

# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

## Annual Report 2011

Annual Reports  
of the  
Officers and Selectmen  
and the  
School District



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## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Paul B. Franklin	2014
<b>ASSIST. MODERATOR</b>	Stephen H. Taylor	2011
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Michelle Marsh	2013
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Robert W. Taylor, Chair	2012
	Judith A. Belyea	2013
	Thomas P. Williams Jr.	2014
	Sarah Brookes-Governo	2012
<b>TREASURER</b>	Sarah Brookes-Governo	2012
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2013
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	Donald Garfield	2012
	Jesse Stalker	2013
	Edward Stansfield	2014
	Mark Pensgen	2014
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	Anita Brown	2013
	Kara Toms	2013
	Kimberly Moss	2012
	Bernadina Webber	2012
	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2012
<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	Donald Jordan	2015
	Diane W. Rogers	2016
	Bradford Atwater	2014
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>	Jesse Stalker	2013
	James Taylor	2012
	Michelle Marsh	
<b>DEP. TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Ruthann Wheeler	
<b>DEP. TOWN CLERK</b>		
<b>BALLOT CLERKS</b>	Sarah Brookes-Governo	
	Robin Marsh	
	Elizabeth Lurie	
	RoAnne Rogerson	

**ROAD AGENT**

Kenneth Stocker  
Richard Collins

**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Daniel Cantlin

**HEALTH OFFICER**

A. Halton Grindle

**ZONING ADMIN.**

Stephen Halleran

**YIELD TAX AGENT**

Judith A. Belyea

**WELFARE DIRECTOR**

A. Halton Grindle

**EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.**

James McCarragher

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Paul Roberts, Chief  
Lawrence Dore, Deputy Chief  
Anthony Swett, Corporal  
Matthew Agan  
Joshua Alden

**PLANNING BOARD**

Jane Stephenson, Chair  
Michael Sutherland  
Allan Ferguson  
Jeffrey Allbright  
Mary Barnes  
Desmond Hudson, alt  
Judith Belyea Selectwoman

**ZONING BOARD**

Richard Colburn, Chair  
Edward Moynihan  
Bradford Atwater  
William McGonigle  
Stephen Sheehan

**CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

Myra Ferguson, Chair  
Judith Ptak  
William Knight  
Judith Hallam  
Anne Donaghy  
David Taylor  
Jeffrey Marsh, alt  
George Sandmann, alt

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Scott MacLeay  
Douglas Adams  
Christine Danen  
Stephen Beaupre  
Joseph Bretton  
Jean Strong

**ENERGY  
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Mogielnicki  
Thom Wolke  
Allan Ferguson  
Robin Larson  
David Taylor  
Mike O'Leary  
Oliver Herfort  
Wendy James  
Diane Rogers  
Ron Eberhardt

**UVLSRPC**

Richard Winters  
James Taylor

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

Frank Currier  
Frank Currier  
Frank Currier, Warden  
Peter Berry, Deputy  
Douglas Plummer, Deputy  
Christopher Berry, Deputy  
William Taylor, Deputy  
Daniel Boone Rondeau, Deputy  
Bruce Elder, Deputy  
Lester Bouchier, Deputy  
Joseph Longacre

**KUA STUDY  
COMMITTEE**

Shelley Andrews  
Elizabeth Duany  
John Yacavone  
Robyn Hadlock  
Robert Hewett  
Eric Brann  
Myra Ferguson-School Board  
James Gray- Kimball Union Academy  
Stephen Halleran-Selectboard Rep.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER  
JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Robert Kline

**MT ASCUTNEY  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Edward Moynihan  
Stephen Halleran

**250<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION  
COMMITTEE**

Margaret Drye, Co-Chair  
Harold Jones, Co-Chair  
Donna Beaupre  
Doug Chapman  
Jane Fielder-KUA  
Elizabeth Lurie  
Nancy Norwalk  
John Stephenson  
Breck Taber  
Bev Widger  
Stephen Taylor  
Dan Cantlin- Advisor  
Mike Sutherland- Advisor

**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 13th 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 the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees 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 17th 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 **\$1,938,093** to defray town charges for the 2012 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$178,210</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>5,130</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>64,500</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>5,700</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>5,025</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>28,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>35,700</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>332,478</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>28,500</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>7,400</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>4,100</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>23,800</b>



<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>601,800</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>103,163</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>143,500</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>49,810</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>21,195</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>5,250</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>17,300</b>
<b>29. Library Department</b>	<b>111,149</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>6,233</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,938,093</b>

**This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.  
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$152,500** 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:

\$0	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$30,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003
\$5,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011

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, the transportation improvement fund and the police equipment fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$145,500** for the purchase of a new dump truck with plow equipment to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw up to the sum of \$145,500 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the selectmen to sell or trade the town's existing 1995 dump truck. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to ratify a five year lease negotiated by the Board of Selectmen of property located at 67 Ferry Hill Road (also known as tax map 258 lot 11) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** for this purpose. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 35:1, vote to establish a gravel pit reclamation capital reserve fund for the purpose of the future closing of the town's existing gravel pit on Ferry Hill Road and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for this purpose. The Selectboard recommends this article.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to establish the last Sunday of August as Plainfield Spirit Day to celebrate our town history and traditions; that the moderator be instructed to appoint a committee of not more than nine persons to organize 2012 Spirit Day activities; and that the sum of **\$1,000** be raised and appropriated for said purpose (by request). The Selectboard recommends this article.

**ARTICLE 8.** 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 eighty (80) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

**ARTICLE 9.** 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 10.** 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 11.** To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

**ARTICLE 12.** 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

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 15th day of February in the year 2012, posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

*Robert W. Taylor*

*Judith A. Belyea*

*Thomas P. Williams Jr.*

**PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD**

Personally appeared before me, the above names Robert W. Taylor, Judith A. Belyea, Thomas P. Williams Jr., the Selectboard of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

Before me,

*Michelle Marsh*

Notary Public

My Commission expires

September 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Dolla</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
		<b>s</b>			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Executive	\$167,240	\$166,471	\$178,210	6.56%	\$10,970
Election/Registration	\$4,580	\$1,527	\$5,130	12.01%	\$550
Financial Administration	\$63,300	\$67,587	\$64,500	1.90%	\$1,200
Revaluation of Property	\$10,000	\$9,303	\$8,000	-20.00%	(\$2,000)
Legal Expense	\$8,600	\$7,586	\$5,100	-40.70%	(\$3,500)
Personnel Administration	\$7,000	\$8,004	\$5,700	-18.57%	(\$1,300)
Planning and Zoning	\$2,200	\$593	\$1,200	-45.45%	(\$1,000)
General Government	\$5,350	\$6,874	\$5,025	-6.07%	(\$325)
Buildings					
Cemeteries	\$26,000	\$24,095	\$28,000	7.69%	\$2,000
Insurances	\$35,000	\$34,783	\$35,700	2.00%	\$700
Regional Associations	\$5,100	\$5,051	\$5,100	0.00%	\$0
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police	\$303,166	\$311,765	\$332,478	9.67%	\$29,312
Ambulance	\$29,120	\$27,887	\$28,500	-2.13%	(\$620)
Fire-Plainfield	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$45,000	4.65%	\$2,000
Fire-Meriden	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$40,000	5.26%	\$2,000
Building Inspection	\$8,700	\$7,212	\$7,400	-14.94%	(\$1,300)
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	0.00%	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$5,100	\$3,600	\$4,100	-19.61%	(\$1,000)
Dispatch Service	\$19,000	\$19,362	\$20,000	5.26%	\$1,000
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS</b>					
Highway Administration	\$23,800	\$21,622	\$23,800	0.00%	\$0
Highway and Streets	\$591,822	\$592,867	\$601,800	1.69%	\$9,978
Road Projects	\$111,385	\$112,885	\$103,163	-7.38%	(\$8,222)
Street Lights	\$8,500	\$7,892	\$8,500	0.00%	\$0
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Solid Waste Collection	\$140,000	\$140,770	\$143,500	2.50%	\$3,500
Solid Waste Disposal	\$50,310	\$51,121	\$49,810	-0.99%	(\$500)
<b>Health</b>					\$0
Health Department	\$20,195	\$17,664	\$21,195	4.95%	\$1,000
Animal Control	\$500	\$395	\$500	0.00%	\$0
<b>WELFARE</b>					
General Assistance	\$5,250	\$7,551	\$5,250	0.00%	\$0
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Recreation Commission	\$18,140	\$14,910	\$17,300	-4.63%	(\$840)
Libraries	\$105,479	\$105,479	\$111,149	5.38%	\$5,670
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,500	\$1,260	\$1,000	-33.33%	(\$500)
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$605	\$500	0.00%	\$0

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012**  
**(Continued)**

**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$7,250	\$7,241	\$6,233	-14.03%	(\$1,017)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0		\$0		\$0
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,890,337</b>	<b>\$1,889,962</b>	<b>\$1,938,093</b>	2.53%	\$47,756
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Item</b>	<b>2011 Approved</b>	<b>2011 Expenditure s</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0%	\$0
Hwy Equip Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%	\$0
Bridge Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Revaluation Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	0%	\$0
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%	\$0
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%	\$0
ADA Access Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$0
Hwy Dump truck/Body/plow	\$0	\$0	\$145,500		\$145,500
Hwy Gravel Pit Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$12,000		\$12,000
Hwy Gravel Pit Reclamation	\$0	\$0	\$5,000		
250th Celebration Com	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$1,000		(\$2,500)
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$156,000</b>	<b>\$156,000</b>	<b>\$316,000</b>	103%	\$160,000
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,046,337</b>	<b>\$2,045,962</b>	<b>\$2,254,093</b>	10%	\$207,756



**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$2,125	\$2,125	\$6,063	185%	\$3,938
Yield Taxes	\$13,000	\$5,493	\$15,000	15%	\$2,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$55,000	\$39,983	\$45,000	-18%	(\$10,000)
Excavations	\$45	\$0	\$0	-100%	(\$45)
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>					
Licenses & Fees	\$8,000	\$6,403	\$8,000	0%	\$0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$400,000	\$389,148	\$400,000	0%	\$0
Trash User Fees	\$90,000	\$82,549	\$85,000	-6%	(\$5,000)
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>					
Rooms and Meals	\$105,582	\$105,838	\$105,582	0%	\$0
Highway Block Grant	\$118,123	\$121,319	\$103,163	-13%	(\$14,960)
State Reimbursements	\$144	\$144	\$144	0%	\$0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>					
Income from Departments	\$30,000	\$33,154	\$30,000	0%	\$0
Reimbursements	\$2,500	\$1,668	\$2,500	0%	\$0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Sale of Town Property	\$1,000	\$1,629	\$20,000	1900%	\$19,000
Interest on Deposits	\$7,500	\$7,025	\$7,000	-7%	(\$500)
FEMA -Irene	\$0	\$0	\$25,000		\$25,000
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>					
<b>SOURCES</b>					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$145,500		\$145,500
Trust Funds	\$11,000	\$10,020	\$11,000	0%	\$0
<b>BUDGET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$845,019</b>	<b>\$807,498</b>	<b>\$1,009,952</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>\$164,933</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>					
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,201,318</b>	<b>\$1,238,464</b>	<b>\$1,244,141</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$42,823</b>
Change in tax dollars			\$42,823.00		
Projected tax rate impact			\$0.15		

## TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2011

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield Town Offices on Main Street on March 8, 2011. A motion was made by Donald Jordan and seconded by Elizabeth Lurie to move the location of the meeting from the Plainfield Elementary School to the Town Offices due to the Ice Storm and lack of power at that location. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Stephen H. Taylor opened the meeting at 8:15 am with the reading of Article I. Michelle Marsh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Donald Jordan. The warrant will be read on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Total Number on Checklist: 1543

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 189

Percentage of Voting: 12%

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: One Town Moderator for two years, one Selectboard member for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years and any other necessary town officers.

**Town Moderator for two years:**

Paul Franklin had 180 votes.

**Paul Franklin was declared elected.**

**Select board Member for three years:**

Thomas P. Williams, Jr. had 164 votes .

**Thomas P. Williams, Jr. was declared elected.**

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:**

Edward Stansfield had 174 votes.

**Edward Stansfield was declared elected.**

**Library Trustee for three years:**

Mark Pensgen had 101 votes.

Kimberly Moss had 73 votes.

**Mark Pensgen was declared elected.**

**Cemetery Trustee for three years:**

Bradford Atwater had 174 votes.

**Bradford Atwater was declared elected.**

On Saturday, March 12, 2011 Moderator Stephen Taylor re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:10am. The meeting began with words of inspiration given by Rev. Harold “Dewey” Jones, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner accompanied by Glen Griffin on trumpet followed by the salute to the flag.

Moderator Taylor recognized Selectman Robert Taylor who reflected on the past weeks ice storm and offered thanks to the Highway Crew, Police Department, and members of the Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments for all of their efforts during the long hours of the clean-up.

