1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday January 4th 2017 2 **Plainfield Library** 3 4 5 Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt 6 Robert Taylor 7 8 The meeting opened at 6pm. This being the first meeting of the new quarter it was held at the Plainfield 9 Library. 10 11 Fire Department Discussions: Members of both the Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments attended the meeting to continue discussions about the merger of the two departments into a single municipal 12 department. The group asked that the town meeting vote on this proposal be delayed for at least one year. 13 14 The statute requires the new department to begin operations one year after the date of the vote. Neither 15 department feels they are far enough along in the process to be ready twelve months from March to make 16 the change. The Selectboard continued to pledge their full support to both fire departments with any 17 desired organizational change. Selectman Taylor volunteered to be part of the transition study committee. 18 The Selectboard thanked both departments for their service. 19 20 Ken Goodrow asked that the minutes reflect the fire department's deep appreciation to all Plainfield 21 residents who contributed to the ladder truck purchase. More than \$18,000 has come in to defray the cost of 22 the replacement truck. 23 24 Fire Chief Report: Chief Currier gave a brief overview of the departments busy last two weeks. The 25 structure fire that destroyed the KUA Penniman Cottage on Route 120 was likely caused by improper 26 disposal of wood ashes. The removal of batteries from smoke detectors in the residence likely slowed the 27 department's response. Thankfully all the residents made it out of the structure safely. 28 29 Both departments assisted the City of Lebanon with the Baptist Church Fire on Route 120 near the Post 30 Office. 31 32 Public Comments: Bonnie Allard asked that the record show her deep disappointment for the decisions 33 that resulted in the Plainfield Library Trustees eliminating the position of special collections librarian, held 34 by longtime Library Director Nancy Norwalk. Nancy vacated the director position in late June and moved 35 to the now eliminated position. 36 37 Clint Swift asked that the Selectmen reconsider their position on meeting in Plainfield Village once per 38 quarter. He feels splitting the meetings evenly between the two villages would be a better approach. 39 40 Police Department: Chief Roberts informed the Selectboard that he has sent the previously unmarked 41 police cruiser down to MHQ for markings. It will be back later this week and will look very much the same 42 as the marked car. Taking delivery of the unmarked one, put the vehicle into service quickly, but now that 43 the department is back to full staff and has three vehicles having the marking work done makes good sense. 44 Paul took the opportunity to discuss with the Selectboard the idea of replacing the one remaining Crown 45 Victoria cruiser with either a truck or SUV. The Crown Victoria has over \$90,000 miles and is unlikely to 46 make three more years. Having three identical cruisers all replaced every five years would be, in the 47 Chief's view, the most beneficial to the Police Department. The finance committee members present 48 (Sutherland, Atwater, and Grobe) agreed to take this up at their next meeting. 49 50 **Budget and Warrant:** The Selectmen spent the rest of the meeting on their budget and warrant for town 51 meeting. As a result of these discussions the board decided not to pursue any changes to the solar 52 exemption adopted at the 2003 Town Meeting. This being the case the exempted value will remain capped

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As requested the municipal fire department article was struck from the draft warrant.

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7	1-4312-741	Highway equipment repairs in progress	\$8,000		
8	1-4550-900	Plainfield Library addition, door replacement	\$4,000		
9	1-4194-520	Town Hall Window Restoration, in progress	\$7,000		
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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday January 18th 2017 Meriden Town Hall Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair Judy Belyea Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Public Comment: Clint and Bonnie Swift provided the Selectboard copies of letters that were distributed at the recent public hearing where the Library Trustees were asked to reconsider their December 2nd decision to not have a part-time position at the library that focused on special collections.

Town Office: The Selectboard reviewed, edited and approved a report for the annual report. Ron Eberhardt was thanked for his efforts at pulling the report together.

Steve Halleran shared a request by the Mt Ascutney Sub Committee for the River's Commission asking that the Selectboard place an article on the warrant encouraging the establishment of a mitigation fund by TransCanada or its assigns, to assist with riverbank erosion down stream of the hydro plants on the Connecticut River. Halleran who has represented the town on this committee in the past does not feel that normal operations at the Wilder dam have resulted in significant erosion along Plainfield's river bank. Major storms like Irene have likely resulted in more damage. Ron Eberhardt agreed to look into the matter and report back at a subsequent meeting.

Police Report: Chief Roberts reported on several complex cases involving sexual misconduct that the department is trying to sort out. Paul noted that these cases consume a lot of time and often are difficult to prosecute.

The previously unmarked police cruiser is now marked and back in service.

Highway Report: Halleran reported that the replacement grader motor repair is now fully in the works and the grader will be ready for spring work. While disappointed that the grader developed a motor problem, Road Agent Collins remains confident that the investment in the replacement grader will prove to be sound. The grader is intended to be in service for the town for the next 5-10 years.

Budget Hearing: The Selectmen held their first budget hearing, see attached. Members of the town's Finance Committee (Sutherland, Morgan, Atwater, Grobe), Clint and Bonnie Swift and Richard Atkinson were in attendance. The proposed budget calls for \$42,000 in new taxes a tax rate increase of \$.16. The only position changes in the budget involve a full year of the part time facility manager and the consolidation of the library director position. The town's workers compensation claim experience and rising health care costs both contribute significantly to the increase. Halleran noted that as the person responsible for developing the budget, once the Selectboard establishes the goals and objectives, he would be uncomfortable making any significant cuts to the proposal without the Selectboard making specific program changes.

Halleran noted that non tax revenues were strong in 2016 making it likely that the town will be able to show some growth in the unassigned fund balance. The final resolution of the Brown property remains an open issue.

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday February 1st 2017 Plainfield Library Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair Judy Belyea

Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Chairman Eberhardt asked for public comment. There being none, he moved forward with the planned business for the evening. In follow up to the January 17th public hearing that was held by the Library Trustees at the request of former Director Nancy Norwalk, the Board of Selectmen has met with Town counsel Barry Schuster. The result of that meeting is the following motion: Moved, that after careful and thoughtful deliberation, the Selectboard has unanimously decided to support the actions of the Library Trustees with regard to the agreement with Nancy Norwalk. It is our belief that the Trustees have expended a great deal of effort to achieve a fair solution, and it is our opinion that the results of the mediation reflect that. The motion was seconded by Belyea and voted in the affirmative 3-0.

2017 Warrant: The Selectboard reviewed the draft warrant, approving its layout and order. Halleran noted that after further inquiry he is comfortable as the town's appointed representative to the Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee in requesting that the Selectboard place an article on the warrant sending a message to the Wilder dam ownership to consider the creation of a bank erosion mitigation fund. This being the case, the Selectboard approved the request by the sub committee. Halleran will present the article at Town Meeting. The warrant will be signed on February 15th and will include any petitioned articles received between now and February 7th.

Highway Report: Halleran reported for Road Agent Collins. Department activities have, as is typical for this time of the year, centered on treating the roads for snow and ice and repairing and rebuilding equipment in anticipation of next summer's work. To date the Department has utilized about half of its sand stockpile and a little more than half of its road salt allotment.

Police Report: Chief Roberts provided an update on his department's activities over the last week. Several fraud cases and one domestic violence case have consumed a lot of their investigative hours.

