact the Select Board. A calendar of meetings, 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.

Dick Schmidt, Westmoreland representative
to the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published major new Management Plans for Water Resources and for Recreation on the Connecticut River. In 2008 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as riverbank erosion in Colebrook and New Hampshire's updated Shoreland Protection Act. We completed a new Five Year Plan that focuses upon public outreach, use of river science, and protection of the valley's natural, historic, and cultural assets.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2008, we concluded a three-year project to identify the Byway with way-finding signs. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, www.crjc.org, for a calendar of events, useful information, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Robert Harcke, Connecticut River Commissioner



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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Certified Public Accountants

**TOWN OF WESTMORELAND
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON THE TAX COLLECTOR'S
REPORT (MS-61)**

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

We have examined the accompanying Tax Collector's Report (MS-61 prepared in accordance with RSA 41:35) of the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2007. This report is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this report based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Tax Collector's Report as listed in the first paragraph and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the report referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the activity of the Tax Collector's Report (MS-61) of the Town of Westmoreland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2007, based on the reporting criteria for Form MS-61.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and elected officials of the Town of Westmoreland and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Sincerely,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

MASON + RICH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Certified Public Accountants

September 17, 2008

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

TAX COLLECTOR EXAMINATION
MANAGEMENT LETTER

FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2007
TO DECEMBER 31, 2007

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND
MANAGEMENT LETTER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TAX COLLECTOR COMPUTERIZATION AND SOFTWARE

Finding – The Tax Collector’s office does all of the accounting manually, which is very time consuming and inefficient, especially since the data is not only written down but then has to be checked and footed on a calculator. Only the property tax warrants and billings are done on a computer and those are through the assessing software. Because of the lack of computerization, an excessive amount of time needs to be spent each day in maintaining all of the records in a manual format as well as doing other items such as the annual lien procedures manually.

Recommendation – We would strongly recommend that the Town computerize the Tax Office by obtaining the tax software from the same company that currently provides the assessing software along with the necessary hardware for the Tax Office.

Management’s Comments – The Selectmen are including the cost of the tax software and hardware in the Town Budget.

OLDER LIENS AND TAX DEEDING

Finding – We noted that the Tax Collector’s MS-61 report has tax liens outstanding that are as old as 1999. Under RSA 80:38 the Tax Collector “after 2 years from the sale, shall execute a deed of the land so sold and not redeemed.”

Recommendation – We would recommend that the Tax Collector immediately provide the Board with current listing of all liens older than two years so that the Board can quickly determine the best options available to the Town and then provide the Tax Collector with that information.

Management’s Comments – We agree with your comments about the liens and our Town Attorney is working with us and the Tax Collector in resolving them.

APPROVAL OF DEPUTY

Finding – There seems to be some confusion as to whether the Deputy Tax Collector was ever officially approved by the Board as required under RSA 41:38 “the tax collector shall appoint a deputy, with the approval of the selectmen.”

Recommendation – We recommend that the Tax Collector approach the Board to get official approval of the individual who is the Deputy Tax Collector.

Management’s Comments – The Selectmen agree.

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND
MANAGEMENT LETTER

DELEGATION OF DEPOSIT DUTIES

Finding – The Tax Collector makes her own deposits. Under the provisions of RSA 41:296, the Town Treasurer has the responsibility of all Town transactions, including deposits. RSA 41:29, IV allows the Treasurer to delegate deposit functions to other Town officials provided this delegation is one in writing and *includes written procedures acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.*

Recommendation – We would recommend that the Town Treasurer present to the Board a written description of the delegation of Tax Collector deposits for the Board's approval.

Management's Comments – The Selectmen agree.

THE FULL REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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

Plodzik & Sanderson

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

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

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 13th day of March, 2009, 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 \$2,988,116 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 \$2,988,116.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

YEAR	Estimated Increase
2009-10	\$ 29,784
2010-11	\$ 29,888
2011-12	\$ 32,820

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,784 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid the prior fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of its unencumbered funds, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2009 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

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

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this ____ day of February, 2009.