Next Selectman Taylor saluted Meriden Fire Chief David Best as he steps down from his post. He received a standing ovation.

Selectman Taylor ended by introducing the creation of the first ever community service award and presented it to Moderator Taylor for his 28 years of service to the town. A standing ovation was given. School board chair Chris Forman also presented Moderator Taylor with a plaque from the school district recognizing his long time post as school moderator.

Moderator Taylor resumed the meeting. Paul Franklin moved to dispense with the reading of the articles and it was seconded by Stephen Halleran.

**ARTICLE 2.**

Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:  
Resolved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,890,337** to defray town charges for the 2011 fiscal year. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$167,240</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>4,580</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>63,300</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,600</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>5,350</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>303,166</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>29,120</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>43,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,700</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>23,800</b>



<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>591,822</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>111,385</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>140,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>50,310</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>20,195</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>5,250</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>18,140</b>
<b>29. Library Department</b>	<b>105,479</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>7,250</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,890,337</b>

Stephen Halleran explained that for every \$276,000 we increase our budget by, our tax rate is increased by \$1.00. By decreasing the budget in the same amount, we would decrease our tax rate by \$1.00.

Steve reported that thanks to FEMA grant monies, the town will be able to continue with the Brook Road reconstruction project without requesting additional tax monies this year. The town was awarded a Hazard Mitigation Grant for \$490,000. Combined with the 2008 grant monies, the total is \$660,000 that has come from this program to Plainfield for Brook Road.

Steve briefly ran down the various budget lines in the operating budget explaining the significant changes. In this year's budget, there are 27 lines that are level funded or reduced.

Steve thanked Al Grindle for continuing to do a fantastic job in the welfare department and for the senior luncheons he puts on monthly.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 160 No 19**

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

A motion was made from the floor by Eric Brann to move Article 8 to the front. The motion was seconded by Dan Lapan.

**A vote by voice was taken.**

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

## **ARTICLE 8.**

John Yacavone offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That 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.

Yacavone spoke on behalf of the KUA study committee to report the various discussions throughout the year which included reducing this deduction in the future due to the tough economic times, improving the street lighting and the ongoing services that KUA provides to the town.

Eric Brann made a motion from the floor to amend the main motion to read “Eighty (80) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.” The motion was seconded by Dan Lapan. Mr. Brann explained that he feels in difficult economic times, KUA paying more in taxes, like all other tax payers are doing, is not unreasonable. Last year, KUA’s tax bills declined by 10% while other taxpayer bills increased by 8%. Eric noted that at 80% the optional exemption still leaves a lot of money for local students.

Moderator Taylor recognized Jim Gray, CFO for KUA. Mr. Gray noted that any reduction in the exemption simply reduces that amount of aid funds available to assist local students.

After about thirty minutes of discussion, Dan Lapan made a motion to end discussion and it was seconded by seven voters.

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

The vote was taken on whether to accept the amended article.

**A paper ballot was taken.  
Yes 108 No 84  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

Dan Lapan made a motion to go to the vote on the accepted amended article. It was seconded by Eric Brann.

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

The vote was taken on the accepted amended article.

**A paper ballot was taken.  
Yes 150 No 46  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

Moderator Taylor recognized Margaret Drye to give a brief presentation of the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary Celebration to be held August 12 – 14, 2011. Events will occur on both sides of town and will include special dinners, entertainment, contests, a parade and will end with a fireworks display. Souvenirs of T-shirts, milk bottles, license plates and stamps will be sold to help defray the costs.

Moderator Taylor turned the meeting over to Moderator elect Paul Franklin to conduct business for the next four articles.

**ARTICLE 3.**

Thomas P. Williams Jr offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$147,500 to be placed in the existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows: Seconded by Judy Belyea.

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$ 0	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$30,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003

RSA 31:19a funds:

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

**A Paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 106 No 11**

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

**ARTICLE 4.**

Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that the town vote to establish a Police Department Equipment capital reserve fund and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in said fund. Purposes of the fund are periodic replacement of police department equipment, items such as radios, video equipment, safety vests. Seconded by Thomas P. Williams Jr

**A paper vote was taken.**

**Yes 111 No 14**

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

**ARTICLE 5.**

Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to be used by the town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee which was appointed at the 2009 town meeting. Said funds to be used for the planning and implementation of the upcoming anniversary celebration.

All revenues from the celebration and grants awarded will be returned to the town's general fund to offset the appropriations for this event. Seconded by Robert Taylor.

A motion was made by Boone Rondeau to call the vote by voice. Moderator Elect Franklin stated he would take a voice vote to see if the people supported Rondeau.

**A voice vote was called.  
The ayes were unanimous.**

The vote was taken on Article 5

**A vote by voice was taken  
The ayes were unanimous  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 6.**

Thomas P. Williams Jr offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that pursuant to RSA 72:37 the town vote to adopt a tax exemption for applicants who are legally blind as determined by the State of New Hampshire Blind Services Program Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education. Said tax exemption is to be in the amount of \$47,000, applied annually, to the assessed value of the applicant's primary residential real estate. This article is at the request of the NH Department of Revenue Administrator to verify that Plainfield has properly adopted the blind exemption. Seconded by Judy Belyea.

Williams explained that this is the same exemption that has always been in place; however, we have not been able to find the original date of its adoption.

**A vote by voice was taken.  
The ayes were unanimous.  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

Moderator elect Franklin turned the gavel back over to Moderator Taylor and the meeting resumed with article 7.

**ARTICLE 7.**

Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption: Pursuant to RSA 232 the Town vote to discontinue completely the former section of Main Street that fronts along the property of Christian Forman and Angela Toms (tax map 101 lot 3) in a southerly direction for some 300'. This section of road was left in place during a previous realignment of Main Street and now serves basically as a town maintained driveway for a single residence. All abutters affected by this transaction have been notified and concur with the discontinuance of the roadway. Seconded by Judy Belyea. Selectman Taylor spoke to a correction that the RSA was changed from 232 to 231. Thanks went to Paul Franklin for noticing the error.

**A vote by voice was taken.  
The ayes were unanimous.  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 9.**

Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that the town 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. Seconded by Steve Halleran.

**A vote by voice was taken.  
The ayes were unanimous.  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 10.**

Thomas P. Williams Jr offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that the town vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectboard and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Seconded by Judy Belyea.

**A vote by voice was taken.  
The ayes were unanimous.  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 11.**

Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: that the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the annual report, subject to corrections. Seconded by Thomas P. Williams Jr.

**A vote by voice was taken.  
The ayes were unanimous.  
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 12.**

Moderator Taylor swore in the following officers:

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Paul Franklin         | Moderator                 |
| Thomas P. Williams Jr | Selectman                 |
| Mark Pensgen          | Library Trustee           |
| Kimberly Moss         | Appointed Library Trustee |
| Bradford Atwater      | Cemetery Trustee          |

Edward Stansfield was sworn in as trustee of trust funds by Michelle Marsh on March 17, 2011.

John Yacavone moved to close the meeting at 1:30 p.m. seconded by David Chellis.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Marsh*  
Town Clerk

## **ONGOING AUTHORTIES Granted By Previous Annual Meetings**

Town endorses the organizational structure of the two fire departments per RSA 154:1 III Article 18 1994

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

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

The Selectboard 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.

Selectboard to appoint a Treasurer to an annual term as allowed by RSA 41:26-e. Article 7 2010 Town Meeting.

Further the Selectboard is named agents to expend for nine 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.

Town Beautification, Operation and Maintenance Fund created in 2008, authority 2008.

Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash on hand, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Cash-checking	\$ 2,572,579
Cash-Investments	\$ 3,468
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,576,047</b>

Receipts/ transfers in during the fiscal year	\$7,844,287
<b>Total available</b>	<b>\$10,420,334</b>

Less selectmen's orders/transfers out	\$8,252,418
<b>Cash On Hand, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>\$2,167,916</b>
Cash-Checking	\$2,164,446
Cash-Investments	\$3,470

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sarah Brookes Governo*, Treasurer



Town Hall with its standby generator providing power was used as the polling place to open town meeting during the ice storm of 2011 Photo S. Halleran

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2011

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 167,240
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	4,580
Financial Administration.....	63,300
Revaluation of Property .....	10,000
Legal Expense .....	8,600
Personnel Administration.....	7,000
Planning and Zoning .....	2,200
General Government Buildings.....	5,350
Cemeteries.....	26,000
Insurances.....	35,000
Advertising and Regional Expense .....	5,100

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	303,166
Ambulance .....	29,120
Fire Protection .....	81,000
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense.....	24,100
Building Inspection.....	8,700

### HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets.....	615,622
Road Projects .....	111,385
Street Lights .....	8,500

### SANITATION

Garbage Collection.....	140,000
Solid Waste Disposal .....	50,310

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department .....	20,195
Pest Control.....	500

### WELFARE

Welfare Department.....	5,250
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### CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission .....	18,140
Libraries .....	105,479
Patriotic .....	1,500
Conservation Commission .....	500

### DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts.....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts .....	7,250

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1,890,337**

### OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Article 3 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	\$55,000
Article 3 Highway Vehicle Fund.....	50,000
Article 3 Highway Bridge Fund.....	0
Article 3 Revaluation Fund .....	30,000
Article 3 ADA Access Fund.....	5,000



**OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS**

Article 3 Town Hall Repair Fund.....	5,000
Article 3 Library Repair Fund.....	2,500
Article 4 Police Equipment Fund.....	5,000

**CAPITAL PURCHASES**

Article 5 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration .....	3,500
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**FUND CONTRIBUTIONS/CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL..... \$156,000**

**OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1, 890,337**

**TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS..... \$2,046,337**



**Photo Melissa Longacre**

**2011 Turkey Trot  
Nathalie Ruppertsberger this year's winner!!**

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved .....	\$90,300,082
Buildings .....	191,922,600
Public Utilities.....	7,129,900
<b>Total value before exemptions .....</b>	<b>\$287,505,842</b>

Blind Exemption .....	0
Elderly Exemption .....	1,223,100
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption .....	164,100
Solar Energy Exemption .....	244,400
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote).....	5,580,300
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
<b>Total exemptions allowed .....</b>	<b>\$7,211,900</b>

<b>Net value used for local tax rate.....</b>	<b>\$281,990,682</b>
<b>Net value used for state education rate .....</b>	<b>\$274,860,782</b>

### 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.....	\$1,004,000

## WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans .....	\$2,800
Standard Exemptions (\$150/veteran) .....	17,250
<b>Total war service credits.....</b>	<b>\$20,050</b>

## CURRENT USE REPORT

<b>Land Categories</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Farm Land .....	2,892
Forest Land.....	23,428
Unproductive Land.....	1,586
<b>Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) .....</b>	<b>27,906</b>

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,046,037
Total Revenues and Credits	less	845,019
Share Revenues	less	0
Overlay	add	15,574
War Service Credits	add	20,050
<b>A) Net Town Appropriation</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$1,236,942</b>
Net Local School Budget		5,439,141
Adequate Education Grant	less	794,931
State Education Taxes	less	646,511
<b>B) Approved Local School Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>3,997,699</b>
<b>C) Approved State Education Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>646,511</b>
<b>D) Approved County Tax Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>827,571</b>
<b>Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$6,708,723</b>

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$6,708,723
Less War Service Credits	20,050
<b>Total Property Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$6,688,673</b>

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	4.22	4.39
County	2.79	2.93
School local	14.42	14.18
School state	2.32	2.35
Combined tax rate	<b>\$23.75</b>	<b>\$23.85</b>
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$278,616,344	\$281,990,682
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$271,476,244	\$274,860,782

## 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) .....	24,842,800
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) .....	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote).....	5,580,300

### 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 .....** **\$42,629,898**

## 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

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND  
AND BUILDINGS (continued)**

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
Meriden Covered Bridge Lot.....	16,900
Summers Falls Ledges .....	10,200
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,421,500</b>



March Ice Storm @ Cricket Song Farm      Photo S. Halleran

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2011**

I attended a boat registration training class in November so I have now completed the first phase of becoming a boat agent. We are currently waiting for the state to incorporate municipalities into the online boat agent system so we can have access and begin registering boats. I am hoping it will be up and running by spring. I will keep you posted. Please call anytime for motor vehicle questions; a quick call often helps you know what paperwork to bring so we can better serve you.

Following the 15 year rule, all 1997 model year vehicles and older are now title exempt. If you have a title exempt vehicle, you still need two forms with the VIN # to prove ownership. A bill of sale with the VIN # printed on it, an old registration, the title, or a VIN Verification form will all work.

It's time once again for renewing dog licenses. I am trying to keep track of the near 700 dogs we have registered in town. If you have a dog and you haven't already renewed, please take a moment to be sure your rabies shot is up to date and come see me before the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk.

*Michelle Marsh*

Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR- 2011**

Tax payments this year have improved 16% over last year at this time. The tax rate remaining stable helped immensely in keeping property owners on budget.