Responding to inquiries from last meeting by the Finance Committee the Chief indicated that the goals and objectives for his department to provide full time 24hr a day police protection, in his mind justifies their total compensation, including pay and having a take home police vehicle. There are 21 shifts per week for which we can fill 17 with normal work hours (full and part-time) the remaining 4 required extra work the officers

Budget hearing: As has become customary, the Selectboard held a second budget hearing, this one in Plainfield Village. Halleran kicked off the hearing with a discussion about the directed levels of service established by the Board of Selectmen that he and the rest of the town's administrative team are charged with budgeting for. See attached. The proposed budget calls for \$42,000 in new taxes a tax rate increase of \$.16. The only position changes in the budget involve a full year of the part time facility manager and the

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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday February 15th 2017 3 **Meriden Town Hall** 4 5 Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair 6 Judy Belyea 7 Robert Taylor 8 9 10 The meeting opened at 6pm. 11 Gary Chilton and Robert Drye of Cornish Rescue met with the Selectboard to introduce Gary as the new 12 13 president of the organization. Gary encouraged the Selectmen to contact him with any issues and concerns about the squad. Likewise, Gary asked that the squad be kept informed about any possible changes to 14 15 Plainfield's ambulance contracts or dispatch service. 16 17 **Highway Department:** Road Agent Collins took a break from the endless snow plowing to meet with the 18 Selectboard. The grader is now back in service and ready for spring work. The new highway closed drain 19 system was serviced for the first time yesterday. Stearns Septic emptied the tank, taking the effluent to a 20 waste water treatment facility. 21 22 Halleran and Collins updated the Selectboard on preliminary plans to repair or replace the Camp Road 23 Bridge. The bridge was red listed by the NHDOT during the last bridge inspection. The two are looking at 24 both replacement as well as rehabilitation options. In all cases, abutment work is going to be necessary, 25 therefore work on a wetland permit for the structure has begun. 26 27 Barrington Power Solar Array Plainfield Elementary School: The Selectmen began their review of the 28 recently (2/14) received request by Barrington Power to substitute property taxes for a Payment in Lieu of 29 Taxes (PILOT) as allowed by RSA 72:74. Rather than pay taxes the company is proposing that the town 30 received 5% of the expected revenues or about \$1,400 per year. If fully taxed the array might pay as much 31 as \$6,000 per year in taxes. Plainfield currently offers a tax exemption on solar up to \$50,000 in value. Barrington Power has indicated that if property taxes are a must, the project is not economically viable. In 32 this case the town will also save about \$1,500 a year on the PES electric bill. If the school should in the 33 34 future purchase the array (in five years once the tax credits expire) the revenue from the array would return 35 something like \$25,000 per year going forward. If the array does not get built, these funds would of course 36 not come to the school district in the future. 37 38 The Selectmen directed Halleran to schedule the required hearing on the PILOT request for their next 39 meeting, March 1st. Halleran will try to get a school board member and folks from Barrington Power to 40 attend as well. 41 42 **2017** Warrant and Budget: The Selectmen signed the 2017 warrant and budget forms for posting. 43 44 The Board of Selectmen voted 3 to 0 to unseal their June 3rd 2015 minutes making them part of the public 45 record. Taylor moved the matter, Belyea seconded. Eberhardt yes, Belyea yes, Taylor yes. 46 47 Chairman Eberhardt asked that the Board take up the matter of alternating board meetings between 48 Plainfield and Meriden Villages. This was in follow up to a request by Clint Swift. 49 Selectman Taylor noted that the community has selected a location for the town offices and except as 50 already agreed the board should meet at that location. Reacting to a prior request by Clint Swift the 51 Selectboard has already agreed to meet the first meeting of each quarter in Plainfield Village, in addition 52 one budget hearing is held each year in Plainfield. Withstanding special projects five meetings a year are 53 held in Plainfield now. 54

Selectwoman Judy Belyea added that Meriden is in the geographic center of Plainfield making it a good
 location for town government.

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2	Chairman Eberhardt felt the idea had merit and he was in favor of alter	rnating the meetings.
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1 2 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
3 Wednesday March 1st 2017
4 Meriden Town Hall
5 Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair
7 Judy Belyea

Robert Taylor

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Plainfield Energy Committee: Co Chair Steve Ladd attended the meeting with several other members of the committee to seek Board of Selectmen support for the Ready 100 initiative. The effort involves committing to trying, as a community, to reach 100% use of renewable energy for electricity by 2030 and renewable for all energy usage by 2050. There are no regulatory teeth in the program, but a lot of educational work will be done to achieve the goal. Hanover will have this item on their town meeting this May. Plainfield's energy committee would like to have an article on the 2018 town warrant for the effort. The Selectboard gave their broad support for the program. Chairman Eberhardt indicated that the board would have to wait until a draft of the warrant article was available before commenting on the specifics.

Highway Department: The Selectboard unanimously endorsed hiring retired Hanover Public Works Foreman Thomas Bircher to work for the Highway Department. Road Agent Collins and Town Administrator Halleran feel that Tom's road grading skill will be an asset to the department. Halleran feels that Richard should focus his time on the Road Agent function. Asking him to be the town's Road Agent, Mechanic and Grader operating is too much. Bircher will work three to four days a week, mid April to early November. Road grading will be his primary function.

Town Office: The Selectmen received their town meeting preparatory materials. The annual report is now out and has been mailed to residents. The document is also posted on the town's website.

Barrington Power: The Selectmen held the required RSA 72:74 public hearing on the request by Barrington Power to use a payment in lieu of taxes for the planned 137 Kw solar array at the school rather than be subject to property taxes. Chairman Eberhardt,in opening the hearing, cautioned the group that this discussion was about the PILOT issue not whether or not the array was compatible with the school or a good use of the hayfield. Dave Russell of Barrington power explained that to keep the project economically viable a PILOT of 5% of revenues from the array is proposed. The payment should equate to about \$1,400/year. If the array were taxed a bill of \$6,000 or more would result. The most likely scenario for the array is that once the investors had exhausted the Federal tax credits,the school district would purchase the system at a discounted price, receiving essential free electric power (\$26,000 year) for the ten years after the array was paid in full.

The Plainfield School Board has not yet voted to accept the project and the project must go through the town's land use process, both ZBA and Planning.

Comments from the public centered on full support for the array. Members of the Energy Committee noted that this project was exactly in line with the Ready 100 program. Others expressed concern that tax dollars should not be fore given and that the project should not be given special treatment. The school is a public asset that was developed for a specific purpose. It was noted that a vote at the school district meeting two years ago approved the concept as long as it did not cost the district any money. There also was broad support for doing all that can be done to minimize the impact that the array might have on the open space around the school.

