

1 covered bridge structure. If the project moves forward, the Selectboard hopes to accomplish it
2 with no expenditure of tax dollars. At this point the project is just being studied for feasibility.
3 The existing bridge deck would not change.

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5 The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday January 16th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
Thomas Williams
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

Daniels Road Covered Bridge: Local builder Bill Knight and retired NHDOT engineer Jeffrey Albright met with the board, at the Selectmen's request, to discuss the concept of a covered bridge on Daniels Road. The Selectboard is interested in perhaps covering the existing bridge with a structure to make it look and feel like a covered bridge. Selectmen Taylor felt that these types of structures become community cornerstones that can impact both the local economy and quality of life in small towns. The Selectboard are planning to move forward with a warrant article at this year's town meeting to study/act on the matter. As planned, the project would be completed with donations and volunteer help. No tax money to be expended. The cover would be designed so that any legally sized vehicle that currently uses the bridge could continue to use it. Bill Knight felt that the project could be done with little difficulty. There are some issues about providing a pedestrian walkway along the bridge that would need some planning, but the structure itself should not represent much of a problem. Jeff Albright noted that, as a municipal bridge, the NH DOT would not object to the project. He noted that from the state bridge report one of the problems with the current bridge is that is too narrow to be two lanes, but wide for a single land bridge. Board members added that the existing bridge was built back in the mid 1990's and should be solid for many years to come. It is a galvanized bridge deck from a NH company called Dopp and Dopp.

Library Trustees: Trustee Anita Brown and Mark Pensgen met with the Selectmen to discuss the recently returned \$6,400 from previous year appropriations to the Meriden Library. Terry Knowles of the Secretary of State's Office has signed off on this work. The Trustees leave it to the Selectboard to determine the future use of the funds, but would like to see, if possible, these monies available for the Meriden Library Building.

Energy Committee: Nancy Mogielnicki, Allan Ferguson, and Mike O'Leary met with the Selectmen to go over the work they have done at the Meriden Town Hall this past year. The group has used various consultants to fully understand how the building works and where the major energy uses/losses are throughout the building. As a result of this work the committee is requesting that \$6,000 be made available to the Committee for maintenance activities designed to improve energy efficiency throughout the building. This first phase includes projects like weather striping, improvements to the furnace, lighting upgrades, etc. Phase II to follow in 2014 would include some larger ticket items, mainly window treatments/improvements. The Committee feels that it might be prudent to start planning for Phase II work in the current budget year.

Budget Hearing: The Selectmen held the first of two planned budget hearings. The currently proposed budget requires a 2.9% increase in taxes over the current year or about \$36,000. The discussion focused on items going up or down more than \$3,000. The town's Police Department for the third year in a row has seen a significant increase and continues to be a concern. See attached sheet..

1 Halleran noted that this plan simply does what we have been doing over the last few years. It does
2 not expand program, or materially shrink program. Issues for further discussion include funding
3 a part-time facility manager position and possibly increasing the town hall building fund
4 contributions. Similarly, an increase in the highway equipment fund in coming years might be
5 necessary to plan for the eventual replacement of the town's road grader in 2018 or 2019. The
6 current grader was purchased in 1997 and has 13,000 hours.

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8 The finance committee in attendance at the hearing generally supports the idea of how the town
9 has used reserve funds, but remains very concerned about the every increasing property tax
10 burden in Plainfield.

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12 The Finance Committee and the Selectmen held a detailed conversation with Police Chief
13 Roberts on the increasing costs in the Police Department. The Chief noted that the department is
14 slowly replacing its out dated equipment. However, to make meaningful cuts to the cost of the
15 department the town would have to decide to no longer expect full time police coverage, turning
16 night time or weekend coverage over to the State Police.

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18 The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. Weather permitting the Selectboard will hold a meeting
19 January 30th here at the Meriden Town Hall to catch up on other business. A second budget
20 hearing is scheduled for February 6th at the Plainfield Library.

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1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
2 **Wednesday January 30th 2013**
3 **Meriden Town Hall**
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5 Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
6 Thomas Williams
7 Robert Taylor
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10 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.
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12 The Selectboard held this meeting as an opportunity to catch up on business unrelated to the 2013
13 budget which has dominated the last four meetings.
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15 Resident James Brooks, retiree of the armed forces, met with the Selectboard to ask that they
16 consider placing an article on the warrant to increase the Optional Veterans Tax Credit from \$150
17 to \$300. The credit comes directly off the veteran's tax bill as opposed to an exemption which
18 reduces property assessments. The tax credit was last voted on in 2005 when it was increased
19 from \$100 to \$150. Mr. Brooks pointed out that both Cornish and Grantham offer the maximum
20 of \$500 per year. The Selectboard agreed to place the article on the warrant and thanked Mr.
21 Brooks and all of our veterans for their service to the country.
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23 The Selectboard reviewed two small parcels of land now owned by the town from tax collector
24 deeds. Both parcels (tax map 253-10 and tax map 236-04) will be offered for sale by public bid
25 later in the year. Neither parcel qualifies as a building lot in the town.
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27 Police Chief Roberts reviewed the activity log for the last two weeks. The fatal accident on Route
28 12A in Plainfield village involving a Cornish resident has taken up a lot of department time with
29 accident reconstruction. New officer Billy Heighes is now onboard and should help ease the
30 work load.
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32 The Selectboard spent the rest of the meeting pulling together the final details for the 2013
33 warrant and 2012 town report. The board holds a final budget hearing in Plainfield Village next
34 Wednesday evening.
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37 Stephen Halleran

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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
2 Wednesday February 20th 2013
3 Meriden Town Hall

4 Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
5 Thomas Williams
6 Robert Taylor