The Selectboard continues to work toward getting full payment of taxes for the former Edward and Elaine Brown property that is now controlled by the Federal Government. This property has over \$79,000 in outstanding taxes. The Selectboard has been assured that local taxes will be paid, however it could be over two years before the case is settled.

I continue to field questions on the effect of personal credit ratings from tax liens placed on property. By New Hampshire statute a tax lien is placed on property when taxes are in arrears. We do not notify credit bureaus of this, but the liens are a public record and recorded at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds. Unfortunately, the credit bureaus do not always take the time to record the release of the lien and therefore it remains on the credit report until the property owner asks to have the records corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Ann Wheeler*

Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011**

-Debits-

**Uncollected Taxes**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		\$359,291
Timber yield tax		\$1,667
Land use change tax		\$1,150
Excavations		\$0
Prior year's credit balances	(\$1,797)	
This year's new credits	(\$6,106)	

**Taxes Committed to Collector**

Property taxes	\$6,689,020	
Land use change taxes	\$11,620	
Yield taxes	\$5,493	

**Overpayments**

Property taxes	\$6,075	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$3,608	\$19,905

**TOTAL DEBITS** **\$6,707,913** **\$382,013**

-Credits-

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$6,388,910	\$220,501
Land use changes taxes	\$10,976	\$1,150
Excavation	\$0	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$5,323	\$198
Interest on taxes	\$3,608	\$19,905
Converted to liens (principal only)	0	\$140,258
Prior year overpayments assigned	(\$1,797)	

**Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$558	
Land Use Change	\$644	

**Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$299,552	
Timber Yield Tax	170	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$31)	

**TOTAL CREDITS** **\$6,707,913** **\$382,013**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011**

-Debits-

<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008+</b>
Beginning of year	\$0	\$102,541	\$88,121
New liens	\$151,353		
Interests/Penalties	\$1,716	\$9,004	\$16,694
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$153,069</b>	<b>\$111,545</b>	<b>\$104,815</b>

-Credits-

<b>Remittance to Treasurer</b>			
Redemptions	\$42,862	\$32,550	\$48,506
Interest/Penalties	\$1,717	\$9,004	\$16,694
Abatements of unredeemed liens	\$27	\$0	\$0
Unredeemed liens	\$108,463	\$70,869	\$39,615
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$153,069</b>	<b>\$111,545</b>	<b>\$104,815</b>

**REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT**  
**Year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Total reports filed .....	14
Total yield tax assessed .....	\$5,493
Softwood cut, MBF .....	256
Hardwood cut, MBF .....	143
Cordwood cut, cords.....	66
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	2,286
Pulpwood, cords .....	238
Whole tree chips, tons .....	480

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Judith A. Belyea*,  
 Yield Tax Agent



## SELECTBOARD REPORT - 2011

Another year has passed and the Selectboard would like to take the opportunity to update town report readers on significant projects, accomplishments and events of the previous 12 months. As in the past, we wish to begin this report by thanking our dedicated and hard working Town of Plainfield employees and volunteers for their work to make our town function. The various offices, departments, boards and committees all contribute vitally to our community as a whole. Without the collective efforts of many good people, Plainfield would not be the great town it is today. Listed below, in no particular order, are some of the items we wish to detail. Of course the written minutes of all Selectboard meetings are available to give you even more detail of just what we do. These minutes may be found in the monthly issues of Plain Facts, on our town website: [www.plainfieldnh.org](http://www.plainfieldnh.org) or by viewing them at the Plainfield Town Office

- Willow Brook Road Phase 3- A majority of work on the third section of this road was completed this past year. From the “Baptist Pool” to a spot approx. 2 miles north (near the Fadden Residence) where we left off the previous year, our highway crew completed drainage work, brush trimming and road resurfacing. Much of this work was paid for by the Federal Emergency Mgt. Agency (FEMA) through Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds. While we had hoped to complete the replacement of two large culverts in this stretch, the major Tropical Storm Irene caused us to postpone the final work until the summer of this year (2012). We have a contract for this work and an approved/permitted design in place.
- Wage and Salary Study- Working with the NH Municipal Assn. (Local Govt. Cntr.), we did a comprehensive analysis of our compensation and benefits packages for town employees. This meant collecting detailed data from not only our town, but also from many other towns in both NH and VT. This allowed us to compare the remuneration for all our positions with similar positions elsewhere. Based on what we learned in this study, we will make necessary updates to our pay grade and scale system. We are certain this work will help us to attract and retain highly skilled staff.
- Significant Weather Events- An ice storm in March and a Tropical Storm in August were some of the most consequential weather events Plainfield has seen in decades. Our Highway Crew, Police and Fire Departments all performed critical service in these times of need. Many roads were washed over and damaged by unprecedented rainfall totals. Trees and powerlines were brought down by ice ,requiring many man hours of cutting and chipping. Unfortunately, it is our view that these kinds of storms will be more frequent going forward, causing us to plan for all sorts of emergencies.
- Zero Sort Recycling- After consulting with our Solid Waste Committee and the region’s leading trash concern (Casella Inc.), the Selectboard adopted a “Zero Sort” Recycling Program for the town. This meant a change for the public from having to keep items separate in bins for curbside pick-up to now no longer sorting at all. The new system means just co-mingling all recyclable items in one or more containers for removal to a regional sorting

center. We have already seen cost savings from this program and increased public participation which is exactly what we had hoped for.

- Plainfield's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebrations- It truly was a special time for Plainfield this past August. We celebrated 250 years of our town's history with numerous events and gatherings. A good time was had and we set the gold standard for this kind of celebration. The Selectboard would like to thank the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their successful planning for this occasion. The members of this committee were Margaret Drye, Donna Beaupre, Doug Chapman, Dewey Jones, Elizabeth Lurie, Nancy Norwalk, John Stephenson, Breck Taber, Bev Widger and Steve Taylor.
- Old Main Street Discontinuance and Covered Bridge Land Acceptance- Beginning with a vote of town meeting at the 2011 gathering, the Selectboard has been seeing to discontinuing a section of old Main Street near the Mill Bridge adjacent to the Forman/Toms residence. As part of this process, we were approached by Kimball Union Academy to accept the donation of their property that surrounds the Mill Bridge and the historic former mill site. We held a public hearing as required by our town policies, and have since taken steps to formally acquire this land for future generations to enjoy.
- Blue Mtn Forest Assn.- Working closely with our town assessor, the Selectboard was able to update the tax data for the Corbin's Park property this past fall. The Selectboard and staff were able to arrange on site inspection of this property to see to making tax valuations for this large parcel more accurate. We mention this here not to single out a property holder, but more importantly to show the importance of getting the property tax system updated and as close to fair as possible for all. This highlights the concept of an accurate inventory for each land parcel. Annually we ask all landowners to see that their property's information is up to date and accurate. This is one of the most important things we all must do for the town and the failure to notify the town of any changes will have consequences that may be costly. Permits are easily issued for new construction, and not obtaining these necessary approvals may come back to haunt you.

As always, we welcome your input and feedback. The Selectboard meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We also welcome the opportunity to visit specific sites of interest. We call this outreach, and it is important to get out and see the town in person. If you would like to host a meeting of the Selectboard or if have something you wish to say, you can forward it to us at the Plainfield Town Hall, Attn "Selectboard", PO Box 380, Meriden, NH 03770 or simply email our town administrator, Steve Halleran, at [plainfieldta@plainfieldnh.org](mailto:plainfieldta@plainfieldnh.org)

See you at Town Meeting,  
*Rob Taylor, Judy Belyea, Tom Williams Jr*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2011:

**Covered Bridge Land:** Working with Kimball Union Academy this historically significant parcel of land was gifted to the town and will remain in its natural state. KUA was preparing to divest itself of the property and the Selectboard felt strongly that public ownership of this land would be a benefit to the community.

**Klinges Land Lease:** Following up on an opportunity to gain control of the remaining portion of the land parcel directly adjacent to the town's gravel pit we were able to negotiate a lease of the property which once completed will result in the town being given the land. The Selectmen will ask the town meeting to ratify this lease in March. This project again emphasizes the high value that the town places on maintaining a municipal gravel pit to service our more than 75 miles of gravel roads.

**Employee Health Care:** After more than 25 years with the local government center our coverage was switched to School Care, the same organization that provides health benefits for our school district. By combining into a single group both the town and school were able to enjoy reduced premiums over what we otherwise would have had to pay.

**Wage and Salary Schedule:** The local government center was hired to develop a pay and classification study for the town. The last such effort was done in 1993. The results of this study will be used in the 2012 and 2013 budget formation.

**Brook Road:** We utilized \$275,000 of the \$490,000 FEMA grant to affect drainage improvements to Willow Brook Road. The remaining funds will be used to replace two large culverts one at Cole Brook the other at Hibbard Brook in the summer of 2012. Both of these pipes were delayed by tropical storm Irene.

**FEMA Reimbursements:** Both the March ice storm and tropical storm Irene resulted in declared federal disasters allowing Plainfield to recoup up to 75% of the cost of dealing with these difficult weather events.

**Broadband:** The town continues to have discussions with Comcast, TDS and FairPoint about extending broad band coverage areas throughout town. Comcast has added several spur roads to their coverage area and FairPoint recently added much of East Plainfield to their DSL coverage.

**Outreach Program:** The Selectboard continued this popular project in 2011, meeting with several of our local businesses/institutions. Discussions at these information sessions typically center on the topics of regulation, taxation and municipal services.

**Zero Sort Recycling:** It was very rewarding to play a small role in bringing to our community this upgrade to our curbside recycling program that has been in place since

1991. Now if its not foam or a film it can go in the bin. It you're not recycling, you are throwing it all away!

Submitted,

*Stephen Halleran*, Town Administrator

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

**Case 2011-01 Mathew Jackson:** Approved cottage business, car detailing business #830 Route 12A.

**Case 2011-02 Kimball Union Academy:** Wind powered electric generator to be located behind Miller Centennial Building. Student project for educational purposes.

**Case 2011-03 Mherdad & Teresa Didehbani:** Expansion of a non-conforming use to allow for a reconfiguration and expansion of detached garage on the property.

**Case 2011-04 Linda Barton, Busy Bee Day Care LLC:** To establish a day care facility at #1284 Route 120.

Submitted,

*Richard Colburn*, Chair Zoning Board

### PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

**Annexations:**

- MacLeay, Scott & Avis 9.6 acres on Dodge Road between two lots owned by the applicant
- Taylor Annexation .15 acres on Main Street to Chris Foreman/Angela Toms
- KUA Annexation .16 acres on Main Street to Chris Foreman/Angela Toms
- KUA Annexation .10 acres on Route 120 to the Meriden Baptist Church

**Site Plan Reviews:**

- Jackson, Matthew Car detailing shopt #830 Route 12A
- Barton, Linda Busy Bee Day Care #1284 Route 120.

**Plainfield Property Owners:**

A recent change to RSA 674:39 allows property owners with previously merged nonconforming lots to apply to unmerge the parcels. The application must be made prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 and is made to the town’s Governing Body. Contact the town office for more information.

Submitted,  
*Jane Stephenson,* Chair Planning Board

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

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

**Permits for the following projects were issued in 2011:**

3	New single family residences	12	Renewals
1	Replacement camp	3	Commercial projects
3	Garages	7	Electrical upgrades
10	Renovations/Misc.	6	Additions
7	Decks/porches	10	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
4	Solar panels		

**Permit total= 65**



**Charter Signing Reenactment 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

**Photo R. Wendt**

## PLAINFIELD CELEBRATES ITS 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The weekend of August 12, 13, 14 marked the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of a charter by Royal Governor of New Hampshire Benning Wentworth to a group of fifty-six proprietors from Plainfield, Connecticut. The charter granted a township of 22,300 acres along the eastern bank of the Connecticut River which would be called Plainfield, New Hampshire.

In the months leading up to August, 2011, the Plainfield 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee worked hard to set the stage for the celebration. We started meeting two and one-half years before the event, meeting monthly during the final year of preparation. We decided on a logo - designed by the late David Smith and completed by his son Tim Smith - and discussed various types of merchandise to sell. We took samples of our memorabilia (T-shirts, hats, bags, McNamara milk bottles and license plates, all with the logo on them) to Town Meeting for pre-orders. We asked for appropriations of \$3500 a year for two years to provide seed money for our program. Steve Taylor put together a commemorative program, complete with a town history timeline, and arranged for a town photo on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Two members regularly attended Vital Communities meetings of other "Middle Grant" towns to plan complementary activities during our mutual anniversary year. Professor Jere Daniell of Dartmouth came to town in April and gave a well-attended lecture on the town charter, presenting the historical backdrop for our semiquincentennial.