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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday March 15th 2017 3 **Meriden Town Hall** 4 5 Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair 6 Judy Belyea 7 Robert Taylor 8 9 10 The meeting opened at 6pm. Chairman Eberhardt was congratulated on his reelection to the Board. 11 Beginning in April, Robert Taylor will serve as Chairman for the next year. 12 13 Chairman Eberhardt opened the meeting by asking for public comment. There being none, he moved on to 14 the first item on the agenda. 15 16 PILOT Request Barrington Power: Following up from last meeting, Board members voted to accept, as 17 allowed by RSA 72:74, a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for a five year period from Barrington Power 18 for the proposed solar array at the Plainfield Elementary School. However, the Board felt a PILOT of 5% 19 of generated revenues estimated to be \$1,500 was insufficient. The approved PILOT is to be 10% of generated revenues, but in no case less than \$3,000/year. In approving this PILOT the Selectboard noted 20 21 some of the unique characteristics of this array that warrant forgiving of property taxes. Mainly, that the 22 array, if built, will more likely than not be purchased by the School District and has the potential once paid 23 for to save the town far more than the lost tax revenues. Initially, the saving to the school district is only 24 about \$1,500/year. If district owned and paid for, the array could save the town the full cost of electricity 25 each year at the school, currently \$26,000, for more than a decade. 26 27 The Selectboard remains concerned about the configuration of the array and its impact to the aesthetics of 28 the school campus. These concerns will be expressed to the school board in a letter. 29 30 Police Report: Chief Roberts updated the Board on an investigation the department is conducting 31 regarding a stray bullet striking a home on Croydon Turnpike. No one was hurt and damage was limited to 32 a broken piece of siding. The bullet seems to have originated from a small specialty ammunition manufacturing facility at 168 Croydon Turnpike. Paul has not yet determined whether criminal charges 33 34 will be brought against the owner. A quick check of the businesses website revealed that each batch of 35 ammunition is tested for quality and accuracy. Halleran will immediately inform the owner that the 36 homemade outdoor firing range, as configured, cannot be used. As previously discussed with the owner, all 37 business related testing must be done at an approved off site range. Zoning Board approval would be 38 required for any employees and onsite testing of ammunition. The Home Occupation designation limits the 39 owner to inside work related to the crafting of the specialty ammunition. 40 41 Other Business: The Selectboard rejected a request by the Friends of the Plainfield Library to store used 42 books at the Plainfield Town Hall. If desired, space can be used at the Gravel Pit Annex building on a 43 temporary basis. 44 45 **Town Meeting Preparation:** The remainder of the meeting was spent preparing for Saturday's business 46 portion of Town Meeting. 47 48 The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm 49 50 Ron Eberhardt, Chair 51 52 53 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 54 55 56 Robert Taylor

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday April 5th 2017
Plainfield Library

Selectmen present: Robert Taylor
Judy Belyea
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The meeting opened at 6pm.

Public Comment Period: Lee and Evan Oxenham along with David and Sue Tayor met briefly with the Selectboard to discuss the town's policies on immigration. The group met previously with Police Chief Roberts and found his policies to be in line with their views on this national issue. The police department does not unnecessarily depend emigration documents as part of routine investigations, however, if Federal assistance is sought to locate someone with emigration issues that may be in Plainfield, our Police Department will assist them locate the person. A follow up meeting with Chief Roberts is planned for two weeks and might be scheduled so as to be part of the next Selectboard meeting.

Paul and Amy Franklin met with the Selectboard to encourage the town to keep a close eye on the former Berwick Property now owned by the 360LLC. The new property owners have a record of noncompliance with their state permits on this brown field site and the Franklin family is concerned that they will avoid the town's land use approval process unless forced to participate. The Selectboard acknowledged their concerns and assured the Franklins that a file is being developed and kept on the property for future use. The town has had multiple communications with the owners about what is permissible and what is not permissible on the property without some additional land use approvals.

Fire Chief Currier updated the Selectboard on Fire Department activity over the last month. The department was able to take advantage of a valuable training opportunity by participating in a "live burn" of a house located at 432 Stage Rd. The existing house was to be razed; burning the building was a great way to train the younger fireman on the fire fighting craft.

Road Agent Report: The group did some planning work on prioritizing bridge work. Halleran was instructed to pursue state bridge aid program for the painting of the beams under the Meriden Covered Bridge. The town will pursue replacing the Camp Road Bridge first, followed by the Ladieau Road Bridge. Selectman Taylor encouraged Halleran and Collins to talk with Jim Taylor in Enfield about a recent bridge project their. They had a very positive experience with a Springfield NH bridge company.

Facility Manager: Brad Atwater met with the Selectmen to discuss options for repairs at the Plainfield Town Hall. The building has some long-term structural problems that can be improved upon and repaired, but solving them while desirable, could be very expensive. There was general agreement that repairs to the foundation, improvements to the grades and structure should be made so as to extend the life of the building. However, there are no plans for a large scale project that would replace or reconfigure the entire foundation of the building.

Town Administrator: The Board certified the actions/reports from town meeting that will be forwarded to the DRA for fall tax rate setting.

Steve Halleran updated the Selectboard on employee evaluations that are being conducted at this time. Once these evaluations are complete, the Selectboard will evaluate the Town Administrator.

The Board reviewed the Federal Court decision which added \$4,000 to the town's disbursement from the sale of the Brown property on Center of Town Road. The town had hoped for much more. Attorney Barry Schuster is looking for guidance from the Selectboard on whether to proceed with a second appeal. Barry

has cautioned that the odds of success are not, in his view, in the town's favor the further up the Federal Court ladder we go. The Selectboard agreed to end the appeal and accept the reimbursement. The Board viewed a web based GIS mapping service that is under consideration for after the 2018 revaluation. The service would allow for the digital use of the town's tax mapping data that was developed some years ago, funded by the Conservation Commission. The data is maintained annual but the town has no way to effectively use the data other than looking at the paper or pdf versions of the maps. This new service would allow the maps to be linked to the town's assessing data and other attributes and could be accessed from any web connected device. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Robert Taylor, Chair Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea Ron Eberhardt

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday April 19th 2017 3 Meriden Town Hall 4 5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor 6 Judy Belyea 7 Ron Eberhardt 8 9 The meeting opened at 6pm. 10 11 At the request of Selectman Taylor, the Selectboard endorsed, with its full support, the work of the 12 Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization. This section of the Defense Department works with local towns and cities and employers to enhance employment opportunities for those serving in our 13 nation's military reserve. Rob has been working with the organization as part of his role as Executive 14 15 Director of the Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce. 16 17 Resident Mark Horne used the public comment portion to inquire about a notice sent to the town's 18 volunteer fire department personnel asking them to limit the use of sirens. The notice implied that the 19 request came as a result of interactions with town officials. Neither Town Administrator Halleran, Police 20 Chief Roberts nor any of the Selectboard was aware of siren usage being an issue. Mark thanked the board 21 for its time. 22 23 Police Report: Halleran reported that the group interested in Plainfield's policies on immigration cancelled 24 for tonight's meeting, but will try to attend a future meeting. 25 26 Chief Roberts discussed with the board some options for redistricting Plainfield's ambulance coverage. 27 Increasing the area covered by Windsor Ambulance and reducing the area covered by Lebanon ambulance 28 at the next contract renewal might save some money without significantly altering response times. 29 30 **Highway Report:** Halleran reported that road postings will be taken down on Monday April 24th. Mud 31 season has been very minimal this year. Road Agent Collins is in the process of getting paving quotes for 32 this year. The hope is to pave Methodist Hill and Thrasher Road this year. The Selectmen directed 33 Halleran to insure that some paving money is directed toward dealing with the portion of Willow Brook 34 Road that has started to break down. 35 36 The bridge quotes for the Camp Road bridge indicated that using a pre-stressed concrete bridge deck may 37 be the best value. There are still several engineering questions to be addressed, but the laminate beam 38 wooden deck bridge options has turned out to be more expensive than anticipated. 39 40 The Selectmen signed a NH DOT request to start the bridge aid assistance with the cleaning and repainting 41 of the Meriden Covered bridge supporting I Beams. Getting approval will be a long process, so it's 42 important to start now. 43 44 Town Office Report: Spring assessment work begins tomorrow. Assessor George Hildum will be in town 45 for the next three days getting ready for the June tax billing. 46 47 Halleran reported that the Plainfield Library had a very successful kids program. Members of VINS spoke 48 to the kids about raptor birds. Several birds were on display for the children to see. The library was very

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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday May 3rd 2017 Meriden Town Hall Selectmen present: Robert Taylor Judy Belyea Ron Eberhardt

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Trails Discussion: Recreation Department Trail Director Bill Knight met with the Selectboard to discuss summer plans for the town's trail system. The Townsend Bridge deck is soon to be replaced. The new decking is a gift from the Upper Valley Mountain Bike club. The new deck will be marine grade pressure treated wood. Bill is hoping to purchase a 2009 Alphina Sherpa groomer to act as a back up to our existing Alphina. The machine will be funded from private donations. The Selectboard will, at their next meeting, hold the required public hearing to use the private funds. The machine has a value of \$15,000; the town has \$12,000 in donations. The other \$3,000 is being raised privately at this time. The first groomer, the tracked machine will be sold to make room for the new/used one.