7 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.
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9 The Selectboard reviewed correspondence and signed orders for the week. The Selectboard
10 thanked Town Clerk Michelle Marsh for organizing the employee luncheon to honor retiring
11 Town Clerk Ruth Ann Wheeler. The event was very well done.
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13 **Police Report:** Chief Roberts complimented the Plainfield Fire Department's recent efforts to
14 save a house on Hell Hollow Road. A fire on the back porch could have ruined the residence, but
15 was contained very quickly by the fire department.
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17 The Selectboard and the Chief worked on establishing a policy for press releases. The board
18 determined that all releases would be posted on the town's website where they would be available
19 for any media organization looking for them. This, rather than the Police Department sending the
20 release directly to the news organization.
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22 **Highway Department:** Last night's icy weather kept the Highway Department out for the entire
23 night. While snow plowing operations are down this year, the need for sanding and salting is
24 actually a little heavier than recent years.
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26 **Town Office:** The Selectboard signed and had posted the 2013 warrant and budget documents.
27 There were no changes since the two budget hearings. The necessary forms will be forwarded to
28 the New Hampshire DRA.
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30 **Other Business:** Hy On A Hill Trout Farm Owner Mark Fisk and Property Owner Mark Wilder
31 met with the Selectboard to discuss 2.6 acres (tax map 236-03) of land on Plummer Road (class
32 VI) that Mark Wilder owns and is considering selling to Mark Fisk. The property has an
33 exceptional water supply that is of interest to the trout farm. The reason for the meeting was to
34 determine how Plainfield's ordinance 1993-01 which prohibits new buildings on class VI roads
35 would effect the development of the site for a small trout rearing station. Mark Fisk described a
36 portable tank system with some PVC piping that would only require a fence, and some sort of
37 weather tight container to house pumps and a tank aeration system. The Selectmen noted that they
38 could not issue a permit for any new buildings of any consequence, but if the proposed rearing
39 station did not require a building than it would be permissible. Mark Fisk met with the ZBA
40 earlier in the month, and since that meeting has downsized the proposal to no longer includes a
41 barn or building of any significance. Mark Fisk is not interested in upgrading all of Plummer
42 Road to a class V highway. Such a project would just be too disruptive to the existing
43 neighborhood and would cost too much money.

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Plainfield resident Stephanie Schell was appointed Plainfield's Director of Community Resource Directors. Stephanie will be working with Al Grindle on taking over the Welfare Director duties in town. Al will continue to serve as a Deputy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Stephen Halleran

Judy A. Belyea

Thomas P. Williams

Robert W. Taylor

1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
2 **Wednesday March 6th 2013**
3 **Meriden Town Hall**
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6 Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
7 Thomas Williams
8 Robert Taylor
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11 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.
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14 The Selectboard approved the minutes from February 20th, reviewed correspondence, and signed
15 orders.
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17 Halleran reported that Road Agent Collins and Highway crew member Jason Lemere were down
18 in Concord today participating in state mandated training related to the town's underground
19 storage tanks at the Highway Garage.
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21 The Police Department has been putting in extra traffic time on Route 12A and Route 120 at key
22 commuting times.
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24 The Selectboard will be meeting with Comcast Cable on March 20th to finalize the details for the
25 cable franchise renewal. The franchise is not exclusive and it seems likely that the Selectboard
26 has been successful in getting Comcast to commit to building additional cable plant here in town.
27 DSL coverage in town by FairPoint has helped significantly with the access to broad banded in
28 town.
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30 The Selectboard spent the rest of the meeting preparing for the 2013 Town Meeting. Each board
31 member will be presenting various articles at the meeting.
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33 The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday March 20th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
Thomas Williams
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

Bill McGonigle, Ann & John Donaghy, Shelia Isabelle met with the Selectmen to discuss what if anything can be done to improve Croydon Turnpike's during mud season. In their view the last couple of seasons have been very muddy on this well traveled road. Additional ditching, graveling, grading maybe the use of fabric in the worst areas was discussed. Bob Marrazzo attended the meeting and noted that he thinks while the current quick thaw did create a lot of mud, it's not significantly different than any other year.

Being the Selectboard member whose term is up next year, Thomas Williams was elected Chairman for the coming year.

The board reviewed the results of the 2013 Town Meeting. Halleran was authorized to move forward with the various projects in the budget for the new fiscal year.

At the request of Jane Stephenson, the town will be assisting the Mylar Fund by providing the legal framework for it to accept donations as a not for profit entity. The fund assists Plainfield Seniors by providing access to cultural activities.

Police: WaveComm Communications project. A draft contract is still being developed; however, Chief Roberts indicated that the new system will likely cost \$1,800 per year to lease the equipment. Paul acknowledged that original estimates for the work was that it would be offered to the town at no cost.

Paul updated the board on he most significant calls to the police department over the last week.

Highway: The crew has been dealing with a late winter storm. Rain and mud season last week, cold and snow this week has made keeping the roads passable a challenge for the last week.

Town Office: The Selectboard signed the reports that need to be submitted to the state certifying the results of town meeting.

The Selectmen held a third meeting with Tuck Rainwater of Comcast Cable. The board is near completion with its negotiations with Comcast.

True Road is the first area in town that will be built out under the new agreement. A 2014 date is likely. Residents from True Road attended the meeting to urge the Selectboard to insist that the build out occur no later than 2014, with 2013 preferred. The Selectboard felt that if the build could be expedited a slightly longer franchise agreement might be possible.

1 Maria Guzman attended the meeting to advocate for getting Plainfield on the local community
2 access channel. The Selectboard is not in favor of adding a franchise fee of 5% to the cable bills
3 of Plainfield residents to fund this endeavor. Selectman Taylor noted that there are plenty of seats
4 at all public meetings for those that wish to attend.

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6 Ms. Guzman next provided the Selectboard an 11 point plan to improve voter participation in
7 town and asked that it be implemented in time for the next election.

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9 The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday April 4th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

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Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
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Bill Knight: School Facility Manager William Knight met with the Selectmen to inquire as to the possibility of the school hiring the highway crew to do some trenching and concrete work at the school as part of the conversion from an oil furnace to a propane one. The school would turn over \$5,000 to the town for this work. The model to be used would be similar to the school sewer hook up that was done some years ago that utilized town forces. The Selectboard, after conferring with Road Agent Collins agreed to have the highway department be involved in the work.

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Jane Stephenson: Resident Jane Stephenson presented the Selectboard with a grant application for signatures that, if funded by the state's conservation "Moose" plate program, will pay to restore the Meriden Town Hall theatre curtain. The curtain has been carefully stored at the Plainfield Town Hall for the last 18 years. Once restored, the curtain will hang in the town office conference room. The Selectboard thanked Jane for her work on this project.

Thomas Lappin: Tom met the Selectmen to discuss his Bean Road property and its eventual conversion into a restaurant. Tom continues to work on this project and wanted some clarification on the town's parking and zoning ordinance.

Highway Report: Rich Collins held a discussion with the Selectboard about some possible paving options for this summer. Work on Center of Town Road is the first priority.

Rich updated the Selectmen on his continued research as to what is necessary for our underground fuel storage tanks to remain in compliance with the State. It now appears that will only moderate work the tanks could remain in place for another ten years. Some piping from the tanks needs to be replaced and the concrete pad around the tanks expanded.

Police Report: Chief Roberts provided a full synopsis of his department's work over the last two weeks. In between investigations, traffic and patrols have been the main priorities for his crew.

Halleran and Roberts updated the Selectboard on the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan that is now being updated with the assistance of consultant Jane Hubbard. The State of NH has provided grant funding for this work.