Our celebration began late Friday afternoon, August 12, with an Ice Cream Social at Christ Community Church featuring music provided by the *Upper Valley Chordsmen*. At dusk, following the concert on the church lawn, bagpiper David Fielder led a large parade of people marching north on Route 12-A to Plainfield Village, their way lit by torches burning along the side of the road. When they arrived in the village, the *Newmont Military Band*, paid for by a gift from the PES Class of 2012, provided a stirring concert of band music from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century for those gathered under the tents at Smith's Auction Gallery or visiting the Open House at the Plainfield Historical Society.

A very busy Saturday began with a pancake breakfast at Plainfield Community Church. The Philip Read Memorial Library sponsored a wonderful marionette show at the town hall for a delighted audience. Down the street, the Plainfield Historical Society was hosting a commemorative stamp cancellation program. A special envelope with a cachet of the Town Hall was offered for sale with the special Plainfield logo as the cancellation mark on the stamp. At lunchtime, in Meriden Village, the firemen resurrected their Lobster/Chicken Barbecue for the occasion and it sold out on lobster. The town recreation committee led period children's games on the KUA field adjacent to the fire department with equipment courtesy of Billings Farm Museum in Woodstock, Vermont. The First Baptist Church in Meriden hosted an antique car show which attracted

many. There were tours offered of the Kimball Union Academy campus. Another group of people hiked to French's Ledges. The Meriden Library hosted a kite-making workshop for children and the Good Humor Man showed up at the library offering ice cream treats for the children. The Aidron Duckworth Museum hosted "Arts and Artistry of the Past, A Celebration of Plainfield's 250-Year History," not only on this weekend, but the entire month of August. Later Saturday afternoon there was an Alumni Reunion for former students of Plainfield schools; this special reception was held at the Historical Society building. In the early evening a square dance was held at the Town Hall, followed by the Full Moon Dance which featured the local band *No Sudden Moves*.

Sunday began with a breakfast hosted by the Meriden Congregational Church, which was followed by a joint church service held at Flickinger Arts Center on the KUA campus. Many people participated in the service: Mr. Allen Burns from Christ Community Church; Rev. Suellen Leugers, Plainfield Community Church; Rev. John Gregory-Davis, Meriden Congregational Church; and Rev. Harold (Dewey) Jones, First Baptist Church of Meriden. A group of community members sang as a choir, David Fielder played the bagpipes, and Joy Hutchins played the hand bells, accompanied by Helen Davidson on the piano.

Sunday afternoon began with a re-enactment of the charter signing at the Town Hall. Ray Reed served as emcee and facilitated the program. We were favored by the appearance of King George III (Greg Marshall); Governor Benning Wentworth (Bill Chappelle) and Mrs. Wentworth (Laine Gillespie). Several local dignitaries spoke at the ceremony and made presentations: Executive Councilor Ray Burton; Senator Matthew Houde; and Representative Andy Schmidt. Representing the town of Plainfield, Connecticut, were Selectman George and Mrs. Madeleine Krecidlo, who shared a proclamation and several gifts with our town. The program concluded with items being placed within a time capsule which is stored in the Philip Read Memorial Library for posterity and will be opened in August 2061. A surprise addition to the time capsule was a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution, autographed and donated on the spot by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer!

There was a brief ceremony held at the Plainfield Village Cemetery in honor of all the citizens who have lived in town. Several people were in costume of the period of 1761 and the committee placed a bouquet of flowers at the memorial stone of John Stevens, the man who negotiated with the governor's representatives in Portsmouth for the original proprietors and was one of the earliest settlers in town. The honor guard for the program was provided by the Sons of Union Veterans, Major McKinley Camp #9.

The weekend celebration culminated with a picnic and corn roast at the Plainfield Elementary School. We were serenaded by the *Upper Valley Community Band*

while we waited for the fireworks display. In spite of a forecast for storms over all of New England, the rain held off over the picnic area. At dusk, we were rewarded with a spectacular fireworks show that will long be remembered by those who were in attendance.

In 1961, the Bicentennial Committee wrote that their celebration “took a lot of work by a lot of people” but that “the Town turned out in fine shape and put it all through.” It’s nice to know some things haven’t changed. Without the help of a long list of people, groups, and businesses (see the September 2011 *PlainFacts* for a complete list), we would not have had such a wonderful weekend. It worked because so many volunteers donated so much, crowds of people showed up at the events, and the community spirit shown was exceptional. The committee wishes to thank everyone who participated and helped make this weekend worthy of the momentous occasion that it was - a commemoration of 250 years of history and a celebration of the community that we call home.

*Margaret Drye and Dewey Jones* , Co-chairs

**250<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY**

**Income**

Town Appropriation-2010	\$3,500
Town Appropriation-2011	\$3,500
Tasker Fund	\$500
GIFT PES class of 2012	\$650
Sale of Merchandise	\$11,473
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$19,623</b>

**Expense**

Entertainment	\$3,331
Printing/Postage	\$2,990
Merchanise	\$5,084
Food	\$431
Fireworks	\$3,500
Equipment/Misc	\$867
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$16,203</b>
<b>Returned to general Fund</b>	<b>\$3,420</b>



## **REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2011**

**A**dvocacy for the Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) consists of permitting, preventing, and/or addressing wetland issues; monitoring intent-to-cut notices; commenting on issues before other municipal boards; and making available best-management practices for the Plainfield Highway Department.

There are future plans to work with the Highway Department regarding the proximity of the Town Garage to the Penniman wetlands. At this time, the plans have not been formally discussed nor formulated.

There were a few land-use violations within the town where the PCC was asked to ameliorate. Fortunately most of the involved landowners responded and made satisfactory reparations. The cooperation and patience of all parties to the events are much appreciated.

**S**tewardship consists of watching over various lands that the town owns and the agencies that monitor (i.e., once-a-year, on-site inspection of said land) them; keeping the Select Board apprised of various bridge/trail easements; monitor and send reports to NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) regarding the four Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) properties; monitoring Class VI road protection issues and measures.

**M**onitoring reports have been sent to the Office of Energy and Planning for Morgan Hill and Mud Pond. The reports for Benson Town Forest and the Walker Farm are partially completed at this time.

This year there is discussion about gating or barring Class VI roads. At issue is the landowner's right to protect the investment made to a Class VI road and the public right to freely access that road.

**O**peration consists of maintaining a Plan-of-Work document; monitoring the annual budget; submitting yearly dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) and recording/filing of easement monitoring reports.

Attendance at the annual NHACC meeting is always an opportunity to make/maintain a network with other Conservation Commissioners in NH towns. The Upper Valley Land Trust sponsors an annual meeting of Upper Valley Conservation Commissioners in the Upper Valley—closer to home. All of our commissioners try to attend one or both of the enlightening meetings.

**O**utreach consists of identifying and awarding the annual Plainfield Conservation Award; organizing the Green-Up Week activities; maintaining the Conservation Commission's website; maintaining and expanding partnerships with neighboring Conservation Commissions; organizing/sponsoring environmental education opportunities

This year's Green-Up Day was successful for various residents who picked up discarded items along our town's roads. When the snow melts, there are any number of items left behind with the warmer temperatures. In concert with this springtime cleanup, the Conservation Commission organized a clean-up along River Road opposite the Plainfield Wildflower Preserve. It was a beautiful spring morning with many community volunteers, including a boy scout troop and some town youths fulfilling community service endeavors. The Plainfield Highway Department provided a dump truck and the MacNamara family brought a tractor to load the truck easily. After the clean-up, we went on a guided wildflower walk to see (with binoculars because the embankment is too steep and fragile to climb for a closer look) the small and delicate spring ephemerals (i.e., bloom for a short period of time).

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The PCC's yearly plan is to have some type of educational event for each season. The coming spring will have another clean-up day and the site has yet to be chosen. This summer, there will be a forest management/timber-sale workshop on June 9, 2012. The workshop will teach the steps to ensure a successful timber harvest. Proper forest harvesting can provide income, improve wildlife habitat, and result in trails, better access, views, and a healthy and vigorous forest for the future.

The PCC website's purpose is to provide easy access to information about hiking trail access, invasive plant control, regulations and permitting, conservation easement value and process, etc. Take a look at the site on [www.plainfieldnh.org](http://www.plainfieldnh.org)

**P**rojects consists of testing water quality at various local sources; maintaining and using the data contained in our Natural Resource Inventory (NRI); refreshing boundary markers on town-owned property; and planning for land conservation.

A long-time Plainfield resident, George Koehler, passed away recently. Several of his friends have donated monies to the PCC to name a walking trail in George's memory. On Sanborn Road, a project is in-the-works for a trailhead parking area (with kiosk) created with these monies. When the excavation is done, it's a nice walk up to French's Ledges and then on to Columbus Jordan Road. At the terminus of the trail there will be a sign designating this walk as the George Koehler Trail. Find some time to enjoy the walk as George did. See if you can walk as many times as he did.

Another project is to help the Jordan family conserve their Wond-R-View Farm and their forested parcel on Tallow Hill. Since 1850 this land has been in the Jordan family—first owned and farmed by William Riley Jordan. The views to and from the property are representative of the beauty of a traditional hill farm in Plainfield and other parts of the Upper Valley. The Jordan family wants to conserve this property because of its history, beauty, natural resources, wildlife habitat, value as farm and forest land, etc.

Discussion of the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) revealed a wealth of information already archived but no efficient way to use the information for decision-making. After much discussion and exploration, the PCC decided to subscribe to a service offered through the state. There is a reasonable annual fee for this service which stores our data and analyzes it upon request. Therefore, we avoid the cost of purchasing/subscribing software and training to use the software. The service, for the annual fee, provides

experts trained to use the software to create maps, reports and advice for any project Plainfield's various commissions, committee and boards is working on at the time.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Myra Ferguson*, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
[pcc@plainfieldnh.org](mailto:pcc@plainfieldnh.org)



**Conservation Commission sponsored River Road land clean up**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES**

<b>Forestry Maintenance Fund</b>	01/01/11	Beg. Balance	\$18,736
Interest earned		\$13	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/11</b>		<b>\$18,749</b>

<b>Conservation Commission Fund</b>	<b>01/01/11 Beg. Bal.</b>	<b>\$55,354</b>
Interest earned	\$40	
Projects (UFLT Jordan Project, appraisal costs)		\$2,900
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/11</b>	<b>\$ 52,494</b>

## RECREATION COMMISSION

We finished the 2010-2011 basketball season in February. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group of 9 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the KUA gym. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls group of 10 and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys group of 8 practiced and played several games with local towns during the season. Focus was put on skills, playing as a team, and sportsmanship. Practices and home games were held at PES. Our big challenge was finding available gym time for practice.

In the spring we started our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boy's baseball with a very large group of 21. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Softball team had a small group of 10. These two teams practiced through the spring at Hewes Field and played teams from area towns. Home games were played on Prescott Field. Skills and sportsmanship were worked on through the season.

We ran our T-ball during late spring and early summer. Participation was down from last year with 20 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders making up 2 teams and an additional 9 participants to make up our farm team. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders practiced skills and played games. The Farm Team worked on basic skills of throwing, catching, batting, and rules of the game. These teams practiced and played on Hewes Field and Cory Taber Field.

Our annual fishing Derby was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. Trophies for first, second, and third place in each of the four age groups were handed out. Hot dogs were cooked on the grill for the kids to enjoy with drinks and chips as well and ice cream cones handed out from the Meriden Deli. We had 91 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Talan Patkul with his 14-1/2" trout. I would like to give a huge thank you to our many volunteers, some new and some who have been with us for many years. Thank you for the many donations from The Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, N.H. Fish and Game, Coca Cola Company and Vern's Worms.

Our Tennis numbers were up a little this year with 17 participants. These lessons were held for six weeks at the KUA Tennis courts. Our hope is to grow this program and will look at ways to help increase the participation in this sport. It is a sport that helps the hand eye coordination and quick movements and thinking that can be beneficial in other sports. It can be enjoyed for many years into your adult life and is a lot of fun.

The Soccer program in the fall included the ¾ boy's team made up of 19 boys and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> girl's team was made up of 15 girls. These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field. This group worked on skills, working as a team, and sportsmanship. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had three teams made up of 29 players. These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 19 kids that participated in the kindergarten group.

The 2011-2012 basketball season got started for our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys with a group of 7 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls with a group of 7 as well. Again this year we

are faced with a lack of gym time available to get practice time in. We continue to get any time available to work with this group and to look for possible solutions for this. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd grade group working on basic skills at the KUA gym on Saturday mornings has 20 participants and will start in January.

I would like to thank all our coaches for the time they put into this program. They are the individuals that make it work. Without you, we have no program. Thank you to the officials who helped throughout the year. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you to anyone who has helped in any way. As we move forward I encourage everyone to take an active role where possible. Participating in your child's youth activities is both fun and rewarding.

I want to mention we have a new set of outdoor bleachers and team benches at Hewes Field for our Soccer, Baseball, and Softball season. These bleachers and benches were a gift donated to us by Judy Belyea. Thank you Judy for your very generous gift.

