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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	2011
ASSIST. MODERATOR	Paul B. Franklin	2009
TOWN CLERK	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2010
SELECTBOARD	Robert W. Taylor	2009
	Judith A. Belyea	2010
	Thomas P. Williams Jr.	2011
	Fred Sweet	2010
TREASURER	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2010
TAX COLLECTOR		
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Donald Garfield	2009
	Jesse Stalker	2010
	Edward Stansfield	2011
TRUSTEES PR LIBRARY	Beth Williams	2009
	Anita Brown	2010
	Dennis Girouard	2011
TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY	Joseph Crate	2009
	Pam Abrahamson	2010
	Rachel Stoddard	2011
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2009
	Diane W. Rogers	2010
	Donald Jordan	2014
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Howard Zea	2009
	Jesse Stalker	2010
	Bradford Atwater	2011
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	
DEP. TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	
DEP. TREASURER	Douglas Cogan	
BALLOT CLERKS	Bette Stockwell	2009
	Susan Timmons	2009
	Annamay Chapman	2009
	Mary Ellen Sullivan	2009
	Jerry Burt	2009
ROAD AGENT	Kenneth Stocker	2009
TREE WARDEN	Kenneth Stocker	2009
HEALTH OFFICER	A. Halton Grindle	2009
ZONING ADMIN.	Stephen Halleran	2009
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea	2009
WELFARE DIRECTOR	A. Halton Grindle	2009
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.	James McCarragher	2009

POLICE DEPARTMENT	Gordon Gillens, Chief Lawrence Dore, Sgt. Paul Roberts, Cprl. Anthony Swett Peter Begin Joshua Alden	
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair Mike Sutherland Allen Ferguson Ruth Cassedy Ronald Liston Gregory Estey Desmond Hudson, alt Gregory Davini, alt Judith Belyea	2010 2011 2011 2010 2009 2009 2009 2009 Selectman
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Richard Colburn, Chair William McGonigle, Margaret Cassedy Edward Moynihan Bradford Atwater Stephen Sheehan, Alt	2010 2011 2011 2009 2009 2009
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Grobe, Chair Jeffrey Marsh Margaret Gibson Gordon Wilder Judith Ptak Eric Brann Judith Hallam, Alt	2010 2011 2011 2011 2010 2009 2011
RECREATION	Daniel Cantlin, Chair Martin Morgan Judith Houde-Hardy Todd MacDonald Pamela Lewis David Dupree Jason Huett	2009 2009 2009 2009 2009 2009 2009
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Scott MacLeay Robert Hewett Thomas Lappin Stephen Beaupre Sarah Brooks-Governo David Chellis	2009 2009 2009 2009 2009 2009
NH/VT SWD REPS	Richard E. Atkinson	2009

UVLSRPC

Richard Winters
James Taylor

**MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF
PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF
FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

David Best
Frank Currier
Peter Berry, Warden
Douglas Plummer, Deputy
John Conly, Deputy
Christopher Berry, Deputy
William Taylor, Deputy
David Best, Deputy

**SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE**

Hillary Sundell

Susan Williams, Chair
Richard Atkinson

William McGonigle
Betsy Rybeck-Lynd
Nancy Mogielnicki
Russell Kelley
Richard Colburn

**KUA STUDY
COMMITTEE**

Susan Plummer
Robert Bartles
Gordon Defoe
Douglas Cogan-School Board
Hugh McGraw/Rachel Tilney-KUA
Stephen Halleran

**CONNECTICUT RIVER
JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Nancy Franklin
Robert Kline

**MT ASCUTNEY
SUBCOMMITTEE
TO THE CRJC**

Edward Moynihan
Stephen Halleran

**TOWN HALL
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Norwalk
Beverly Widger
Brad Atwater
Pamala Abrahamson
Nancy Scott
David Chellis
Ruth Cassedy

**WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

[Polls will be open until 7:00 P.M.]

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

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 14th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 2. 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. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$146,110
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	5,330
3. Financial Administration	62,800
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	10,100
6. Personnel Administration	8,500
7. Planning and Zoning	3,200
8. General Government Buildings	6,750
9. Cemeteries	31,000
10. Insurance	39,600
11. Regional Associations	6,600
12. Police Department	268,291
13. Ambulance Service	29,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	39,000
-Meriden	38,000
15. Building Inspection	8,800
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	6,900
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	16,500
19. Highway Administration	20,900
20. Highways and Streets	600,059
21. Road Projects	104,966
22. Street Lights	9,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	140,500
24. Solid Waste Disposal	55,610
25. Health Agencies	20,785
26. Animal Control	750
27. Welfare	8,223

28. Recreation Commission	21,815
29. Libraries - Plainfield	56,330
- Meriden	34,581
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	9,250
Total:	\$ 1,846,500

**This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.
The selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 3. 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:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$10,000	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$10,000	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:

\$5,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund and the transportation improvement fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 35:16-a will vote to discontinue the following capital reserve funds; any balance in said funds along with accumulated interest to be transferred to the town's general fund:

Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created in 1990.
Town Hall Renovations Fund created in 1994.
ADA Access Fund created in 2003.

Note: Balance in each of these funds is zero, action being taken to close is at the request of the NH DRA, tabulated vote required.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? (Article by request of the Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 6. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body? (Article by request of the Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 7. 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.

ARTICLE 8. 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.

ARTICLE 9. "Recognizing the Town of Plainfield and Selectmen's responsibilities and obligations of assessing property for taxation purposes and maintaining property tax and assessment information, inventories and records for real property in the Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire, shall the Town of Plainfield, its Selectmen, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors be restricted and precluded from taking, copying, utilizing, maintaining, receiving or sharing any photograph of any residence, dwelling, structure or building located within the Town of Plainfield and using, including, incorporating or allowing to be used such photograph in or when compiling, preserving and/or maintaining property tax and/or assessment information, inventories, data, records, and/or tax cards?" (Article by petition).

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. The fund is to be called the "Town Property Beautification, Operation and Maintenance Fund" and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend for the fund. Further, to direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to make recommendations on appropriate expenditures, to educate the town about the fund, and to coordinate activities for town fund raising. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Article by request).

ARTICLE 11. 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.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a committee of not more than 10 persons to make plans for the observance in 2011 of the 250th anniversary of the chartering of the town, said committee to report with recommendations at the 2010 annual meeting.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Robert W. Taylor
Judith A. Belyea
Thomas P. Williams Jr.
Plainfield Selectboard

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2009 to December 31st 2009

EXPENDITURES	2008	2008	2009	Dollar
Item	Approved	Actual	Request	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	\$151,260	\$145,654	\$146,110	(\$5,150)
Election/Registration	\$11,530	\$11,884	\$5,330	(\$6,200)
Financial Administration	\$58,800	\$65,648	\$62,800	\$4,000
Revaluation of Property	\$10,000	\$13,714	\$10,000	\$0
Legal Expense	\$18,100	\$4,751	\$10,100	(\$8,000)
Personnel Administration	\$10,100	\$9,632	\$8,500	(\$1,600)
Planning and Zoning	\$10,200	\$3,022	\$3,200	(\$7,000)
General Government Buildings	\$8,150	\$7,185	\$6,750	(\$1,400)
Cemeteries	\$30,000	\$23,417	\$31,000	\$1,000
Insurances	\$37,800	\$37,270	\$39,600	\$1,800
Regional Associations	\$8,000	\$8,497	\$6,600	(\$1,400)
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	\$272,355	\$264,697	\$268,291	(\$4,064)
Ambulance	\$29,000	\$29,384	\$29,000	\$0
Fire-Plainfield	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$0
Fire-Meriden	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0
Building Inspection	\$8,800	\$10,352	\$8,800	\$0
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$7,900	\$6,826	\$6,900	(\$1,000)
Dispatch Service	\$16,000	\$16,301	\$16,500	\$500
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES				
Highway Administration	\$21,525	\$21,874	\$20,900	(\$625)
Highway and Streets	\$573,060	\$605,710	\$600,059	\$26,999
Road Projects	\$102,806	\$74,179	\$104,966	\$2,160
Street Lights	\$9,000	\$9,465	\$9,000	\$0
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Collection	\$137,500	\$145,031	\$140,500	\$3,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$63,610	\$56,296	\$55,610	(\$8,000)
Health				
Health Department	\$19,450	\$17,945	\$20,785	\$1,335
Animal Control	\$750	\$250	\$750	\$0
WELFARE				
General Assistance	\$7,758	\$8,059	\$8,223	\$465
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Recreation Commission	\$19,235	\$16,556	\$21,815	\$2,580
Library-Plainfield	\$53,976	\$53,976	\$56,330	\$2,354
Library-Meriden	\$33,335	\$33,335	\$34,581	\$1,246
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$1,514	\$1,500	\$0

Conservation Commission	\$2,500	\$1,641	\$500	(\$2,000)
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$10,250	\$10,265	\$9,250	(\$1,000)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
APPROVED 08 BUDGET	\$1,846,500	\$1,816,330	\$1,846,500	\$0

	2008 Approved	2008 Actual	2009 Request	
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Hwy Equipment Replacement	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Bridge Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Revaluation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
Land Project	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$0	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$285,500	\$285,500	\$127,500	
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,132,000	\$2,103,830	\$1,974,000	(\$158,000)



Town of Plainfield Anticipated Revenues- 2009

REVENUES	2008	2008	2009
Item	Anticipated	Received	Anticipated
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$14,465	\$14,465	\$15,790
Yield Taxes	\$5,000	\$2,999	\$5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Interest & Penalties	\$45,000	\$54,266	\$55,000
Excavations	\$100	\$54	\$100
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Licenses & Fees	\$5,000	\$5,341	\$5,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$450,000	\$432,641	\$432,008
Trash User Fees	\$110,000	\$96,492	\$105,000
STATE REVENUE			
Shared Revenue	\$122,637	\$132,802	\$132,802
Highway Block Grant	\$102,806	\$102,448	\$104,966
State Reimbursements	\$158	\$2,031	\$2,500
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
Income from Departments	\$20,000	\$48,639	\$40,000
Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Sale of Town Property	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Interest on Deposits	\$55,000	\$33,896	\$35,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Capital Reserve Funds	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
Trust Funds	\$13,000	\$12,200	\$13,000
Fund Balance	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$0
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,105,166	\$1,096,272	\$947,166
NET APPROPRIATION	\$1,026,834	\$1,005,558	\$1,026,834
		Change in dollars from taxation:	\$0.00
		Projected tax rate impact	\$0.00

**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 469 votes
Paul Franklin 5 votes
Boone Rondeau 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 Stalker 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 Pelletier each had one vote.

Bradford Atwater was declared elected.

Library Trustee for Three Years-West Part of Town

Dennis Girouard 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 2 votes
Diane Rogers had 1 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~~ inclusion in a Wetlands Conservation District 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 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.

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.

Saturday, 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.

1. Executive	\$151,260
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	11,530
3. Financial Administration	58,800
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	18,100
6. Personnel Administration	10,100
7. Planning and Zoning	10,200
8. General Government Buildings	8,150
9. Cemeteries	30,000
10. Insurance	37,800
11. Regional Associations	8,000
12. Police Department	272,355
13. Ambulance Service	29,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	39,000
-Meriden	38,000
15. Building Inspection	8,800
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	7,900
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	16,000
19. Highway Administration	21,525
20. Highways and Streets	573,060
21. Road Projects	102,806
22. Street Lights	9,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	137,500
24. Solid Waste Disposal	63,610
25. Health Agencies	19,450
26. Animal Control	750
27. Welfare	7,758
28. Recreation Commission	19,235
29. Libraries - Plainfield	53,976
- Meriden	33,335
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	2,500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	10,250
Total:	\$ 1,846,500

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 increased 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 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.

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** from 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 the 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.

Further to name the selectboard as agents to expend on the transportation improvement fund created in 2006.

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 \$126,000 plus the \$50,000 being added today along with \$263,000 in awarded grant monies 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. A motion was made by Judith Belyea to see if the town will 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 unanimous on this article.
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 unanimous on this article.
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 unanimous on this article.

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 Belyea.

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.

It was a vote in the affirmative 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.

Selectmen Thomas P. Williams Jr.

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

Donald Jordan sworn in as Supervisor of Checklist by Ruth Ann Wheeler, Town Clerk
On March 19, 2008

**Ongoing Authorities
Granted to the Board of Selectmen
By Previous Annual Meetings**

Authority for the Selectmen to convey real estate acquired by tax collector's deed. RSA 80:80 Article 4 1995 town meeting

The Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 31:95-b Article 5 1995 town meeting.

The Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash to the municipality for any public purpose. RSA 31:95-e. Article 6 1995 town meeting.

The Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the town, gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 31:19. Article 7 1995 town meeting.

Library Trustees to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 202-A:4-c Article 8 1995 town meeting.

The Selectmen to borrow funds , on behalf of the municipality, in anticipation of taxes. RSA 33:7 Article 9 1995 town meeting.

The Selectmen to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board. RSA 674:40 Article 10 1995

Library Trustees to accept gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 202-A:4-d Article 15 2006 town meeting.

Further the Selectboard is named agents to expend for six funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.

The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.

Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993, authority 2002.

Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003, authority 2003.

Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006, authority 2008

Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2006, authority 2006

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash On hand, January 1 st , 2008	
Cash-checking	\$ 39,503
Cash-Investments	\$2,478,943
Total	\$2,518,466
Receipts during the fiscal year	\$3,932,979
Total available	\$6,451,445
Less selectmen's orders	\$3,943,710
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2008	\$2,507,715
Cash-Checking	\$254,737
Cash-Investments	\$2,252,978

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Sweet , Treasurer

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2008

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 151,260
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	11,530
Financial Administration	58,800
Revaluation of Property	10,000
Legal Expense	18,100
Personnel Administration	10,100
Planning and Zoning.....	10,200
General Government Buildings	8,150
Cemeteries	30,000
Insurances	37,800
Advertising and Regional Expense.....	8,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	272,355
Ambulance.....	29,000
Fire Protection	77,000
Emergency Management	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	23,900
Building Inspection.....	8,800

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets	594,585
Road Projects.....	102,806
Street Lights.....	9,000

SANITATION

Garbage Collection	137,500
Solid Waste Disposal.....	63,610

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department.....	19,450
Pest Control	750

WELFARE

Welfare Department	7,758
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission.....	19,235
Libraries.....	87,311
Patriotic	1,500
Conservation Commission.....	2,500

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts.....	10,250

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL **\$1,846,500**

PURCHASES

Article 4 Dumptruck Purchase (Truck #1)	80,000
Article 6 Land Purchase (School Street).....	78,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Article 5 Transportation Improvement Fund	\$50,000
Article 5 Highway Vehicle Fund.....	50,000
Article 5 Highway Bridge Fund	10,000
Article 5 Revaluation Fund.....	5,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

Article 5 Town Hall Repair Fund	10,000
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Article 5 Library Repair Fund2,500

CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL\$285,500

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL\$1,184,500

TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS..... \$2,132,000

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved.....	\$91,126,359
Buildings.....	185,323,200
Public Utilities	6,391,800
Total Value Before Exemptions.....	\$282,841,359

Blind Exemption.....	15,000
Elderly Exemption.....	1,323,100
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption	164,100
Solar Energy Exemption.....	5,000
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote)	7,131,998
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law)	150,000
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$8,789,198

Net value used for local tax rate	\$274,052,161
Net value used for state education rate	\$267,660,361

Electric Utility Property detail

Granite State Electric	\$2,051,400
New England Power Company	\$2,620,700
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	\$1,453,800
Public Service of NH.....	\$255,700
TransCanada	\$10,200

WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans.....	\$4,200
Standard Exemptions (\$150/veteran).....	17,100
Total war service credits	\$21,300

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land.....	2,843
Forest Land	23,505
Unproductive Land	1,462
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions).....	27,810

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,132,000
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,116,166
Share Revenues	less	10,166
Overlay	add	15,000
War Service Credits	add	21,300
A) Net Town Appropriation	Equals	1,041,968
Net Local School Budget		5,095,251
Adequate Education Grant	less	820,644
State Education Taxes	less	603,518
B) Approved Local School Assessment	Equals	3,671,089
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	603,518
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	698,165
 Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	 Equals	 \$6,014,740

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$6,014,740
Less War Service Credits	21,300
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	\$5,993,440

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate (2003 values)	Approved year tax rate (2008 values)
Town	4.50	3.80
County	2.67	2.55
Local School	15.93	13.40
State School	2.65	2.25
Combined tax rate	\$25.75	\$22.00
	2003 values	2008 values
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$220,715,003	\$274,052,161
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$216,131,103	\$267,660,361

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage.....	\$635,200
First Baptist Church& parsonage.....	405,000
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage	1,093,500
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church.....	2,871,000

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop).....	23,959,100
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop).....	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote)	7,131,998

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Grafton Pond Trust	308,700
New England Wildflower Association.	241,200
Plainfield Historical Society	157,200
Singing Hills Conference Facility	2,152,600

PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy	51,400
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department.....	243,400
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.....	820,100
Plainfield Village Water District	441,000
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.....	286,500

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road.....	2,300
Land on River Road (multiple parcels).....	68,400
Duncan State Forest.....	348,900

GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange	403,500
Meriden Grange.....	195,700

LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish	7,500
Grantham	49,600

TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES **\$42,023,798**

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND
AND BUILDINGS**

DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

Town Hall -Plainfield	\$ 321,400
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.).....	474,800
Libraries -Plainfield	1,102,800
-Meriden	278,800
Highway Garage	290,500
Plainfield Elementary School.....	3,571,700
Burnaps Island	53,700
Dump Lot	47,400
Gravel Pit	223,700
Spencer Lot	287,500
Whitaker Road Intersections.....	10,400
Tallow Hill Intersection	32,700
French's Ledges	68,800
Benson Donation.....	157,600
Stage Road Ball Field	227,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery).....	47,600
Farnum Lot	112,200
Town Pound	9,900
School Street land	75,000
TOTAL	\$7,394,400

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK-2008

As promised, we are finally on line with the State of New Hampshire. Our new printer arrived in August along with a box of plates. We can do registrations and plates on most any vehicle (tractor, trailer, motorcycle, etc) up to 26,000 pounds. We can do initial plates and even the Moose plates.

We are still limited on transfers or new registrations for leased vehicles but the state continues to increase our functions and that will come in time.

We have put off credit cards temporarily until we can set up a one check system with the State. The credit card system will be done through a local bank and a third-party vendor who will handle any fees involved.

We will be sending out dog reminders with the inventory forms. Any dogs not registered by June 1st will be added to the dog warrant and subject to a \$25.00 fine. With over 600 dogs in Plainfield, it takes a lot of time to process and keep track of each one. A registered dog gets a ride home rather than to the pound!

The Presidential election brought a record number of voters out but not quite enough to break the record set in 1984. Thanks to all the volunteer counters, we were done and home in a record time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler

Town Clerk

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMEBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2008

Total reports filed.....	18
Total yield tax assessed.....	\$2,962
Softwood cut, MBF.....	316
Hardwood cut, MBF	29
Cordwood cut, cords	7
Pulpwood/chips, tons	743
Pulpwood, cords.....	0

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith A. Belyea,
Yield Tax Agent

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR-2008

The State of New Hampshire has enacted specific laws governing the collection of taxes under Chapter 80. The tax year begins on April 1st and the town has 18 months to collect the taxes due. In order to not lose this right, tax collectors have been given the powers to place a tax lien on the property on behalf of the municipality and a specific time period to perfect this lien.

After following the necessary legal procedures, the lien is perfected and filed by law with the Registry of Deeds for Sullivan County. The town holds the lien and redeems the lien upon full payments of taxes, interest and fees. Once the lien is filed, the property owner has two years to make full payment. If the taxes are not redeemed on or before the two year date, a deed is issued to the Town.

Sullivan County Registry of Deeds records are public. The major credit bureaus have extractors who pick up information on a regular basis such as liens filed. This is how it gets on the credit reports and will remain there for years. Unfortunately, the credit bureaus do not always pick up the releases and this does affect credit ratings.

A copy of all tax laws is available at the town office and on line with the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Wheeler
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year ending December 31st 2008

		-Debits-	
Uncollected Taxes			
Beginning of fiscal year	2008		2007
Property taxes			\$378,306
Timber yield tax			\$455
Land use change tax			\$0
Excavations			\$0
Prior year's credit balances	(\$663)		
This year's new credits	(\$8,472)		
Taxes Committed to Collector			
Property taxes	\$5,999,302		
Land use change taxes	\$31,580		
Yield taxes	\$2,777		\$223
Excavation activities	\$54		
Overpayments			
Property taxes	\$3,590		
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$4,142		\$21,314
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,032,310		\$400,299
		-Credits-	
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Property taxes	\$5,631,453		\$210,671
Land use changes taxes	\$31,580		\$0
Excavation	\$54		\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$2,777		474
Interest on taxes	\$4,142		\$21,314
Converted to liens (principal only)	0		\$153,860
Prior year overpayments assigned	(\$663)		
Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year			
Property taxes	\$546		\$13,776
Timber tax			\$204
Overpayments Collected During Fiscal Year			
Property taxes-returned	\$0		
Property taxes-this year	\$0		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year			
Property taxes	\$367,303		
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$4,882)		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,032,310		\$400,299

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TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2008

Unredeemed Liens	-Debits-		
	2007	2006	2005+
Beginning of year	0	\$80,238	\$38,241
New liens	\$166,048		
Interests/Penalties	\$3,894	\$13,556	\$10,951
TOTAL DEBITS	\$169,943	\$93,794	\$49,191

	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$69,525	\$39,795	\$37,912
Interest/Penalties	\$3,894	\$13,556	\$10,950
Unredeemed liens	\$96,505	\$40,443	\$329
TOTAL CREDITS	\$169,943	\$93,794	\$49,191

SELECTBOARD REPORT 2008

2008 was another busy and productive year for Plainfield's Selectboard. We saw our longtime member Mark Wilder wrap up his tenure on the board and our newest Selectman Tom Williams take his seat at our meetings. The Town is grateful to Mark for his commitment and service to our citizens and is also thankful for Tom's willingness to step forward and fill the position. Many projects, both major and minor, were completed throughout the year. Without the hard work of our Town Officers, Town Staff and community volunteers none of this would have been possible.

The Selectboard, with the help of the Service Memorial Committee, was pleased to participate in the completion of the Service Memorial in 2008. The dedication ceremony took place at the start of the annual Fourth of July celebration. The memorial located at the entrance to the Plainfield Plan Cemetery serves as a tribute to all those from Plainfield who have provided service to our nation.

2008 saw significant work around Town on our roads. Willow Brook Road was substantially upgraded on the section closest to Meriden Village. Daniels Construction completed a major repair to the embankment near the covered bridge in the winter and Morrill Construction completed a road rebuild from the bridge to the Baptist Pool during the summer months. Much of the cost for this work was funded through a Hazard Mitigation Grant secured from the Federal Government. This work included the installation of new drainage systems to handle surface and subsurface water. Colby Hill Rd. was also upgraded from Mill Bridge to the Millar Pond access. This work was performed by our Town road crew under the direction of Road Agent Ken Stocker. Ken and the crew also performed a significant River Road bank stabilization during the summer near Sumner Falls. This work was also made possible by Federal funds. The Selectboard will continue to seek out monies from alternate sources (State, Federal, etc) to alleviate the tax burden on our residents. As traffic has increased and construction costs too, we are tasked with doing more with less. With this in mind the Selectboard has prioritized the prudent management of our Town Gravel/Sand Pit to further our resources there.

The Selectboard is pleased to report that the former Berwick Homestead on Route 12A was successfully removed in the fall. At our request (and with the help of a more than cooperative landowner and State and Federal officials), the building was razed and removed to the benefit of all who pass by that property. The Selectboard will continue to evaluate properties in Town where dilapidated structures present a clear hazard to public safety and health. As State Law requires, the Selectboard will also continue to pursue action against owners of unregistered cars and people with excessive trash and/or junk on their property.

The Town's acquisition of land along Bonner Road and adjacent to the Plainfield School was completed upon approval of Town Meeting. The small parcel is now owned by the public and is available for whatever the residents see fit in the future. The Selectboard would like to thank the Robinsons for making the land available to the Town. Future generations in Town will surely see the benefit of this forward thinking transaction.

A major update to the Town's tax assessments was completed in 2008. Working with the firm Avitar of New England, we reviewed and updated property assessments based on current market data. This update is required by the State of NH, and is overseen by the Department of Revenue Administration. The process went smoothly and the goals of fairness and accuracy were paramount. As is always the case, the tax value/information for all properties in Town are available at the Town Office for review by anyone. The process is meant to be completely transparent to residents. If you have a question, comment or concern, please bring them to the attention of the Selectboard or our Town Office Staff. Our mission is to everything possible to see that property values are accurate and up to date.

The Selectboard continued to work closely with the Plainfield School and School Board. With this cooperation, the construction of the new School parking lot was completed for much less cost than contracting the project out to private firms. The result was a significant savings to the taxpayers. This project improved the parking for the school as well as elections events and Town and School meetings. We will continue to discuss ways to further our Town/School relationship, particularly in the areas of our overlapping facility, energy and recreational (sports) needs.

Finally, the Selectboard would like to thank the many people and organizations in Town who make Plainfield what it is. First, to the Staff of our Town Office, Steve Halleran and Ruth Ann Wheeler, who keep our office as "even keeled" as any in the State. To Chief Gillens and his police staff for protecting us each and every day we say thank you. Our gratitude goes also to our two Fire Departments who volunteer their time to protect us all, along with the members of the Cornish Rescue Squad. And thanks to the many who volunteer their time on one of our many boards or committees. Lastly, the Selectboard has started visiting locations around Town to get to know

the Town on a more specific basis. If you would like to host the Selectboard for a tour or sit down meeting we would appreciate the opportunity. Please contact the Town Office to schedule one of these so called "outreach" events.

See you at Town Meeting,
Respectfully, **Robert Taylor Chair, Judy Belyea and Thomas Williams Jr.**

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the board of selectmen, in addition to the routine duties associated with the operation of our local government the town office worked on the following projects during 2008:

Service Memorial: This multiyear project was completed in 2008. The centerpiece of the memorial is a 5' x 8' piece of New Hampshire granite cut in the shape of our town. The memorial was dedicated at the Fourth of July celebration and is intended to honor all forms of national service.

Property Assessment Update: This project was completed by the October 1st deadline and resulted in an average increase in assessments from 2003 of 26%. The previous year's tax rate would have risen from \$25.75/\$1,000 to \$27.30/\$1000, but as a result of the update the new rate was established at \$22.00/\$1,000. While the assessment methodology has remained the same, the new assessment manual is designed to provide even greater information to taxpayers on how assessments were calculated.

Brook Road: Phase one of this project was completed by Morrill Construction of N. Haverhill NH. The project cost was just under \$300,000 and was funded from current tax dollars, a FEMA hazard mitigation grant and the town's own Transportation Improvement Fund. The selectboard hopes to continue the project in 2009.

Bonner Road/School Street Land Purchase: As approved by article 6 of the 2008 warrant, the Selectboard was able to acquire the small field directly adjacent to School Street and the Plainfield Elementary School. The project involved the conversion of \$78,000 (\$75,000 purchase price, \$3,000 legal/survey work) of the town's cash fund balance into this 2.4 acre parcel.