Paul and the Selectmen continued previous discussions about adopting an alarm registration ordinance designed to insure that the town has the most up to date information about each property in town that has an alarm system installed. The ordinance would also penalize those that have numerous false alarms.

1 **Town Office:** At the direction of the Selectboard, Halleran will be attending a meeting tomorrow
2 night in Newport to seek federal reimbursement for the February 8th-10th snow event. Based a
3 presidential declaration, the federal government will pay for 75% of the clean up cost of the
4 storm.

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6 The Selectboard reviewed, adjusted and approved the 2013 pay rates for town employees. The
7 new rates go into effect for wages earned after April 1st.

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9 The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday April 17th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

Selectmen present: Judy Belyea
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

Police: The Selectmen met with Police Chief Paul Roberts who provided an update on Police work over the last couple of weeks. Paul and his officers have been focused on spring time traffic enforcement. Specifically, Route 12A and Route 120 during key commuting times has been a priority. It was noted that retired Police Chief Gordon Gillens is, again this spring, setting up the town's radar trailer out on Plainfield roads. The trailer provides yet another way to grab motorist attention and get them to slow down.

Chief Roberts questioned several of the town's personnel policies about wages and earnings and retirement system contributions. Paul feels that the town's current offerings in these areas are not as competitive as other communities in the region.

Highway: Road Agent Collins will likely pull the road postings early next week. Richard has the crew back to ditching, grading and trimming. The selectman feel that this summer would be a great time to do some general house keeping and cleaning up of debris around the highway garage.

Town Office: The 2013 assessing work is now fully underway. This work includes quality control for the ongoing revaluation. Avitar hopes to have the new values ready for release to the public by early summer.

Halleran reported that he is working on a refinance of the library addition loan that has a 4% rate. The suggestion came from resident Jean Kennedy just prior to town meeting and the office is now following up on that. This will be the second time the town has refinanced the loan.

The Paul Yates application for the Plainfield Store building was approved, with conditons, Monday evening by the ZBA. Mr. Yates will now move to the PB for site plan review. He hopes to be in the building by late August.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Stephen Halleran

Judy A. Belyea

Robert W. Taylor

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
2 Wednesday May 15th 2013
3 Meriden Town Hall
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5 Selectmen present: Thomas Williams, Jr.
6 Judy Belyea
7 Robert Taylor
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9 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.
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11 **Walker Farm Conservation Easement:** The Selectboard met with Bill Knight, Conservation
12 Commission appointed monitor of the Walker Farm Conservation Easement and Myra Ferguson
13 Chairman Conservation Commission. Bill has compiled a report that outlines some concerns
14 about how the property is being managed with regard to the requirements of the conservation
15 easement that is held by the Town of Plainfield. Myra Ferguson noted that the Conservation
16 Commission has not taken a position on the report. They will take up the matter at the June
17 meeting. The Selectmen determined that once the Conservation Commission has completed its
18 review of the monitoring report, the Selectboard will reach out to property owner Jennifer Lesser
19 to meet with her and go over any required action items.
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21 **KUA 200th Anniversary Celebration:** CFO Jim Gray and Assistant Head of School Joe
22 Williams met with the Selectboard, Police Chief and Fire Chief to go over the final plans for the
23 KUA celebration scheduled for the June 1st weekend. The school has complied with all of the
24 town's requests for special duty officers and will be providing its own security team as well.
25 Main Street will be shut down for about an hour and half on Friday evening for a fireworks
26 display. The road will remain open to local traffic. KUA expects to have about 800 people in
27 attendance over the weekend.
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29 **Goodwin Road:** The Selectboard approved the start of the Goodwin Road project that is
30 necessary for the state's plan to conduct a timber harvest at the Annie Duncan State Forest.
31 Halleran was instructed to make it very clear to the Division of Forest Lands that the safe/slow
32 operation of all trucks associated with this job is of the highest priority.
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34 **Service Memorial:** The Selectmen will place a wreath at the Town's Service Memorial on
35 Thursday afternoon May 23rd as part of the monthly senior social luncheon.
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37 **Library Loan Refinancing:** The Selectmen completed the work on the refinancing of the
38 Plainfield Library addition loan. The term of the loan has not been changed; the interest rate has
39 been lowered to 2.27% saving about \$4,300 over the last five years of the note.
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41 The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.
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Judy A. Belyea

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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

2 Wednesday June 5th 2013

3 Meriden Town Hall

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5 Selectmen present: Thomas Williams, Jr.
6 Judy Belyea
7 Robert Taylor
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9 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

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11 The Selectboard completed its work on employee evaluations. The Board met privately with the
12 Road Agent, Police Chief and Town Administrator to discuss work performance and to establish
13 goals for the year.

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15 **KUA Library Project:** CFO Jim Gray, Facility Director Doug Plummer met with the
16 Selectboard to discuss the upcoming phase II of the Miller Bicentennial Building project. A
17 student resource/learning center and a new library will be constructed in the former dining hall
18 section of Miller. The building renovations, as required by the Planning Board's site plan review,
19 have had a full peer review by a life safety protection engineer and have been found to be
20 materially code compliant. KUA will be using the same contractor that did the renovations to the
21 front of Miller a couple of years ago. The design and build team will include town building
22 inspector David Lersch in the weekly project review meeting. The Selectboard thanked the KUA
23 Administration for this update.

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25 **Spirit Day:** Recreation Director Dan Cantlin met with the Selectmen to discuss this year's Spirit
26 Day. This year's event will feature roasted corn, music, fireworks, games for the kids and ice
27 cream. The Selectboard thanked Dan for being willing to getting involved with this new annual
28 event.

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30 **Police Report:** Chief Roberts reported that the KUA 200th anniversary weekend seemed to have
31 gone well. The fireworks generated no calls to the Police Department. As with any large
32 gathering, there were a few problems with over zealous attendees late Saturday evening, but
33 generally the event did not have any impact on Meriden Village outside the KUA campus center.
34 As previously agreed Paul will invoice KUA for the special duty officers.

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36 **Highway Department:** Road Agent Collins reported on the storm clean up from Sunday's
37 thunderstorm. Road grading and tree clean up is all underway.

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39 Estimates are coming in for this year's paving work that will be on Center of Town Road. Rich
40 has an estimate from BlackTop and one from Pike is due in soon.

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1 **Town Office:** Halleran noted that the Goodwin Road project is slated to get underway on
2 Monday.

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4 The town's safety committee met last evening at the Plainfield Library. All was found to be in
5 order. The basement renovations are coming along nicely, the meeting room should be finished
6 by late July.

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8 The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday June 19th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

Selectmen present:

Judy Belyea
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

Highway Report: Pike Industries has provided a proposal for the Center of Town Road paving. BlakTop and Pikes estimates are within \$500. The Selectmen elected to go with Pike Industries. Rich Collins was asked to get some additional paving prices for the first section of Penniman Road.

