1		MINISTER OF THE RELECTMENTS MEETING			
1 2	MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday January 8th 2015				
3	Wednesday January 8th 2015 Meriden Town Hall				
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5	Selectmen present:	Robert Taylor			
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10	The minutes of December 17 th were amended and approved.				
11 12	Clint and Bonnie Swift: The Swifts met the Selectboard to see if the board had taken a position on the				
13	issue of pursuing a claim against the library architect for the egress omission on the basement renovations.				
14	The Selectboard noted that a letter is being sent to the trustees authorizing them to use Town Attorney				
15	Barry Schuster for this project. Clint and Bonnie thanked the Selectmen.				
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17	Police Chief: The Selectboard worked with Chief Roberts on developing a protocol for officer certification.				
18	Paul is required to insure that all police officers including him, have been certified with various equipment				
19	such as firearms and have passed a physical fitness test. This all must be done and reviewed by the Police				
20	Standards and Training facility in Concord.				
21 22	Doub noted that the dance	twent has been been site covered access involving mail bouth for and frond The			
22	Paul noted that the department has been busy with several cases involving mail box thefts and fraud. The mail box thefts occurred during the holiday season and seem to have stopped now.				
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25	Highway Department: Halleran reported that the highway department is back to full strength on the				
26	equipment front. The backhoe repair is done. Truck #1 is running fine, and truck #3 is back from Reed's				
27	with that work having been covered by warranty.				
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29		ne Selectboard spent the rest of the night working with Mike O'Leary and the			
30	Finance Committee on a strategy for replacing the roof of the highway garage and making sure that the				
31	building is structurally sound for many years to come. Mike O'Leary's research for the energy				
32 33	committee's solar panel work has indicated that there was, back in 1983, a lot of discussion/documentation				
34	about adding wind bracing to the building's structure. This bracing appears to have never been added. The group settled on a strategy of establishing a reserve fund for the building, funding it initially with money				
35	from fund balance, and then moving forward with an annual contribution from current tax money. Once a				
36	structural analysis of the building is completed, the Selectboard will move forward with any needed				
37	enhancements to the building walls and then move on to the roof replacement.				
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40	The Board's next meeting will be January 21st and will feature the first of two budget hearings.				
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49		Ron Eberhardt			

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The minutes of January 8th were amended and approved.

The meeting opened at 6:00pm

Human Services Director: Stephanie Schell met with the Selectmen to update them on several ongoing cases and to request permission to do a human services needs assessment survey of the community. The Selectboard approved the survey concept and thanked Stephanie for all her hard work.

Road Agent: Richard Collins met with the Selectboard to discuss the last couple of weeks of work. Ice continues to be the main theme of this winter. Ice events require a lot of sand, a lot of salt and a lot of man time.

Richard explained to the Selectboard that his main motivation for wanting to replace the town's chipper is that the 1987 unit is obsolete making it hard to find replacement parts. Richard is open to a newer used machine or perhaps one that is PTO driven to be hung off the new road side mower. Richard will take a look at these options and report back to the group at the next meeting.

Police Department: Chief Roberts reviewed the department's log which included the untimely death of a Plainfield resident who appears to have fallen on the stairs at her home, hitting her head.

Paul noted that two of the three police cruisers are experiencing fuel problems since the last big rain storm. Road Agent Collins is working with Evans fuels to determine the cause. It is possible that the cars filled up just before a delivery and may have resulted in some water at the bottom of the storage tank getting into the vehicles gas tank.

Budget Hearing: The Selectmen held the first of two budget hearings on the 2015 financial plan. Penniman Road resident Richard Atkinson attended the hearing along with Moderator Paul Franklin and the full finance committee. Halleran noted that the town was able to complete the 2014 year without over expending the operating budget. However, to accomplish this it require transferring some additional road expenditures from the operating budget to the highway transportation fund.

The 2015 budget proposal is showing an increase of about \$75,000 or 3.8%. The budget is built on a base of assumptions that include the operation of a full time town office, twenty four hour a day coverage for the police department and nearly a bare road policy for the highway department's winter maintenance, with each gravel road getting three grading per summer. The new highway budget does include the new Magnesium Chloride program which is intended to reduce winter salt usage and to improve summer gravel road maintenance.

In follow up to last meeting, Finance Committee member Brad Atwater reported that he met with a structural engineer to take a look at the overall condition of the highway garage building. This work builds on the roof truss evaluation that has been ongoing. Brad felt that the overall evaluation went well and the planned work on the roof should be able to proceed.

From early revenue projections, if all items are approved at town meeting, the dollars from taxation, net appropriation, will increase by about \$52,000 adding some \$.20 to the current tax rate of \$27.50. The hearing closed at 8:30pm. The final budget hearing will be Wednesday February 4th at the Plainfield Library.