Plainfield Village Street Lights: Using the help of a committee of Route 12A residents we were able to use the PSNH Smart Program to install more energy efficient street lighting in Plainfield Village that also satisfies the town's dark sky requirements for outdoor lighting.

Highway Garage Lighting Upgrade: Here too we were able to improve the quality of work lights for the crew, gain compliance with our own land use regulations and reduce the town's monthly electric bill for the highway garage.

Meriden Town Hall Generator: The Meriden Town Hall serves as our administrative hub, our police headquarters and the town's emergency operations center. The building is now equipped with a propane powered generator that will run the entire facility for several days in the event of a long-term power outage.

Closing of the drop off recycling shed: Through a strategic alliance with the City of Lebanon we were able to broaden the menu of items that Plainfield residents can now recycle in addition to the curbside program. The Lebanon recycling facility located on Route 12A is fully permitted, staffed and operates six days every week. This change should save the town some operation monies on an annual basis and has put an end to the illegal dumping that was taking place at the highway garage on a weekly basis.

Removal of the former Berwick Residence 360 Route 12A: At the request of our emergency service providers, the selectboard made the razing of this abandoned building a priority in 2008. While a formal process is outlined in the state statues, we were able to accomplish the task working cooperatively with the out of state owner. As a result no legal fees or court proceedings were necessary.

Building Permit Fees: After research on our cost to process new buildings, holding a public hearing and checking fees in other communities the Selectboard approved a fee increase for building permits that insures that all the costs for setting up a new home or outbuilding are covered by the applicants and not the general taxpayers.

Outreach Program: The selectboard started a program of going out into the community on a monthly basis and meeting with business and institutional taxpayers to learn more about the challenges that they face. Discussions at these information sessions typically center on the topics of regulation, taxation and municipal services.

Submitted,

Stephen Halleran
Town Administrator

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran 469-3201
Building Inspector: David Lersch 381-1929

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2007:

4	New Single family residences	8	Renewals
1	Replacement SFH's	2	Commercial Projects
5	Garages	7	Electrical Upgrades
15	Renovations	8	Additions
8	Decks/porches	17	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
3	Cell tower slots		

Permit total= 78

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the zoning board **GRANTED** the following appeals:

2008-01: Gardiner and Kay MacLeay: Three unit multi-family building 27 Main St.

2008-02: David Weidman & Thomas Kardel: Two unit multi-family building 40 Columbus Jordan Road.

2008-03: George Sandman, dba Empire Rifles: Approved Cottage Business to allow for the transition for his 36 Jenney Road company from a home occupation to an approved business use.

2008-04: Jill Young: Accessory Apartment at 474 Willow Brook Road.

During the year the board **DENIED** the following requests:

None

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

Subdivisions:

O'Reilly, Kevin	one new lot, Stage Road
Quimby, William	one new lot, Grantham Mt. Road
Robinson, Mitch and Fran	one new lot, School Street/Bonner Road
Varnese, John and Marie	one new lot, Porter Road

Lot Mergers

Robinson, Mitch and Fran	tax map 105 lot 12 merged with map 105 12.1
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Annexations:

Quimby, William	10.7 acres to property of Darrell and Amy Beaupre
Ring Brook Farm	5.94 acre swap between two owned parcels.

Site Plan Reviews:

Kimball Union	Revisions to Athletic Field SPR approved in 2006.
Garfield's Smokehouse	24' x 24' retail space addition to the Main Street facility.

Scenic Road Hearings:

Grantham Mountain Road	Tree cutting and trimming to establish a new residence.
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The planning board completed its work and the town approved a zoning amended that afforded wetlands additional protections. The board also began efforts to provide access to public transportation in Plainfield and started discussions about how well the town is meeting its regional obligation, as outlined in RSA 674, to provide work force housing.

Submitted,

Jane Stephenson, Chair
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It should be expected that an idealistic and optimistic Conservation Commission will tilt at an occasional windmill. Even though several of our activities bordered on the quixotic, we had at least a small measure of actual success with most during 2008.

In the past year Plainfield witnessed more road construction than usual. Because of the potential impact on our surface waters and wetlands, the Conservation Commission loosely monitors construction and maintenance projects, two of which required permits from the State of New Hampshire. We devoted one meeting to site visits, and members reported on and discussed road work at several other meetings. The Commission came to feel that our highway department could set an example for all contractors and asked the Board of Selectmen to adopt a policy that construction and maintenance of our roads and operations at the highway garage or town gravel pit be practiced in ways which minimize environmental impacts. We were encouraged by the Selectboard's response and appreciated many instances where the road crew was already keeping the impacts of their work to a minimum.

The Conservation Commission continues to be concerned about the relentless invasion of alien plant species infiltrating our borders and compromising the livelihood of our familiar native plants. In the past, we have taken credit for attempts to control buckthorn and honeysuckle at the Benson Town Forest but have not been able to hoist the "mission accomplished" banner. This year we thought we would try to take one very small step to prevent the spread of Japanese Knotweed in one roadside location. Our preferred treatment option, the application of herbicide, is highly regulated and, while an option for individual landowners, is generally not an option for the Conservation Commission. One landowner did indeed receive a permit to apply herbicides in the wetland jurisdiction elsewhere in town. A second treatment option, the use of manual labor, can be intensive and usually requires an ongoing commitment to succeed. Again, this is best undertaken by the individual landowner, and several residents are doing so. We are available to assist residents in identification of invasive species and provide information about control options.

The boundary marking project at the town-owned Townsend Lot is now complete and paid for, with \$18,635 left in the Forest Maintenance Fund. Laminated maps of this and other town properties can be viewed at the town office or libraries, requested in electronic .pdf format, and may eventually be available in that format on the Conservation Commission's page at www.plainfieldnh.org.

The parking lot upgrade at Victor Hewes Memorial Park is also now complete and will be paid for using the Conservation Fund. This fund was credited with one-half the Current Use change penalties received in 2007, amounting to \$14,465, bringing the balance to \$113,211 less the \$3000 cost of the parking lot. Land conservation efforts made possible by this fund should reflect the values of our residents, so look for an opportunity to help provide this direction in the coming year!

We continued to assist landowners, loggers, and contractors with wetland permitting questions and applications. Two residents received permits to build ponds, one resident received information on building a pond, and two residents received information on maintaining a pond. A pond workshop presented at Taylor Farm by the Sullivan County Conservation District was very well attended. Three residents received Forestry Notification permits, and the Town received a permit for culvert replacement on the Brook Road reconstruction project. We also tracked the streambank stabilization project at the Plainfield Elementary School which had been permitted in 2007. A riparian buffer will be planted in 2009 to complete this project.

The Conservation Commission fulfilled our easement monitoring responsibilities on four properties for the Conservation Land Stewardship Program and one for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. We inspected the Ira and Sara Townsend Bridge. Two trailhead kiosks were purchased using monies from the Townsend Bridge and Trail Fund. The first one has been installed by the Plainfield Elementary School parking lot and will house necessary information on the trail system.

The event we most enjoyed was presenting Julian Bellavance with the Plainfield Conservation Award. It is hard to miss his beautiful property in East Plainfield where cattle graze, local hockey stars skated up and down the pond, and neighbors enjoy the open fields and tended forests. We had tried to find a public occasion for the presentation, and thought we were settling for something less when we ventured to his farmhouse in October. In that quiet and unhurried setting we were able to get a much fuller picture of Julian's half-century connection to the land.

Last and very far from least, we welcomed Judy Hallam's appointment to the Conservation Commission. Ten years ago, Judy was a central figure in the Town's acquisition of the Farnum Lot Town Forest. In my tenure as chair, I can recall no new member more willing to be put to work. Her interest in land conservation will be much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Grobe, Chairman
Conservation Commission
pcc@plainfieldnh.org

RECREATION COMMISSION

Our baseball and softball program started the spring out. The weather cooperated for much of the season. Grades 3 and 4 baseball had a team of 12 boys and the softball had 16 girls. Both these teams played other area teams and home games were played on the renovated Prescott Field. A great job was done on this infield and our thanks to all that helped make these improvements. Also this past year the grade 5 and 6 baseball and softball teams were moved under the school program to line it up with the other programs in town.

The annual fishing derby was held on June 7th this past year and we had a great day. Participation was down some but we hope to see it increase again this year. This is always a well participated event and is always a good time. It is always fun to see our young friends and neighbors pulling in a fish with much excitement. After, they can enjoy a hot dog from the grill, a cold drink and ice cream donated by the Meriden Deli. Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm always generously helps us with this event, donating some of the fish delivered. I hope to see a big crowd this summer.

T-ball had 23 participants for grades 1 and 2 and an additional 22 for a kindergarten group. They worked on basic skills and grades 1 and 2 had three teams, which had a schedule of practices as well as games played against each other.

We had 18 kids sign up for our tennis program with several skill levels. Ally and Amanda Hawkins instructed each of these groups through the summer. We also had 52 sign-up for our swimming program ranging from beginner to experienced levels. We were very fortunate to have Lindsey Martin back with us as our head instructor also had the help of Sheldon Stansfield and Ainsley MacDonald.

We had very good participation in soccer with 20 3rd and 4th grade boys making up two teams and 20 3rd and 4th grade girls making up two teams. They played in town as well as some other area recreation teams. We had an additional 40 1st and 2nd graders that made up four teams that worked on basic skills and played each other. We had 22 kindergartners that worked on basic skills. That was a total of 102 soccer players. All received a ball to use at practice and to keep so they could practice at home. We have purchased some much needed goals for grades 3 and 4 and currently are looking to replace the smaller ones for grades 1 and 2.

Basketball is currently running with 12 1st and 2nd graders working on basic skills. We have an additional 27 3rd and 4th graders working on skills and will play games through the season with some area teams. They will finish the season, participating in a local tournament.

I look forward to the upcoming year and hope to hear from you with any ideas or suggestions that could improve our program. We are always in need of coaches and officials and would love to have any help that you can give. From my experience, it is a very fun and rewarding commitment. There are local clinics through the year run by the Upper Valley Recreation for anyone interested in additional help and training in either coaching and officiating.

We would like to thank Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Also thank you to the Meriden Deli, Meriden Garage, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for their donations. We would also like to thank the town of Plainfield and the selectboard for all of your support through the year. A huge thank you to all of the coaches, officials, and various individuals who have donated their time and helped make this program successful. Without all of your help and support we would not be able to run this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Cantlin
Recreation Director

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustees Report – Calendar Year 2008

As always, thank you for all your support in various ways to the Philip Read Memorial Library. The library is a thriving community center with circulation increasing again this year, more meetings and programs occurring during the year, and many patrons and visitors browsing through the library. Even with the six-day power outage, the library remained open in the cold until it was too dark to see.

Story time for the younger children continues to be a very important part of the life of the library. Diane Rogers continues to be the main reader and shares her storytelling gifts every month on the third Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The Center City Ballet came twice to story hour and performed parts from Cinderella and Peter and the Wolf. We had a special story hour in December--Santa came to visit and read even though Plainfield was in a power outage. We're glad Santa came—as he finished, the power came back on! Another ongoing meeting is the “Coffee & Conversation—Ladies Night,” which has occurred monthly for the past few years.

Currently, the Plainfield Water District holds its monthly meetings at the library. Other groups meeting occasionally are the PTA, Grange, Supervisors of the Checklist, and the Town Finance Committee.

The summer reading program “G’day for Reading” (an Australian theme) had 38 children participating and the books read totaled 552. The summer program was complemented by these special programs: Aussie Animals, Stories and Aussie Food with the Rea Family; Great Barrier Reef; Aborigine Art; and Walkabout Australia. The summer reading program was coordinated by Jen Frederick and Katie Sheehan.

A large project this year has been a Plainfield Genealogy update with volunteers Des Hudson and Kay MacLeay. Other programs held this past year were two Upper Valley Land Trust programs on conserving land; two African Foot Spa Treatments with Chelsea Lewis; and artist/book author Gloria Kamen’s presentation “Sketching When You Travel—What to Enjoy and What to Avoid.” The library joined Thom Wolke, Twin Cloud Productions, to jointly sponsor children’s summer theater at the Plainfield Town Hall. There were seven plays and all were very well attended and well received. We also took part in National Gaming Day by playing Pictureka on the same day as thousands of other libraries across the country. A Book Discussion Group started in the fall. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month. Dr. Coli presented instructions to small groups on using the Medicare Web site. Author/illustrator D.B. Johnson read his latest book “Bear’s Picture” and drew for the children.

The cleanup of Rte. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program was managed again by a group of dedicated volunteers. For the July 4 parade, on our float “Elvis said: ‘Sign up for a Library Card’”; we won second prize. Thanks to Ken and Chante Norwalk for the art work and riders.

Our library director, Nancy Norwalk, attended the New Hampshire State Library Convention in Concord. She also attended the bi-monthly Librarians of the Upper Valley (LUV) meetings, as well as attended a day-long workshop on library automation sponsored by the State Library and a day-long workshop on “The Library as a Community Center” sponsored by the Children’s Literacy Foundation. Nancy and our library aides, Ruth Stalker and Diane Rogers, took a day-long workshop on the State Library interlibrary loan system. All three of the Philip Read Memorial Library trustees attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association’s annual meeting.

Our main fundraising events were our Annual Book and Bake Sale; the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee); sales of Maxfield Parrish items and Sue Smith’s handmade greeting cards. We also sponsored a Salsa workshop and dance.

The Philip Read Memorial Library took part in the Finlay Foundation Challenge to increase membership. Although we didn’t win, the library increased our number of registered patrons by 256, an increase of 18%. Circulation and patron visits increased again this year. Computer use by patrons continues to be very popular. We are always looking for ideas for items to be displayed in our exhibit case each month. If you have ideas or any collections, please contact Nancy Norwalk.

