

**Town Meeting March 11, 2008  
Plainfield, New Hampshire**

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield School Gymnasium on Bonner Road on March 11, 2008. Stephen H. Taylor opened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. with the reading of Article I. Ruth Ann Wheeler made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant; seconded by Dewey Jones.

Total Number on Checklist: 1605  
Total Number of ballots cast: 507  
Percentage voting: 31

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: One selectman for three years, one moderator for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee (west side) for three years, two library trustees (east side); one for two years one for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years and any other necessary town officers.

**Moderator for Two Years:**

Stephen H. Taylor had 469 votes  
Paul Franklin had 5 votes  
Boone Rondeau had 2 votes  
David Grobe, David Taylor, Margaret Drye, Malcolm Grobe each had one vote.

**Stephen H. Taylor was declared elected.**

**Selectman for three years:**

Thomas "Tom" Williams Jr. 453 votes  
Gordon Wilder and Mark Wilder each had 3 votes.  
Brad Atwater had 2 votes  
Lisa Elder, Susan Gregory-Davis, Boone Rondeau each had one vote.

**Thomas "Tom" Williams Jr. was declared elected.**

**Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years:**

Edward H. Stansfield 461 votes  
Carl Strong had 2 votes  
Priscilla Eastman, Steve Beaupre, Jesse Stalked each had one vote.

**Edward H. Stansfield was declared elected.**

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years:**

Bradford Atwater 441 votes  
Tom Lappin had 7 votes.  
Mark Wilder, Deb Beaupre, Michael McNamara, Steve Taylor, Evan Sundell, G. Adams, William Quimby, Rosie Pelatear each had one vote.

**Bradford Atwater was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Three Years-West Part of Town**

Dennis Girouard had 261 votes

Katie Sheehan had 110 votes.

M. Drye had 4 votes.

Diane Rogers had 3 votes.

Ruth Ann Wheeler, M. Longacre, Steve Taylor, Rob Drye, Nancy Franklin, Edward Feustel, Kate Bishop had 2 votes.

Diane West, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Richard Atkinson, Bea Clarke, Leon Rogers, Peter Berry, Betty Norwalk, Nancy Norwalk, Karen Heaton, Andrea Keen, Henry Rupertsberger, Cogan, Katie, Annette Moore, Naomi Fitzgibbon, Brad Atwater, Bob Carpenter, Rachel Stoddard, Sherry Torrey, Anne Grobe, Steve Beaupre, Jeanne Hines, Birgit Ruperts, Anita Brown, Sarah Gillens, Steph Berman, Hazel McNamara each had one vote.

**Dennis Girouard was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Three Years-East Part of Town**

Rachel Stoddard 453 votes

Jeane Thompson had 2 votes.

Stephen H. Taylor, Katie, Sheehan, Amy Lappin, James Taylor, Katy Sheehan each had one vote.

**Rachel Stoddard was declared elected.**

**Supervisor of Checklist for Six Years**

Donald R. Jordan 451 votes

Brad Wilder had two votes

Diane Rogers had one vote

**Donald R. Jordan was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for Two Years-East part of town**

Pamela Abrahamson had 455 votes

Malcolm Grobe, Katy Sheehan, James Taylor, Naomi Goodwin each had one vote.

**Pamela Abrahamson was declared elected.**

**ARTICLE 2.** To see what action the town will take with regard to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, **said change being recommended by the planning board:**

**Question 1.** Shall we rewrite the town's WETLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDINANCE to accomplish two goals? 1) Update the ordinance's terminology so that definitions and terms are consistent with current wetland delineation science and state of New Hampshire accepted practices. 2) Provide enhanced protections for ponds and wetland areas greater than ½ acre in size and for perennial streams by establishing a 50' buffer around these environmentally sensitive areas.

To accomplish these goals the existing ordinance will be amended as outlined below.

**Section 2.3 WETLAND CONSERVATION AND FLOOD PLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

~~The Wetland Conservation District is hereby determined to be those areas delineated as poorly drained, very poorly drained soils or soil subject to flooding, as identified by the National Cooperative Soil Survey through field mapping surveys completed in 1973 by the USDA Soil~~

Conservation Service and shown on field mapping photographic sheets for the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire.

