

Near the end of 2006, we were presented with a gift of land located adjacent to the town's existing gravel pit. The parcel is approximately ten acres and will significantly extend the useful life of our municipal gravel pit. This is a very generous gift and will be a great asset to the Town.

We thank all the town employees and our many volunteers for their continuing efforts to make Plainfield a great place to live.

Respectfully,

The Plainfield Selectboard

Judy Belyea (Chair)

Robert Taylor

Mark Wilder

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the board of selectmen, the town office worked on the following projects during 2006:

Solid Waste Disposal: Based on work done by our current and past boards of selectmen dating back to 2000 and the ongoing efforts of our solid waste committee we will be able to gain access to the Lebanon landfill for our municipal solid waste starting in July of 2007. Given the proximity to Plainfield of this facility and its sub seventy-dollar tipping fee this new arrangement should serve our community very well. A key piece of this effort was the meeting of our Selectboard with the Lebanon City Council in August of this year. In a related matter, Plainfield continues to participate heavily in Lebanon's current efforts to promote savings through enhanced regional cooperation. It is expected that this larger effort will produce additional opportunities for cost savings.

Property Assessments: the town was able to defend the property appraisal model in use since the 2003 revaluation before the NH Supreme Court. This was the final piece of business related to the 2003 reappraisal. All factors that are contributory to value must be accounted for when developing a specific property's assessment. Further, to be granted an abatement a taxpayer must demonstrate that the property in question is being asked to pay a disproportionate share of the overall tax burden; simply criticizing the assessment methodology is not sufficient grounds to be granted relief.

Brook Road: The town has received preliminary approval from the Bureau of Emergency Management for approximately \$190,000 worth of FEMA hazard mitigation money to assist with the some of the most threatening areas along Brook Road. Final approval from FEMA, still pending, however, is expected. Senator Judd Gregg's office has been very helpful to Plainfield in this effort. The entire application process has taken nearly two years to complete and about \$5,000 of local money in engineering work.

French's Ledges Trail Easement: Building on the privately driven effort that was successful in reestablishing a bridge across Blood's Brook adjacent to the Plainfield

Elementary School, an enhanced easement was developed by the town and granted by Kimball Union that insures “forever” public access to all the trails surrounding the French’s Ledges. This private effort was an extraordinary example of the human resources in our community and we were happy to be able to be a small part of the overall effort.

MVD, LLC/Baynes Road: Based on a favorable recommendation of the town’s engineering firm, the Selectboard in December accepted Baynes Road as a town maintained highway.

GIS System: The town’s planning board now has access to software which will allow the board to more fully utilize the potential of the town’s GIS.

Veterans/Service Memorial: The design for the Veterans or Service Memorial has been developed and has been on display around town. The implementation of a capital campaign is the final step that needs to be completed in the coming year to allow for construction to begin.

Submitted,

Stephen Halleran
Town Administrator

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Zoning Administrator:	Stephen Halleran	469-3201
Building Inspector:	David Lersch	675-9318-Summer
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Permits for the following projects were issued in 2006:

6	New Single family residences	4	Renewals
4	Replacement SFH’s	3	Commercial Projects
1	Accessory Apartment	4	Garages
12	Renovations	1	Communication tower
9	Additions	11	Decks/porches
1	Pool	14	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
1	Solar		

Permit total= 73

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Halleran
Zoning Administrator