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 Town Hall in said District on the 13th day of March, 2009, 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-year terms
- A moderator for the ensuing year
- A clerk for the ensuing year
- A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2009
- An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this ____ day of February, 2009.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET**

DISTRICT MEETING

March 13, 2009

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
 PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2009-2010	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$2,040,827	\$1,418,894	\$1,665,252	\$1,654,786	-0.63%	55.38%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$0	\$10,836	\$63,038	\$61,238	-2.86%	2.05%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$258,400	\$278,482	\$289,867	\$238,794	-17.62%	7.99%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,299,227	\$1,708,211	\$2,018,157	\$1,954,818	-3.14%	65.42%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$712,096	\$677,714	\$564,543	\$577,042	2.21%	19.31%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Reg)	\$43,450	\$41,730	\$42,842	\$45,000	5.04%	1.51%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$194,508	\$175,013	\$175,310	\$253,478	44.59%	8.48%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Sp)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$950,054	\$894,458	\$782,695	\$875,520	11.86%	29.30%
SAU #29	\$141,045	\$141,045	\$153,757	\$157,778	2.62%	5.28%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,390,326	\$2,743,714	\$2,954,609	\$2,988,116	1.13%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$3,390,326	\$2,743,714	\$2,954,609	\$2,988,116	1.13%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
 PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010		
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 130 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$501,530	\$504,902	\$538,739	\$533,735.1		
Benefits	\$236,171	\$230,033	\$246,901	\$231,852		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$24,239	\$26,872	\$29,175	\$30,646		
Repair Equipment	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Mileage	\$0	\$799	\$0	\$0		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$25,415	\$17,776	\$26,015	\$23,675		
Equipment	\$2,887	\$1,922	\$532	\$2,202		
Furniture	\$3,000	\$2,513	\$58	\$4,192		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$794,742	\$794,816	\$842,920	\$827,802	-1.79%	27.70%
CO-CURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$11,831	\$7,822	\$11,826	\$11,946		
Assemblies/Officials	\$6,890	\$3,000	\$6,890	\$6,090		
Supplies/Awards/misc.	\$2,300	\$812	\$2,300	\$2,300		
Dues and Fees	\$1,850	\$1,654	\$2,876	\$1,424		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$22,871	\$13,288	\$23,892	\$21,760	-8.92%	0.73%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Guidance	\$46,345	\$44,816	\$50,449	\$50,223		
Health	\$23,306	\$22,932	\$24,819	\$16,713		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$69,651	\$67,748	\$75,268	\$66,936	-11.07%	2.24%

Budget Committee's
& School Board's

	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$5,273	\$1,366	\$5,273	\$5,273		
Course Reimbursement	\$7,000	\$6,148	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Management Development	\$2,000	\$392	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Staff Development	\$3,000	\$2,978	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Travel	\$0	\$1,876	\$0	\$0		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$885	\$293	\$685	\$815		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$18,158	\$13,052	\$18,458	\$18,588	0.70%	0.62%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$46,323	\$45,555	\$50,920	\$52,079		
Media Membership	\$936	\$882	\$938	\$956		
Library Books & Supplies	\$4,535	\$4,083	\$4,445	\$4,490		
Equipment/Software	\$1,750	\$560	\$1,750	\$1,750		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$53,544	\$51,080	\$58,053	\$59,275	2.10%	1.98%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,360	\$3,063	\$3,360	\$3,360		
Legal/Audit Services	\$4,900	\$10,563	\$10,100	\$6,500		
Other School District Expenses	\$800	\$813	\$1,225	\$1,225		
School Board Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$9,060	\$14,439	\$14,685	\$11,085	-24.51%	0.37%

	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principle's Salary	\$61,215	\$64,000	\$67,000	\$69,680		
Secretary's Salary	\$25,120	\$25,729	\$26,376	\$27,164		
Benefits	\$30,759	\$9,536	\$31,863	\$34,299		
Copier Maintenance	\$4,250	\$4,794	\$4,250	\$5,000		
Telephone	\$7,500	\$7,541	\$7,500	\$10,450		
Postage/Printing	\$850	\$572	\$850	\$600		
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,200	\$2,125	\$2,200	\$2,450		
Software	\$1,235	\$263	\$2,828	\$1,148		
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$1,000	\$865	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$134,329	\$115,424	\$144,067	\$151,991	5.50%	5.09%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$41,417	\$44,075	\$49,711	\$47,268		
Benefits	\$14,097	\$12,028	\$14,168	\$14,558		
Rubbish Removal	\$4,250	\$2,748	\$4,250	\$3,500		
Maintenance Services	\$13,150	\$11,532	\$13,050	\$16,050		
Repairs to Building	\$44,000	\$38,830	\$21,100	\$30,000		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$6,000	\$3,889	\$6,000	\$5,000		
Supplies/Materials	\$8,500	\$5,021	\$8,500	\$9,500		
Electricity	\$18,000	\$19,824	\$19,000	\$20,500		
Oil/Gas	\$24,100	\$19,513	\$28,500	\$21,750		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$173,514	\$157,460	\$164,279	\$168,126	2.34%	5.63%