The soil types which the Soil Conservation Service has determined in its field mapping surveys to be poorly drained, very poorly drained or soils subject to flooding shall include the following:

Soil Symbol	Soil Name
Ch	Chocorua
Gw	Greenwood
Ha,Hb	Hadley
Lk	Limerick
Ls	Lyman
Lu,Ly	Moosilauke
Na	Naumbery
Ot	Ossipee
Pg,Pl	Pillsbury
Pw	Podunk
Ra	Raynham
Ru	Rumney
Sa,Sb	Saco
Sg,Sh	Stissing
W	Water
Wn	Winooski

(a detailed explanation of soil types is included in the **Town of Plainfield Soils and their Interpretation for Various Uses** and the **Soil Survey of Sullivan County, New Hampshire** which is on file with the Planning Board and in the office of the Soil Conservation District, Sullivan County, New Hampshire.)

The Wetlands Conservation District is hereby defined as perennial streams, water bodies, or any area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a predominance of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, as set forth in RSA 674:55 and as further prescribed in rules adopted under RSA 482-A, together with a 50 foot buffer zone around such areas; and Flood Plains as delineated below.

**Wetland Delineation:**

1. On sub-division projects, for site-plan review purposes, and when evaluating building permit requests, wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the current New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau Code of Administrative Rules (Env-Wt 301).
2. Delineations based on hydrophytic vegetation or hydric soils alone shall be sufficient for minimum impact projects that meet the criteria of Env-Wt 303.04, provided the vegetation or soil has not been disrupted by artificial planting or past dredging or filling.
3. A 50 foot, naturally vegetated, no build, buffer shall be shown on such plans for wetlands in excess of ½ acre of surface area and for all surface waters except intermittent streams and private ponds of less than ½ acre.

4. Wetlands less than ½ acre in size are excluded from the provisions of the Wetlands Conservation District, although State regulations may apply.

### **Flood Plain Delineation:**

The Flood Plain Overlay District in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for the County of Sullivan, N.H." dated May 23, 2006 or as amended together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and Flood Boundary & Floodway Maps dated May 23, 2006 which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

The Connecticut River Shoreland Conservation Protection District (s) shall be as outlined in the text with all distances measured from the ordinary high water mark of the river, the so called "reference line."

In all cases where the two overlay districts are superimposed over another zoning district in the Town of Plainfield, that district whose regulations are the more restrictive shall apply.

### **Section 2.4 INTERPRETATION**

- A. Whenever any uncertainty exists as to the boundary of any zoning district as shown on the District Map, the following rules shall apply:
  - (1) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following rights-of-way, they shall be construed as following the center lines of such rights-of-way.
  - (2) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as approximately parallel to the center lines of roads or highways, they shall be construed as being parallel thereto and at such distance therefrom as indicated on the District Map.
  - (3) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following lot or property lines, they shall be construed as following such lot or property lines.
  - (4) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following political boundary lines, they shall be construed as following such political boundary lines.
  - (5) Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following streams, they shall be construed as following center lines thereof or at such distance therefrom as indicated on the District Map.
- B. Whenever any uncertainty exists to the boundaries of the Wetland Conservation District or the Floodplain Overlay District the following rules shall apply:
  - (1) ~~In the event that an area is questioned as to its proper classification as poorly or very poorly drained soil subject to flooding in the Town of Plainfield and evidence to that effect is satisfactorily presented to the Board of Adjustment, the Board may determine that the restrictions contained in this Section shall not apply. Such evidence may be obtained either by revision by the Soil Conservation Service of its soil maps or by adequate on-site soil investigation and analysis with such investigation and~~ inclusion in a Wetlands Conservation District

~~analysis to be reviewed by the Soil Conservation Service and presented in writing to the Board of Adjustment along with the findings of the Soil Conservation Service.~~ Evidence concerning the classification of wetlands or hydric soils may be presented in the following ways:

- a. A written document signed by both the Zoning Administrator and the Conservation Commission Chairperson in which both affirm that they have visually inspected the area in question and agree that wetlands are not evident.
- b. In lieu of a. above the Town Administrator shall have the discretion to retain a certified wetlands scientist to inspect the area in question and prepare a report for the ZBA.
- c. In the event that either a or b above concludes that wetlands are likely present and the applicant wishes to continue the application process, the Applicant may retain an independent, certified soils scientist or certified wetland scientist to map the area in question at his/her own expense.