The Selectmen did not object to Bill trying to obtain a state grant for some additional equipment for the trail work. To date no public funds have been used to support the trails or the purchase/upkeep of equipment.

The possibility of developing a mountain bike trail on town land adjacent to the existing trail network is under consideration. The trail would be designed and encouraged for mountain bike use. However, there would be no restrictions against hikers using the new trail. The hope is to give the bikers a loop where they could ride more technically.

Highway Discussion: Road Agent Collins reported that gravel crushing has commenced. This year 3,500 yards of gravel will be processed. As in the past supplemental stone will be added to try and improve the quality of the gravel.

Rich noted that his new part time hire, equipment operator Thomas Bircher, is working out well. Tom is a retired Hanover Public Work foreman who has more than 35 years of equipment operating experience. Specifically Rich, with the full support of the Selectboard, has hired Tom to be the town's grader operator. Tom will work 32 hours per week, April-Nov.

Road Agent Collins met with the Selectboard and consultant Jeff Allbright to discuss summer highway work plans. On the recommendation of Road Agent Collins, the Board accepted the idea of repairing the Camp Road bridge abutments this summer and installing the new deck next spring. The deck will likely be a pre-stressed concrete structure. Pike Industries was selected for paving work on Thrasher Road, Methodist Hill and some patch work on Willow Brook Road. At the conclusion of the discussion, Road Agent Collins and Consultant Allbright went to look at some repair work for the Willow Brook Road pavement.

Immigration Discussion: To complete their review of town policies related to immigration Lee Oxenham, Sue Taylor and David Taylor met with Chief Robert and the Selectboard. The group thanked Paul for all his time and feels comfortable with how Plainfield law enforcement is handling immigration related issues. See draft policy.

Town Administrator: Halleran noted that preparations for first half tax billing are fully underway, George Hildum should be completed with his update work my mid May.

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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday May 17th 2017 3 Meriden Town Hall 4 5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor 6 Judy Belyea 7 Ron Eberhardt 8 9 Harriman Road: The Selectboard made a site visit to Harriman Road to discuss with neighbors at the 10 north end of the road, the town's recent road work. Richard Collins explained that he needs to have the road crowned and to establish ditch lines on either side. Neighbors expressed frustration that they was no 11 advance notice given to them of the work and that each time work is done the road is further widened. The 12 group walked the affected area and Road Agent Collins explained the rational for the work, noting that it is 13 not yet complete; some of what has been reshaped will be seeded and mulched. Tracy Wallace objected to 14 15 the Road Agent's visiting his house at 6:20am and repeatedly asked that the cross pipe on his property be 16 replaced to help drain water away the road in front of his house. Tracy Further noted that he does not want 17 any additional water dumped into his pasture. The Selectboard felt that the current width is sufficient and 18 would not need to be further changed. The Selectmen will consider having an apron paved at the Harriman 19 Road intersection. This will delineated the road width and provide a solid starting and stopping surface for 20 cars negotiating the intersection. The gravel road tends to pothole badly at this location. 21 22 The meeting opened at the Meriden Town Hall at 6:30pm. 23 24 Meriden Village Study Committee Chairman Harold "Dewey" Jones met with the Selectboard to discuss 25 plans for this year's work. Library Trustee Chairwoman Susan Spencer attended the session. Dewey hopes 26 to meet with the Planning Board and perhaps hold a community wide forum to discuss future plans for 27 Meriden Village. The Selectboard thanked Dewey for coming in. The Selectboard expressed support for the 28 idea of Meriden Library building committee. 29 30 **Groomer Hearing:** In accordance with the town's donation policy, the Selectboard opened the hearing on 31 Trail Director Bill Knight's proposal to use \$12,000 in private donations to purchase a second Alpina 32 snowmobile for groomer on the cross country ski trials. No public was present to comment. The hearing 33 was closed and the Selectboard approved the request, thanking Bill Knight for all his efforts with the trial 34 system. 35 36 **Police:** Chief Gillens did a quick run through on the department log. Extra patrol work on Bonner Road is 37 key right now as the weather has turned and lots of kids are riding bikes and walking to school. 38 Kimball Union has again contacted the Chief about funding a fourth police officer to serve as the 39 school's resource officer. The Selectmen remain guarded about this idea but directed Paul to have the 40 KUA administration contact Steve Halleran about attending an upcoming Selectboard meeting. 41 42 **Town Office:** First half tax bills will be mailed out before Memorial Day. Halleran noted that Simple 43 Energy has completed a repair of the shut off whistle at MTH's underground fuel tank. 44 45 46 47 The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. 48 49 Robert Taylor, Chair 50 51 52 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 53 54 55 Ron Eberhardt

1 2 3		MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S M Wednesday June 7th 2017 Meriden Town Hall	EETING
4 5 6 7	Selectmen present:	Robert Taylor Judy Belyea	
8 9	The meeting opened at 6p	m.	
10 11 12 13 14 15	retiring effective June 30 th elected by both departmer nominate Bruce Elder as t	If Fire Chief and Fire Warden Frank Currier ray, after 43 years with the town's fire departments to serve as the new Chief. Frank was here the town's Fire Warden. The state reviews and hanked Frank for his long service to the com-	ents. William Taylor has been tonight to ask the Selectboard to d approves the nomination. The
16 17 18 19	Equipment Reserve Fund	rts presented a proposal to purchase two replawhich has a balance of \$21,000 as the funding expected to cost about \$2,200/ea.	
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Richard Collins to move freplacement of the Camp weight difference between weigh 26,000lbs, the exist no engineering record for seemed a sound option. To and will last for 50 years of	ofter several weeks of research, the Selectboar forward with negotiations with Hansen Bridge Road bridge. The design to go with a wooder a this option and a pre-stressed concrete option of the price of the abutments but they are useable for the new laminated wooden bridge is fully NHDOT of life. The Selectboard voted in the affirmation of the Selectmen are agents to expend from	e of Springfield NH for the replacement was driven by the vast on. The wooden bridge deck will otion weights 162,000. Since there is w bridge, the lighter bridge deck compliant will carry HS 25 loads ve that the funds will be withdrawn
30 31		board signed the contract with Avitar Associa begin in late fall or winter. The new values	
32 33 34 35	The meeting adjourned at	8:30pm.	
36 37 38			Robert Taylor, Chair
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MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday June 21st 2017 Meriden Town Hall Selectmen present: Robert Taylor Judy Belyea

Ron Eberhardt

The meeting opened at 6pm.

The Selectboard reviewed plans for the dedication of the Zea garden at Meriden Town Hall on July 5th. To accommodate this event, the Selectmen will hold their July 19th meeting at the Plainfield Library rather than the July 5th (1st meeting of the quarter) one.

Police Report: Chief Roberts reported that a second underage drinking party that also included some illegal drugs has occurred at a residence in Plainfield Village. Diversion was used for the first party, but will not be an option for this one. The conduct of the party organizer, which includes attempted escape from Police custody, has the department planning to ask a judge for enhanced penalties.