Budget Committee's
& School Board's

	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$101,385	\$108,923	\$109,962	\$116,000		
Athletic	\$2,400	\$2,540	\$2,400	\$2,400		
Field Trips	\$3,323	\$2,985	\$3,323	\$3,323		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$107,108	\$114,448	\$115,685	\$121,723	5.22%	4.07%
STAFF SERVICES						
Unemployment/Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$712	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$500	\$768	\$1,200	\$1,500		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$1,500	\$1,480	\$2,200	\$2,500	13.64%	0.08%
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Food Services	\$75,000	\$42,666	\$85,000	\$115,000		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$60,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$16,350	\$16,350	\$15,745	\$0		
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$490,000	\$11,641	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$656,350	\$85,657	\$205,745	\$205,000	-0.36%	6.86%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$2,040,827	\$1,418,894	\$1,665,252	\$1,654,786	-0.63%	55.38%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principle	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000		
Bond Interest	\$0	\$10,836	\$18,038	\$16,238		
Interest on Cat. Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$0	\$10,836	\$63,038	\$61,238	NA	2.05%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$2,040,827	\$1,429,730	\$1,728,290	\$1,716,024	-0.71%	57.43%

Budget Committee's
& School Board's

	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$103,139	\$82,740	\$93,184	\$79,262		
Benefits	\$48,010	\$42,266	\$47,328	\$58,180		
Vision/Audiology/Purchased Service	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$25,000		
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,050	\$124	\$1,100	\$2,800		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$21,119	\$36,339	\$69,155	\$0		
Pre-School Tuition	\$36,132	\$46,538	\$6,700	\$12,000		
Psychology	\$15,000	\$10,614	\$16,000	\$17,000		
Speech	\$15,950	\$13,239	\$15,400	\$19,120		
OT/PT	\$9,000	\$17,962	\$10,000	\$16,232		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$9,000	\$28,662	\$30,000	\$9,200		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$258,400	\$278,482	\$289,867	\$238,794	-17.62%	7.99%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,299,227	\$1,708,211	\$2,018,157	\$1,954,818	-3.14%	65.42%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School	\$712,096	\$677,714	\$564,543	\$577,042		
58 students @ \$9,949						
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$712,096	\$677,714	\$564,543	\$577,042	2.21%	19.31%

Budget Committees's
& School Board's

	BUDGET 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	BUDGET 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$43,450	\$41,730	\$42,842	\$45,000		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$43,450	\$41,730	\$42,842	\$45,000	5.04%	1.51%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$755,546	\$719,445	\$607,385	\$622,042	2.41%	20.82%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (11 students @ \$18,376)	\$147,150	\$118,602	\$125,960	\$202,136	60.48%	6.76%
High School Out-of-District Tuition - High School Collaborative (0 student - TNT program)	\$47,358 \$0	\$46,683 \$9,728	\$49,350 \$0	\$51,342 \$0		
Special Instr. Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$194,508	\$175,013	\$175,310	\$253,478	44.59%	8.48%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$950,054	\$894,458	\$782,695	\$875,520	11.86%	29.30%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$141,045	\$141,045	\$153,757	\$157,778	2.62%	5.28%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,390,326	\$2,743,714	\$2,954,609	\$2,988,116	1.13%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,390,326	\$2,743,714	\$2,954,609	\$2,988,116	1.13%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND
2009-2010 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2008-09 BUDGET	2009-10 PROPOSED	%	\$
			INCREASE	INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$17,738	\$7,900		
Local Property Taxes	\$1,633,189	\$1,701,607	4.19%	\$68,418
Tuition (school of choice)	\$0	\$0		
Interest	\$10,000	\$6,000		
Lunch Local	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,000	\$2,000		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,100	\$4,000		
N.H. Property Tax	\$420,911	\$404,367	-3.93%	-\$16,544
N.H Adequacy Aid	\$631,502	\$648,046	2.62%	\$16,544
N.H. Building Aid	\$13,424	\$13,024		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$13,000	\$21,172		
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Federal Funds	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$30,745	\$0		
Sale of Bond	\$0	\$0		
Transfer from Trust Funds	\$0	\$0		
Transfer from Prior Year	\$0	\$0		
TOTALS	\$2,954,609	\$2,988,116	1.13%	\$33,507

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax) 2.53%

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET \$0.2535

TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000 \$25.35

WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT

		TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)	\$2,988,116	\$0.25
Warrant #3 Collective Bargaining Agreement	\$29,784	\$0.15
Warrant #5 Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$7,900	\$0.04
TOTAL WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES	\$3,025,800	
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES	\$71,191	2.4%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES	4.36%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES	\$0.4387	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000	\$43.87	

Historical School Tax Chart		Rate	Total School Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	% Tax Change from Previous Year
	2003-04	\$11.96	\$1,710,134	\$693,719	
	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	\$10.13	\$2,054,100	\$631,502	2.56%
	budget article only 2009-10	\$10.38	\$2,105,974	\$648,046	2.53%
	with warrant articles 2009-10	\$10.57	\$2,143,658	\$648,046	4.36%