I would like to thank the Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Thank you to Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for your donations. A huge thank you to all our coaches, officials, and individuals who have donated their time for the youth in our community and made this program successful. I look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Cantlin*,  
Recreation Director

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEE REPORT 2011**

2011 was an exciting year to be a library trustee as it was the first full year of a single board to oversee the two town libraries. We all know what assets our two libraries are to the town and it is the goal of this board to always improve upon and expand the great services that our libraries already provide. Our focus this year was to standardize practices in areas where it made sense to do so. We reviewed and are still in the process of revising many of the library policies to ensure they are consistent. For example, as of 2012, late fees and check out times will be the same at either library.

Our first big project as a joined board was to launch the online card catalog project. We were fortunate enough to join a consortium through the Howe Library that will allow us to digitize our card catalog at a fraction of what it would otherwise cost. This process is ongoing and requires a high degree of cooperation and coordination between both libraries and the Board of Trustees. We feel the ability to offer this service to Plainfield residents is one benefit of a joined board.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated library directors and employees. Circulation and patron visits are still increasing at both libraries. And despite the ever increasing demand and ever increasing budget constraints, the staff is always finding ways to offer new services or improve upon existing ones. Last year, both libraries applied for and were awarded grants. The books and equipment purchases made possible through these grants will benefit everyone in the community.

In addition to continuing to provide the town with the best level of library services possible, in 2012 we hope to complete the digitization of card catalogs, continue construction on the lower level of the Philip Read Memorial Library and continue to explore ways to make the Meriden Library ADA compliant.

The trustees will continue to encourage and support the good work at our libraries. Each library director has submitted a separate report detailing the highlights of their year. We are honored to be stewards of such fabulous town assets. We thank you all for your generous support—  
as volunteers, through donations or through your tax dollars—of the library system and for recognizing the tremendous benefits it offers us all.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Anita Brown-Chair                      Kara Toms-Vice Chair*  
*Mark Pensgen-Treasurer          Kim Moss-Secretary*  
*Bernadina Webber-Treasurer*

**PLAINFIELD LIBRARY SYSTEM  
 Trustees Report – Calendar Year 2011**

**LIBRARY SYSTEM PROPOSED BUDGET 2012**

<b>Income</b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>
Town Appropriation	\$100,829	\$106,455
Town Approp - FICA	\$4,650	\$4,694
Trust Funds	\$3,800	\$3,250
Gifts	\$50	\$100
Book Fines/Copier	\$200	\$200
Book Sales	\$200	\$0
Interest Income		
Interest - Savings	\$25	\$10
Interest Checking	\$0	\$0
Total Interest Income	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$10</u>
Misc Income	\$628	\$600
<b>Total</b>		
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$110,382</b>	<b>\$115,309</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries	\$58,720	\$61,360
FICA	\$4,650	\$4,694
Sick Pay	\$1,393	\$1,285
Library Materials		
Audio/Visual	\$1,887	\$1,700
Books & magazines	\$12,987	\$13,000

Total Library Materials	\$14,874	\$14,700
Telephone	\$1,620	\$1,620
Electricity	\$4,435	\$4,400
Fuel	\$8,400	\$10,700
Water/Sewer	\$790	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,300
Postage	\$550	\$550
Professional Activities	\$1,300	\$900
Programs	\$1,000	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$750	\$600
Elevator	\$1,600	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$4,400	\$4,400
Automation/Cataloging	\$2,400	\$2,500
Computer	\$1,000	\$1,500
Misc Expense	\$200	\$300
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$110,382</b>	<b>\$115,309</b>
\$\$ Change In Expense from 2011		\$4,927
% Change from 2011		4.46%



## MERIDEN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Meriden Library had another year of growth and positive movement on our long term goals. The library was busy, 5751 patrons visited this year, which compared to 4945 in 2010, is approximately a 15 % increase! We served an average of 30 patrons each day we were open—remarkable for a small library. The library circulated 7763 items, a 23% increase over last year’s circulation. In terms of dollar value that would equal \$116,445.00. \*\*

In January we launched a new web site allowing patrons on-line access to library

information. Patrons can now see a calendar of events, access resources through state funded databases, see the library's latest acquisitions and much more. We are enormously grateful to Mike Sutherland for his work on developing and maintaining the site.

We added 584 items to our existing collection of approximately 10,000 fiction and non-fiction books, reference materials, recorded books and videos. In April we applied for and received a *Books for Children* grant from the Libri Foundation, a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality books to small, rural public libraries. Through the grant we added 80 brand new children's books with a value of \$1409. to our juvenile collection. The new titles included picture and chapter books; both fiction and non-fiction.

We offered many programs throughout the year for adults and children. On-going programs include a monthly book discussion, Genealogy Club and weekly Story Time for young children. On-going programs added this year are a weekly Play Group for caregivers and very young children 0-2 and a Fiber Arts group which meets twice monthly for community members to come together to work on projects.

Special programs that we offered for adults included a "Tech Talk" with Bob Raiselis titled "Getting Started with E-Bay", author Thomas Powers gave a book talk on his most recent book, The Killing of Crazy Horse and Donna Beaupre presented a two session rug hooking class. Throughout the year families were invited to holiday themed craft nights; in February for Valentine's crafts, in October for Halloween crafts and in December for holiday crafts. The library also hosted school vacation programs for school aged children.

Summer by far is the busiest time for staff at the library. In the summer of 2011 we offered 4 afternoon summer reading programs around the theme, **One World, Many Stories**. Children enjoyed making hats from around the world with Lori Estey and making books with Joan Burch. The summer reading finale included an afternoon of games and refreshments. We also held three evening "PJ" story times. Each week during the summer, children from the Meriden Community Camp visited the library allowing campers quiet time at the library and the chance to check out books. Also this summer, the Meriden Library participated in the village wide 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. On that day we were delighted to offer ice cream treats from the Good Humor Truck and had fun making and flying kites in the library yard.

In October the Meriden Library, along with the Philip Read Memorial Library, signed a consortium agreement with the Howe Library in Hanover to join the newly formed New Hampshire Evergreen Consortium. This brings to fruition a long standing goal of both libraries to move to an automated library system. We are thrilled to have this opportunity and are thankful to the Howe Library and the Town of Hanover for their willingness to share resources making this a very affordable option. Work on the process to digitally catalog all of our materials continues and we hope to launch the system in 2012.

The Meriden Library continues to participate in our regional library cooperative, Librarians of the Upper Valley. Through this cooperative we are able to offer our very popular rotating video collection. We also participate in services offered through the state library including consortiums that allows us to offer the Ancestry.com database and The New Hampshire Downloadable Books to our patrons. In September 2011 Kindle formatted e-books became available through the Downloadable Books consortium which now allows even more options for our patrons. We saw a 30% increase in check outs of audio and e-books through the Downloadable Consortium this year.

Another goal of the Meriden Library has been to establish a formalized library Friends Group. Towards that goal a steering group began meeting in the fall to determine the



steps to move forward. The Friends of the Meriden Library will soon be working to support all the efforts of our library.

We would like to thank everyone who helped our library to thrive again this year. We have many volunteers and supporters who donated their time, energy and resources. Thank you for your support again this year.

\*\*Estimate for out of pocket expenses to patrons if books, audio books or videos were purchases at an average retail value of \$15.00

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Making Kites At the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Photo R. Wendt



## **PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Calendar Year 2011**

The Philip Read Memorial Library continues to be a vibrant, busy and well-used facility. It is a popular space for community meetings with 45 non-library-related meetings held this year by 8 different groups (about one a week). Our public computers are heavily used by patrons and many bring their laptops to use the WiFi. We welcome the pupils and teachers of the Estabrook School, who are using the library. In 2011, the Philip Read Memorial Library had 9,076 patron visits and checked out 12,797 items.

Our regular programming such as children's story time is well attended. Diane Rogers is the primary reader and incorporates crafts or special activities in each program. We again had a special story hour and pictures with Santa in December. The summer reading program —“One World, Many Stories” was very successful with programs led by Laura White (Fly Away), Carol Greenan (crafting dragon masks), the 4-H Club (Foods Around the World), and John White (rock collecting). Author readings were held with Nancy Kilgore (former Plainfield resident) and Adell Farley Harvey. The library was again open for Trick or Treaters on Halloween. We had 199 visitors and gave out treat bags and paperback books.

Among the many special programs held this past year were children's theater performances during the summer at the Plainfield Town Hall (7 plays); a slide show and talk by Sarah Gillens on her visit to Scotland and the locations of the “Outlander” series of books, a nutrition story hour with Kim Moss, fingerprinting with Police Chief Roberts, a nature walk and construction of fairy houses in the McGough's field and monthly book discussions. In conjunction with Plainfield's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration, the library sponsored Dan Grady's Marionette show at the town hall. A group of children continue to meet almost every Saturday morning for card and board games.

As a community service The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library sponsor the clean-up of Rt. 12A through the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The library has a food collection box for the Plainfield Food Pantry. The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library constructed the library float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The theme of the float was “Plain School 1890,” with Mindy Taber typecast as the teacher instructing a group of local children. Used on the float was the bell from the old Plainfield Village school.

Staff development is an important ingredient to keeping our library current. To that end, I, as library director, attended a number of conferences and workshops such as the bi-monthly Librarians of the Upper Valley (LUV) meetings, workshops on Library Management and Collection Development and Weeding, and the Annual New Hampshire State Library Convention in Manchester. The trustees attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association's annual meeting. A workshop on Downloadable Audio and E-Books for staff and trustees was held at the library. Our library patrons' use of this service doubled over last year.

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library continued their fundraising efforts on behalf of the library. The main fundraising events were the Annual Book and Bake Sale; the Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale (jointly with the Stage Set Committee); sales of Maxfield Parrish items, a Holiday Dance sponsored by Randy Budner and his band—Loose Cannons, and a quilt raffle (donated by Maria Guzman and Colleen O’Neill). The Friends group also sponsored a Sunday afternoon Ice Cream Social with games and music by Randy Budner. The Friends of the Library are always willing to assist us and new members are welcome.

The James Tasker Covered Bridge Fund Committee awarded the library a grant of \$700 to purchase a computer and barcode scanner for the forthcoming automation project. The Plainfield Energy Committee obtained a grant for an energy audit of the building and a report will be forthcoming in 2012. Image Magazine included the Philip Read Memorial Library in an article on Upper Valley libraries with a full page story and color photo (taken by Des Hudson).

The major project that the staff and volunteers will be working on this coming year is automation of the card catalog. The Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library have joined a consortium with the Howe Library in Hanover to automate our catalogs and circulation functions. Contracts have been signed with Howe and a software company, prep work and system setup has begun, training will begin soon and then the collection will be imported into the program. This has necessitated many meetings of the library directors with the Howe project manager. Being able to join with the Howe Library on this project means a much lower cost for the libraries. It will be an exciting year.

Other services available at the library are WiFi, Internet, public computers, passes to the Currier Art Museum (Manchester) and the Windsor Precision Museum, trash and landfill stickers available for purchase, Fax, copier, interlibrary loan, downloadable audio and e-books. Databases available for patron use are Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest.

Thank you to our many volunteers who put in approximately 50 hours each month. Their help with the multitude of regular tasks and their computer expertise are invaluable. Thank you to Zethan and Joah Moss who have volunteered to shovel the walks this winter.

Work on the next phase of construction--the lower level which will hold a much needed community meeting room, a local history research room, junior and teen rooms, was begun last spring but was put on hold after a code review turned up some changes since the original construction. The architect drew up some revisions which were approved by the fire engineer and work will resume this spring. As promised, the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library have been raising the funds to finish this work and we will not ask for tax dollars. Contributions are welcome and needed for the building fund to finish this project.

We are all very thankful for the help given to make the library so vibrant. Thank you to the many residents who donate books, tapes, movies and magazines, and other needed items. We are ever grateful to our volunteers and to the community for your support.

*Nancy Norwalk*, Library Director



Story hour with Santa at the Philip Read Memorial Library. Photo: N Norwalk



Postmaster Jean Temple and the Reverend Harold Jones working the Stamp cancellation event 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Photo: Rod Wendt

## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to begin by thanking the staff of the Plainfield Police Department for their dedication and commitment to the town. I would also like to thank the community we serve for their patience, consideration, and support. As I have stated in the past, with only three full time officers we can't be everywhere at once, your commitment to report activity you have witnessed continues to be our largest tool in solving crime. I would also like to state that the department is the Town's 24 hour, seven day a week contact point for the public. The officer's are considered problem solvers by handling a variety of calls, not only law enforcement but social service, media, informational and sometimes guidance.

In June of 2011 we purchased and installed Police Computer Software. This was done with the assistance of a Grant from New Hampshire Highway Safety and the seed money given in the annual budget. This software allows our department access to regional data based with our dispatch center and in addition gives me the ability to be compliant with the State and Federal IBOR (Incident Based Offense Reports). This software also supports the ability to log all the services that the department performs as well as giving us a better analysis of the raw data that is compiled. Based on this information, the statistical reports will differ a bit from past annual reports. I will try to organize the information with some comparisons to last year. Overall the department recorded 3,807 Incidents/Services this year, this being an increase of 24 % from the previous year of 3,064.