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2	Other Business: The Selectboard reviewed some of the preliminary audit documents and reviewed several				
3	of the town's financial policies.				
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5	The Board also reviewed and approved a letter to the NH Department of Transportation concerning the				
6	ground water issue on Main Street. Water is seeping out of the road base nearly year round resulting in				
7	very icy conditions during cold weather months. The town is asking the state to address this safety concern;				
8	Main Street from NH Route 120 to the top of the hill is a state highway.				
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11	The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.				
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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday February 4th 2015 3 **Plainfield Library** 4 Robert Taylor 5 Selectmen present: Judy Belyea 6 Ron Eberhardt 7 8 9 Clint and Bonnie Swift: The couple met with the Selectboard to confirm that a petitioned article to return 10 to two separate library board of trustees has been received by the Selectmen and included in the 2015 11 warrant. The Board confirmed that this was the case. The Swifts again encouraged the Board to support this 12 13 14 Mike Jaeger: Mr. Jaeger who lives at 40 Carvel Lane met the Selectboard to request an article be added to 15 the warrant asking the State of Vermont to address the noise concerns at the Hammond Cove shooting range. The Selectboard approved the request agreeing to include the suggested article on the warrant. The 16 17 board noted that the person's making the request will have to speak at town meeting to the merits of the 18 article. 19 20 **Budget Hearing #2:** The Selectboard, at 7:00pm, held a second budget hearing noting that there were very few changes since the first one on January 21st. As a result of feedback from the Finance Committee the 21 22 board has decided to reduce the cost of the chipper project from \$35,000 to \$12,000. The \$12,000 will 23 purchase a new PTO driven chipper to be mounted on the New Holland Tractor. It might also be possible 24 to find a used stand alone chipper for this amount of money. The Selectboard discussed with the Finance 25 Committee the idea of having the Selectboard appointed as agents to expend on the Highway Equipment 26 Fund. This would allow the Selectboard to act on opportunities that might come along to replace the 27 existing town grader and other equipment with used equipment and or federal surplus. The Finance 28 Committee noted that many of the town's other reserve funds have named agents to expend and if this tool 29 allows the town to take advantage of an opportunity that saves money, it should be pursued. 30 31 Margaret Drye attended the hearing to advocate for more regular clearing of the sidewalks in Plainfield 32 Village. 33 34 The budget hearing adjourned at 7:45pm. 35 36 Police Department: Chief Roberts updated the Selectboard on police activity. The problem with the 37 gasoline at the town's pump has been identified as water getting into the tank through a faulty fill pipe. The 38 pipe has been repaired, the water removed and the tank is back in service. 39 40 **Highway Department:** The Selectboard signed the finalized letter to the NH DOT asking that the ground 41 water leaking onto Main Street in the area of #27 Main Street be corrected. The water results in icing on the 42 road and is a hazard. 43 44 Town Office: The Selectboard reviewed and approved the town report layout. The final document goes to 45 the printer the end of this week. 46 47 The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. 48 49 Stephen Halleran 50 Robert Taylor, Chair 51 52 53 Judy Belyea 54 55 56 Ron Eberhardt

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13	Public Comment: Dennis Girouard attended the start of the meeting to share with the Selectmen his view					
14	that the Library Trustees have shown no interest in the air conditioning proposal for the Plainfield building.					
15	Despite the efforts of staff to obtain proposals, no request for funding was brought forward this year by the					
16	Trustees.					
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18	Town Office: The Selectboard signed the official warrant and budget forms for the upcoming Town					
19	Meeting. Town Administrator Steve Halleran was instructed to post the documents around town. One at					
20 21	the Plainfield Town Hall, one at the Meriden Town Hall and one at the elementary school, the place of					
22	voting.					
23	Police Department: Chi	ef Roberts and the Selectboard discussed the	e monthly submission to Plainfacts of			
24	the Police log. The group determined that rather than submitting the actual log on a monthly basis, the Chief					
25	would write a short column to be used to provide information to the community about current issues facing					
26	the Police Department.					
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28	Highway Department: The Selectboard authorized Steve Halleran to move forward with investigating					
29	using a state grant program to remove, at no cost to the town, the under ground storage tanks installed in					
30 31	the early 1990's at the highway garage. The State has a one or two year program for tank removal. Our					
32	existing tanks still have some useful life left, however, the cost of removal is about \$20,000 and the rules for maintaining underground tanks grow more complex each year. The town's current set up needs several					
33	thousand dollars worth of upgrades to stay in compliance with current regulations.					
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35	Selectman Belyea encouraged Steve Halleran and Paul Roberts to test the current market on the town's fuel					
36	pricing. She has been able to obtain very favorable pricing at her business by negotiating a new price					
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38	and Evans Fuels for a nu	mber of years.				
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