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES			
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a			
	2007-08 ACTUAL	2008-09 BUDGET	2009-10 BUDGET
REVENUE			
State Adequacy Aid for Special Ed.	\$200,550	\$200,550	\$200,550
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$33,920	\$33,920
Medicaid Reim.	\$14,387	\$5,000	\$5,000
Catastrophic Aid	\$7,029	\$13,000	\$21,172
TOTAL REVENUE	\$221,965	\$239,470	\$239,470
EXPENSE			
Instruction and Services	\$424,833	\$435,177	\$483,072
Transportation	\$28,662	\$30,000	\$9,200
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$0	\$33,920	\$33,920
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$453,495	\$499,097	\$526,192
NET COST	\$231,529	\$259,627	\$286,722

REPORTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Westmoreland School District
Summary

Cash on hand July 1, 2007 (Treasurer's bank balance)		-46613.05
Received from Selectmen (include amounts Actually received)		
Current Appropriation	2002834	
Deficit Appropriation		
Balance of Previous Appropriations		
Advance on Next Year's Appropriations		
Revenue from State Sources	667243.8	
Revenue from Federal Sources	28931.19	
Received from Tuitions	13379.62	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	40123.11	
Received from Sales of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)	440000	
Received from Capital Reserves Funds		
Received from all Other Sources	68460.74	
Total Receipts	3260972.46	
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)		3214359.41

LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2008 (Treasurer's Bank Balance) 70021.38

_____ Glenn Wall
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

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

Date: _____

Auditors _____

Friday, March 14, 2008
School District Meeting

Results from election of March 11, 2008:

School District Moderator for ensuing year:
Peter Heed

Two School Board Members for the ensuing three years:
Stuart Adams
Justine Fletcher

School District Auditor for ensuing year:
Lori Ingram

School District Treasurer for ensuing year:
Diane Hall

School District Clerk for ensuing year:
Debra J. Nelson

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 7:02 pm at the Westmoreland School. Mr. Heed led the Pledge of Allegiance and "God Bless America".

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 SAU 29 Officials Wayne Woolridge Assistant Superintendent for Towns, and Timothy Ruehr Business Administrator for Towns.

Mr. Heed read:

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

Mrs. Justine Fletcher moved the article as read. Mrs. Madeline Ullrich seconded the motion. Mr. Heed asked for any discussion, with hearing none, Article I was read again, a voice vote was taken, Article I passed.

Mr. Heed read:

Article II: 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.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the article as written. Mrs. Ullrich seconded the motion. Mr. Heed asked for any discussion:

Mrs. Lori Ingram spoke on behalf of the Westmoreland School Sports Booster and Recreational Sports making a motion to amend Article II by \$1,100.00 to help purchase a new and dispose of the old athletic storage shed. The Boosters and Recreational Sports will pay the balance. The athletic shed that we have now was a generous donation many years ago from the Wilkes family. Due to natural age and the New England weather the shed is in great disrepair and a possible danger and needs to be replaced. Mr. Ted Ferguson has approached Mrs. Ingram and told her about a one year old shed that needs to be removed from where it is now and they are offering it for \$1,500.00. There will be other cost for ground preparation and the removal and disposal of the old shed. Mrs. Ingram asked for the district to please consider this and thanked Mr. Ferguson for all his efforts. The amendment was seconded by Mrs. Cindy Davis. Mrs. Beth Martin asked Mrs. Ingram for a list of the type of things stored in the shed. Mrs. Ingram listed baseball/softball bases, field painting equipment, a gas grill to list a few. Mr. Michael Mansfield asked for a list of the financial breakout. Mrs. Ingram listed the shed costing \$1,500.00, \$300.00 for ground preparation and \$250.00 for dismantle and disposal of the old shed. Sports Boosters would contribute \$500.00 and Recreational Sports would contribute \$500.00 and \$1,100.00 from the school district budget for a total of \$2,100.00. With no further discussion, Mr. Heed repeated the amendment to add \$1,100.00 to the budget for a total budget of \$2,923,864, a voice vote was taken the amendment passed. Mr. Heed repeated Article II with the amended amount of \$2,923,864, a voice vote was taken, Article II passed.

Mr. Heed read:

Article III: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) of its unreserved fund balance, 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/construction 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 the warrant article).*

Mrs. Fletcher moved Article III as read. Mrs. Ullrich seconded. Mr. Heed asked for any discussion.

Mr. Acerno explained what this article is used for which is to help maintain building projects and repairs. Mr. William Campbell asked how much was in this fund? Mr. Acerno responded about \$18,000.00. Mr. Ruehr added for information that these funds can only be spent by the voting body for a stated purpose. With no further discussion, Mr. Heed repeated Article III, a voice vote was taken, Article III passed.