### Traffic – Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

A total of 956 traffic stops were made in 2011 compared to 642 from last year, being approximately a 49% increase. I would attribute the large increase to the "Operation Safe Commute" This was a program designed by the Commission of Safety, Colonel of State Police and the Chief of Police Association. The objective is high visibility traffic enforcement to stop distracted drivers and other violations. We worked with the program by putting all three officers out at peak traffic time.

### Accidents:

A total of 139 vehicle related accidents were reported to dispatch in 2011. The following is a breakdown of those calls:

22.5%	had some type of Injury	77.4%	used restraints, seatbelts, car seats
62.9%	Occurred during daylight hours	11.5%	Indicate weather related incidents
Age of the Operators of these vehicles:		16-21 Years old	5%
		22-45 Years old	37%
		46 and older	57%

14.6 % of these operators were from out of state.

In closing I would again like to thank the Community and Selectboard for their continued support.

*Paul M. Roberts*

Paul M. Roberts  
Chief of Police

## Police Department Statistical Data for the last three years

<i>Event</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>Differ</i>
<i>DWI</i>	4	6	5	-1
<i>Assault</i>	2	1	3	2
<i>Sexual assault</i>	3	6	2	-4
<i>Firing of weapons</i>	3	4	4	0
<i>Theft</i>	23	44	57	13
<i>Fraud</i>	23	16	31	15
<i>Domestic violence</i>	5	1	15	14
<i>Intoxication</i>	0	5	1	-4
<i>Bad checks</i>	5	10	9	-1
<i>Drugs</i>	0	5	11	6
<i>Disorderly conduct</i>	3	6	6	0
<i>Criminal mischief</i>	2	11	12	1
<i>Auto theft</i>	0	0	2	2
<i>Criminal threats</i>	2	6	4	-2
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>Burglary</i>	5	4	11	7
<i>Alarms</i>	70	110	132	22
<i>Animals</i>	113	113	111	-2
<i>Medical Emer.</i>	48	86	49	-37
<i>Fire calls</i>	20	48	52	4
<i>Motor vehicle</i>	91	84	70	-14
<i>Admin. Relays</i>	1	7	6	-1
<i>Suspicious persons</i>	100	154	153	-1
<i>Trespassing</i>	12	9	8	-1
<i>Missing person</i>	1	2	7	5
<i>Motorist assist</i>	65	71	64	-7
<i>Civil</i>	43	23	16	-7
<i>Open doors</i>	38	21	29	8
<i>House checks</i>	40	45	88	43
<i>Assist other PD'S</i>	119	62	49	-13
<i>Accidents with injury</i>	7	11	17	6
<i>Accidents no injury</i>	52	60	62	2
<i>E 911 calls</i>	25	32	24	-8
<i>Unattended Deaths</i>	2	1	1	0

<i>Juvenile Matters</i>	6	11	8	-3	
<i>Car Unlocks</i>		20	21	1	
<i>Auto Repo's</i>		5	4	-1	
<i>Total Logged Incident</i>	2417	3064	3807	743	24.20%
<i>MV CITATION</i>	59	67	100	33	
<i>MV WARN</i>	241	527	854	327	
<i>Total MV Stops</i>	300	642	954	312	48.60%

**MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Chief's Report

The retirement of long time Chief Dave Best of the Meriden Volunteer Fire Department this year there have been many changes for both the Meriden and Plainfield fire departments. The biggest change is that there is now one chief for both departments. Other Meriden Officers are Deputy Chief Bill Taylor, Captain John Woodward-Poor and Lieutenants Dave Chellis and Jeff LeBlanc. With one chief other members of both departments have assumed new roles and responsibilities to make this arrangement work. On the Plainfield department the death of long time Lieutenant Dave Hollinger has left a void. His position has been filled by Eric Pearce.

The number of calls and inspections for both departments is up dramatically this year. Meriden is up 19% and Plainfield up 24%. The Meriden firefighters spent 687 hours at calls and 664 hours at drills, Plainfield firefighters spent 588 hours at calls and 156 hours at drills this past year.

Both departments continue to do fundraising and grant writing to help keep the tax burden down. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave and Alice Best for their years of dedication to the fire departments and to say thank you to the many residents for their donations to help us do what we need to do.

	<b>PVFD</b>	<b>MVFD</b>		<b>PVFD</b>	<b>MVFD</b>
Alarm Activations	20	36	Oil Spill	01	01
Auto Accidents	22	16	Building Insp.	10	KUA
Structure Fires	06	10	Mutaul Aid given:		
Trees/wires	27	13	Lebanon	03	04
Public Assits	05	03	Windsor	01	00
Station Coverage	02	02	Cornish	02	03
Chimney Fire	01	01	Hartland	01	00
Stover/Furnace	03	03	Enfield	01	02
Flooded basement	00	01	Grantham	00	01
EMS Assist	03	01	Investigations	08	03
Sprinkler Activations	00	05	Car Fires	03	03
Water over the road	06	00	CO Alarm	03	00
Police Assist	00	01	River Call	01	00

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Frank Currier*, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2011 ACTUAL & 2012 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>2011</b>			<b>PROPOSED 2012</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$40,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,000	\$3,329	\$329	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2011	\$3,000	\$4,460	\$1,460	\$0
SPRING DINNER - 2012	\$0	-\$75	-\$75	\$3,500
LOBSTER/CHIX BBQ	\$0	\$974	\$974	\$0
DONATIONS	\$5,000	\$18,562	\$13,562	\$6,000
HAZMAT CLEANUP				
PAYMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$12,000	\$27,250	\$15,250	\$13,750
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$65,250	\$15,250	\$53,750
	<b>\$2,011</b>			<b>PROPOSED \$2,012</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$700	\$641	\$59	\$700
ELECTRICITY	\$800	\$705	\$95	\$800
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,000	\$3,853	-\$1,853	\$3,000
INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$7,491	\$509	\$8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$10,300	\$9,374	\$926	\$11,300
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$650	\$752	-\$102	\$750
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,250	\$1,044	\$206	\$1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$650	\$475	\$175	\$500
TRAINING	\$2,000	\$455	\$1,545	\$2,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$7,730	\$4,582	\$3,148	\$6,730
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$20,000	\$22,273	-\$2,273	\$15,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$3,305	-\$2,305	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$225	-\$150	\$75
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$3,137	-\$3,137	\$0
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE				
REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$505	-\$5	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$57,345	\$60,057	-\$2,712	\$55,295
TRANSFER TO(FROM)				
CAPITAL RESERVE	-\$7,345	\$5,193	-\$12,538	-\$1,545
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$65,250	-\$15,250	\$53,750



**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2011 ACTUAL & 2012 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	2011 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2012 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	65,250	53,750
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(65,250)</u>	<u>(53,750)</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>

**CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY**

	2011 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2012 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 214,247	\$ 221,881
INCREASE (DECREASE) RESERVE	5,194	(1,545)
INTEREST / EARNINGS	2,440	2,500
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 221,881</u>	<u>\$ 222,836</u>

*Ken Goodrow* - Treasurer



Plainfield/Meriden Fire Assisting Lebanon Fire with a house fire on Brook Road  
Photo: Chief Paul Roberts

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

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Estimated 2012</u>
Accounting	\$250.00	\$300.00
New Equipment	\$222.00	\$1,500.00
New Fire Clothing	\$1,823.68	\$4,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$6,619.04	\$3,500.00
Supplies	\$1,363.19	\$1,250.00
Electricity	\$1,258.82	\$1,200.00
Telephone	\$1,718.75	\$1,600.00
Heat	\$4,837.18	\$5,000.00
D Hollinger Fundraiser	\$1,562.43	\$0.00
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,064.65	\$1,100.00
Water	\$332.68	\$350.00
Insurance	\$8,314.00	\$9,000.00
Schools & Training	\$606.07	\$500.00
Radio & Radio Repairs	\$25.00	\$1,500.00
Fees/Dues	\$280.00	\$500.00
Trl Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Building (New)	\$23,109.30	\$4,400.00
New Tanker Loan	\$1,034.09	\$13,600.00
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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	\$55,420.88	\$52,300.00
 <u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EST.</u> <u>RECEIPTS</u>
Forest Fire	\$0.00	\$300.00
Title 4 Funds	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Fund Raising	\$4,678.68	\$5,000.00
Equipment Sales	\$400.00	\$0.00
Insurance Claim	\$1,778.66	\$0.00
Town Appropriation	\$43,000.00	\$45,000.00
Donations	\$5,065.70	\$1,000.00
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	\$54,923.04	\$52,300.00
Receipts	\$54,923.04	
Expenses	<hr/>	
	\$55,420.88	
Balance	(\$497.84)	

*Jesse L. Stalker - Treasurer*

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

**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 doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) 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 603-271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://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 Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd 2011. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a 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](http://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-2011</u>		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>		<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
		<b>2011</b>	125	42
Lightning	03	<b>2010</b>	360	145
Equipment	01	<b>2009</b>	334	173
Arson	07	<b>2008</b>	455	175
Campfire	10	<b>2007</b>	437	212
Children	02			
Smoking	09			
Railroad	01			
Misc*	29	(*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

*Frank Currier* Plainfield Fire Warden

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

The all-volunteer Cornish Rescue Squad is completing its 37<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service. We respond to about 150 emergency calls a year in the two towns. Additionally, at times, we provide mutual aid service to our surrounding towns.

All squad members are nationally certified emergency responders and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. This year, the squad has been fortunate to add several new members to our roster. Given the commitment it takes to become an emergency responder, we are indeed very happy to welcome these dedicated individuals.

The squad maintains a well equipped rescue truck and provides each member with necessary equipment to stabilize injured and ill patients while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. This year, in addition to upgrading our emergency medical supplies, the squad has updated our communication capabilities.

The Cornish Rescue Squad thanks you for your support. Squad members are your fiends and neighbors here to serve you at your time of need.

As always, if you have an emergency, call **911** immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. Jeffrey Katchen*

President-Cornish Rescue Squad

### TOWN OF PLAINFIELD SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2011	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$162,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,500</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS</b>	
Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2011	\$ 187,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
<b>Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$162,500</b>

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2011**

**ASSETS:**

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2,164,446
INVESTMENTS	\$3,470
CASH IN TRANSITION	\$67,750
PETTY CASH	\$250

**TOTAL CASH** **\$2,235,916**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$299,552

YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE \$170

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$218,069

**TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE** **\$517,791**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$9,461

DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS \$19,999

**TOTAL ASSETS:** **\$2,783,167**

**LIABILITIES:**

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND \$6,063

DUE TO LIBRARIES \$4,222

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL	\$2,194,210
INVOICES	\$48,145
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$11,860
AFLAC	\$4

**TOTAL PAYABLES** **\$2,254,219**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$2,264,504**

**FUND BALANCE** **\$518,663**

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$6,063)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$30,000)

**UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE** **\$482,600**

**GRAND TOTALS:** **\$2,783,167**

**UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2010** **\$485,059**

**UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2011** **\$482,600**

**CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION** **(\$2,459)**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.  
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2011**