Paul anticipates that the new Police Cruiser will be ready for delivery by July 1st. As discussed at town meeting this will put the town on a three new cars every four year rotation, the current fleet will be replaced again in 2021.

Town Office: The Selectboard reviewed and approved various building permits and correspondence from the last two weeks.

Jim Toher from Casella met with the Selectboard to discuss the town's refuse collection program. The current contract expires in December. Jim would like to see the program continue with the change that recycling and trash would be collected on the same day. So on your assigned trash collection day you would also put out your recycling. Selectman Taylor expressed interest in having the town move to a toter program for both waste and recycling. Jim agreed, but noted that it might be cost prohibitive as the toters are very expensive.

Halleran indicated that the Finance Committee has asked that the town to consider bidding out the trash collection. At this time the Selectboard is not inclined to split the program between multiple vendors, one for trash and one for recycling. At this time no one in the area offers a comparable curbside recycling service. The board does need to; at least consider taking the program out of the town's service realm. Plainfield would meet its statutory obligation by having access to trash and recycling at the Lebanon transfer station. Residents would be responsible for getting the material to the facility on their own. Many would likely contract with Casella. This would remove approximately \$120,000 from the town's property tax commitment, a reduction of something like \$.45 on the tax rate or \$113 a year for the mythical \$250,000 home. The presumption has always been that collectively we save more as a community by having a town wide system. Lately, the town office has seen a dramatic increase in the sales of Lebanon landfill coupons suggesting that more and more residents are electing to take their garbage at least directly to the landfill. So, while perhaps not ideal, the Selectboard has to at least consider whether or not it makes sense to continue the program.

Jim Toher agreed to prepare some proposals for the Selectboard to consider; the longer the board is willing

1	to commit to with Casella the more likely that	toters could become part of the program.
2 3	The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.	
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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday July 5th 2017 3 Meriden Town Hall 4 5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor 6 Judy Belyea 7 Ron Eberhardt 8 9 The meeting opened at 5pm with the dedication of the Zea Garden established in memory of long time 10 Town Clerk Howard Zea. Phil Zea and Connie Zea were in attendance with 30-40 Plainfield residents who turned out for the event. Chairman Robert Taylor, former Selectman and Moderator Stephen Taylor and 11 Phil Zea all make brief remarks. Refreshments were served inside the Meriden Town Hall. The Selectmen 12 13 were extremely pleased to have Howard's contribution to the community acknowledged. At the time of his retirement Howard make a private request to the Selectmen that the town not hold a retirement event in his 14 15 honor. The recovery of the Mill stone from below Howard and Connie's home created a unique opportunity to honor someone who made such long lasting contributions to the community. 16 17 18 **6:30pm:** State Representative Lee Oxenham met with the Selectboard to discuss an initiative she is 19 involved in to get towns and cities to agree to continue to work to reach climate changes goals despite the 20 Federal Government pulling out of the Paris Accord Climate Agreement. The Selectmen agreed to look 21 closely at her supporting documentation and to have more discussion on the matter at their next meeting. 22 23 Highway Report: Road Agent Richard Collins updated the board on the clean up work from Saturday's 24 rain event. More than 12 million dollars in damage was done to Grafton County in less than one hour. The 25 storm, while heavy in Sullivan, was not nearly that damaging. All Plainfield roads remained open and 26 generally received only minor to moderate wash. 27 28 **Police Report:** Chief Roberts briefed the Board on all the fourth of July events that took place. The Town 29 was honored to have summer resident Stephen Breyer participate in the celebration by reading the 30 Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Plainfield Town Hall. The event went very well and there 31 were no security issues. The parade was also a grand success. The Board acknowledged the efforts of 32 Elizabeth McNamara and the entire McNamara family to once again organize a wonderful town parade. 33 34 Town Office: The Selectboard signed the necessary paperwork to finalize the new loan with Mascoma 35 Savings Bank for the town's police cruiser. The loan will finance all three police cruiser and will put all the 36 cars on a four year rotation. The fleet will next be replaced in the summer of 2021 meaning the existing 37 two, purchased last year will have to do a fifth year. 38 The Selectboard will meet next on July 19th at the Plainfield Library. 39 40 41 Robert Taylor, Chair 42 43 44 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 45 46 47 Ron Eberhardt 48 49

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday July 19th 2017 3 **Plainfield Library** 4 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor, Chair 5 Judy Belyea 6 Ron Eberhardt 7 8 The meeting opened at 6pm. 9 10 Public Comment: Virginia Drye met with the Selectmen to propose a rededication of the WWI Service Memorial located in front of the Plainfield Library. The event would take place on November 11th 2018 the 11 one hundredth year anniversary of the end of the war. The Selectboard fully supported the idea and pledged 12 13 to work with Virginia to make the event a grand success. 14 15 Highway: Road Agent Collins updated the Selectboard on the department's progress in getting Methodist 16 Hill Road ready for a pavement overlay. Two culverts have been replaced and the apron on Harriman Road 17 has been marked out. 18 19 A project to establish an improved ditch on the east side of Main Street, below MTH, is planned for next 20 week. Heavy runoff has scoured out the shoulder near the pavement edge. 21 22 Town Administrator Halleran complimented Richard on the workers compensation safety record for his 23 department. Highway work related injuries have been very minor in the time Richard has been Road Agent. 24 25 **Town Office:** The Selectboard signed building permits including the one for the PES solar project. The 26 necessary Intent to Cut form for the PES solar project was also signed. 27 28 The Selectmen reviewed the petition provided by Lee Oxenham last meeting where she requested that the 29 Board adopted a resolution in support of the climate goals established at the Paris Climate Accord. The 30 petition was signed by over 100 residents. The board agreed to support the resolution, noting that the 31 action while showing support for efforts to reverse climate change does not commit the town to spending 32 any money or future Selectboards to any position. 33 34 The Selectmen approved the MS 535 prepared by Plodzik and Sanderson. The form will be electronically 35 submitted to the DRA. 36 37 The Selectboard discussed an e-mail from Bonnie Swift to Chairman Taylor expressing concern about the 38 posting practices at the Plainfield Town Hall for meetings. Mrs. Swift feels that on several occasions 39 notices were not posted on the board. Halleran noted that in the case of the July 5th Selectboard meeting he 40 had e-mailed the Swifts the details of the location change and that Clint Swift had attended the Zea garden dedication at the start of the July 5th meeting. The meeting on the 5th was scheduled for the Plainfield Town 41 42 Hall but was switched to the Meriden Town Hall to accommodate the garden dedication. Halleran 43 suggested that the posting board at the Meriden Town Hall and the town website be designated as the 44 official posting spots. The Selectboard was reluctant to eliminate the posting board at the PTH, instead the 45 Board voted to lock the board as a way of controlling what happens to posted notices. Halleran will have 46 Brad Atwater modify the bulletin board so that it can be locked with a combination lock. 47 48 The meeting adjourned at 8pm. 49 50 Robert Taylor, Chair 51 52 53 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 54 55