Mr. Heed read:

Article IV: 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.)*

Mrs. Fletcher moved Article IV as read. Mr. Robert Mitchell seconded. Mr. Heed asked for any discussion.

Mr. Acerno explained that there is approximately \$106,000 in this fund now and the requested amount is equal to one high school tuition amount in anticipation for future large high school classes. Mrs. Gwen Mitchell inquired what the anticipated budget surplus for the current school year is. And also asked about the suggestion a few years ago of combining some of our classes at Westmoreland School that may be unusually small such as this year's Fourth Grade of only eight students. Mr. Acerno felt that combining ages/classes is a possibility, though would need to be studied to see to see if appropriate and feasible for those students involved. With no further discussion Mr. Heed repeated Article IV, a voice vote was taken, Article IV passed.

Mr. Heed read:

Article V: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra J. Nelson
District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Westmoreland School continues to excel among schools in the region. One area where Westmoreland School stands out is in the area of academic performance especially in reading. This conclusion was once again substantiated by the most recent state assessments. On the New Hampshire state assessments Westmoreland School students scored first among the 21 area schools in the percentage of students at or above the proficient level in reading. Westmoreland students had the third highest scores in math and writing. 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 new State Science Assessment was given to each Westmoreland student in the fourth and eighth grades. Westmoreland students placed highest among area schools on this assessment.

An additional challenge comes from the Westmoreland parents and school board, who demand more than excellent reading, writing, math and science programs for our students. They want a curriculum that includes critical thinking, social skills, citizenship, health, physical education and the arts. I believe we already have quality programs in all those areas. Westmoreland School continues to focus on what matters most: the documented progress of each student, personally, socially, physically, and academically. Once basic needs are met, the most significant need of children is to belong. When they feel disconnected and disassociated, they make poor choices. Every 26 seconds, a child drops out of school. The more our students feel that the school community cares about them the more likely they are to grow academically as well as socially. Strong student-community relationships have been linked to many positive outcomes, including better behavior in classrooms and improvement in learning.

In Westmoreland School we have many great examples of programs we use to help create a sense of belonging. Your school counselor spent two weeks this summer revising the comprehensive guidance curriculum. One expected outcome is for students to experience a stronger sense of community. To better meet the need to belong, Keene High School has recently included aspects of the Renaissance program. Students benefit from the program because it strengthens the connection to the school community, raises the profile of academics and makes it cool to do well in school. Schools that incorporate Renaissance cite higher GPA's, increased attendance, improved morale, and stronger graduation rates. For example, inspired by the Renaissance program, an advisory program was successfully implemented last year for all ninth grade students. Last year, as the new students came into the school for their orientation, the faculty lined up along a red carpet, applauding the students as they walked to the auditorium. Each student had a star on the wall with his or her name on it which was visible as they came down the hallway.

As part of this program KHS formed a positive working relationship with Olive Garden to further promote academics and scholar athlete achievements. Olive Garden now awards dinner for the entire Keene High School team that has the highest combined GPA for each sports season.

Westmoreland students at Keene High School continue to perform well in the academic subjects. The Westmoreland students carried a total grade point average at Keene High School of 2.96 compared to the total population at Keene High School of 2.75.

In English, 74 percent of the Westmoreland students earned a grade of "B" or better. In mathematics, 49 percent earned a grade of "B" or better. In science, 68 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In social studies, 73 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. In world language, 62 percent of the students earned a grade of "B" or better. This past year 85 Westmoreland students enrolled at Keene High School had an attendance rate of 96% compared to 95% of overall student population.

Westmoreland students participated in the following KHS extra-curricula activities: Alpine Skiing, Band, Baseball, Boys Basketball, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Soccer, Boys JV Boys Track, Cheshire Career Center Student Home Builders, Chorus, Class Council, Deca, Drama Club, Envirothon Team, Field Hockey, Football, Girls Basketball, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Track, Girls Volleyball, Interact Student Rotarians, Key Club, Latin Club, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Nordic Skiing, Sierra, Softball, Spanish Club, Spirit, Students for a Free Tibet, Students for Peace, Swimming-Diving, Ushers Club, World Language Honor Society, Yoga, Youth Monadnock Cares, and Youth & Government.

Westmoreland seniors from the class of 2008 reported their post-secondary plans as follows: Niagara University, Keene State College, Worcester Poly Tech-WPI, Greenfield Community College, NHCTC-Keene/River Valley Community College, UNH, Keene Beauty Academy, Franklin Pierce University, Sacred Heart University, CT, University of Maine-Orono, University of Rhode Island, Boston College, Art School, University of New England, NHTI-Laconia, Colby Sawyer, MITTI-Motoring Technical Training Institute.

