

## Westmoreland Town and School Annual Meeting and Elections Plan for 2021

### Important Dates and Information for 2021

<b>Thursday, February 18</b>	Bond Hearing for Fire Station – Town Hall 11:00am
<b>Friday, February 26</b>	<b>Session #1: Town and School Info Meeting</b> – Virtual via Zoom 7 PM
<b>Monday, March 1 by midnight</b>	Deadline for question/comments on Town and School articles  Town: Phone 603 399-4471 Email: townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net  School: Phone: 603 399-4421 Email: wsd_warrant@sau29.org  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Must give name, address &amp; phone # with comments</div>
<b>Wednesday, March 3 at 7PM</b>	<b>Session #2: Town Information Meeting</b> – Consider & address public comments – Virtual via Zoom
<b>Thursday, March 4 at 7PM</b>	<b>Session #2: School Information Meeting</b> – Consider & address public comments – Virtual via Zoom
<b>Saturday, March 6 at 1PM</b>	Final Town and School articles published electronically at Town: westmorelandnh.com School: wes.sau29.org <Resources> Westmoreland District Meeting Documents
<b>Wednesday, March 10, from 11 AM – 7 PM</b>	<b>VOTING:</b> Westmoreland School Gymnasium. Drive-thru voting also available in front of school. (NO voting at the Town Hall)
<p><b>Note: Virtual meeting connection information will be posted at the Town Hall &amp; School and will be available on the Town and School Websites before the meetings:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Town: westmorelandnh.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School: wes.sau29.org/apps/events/</p>	

## Detailed Plan for Westmoreland 2021 Annual Meetings & Elections

Due to Covid19, the State of NH has provided an alternative procedure (HB1129) to hold annual town and school district meetings in 2021. The Westmoreland Selectboard and School Board have adopted these procedures for 2021. In lieu of the typical in-person meetings, the town will have two virtual information sessions and paper ballot voting on all warrant articles. Town and School elections, along with the paper ballot voting on warrant articles, will occur on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in the Westmoreland School Gymnasium following Covid-19 safety guidelines. Curbside drive-thru voting will also be available in front of the school (Instructions below).

The governing body (Selectboard & School Board respectively) must hold two live virtual meetings. One meeting to inform the voters about the proposed optional meeting procedures, and a second to discuss the warrant articles and finalize the warrant content.

Session #1: This meeting will inform the voters about the alternative voting procedure and will be a review of the warrant, article by article. This is an informative session and is not intended to be interactive. Questions or comments about the Warrant Articles are to be addressed by phone or email; deadline and contact information provided on the reverse side. Name, address, and phone number must be included in email or phone message.

Session #2: At this meeting, the governing board (Selectmen or School Board) will address and discuss comments and questions received following Session #1. If necessary, the posted warrant will be amended at this time.

The final warrant will be made available electronically as a sample ballot and posted on the Westmoreland town website prior to election day.

VOTING: All voters must have a picture ID (driver's license). Masks must be worn.

There will be 5 ballots:

- 1) Town Elections
- 2) Town Warrant Articles
- 3) Town Bond Vote (Fire Station)
- 4) School Elections
- 5) School Warrant Articles

The first question on the town warrant and school district warrant ballots will be to ask the voters if they accept the revised annual meeting procedure outlined in HB 1129. If a majority of the voter's vote "no" on the first question, all other articles will be considered to fail. In that event, the governing body can choose to schedule another meeting before September 1 or adopt the previous year's operating budget.

Drive-thru process at the School is as follows:

- 1) Pull up to curb in front of main school entrance and honk horn.
- 2) A poll worker will check IDs, check in, and issue ballots for each registered voter in car.
- 3) Voters will fill out the ballots in the car.
- 4) After voting is complete honk horn and a poll worker will collect your ballots.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.