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle	New	Gains or	Principle	Income	Income	Income	Income	Income
	Balance Begin Year	Funds Created	Losses From Sale	Balance Year End	Balance Begin Year	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Earned During Year	Balance Year End
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>									
Daniels Cemetery	\$ 7,718.66			\$ 7,718.66	\$ 571.52	\$ 267.42	\$ 360.00	\$ 267.42	\$ 478.94
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 3,666.36			\$ 3,666.36	\$ 80.28	\$ 120.86	\$ 131.48	\$ 120.86	\$ 69.66
Freeman Cemetery	\$ 2,701.53			\$ 2,701.53	\$ 22.30	\$ 87.87	\$ 72.01	\$ 87.87	\$ 38.16
Gilkey Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 8.46	\$ 12.71	\$ 13.85	\$ 12.71	\$ 7.32
Gleason Cemetery	\$ 26,205.55			\$ 26,205.55	\$ 573.86	\$ 863.26	\$ 939.73	\$ 863.26	\$ 497.39
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 8.46	\$ 12.71	\$ 13.85	\$ 12.71	\$ 7.32
Mill Cemetery	\$ 15,485.50			\$ 15,485.50	\$ 339.12	\$ 510.47	\$ 555.33	\$ 510.47	\$ 294.26
Moulton Cemetery	\$ 7,788.58			\$ 7,788.58	\$ 170.11	\$ 256.72	\$ 278.99	\$ 256.72	\$ 147.83
Penniman Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 25.35	\$ 38.15	\$ 41.51	\$ 38.15	\$ 21.99
Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 56,479.85			\$ 56,479.85	\$ 1,235.47	\$ 1,860.61	\$ 2,024.44	\$ 1,860.61	\$ 1,071.64
Raynsford Cemetery	\$ 1,543.75			\$ 1,543.75	\$ 33.80	\$ 50.89	\$ 55.35	\$ 50.89	\$ 29.34
River Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 25.35	\$ 38.16	\$ 41.52	\$ 38.16	\$ 21.99
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$ 964.84			\$ 964.84	\$ 21.14	\$ 31.80	\$ 34.61	\$ 31.80	\$ 18.33
Town Cemeteries	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 82.81	\$ 127.14	\$ 137.24	\$ 127.14	\$ 72.71
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 129,501.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 129,501.43</b>	<b>\$ 3,198.03</b>	<b>\$ 4,278.77</b>	<b>\$ 4,699.89</b>	<b>\$ 4,278.77</b>	<b>\$ 2,776.91</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUND</b>									
Meriden Library	\$ 24,892.72			\$ 24,892.72	\$ 443.43	\$ 816.94	\$ 950.00	\$ 816.94	\$ 310.37
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 71,653.04			\$ 71,653.04	\$ 1,056.09	\$ 2,344.44	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,344.44	\$ 700.53
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 96,545.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 96,545.76</b>	<b>\$ 1,499.52</b>	<b>\$ 3,161.38</b>	<b>\$ 3,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,161.38</b>	<b>\$ 1,010.90</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS</b>									
Ward Christmas Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 134.97	\$ 128.79	\$ 132.00	\$ 128.79	\$ 131.76
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$ 5,788.99			\$ 5,788.99	\$ 12,619.62	\$ 593.57	\$ 200.00	\$ 593.57	\$ 13,213.19
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 968.54	\$ 155.67	\$ 200.00	\$ 155.67	\$ 924.21
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$ 10,615.49			\$ 10,615.49	\$ 19,335.55	\$ 965.74	\$ 20,301.29	\$ 965.74	\$ 20,301.29
Earl Mower Fund	\$ 1,592.00			\$ 1,592.00	\$ 55.29	\$ 53.12	\$ 55.29	\$ 53.12	\$ 53.12
Duncan Piano Fund	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 1,724.77	\$ 92.95	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,724.77	\$ 1,717.72
Vernon Hood Fund	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 204.12	\$ 19.03	\$ 223.15	\$ 19.03	\$ 223.15
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$ 1,731.30			\$ 1,731.30	\$ 1,550.73	\$ 105.83	\$ 165.66	\$ 1,550.73	\$ 1,656.56
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$ 2,161.23			\$ 2,161.23	\$ 75.07	\$ 72.11	\$ 75.07	\$ 72.11	\$ 72.11
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$ 18,264.94			\$ 18,264.94	\$ 26,700.48	\$ 728.38	\$ 27,428.86	\$ 728.38	\$ 27,428.86
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$ 987.78			\$ 987.78	\$ 557.48	\$ 49.83	\$ 607.31	\$ 557.48	\$ 607.31
Stage Set Fund	\$ 8,635.00			\$ 8,635.00	\$ 3,098.96	\$ 378.35	\$ 3,477.31	\$ 3,098.96	\$ 3,477.31
Meritcrafters Fund	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 22.66	\$ 16.85	\$ 22.66	\$ 16.85	\$ 16.85
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 59,539.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 59,539.13</b>	<b>\$ 67,048.24</b>	<b>\$ 3,360.22</b>	<b>\$ 585.02</b>	<b>\$ 3,360.22</b>	<b>\$ 69,823.44</b>
<b>TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 285,586.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 285,586.32</b>	<b>\$ 71,745.79</b>	<b>\$ 10,800.37</b>	<b>\$ 8,934.91</b>	<b>\$ 10,800.37</b>	<b>\$ 73,611.25</b>

**Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds**

**INTEREST**

**PRINCIPLE**

	Principle Balance Year End	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Year End	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
Revaluation Fund	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 806.08	\$ 23.23	\$ 3.24	\$ 829.31	
Town Hall Fund	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 0.83	\$ 3.67	\$ -	\$ 1.26	
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$ 94,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 20,691.04	\$ 527.48	\$ -	\$ 21,218.52	
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$ 107,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 108,500.00	\$ 11,513.96	\$ 855.00	\$ -	\$ 12,368.96	
School Building Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 1,348.03	\$ 410.68	\$ 584.00	\$ 1,174.71	
New Equipment Fund	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 2,016.60	\$ 417.72	\$ -	\$ 2,434.32	
Plainfield Water Fund	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 276.60	\$ 197.66	\$ -	\$ 474.26	
Library Repair Fund	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 165.21	\$ 9.56	\$ 23.75	\$ 151.02	
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 6,069.19	\$ 536.60	\$ -	\$ 6,605.79	
Plainfield History Fund	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 2,544.80	\$ 11.55	\$ -	\$ 2,556.35	
Cemetery Care Fund	\$ 42,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,350.00	\$ 1,599.01	\$ 343.11	\$ -	\$ 1,942.12	
ADA Access Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.13	\$ -	\$ 8.33	
School Spec Ed Fund	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 39,432.00	\$ -	\$ 187,432.00	\$ 22,629.05	\$ 1,207.82	\$ -	\$ 23,836.87	
Police Equipment Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.60	\$ -	\$ 0.60	
Transportation Imprvmt Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 700.54	\$ 18.93	\$ 176.92	\$ 542.55	
School Benefits Payable	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 191.17	\$ 188.36	\$ -	\$ 379.53	
Town Beauty Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$ 4,608.00	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ 4,368.00	\$ 60.24	\$ 3.46	\$ 5.74	\$ 57.96	
<b>TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 720,808.00</b>	<b>\$ 244,832.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 880,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,616.55</b>	<b>\$ 4,759.56</b>	<b>\$ 793.65</b>	<b>\$ 74,582.46</b>	

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for nine t 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.
- Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
- Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2007.
- Town Beautification Fund created in 2008.
- Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011

**Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2011 were:**

### Library Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation	
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$5,424</b>
PL-Painting/repairs	\$4,250
PL-Frozen septic	\$ 670
PL-Lock repair	\$ 354
PL Slate roof repair	\$ 150

### Bridge Fund

Deposits-	\$0
Withdrawals-	\$0

### Town Hall Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$2,953</b>
PTH slate roof repair	\$320
PTH misc repairs	\$105
PTH tree removal	\$1,219
PTH Furnace cleaning	\$232
MTH slate roof repair	\$400
MTH landscaping	\$677

### Revaluation Fund

Deposits-	\$30,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$ 0

### ADA Compliance

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



**SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND  
TRANSACTIONS (continued )**

<b>Transportation Fund</b>	Deposits	\$44,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$49,677
	Willow Brook Road	
<b>Townsend Bridge Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$246</b>
	Groomer Project	\$246
<b>Town Beautification</b>	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
<b>Police Equipment Fund</b>	Deposits	\$5,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
	Reporting software	

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 Plodzic and Sanderson completed the 2011 audit in January of 2012. 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, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Property	\$ 1,201,318	\$ 1,228,360	\$ 27,042
Land use charge	3,325	-	(3,325)
Yield	-	-	-
Tires	13,000	3,493	(7,507)
Excavation	45	-	(45)
Payment in full of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	15,000	26,567	(28,433)
<b>Total from taxes</b>	<u>1,238,688</u>	<u>1,266,020</u>	<u>(11,668)</u>
<b>Licenses, permits, and fees:</b>			
Motor vehicle permit fees	460,000	389,148	(10,852)
Other	8,000	6,403	(1,597)
<b>Total from licenses, permits, and fees</b>	<u>468,000</u>	<u>395,551</u>	<u>(12,449)</u>
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
State:			
Match and revenue distribution	105,582	105,808	256
Highway block grant	118,123	121,319	3,196
State and federal forest land reforestation	144	-	(144)
Other	8,990	8,990	-
Federal:			
FEMA	296,318	296,318	-
<b>Total from intergovernmental</b>	<u>529,157</u>	<u>532,465</u>	<u>3,308</u>
<b>Charges for services:</b>			
Income from departments	120,000	118,372	(1,628)
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of municipal property	1,000	3,999	2,999
Interest on investments	7,500	7,023	(477)
Rent of property	-	440	440
Contributions and donations	11,802	11,802	-
Other	2,300	4,340	1,840
<b>Total from miscellaneous</b>	<u>23,602</u>	<u>27,404</u>	<u>4,304</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Transfers to:			
Nonmajor fund			
Permanent fund	11,000	8,450	(6,550)
Expendable fund	63,300	63,300	-
<b>Total transfers to</b>	<u>74,300</u>	<u>71,750</u>	<u>(6,550)</u>
<b>Total revenues and other financing sources</b>	<u>2,426,347</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,364</u>	<u>\$ (27,183)</u>

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011*

	Encumbered From Prior Year	Appropriated	Expenditures	Variances Positive (Negative)
<b>Current:</b>				
<b>General government:</b>				
Executive	\$ -	\$ 117,200	\$ 166,471	\$ 709
Election and registration	-	4,580	1,527	3,053
Financial administration	-	83,100	87,587	(4,287)
Revaluation of property	-	10,000	9,301	697
Legal	11,300	8,600	7,580	(4,514)
Personnel administration	-	7,000	8,004	(1,004)
Planning and zoning	-	2,500	590	1,607
General government buildings	-	8,303	9,827	(1,524)
Contractor	-	36,000	26,096	1,904
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	13,000	16,783	(3,783)
Advertising and expense associations	-	5,100	5,011	89
Total general government	11,300	197,313	234,828	(3,995)
<b>Public safety:</b>				
Police	-	117,150	125,408	(8,250)
Ambulance	-	28,120	27,887	233
Fire	-	81,000	81,000	-
Building inspection	-	8,700	7,212	1,488
Emergency management	-	250	-	250
Dispatching	-	14,100	19,363	(4,717)
Other	-	-	3,600	(3,600)
Total public safety	-	169,320	264,468	(14,142)
<b>Highways and streets:</b>				
Administration	-	13,800	21,622	(2,178)
Highways and streets	5,500	908,063	938,010	(2,993)
Drainage	-	(11,285)	(12,885)	(1,500)
Street lighting	-	8,500	7,952	548
Total highways and streets	5,500	1,009,178	1,085,497	(3,839)
<b>Sanitation:</b>				
Solid waste collection	-	180,000	186,778	(6,700)
Solid waste disposal	-	80,110	71,421	8,689
Total sanitation	-	260,110	258,199	(1,981)
<b>Health:</b>				
Administration	-	10,100	17,664	(2,511)
Pest control	-	300	395	(95)
Total health	-	10,400	18,059	(2,610)
<b>Welfare:</b>				
Administration	-	5,250	7,331	(2,011)
<b>Culture and recreation:</b>				
Parks and recreation	-	18,100	18,910	(700)
Library	-	5,424	5,424	-
Parkland prepared	4,000	1,500	1,200	4,300
Other	-	11,602	8,701	2,899
Total culture and recreation	4,000	36,626	34,235	6,390
<b>Conservation:</b>				
	-	500	601	(101)

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**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011*

	Encumbrances		Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
	From Prior Year	Appropriations		
Debt service:				
Principal of long-term debt	--	25,000	25,000	-
Interest on long-term debt	--	7,240	7,241	1
Total debt service	--	32,240	32,241	1
Capital outlay	1,000	1,501	1,501	1,000
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Nonmajor funds:				
Special revenue:				
Eastfield Library	--	63,557	63,557	-
Meridian Library	--	41,922	41,922	-
Expendable trust	--	152,500	152,500	-
Transfers out	--	257,979	257,979	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	<u>\$ 21,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,426,547</u>	<u>\$ 2,425,828</u>	<u>\$ 21,719</u>

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011*

Unassigned fund balance, beginning	\$	483,099
Changes:		
2011 Budget summary:		
Revenue shortfalls (Schedule 1)	\$	(27,181)
Unexpended balances of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>25,719</u>	
2011 Budget deficit		(1,144)
Decrease in committed fund balances		<u>(1,000)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending	<u>\$</u>	<u>482,600</u>

**HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT  
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

2011	Block Grant Allocation	<b>\$111,385</b>
	FEMA HMG Utilized (Total grant \$490,118)	<b>\$276,319</b>
	Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	<b>\$49,677</b>
	<b>Total Utilized</b>	<b>\$437,381</b>

**Willow Brook Road phase III**

Permitting/Engineering	\$26,657
Pavement	\$382,183
Stone	\$12,929
Culverts	\$6,616
Equipment Rental	\$7,165
Misc.	\$1,831
<b>Willow Brook Road Total</b>	<b>\$437,381</b>
Grant remaining for Hibbard and Cole Brook Culverts \$490,118-\$276,319	<b>\$213,799</b>

**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.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Work</b>
'99	River Rd	phase III-prep completion and base paving. <b>Completed</b>
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. <b>Completed</b>
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed</b>
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'05	Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert/drainage work.	<b>Completed.</b>
'06	Westgate base reconstruction/paving.	<b>Completed.</b>
'07	Beauty Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Colby Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 1 <b>Completed.</b>
'09	Freeman Road	base reconstruction <b>Completed</b>
'10	Freeman Road paving/Willow Brook Road	phase 2 <b>Completed</b>
'11	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 3 <b>Completed*</b>
'12	Main Street/Bonner Road	resurfacing.
'13	Center of Town Road	resurfacing