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 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Wayne E. Woolridge
Co-Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment

This fall we enthusiastically welcomed 13 new kindergarteners. As of January 30, 2009, our enrollment is 146 students and our class sizes are:

K – 13	3 – 22	6 – 23
1 – 22	4 – 18	7 – 13
2 – 14	5 – 8	8 – 13

School Improvement Goals

This past August, school board members, the Westmoreland School faculty, and Co-Superintendent came together for the annual Westmoreland School Board Retreat. The goal of this retreat was to identify areas that we would like to improve during the 2008-09 school year.

This school year's goals include:

- 1. To explore and begin to create a shared vision for Westmoreland School.*
- 2. To Go Green! Engage the school community in environmentally-responsive activities.*
- 3. To develop in all constituencies a sense of Westmoreland Pride through behavioral, building, and community pride.*

Under the leadership of administration, teachers have selected to participate in individual school goal committees. They created action plans to address these goals and help carry out implementation throughout the school year.

We have shared these goals with parents and students through a variety of communication tools. We continue to use our school website as a vehicle for information for students, parents, volunteers, and community members. Please visit us at www.sau29.org/westmoreland. Additionally, we share our goals and important information through monthly school newsletters, classroom morning meetings, open house, classroom newsletters, bimonthly parent breakfasts, and monthly all-school assemblies.

Academics

We would like to congratulate Sarah Fields as the valedictorian and Zackary Cleveland as the salutatorian for our eighth grade class of 2008. Eleven graduates participated in commencement and have transitioned successfully to Keene High School. We are proud of the comprehensive educational experience our students receive here. To prepare for the rigors of secondary education, all students have access to courses in Health, Physical Education, Art, Guidance, and Library Technology. Students in grades 4-8 take World Language, with a short weekly enrichment in kindergarten and grade 3. Our core content academics are assessed through a variety of means, including the No Child Left Behind mandated New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests, Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests, and classroom assessments. Rather than placing test preparation as a priority, teachers at Westmoreland School focus on the New Hampshire Framework of Standards and newly-revised SAU #29 Science Curriculum. By using frameworks to map out instruction, students have access to some of the best educational opportunities in the region. On our most recent October 2008 NECAP assessments, 90% of Westmoreland School assessed third-eighth grade students read at our above

proficiency; 72% of our students reach or exceed mathematics proficiency; 71% of fifth and eighth graders assessed reached proficiency in writing.

Our school is bustling with engaging classes, inquiry-based science labs, project-based learning, and integrated technology. The dedication of staff to implement best practice learning opportunities is evident in the success of our students. This year our elementary teachers have done an exceptional job with the challenge of teaching a new grade. Over the summer and throughout the school year, our staff has been dedicated to reviewing curriculum, instructional best practices, and thoughtful ways to tailor instruction to differentiate learning. We have continued with our Reading Rotation program, ensuring that a minimum of 120 minutes of daily literacy instruction occurs in grades K-2. Our learning community professional development approach has been revived, with groups working on best practice reading methods, middle school writing, and technology. Groups work together to review current research, create common languages or approaches and implement pedagogical techniques in the classroom.

Arts and Enrichment

We continue to benefit from a robust fine and performing arts program. Our art classes take a developmental approach and are rooted in art appreciation, history, and theory. Mr. Barrett continues to provide a differentiated music program and has added a jazz ensemble, entitled "RAZMACS" that has performed at several school and community functions. Mrs. Newton and the chimes choir performed with the Keene Pops during this past holiday season in addition to school and regional venues. Students truly benefit from experiencing arts in a variety of formats.

New Hampshire Dance Institute Program continues as a Westmoreland School tradition – supported by teachers and families. This year's theme is *Coming Home* and will be performed over Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. Danielle Fitzpatrick returns to us for a second year as the instructor, working with school coordinator Katy Fisk. Field Trips have included: Westmoreland-based community trips, Cheshire Career Center, Stonewall Farm, Keene State College's Thorne-Sagenthorpe Art Gallery, and performances at the Colonial Theater.

Our middle school community service program, under the direction of Paul Deschenes, clocked an impressive 474 combined hours of service. Westmoreland Middle School students served several community organizations, raised \$197 to be given to various charities, and donated their time to a variety of regional non-profits. In addition, students collected 25 cell phones to be sent to American service personnel serving overseas, and collected 250 pairs of shoes, to be sent to the children of Iraq.