With computer usage continuing to increase, the trustees decided that adding wireless connection within the library was prudent. We also agreed with the suggestion of the director that we need to add at least one more computer at this time. The additional early evening hours on Wednesdays have been very popular. We continue to heed our patrons' suggestions; and to that end, we have worked out a way to add morning hours one day a week this year by shifting personnel without decreasing our current open hours. A few of the other services available at the library are passes to the Currier Art Museum (Manchester) and the Windsor Precision Museum, and trash stickers available for purchase. For the month of December, we collected food for the Plainfield Food Pantry in lieu of fines. We will continue to collect food all year; albeit not in lieu of fines.

The trustees and library director are very thankful for all the help given to make the library so vibrant. Thank you to the many residents, who donated books, tapes, videos and magazines, as well as other needed items. Donations of books are always welcome. Many memorial donations were received this year in memory of Rebecca Meyette.

Our usual volunteers put in 48 hours each month. We rely heavily on our volunteers; and, in fact, continue to look for more volunteers. The Friends of the Library are always willing to assist us and new members are welcome.

The library was awarded two grants this year. "Picturing America," 40 poster-sized reproductions of American art, was received from the National Endowment for the Humanities. We will be using these throughout the year in exhibits. The second grant was from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, "Connecting to Collections Bookshelf." This collection consists of books, DVDs and other materials on conservation and preservation of personal and museum treasures and collections (photographs, paintings, ceramics, etc.). These are available for loan.

In our goal to finish the basement level in 2009, we hired retired architect Bill Halsey as a consultant and have sent letters to local contractors asking for their interest and for updated estimates. Four contractors have responded. As promised, we have been raising the funds to finish this work and will not ask for tax dollars. Contributions are welcome to the general building fund as well as to The Alice P. Hendrick Memorial Children's Room.

One last item to announce: We wish to welcome Dennis Girouard as our newest trustee and wish to thank Jennifer Frederick for all her time, dedication and effort as trustee and volunteer.

As we have stated in the past and continue to believe, the foundation of our success is twofold—the tremendous effort put in by our many volunteers and the solid support of community members. For these, we are truly grateful and say thank you on behalf of the library.

Submitted by, Trustees: **Anita K. Brown, Dennis Girouard, Beth Williams**

Philip Read Memorial Library Budget

	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Proposed 2009
On hand Jan. 1			
Encumbered Purchases	\$630.00	\$630.40	\$1,812.00
Checking Account	\$1,492.00	\$1,491.66	\$750.00
Subtotal	<u>\$2,122.00</u>	<u>\$2,122.06</u>	<u>\$2,562.00</u>
Income:			
Town appropriation	\$53,976.00	\$53,976.00	\$56,330.00
Trust fund income	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Fines and damaged books	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Gifts	\$100.00	\$310.00	\$100.00
Books sales	\$725.00	\$739.05	\$725.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00
Income	<u>\$58,501.00</u>	<u>\$58,885.05</u>	<u>\$60,855.00</u>
Total	<u>\$60,623.00</u>	<u>\$61,007.11</u>	<u>\$63,417.00</u>
Expenditures:			
Salaries	\$30,903.00	\$30,258.55	\$31,356.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$2,364.00	\$2,314.70	\$2,399.00
Library materials	\$7,455.00	\$7,448.08	\$7,675.00
Audio-visual materials	\$1,300.00	\$1,318.57	\$1,335.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,205.19	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$250.00	\$248.04	\$250.00
Computer tech./out services	\$700.00	\$726.82	\$1,100.00
Professional activities	\$885.00	\$877.06	\$885.00
Programs	\$400.00	\$118.38	\$400.00
Electricity	\$2,895.00	\$2,927.42	\$3,435.00
Telephone	\$1,080.00	\$1,079.91	\$1,080.00
Fuel	\$5,850.00	\$5,672.23	\$5,400.00
Water	\$290.00	\$222.80	\$290.00
Maintenance	\$2,300.00	\$2,179.30	\$2,700.00
Elevator	\$995.00	\$961.85	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$184.81	\$300.00
Furnishings	\$500.00	\$126.92	\$500.00
Transfer to sick pay	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$0.00
Encumbered purchases	\$630.00	\$547.94	\$1,812.00
Expenses	<u>\$60,623.00</u>	<u>\$58,444.57</u>	<u>\$63,417.00</u>
Checking acct Dec. 31, 2008		<u>\$2,562.54</u>	

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT-2008

Thank you to all who support the Meriden Library. We appreciate the many donations of library materials such as books, audios and DVDs; and equipment such as computers and furniture as well as monetary contributions. Many community members have volunteered their time to help with stacking and moving books for book sales, reshelving books, computer entering, library functions and activities. The donations of wreaths and plants have kept the library looking beautiful year round.

This year has been a year of transition for us. Sheila Thomason resigned in June due to a family move out of the area. Sheila worked well with our patrons with her quiet thoughtful manner; she brought in many new young families and provided them with many activities, and heavily weeded our collection with the help of the state library guidelines and volunteers. Sheila also began our first book discussion group.

Jeanne Thompson accepted the position of Librarian in June, coming to us with a technical librarianship background. Jeanne has lots of new ideas and programs; many of them are now in place. Jeanne's enthusiasm is contagious and shows in the increase of patrons visiting our library. Jeanne's main focus is collection development (patron input is welcomed and encouraged), along with coordination with the state library system which will eventually lead to a fully automated library.

The generous anonymous donation of a new computer capable of automating our collection and a donation from Wincycle of a computer for public use and the purchase of a new copier is moving Meriden Library forward into the future.

The Meriden Library Association has helped the library through volunteering at many library functions and organizing fund raisers such as the February soup and bread luncheon and the May book sale. Thanks to Kevin O'Reilly the outgoing president and Janet Connolly, our new president, for all their hard work.

Both Sheila and Jeanne have been very welcoming to our patrons and were able to get most all book, audio, DVD and other information requests through our own library or the state interlibrary loan system. A steady stream of new library materials arrive each week keeping busy even our most avid readers. There are many programs for children with the story hour each month presented by Rachel Stoddard and Naomi Fitzgibbons. We had quite an adventure with the summer reading program "G'Day for Reading" focusing on Australia. Some local families coming from Australia and New Zealand added lots of fun to the program with their personal stories. Joan Burch creatively offered the art activity. Another children's program was "Farm Day" put on by the 4H Club and Surgenor family with 26 in attendance. Children's groups that use the library are KUA Day Care, Meriden Community Camp preschoolers, 4H Club and the homeschoolers history group. Our book discussion groups are very popular. The first group, "Tuesdays at Two", has grown to 14 participants. A new mystery book discussion group begins in January.

In September Janet Connolly, with the help of many volunteers organized a wine and cheese reception to open the political memorabilia display in our showcase. We had a great time with 40 people in attendance.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who help keep Meriden Library a vibrant meeting place in our community. Thanks to Annamay Chapman, Millie Steele, Jane and Erich Witzel, Kevin O'Reilly, Janet Connolly, Judy Durant, Sue Timmons, Joan Burch, Linda Buzzel, Bob Stoddard, Doris LeVarn, the Fitzgibbon family and to all those unnamed faithful patrons and volunteers. A very special thank you to Brad Thompson who is always there when we need him with his technology expertise.

Please stop in and see what is new in our collection or look up our new blog, www.meridennewsings.blogspot.com for all the latest news at the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Crate, Rachel Stoddard and Pam Abrahamson
Meriden Library Trustees

Meriden Library Proposed Budget 2009

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	2008	2008	2009
On Hand - January 1			
Checking Account	\$721.19	\$721.19	\$1,111.90
Savings Acct - Allocated Funds	\$17,838.45	\$17,838.45	\$20,133.44
Petty Cash	<u>\$46.22</u>	<u>\$46.22</u>	<u>\$39.55</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u><u>\$18,605.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$18,605.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$21,284.89</u></u>
Income			
Town Appropriation	\$31,881.00	\$32,084.09	\$32,673.60
Town Appropriation - FICA	\$1,454.00	\$1,250.91	\$1,907.36
Trust Funds	\$970.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Gifts	\$500.00	\$1,009.01	\$0.00
Book Fines	\$100.00	\$104.25	\$100.00
Book Sales	\$150.00	\$308.53	\$200.00
Interest	\$100.00	\$242.49	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$299.35	\$0.00
INCOME	<u><u>\$35,155.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$37,409.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,080.96</u></u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$53,760.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$56,015.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$57,365.85</u></u>
Expenses			
Salaries	\$19,001.00	\$18,364.30	\$19,073.60
FICA	\$1,454.00	\$1,250.91	\$1,907.36
Library Materials	\$6,500.00	\$5,530.00	\$6,000.00
Telephone	\$800.00	\$546.77	\$600.00
Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$864.92	\$1,200.00
Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,714.24	\$4,000.00
Water	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Supplies	\$700.00	\$731.59	\$700.00
Postage	\$600.00	\$243.72	\$300.00
Professional Activities	\$500.00	\$81.06	\$400.00
Programming	\$200.00	\$464.41	\$200.00
Maintenance	\$700.00	\$404.08	\$700.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$1,927.69	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$295.91	\$0.00
Transfer to Building Fund	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	<u><u>\$35,155.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$34,730.60</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,080.96</u></u>
Building Fund Balance		\$54,592.96	
Memorial Fund		\$1,408.03	
MacNamara Fund		\$636.07	
Sick Pay		\$616.07	
Computer Fund		\$3,275.65	
Ref Replacement Automation		\$12,607.27	
Book Fund		\$1,590.35	

**REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
2008**

I am pleased to report, 2008 was a more normal year for the police department than 2007. The Town of Plainfield had a full year with the radar trailer which has been well received. This unit will do more than show motorists their speed. We are able to collect information from a logger device that records traffic & speed for individual roads.

I would like to thank everyone for your assistance throughout the year from storms, to criminal investigations, and to the massive power outage in December.

All of us look forward to serving you in 2009.

Respectfully,
Gordon A. Gillens
Police Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,221

Driving while intoxicated	02	Alarms	61	
Assault	03	Animals	136	
Sexual assault	00	Medical emergency	43	
Firing of weapons	05	Fire calls	19	
Theft	31	Motor vehicle	99	
Fraud	13	Admin. Relays	02	
Domestic violence	01	Suspicious persons	82	
Liquor Laws	03	Trespassing	08	
Bad checks	13	Missing person	01	Possession stolen
property	00	Public hazards	28	
Drugs	02	Motorist assist	58	
Disorderly conduct	20	Civil	25	
Criminal mischief	14	Open doors	27	
Auto theft	01	House checks	30	
Criminal threats	01	Assist other PD'S	86	
Arson	00	Accidents with injury	14	
Burglary	03	Accidents no injury	58	
Intoxication	01	E 911 calls	17	
		Unattended deaths	04	
TOTAL CRIMES:	120	Other complaints	283	
		Juvenile complaints	10	
		Fatal accidents	00	
Defective equipment tags	39	Domestic, family	11	
Motor vehicle summons	63			
Motor vehicle warnings	318			
Total other activities	420	Total complaints	1,108	

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 105 calls for help this year.

Alarm Investigations			
Motor vehicle accidents	15	Downed power lines	4
Propane smells	1	Cat in tree	1
CO detector	1	Flooded basement	3
Smoke investigations	2	Alarms	30
Grass/Woods fire	1	Chimney fire	1
Non-permitted burn	1	Oil burner misfire	1
Gas spill	2		

Mutual Aid Given			
Plainfield	29	Cornish	8
Lebanon	3		

Mutual Aid Received			
Cornish	1	Plainfield	3
Cornish Rescue	3		

The Meriden Fire Department received another donation from the Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company Heritage Grant. This was used to purchase equipment.

The KUA Brigade members have also raised funds to make improvements in their equipment.

Funds raised from the Wild Game Supper were down this year. This was probably due to the weather and the economy. However, the Cornish Fair fund raiser hit a new high.

The hope of a building addition to the Meriden Station was put on hold due to the downturn in the economy. We felt that people are going to be hesitant to support a major fund drive. We continue to pack our four trucks into a three bay station for now.

We did install a much needed new furnace of a size that will handle future expansion. We now have water and heat in the meeting room and office.

If you are burning outside (fireplace, brush, etc) you need a permit unless there is snow on the ground. If there is snow the ground, a courtesy call to Hanover Distpatch (643-2222) saves a fire department response. For permits please call:

David Best	469-3350	Dough Chapman	469-3397
Lester Bouchier	469-3256	Peter Berry	675-2293
Bill Taylor	469-3342	Frank Currier	469-3624

Others are listed as well at www.Plainfieldnh.org

I would like to **thank all** who support the fire department with fundraisers, their time and donations. I would also like to thank the firefighters and their wives who put up with family get togethers, dinners and holidays being interrupted due to fire calls.

We were sorry to have five firefighters move on over the past year. We wish them all well in their new endeavors (one went on to become a Boston firefighter). The good news is that we have had four new people join our department as firefighters and one to help with office work.

We meet the first and third Monday nights for drills; the second Monday night is our business meeting. We are always happy to have people join our forces in firefighting, helping around the station or helping to run the business side of the department. Not all of our jobs are fighting fires.