- (2) Flood elevation data found to be acceptable to the Federal Emergency Management Agency may be used to supplement the understanding of the location of floodplain boundaries.

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## WETLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (W)

### 1. Specific Purposes

In the interest of public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulations of this District are intended to guide the use of land with extended periods of high water tables in order:

- a. To prevent the development of structures and land uses ~~on naturally occurring wetlands~~ which would contribute to the pollution of surface and ground water by sewage or other contaminants.
- b. To prevent the destruction of natural wetlands ~~which provide flood protection~~ which provide many benefits to the community including water purification, wildlife habitat, flood protection and such other reasons as those cited in RSA 482-A:1.
- c. To prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to the Town and to ~~to~~ the public which arise because of inharmonious use of ~~wetlands~~ the areas which comprise the Wetland Conservation District.
- d. To encourage those uses that can be appropriately and safely located in ~~wetland areas~~ the Wetland Conservation District.

### 2. Permitted Uses

Any use that does not result in the erection of any structure or alter the ground surface configuration by the addition of fill, dredging or draining except as provided below:

Such uses include:

- a. Forestry and tree farming using best management practices as required by Env-Wt 304.05 to protect wetlands and surface waters from damage from soil erosion or other contamination;
- b. Agriculture using best management practices such as those referenced in RSA 431: 33-35 and those proposed by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service to protect wetlands and surface waters from damage from soil erosion or other contamination.
- c. Water impoundments and well supplies;
- d. Drainage ways--streams, creeks or other paths of normal runoff;
- e. Wildlife refuge;
- f. Parks and such recreational uses as are consistent with the purpose of creating the Wetland Conservation District as defined in ~~Sections 2.1 and 2.5~~ herein;
- g. Conservation areas and nature trails;
- ~~h. Open space as permitted by subdivision regulations and other sections of this ordinance.~~
- i. Access ways if essential to the productive use of the land and consistent with NH DES Dredge and Fill regulations;
- j. Utility rights of way or easements including power lines and pipelines which are constructed using best management practices and only if there is no feasible alternative.
- k. Any other use permitted under RSA 482-A and specifically authorized by the issuance of a NH Department of Environmental Services Permit shall be deemed a permitted use under this regulation

### **3. Prohibited Uses**

- a. Any use which utilizes, stores, processes, or disposes of toxic substances which may pose a threat to surface or ground water quality is prohibited.
- b. Underground fuel storage tanks are prohibited.

### **4. Special Exceptions**

- a. Special exceptions for the undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation District, which may include the erection of a structure, dredging, filling, draining, or otherwise altering the surface configuration of the land, may be granted by the Board of Adjustment, if it can be shown that such proposed use will not conflict with the specific purposes and intentions listed above in Paragraph 1, and if in compliance with RSA 482-A and the rules and regulations of the NH Department of Environmental Services ~~Dredge and Fill Board~~. Proper evidence to this effect shall be submitted to the Board of Adjustment and shall be accompanied by review comments of the ~~Sullivan County Conservation District~~

Plainfield Conservation Commission concerning the environmental effects of such proposed use upon wetlands in question.

- b. Non-conforming structures which intrude into the Wetland Conservation District, including the buffer areas, and which exist prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall be permitted, including the reasonable maintenance thereof.
- c. Land owners with buffer areas which are not naturally vegetated at the time this ordinance is adopted will be encouraged, but not required, to replant those areas with an appropriate mixture of natural vegetation (i.e. indigenous ground cover, shrubs, or trees) using best management practices such as those outlined in the UNH Cooperative Extension publication "Landscaping at the Water's Edge: An Ecological Approach."

