

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard in addition to the routine duties associated with the operation of our local government the town office worked on the following projects during 2010:

Brook Road: Our nationally competitive FEMA grant application was rejected; however, our state grant was awarded \$490,000 for work on Willow Brook Road. This award added to the 2008 one totals \$660,000 that has come to Plainfield for work on the Brook Road.

Police Chief: Working with a committee of residents established by the Selectboard, Paul Roberts was hired from within the ranks of our existing department to replace outgoing Police Chief Gordon Gillens.

Stone Watering Trough: Thanks to the generosity of Elizabeth Backofen we were able to work with the Old County Road neighborhood, returning to Plainfield the Edward Daniels Stone watering trough that was removed from the Lebanon/Plainfield line in the 1960's. The loss of the tub was extensively covered by the Valley News. The trough is now on land of Mary Ann Palmer and we have an agreement in place that makes it clear that the Town of Plainfield owns the watering trough.

Outreach Program: The Selectboard continued this popular project in 2010, meeting with several of our local businesses. Discussions at these information sessions typically center on the topics of regulation, taxation and municipal services.

Plainfield Town/Meriden Town Halls: Both of these highly valued town buildings received some needed carpentry and painting in 2010. The town hall repair fund was used to fund this work.

Tax Sale: We were able to return to the tax roles a 5.0 acre parcel that was acquired by the town for taxes. This Route 12A property was purchased by an abutter with the proceeds being used settle the tax debt of the previous owner.

Walker Easement: Working with the State of New Hampshire and our local Conservation Commission a revised access way for the one remaining house site on what was formerly the Walker Farm has been worked out. The new access way runs along the edge of the existing field about 100' east of the original location.

Boston Post Cane: The town was proud to carry on the tradition of awarding the Boston Post Cane to our oldest resident. On November 3rd the honor was passed to Clara Perry of Dodge Road.

Submitted,

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Town Administrator