Athletics and Wellness

Alan Palmer is our new athletic director. Our girls' soccer team, lead by Katy Fisk, had a successful season. The boys' soccer team progressed nicely under the direction of Henry Bailly. Our dedicated Sports Boosters hosted the annual Connecticut Valley League Soccer Tournament on October 4-5, 2008. Amy Royce graciously took on the role of girls' basketball coach, while Alan Palmer enthusiastically directed our boys' team. We are all looking forward to an early spring and the opportunity for our softball and baseball teams to get underway. The town recreational league, organized by Michael Acerno, pulled in over 60 of our students playing soccer this fall; meaning that we continue to engage over two-thirds of our student population in either school or recreational athletic programs.

New Faculty

This school year we welcomed a number of new staff members. Rachel Fowler joins us as our first grade teacher. She comes from working in the special education program at Symonds School in Keene. Henry Bailly, our new fourth grade teacher, has a love for Science and comes to us from working at Chesterfield School. A new dynamic duo has joined our middle school team: both are experienced teachers. Katy Fisk, middle school math joins us from Keene Middle School, and Cheryl Patty, middle school science joins us from Monadnock Regional Junior High School. Alan Palmer is our new teacher of 4-8 grade health classes and K-8 physical education classes; he also energetically took on the task of athletic director. He most recently taught in the Contoocook Valley School District. We also welcome Jamie Card as our part-time Spanish Teacher and Mona Livernois as our part-time school nurse. Meredith Cargill has returned as school principal, one baby richer, after a one-year leave.

Facilities

We have gone through a series of building improvement efforts this school year. A number of issues are focused on bringing the school up to code, per our last inspection with the state fire marshal. A door project was completed over Christmas vacation which replaced six internal doors and two external fire exit doors. Part of this project involved wiring magnetic closers to the fire alarm panel to ensure that a one-hour firewall is maintain in such an event. A bigger project has been slated for the future. Our current ceiling insulation must be brought up to current code and our facilities committee is working with the school board to recommend a course of action. The space that used to house our kitchen, and last year served as a conference room, has been reassigned as a computer lab. It receives much use as classroom teachers schedule the lab to integrate class-wide technology into their lessons.

Volunteers

Westmoreland School always benefits from a talented and dedicated cadre of volunteers. This year the Westmoreland School Board put into effect a policy that requires that all volunteers successfully complete a criminal background check. Forms are available in the school office and turnaround time from the state varies depending on their volume. We were sure to communicate this important school safety change in our “welcome back” parent letter, on our website, and additional correspondence. We are truly appreciative to those who have completed the process and who give their time and skill to help broaden our successful school community.

Happy Birthday, Westmoreland School!

This spring we will begin planning the Golden Anniversary of Westmoreland School. The year 2010 marks the fiftieth birthday of our school building! Under the leadership of the Westmoreland School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and collaboration of school staff, we hope to provide current students, staff, and alumni a chance to celebrate.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meredith Cargill, Principal

Westmoreland School Staff

Meredith Cargill.....Principal
Debbie Nelson..... Secretary
Cathy Morris School Counselor
Lori Castagna Special Education
Nancy Newton Reading Specialist

Stacy Riendeau..... Kindergarten
Rachael Fowler Grade 1
Karen Durling Grade 2
Leslie Carlson Grade 3
Henry Bailly..... Grade 4
Katherine Fiske Grade 5/Middle School Math
Cheryl Patty Grade 6/Middle School Science
Melissa Crotto-Young..... Grade 7/Middle School English Language Arts
Paul Deschenes Grade 8/Middle School Social Studies

Mee Yin Morrison..... Art
Robert Stack.....Media Specialist
Carlson Barrett Music/Band/Chorus
Alan Palmer Physical Education/Middle School Health
Jamie Card World Language/Spanish
Mona Livernois..... Nurse
Karen Ruehr Speech/Language
Marcia Winchester Kitchen Manager
Chad Adams Kitchen Aid
Robert Miles/David Olmstead/ John Beecher (retired 01/09) Custodians

Health Services

Westmoreland School is proud of the wellness and health education program. We are committed to educating the "whole child" and achieve this through a variety of approaches. Weekly, all students in K-8 participate in health class. In addition, guidance, health services, food services, administration, and physical education come together to provide a collaborative approach.

In the classroom the year started out with review of hand washing for the first-third grades and introduction of germs and hand washing for the kindergarten. They now have joined the "clean club." In the month of November the subjects of tobacco use and alcohol/substance use were introduced. Emily Nichols from Cheshire Medical Center came and did a presentation as part of the "Kick Butts" program. Basic anatomy of the heart and brain were presented in December. In January, nutrition was the focus; students learned about the new "my pyramid" recommended by the USDA. As is tradition, an introductory puberty class was taught to the fifth grade class in January. In February the focus will be on physical activity and in March dental health and hygiene.