Road Agent Collins plans to rent an excavator for one month to assist with some of the preparation work on Center of Town. The excavator will be here for five weeks, but the town will only be charged for four. This is due to the shortened 4th of July holiday week.

Roadside mowing has started and will continue for the next couple of weeks.

Police Report: Paul noted that he has issued a second summons to a Hayward Road resident whose dogs have twice harassed walkers and runners using the roadway. The owner has assured Paul that the dogs will be contained or relocated.

Paul noted that the town road name signs are not in compliance with state and federal requirements since 2006. Noncompliance might impact the town's ability to get grant funding for some projects.

Walker Farm Property: Chairman Myra Ferguson met with the Selectmen to review the now submitted monitoring report for the Walker Farm property owned by Jennifer Lesser. Main issues of concern are the establishment of the Walker Trail that is allowed by the easement and having the owner develop the required management plan for the property with an emphasis on identifying and protecting rare plant species. In the next month or so the Selectmen will reach out to Jennifer Lessor and go over the details of the report with her.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Stephen Halleran

Robert W. Taylor

Judy A. Belyea

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
2 Tuesday July 2nd 2013
3 Meriden Town Hall
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5 Selectmen present: Tom Williams
6 Judy Belyea
7 Robert Taylor
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9 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

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11 Resident Jim Hollander met with the Selectmen to offer himself as a consultant to the town for
12 any projects the town might have coming up.
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14 **Highway:** Halleran reported that the endless downpours and thunderstorms have been taking a
15 toll on town roads. The crew worked on Reeds Mill, Cutler and Westgate earlier today. Road
16 Agent Rich Collins is away on vacation, but is available should the storms become even more
17 intensive.
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19 The Selectmen reviewed a quote from Pike Industries to overlay the north end of Penniman Road.
20 The Selectmen deferred a decision on this additional work until Road Agent Collins returns from
21 vacation.
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23 **Town Office:** Halleran reported that it has been a busy week in the office with taxes due. First
24 time Tax Collector Michelle Marsh is getting along very well and seems to be having no major
25 problem adjusting to her expanded duties.
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27 **Police Department:** Chief Roberts updated the Selectboard on the status of town roads and water
28 related problems as they related to the storm that passed through at 5pm.
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30 The Police Department has completed its preparation for the 4th of July parade coverage. The
31 necessary permit has been obtained from the state and a full slate of officers will be available to
32 provide coverage.
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34 **Jennifer Lesser Property:** The Selectmen continued their work on reviewing the Conservation
35 Commissions monitoring report for the property which has a conservation easement. The board
36 also reviewed a draft management plan for the property that has been submitted by the owner and
37 is a condition of the easement. Halleran was asked to invite Jennifer to an upcoming board
38 meeting.
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40 The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm The Selectboard took a ride around town looking at various
41 water damaged areas from the thunderstorm earlier in the evening.
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1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

2 **Wednesday July 17th 2013**

3 **Meriden Town Hall**

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5 Selectmen present: Tom Williams
6 Judy Belyea
7 Robert Taylor
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9 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

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11 **Highway:** The Selectboard met with Road Agent Richard Collins and Pike representative
12 William Vignault to discuss pavement priorities around town. Bill reinforced information
13 provided to the Selectboard by retired NHDOT Engineer Jeff Albright showing a very steep
14 maintenance cost curve for pavement roads older than 8-10 years. Roads that are repaved before
15 significant breakdown occurs are far less expensive to maintain. Except for a couple of problem
16 areas, the Selectboard feels the town is now transitioning from a paved road rebuild mode to a
17 pavement maintenance mode of maintenance.
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19 The Selectmen held a debriefing meeting with the Road Agent, Police Chief and Fire Chief about
20 the last two weeks in Plainfield which have featured extraordinary heavy rains, lighting strikes
21 resulting in damaged roads and private property. The Highway Department was complimented on
22 its efforts to repair so many roads in a short period of time. The Fire Department had a good
23 building save on Center of Town Road that caught fire from a lighting strike. The Police
24 Department has been out 24/7 making sure that Plainfield residents and those using our road
25 system were safe during all the bad weather. All agreed that additional barricades, road cones
26 and road closed signs are needed. The town's Hazard Mitigation group is working with NH
27 Emergency Management to see if grant monies would be available to purchase more signs and a
28 small enclosed trailer to keep them in.
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30 **Overburden Sale:** Sealed bids for the purchase of 800 yards of overburden material from the
31 town's gravel pit were opened. Kevin McNamara bid \$2.00/yard, Rob Williams bid \$2.53/yard.
32 Rob Williams was awarded the material that must be removed from the pit by October 1st. The
33 Selectboard noted that due to the increased activity in the town gravel pit the amount of available
34 overburden has increased. Therefore if Rob Williams does not wish to buy it all, the remainder
35 will be made available to Kevin .
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37 **Town of Cornish:** Cornish Road Agent Kyle Witty has inquired about the possibility of the town
38 selling Cornish some bank run gravel for their repair of Hell Hollow. The Plainfield Selectmen
39 are hesitant to do this, but also wish to be a good neighbor and friend to our sister town. Halleran
40 was asked to contact Witty and find out how much gravel Cornish needs. Road Agent Collins
41 will look closely at how much extra gravel we used on our own roads due to the storm.
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43 **Police Department:** Chief Roberts reviewed the department's log with the Selectboard
44 concentrating on issues other than storm damage. The police cruiser that was struck by a deer has
45 now been repaired. Paul reported that the new radio repeater system is improving
46 communications around town. The new Wave Comm system is not without problems, but has
47 made a positive change on radio coverage.
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49 **Town Office:** The Selectboard finished its review of the Jennifer Lesser submitted Property
50 Management Plan for the Walker Farm Conservation Easement. Having the plan is a requirement
51 found in the easement if either forestry or agriculture is planned for the property. The Selectboard

1 wishes to see a map detailing past and planned forestry activity added to the plan as well as
2 language about measured being taken to protect rare plant species on the property.

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4 The Selectboard approved the pending Intent to Cut for the property.

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6 Halleran reported that the 2013 DRA Assessment Review project is now underway. The town's
7 veterans exemptions have been reviewed and verifying the eligibility for those that receive
8 elderly exemptions is next on the list.

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10 The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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Judy A. Belyea

1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
2 **Wednesday August 7th 2013**
3 **Meriden Town Hall**

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5 Selectmen present: Tom Williams
6 Judy Belyea
7 Robert Taylor
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9 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

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11 **Highway:** Road Agent Collins informed the Selectboard that he has let go one of the highway
12 crew members. The Selectboard instructed Halleran to run advertisements for the open position in
13 the coming week.