Again, we thank you all for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Best, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2008 ACTUAL & 2009 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,015	50,625
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>62,015</u>	<u>50,625</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 4,500</u>	<u>\$ 4,500</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY

	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 176,389	\$ 184,471
INCREASE RESERVE	18,409	4,030
INTEREST / EARNINGS	6,923	4,500
BOILER	(10,000)	(10,000)
GEAR WASHER	<u>(7,250)</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 184,471</u>	<u>\$ 183,001</u>

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2008 ACTUAL & 2009 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

RECEIPTS	2008		VARIANCE	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2009
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	3,000	4,204	1,204	3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2008	3,500	3,199	(301)	3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2007	-	-	-	-
DONATIONS	5,125	13,289	8,164	5,125
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	-	1,198	1,198	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	1,000	1,800	800	1,000
MISC	-	325	325	-
SUBTOTAL	12,625	24,015	11,390	12,625
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,625	\$ 62,015	\$ 11,390	\$ 50,625

DISBURSEMENTS	2008		VARIANCE	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2009
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,000	\$ 758	\$ 242	\$ 1,000
ELECTRICITY	900	834	66	900
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	2,000	1,951	49	2,000
INSURANCE	7,500	7,312	188	7,750
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	11,675	6,287	5,388	12,450
COMPUTER EXPENSES	350	476	(126)	350
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	450	566	(116)	450
GAS, DIESEL	2,000	2,041	(41)	2,000
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	650	231	419	650
TRAINING	1,000	390	610	1,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	11,160	13,550	(2,390)	8,030
STATION MAINTENANCE	3,000	1,972	1,028	3,000
UNIFORMS	6,000	5,732	268	1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	-	75	(75)	75
STATION EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	4,000
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	191	309	500
SUBTOTAL	49,625	43,606	6,019	46,595
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	1,000	18,409	(17,409)	4,030
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,625	\$ 62,015	\$ (11,390)	\$ 50,625

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2008

2008 Run Breakdown

Chimney fires: 7	False alarms:10
Auto accidents: 7	Illegal burns: 3
Investigations: 6	Trees/Powerlines: 9
Brush & forest fires:1	River incidents: 1
Structual fires: 1	Public assists: 2

Mutual Aid Breakdown

Cornish: 5	Meriden: 3
Lebanon: 3	Hartford: 1

Two thousand and eight was another busy year for the PVFD matching the number of calls we had in 2007. Calls were running behind last year but a large run volume as a result of the December ice storm offset that. The ice storm, though causing minimal damage in town resulted in a six day power outage that taught us not to always believe what the utility companies tell us. We saw a sizable increase in the number of carbon dioxide calls as a result of the storm. If you don't have a CO2 detector we recommend installing them in your house. There were some instances of very high Co2 levels in homes due to improperly installed generators or alternate heating appliances.

Two new people joined and a former member rejoined the department this year. We have three members who will be spending 120 hours this year getting certified as firefighters, this is time away for home and personal lives. They do this because they believe in the department and what it does for the town. This is on top of time spent doing regular fire stuff.

The PVFD continues to hold the public dinners which are very popular with people in town and from neighboring towns. The Plainfield Baptist Church is now holding their chicken dinners at the station. These dinners are a great place to meet old friends and make new ones. We are very proud of our station and love seeing it get used by the public. I would like to thank all the people who attend these meals and the people who make the wonderful desserts we serve. If you have not been to one of these meals please plan on trying them out.

Once again I would like to thank all the members of the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department who give so much time and energy to make the department the great department it is. They make my job so much easier. If anyone has any questions or would like to see what the department is all about please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank H. Currier, Chief

**PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPERATING EXPENSES & BUDGET**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Actual 2008</u>	<u>Estimated 2009</u>
Accounting	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
New equipment	\$ 1,724.44	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment repairs	\$ 3,193.96	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,709.97	\$ 1,000.00
Electricity	\$ 1,257.30	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 1,549.08	\$ 1,600.00
Heat	\$ 4,852.95	\$ 5,000.00
Gas/Diesel fuel	\$ 582.35	\$ 1,000.00
Water	\$ 236.37	\$ 300.00
Insurance	\$ 8,418.00	\$ 9,000.00
Schools & Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Radio & Radio repairs	\$ 270.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fees/Dues	\$ 475.68	\$ 800.00
Building (New)	\$ 30,363.48	\$ 16,000.00
Excess Fed Grant refund	\$ 2,487.15	\$ -
Haz-mat team	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	<u>\$ 58,320.73</u>	<u>\$ 43,600.00</u>

RECEIPTS

Forest fire	\$ 125.35
Warden fire training	\$ 244.77
Title 4 funds	\$ -
Fund raising	\$ 3,344.17
Town appropriation	\$ 39,000.00
Sales	\$ 10,600.00
Donations	\$ 2,541.50
	<u>\$ 55,855.79</u>

Receipts	\$ 55,855.79
Expenses	<u>\$ 58,320.73</u>
Balance	\$ (2,464.94)

Jesse R. Stalker 12/31/08
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire warden or fire department to determine if a permit is required before ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forest & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April.

Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

NH FIRE STATISTICS

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2008</u>			<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Arson	2	2008	455	175
Campfire	35	2007	437	212
Children	23	2006	500	473
Smoking	36	2005	546	174
Debris	173	2004	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc*	162 (*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

Submitted by: **Forest Fire Warden Peter Berry Forest Fire Ranger-Doug Miner**

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD-2008

Since 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad has provided first responder Emergency Medical Services in the communities of Cornish and Plainfield. Our members are certified by National Registry of EMTs and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. All levels, (First Responder, EMT B, EMT I and Paramedic), must meet NREMT standards consisting of continuing education, including a 24 hour refresher and a practical exam every two years. These are the minimum standards for us to provide EMS care to our community members. Many members attend workshops and conferences beyond the requirement.

Members responded to a total of 125 calls in 2008. These calls consisted of motor vehicle accidents, cardiac arrests, supporting our local and mutual aid Fire departments at a fire scene, medical calls, lift assists, etc...

The Lebanon Fire Department, Windsor Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance provide our towns with ambulance coverage. Ambulance coverage for Cornish and Plainfield is by contract between the two towns and the ambulance service.

In 2008 the Cornish Rescue Squad saw some changes. Windsor Dispatch Center, our long time provider for dispatch services, disbanded effective June 30, 2008. We were able to move to Hanover Dispatch Center who now provides dispatching services to both Cornish Rescue and Cornish Fire along with many other towns. Thank you to Douglas Hackett for his efforts in our transition along with the reprogramming of our radios (both portable and mobile), and all of our pagers.

We have also made the decision to no longer respond to water rescue calls with a boat. We sold our flat bottom boat to Windsor Fire Department who will be doing some training and when called upon by local incident commanders, will respond with the boat and personnel to provide help to their New Hampshire neighbors.

We thank both communities and its members for the financial support received from our annual fund drive and from funds appropriated at town meetings. These funds offset the cost of dispatching; radio and pager repair and replacement; the cost of supplies for our members jump kits; supplies, registration, maintenance and insurance for our rescue truck; utilities and upkeep for our station and for training. This spring we are hoping to work collaboratively with Plainfield, Meriden and the Cornish Fire Department to offer training for members in auto extrication.

A BIG thank you to CRS's members whose response 24/7 provides care to the members of our two communities. They are:

Jeff Katchen, Vice President and Trustee; Paul Merchant, Secretary; Fred Schad, Treasurer and Training Officer; Jim McCarragher, Trustee; Steve Jameson, Trustee; Beth Clifton, Trustee; Jenny Schad, Training Officer; Eric Bivona, Dave Bridgham, Larry Dingee, Margaret Drye, Rob Drye, Tim Lang, Leo Maslan, Barbara McCarragher, Chantelle Orlen and Bob Widger.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns at your house, information for placing E911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our squad. We welcome new membership at any time. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence
President

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for five reserve funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.

The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.

Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003.

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2007 were:

Library Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500	
Town meeting appropriation.		
Withdrawals-		\$300
Roof Repair	\$300.00	

**Town
Bridge Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000	
Town meeting appropriation.		
Withdrawals-		\$0

**Town Hall
Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$10,000	
Town meeting appropriation.		
Withdrawals-		\$11,319
PTH roof repair	\$300	
PTH general repairs	\$291	
PTH furnace repairs	\$105	
MTH general repairs	\$ 590	
MTH painting	\$2,775	
MTH generator	\$7,258	

Revaluation Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000	
Town meeting appropriation.		
Withdrawals-		\$55,281
Avitar Contract	\$48,300	
George Hildum	\$ 5,736	
Supplies/Ads/Updates	\$ 1,245	

ADA Compliance

Deposits-	\$ 0	
Withdrawals-	\$ 0	

See the report of the trustee of trust funds for complete details on beginning and year ending balances for each of these funds.

TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzick and Sanderson completed the 2008 audit in January of 2009. To conserve space in this report the following are excerpts from the audit. The full document is available both in printed form and as an electronic file, from the town office.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2008

ASSETS:

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$254,737
INVESTMENTS	\$2,252,978
PETTY CASH	\$250
TOTAL CASH	\$2,507,965
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	\$367,303
CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE	\$0
YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE	\$0
TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE	\$137,277
TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE	\$504,580
DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES	\$10,158
DUE FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$4,430
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$3,027,133

LIABILITIES:

DUE CONSERVATION FUND	\$15,790
DUE TO TRUST FUNDS	\$445
DUE TO STATE OF NH	\$633
PAYABLES:	
SCHOOL	\$2,474,607
INVOICES	\$47,175
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$16,818
PERFORMANCE BOND	\$7,658
TOTAL PAYABLES	\$2,546,258
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,563,126
FUND BALANCE	\$464,007
OVERPAYMENT ON 2008 TAXES	(\$4,882)
RESERVE- LAND USE PENALTIES	(\$15,790)
RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES	(\$15,137)
RESERVE- LEGAL	(\$13,500)
RESERVE-HAZARD MITIGATION	(\$5,000)
RESERVE- CEMETERY FENCE	(\$5,000)
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE:	\$404,698
GRAND TOTALS:	\$3,027,133
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2007	\$487,146
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2008	\$404,698
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION	(\$82,448) *

*Article 6. 2008 Town Meeting land purchase from fund balance \$78,000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	12/31/07		\$23,069
Interest		\$566	
Boundary marking project			\$5,000
Balance	12/31/08		\$18,635
Conservation Commission Fund	12/31/07		\$84,264
Interest/Current use penalty revenues		\$28,948	
Balance	12/31/08		\$113,212

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding bonds & loans as of 12/31/07	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$237,500
Total	\$237,500

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2007	\$ 262,500
New debt during the year	\$0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2008	\$237,500

**HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 2008
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

2008	Block Grant Allocation	\$102,806
	FEMA Grant River Road	27,013
	FEMA Grant Willow Brook Road (1st payment)	77,812
	FEMA Grant Willow Brook Road (Final payment)	85,135
	Highway Transportation Fund withdrawal	160,000
	Total Available	\$452,766
	Willow Brook Road (phase one)	
	Daniels Construction	\$42,738
	Morrill Construction	\$251,821
	Gravel Crushing	\$28,000
	Total	\$322,559
	River Road	
	Survey	\$,2,000
	Equipment rental	\$9,520
	Erosion control	\$2,297
	Repaving	\$14,895
	Total	\$28,712
	Colby Hill Road	
	Pavement Reclamation	\$4,111
	Culverts/pipe	\$2,408
	Stone/gen. supplies	\$2,866
	Paving	\$33,739
	Total	\$43,124
	Beauty Hill	
	1" Pavement wearing course	\$27,690
	Block Grant Highway Operating Budget	\$30,681
	GRAND TOTAL	\$452,766

FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the selectmen's road reconstruction priorities for the next five years. Note: order of work and timing is subject to change as new information, time and available funds dictate.

Year	Road	Work
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. Completed
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. Completed
'01	Jenny Rd	base reconstruction/paving Completed
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. Completed
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. Completed
'05	Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert/drainage work.	Completed.
'06	Westgate	base reconstruction/paving. Completed.
'07	Beauty Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving Completed.
'08	Colby Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving Completed.
'08	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 1 Completed.
'09	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 2
'09	Freeman Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'11	Methodist Hill Road	base reconstruction/paving.
'12	Penniman Road	resurfacing
'13	School Street	resurfacing.
'14	Center of Town Road	resurfacing.

TOWN EMPLOYEES SALARIES-2008

Alden, Joshua M	Patrolman	\$ 206.00
Begin, Peter E	Patrolman	136.00
Belyea, Judith A	Selectman	2280.00
Blish, Keith A	Truck Driver	29568.00
	Overtime	5482.61
Burt, Jerry A	Ballot Clerk	168.00
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	5580.00
Chapman, Annamay	Sub-Librarian	2744.35
Collins III, Richard L	Assistant Road Agent	36008.00
	Overtime	9327.48
Dearborn, James M	Summer Road Crew	3696.00
Dore, Lawrence M	Police Sergeant	49816.00
	Overtime	3406.53
Dupree, Judith A	Ballot Clerk	168.00
Franklin, Paul	Assistant Moderator	107.00
Gillens, Gordon A	Police Chief	61055.00
Grindle, Halton T	Welfare Director/Health Officer	688.50
Hackett, Earl D	Patrolman	126.00
Halleran, Stephen L	Town Administrator	55100.00
Hawkins, Allyson E	Tennis Instructor	1580.04
Hawkins, Amanda	Tennis Assistant	1280.10
Hollinger, R. D.	Truck Driver	30808.00
	Overtime	6121.71
Jones, Harold L	Supervisor of Checklist	525.98
Jordan, Donald R	Supervisor of Checklist	632.71
Kennett, Joshua A	Truck Driver	28840.00
	Overtime	4308.75
Lappin, Thomas J.	Building Inspector	1420.76
Lersch, David H	Building Inspector	7631.07
MacDonald, Ainsley M	Swimming Instructor	426.66
Marsh, Michelle	Deputy Town Clerk	2798.00
Martin, Lindsey	Swimming Instructor	1879.98
Norwalk, Nancy E	Library Director-West	24110.48
Roberts, Paul M	Police Corporal	43032.00
	Overtime	4005.98
Rogers, Diane P	Supervisor of Checklist	8428.39
Serem, Jerome	Equipment Operator	12992.00
Smith, Sean A	Truck Driver	28840.00
	Overtime	5445.75
Stalker, Jesse R	Trustee of Trust Funds	1500.00
Stalker, Ruth A	Sub-Librarian	3744.40
Stansfield, Sheldon E	Swimming Instructor	853.32
Stocker, Kenneth	Road Agent	53960.00
Stockwell, Bette	Ballot Clerk	353.25
Sullivan, Maryellen	Ballot Clerk	343.50
Sweet, Fred	Treasurer	3500.00
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	5915.75
Taylor, Robert W	Selectman	2280.00
Taylor, Stephen H	Moderator	600.00
Thomason, Sheila	Library Director-East	5200.00
Thompson, Jeanne M	Library Director-East	10699.00
Timmons, Susan J	Ballot Clerk	427.95
Walker, Gregory M	Truck Driver	31586.00

	Overtime	6176.79
West, George W	Supervisor of Checklist	681.45
Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	37880.00
	Overtime	899.24
Wilder, Mark H	Selectman	570.00
Williams Jr., Thomas P	Selectman	1710.00
	Total	\$ 649,652.48

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The health/welfare office continued to be available to assist people who hit that bump in the road which we all hate to see. The residents of Plainfield and Meriden received aid from the following services:

- Assistance to homeless
- Relocation aid
- Rent assistance
- Heat/fuel aid
- Food assistance
- Prescription drug aid

I offer great thanks to the many individuals and businesses that make my job a lot easier and help our citizens when they are in need.