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1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday August 2nd 2017 3 **Meriden Town Hall** 4 5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor, Chair 6 Judy Belyea 7 Ron Eberhardt 8 9 The meeting opened at 6pm. 10 11 **Public Comment:** A resident presented the board with information about one of the town's nontaxable 12 entities that she feels may have an impact on the organizations tax exempt status. The information was 13 obtained from the group's own website and limits the population the organization is willing to serve. The Selectboard directed Halleran to forward this information to town assessor for review and an opinion. 14 15 16 A Route 120 resident met with the Selectboard to request that consideration be given to developing a noise 17 ordinance for the town. A recent party at a neighbor's home was very disruptive to them. Some advance 18 warning about the event would have been appreciated and could have eliminated their call to the police for 19 assistance. The Selectboard will discuss the particular case with the Police Chief. The Board is hesitant to 20 develop a noise regulation, but acknowledges that all people have the right to enjoyment of their property. 21 Noise from one property can certainly have adverse impacts on other property owners. 22 23 Highway: The department is nearly complete with preparations for paving on Methodist Hill and Harriman 24 Road (intersection apron). Grading and ditching is ongoing. Winter sand is being hauled back to the shop 25 on rainy days. 26 27 **Police:** The department has been busy with a high profile case that resulted from a murder for hire attempt. 28 Arrests have been made and the case will be handled going forward by the County Attorney's office which 29 has been heavily involved with the case since it started. State Police also provided valuable assistance to 30 the town. Thankfully, due to the quick action of an informant, no one was injured. 31 32 Town Office: The Selectmen signed the now adopted climate change resolution and the town's 2016 audit 33 representation level. 34 35 The board discussed holding a joint meeting with the school board in late summer to discuss and coordinate 36 major expenditures on the horizon. The town has a need to increase funding for reserve funds. The Meriden 37 Library is in play as well as the Highway garage facility. It will be important to plan for these projects with 38 the coordination of the school board. 39 40 The meeting adjourned at 8pm. 41 42 Robert Taylor, Chair 43 44 45 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 46 47 48 Ron Eberhardt 49 50 51

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday August 16th 2017 3 **Meriden Town Hall** 4 5 Selectmen present: Judy Belyea 6 Ron Eberhardt 7 8 The meeting opened at 6pm. 9 10 Town Office: At the request of Town Assessor George Hildum, the Selectboard signed an extension 11 request for the filing of the town's MS-1 valuation form with the state. No delay in setting the 2017 tax rate is expected, the extension is necessary as not all information from the state is currently available. 12 13 The Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Wednesday September 6th concerning the acceptance of 14 15 essential \$99,000 in unanticipated highway improvement funds from the State of NH. See attached. While 16 no final decisions have been made, the Selectboard is proposing using the funds for bridge work. 17 18 The Selectboard is anticipating receiving a second request for a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for a larger scale solar project. This case is the Meriden Village Water District. Solar installation values over 19 20 \$50,000 are taxable in Plainfield. In the case of the PES array, a PILOT equal to 10% of gross revenues 21 but in no case less than \$3,000 per year. A town vote to grant a full tax exempt status to all solar in 22 Plainfield is also a possibility. The \$50,000 exemption effectively does that for all residential systems and 23 most commercial system. 24 25 **Highway Department:** The consultant's report on the adequacy of the Highway Department is nearly 26 complete. The study was commissioned as a next step for acting upon the recommendation of the garage 27 study group that the town begin planning for a new facility. 28 29 Methodist Hill is now ready for a pavement overlay. The crew will, next week, be working on a school bus 30 turn around for Dodge Road followed by abutment work on the Camp Road bridge. Rich hopes to get to the 31 Camp Road bridge abutment repair by early September. 32 33 Police: Chief Roberts updated the Selectboard on various cases. The department is now involved with 34 several felony cases. Each of these takes a great deal of time. 35 36 The Chief asked the Selectmen to develop an approach for considering the installation of speed tables on 37 Bonner Road as a means of traffic calming. From the police department's perspective the tables are one 38 very effective way to reduce vehicle speeds on roads. The Chief continues to be concerned about traffic on 39 the road during the time when students are walking and biking to school. 40 41 The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm 42 43 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 44 45 46 Ron Eberhardt 47 48 49

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday September 6th 2017 Meriden Town Hall

Ron Eberhardt

Selectmen present: Robert Taylor
Judy Belyea

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Meriden Water Solar One, LLC: Joel Stettenheim and Terry Donoghue representing Meriden Solar One LLC met with the Selectmen to discuss the option of the array being taxed as 100% exempt. A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) was negotiated for the Plainfield Elementary School array, but in this case a no amount of money is being proposed for a PILOT. Joel explained that without a substantial tax break these projects are not viable. In Plainfield commercial scale solar is taxable. A \$50,000 exemption for accessory use solar projects is in place; this covers most residential and business arrays in the town. The Selectmen asked Halleran to schedule a public hearing on a proposed PILOT for the 9/20 Selectboard meeting. The Selectmen acknowledged that while in full support of solar in our town, offering a 100% tax exemption without some PILOT is a difficult ask.

The energy committee will be asked to consider sponsoring an article at the 2018 town meeting to get the taxation or not of solar projects in front of the town's legislative body. A 100% exemption on all solar is a possibility coming from a vote at town meeting.

SB39 Hearing Unanticipated Revenue \$99,290: As required by RSA 31:95 the board held a public hearing on the acceptance of the unanticipated highway money. The funds, like the Highway Block Grant, have been earmarked for transportation system improvements. In Plainfield's case the Selectboard hopes to use the money for one of two upcoming bridge projects. Jeff Allbright noted that the funds could also be used for other highway related projects. The Selectboard agreed that this was possible. No other public comments were received, the hearing was closed and the Selectboard voted to accept the money and to hold the funds into 2018 for the anticipated Camp Road bridge project. The Selectboard acknowledged that if a more pressing highway need develops, the funds could be used for that.

Highway Report: Road Agent Collins reported that paving on Methodist Hill is now complete; some driveway and shoulder work will follow.

Fall grading is now underway and road side mowing is basically complete.

Rich hopes to move on to the Camp Road bridge abutment repair starting next week. The bridge itself will follow next summer. Ladieu Road bridge would then be done in 2018/19.

Police Report: Chief Roberts reported that the new cruiser is in service. The car seems to have been well thought out and the Chief prefers the installation work on this vehicle to the other two. Paul noted that MHQ, the company that built our cruisers, has no occurrences of carbon monoxide complaints from their work. Paul will be ready to sell the Crown Vic in about a month once all the equipment has been removed.

The department is making extra patrols on Bonner Road in the early morning and afternoon, during school days. Halleran noted that the town is now requesting a proposal from our local RPC to assist with pedestrian safety concerns for Bonner road.

Paul noted that he is dealing with some shoulder pain that might require surgery. If necessary, he would be out for some period of time on a medical leave.

Town Office: The Selectboard approved the Ms1 reports for submittal to the NHDRA. The reports establish the grandlist for the setting of the 2017 tax rate.

The Board began its review of the MRI highway study. For this meeting, Steve Halleran and Selectman Eberhardt recapped an exit interview they participated in with David Hanlon of MRI who did the study. In a nutshell MRI concurs with the town's highway building study committee that the facility should be replaced not repaired. MRI also feels that the highway department, as currently configured and equipped, is well thought out. They do suggested some organizational changes and would prefer to see the crew focus its efforts more on road maintenance work, not new construction. The report also supports more timely equipment replacement to reduce down time. The board will perform a detailed review of the report in the coming months as part of the 2018 budget work. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Robert Taylor, Chair Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea Ron Eberhardt