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15 Rich is back to work on Center of Town Road with one crew, a second crew is out completing
16 repairs on town roads from the heavy July rains.

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18 The Selectboard determined that the town would not be able to sell any gravel to Cornish to fix
19 Hell Hollow Road. The town's own gravel needs are depleting the gravel pit faster than expected.
20 Cornish is investigating purchase some material from a privately owned gravel pit in Cornish.

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22 **Community Alliance:** Pamela Brill Executive Direct and Pamela Joslin, Transportation Services
23 Director fo the Community Allinace met with the Selectboard to go over the agencies services in
24 Plainfield with particular attention paid to the volunteer driver program. Plainfield like all
25 communities in Sullivan County, will be asked to help fund the ride program which allows
26 individuals to remain in their homes longer by assisting them with appointments and errands.

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28 **Police Department:** Chief Roberts updated the Selectboard on efforts to secure grant funding for
29 several department projects. Paul hopes to make improvements to the equipment in each of the
30 cruisers and to fund a significant portion of the new sign, barricade trailer from grants.

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32 Paul has been assisting Fire Chief Currier and Recreation Director Cantlin with preparation for
33 the upcoming Spirit Day.

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35 **Town Office:** Halleran reported that the Selectboard appointed ADA study Committee for the
36 Meriden Library will be attending the August 21st meeting to go over their report with the
37 Selectmen.

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39 Currently, two days of reviews have been scheduled for the new property assessments.

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41 Moderator Paul Franklin has appointed the Finance Committee: Joe Bretton, Dan Lapan, Robert
42 Porhouse, Davide Grobe, Ranghi Keen and Brad Atwater.

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1 The Comcast Cable franchise renewal has been completed. Documents will be signed at the next
2 meeting. Comcast has agreed to expand cable to the True Road, Jenny Road area by no later than
3 next year.

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5 The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday August 21st 2013
Meriden Town Hall**

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Selectmen present: Tom Williams
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Selectman Taylor was away for this meeting.

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Police: Chief Roberts updated the board on continuing trespass problems on property owned by Jennifer Lesser. Additional signs have been posted on the land making it clear that Mountain Bikes are not allowed on the property. The property has a conservation easement on it, however, the owner has the right to post against all wheeled vehicles, including bicycles.

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Paul is working with Chief Currier and Recreation Director Dan Cantlin on this Sunday's Spirit Day celebration.

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Highway: The highway crew is still completing repairs from the July storm, but work on other projects is necessarily getting going as well. Summer is quickly turning into early fall. The fencing project at the gravel pit expansion land (Klinges) is prepped and ready for the fencing contractor.

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Applications for the open highway position are being accepted through this Friday. The Road Agent and Selectboard will hold interviews after the Labor Day Holiday.

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ADA Library Committee: Chairman Rod Wendt shared his groups work on ADA compliance of the Meriden Library. Library Trustee Mark Pensgen sat in on the presentation. As expected, the group's work confirmed that there are very few absolute answers with the ADA, particularly in a town like Plainfield where two facilities are being operated. The group did study four options for the Meriden Library. To gain full compliance for the Meriden Library would likely cost more than residents would be willing to spend on the building giving its size. See attached supporting documents. The committee is, however, recommending that a temporary ramp be constructed at the Meriden Library. The ramp would allow those who have trouble negotiating stairs the ability to enter the building and gain access to much of the facility. At the same time the committee is also recommending that the Selectboard consider appointing a broader committee to study town services and facilities.

Stephanie Schell: Human Services Director Stephanie Schell met with the Selectboard to go over some updates to town forms and policies. The Selectboard accepted her recommendations as presented and thanked Stephanie for all her hard work on this project, the senior luncheons and the establishment of the Food Pantry over in Plainfield Village.

Comcast Franchises Renewal: The Selectboard signed the now completed cable franchise renewal. The new agreement is for twelve years and lowers the number of houses per mile for when cable plant is required to be installed by Comcast from 20 to 15. In addition, the True Road/Cramhill Road area of town will receive new cable plant by the end of next year. This was the area of highest priority as it is the area in down that has the greatest density of housing without access to DSL service from Fairpoint or TDS. In the last year DSL coverage in town has

1 increased to include just about everywhere that is serviced by Fairpoint. The Selectboard also
2 decided against charging a franchise fee which is simple passed on to subscribers.

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4 **NH Council of the Arts Grant:** The Selectboard gratefully accepted a \$7,600 grant to restore the
5 theater curtain from the Meriden Town Hall that has been stored for the last twenty years at the
6 Plainfield Town Hall. Resident Jane Stephenson has spearheaded this effort. Once restored the
7 curtain will be placed on display in the meeting room here at the Meriden Town Hall. The
8 Selectboard appointed Town Administrator Stephen Halleran to sign all documents related to the
9 grant on behalf of the town. See the April 4th Selectboard minutes for background.

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11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

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2 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
3 **Wednesday September 4th 2013**
4 **Meriden Town Hall**
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6 Selectmen present: Tom Williams
7 Judy Belyea
8 Robert Taylor
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10 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.
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12 **Police Report:** Chief Roberts reviewed the department's activity log over the past two weeks.
13 Spirit Day went well with no problems. Paul noted that he will suggest to the Recreation
14 Department that the school parking lot lights be activated for the event. The lights did not seem to
15 be working as people were leaving after the fireworks.
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17 **Representative Linda Tanner:** Ms. Tanner met with the Selectboard to introduce herself and to
18 update the Selectmen on legislatures work. She noted that with redistricting Plainfield now has
19 three legislators rather than the two we have had in the past.
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21 **Highway Department:** Road Agent Collins and the Selectboard reviewed applications for the
22 open Highway Department position, which is for a Truck Driver/Laborer position. Board
23 members noted that at least two of the applicants had extensive experience with heavy equipment,
24 but had expressed an unwillingness to work for the wages offered at the truck/driver laborer
25 position. Given that all the equipment operator positions are currently filled the Selectmen and
26 Road Agent felt the only position that could be offered was the one that was open. This being the
27 case, the applications were considered based on qualifications and work experience of those who
28 are willing to work for the town's approved wage for the position. Rich Collins will contact the
29 person at the top of that list and interview him first.
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31 **Town Office:** Steve Halleran reported that an outside insurance company is seeking \$45,000
32 from the town to recover costs that it incurred due to car accident last winter on River Road. The
33 insurance company, in its letter states that the road conditions contributed to the accident. The
34 letter and supporting documentation has been forwarded to Town Attorney and the town's
35 insurance company for review.
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37 The 2013 revaluation is now nearly complete and should be finalized in the next couple of weeks.
38 Taxpayers who participated in the review process are now being informed of any changes made
39 to their assessments.
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41 The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
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43 Stephen Halleran

Thomas P. Williams

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1 The Selectboard agreed to leave the assessing data available online. Access to the basic data is at
2 no cost. For those that want to see the details, a paid subscription will be required. All the data is
3 available at no charge at town hall.