If assistance is needed please call 469-3201 and a discreet appointment will be made so that possible help may be afforded to you.

The almost monthly senior socials have appeared to catch on as we have been averaging 65-70 seniors. Thanks to donations and the help from surrounding businesses we have had a wide range of food and goodies. The Millar fund has been there to subsidize us as we needed it. The Christmas program was hosted by KUA again with a fine meal and a visit from Santa. The Plainfield Elementary children sponsored a nicely served sit-down soup social with hand-made gifts for all. Thanks to Stephanie Schell for coordinating and hosting that one. The Blow-Me-Down Grange, again, gave the seniors the use of the hall for our November breakfast/brunch. Also, the home-schooled young people served a fine meal of home-made pasta in May at the Blow-Me-Down Grange. We are always looking for people to help make our delectable dishes. If you haven't been to one of our gatherings yet, please join us and do so. Door prizes are given at all of our socials. Remember these are your socials so if you would like something changed or added please mention it to me and we will try to accommodate. We can only hope that the coming year (2009) will be as enjoyable as this past one. If a ride is needed please call Al at 675-2646.

Thank you for a fruitful year,
Al Grindle

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2008:

ACORN: AIDS Community Resource Network, which exists to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. 2 Blacksmith Street, Lebanon, NH. **tel. 603-448-8887.**

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE: Provides counseling and support for youth and their families, available 24 hours a day; works with court ordered juveniles, maintaining Chandler House, an emergency, temporary home for these clients. PO Box 188, Newport NH 03773 **tel. 863-7708.**

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER: Provides services to senior citizens: meals, including deliveries of meals, transportation, adult day care, recreation, health screening and social services. PO Box 433 / Lebanon, NH 03766-0433 **tel. 448-4897**

HEADREST: Provides information and referrals for human services in the Upper Valley. Located at 14 Church St./ PO Box 247/Lebanon, NH 03766 **tel. 448-4872. Hotline 448-4400.**

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES: Provides and administers Fuel Assistance, Commodity Foods, WIC Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and Eldercare programs along with other human service type programs to eligible applicants. PO Box 1338 Claremont, NH 03743. **tel. 542-9528.**

VNAVNH/HOSPICE: Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. **331 Olcott Drive, Suite U1, White River Jct. Vt. 05001-9263 tel. 1-800-858-1696**

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION: A program from Mt. Ascutney Hospital that provides caring volunteers of all ages who assist neighbors in need of a helping hand. Most frequently used services are: transportation, visitation, food shopping. PO Box 707 Windsor, Vt. 05089 **tel. 802-674-5971.**

WEST CENTRAL SERVICES: Provides mental health and behavioral services for no or very low costs to the uninsured. West Central Services is the New Hampshire designated community mental health facility for Plainfield and all of Sullivan County. 9 Hanover Street, Suite 2, Lebanon, NH 03766 **tel. 448-0126.**

After expressing their gratitude for past support these agencies are again looking for funding from our community:

Organization	Granted 2008	Requested 2009	Budgeted 2009
Acorn	\$300	\$ 500	\$ 500
Community Alliance	\$500	\$ 850	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500
Headrest	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sthwst Comm Service	\$ 500	\$ 850	\$ 850
VNAVNH	\$9,590	\$9,875	\$9,875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310
Total	\$18,200	\$19,885	\$19,885

PLAINFIELD HISTORY ACCOUNT

(Administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library)

January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire

continues to sell. The libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. It has been 17 years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 1,082. The cost is \$45; they are available at the town office and the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. "Choice White Pines..." is a valuable reference on our town and its residents and is cited frequently in various publications. This is the only full-length published history of Plainfield. Purchase your copy now and read about your community.

At Town Meeting 2000, a warrant article was passed authorizing the establishment of a capital reserve fund called the Plainfield History Fund. The fund was established with money from this Plainfield History account and, periodically, funds from sales are transferred to the capital reserve. Eventually, the Plainfield History Fund will be used to underwrite the cost of writing the next volume of Plainfield's history. See the Trustee of Trust Funds report for the balance of this fund.

Financial Report

Balance January 1st 2008	\$3,005.04
Income:	
Sale of books & shipping	\$148.00
Bank interest	<u>6.64</u>
Total Income	<u>154.64</u>
	\$3,159.68
Expenses:	
None	
Transferred to Plainfield History Trust Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance December 31st 2008	\$1,159.68

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is “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.” Recognizing the current difficult economic times the committee felt it was more important than ever to keep in mind the previously stated goal of “working as a collective community to maximize all of our local resources to enhance opportunities for all and at the same time reduce or control property tax increases.” Kimball Union continues to be the town’s tenth largest taxpayer and our community’s largest employer.

Based on our work this year, your committee reports the following:

Local Students: Exclusive of students of KUA faculty, there are currently 35 students from Plainfield attending the Academy. A total of 8 seniors will graduate in the coming spring and 6 to 8 new students from Plainfield are expected to apply to the Academy for the 2009/10 year. Another 10 local students, whose parents are faculty at KUA, attend Kimball Union.

In the 2008/09 academic year, day student tuition was \$27,500. The property tax funded tuition at Lebanon High, the town’s designated high school for Plainfield students, was \$10,890.

Based on the Academy’s dormitory, dining hall and kitchen assets valued for tax purposes at \$7,131,998, the discretionary exemption granted for 2008 had a value \$156,900. This will become the amount of the available Plainfield Grant for the 2008/9 academic year. For the 2007/8 year Kimball Union provided to local students \$135,250 in “Plainfield Grant Assistance.” In addition, the school informed the committee that another \$70,000 in financial aid from the school was awarded to local students. The Plainfield Grant assistance ranged from a minimum distribution of \$1,300/student to a maximum of \$9,600.

Due to the overall positive state of the town/school relationship, the committee, again this year, supports the approval of the KUA tax exemption

The committee also continues to support a need-based distribution of the Plainfield Grant. In 2008 the allocation formula remained 70% based on demonstrated financial need with the other 30% being divided evenly among the non-faculty Plainfield students attending the school. New for 2009 the minimum distribution will be increased to \$1,500 for every Plainfield student, regardless of need, the remaining Plainfield Grant funds will then be distributed to local students based on financial need.

Your Committee strongly recommends that community members wishing to assist local students in attending Kimball Union donate monies to the Putnam Scholarship Fund. With a significant increase in its endowment, this fund could be a valuable resource in making KUA an option for our hometown students.

Facility Access: The school’s active website provides up to date current information on open facilities times and upcoming events, www.kua.org. KUA continues to welcome Plainfield residents to the school’s facilities and events. The skating rink, cross-country ski trails, tennis courts, athletic fields and track remain some of the most heavily used facilities. Local attendance at theater productions and music recitals also remains strong.

The Plainfield School soccer team won this year’s Plainfield Elementary School soccer tournament held annually under the lights on the KUA artificial turf field. This is annual town event is the only Sunday use of the field lights that is permitted.

Kimball Union worked with the Planning Board to modify the original approval for the lighted turf field and the school completed the necessary landscape work for the field. This seems to have resulted in an approval that is better understood and able to be adhered to by the school. As agreed, the field lights are not used two days each week with Sunday always being one of the days and the other day selected by the school on an annual basis. Currently, Monday is the other day when the lights are not used.

KUA hosted the holiday luncheon for Plainfield Seniors again this year. This event is one of the most well attended senior socials during the year and features a holiday meal from the school’s dining hall coupled with musical performances from KUA students. This day represent yet another example of the strong community good that is possible when the town and school work collaboratively on a project.

The committee was supportive of the KUA public forum on January 11th 2009 which was held by the school to discuss with the Meriden Community some of its campus challenges and possible solutions. The committee feels that continuing these meetings as plans become more defined will be a key part of maintaining a positive relationship with Meriden Village residents who interact with the campus on a daily basis. Not enough information is available yet to take definite well informed positions on any the various projects discussed, such as the relocation of Penniman and Frost houses to the west side of main street to be converted into girl dormitories or the establishment of athletic field parking area near the Hall farm. However, at this meeting there seemed to be broad support for the work that KUA has done to minimize and concentrate student crossings of Main Street at well-defined locations. Likewise, relocating the post office to school land near the Route 120 intersection seemed well received by residents attending the forum.

Finally, the Committee along with the entire Meriden Village offers a welcome home to Gardiner and Kay MacLeay, who through a partnership with Kimball Union were able to this summer move into a new Main Street home.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bartles, Susan Plummer, Douglas Cogan, Gordon Defoe, Stephen Halleran, Rachel Tilney and Jim Gray Kimball Union Academy Study Committee

PLAINFIELD RECYCLING

January 2009

Plainfield's recycling rate was 22% last year (2007) with a total tonnage of 1036 tons for the year. This was down from the previous year (2006) at 1,143.1 total tonnage. The Plainfield Recycling Shed was officially closed July 26, 2008. Recognition BBQ party was held for all of the volunteers that have worked the Shed through all kinds of weather and for many years. Due to several reasons the decision was made to move and consolidate our recyclables to Lebanon Solid Waste & Recycling Dept. (Lebanon Landfill). Lebanon offered us a very good deal and also they were set up to take and distribute our recyclables to other vendors, and they are a fully staffed facility. This move also solved our "Dumping issues" (see pictures). I want to thank everyone that helped the Recycling Shed work for as long as it did.

Father's Day Clean-up Extravaganza 2008 was a day that we should all be proud of. We collected household junk, tires, electronics/computers, and the usual items.

	2007	2008
Total Receipts	\$2,812	\$2,765

Due to the high value of scrap metal at the time of our Extravaganza, the Town received a positive \$462. after costs for the day. This is over last year's cost of <\$95. We will be running the 4th Annual Father's Day Clean-up Extravaganza in 2009, start saving stuff!

Both "**Hazardous Waste Days**" at the Lebanon Solid Waste Facility were very successful. Many Plainfield residents took advantage of this easy way to properly take care of hazardous waste items. For the two days that were available, Plainfield Town paid \$2,438. A small fee to keep these items out of our waterways, homes, roadsides and much more. Hazardous Waste Days for 2009 – July 25 & October 10 – mark it on your calendar! We no longer have "Tire Days"; we will still be accepting tires at our Father's Day Clean-up Extravaganza. Planet Aid (pretty little yellow shed) was on premises for 10 months and averaged 250lbs a week in donations of clothing, shoes and books.

Many thanks to all of the recycling volunteers, Solid Waste Committee, Ken Stocker & Crew, Steve Halleran & Ruth Ann Wheeler - for everyone's help, support & guidance.

Volunteers that without, nothing would have happened!

<i>Richard Atkinson</i>	<i>Richard Colburn</i>	<i>Nancy Mogielnicki</i>
<i>Stephanie Berman</i>	<i>Jeff & Laura Good</i>	<i>Al Norwalk</i>
<i>Sarah Brooks-Governo</i>	<i>David Grobe</i>	<i>Susan & Rich Pullen</i>
<i>Margaret Cassidy</i>	<i>Michael & Family Higgins</i>	<i>Dick Rogers</i>
<i>Doug Cogan/Susan Williams</i>	<i>Cindy Huett</i>	<i>David & Susan Russo</i>
<i>Nick Cohen</i>	<i>Steve & Judy Ladd/Durant</i>	<i>Evan & Hannah Sundell</i>
<i>Lise Davini</i>	<i>Dave Lersch</i>	<i>Jane & John Taylor</i>
<i>Margaret & Family Drye</i>	<i>Doris Levarn</i>	<i>Laura Ward</i>
<i>Chris & Tessa Dye</i>	<i>Betsy Rybeck -Lynd</i>	<i>Kathy Wright</i>
<i>JoElla McCarragher</i>	<i>William McGonigle</i>	<i>Russell Kelley</i>
<i>Gudrun Eriksson</i>	<i>Jack McNellis</i>	



Hillary Sundell, Recycling Coordinator

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS-2008

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published major new Management Plans for Water Resources and for Recreation on the Connecticut River. In 2008 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as riverbank erosion in Colebrook and New Hampshire's updated Shoreland Protection Act. We completed a new Five Year Plan that focuses upon public outreach, use of river science, and protection of the valley's natural, historic, and cultural assets.

CRJC won a major grant from EPA this year that enabled us to conduct two years of water quality monitoring of the river from Lebanon to Cornish, including Plainfield. We will report on the results of our Tri-State Connecticut River Targeted Watershed Initiative through a website and in public meetings. Monitoring in 2008 turned up no water quality violations and indicated the river is safe for swimming and other recreation. Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2008, we concluded a three-year project to identify the Byway with way-finding signs. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, www.crjc.org, for a calendar of events, useful information, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Nancy Franklin, Chair, NH Connecticut River Commission

ANNUAL REPORT - 2008
MT ASCUTNEY REGION SUBCOMMITTEE
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee completed a new and expanded *Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan*. We will sponsor public presentations on the new plan during the winter and spring. The Plan emphasizes the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town master plans and revising zoning ordinances.