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday September 20th 2017 3 **Meriden Town Hall** 4 5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor 6 Judy Belyea 7 Ron Eberhardt 8 9 The meeting opened at 6pm. 10 11 Jessica Saderly-Hall met with the Selectboard to introduce her company Upper Valley Compost. The company offers subscription composting. Customers receive a green plastic bucket w/cover that is picked 12 up each week at the curb and replaced with a clean bucket. For residences the service cost \$20/month. She 13 would be interested in establishing a route here in Plainfield, but is also interested in finding an entire town 14 15 to cover, much like our refuse collection. She feels a well established composting service could reduce the 16 waste heading to the landfill by as much as 40%. The Selectmen thanked her for the presentation and will 17 discuss her program with Finance Committee. 18 19 **Police:** Chief Roberts took time to demonstrate the town's new cruiser to the Selectboard. The car is full of 20 added safety features for the officer. 21 22 Chief Roberts will be, starting November 1st, out on an extended medical leave for a shoulder repair. 23 24 Steven Ladd and Evan Oxenham from the town's energy committee met with the Selectmen to go over 25 draft warrant article language for the Ready for 100 Initiative. The goal is 100% renewable energy usage 26 for electricity, heating, and transportation by 2050. The Selectmen, on a motion from Taylor, gave full 27 support to the initiative. The warrant article makes it clear that passage does no mandate any changes to 28 private property. 29 30 A discussion followed about our existing solar and wind exemption. There was support for amending the 31 article to give a 100% exemption up to some set amount with no restriction on use. Further the group liked the concept of a payment in lieu of taxes program based on a per kilowatt charge. The amount of the charge 32 remains open for debate but is likely t be between \$3.50 to \$8.00 per kilowatt of generating compacity. 33 34 35 Responding to the Meriden Water Solar one request for a 100% tax exemption, the Selectmen denied that 36 request as they do not have statutory authority to create a tax exemption. The board did however indicate 37 that once they establish a per kilowatt charge for PILOTS that rate would be made available to Meriden 38 Water Solar One. 39 40 **Town Office:** The Selectmen received a budgetary update and held a brief discussion about the 2017 tax 41 rate which should be set in a couple of weeks. Early projects suggest that the rate will remain close to the 42 current rate of \$28.35/\$1,000. 43 44 The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. 45 46 Robert Taylor, Chair 47 48 49 Stephen Halleran Judy Belyea 50 51 52 Ron Eberhardt 53 54

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6 7	Selectmen present:	Robert Taylor Ron Eberhardt		
8 9 10	The meeting opened at 7	om at the Plainfield Library.		
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23 24 25 26 27	more than \$50,000 in fun		rate setting, the Selectmen agreed to raise no likely stay the same or even go down this year. m \$28.35.	
28 29 30 31 32 33	exemption in Plainfield. opinion that the language changes the group's tax of	After reviewing the concerns about that limits the various groups serv	n from town attorney regarding a charitable tax ut the group's website, it is town counsel's ved by the organization is not such that it rected Halleran to forward the opinion to the	
34 35 36 37	No formal decisions were		ng of PILOTS and Solar array tax exemptions. exemption for solar will be raised significantly W will be established.	
38 39 40		ntact the School Board about a pos ject planning and the Bonner Road	ossible joint meeting. The topics of discussion to d traffic calming study.	
40 41 42	The Selectmen will meet	next on Thursday October 19 th at	6pm at the Meriden Town Hall.	
43 44	The meeting adjourned a	t 9:15pm.		
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22 23 24 25 26	talking points: Organiza	tional structure, impacts on the t	ization project coming up with the following own office, facility manager, capital planning, a lations will play, the transfer of debt from PVFD to
27 28 29 30			leave starting in very early November. Sargent is away. Paul should be able to return to light duty
31 32 33 34 35 36	projects for the year. Im Plainfield Cemetery. Th	provements have been made this	week to the northern most access point for the cerns raised last summer by resident Bev Widger. Intering onto Rte 12A.
37 38 39	The meeting adjourned	at 8:00pm.	Robert Taylor, Chair
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11	Highway: Road Agent	Collins undated the Selecthoard	on the efforts to clean up Plainfield's road network	
12	after the October 20 th v	windstorm. The storm caused the o	greatest number of power outages in the state's	
13	history It will be as mi	ich as another week before the tox	wn's entire electric grid is fully back up. The NH	
14			own roads are open. There still are several places	
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16	that need repair work,	out downed power fines are nampo	aring the crioits.	
17	Town Office. The Sale	octman completed its work on their	r preliminary list of issues for the Fire Department	
18	municipalization project	ct. The board is scheduled to on N	November 9 th ; meet with representatives from the	
19	fire departments.	t. The board is selectured to, on i	tovember 9, meet with representatives from the	
20	me departments.			
21	The Selectmen signed:	the settlement agreement with Fair	rPoint, effectively ending the multi year tax	
			\$4,121 dollars in total for all the contested years.	
22 23	FairPoint's annual tax		44,121 donars in total for all the contested years.	
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24 25	The Selecthoard will be	ave its first meeting the town's fir	nance committee on November 15 th .	
25 26	The Selectionard will he	ive its first meeting the town's im	ance committee on November 13.	
27	The Selectmen will be	meeting with the School Board or	n Thursday November 16 th . The agenda for the	
28			ing of future capital projects for both the town and	
29	the school.	nety on Bonner Road and the tinn	ing of future capital projects for both the town and	
29 30	the school.			
31	The meeting adjourn at	t 6:45pm allowing the Selectmen t	the opportunity to go across town to the League of	
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1 2 3 4	MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Thursday November 9th 2017 Meriden Town Hall			
5 6 7 8	Selectmen present:	Robert Taylor Judy Belyea Ron Eberhardt		
9 10	The meeting opened at 6pm.			
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	This meeting was held for the purpose of meeting with representatives of both the Meriden and Plainfield Fire Departments to have a discussion about the project to convert both departments into a single town owned and operated department. The change is requested by the departments and full supported by the Board of Selectmen. Become part of the town organization will eliminate some uncertainty over insurance issues and will give the new department the same benefits and responsibilities that other town departments operate under. From these discussions the group agreed that an article would be placed on the 2018 warrant asking the town to approve this new arrangement. If the article passes, the new organizational structure would take effect in one year. A second article establishing a capital reserve fund for the new department will also be offered. It was agreed that both fire associations would continue to exist and would continue to provide support to the new department. Any debt owed by each department will have to be settled prior to the transfer. Acquisition of debt by the town requires a separate vote at town meeting.			
24 25	These discussions will	be continued next with the town's	finance committee.	
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	The meeting adjourned	at 8:00pm.	Robert Taylor, Chair	
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1 2 3	MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Wednesday November 15th 2017 Meriden Town Hall			
4 5 6 7 8	Selectmen present:	Robert Taylor Judy Belyea Ron Eberhardt		
9	The meeting opened at 6pm.			
10 11 12 13 14 15	Police: Sargent Matt Foss met with the Selectmen to go over the Police Department's activities over the last week. Matt is in charge of the department while the Chief is out on a work related job injury. Mat noted all shifts have been covered using the town's full time and part time officers. Department activities been manageable.			
16 17 18	Highway: The department has an estimated three days left of storm clean up. Winter sand has been hauled and the plow/sand trucks are ready for winter conditions.			
19 20 21	Town Office: Halleran updated the Selectmen on the status of the 2017 budget. 14% of the budget remains with 12% of the year to go.			
22 23 24 25 26	The Selectmen discussed a proposal by Casella to extend the curbside collection of garbage and recycling for five years. The Board was not interested in that long an extension, but is interested in retaining the curbside collection program going forward. Halleran will schedule a meeting with Casella and the Selectboard for early December.			
20 27 28 29 30 31 32	Finance Committee: The Selectmen met with the town's finance committee to go over the current budget and plans for next year. The change from a private to municipal fire department, converting the library director to a fully benefited position, the replacement of the Meriden Library building were all discussed as well as the town's solar tax exemption and the Ready for 100 initiative. The Selectmen will meet next with the Finance Committee on December 20 th to go over the first cut of the new budget.			
33 34 35	The meeting was recessed at 8:15pm until tomorrow evening at 6:30pm at Plainfield Elementary School for a meeting with the School Board.			
36 37	November 16 th 2017 6:30pm			
38 39 40		the School Board. Two topics were distinct the planning for future capital projects.	cussed, the efforts to make Bonner Road	
41 42 43 44	Concerning Bonner Road the Selectboard has hired our RPC to conduct a study of the roadway and to offer both short-term and long-term safety improvements. The School Board appreciated this work and was in full support.			
45 46 47 48	Concerning Capital Planning, the Selectboard anticipates the replacement of the Meriden Library in 2019 and the replacement of the highway garage facility sometime in the next ten years. The School Board noted that their plan calls for renovations to the gym in 2020.			
49 50	The Selectboard meeting	adjourned at 7:15pm the School Board	continued on with its meeting.	
51 52			Robert Taylor, Chair	
53 54	Stephen Halleran		Judy Belyea	
55			Ron Eberhardt	