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5 The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
2 **Wednesday October 2nd 2013**
3 **Meriden Town Hall**

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8 Robert Taylor
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11 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

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13 **Highway Report:** Road Agent Collins reported that shoulder work on Center of Town Road is
14 nearly complete and should be finished this week.

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16 The Selectboard discussed doing some stop gap paving for this year that might take place River
17 Road. Pike has provided a quote for shimming the worst areas on the road. Road Agent Collins
18 will look at the additional work that needs to be done; brush cutting and culvert replacements to
19 see if that can be done this fall or perhaps first thing next spring. If the work is done in the spring,
20 highway will spend some time this fall patching the worst of the potholes before the plow season
21 begins.

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23 On the affirmative recommendation of Road Agent Collins, Selectmen Taylor and Belyea
24 approved a request by Tom Williams to work on a short section of the class VI portion of
25 Farnhum Road. No new culverts are needed and the work is intended to smooth out the road to
26 allow access for field mowing.

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28 **Police:** Chief Roberts asked the Selectboard to consider having signs installed for the winter
29 parking ban. Paul feels that the ban would be more enforceable if signs spelling out the details
30 were posted around town.

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32 George Sandmann, representing owner Jennifer Lesser attended the meeting to support the
33 recommendation of the Police Department of posting the conserved property as a means of
34 stopping the ongoing maintenance of several unauthorized trails on the Lesser property. If
35 deemed necessary to protect the public interest the Conservation Easement allows the town to
36 post the property. The Selectboard decided that prior to making a decision on the request, a site
37 visit to the land and a public hearing would be helpful. The Board will visit the property on
38 Monday October 7th and will hold a public hearing on the request Wednesday October 16th. The
39 board is trying to balance the public's rights to use the property with the private landowner's
40 rights to enjoy their land without unauthorized trail maintenance taking place. The property
41 receives a lot of visitors due to the extensive trail network that exists adjacent to it. Historically,
42 several of these trails have also crossed the land in question. Previous owners were supportive of
43 this. The current owner is not.

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45 Chief Roberts reviewed with the Selectboard the details of the WaveComm repeater proposal.
46 The new system has improved local fire and police ability to use pagers and portable radios. The
47 town can lease or purchase the system. Board members asked Paul to have detailed written
48 quotes drawn up for both options.

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50 The Selectboard also asked for more details on the thermal imaging cameras that Paul is looking
51 into. A town meeting warrant article is possible for these, depending on the type, number and cost

1 of the units. The board felt strongly that donations should not be solicited for police equipment
2 purchases.

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4 **Town Office:** The State has informed all town's that tax rate setting will be delayed until at least
5 November 7th. In Plainfield tax bills are usually mailed around the 25th of October. That will not
6 be the case this year. It is possible that the state may find some way to issue rates sooner, but at
7 the moment this is not the case. Plainfield should be able to meet all of its financial obligations
8 through the first of the year without new tax money.

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10 The Selectmen discussed appointments for this year's KUA Study Committee. Initial meetings
11 with both the Finance Committee and the KUA Study Committee will begin in the next month.

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13 The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday October 16th 2013
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Selectmen present: Tom Williams
Judy Belyea
Robert Taylor

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Highway: The Selectboard will meet tomorrow at 3pm with Road Agent Collins to finalize plans for paving work on River Road. The work will be done this fall, Pike's schedule permitting, or first thing in the spring. The plan is to paver shim the worst areas between Freeman Road north to Route 12A as a stop gap measure until a more substantial road project can be funded.

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Police: Chief Roberts explained the details of an incident at the Meriden Deli where a request for police assistance at closing time was covered by the State Police rather than our local Police Department. The state police involvement lead to a delay in the deli being aware that the person of interest had been picked up and transported out of town. The Selectboard stressed to Chief Roberts that Plainfield Police must insure that all local calls for service are handled and followed up on immediately even when the call is turned over to State Police.

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Walker Farm Conserved Land Public Hearing: Robert Taylor opened the public hearing concerning a request by the Police Department that the Selectboard post the former Walker Farm land now owned by Jennifer Lesser. Chief Roberts noted that continued unauthorized trail maintenance on the property has been a source of irritation for the private landowner. The easement allows the Selectboard, not the owner, to post the land.

Testimony was offered by many of the thirty people in attendance suggesting that better signs indicate what is allowed on the property be installed rather than prohibiting the uses that are lawfully allowed on the property. Representing the owner, George Sandmann offered an emotional outline of the efforts that the owner has made to have work stop on trails that are not permitted on the property. Trail cameras have continuously caught users of the property removing obstacles from these trails. These actions are against the expressed wishes of the landowner. The owners want the users of the property to confine their activities to those that are allowed by the easement. George has posted 37 signs on the property asking that the trails not be maintained only to have most all of them removed. He and owner Jennifer Lesser applaud the Police Chief for asking that the property be temporarily posted.

Selectmen Taylor and Williams walked the property last week with Town Administrator Halleran and trail leader Bill Knight. This walk was helpful in educating the Selectboard on the lay of the land and how the various properties that have trails on them in this area come together.

At the end of the hearing the Selectboard took the following action:

Steve Halleran will contact John Taylor of the Upper Valley Trails Alliance about assistance with signage and proper delineation of the one permitted trail on the Lesser Property.

1 Surveyor Chris Rollins will be contacted about flagging the common property line between the
2 Lesser Property and the Town and Kimball Union owned property.

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4 The Selectboard voted not to post the property at this time, but reserved the right to post in the
5 future should inappropriate use of the land by the public continue.

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7 The meeting was recessed at 8:30pm until tomorrow at 3pm on River Road/Pierce Road
8 intersection.

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10 **Thursday October 17th 2013**
11 **River Road**
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14 Selectmen present: Tom Williams
15 Robert Taylor
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18 The recessed meeting opened at 3:00pm.
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20 The Selectboard viewed the areas to be shimmed by Pike with Road Agent Collins and Town
21 Administrator Halleran. It does not appear that Highway will have to change any culverts or do
22 any significant preparations. Some light ditching and shoulder work will be necessary. The
23 Selectboard asked that Pike mark on the road the start and stop point for each of the planned
24 sections to be shimmed. Based on this site visit the Board authorized the expenditure of up to
25 \$50,000 from the town's Transportation Enhance Fund for repairs to River Road. Halleran will
26 notify Pike.
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28 The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm
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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday November 6th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

Selectmen present: Tom Williams
Judy Belyea
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6:00pm.

