
THE BRICK MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY

The Brick Meeting House Society of Westford (BMHS), is a committee restoring and operating the Brick Meeting House as a community center. Organizations represented include: Westford Historical Society (WHS), Westford Seniors, United Church of Westford (UCW), Westford Playgroup, Westford Recreation Committee, Fairfax Community Theatre Company (FCTC), and Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. The BMHS is supported by a combination of private and town funds. We meet mostly monthly (8 times in 2007) to coordinate activities.

Activities over the past year have included:

- Broomball Tournament
- Easter Breakfast
- Dog and Cat Rabies Clinic
- July 4th festivities
- August Ice Cream Social with the town band
- FCTC shows "Greater Tuna" and "An O'Henry Christmas"
- Historical Society ham suppers
- Westford Common Tree Lighting
- Monthly luncheons for the Westford Seniors
- Weekly Yoga classes & other Westford Recreation Committee activities
- Repeat rentals from private groups
- Several private events
- Several meetings for town or school business

Notes from 2007

Of note with the past year has been finalization of our nonprofit status as a duly recognized 501(c)(3) organization. The building continues to be used heavily, serving the needs of Westford. Operating costs seem to be stabilizing as we offset increasing fuel costs with improvements in the building envelope. Our operating budget is being shared between member group fundraising and direct support within the town budget. Our capital improvements fund is significantly strengthened by a sizable donation from a very generous Westford resident.

Several new faces have joined the group. For that, founding members are grateful.

Ongoing renovation work for 2007 includes: interior painting, completion of window restoration, installation of storm windows, attic repairs, airsealing and insulation, door restoration, completion of work on the interior finishes of Jackson Hall, and, as this is an old building, always with a surprise or two, roof repair and/or replacement. We like to work with local professionals and lots of volunteers.

The building is available for community use, and appropriate private functions. Scheduling is coordinated through a central calendar at the town office. We are open to anyone interested in joining our meetings, or to help with fundraising and construction activities. We are in particular need of help with grant writing and construction activities. Feel free to contact any of our members, or the BMHS through the town office or by mail at P.O. Box 63. We are most grateful for the community support. Thank You!

BALANCE SHEET

Balance - 1/1/07 **\$15,669.07**

Expenses

Operation	6,699.41
Capital improvements	<u>1,548.41</u>
Total expenses	\$ 8,247.82

Income

Community donations	\$12,000.00
Fundraisers	2,602.68
Town of Westford	5,000.00
Member group donations	2,039.12
Grants	0.00
Rent	1,500.00
Interest	<u>431.83</u>
Total Income	\$23,573.63

Balance - 12/31/07 **\$30,994.88**

Capital Improvements to date have totaled \$159,631. Renovations began over 10 years ago. Our original renovation budget was \$190,000.

Respectfully submitted,
John Doane, President