We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the recently discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River. Owners of land near water should know about the newly updated state shoreland protection law.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. Citizens who wish to help represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings at the Windsor Connection Resource Center. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

Ted Moynihan and Steve Halleran, Plainfield representatives

to the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee

SENATOR MATTHEW HOUDE

Let me start by saying how honored I am to serve as your State Senator. Serving in the New Hampshire House was incredibly rewarding, and I believe the Legislature accomplished many important things last session – expanding access to health care insurance and capping the interest rate on predatory “pay day” lenders among them. I look forward to similarly productive work in the Senate.

This year much attention will be focused on the budget, given the fiscal situation of not only New Hampshire but the entire country as well. Even if federal stimulus aid is received (and I am optimistic that it will be), difficult decisions will need to be made to balance the budget. The State is not alone, of course – counties and towns will be forced to make challenging decisions as well. I assure you that I am aware of the need not to downshift costs to municipalities, and of the need to protect the most vulnerable among us.

This winter, for example, when we feared that people would be confronted with sky-rocketing home-heating fuel costs, the State responded promptly. Answers to your questions about winter heating resources may be found by going to the New Hampshire Stay Warm web site located at <http://www.staywarmnh.org/>. While the cost of fuel has come down, I have submitted a bill regarding logging in state forests to provide a low-cost heating source to New Hampshire families in need. And in light of the ever-present budget challenges, I have also submitted legislation to study ways municipalities can raise revenue.

In the Senate, I have been assigned to the following committees: Judiciary, Election Law and Public and Municipal Affairs as well as the rules committee. As always, I invite you to contact me to discuss issues of concern, not just in relation to these committees, but any legislative issue.

I can be reached at Matthew.Houde@leg.state.nh.us or 271-2104.

Respectfully,

Matthew Houde

Matthew Houde, PO Box 66 Meriden, NH 03770

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Plainfield Town Hall had a very busy year. As usual it was scheduled for community events such as the Senior Socials, Philip Read Memorial Library Book Sale, the Plainfield Community Church Rummage Sale, the 4th of July Art Show, the Blow-Me-Down Grange Bazaar, Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale, and Sunday openings for the stage set during the summer. In addition, private organizations used the hall for performances of the play Samantha's Stars, dance recitals, dance performances, and children's summer theater. Many private parties were held to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, showers and weddings.

The committee assisted the town administrator in the oversight of several events. The side of the building was painted at the recommendation of the committee. The list of repairs previously presented to the selectmen is being addressed as appropriate. See the list in the 2007 Town Report for recommended repairs/maintenance.

The building continues to be a popular rental for town residents for events and the town's support for the preservation and regular upkeep of the building as well as the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set is appreciated.

Submitted by **Nancy Norwalk and Beverly Widger** for the committee: Other members: Brad Atwater, Pam Abrahamson, Nancy Scott, David Chellis, Ruth Cassidy

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Your committee was very pleased to offer to the community the dedication of the Service Memorial as part of this year's July 4th celebration. The idea for a suitable memorial dates back to the 2003 annual meeting. The capital campaign raised a total of \$13,090 for the project. Hard costs totaled \$10,836 the balance of \$2,254 was put toward defraying the previous town appropriations for this important project.

In addition to the many cash contributions the project received the following local businesses made significant in kind contributions to the project's construction: Plainfield Construction Company, Longacre's Nursery Center, Williams Lawn Care and Landscaping.

Submitted, **Carl Strong, James Longacre, Harold Jones, Stephen Taylor and Stephen Halleran, Service Memorial Committee**

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

School Budget

General Position: In making their decisions, the school board took into account the current economic situation and the decrease in student population. They did an excellent job with difficult circumstances. In considering the finances, the school board was able to not only keep the budget level funded, but to decrease the upcoming budget. Although some programs had to make cutbacks, no school programs were eliminated. The school board, administration, teachers, staff, and community members should be commended for coming together to work toward to common good of the school and community

Warrant Articles: The finance committee was impressed with the school board and administration's willingness to keep the budget process transparent by using multiple warrant articles instead of rolling items into the general budget and thus, allowing voters to have more say in the final numbers.

Article III: (Handicapped Van Purchase) The committee recommends the purchase of a van equipped to transport handicapped students at the Plainfield School. The item will bring a \$10,800 increase to the 09-10 transportation budget, but will save tens of thousands of dollars over the next three years and into the future.

Article IV: (Classroom Renovation) The finance committee supports the appropriation of \$25,000 to modify a classroom for HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and upgrade classroom insulation, windows and doors. This investment should save money through greater efficiency and will address engineer deficiencies that currently exist. The success of this pilot program could be replicated throughout the building in the future.

Article V: (Building Maintenance Reserve Fund) The committee agrees with the board, administration, and building and grounds committee that reserve funds (\$30,000) are necessary to keep on hand for ongoing maintenance of the school building. It is fiscally prudent to maintain our existing investment.

Article VI: (Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund) The appropriation of \$30,000 into the special education and tuition reserve fund provides a reasonable cushion into the existing funds. This reserve will allow a more accurate budgeting for student tuition to Lebanon High School without repercussions of unexpected tuition increases or midyear student population rises.

Article VII: (Benefits Payable Expendable Trust Fund) The committee approves of this article for \$15,000. The fund will be used to pay for upcoming shortfalls in the state's retirement fund.

Town Budget

General Position: As we have come to expect from our town administration, department heads, and select board, the prepared budget is thoughtful, fair and fiscally prudent. Departments were asked to provide level funded budgets. As a result of their careful responses, the budget requests came in \$100K+ under last year's numbers.

Highway Department and Reserve Fund: The committee agrees with the addition of \$50,000 to the equipment reserve fund. This fund is has been an important financial tool used to make funds available when necessary and to lessen the impact on the taxpayer by spreading the costs over a period of time.

It would be desirable for the highway department to cut back spending in the future, but we understand the unpredictable New Hampshire weather and its timing can drive up costs. The rising expectations of town residents during weather events also contribute to the rising budget amounts.

In conclusion, this year provides our community with a number of financial challenges. The finance committee has done our best to summarize recommendations to the town based upon hours of meetings and discussions with various boards and committees. We are an advisory group, but ultimately the decisions rest with the voters. We urge all Plainfield residents to take extra time to examine the issues, ask questions, and make sure our tax dollars are well spent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lappin, Stephen Beaupre, Sarah Brooks Governo, Scott MacLeay, David Chellis, Ann Grobe

**Meriden Village Water District
2008 Operator's Report**

The recently upgraded aeration system at the wastewater treatment facility performed well during its' first year of operation. A variable frequency drive for the aeration blower was installed which resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of electricity used. Several recent monthly electric bills have been up to 40% less than the corresponding month of a year ago. The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wastewater Engineering Bureau performed a comprehensive inspection of the treatment facility in May. The inspection included reviews of laboratory procedures, plant records, and operation and maintenance of treatment units. Several Kimball Union classes toured the wastewater treatment facilities during the year.

The District received final approval of the two new wells from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in June. Pending completion of several conditions, the new wells will be placed in service during the new year. The water storage tank located on Chellis Road was cleaned and inspected in September. The tank remains in excellent condition with no deficiencies found. Several of the oldest hydrants were pressure washed and received a fresh coat of paint during the year. Hydrant painting will continue in 2009 along Main St. The final payment on a 20 year bond that was used for the construction of the water storage tank and the installation of new water mains in 1989 will be made in January of 2009. 98% of the bond was repaid by Kimball Union Academy, as the projects were necessary for campus expansion over the past two decades.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Taylor, Certified Operator, Meriden Village Water District

Donald E. Garfield

Jeffrey S. Albright

Murray Dewdney

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

SULLIVAN, SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in said State, who are legal voters residing in the Meriden Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said District affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the twenty fourth day of March 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I.

To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year, or otherwise as the by-laws direct:

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.

5. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

ARTICLE II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,375, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE III. To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE VI. To see what action the District will take with regard to water and sewer use charges.

ARTICLE VII. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this thirteenth day of January, 2009.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

**DONALD E. GARFIELD
JEFFREY S. ALLBRIGHT
MURRAY DEWDNEY**

MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 25, 2008

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Meriden Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held at the Plainfield School on Tuesday the twenty fifth of March 2008 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

The Annual Meeting of the Meriden Village Water District was called to order by Moderator Stephen Taylor.

ARTICLE I. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years:	Donald Garfield
Treasurer for one year:	Gretchen Taylor

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE II. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,050, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE III. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2007 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE IV. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE V. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it

ARTICLE VI. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED:

1. That District charges for residential sewer service remain at \$112 per quarter.
2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy remain at \$7,850 per month.
3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School be increased to \$500 per month.
4. That District charges for residential water service remain at \$80 per quarter.
5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy remain at \$7,250 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE VII. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Roberta I. Garfield
Clerk

Meriden Village Water District
Water Department Balance
Sheet
As of December 31, 2008

Assets:

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$17,724.02
Reserves: Distribution upgrade fund	\$109,000.00
Accounts due district: Water charges due	\$15,820.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$142,544.02</u>

Liabilities:

<u>Reserve Funds: Distribution upgrade fund</u>	<u>\$109,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$109,000.00

<u>Fund Balance Current Surplus</u>	<u>\$33,544.02</u>
Grand Total	\$142,544.02

Sewer Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2008

Assets:

Cash: In hands of treasurer	\$56,576.76
Accounts due district	\$18,052.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$51,250.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$125,878.76</u>

Liabilities:

<u>Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve</u>	<u>\$51,250.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$51,250.00

<u>Fund Balance - Current Surplus</u>	<u>\$74,628.76</u>
Grand Total	\$125,878.76

Meriden Village Water District

Sewer Department

Income	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Sewer Charges	\$128,100.00	\$114,395.67	\$120,300.00
Hook-up	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$63.39	\$0.00
SRF loan	\$25,000.00	\$11,316.31	\$0.00
From Cptl. Rsrv.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00
From Surplus	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total Income	\$153,100.00	\$128,775.37	\$139,300.00
Expenses	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Office	\$550.00	\$256.05	\$550.00
Legal	\$200.00	\$33.00	\$200.00
Electricity	\$12,000.00	\$8,593.58	\$9,000.00
Insurance	\$18,000.00	\$18,950.12	\$18,500.00
Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$9,240.53	\$9,000.00
Telephone	\$600.00	\$559.72	\$800.00
Wages	\$33,500.00	\$34,415.36	\$33,500.00
FICA, Medicare	\$5,000.00	\$5,007.59	\$5,400.00
Interest on Debt	\$10,000.00	\$9,064.76	\$10,600.00
Principal on Debt	\$17,500.00	\$16,979.31	\$16,000.00
Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,180.44	\$4,000.00
Effluent Testing	\$10,000.00	\$12,923.00	\$12,000.00
Vehicle	\$750.00	\$456.85	\$750.00
Capital Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Aeration/Sludge Rmvl	\$25,000.00	\$16,073.46	\$0.00
Ground Wtr. Mntring.	\$5,000.00	\$3,317.85	\$5,000.00
Blower Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00
Total Expenses	\$153,100.00	\$145,051.62	\$139,300.00

Water Department

Income	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Water Rents	\$113,250.00	\$115,700.00	\$75,375.00
Interest	\$100.00	\$61.76	\$100.00
From Capital Reserve	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$53,000.00
Total Income	\$201,950.00	\$119,361.76	\$132,075.00
Expenses	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Office	\$500.00	\$36.00	\$500.00
Legal	\$500.00	\$163.50	\$250.00
Electricity	\$6,500.00	\$5,833.95	\$6,500.00
Insurance	\$5,250.00	\$5,107.12	\$5,250.00
Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$7,317.28	\$5,000.00
Water Analysis	\$1,250.00	\$5,067.48	\$2,000.00
Telephone	\$600.00	\$395.82	\$800.00
Wages	\$9,600.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,600.00

FICA, Medicare	\$1,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00
Interest on Dbt.	\$30,500.00	\$23,003.11	\$19,860.00
Principal on Dbt	\$53,750.00	\$53,773.05	\$24,515.00
Capital Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$1,100.00	\$2,565.60	\$2,000.00
SRF Project	\$85,000.00	\$44,660.95	\$53,000.00
Total Expenses	\$201,950.00	\$159,423.86	\$132,075.00

Plainfield Village Water District Commissioners' Annual Report January 2009

This year was originally expected by the commissioners to be a maintenance year. Instead, some new ground got covered.

An opportunity to take over the water service for the back section of Spruce Park was presented in early spring. After investigating costs, impacts and permit requirements the commissioners agreed to work with the park association, accepting a section of distribution piping constructed at the park's expense in lieu of the normal per-unit connection fees. This worked out to the advantage of both the park and the District, since the District would have required a special meeting to approve the project, and the Park could get other work done while the project was under way. In the process of construction, some District-owned valves and pipe sections were found to be in need of replacement. Cost of this work, along with a valve that "should have been there" when the system was installed, came out of the trust fund established in 2007. Our storage tank was cleaned this November, with good marks for condition and water quality. The sacrificial anodes, used to prevent corrosion, need to be replaced which we will contract for in 2009, again drawing from the maintenance fund. Future cleanings will be on a five year cycle.

Lightning damage to our chart recorder system happened in early 2008. The commissioners took the opportunity to rework the system slightly, and reinstalled automatic pump controls, ending the manual operation of pumps which had been in place since 2001. A fire hydrant used regularly for system flushing was replaced after we found that parts for a required repair were no longer available from normal sources. This particular hydrant was the only hydrant actually used during a fire in the village, though very little water was used.