Public Comments: #967 Stage Road resident Shelley Andrews met with the Selectboard to inform them that she was unhappy with the town's emergency service response for private residents during the July storms as well as previous ice storms. She feels strongly that for her taxes the town should do more than it does. Most recently no one from the town came to help them clean up their damaged basement. The Selectboard indicated that Plainfield's level of emergency response is focused on saving property and lives during the event. Property recovery and rebuilding, when needed, is the responsibility of the property owner.

Highway: The Selectboard discussed last week's road marking project with Road Agent Collins. The contractor applied the paint on a cold wet day that turned rainy washing the paint off the road. The Highway crew spread sand down to attempt to contain the diluted paint. The Selectmen directed Halleran to convey to L&D Marking of Barre Vt how dissatisfied the town is with the job and to ask them to redo the work. The Selectmen placed a hold on any payments to them.

Rich is now ready for Pike to shim River Road. The work was approved by the Selectboard at the last meeting.

Methodist Hill #208: Health officer Stephanie Schell and Police Chief Paul Roberts met the Selectboard to seek board approval for effectively condemning this property which is vacant and now filled with mold. The property is owned by the Federal Mortgage Association. Based on the information presented, the Selectboard approved posting the property against entry and notifying the owner of the deficiencies and the need to correct them. The owner has posted the doors warning visitors not to enter. However, the signs are small and not, in the view of the town, adequate. Halleran will consult with town attorney Barry Schuster about starting the process to have the owner either raise the building or abate the mold problem and more properly secure the building.

KUA Head of School Mike Schafer/CFO Jim Gray: Head of School Schafer informed the Selectmen that KUA is starting a strategic planning process that will, in part, reach out to the community at large for input. Like all private schools KUA competes for its students, keeping the campus current, safe and attractive to new students and faculty is always a priority. KUA will likely need to construct new and improved residential structures in the coming years to stay competitive. All in attendance agreed that good lines of communications are necessary between the school, town and the Plainfield Elementary School. The Selectboard thanked Mike and Jim for attending the meeting and encouraged them to continue to reach out to the town.

Jim Toher Casella: Jim met the Selectmen to continue discussions about converting Plainfield to using totters for both garbage and recycling. Enfield has gone to this program and Casella hopes that Plainfield will as well. The totters will eventually be used to mechanically collect refuse and

1 recycling. With a totter program both garbage and recycling would be collected on the same day.
2 Plainfield resident Sue Williams sat in on these discussions. The Selectboard wants to take some
3 time to study the idea and to collect comments from residents. Jim will have the various sized
4 totters delivered to the town office for the public to look at and comment on.

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6 **Town Office:** The 2013 Tax Rate has been established at \$27.50 using the new values for 2013.
7 The fall tax bills will be mailed on Thursday.

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9 The Selectboard will be meeting with the Finance Committee at their next meeting.

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11 **Police:** Chief Roberts update the Selectboard on Police Department activity. At the end of these
12 discussions Paul questioned the town's policy on wearing body armor. The Selectmen made it
13 clear, Plainfield Police Officers are to wear body armor while on duty for the town.

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15 The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

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2 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
3 **Wednesday November 20th 2013**
4 **Meriden Town Hall**
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7 Selectmen present: Tom Williams
8 Judy Belyea
9 Robert Taylor
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12 The meeting opened at 6:00pm.
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14 **Police:** Chief Roberts updated the Selectmen on the work load of the last two weeks. Currently,
15 the department is involved in an untimely death investigation that occurred at a home on Brook
16 Road. The 52 year old woman was not in good health and was found dead by a relative.
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18 The Selectboard asked Chief Roberts about the status of the requested contract proposal from
19 WaveComm. The Selectboard wants to see a purchase option and a lease option for the proposed
20 radio repeater system. The Selectmen indicated that if there is no proposal forthcoming, its time
21 to look for another contractor.
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23 **Highway:** Pike Industries has informed Rich Collins that despite its best effort, it will be unable
24 to do the planned shim work on River Road before the plant closes. Halleran will check with
25 Blaktop, but it looks like the project will not be completed this year.
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27 Following up with concerns from the spring time, Road Agent Collins and engineer Jeff Allbright
28 are going to spend sometime up on Croydon Turnpike to see what can be done to improve the
29 areas that had the most damage last mud season. See March 20th 2013 Selectboard minutes.
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31 **Blow me down snow riders:** Member John Barry came in to start discussions about how the club
32 might build a warming hut on land it owns accessed from Goodwin Road, a class VI highway.
33 The Selectboard indicated that building permits are not issued for class VI road land, so that an
34 option would have to be considered that did not require a building permit. A mobile hut or
35 perhaps renovating the hut that is nearby but located on land owned by Kimball Union might be
36 options.
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38 **Finance Committee:** The rest of the meeting was spent with the town's finance committee. Fire
39 Department officers John Woodward Poor and Bruce Elder met with the group to discuss the
40 possibility of compensating the fire chief for some of his time. All agreed that this was strictly a
41 fire department decision; both are independent organizations that provide service to the town. The
42 Selectboard and Finance Committee membership was not opposed to the idea, but agreed that
43 there are a lot of details to be worked out within the departments.
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45 Halleran updated the group on the town's approved budget. There is 11% of the year remaining
46 and 11% of the budget remaining. The July rain storm took the highway department off its
47 planned work for the year, but most of the damage has now been repaired. The Selectboard does
48 not anticipate completing the year on or under budget.

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The Selectboard asked the Finance Committee to assist with the following budgetary concepts:

Budgeting of some funds for engineering time to be used by the Highway Department to improve drainage in areas that did not handle the July rain events.

Restarting contributions into the town's bridge repair fund. No money has been placed in this fund in several years, its current balance is about \$100,000.

Asking the town to allocate the anticipated \$61,000 from FEMA (July Storms) into the highway improvement transportation fund to go toward future paving work.

The group will meet next on December 18th when the first cut of the budget will be available.

The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Stephen Halleran

Thomas P. Williams

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday December 4th 2013
Plainfield Library

Selectmen present: Tom Williams
Judy Belyea
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6:00pm. The Selectmen were pleased to be holding a meeting in Plainfield Village and hope to do more of them there once the new meeting room in the library is complete.

Highway Department Report: The Selectboard discussed with Richard Collins winter maintenance procedures. The Board encouraged Richard to take some of the responsibility for checking all the roads each morning off himself and to assign one highway crew member to come in early one hour each day and check roads for icy spots. This person would then leave one hour early if the weather was quiet.