From the nurse's office, all students have been weighed and their height measured. During the months of November and December hearing and vision screenings were done in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. Since September there have been approximately 280 visits to health services. Approximately 160 over the counter medicines and prescription medications have been dispensed as well as many cough drops. Kindergarten immunizations have been reviewed and all students in that grade are in compliance with state requirements.

Cheshire Smiles came in October to set up the fluoride program, which started in December. Sixty students in grade 1-4 are participating in the fluoride program weekly. Cheshire Smiles will be returning in March for dental screenings and education for those students registered.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mona Livernois, RN.

Food Service Report

This year has once again been a wonderful experience. The P.T.A. was very generous in buying us a new full size salad bar which is used everyday. The students and staff at Westmoreland School really enjoy all the healthy choices and even try new items on a regular basis. Nutrition and tradition are a combination that has proven successful – as we have record-breaking participation! Between our daily breakfast, snack and lunch program we have an average of 95% participation.

Our program continues to align with federal and state requirements. In addition to offering an attractive and healthy meal each day, we have tried to incorporate special events in our menu. We have hosted a special Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, winter beach parties, spring cookouts, as well as themed lunches throughout the year. To keep with the “health and wellness” vibe, we provide fresh fruit for children every day. There is also a “birthday basket” with jump ropes and kid-friendly games that promote exercise.

Chad Adams is a real helper with all tasks and the students really enjoy his help.

Once again, thank you for all your wonderful support. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me at 399-4421.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Winchester

**Westmoreland Graduates
2008 - 2009**

Grade 8

Leigh Chickering
Lindsay DeWees
Alexandra Frost
Owen Goodrich
Tasha Hatt
Michaela Hurley
Matthew Ide
Ian Ingram
Heather Madden
Ernest May
Will Martin
Zachery Pawelczyk
Drue Seksinsky

Grade 12

Colin Bates
Timothy Beeler
Alexander Brown
Mary Burdett
Eric Clark
Jennifer Delisle
Courtney Ellison
Steven Hale
Mary Kate Henderson
Alex Remy
Lindsay Richard
Derek Starkey
Ryan Ullrich
Courtney White
Kevin Wirth

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Wednesday: 7:30am – 11 am, 7pm – 8pm



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Tuesday thru Friday 9am – 3pm

2nd & 4th Mondays 9am – 3pm



Selectmen's meeting: . . .1st & 3rd Thurs. 7pm

Planning board:4th Wednesday, 7:30pm

Zoning board:2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm

Conservation comm.:1st Thursday, 7pm



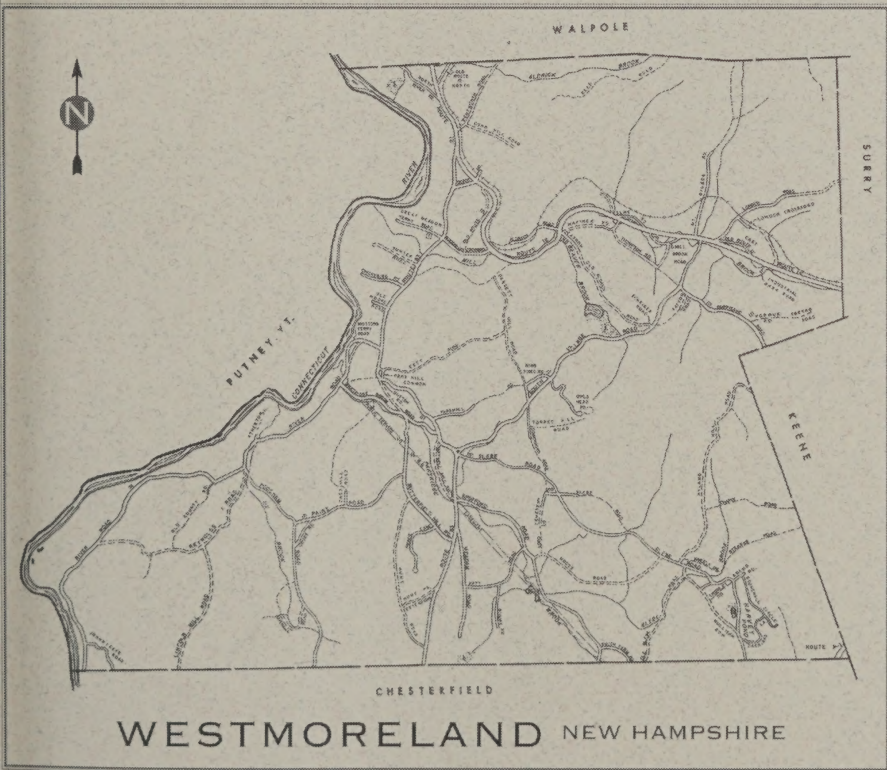
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