1 2 3		MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN Wednesday December 6th Meriden Town Hall		
3 4		Meriden Town Hall		
5	Selectmen present:	Robert Taylor, Chair		
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7		Ron Eberhardt		
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9	The meeting opened at 6	om.		
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11	Highway Department: Road Agent Collins discussed his hope to replace highway truck #8, a small pick			
12	up, with an International mid sized dumptruck similar to truck#1. This would be an equipment upgrade, but			
13	Rich feels it would improve department efficiency with salt application. The new truck would have a body			
14	with a built in sander. He is in the process of obtaining quotes. The Selectboard will discuss this at their			
15	December 20 th meeting v	with the Finance Committee.		
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17	Town Office: The Selectboard discussed the ongoing efforts over the last seven months to get Thom's Tayern into compliance with its land use approvals. A parking lot expansion and a pedestrian path to the			
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20	front door from Bean Road remain to be completed. The board signed a letter asking Thom to attend the next meeting to discuss these issues.			
21	next meeting to discuss the	iese issues.		
22	The Selectmen approved	a plan to reduce the town's health insura	ance buy out program by 25% a year over	
23	The Selectmen approved a plan to reduce the town's health insurance buy out program by 25% a year over the next three years. This change was requested last year by the town's finance committee who feels the			
24	current plan is too genero			
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26	The Selectmen signed a l	etter of commitment to Meriden Solar O	ne LLC. The letter makes it clear that a	
27	PILOT of \$6/kW/year has been approved by the Board, in lieu of property taxes for the Meriden Village			
28	Water District array.			
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30	The Selectmen approved a two year extension of the existing garbage recycling contract. Beginning in			
31	early 2018 Friday recycling will be eliminated. Recycling will be picked up the same day as a resident's			
32 33	trash is collected. Casella and the town are working on a flyer that will be mailed to residents detailing the			
34	changes.			
35	The Board reviewed the	2017 warrant Revised language for the	Meriden Library article was discussed	
36	The Board reviewed the 2017 warrant. Revised language for the Meriden Library article was discussed. The Selectmen feel that the article which asks for \$25,000 needs to be more specific as to the purpose of			
37	the funds.		ar are are appearance and pro-proses of	
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39		dget shows a 2.4% increase over the 2017	7 budget. The Selectmen meet with the	
40	finance committee on De	cember 20 th .		
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42			expenditures from various capital reserve	
43		etmen as agents. After this review the bo	pard approved the withdrawal of these	
44 45	funds from the reserves a	s outlined below.	Annus	
45 46	Library Document Com 1 6	227 46	Account	
46 47	Library Reserve Fund-\$ Bridge Fund- \$5,718.96	<i>337.</i> 40	1-6100-178 1-6100-182	
48	Town Hall Reserve Fun	d -\$1 182 04	1-6100-182	
49	Transportation Fund-\$5		1-6100-180	
50	Town Facilities fund-\$1		1-6100-180	
51	Police Equipment Fund		1-5200-002	
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53	Total Withdrawal \$83,9	071.23		
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55 Reacting to a concern expressed to Town Administrator Halleran about people other than town employees 56 riding in town vehicles, the Selectmen made it clear that the policy adopted on December 23, 1987 by the

1 2 3	then Board of Selectmen remains in place. Only town employees may operator or ride in town vehicles and equipment. The only exception is when prior approval has been granted by the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator.		
4	Town Administrator.		
5 6 7	The Selectmen discussed the sale of the 2011 Police Cruiser. Bids will Selectboard established a minimum bid that will be accepted.	be opened next Tuesday. The	
8 9	The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm		
10		Robert Taylor, Chair	
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12	Stephen Halleran	Judy Belyea	
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14		Ron Eberhardt	

1 MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING 2 Wednesday December 20th 2017 3 **Meriden Town Hall** 4 5 Robert Taylor, Chair Selectmen present: 6 Judy Belyea 7 Ron Eberhardt 8 9 The meeting opened at 6pm. 10 11 Fire Report: Fire Chief Bill Taylor reported to the Selectmen on the activities of the two fire departments 12 over the last month. The first snow of the year resulted in several automobile accidents. 13 Chief Taylor reviewed a capital improvements plan for the department. He estimates that going forward, 14 15 under the new organizational structure, a reserve fund contribution of \$50,000 a year is necessary to 16 maintain the fire equipment inventory. Bill noted that combining both departments will, over time, result in 17 some equipment reductions. By example, he feels one fire engine could be eliminated. The department 18 would keep the truck in service for as long as possible, but it would not be replaced at the end of its useful 19 service. 20 21 Town Office: As part of its annual audit process the Selectboard reviewed several of its financial policies 22 regarding purchasing and cash management. Each was found to be in order and reapproved by the board. 23 24 The Selectmen decided that the one employee who for several years has received the health insurance 25 buyout reimbursement will continue to receive that same reimbursement going forward as long as the 26 employee maintains his choice to take the buy out. As advertised, for all current employees the offered 27 reimbursement shall phase down over the next three years to 75%, 50% and 25% of the cost of a single 28 plan. Any new hires will only be eligible to receive the 25% reimbursement. 29 Halleran noted that on December 8th Thom Lappin completed the necessary expansion of the parking lot for 30 31 the Bean Road tavern. A walking path from Bean Road will follow in the spring and will complete the 32 project. 33 34 Finance Committee: The Selectboard reviewed the 2018 proposed warrant and budget with the Finance 35 Committee. A 2.5% increase in the operating budget is proposed along with the creation of two new reserve 36 funds, one for the fire department (\$25K) and one for the Meriden Library replacement (\$25K). At this 37 early time with incomplete information on revenues the current plan would require an additional \$100,000 38 to be raised from property taxes. Halleran noted that it is likely that growth in revenues will reduce that 39 amount. 40 41 Library Trustee Emily Sands noted that the library budget this year shows a 3% increase, driven mostly by 42 wages and energy costs. This is the smallest increase in the library budget in several years. 44

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The committee working on the Meriden Library replacement project hopes to bring forward a vote on a new building for 2019. A total replacement of the building is recommended. The new building and necessary parking will fit on the existing one acre lot if building size is kept to below 4,000 sq ft.

As part of the warrant review the Finance Committee recommended that the cemetery wall repair article be eliminated and the cost of the ongoing repair be moved into the cemetery line item of the operating budget.

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3	Based on what they know of the project, the Finance Committee support	orts the combination of the two
4	independent fire departments into a single municipal department.	
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6	The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.	
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9		Robert Taylor, Chair
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11	Stephen Halleran	Judy Belyea
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13		Ron Eberhardt
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