The results of the vote were:

Yes 375 No 108

**The amendment was in the affirmative and so declared.**

**Moderator Taylor recessed the meeting at 8:32 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 13, 2008-Edward Stansfield sworn in as Trustee of Trust Funds by Ruth Ann Wheeler.**

**Saturday March 13, 2008. The meeting was opened at 10:06 a.m.**

Suellen Leugers offered a few words of inspiration followed by the pledge of Allegiance. Glenn Griffin played one stanza of "America" on his trumpet followed by the singing of the first stanza.

Moderator Taylor introduced the table present-Ruth Ann Wheeler, Town Clerk, Stephen Halleran, Town Administrator, Judith Belyea, selectwoman; Robert Taylor, selectman; Mark Wilder, selectman and Thomas Williams, selectman elect.

A motion was made by George West to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Robert Taylor.

**ARTICLE 3. A motion was made by Stephen Halleran** to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,846,500** to defray town charges for the 2008 fiscal year.. Mark Wilder seconded motion.

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$151,260</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>11,530</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>58,800</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>18,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>10,100</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>10,200</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>8,150</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>37,800</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>272,355</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>38,000</b>

<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,800</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>7,900</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>21,525</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>573,060</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>102,806</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>137,500</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>63,610</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>19,450</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>7,758</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>19,235</b>
<b>29. Libraries - Plainfield</b>	<b>53,976</b>
<b>- Meriden</b>	<b>33,335</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>10,250</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,500</b>

Halleran explained that \$223,000 of monies results in \$1.00 on the tax rate. If everything passed at this meeting, it would mean an increase of .46 on the tax rate. The projected tax rate would be \$4.61. Extra monies were raised in the fall of 2007 to offset the anticipated shortfall of the County budget.

This year's budget increase included additional monies for training of support staff in the town office and a one-time cost of a motor vehicle program. Other major increases are due to fuel and equipment replacement.

Road plans include the repair of Colby Hill Road for sure and if possible, part of Freeman Road. Willow Brook repairs will be started with the use of federal monies.

Sandy Stettenheim asked if the sanitation budget could be reduced if more people recycled and could the price of stickers be increased.

Halleran said that recycling would help with the disposal costs and the sticker price amply covers our present costs.

Richard Atkinson wanted to know if the increase for computer programs was a one-time cost or would there every year.

Halleran said it was one time but there were maintenance costs each year.

Margaret Drye wanted to know who would do the work on Willow Brook Road.

Halleran said our highway department would do some of the work and would hire outside help for some of the difficult points along the brook.

Drye also wanted to know if the town still considered a bond for this work.

Halleran said not at this time.

A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 155 No 12

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**



While the ballots were being tabulated, moderator Taylor asked the town to recognize Gordon Gillens. The United States Marshals Service has named Gillens Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Gillens and his wife will travel to Washington, D. C. to receive the commendation. A standing ovation was given to Gillens.

**ARTICLE 4.** A motion was made by Mark Wilder to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** for the purchase of a new one ton dump truck with plowing and sanding equipment for the use of the highway department and to authorize the select board to withdraw the sum of **\$80,000** the Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987. Further to authorize the select board to sell or trade the town's existing 1999 one-ton truck including its existing plowing and sanding equipment. Stephen Halleran seconded motion. Wilder explained that repair costs have been increasing each year making replacement more practical. Several quotes have been obtained and the new truck would be bigger which would help with its longevity.

A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 118 No 42

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 5. A motion was made by Judith Belyea** to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$127,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows: Motion was seconded by Mark Wilder.

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$10,000	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$5,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$50,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$10,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

Belyea explained that this is a standard motion brought forward each year. These funds are like savings accounts to ensure that we don't have major increases to the budget.

Paul Franklin asked how much monies are in the fund for the Willow Brook road project.

Halleran said \$126,00 plus the \$50, 000 being added today with anticipated from FEMA.