Road Agent Collins reviewed a proposal by Owens Leasing to replace the town's roadside mower for \$50,000 with a 4x4 New Holland Tractor made in 2002 with 3400 hours. Selectmen Tom Williams will work directly with Richard on evaluating this proposal. The two will go inspect the machine later next week. The town's current roadside mower is 1973 Ford Tractor that is in need of some repairs.

Police Department: Chief Roberts reviewed some preliminary numbers for the Wave Comm repeater project going forward. Paul has scaled back the proposal to just one tower site (Hudson). To purchase the system Paul estimates will cost \$32,000. To lease the system will cost approximately \$4,600/year. The Selectboard favor a lease proposal so that maintenance and upgrades are Wave Comm's responsibility. Wave Comm will be invited in to the next meeting to discuss the proposal. The Selectboard noted that the town still does not have a formal proposal from Wave Comm that defines each party's responsibilities.

Chief Roberts would like to purchase a \$3,900 thermal imaging unit for one cruiser. The department has been testing hand held units, but prefers the cruiser mounted one. The Selectboard will discuss this with the Finance Committee at the next meeting. The unit would be very effective at finding missing persons and those that are hiding from law enforcement. The technology allows an officer to scan an area before entering it.

Energy Committee: Nancy Mogielnicki, Mike O'Leary, and Ron Eberhardt met the Selectboard to seek support for the Vital Communities Solarize the Upper Valley Program. If Selected for the program, Plainfield could be one of the town's that provides enhanced opportunities for residents to install solar electric systems in their homes. The committee hopes to double the number of solar installations in town. Plainfield already has about thirty solar installations in town at private residences. The Selectboard supported this work and agreed to have the town apply for the program.

The Energy Committee also updated the board on its work to make the town office more energy efficient. Air sealing has been done, improvements made to lighting, the furnace and insulation added to the building. The Selectmen thanked the committee for its hard work and continued efforts.

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Town Administrator: The Selectboard approved a CAP agreement for the town's worker's compensation insurance program. By agreeing to stay with Primex for two more years, Primex guarantees that the town's premium will not increase more than 8% per year.

The Board reviewed some of the comments received on the potential garbage and recycling totters that are on display. The majority of the written comments expressed concern about the size of the units.

Library Director Nancy Norwalk: Nancy inquired if the town highway crew could fix some pot holes in the driveway and make up a sand barrel for the walks. The Selectmen approved having this work done.

2014 Budget: The Selectmen spent the rest of the meeting working on the town's operating budget. The current proposal is up only 2.4%. The board hopes to keep the increase to less than 2% but noted it has no control over special warrant articles brought in by others. The Selectmen will meet next on December 18th with the full finance committee to go over the proposed budget, warrant articles and revenues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Stephen Halleran

Thomas P. Williams

Robert W. Taylor

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday December 18th 2013
Meriden Town Hall

Selectmen present: Tom Williams
Judy Belyea
Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Police Department: Chief Roberts discussed with the board a complex burglary case that the department has been involved with over the last two weeks. A confession has been received by the Police Department and the person responsible for the thefts is now implicated in several other thefts in surrounding towns.

WaveComm has not provided a lease option for the repeater system. Plainfield Fireman Mark Horne indicated that he would go directly to WaveComm and get a firm proposal from them by mid January. All in attendance agreed that in absence of a signed contract the best course of action would be to continue to rent the repeater on a month to month basis.

The Town of Plainfield has been awarded a state grant to purchase traffic signs, cones, barricades to be stored in a enclosed trailer and available for immediate deployment in emergency situations.

Finance Committee: Resident Rod Wendt attended the Selectboard meeting to ask the Selectmen to support a \$500 increase for Community Alliance to help fund their ride assistance program. Town Human Resource Director Stephanie Schell set in on the discussion. Rod feels that this is a critical program for low income persons in our town and region and that Plainfield should support it. The Selectmen noted that the director of Community Alliance attending a previous Selectboard meeting and impressed the board with the details of this program. It was agreed to fund the request, Halleran and Schell felt that it might be possible to do this by reallocating some of the existing funding in the Human Services area.

Library Trustee Mark Pensgen explained the Library Trustees budget noting that there was little or no new program in the 2014 budget. Wages are based on a 1.7% increase. Utilities and such have been based on actual expenses from the current year. The one additional expense item is a requested warrant article for \$16,600 to install air conditioning in the Plainfield Library. Other trustees are working this project and will speak to the request at the budget hearing and town meeting. This is an issue that voters will be asked to decide on separately from the operating budget.

Members of both Fire Departments attending the meeting to finalize plans to offer a \$3,600/department stipend to the Chief for Administrator duties. After a discussion about how to budget for the new funds it was decided that each department's appropriation request would be increased to offset their respective share of the stipend plus associated taxes and fees. The town will provide the payroll service for the fire departments.

The group discussed the Highway Department's request to replace the roadside mower and to add a second truck body with a built in sander to the fleet. The mower replacement would cost

1 \$55,000 and the body project about \$20,000. Selectmen Tom Williams has looked into the mower
2 proposal and feels that it is a very fair price for the tractor and equipment that the town will be
3 receiving. It was noted that this is a very different type of mower and that perhaps leasing one for
4 next summer might be a worthwhile exercise before making a purchase. The group was not
5 opposed to the body replacement, the highway crew is very pleased with the first one, however
6 the Selectboard was not favor of retaining the body mounted sander. The town has one spare
7 sander and that should be sufficient.

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9 Halleran walked the group through the proposed 2014 town operating budget. At this moment
10 the requested budget is up 2.7% from the previous year. This \$52,000 is made up mostly from
11 the \$9,500 for the fire departments to offer the Chief a stipend and \$36,000 in the highway
12 department made up of employee expenses including retirement costs as well as petroleum
13 purchases.

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15 The working session ended at 9:00am, the Selectman will rework the budget and special articles
16 for the next meeting with the Finance Committee in mid January.

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18 **Other Business:** After reviewing a drawing of a 10'x20' skid mounted structure proposed for the
19 Blow-me-down Snowriders land on Goodwin Road the Selectmen felt that the best course of
20 action would be to let the ZBA rule on the request as part of the practical difficulty provisions of
21 RSA 674:41. This will insure a public hearing on the request.. Goodwin Road has been
22 dramatically improved in the last two years and a rest hut on the club's property would be mostly
23 certainly increase traffic on the road even during the warmer months of the year.

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25 This being the last meeting of the year the Selectboard voted to hold the \$7,000 from 2012 into
26 \$2014 to cover the cost of upgraded body armor for the Police Department and the town's portion
27 of the emergency trailer grant. The body armor has been ordered but not yet received and the
28 trailer grant was just approved.

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30 The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

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