Our 2008-2009 project is expected to be completed this year. A lot of questions came up during the design phase, and we missed the excavation permit window for 12-A in 2008.

Collections remain a challenge. Our "accounts receivable" number represents about half "old debt" (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue. While a closing eliminated one of our large overdue accounts, we have seen our receivable window for others stretch from 90 to 180 days or more. Despite this less than 5% of our billed amount was added to our overdue debt. News from Concord suggests that the DES grant program that has brought in about \$7500 a year for the last two years will be postponed for 2009. Prudent budgeting means that we will not expect to receive it this year. Due to this we expect to adjust rates up slightly, beginning with the April bills.

The ice storm in December brought home how much value the tank project has brought to the District. Water was available during the entire power outage, making the village habitable. Running the pumps on a generator during the last 36 hours of the outage kept the tank more than half full.

The commissioners are not proposing any new capital projects for 2009. We do ask that the District add \$5000 to the system maintenance fund, currently at about \$18,500.

Large scale flushing operations seem to have brought our long-time sediment problem somewhat more under control. More flushing is planned for 2009.

There is plenty of work for anyone interested in helping. Please contact one of the commissioners if you're looking for opportunities.

The commissioners

**Robert Drye
Henry Ingham
Ralph Patalano**

**WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

SULLIVAN. SS.

To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in the said State, who are legal voters residing in the Plainfield Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Town Hall in said Plainfield Village Water District on **Saturday the 28th of March 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**, to act upon the following subjects.

ARTICLE I. To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise.

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year
3. A commissioner for three years
4. A treasurer for one year

ARTICLE II. To see what action the district will take with regard to the reports of the district officers.

ARTICLE III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$66,863** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE IV. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE V. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

At true copy attest:
Robert Drye
Henry Ingham
Ralph Patalano

**Plainfield Water District
Proposed 2009 Budget**

	2008 Proposed	2008 Actual	2009 Proposed
INCOME			
Water Rent			
District Tax	\$72,000.00	\$58,837.06	\$67,000.00
Hydrant Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$1,800.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Other Income	\$100.00	\$46.24	\$100.00

Transfer from Expendible	\$7,536.00	\$7,427.60	\$0.00
Starting cash balance		\$11,417.54	\$0.00
	<u>\$77,432.45</u>	<u>\$77,432.45</u>	<u>\$61,740.28</u>
	\$158,868.45	\$156,410.89	\$130,090.28

OPERATING EXPENSES

Administrative

Officers Salaries			
Officer Expenses	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00
Clerical Salaries	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Payroll Taxes	\$200.00	\$169.00	\$200.00
Postage	\$760.00	\$756.44	\$760.00
Office Expenses	\$300.00	\$332.24	\$300.00
Administrative/Legal	\$1,000.00	\$47.99	\$1,000.00
Insurance/Bonding	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total Administrative	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$638.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$8,300.00	\$2,983.67	\$6,050.00

Operations

Maintenance-Labor			
Maintenance-Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$8,040.00	\$8,000.00
Maintenance-Service	\$2,500.00	\$4,366.80	\$2,500.00
Utilities-Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$4,764.35	\$2,500.00
Utilities-Propane	\$2,000.00	\$1,548.61	\$2,000.00
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,200.00	\$1,448.61	\$1,500.00
Water Sample Tests	\$1,000.00	\$843.75	\$1,000.00
System Improvements	\$2,500.00	\$5,550.00	\$3,000.00
Total Operations	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$11,570.16</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
	\$23,200.00	\$38,132.28	\$24,000.00

DEBT

Principal			
Interest	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Tax Anticipation Notes repayment	\$13,062.50	\$13,062.50	\$11,812.50
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Debt Service	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$38,062.50	\$38,062.50	\$36,812.50

TOTAL EXPENSES

	<u>\$69,562.50</u>	<u>\$79,178.45</u>	<u>\$66,862.50</u>
Article IV (2008 Warrant)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Article V (2008 Warrant)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Article IV (2009 Warrant)			<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	\$104,562.50	\$104,178.45	\$81,862.50

Plainfield Village Water District
Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2008

Opening Cash position	\$87,645.08
Water Rent	\$58,837.06
Other Income	<u>\$8,723.85</u>
Total Income	\$67,560.91
Admin Expenses	\$2,983.67
Operations	\$38,132.28
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	\$25,000.00
Bond Debt - Interest	\$13,062.50
TAN notes - interest	\$0.00
Total operating disbursements	\$79,178.45
Capital Projects	
2006 Article 4	\$0.00
Transfers to Trust Funds	
2008 Article 4	\$25,000.00
Transfers from Trust Funds	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	\$11,417.54
Net cash flow before TAN borrowings	-\$25,200.00
Net TAN borrowings	\$0.00
Net change in cash balance	<u>-\$25,200.00</u>
Ending Cash position	\$62,445.08

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash	61,740
Accounts receivable	26,430
Machinery and equipment	124,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>450,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 742,458</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>225,000</u>
Total liabilities	225,000

Net Assets

Unrestricted assets	<u>517,458</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 742,458</u>

**MINUTES OF THE
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday the 22nd of March 2008

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:08AM. A motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant was made by Rob Drye and seconded by Ralph Patalano. Approved by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article I from the warrant.

Robert Drye offered the following motion, seconded by Sarah Gillens.

Resolved, that the District choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise.

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year
3. A commissioner for three years
4. A treasurer for one year

Rob Drye nominated Jeff Moore for moderator. Sarah Gillens seconded. Rob Drye moved that the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Jeff Moore for the office of moderator and declare him elected. Sarah Gillens seconded. Approved by voice vote.

Rob Drye nominated Margaret Drye for clerk. Sarah Gillens seconded. Rob Drye moved that the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Margaret Drye for the office of clerk and declare her elected. Sarah Gillens seconded. Approved by voice vote.

Ralph Patalano nominated Robert Drye for commissioner for three years. Henry Ingham seconded. Ralph Patalano moved that the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for Robert Drye for the office of commissioner and declare him elected. Sarah Gillens seconded. Approved by voice vote.

Rob Drye nominated Sarah Gillens for treasurer. Henry Ingham seconded. Moderator Jeff Moore called for a voice vote and declared Sarah Gillens elected.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article II from the warrant.

Ralph Patalano offered the following motion, seconded by Rob Drye.

Resolved, that the District accept the reports of the District officers printed in the 2007 Plainfield Town Report as amended, a copy to be filed with the District records.

Rob Drye corrected an error in the 2008 budget printed in the Plainfield Town Report, amending the "Other Income" line in the 2007 actual column from \$76,436.68 as printed to \$63,175.00.

Moderator Jeff Moore called for a voice vote, and the motion was adopted.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article III from the warrant.

Ralph Patalano offered the following motion, seconded by Rob Drye.

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,563** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed.

Commissioner Drye gave a summary of budget items. Moderator Jeff Moore called for a paper ballot. Vote was 8 yes, 0 no. Moderator Moore declared the motion adopted.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article IV from the warrant.

Henry Ingham offered the following motion, seconded by Ralph Patalano.

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. Commissioner Drye discussed the purpose of the fund, and answered questions from the floor about upcoming tank maintenance and other possible repair issues. Moderator Jeff Moore called for a paper ballot. Vote was 8 yes, 0 no. Moderator Moore declared the motion adopted.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article V from the warrant.

Robert Drye offered the following motion, seconded by Ralph Patalano.

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the purpose of constructing new distribution piping serving four houses on the west side of NH route 12-A, along with a fire hydrant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance.

Commissioner Drye noted that this was a new attempt to deal with the same location that a 2006 article had addressed, but that the 2006 project was not completed within the time period allowed for it. Moderator Jeff Moore called for a paper ballot. Vote was 9 yes, 0 no. Moderator Moore declared the motion adopted.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article VI from the warrant.

Moderator Moore offered thanks to the commissioners, clerk, treasurer and meter reader for their service to the District. Commissioner Drye announced a rate hearing to follow the District meeting.

Ralph Patalano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry Ingham. Moderator Moore called for a voice vote, and declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Drye
District Clerk

March 22, 2008

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD VITAL STATISTICS
(As provided by the State of New Hampshire)**

CIVIL UNIONS- 2008

Date	Residents	Residence	Town of Issuance	Town of Civil Union
6/07/08	Burg, Michael E Romkey, John L	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
8/08/08	Kilfeather, Janice D MacKey, Robin F	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield

MARRIAGES- 2008

Date	Groom & Bride	Residence	Town of Issuance	Town of Marriage
05/24/08	Parthum, Gregory R LaBelle, Amy D	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Windham
06/28/08	Caple, Daniel H Williams, Lindsay R	Plainfield Hartland, Vt	Lebanon	Plainfield
08/03/08	Surette, Richard C Jordan, Jessica	Keene Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/23/08	Goodwin, Joshua O Boisvert, Brittany A	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Croydon
09/06/08	Chartrand, Jonathan E Snow, Paula J	Plainfield Plainfield	Lebanon	Plainfield
09/20/08	Pushee, Eric A Barton, Sara L.	Ruther Glen, VA Plainfield	Lebanon	Claremont
09/27/08	Wilder, Mark H. Achilles, Nancy J	Plainfield W Fairlee, Vt	Plainfield	Plainfield
12/27/08	Sirlin, Edward A Pensgen, Sarah A	White River, Vt Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield

BIRTHS- 2008

DOB	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/14/08	Sullivan, Gwendoline Rose	Lebanon	Sullivan, Clyde	Sullivan, Anne
03/11/08	Wilmot, Esther Ruth	Lebanon	Wilmot, Jonathan	Wilmot, Carmen
04/18/08	Forman, Sara Margaret	Lebanon	Forman, Christian	Toms, Angela
06/05/08	Curtis, Allie Leta	Lebanon	Curtis, Josiah	McCoy, Jody
06/05/08	Perry, Isaac Olin	Lebanon	Perry, Nathan	Perry, Adrienne
06/27/08	Rediker, Holden Chase	Lebanon	Rediker, Keith	Rediker, Crystal
07/25/08	Illsley, Zachary Douglas	Lebanon	Illsley, Douglas	Illsley, Sara
08/30/08	Clerkin, William G. Q.	Lebanon	Clerkin, William	Quebada, Patricia
09/02/08	Gallagher, Braeden James	Lebanon		Gallagher, Kristin
09/10/08	Marsh, Annella Jean	Lebanon	Marsh, Stephen	Marsh, Emily S
09/14/08	Litvinoff, Alek Paganucci	Lebanon	Litvinoff, Bram	Paganucci, Elizabeth
10/24/08	Hall, Camille Charlene	Lebanon	Hall, Thord	Hall, Christina

10/25/08	Walker, Christian Jacoby	Lebanon	Walker, Scott	Walker, Michelle
10/26/08	Breese, Ada Victoria	Lebanon	Breese, Robert	Komska, Yuliya
10/31/08	Martin, Hannah Marie	Lebanon	Martin, Nicolas	Smarsik, Samantha
11/25/08	Walls, Jacob Veitch	Lebanon	Walls, Peter	Veitch, Angelica
12/20/08	Wolfinger, Lilly Sophia	Lebanon	Wolfinger, Michael	Wolfinger, Siuseppina

DEATHS 2008

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/18/08	James, Herbert	Plainfield	James, Jesse	Carlton, Esther
01/18/08	Darling, Ola	Plainfield	Deal, Joseph	Terry, Ida
01/23/08	Ryan, Ellen	Lebanon	Wagner, Frederick	Wagner Collins, Creigh
01/28/08	Guyer, Shirley	Plainfield	Ashline, Edward	Ladeau, Viola
05/09/08	Moore Jr, William	Plainfield	Moore Sr, William	Knower, Virginia
06/05/08	Coutermarsh, Alfred	Lebanon	Coutermarsh, R	Goodreault Adrienne
06/13/08	Fredette, Norman	Lebanon	Fredette, Norman	Morse, Lois
07/08/08	Lapan, Gordon	Plainfield	Lapan, Timothy	Bora, Adel
07/15/08	Beaupre, Elizabeth	Lebanon	Buckland, Arthur	Swanson, Emma
07/26/08	Woodbury, Marcia	Lebanon	Woodbury, Harry	Coombs, Elizabeth
10/09/08	Gignac, Lynn	Plainfield	Riker, Donald	Fox, Florence
10/09/08	Finkeldey, Barbara	Lebanon	White, Walter	Slater, Susan
10/30/08	Walker, James	Plainfield	Walker, M Kinsley	Gahs, Helen
12/31/08	Williams, Ruth	Claremont	Porter, J	Hathaway, Marion

HISTORY OF THE PLAINFIELD SERVICE MEMORIAL

A vote of the Town Meeting on March 13, 2003, instructed “the moderator to appoint a committee to investigate creation of a suitable memorial to town veterans, said committee to report no later than the 2005 annual meeting.” Thus began a five-year effort that led to the completion of the memorial that is dedicated on this day. The committee charged with creating the memorial met many times after resolving at the outset to complete the project without creating any burden on taxpayers.

The memorial is intended to honor all Plainfield residents who have served our nation. It does not attempt to list individuals, but rather is intended to be a place of reflection upon all forms of national service and the commitment to our country that such service represents.

Thanks to the generosity of some 70 donors, more than \$13,000 was raised, enabling the committee to retain the services of professional landscape architects Saucier & Flynn of Lebanon to design the memorial site and assist in the development of the memorial tablet. Once all the details were agreed to, the Swenson Granite Co. of Concord created the stone tablet of New Hampshire granite.

The services to prepare the site, install the stone and complete the landscaping were donated by Plainfield Construction Co. Inc., Mark Wilder, Williams Lawncare & Landscaping LLC, Thomas Williams & Longacre’s Nursery Center.

Service Memorial Committee

Carlton M. Strong Jr., James H. Longacre, Stephen H. Taylor, Harold “Dewey” Jones, Stephen L. Halleran