A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 151 No 16

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 6.** A motion was made by Robert Taylor to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,000 to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land currently a portion of tax map 105 lot 12 located at 86 Bonner Road said premises being the open field adjacent to School Street. The funds to come from unreserved fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Stephen Halleran seconded motion.

Selectman Taylor said that the cost included \$75,000 for the land, \$2000 for surveying and \$1000 for legal expenses.

Eric Grald asked how much was in the reserve fund.

Halleran responded \$487,000 part of which will be used to offset the increase for the County deficit.

Penn Marchael asked how much of this land is wetlands. Selectman Taylor said it would be determined after the survey. Part of this land is right-of-way from School Road. It has town water and sewer, which makes it a developable lot.

Brad Thompson asked if this might be the site for the Meriden Post office.

Halleran said that no uses have been determined.

Selectman Taylor said that potential uses might be a parking lot, day care/community center, etc.

Tax consequences would be approximately \$1300 off the tax rolls.

A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 145 No 29

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 7.** A motion was made by Mark Wilder: -That we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Plainfield, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$64,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$92,000; for a person 80 years or older, \$141,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his/her spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article is offered as part of the 2008 Assessment update project. Motion seconded by Judith Belyea.

Paul Franklin asked if the level of assets had been increased.

Halleran said no as Plainfield's limits are comparable to other communities.

A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 143 No 11

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

At this point in the meeting, Assistant Moderator Paul Franklin took the gavel.

**ARTICLE 8.** Judith Belyea made a motion: that we modify the exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$47,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$30,000; and own net assets of not more than \$65,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article is offered as part of the 2008 assessment update project. Stephen Halleran seconded motion.

A paper ballot was taken.

Yes 121 No 6

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 9.** A motion was made by Mark Wilder: to see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 72, exemptions from property taxation for solar (72:62) and wind (72:66) energy generation systems. The exemption will be 100% of the value of accessory use generation systems up to a maximum of \$50,000 in taxable value. Criteria for granting the exemption shall be that the installed system must generate energy for the owner's primary residence or place of

business located on the site. The system, however, may transfer surplus energy to the established electrical grid. Commercial solar and wind generating facilities that represent the primary use of a property shall not be eligible for this exemption. Robert Taylor seconded motion.

Penn Marchael asked if the exemption was for equipment only.  
Wilder responded that the value of the equipment would be tax exempt.

A voice vote was taken. Moderator Franklin said the ayes had it.  
**It was declared a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 10.** A motion was made by Robert Taylor: to see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk-Tax Collector to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the electronic online collection of local taxes or fees. The town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest or penalties due, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the charge shall be disclosed at the time of billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk-Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures. Stephen Halleran seconded motion.

A voice vote was taken. Moderator Franklin said the ayes had it.  
**It was declared a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

The gavel passed back to Moderator Taylor.

**ARTICLE 11.** A motion was made by Stephen Halleran: to see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. Judith Belyea seconded motion.

A paper ballot was taken.  
Yes 92 No 49

**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 12.** A motion was made by Judith Belyea. To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint, within 60 days of town meeting, a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting. Motion seconded by Stephen Halleran.

A voice vote was taken. Moderator Taylor declared it unanimous.  
**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 13.** A motion was made by Robert Taylor: -to see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the selectmen, and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Motion seconded by Judith Belie.

A voice vote was unanimous.  
**It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 14.** Mark Wilder moved that the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the annual report, subject to correction. A certified copy is to be kept on file with the Town Clerk. Robert Taylor seconded motion.

A voice vote was unanimous and so declared.

**ARTICLE 15.** Robert Taylor offered a commendation to Mark Wilder who is retiring this year. Taylor thanked Wilder for his twelve years of service; the great knowledge he brought to the board and his efforts.

Wilder said that the twelve years passed quickly and thanked the town for the privilege and pleasure of serving.

Ruth Ann Wheeler swore in moderator Taylor.

Moderator Taylor swore in the following elected officials.

Thomas J. Williams Jr. Selectman

Bradford Atwater Cemetery Trustee

Rachel Stoddard, Pamela Abrahamson, Dennis Girouard as library trustees

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler

Town Clerk