- '14 Penniman Road resurfacing
- '15 Ferry Hill Road resurfacing
- '16 Methodist Hill resurfacing

\* Due to Tropical Storm Irene, Cole Brook and Hibbard Brook Culverts to be done by Morrill Construction 2012,



Selectboard surveys damage to Barker Road from tropical storm Irene  
Photo S. Halleran

## TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES 2011

Abrahamson, Pamela	Library Substitute - East	\$58
Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$12,260
Barry, Daniel	Truck Driver	\$33,675 (includes overtime)
Belyea, Judith	Selectwoman	\$2,350
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$34,485 (includes overtime)
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$6,000
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$112
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$5,790
Chapman, Annamay	Sub – Librarian - East	\$2,071
Collins, Michael	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$620
Collins III, Richard	Assistant Road Agent	\$46,628 (includes overtime)
Dore, Lawrence	Deputy Police Chief	\$67,951 (includes overtime)
Estey, Lori	Ass't Librarian - East	\$2,814
Grindle, Halton	Welfare / Health Director	\$2,672
Hackett, Earl	Part-Time Patrolman	\$131
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$59,520
Hawkins, Allyson	Tennis Assistant	\$640
Hawkins, Amanda	Tennis Instructor	\$1,580
Heath, Cindy	Library Substitute – West	\$18
Hollinger, R.D.	Truck Driver	\$10,418 (includes overtime)
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$117
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$192
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$33,412 (includes overtime)
King, Mary	Library Director - East	\$20,646
King, Maxwell	Tennis Assistant	\$640
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	\$2,572
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$5,791
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$112
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Office Manager	\$30,281
Marsh, Robin	Election Staff	\$116
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director – West	\$25,145
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$56,825 (includes overtime)
Rogers, Diane	Administrative Assistant	\$2,888
Rogers, Diane	Sub – Librarian – West	\$3,694
Rogers, Diane	Supervisor of Checklist	\$199
Serem, Jerome	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$15,584
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$38,000 (includes overtime)
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$2,000
Stalker, Ruth	Ass't Librarian - West	\$3,459
Stocker, Ken	Road Agent	\$57,350
Stockwell, Bette	Election Staff	\$116
Sundell, Hillary	Sub – Librarian – West	\$58
Swett, Anthony	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$1,264
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	\$49,518 (includes overtime)
Taylor, Robert	Selectman	\$2,350
Taylor, Stephen	Moderator	\$124

Wendt, Barbara	Sub – Librarian – East	\$160
Wheeler, Ruthann	Tax Collector	\$12,480
Williams Jr, Thomas	Selectman	\$2,350
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$657,236</b>

**PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
2011**

The Plainfield Town Hall Committee was established in 1995 to oversee the maintenance of the Plainfield Town Hall and to make recommendations to the Selectmen for repairs and upkeep. The mission of the committee is to assure that regular maintenance and upkeep is done on the Plainfield Town Hall in order to avoid another major restoration and, in the end, to save money for the town. Three of the committee members were on the original committee that oversaw the restoration of both town halls: David Chellis, Nancy Norwalk, and Beverly Widger. Other Committee members include Brad Atwater and Nancy Scott.

Normal maintenance has been done on a regular basis to the Plainfield Town Hall by utilizing the Town Hall Maintenance Fund (established for both town halls). The committee checks the inside and outside of the building, looks at the usage of the hall, inspects for hazards, and reassesses the town hall rental policy.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

- The stone foundation, especially the Northwest corner (left side), is in need of repair and stabilization, including chinking and repointing. An updated estimate should be obtained.
- Once the foundation repair is done, the town hall needs to have plaster repair and an interior painting. The last time the interior was painted was in 1995. The kitchen ceiling is peeling.
- The ceiling tiles stained by a old water leak should be replaced.
- In order to maintain the beautiful hardwood floor, the floor needs to be thoroughly cleaned, lightly sanded, and another coat of finish applied to continue to preserve it.
- The entrance threshold continues to deteriorate and needs replacement.
- The landscaping in front of the town hall needs to be trimmed substantially.
- The storm windows were not put on for the winter and heat is escaping. One window was to be repaired by town staff and has not been returned.
- The attic was provided with a barrier to collect bat guano. This should be checked to see if it should be removed (sold?) and a fresh barrier put down.
- The entry steps and ramp again have peeling paint. We need to find a solution to this problem.
- The windows should be washed inside and out.
- The basement of the town hall needs to be cleaned and contents assessed as to whether they should be kept, repaired or discarded, i.e., benches and old town fencing.

The committee discussed, at length, the regular cleaning and checking of the town hall before and after renters. Renters have the expectation that the town hall will be clean



upon renting the building. The town hall is used for private functions, town functions and community non-profit organizations' events. The rent for the town hall is very reasonable for in-town residents and the committee supports that. However, whether it is a non-profit, for profit, an in-town renter, or an out- of-town renter, the town should charge a maintenance cleaning fee which is refunded if the town hall is left in the same condition or better after the rental. The senior luncheons are regularly held at the town hall and they deserve a clean environment.

The town hall needs regular and thorough cleanings by a commercial cleaner who will use proper equipment to wash the wood floor. The hall also needs regular cleanings by a professional cleaner before rentals (or after) to clean bathrooms, dust window ledges, clean the kitchen, empty lingering trash, and other housekeeping. The committee recommends quarterly cleanings by a commercial cleaner and touch up cleanings monthly.

The committee recommends that an individual (either town employee or volunteer) perform a check of the town hall before and after a rental. The person maintains and coincides visits with the rental calendar.

The rental policy currently in place is satisfactory. However, we encourage the town to enforce the policy and charges. These charges would pay for regular cleanings.

A suggestion was made that the town consider using the Plainfield Town Hall as a voting location in alternate years instead of always using the Plainfield School. This alternative voting location would be returning to a past practice of the Town.

Lastly, the committee believes that an investment should be made for new tables (12) and chairs (175) for the town hall. The existing chairs are in poor condition, break/bend easily, mar the floor, and are uncomfortable. They were a donation from an organization that was going to take them to the dump and we took them to fill an immediate need. The tables are a collection of library, senior, and donated tables of varying sizes and in disrepair. The committee recommends that the town invest in chairs and tables that can be used at a variety of town sponsored events.

*Nancy Norwalk, Beverly Widger, Brad Atwater, Nancy Scott, David Chellis*

## **WELFARE REPORT 2011**

Plainfield has once again this year met our local needs for assistance in large part from the generosity of residents who make both cash and in kind gifts. If not for these donations local taxpayers would necessarily have to pay more to meet our obligations.

Again this year the senior luncheons have continued to be well attended. These monthly gatherings provide opportunities for an afternoon out and fellowship amongst old friends as well as opportunities to meet new ones.

If you or someone that you know needs assistance, please call the town office (469-3201) so that needs can be evaluated.

*Al Grindle*- Town Welfare Officer

## HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2011:

**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.**

**MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE:** A provider of public health services in the Upper Valley. Functions included research, education, planning and prevention activities. PO Box 102 Canaan NH 03741 **tel. 523-7100.**

**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. 66 Benning Street, Suite 6 West Lebanon **tel. 1-800-300-8853.**

**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:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Granted 2011</b>	<b>Requested 2012</b>	<b>Budgeted 2012</b>
Acorn	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Community Alliance	\$250	\$ 500	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,000
Headrest	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Mascoma Valley Health	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
SW Comm Service	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 850
VNAVNH	\$9,875	\$9,875	\$9,875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,310	\$2,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,785</b>	<b>\$20,535</b>	<b>\$20,535</b>

**The Plainfield History Account  
Administered by the Philip Read Memorial and the Meriden Library  
January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011**

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire, published in 1991, continues to sell well. The libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. The cost is \$45; they are available at the town office, the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library.

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**

<b>Balance January 1</b>	<b>\$2,068.40</b>
Income:	
Sale of books & shipping	\$235.44
Bank interest	.32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$235.76</u></b>
	\$2,304.16
Expenses:	
Shipping	-3.72
Transferred to the Plainfield History Fund	\$1,900.00
<b>Balance December 31</b>	<b>\$400.42</b>

Submitted: *Nancy Norwalk*, Co-Editor

## KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of the Kimball Union Academy (KUA) administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting. There are no absolute, correct answers in predicting future Plainfield student enrollment at KUA. The committee has provided the voters of Plainfield the best information it can on the Plainfield/KUA relationship so that voters can make their own decision on this complex issue. The committee is in full agreement that a strong, positive relationship between the town and the academy is in both entities' best interest; and that more local students attending the private school is more desirable than fewer students. Based on its work this year, the committee is unanimous in its feeling that the optional exemption should not be reduced below the 80% level approved in 2011. This year's committee held eight meetings between May 2011 and January 2012.

### **Summary of the Committee's Findings:**

The committee discussed many topics including: increasing the awareness of KUA as an affordable educational alternative for the students of Plainfield families, KUA lighting its crosswalks on Main Street, examination of various alternatives to the current tax exemption, opportunities for Plainfield elementary students to participate (after normal school hours) in KUA classrooms and being introduced to various subjects by KUA teachers. Additionally, the committee invited Police Chief, Paul Roberts for a report on the relationship of town police and the KUA community. Michael Schafer, Head of School, attended a meeting to update the committee regarding present projects and future plans of KUA.

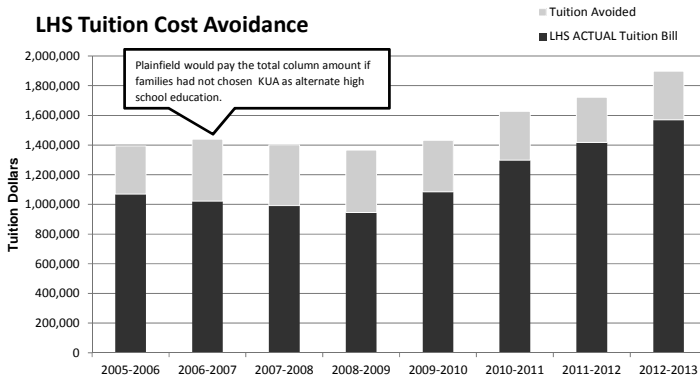
Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, the committee supports the granting of no less than an 80% tax exemption this year. ***The percentage of this exemption may vary in future years if the declining enrollment at the elementary school results in a corresponding reduction in the number of Plainfield students enrolling at KUA. If this trend continues, the need to discuss the merits of a partial exemption will receive close examination by the committee each successive year.***

Your committee finds it is prudent to continue to encourage Plainfield students to consider KUA as an option. Historically, having compiled data in past town reports, Plainfield's relationship with KUA results in a *lower tax rate* for Plainfield residents than the rate would be if this relationship did not exist. (See the following column chart.)

Since Kimball Union installs, pays for and maintains the streetlights on Main Street, they have, at the town's request, increased the brightness of the lighting at the crosswalks. This request was made for safety reasons. The Energy Committee, KUA Study Committee, Highway Department and the Police Department participated in the decision to request that KUA enhance Main Street's lighting.

**KUA Tax Abatement 2011 and Financial Aid** After accounting for some assessing changes in 2011, KUA dormitory, dining hall and kitchen properties were valued at \$7,123,375. RSA72:23 provides for a \$150,000 tax exemption on these properties. Additionally, the voters of Plainfield approved an 80% optional exemption for these properties (80% equates to a \$5,580,300 abatement) resulting in \$133,090 in forgiven taxes. The realities of declining elementary school enrollment, rising property taxes, and the increased value of the exemption will continue to require your committee to annually evaluate the percentage for any proposed optional exemption.

- During the 20011/12 academic year, KUA provided \$270,200 in financial aid to Plainfield students attending KUA. **This aid exceeded the tax abatement last year by \$113,300.**
- In 2011, KUA adopted an exclusively need-based distribution policy. Instead of all families receiving at-least minimum financial aid, qualifying families with demonstrated need received aid.
- While recognizing that KUA has no obligation to return the tax abatement money to the community, your committee supports the continuation of a need-based distribution of local financial aid provided by the academy.
- **KUA remains Plainfield’s largest employer** More than 30 KUA employees, making up some 29 Plainfield off-campus households, own homes and pay Plainfield property taxes.
- 1. **KUA is the Town’s largest taxpayer.** In 2011 KUA paid \$88,977 in local property taxes.
- **Plainfield Students**
  - Twenty-three (23) Plainfield students (exclusive of students of faculty families) currently attend the academy (see “Tuition:” below)
  - Six (6) Plainfield seniors will graduate KUA in the coming spring
  - Three to seven (3-7) Plainfield eighth graders are expected to begin attending KUA for the 2012-2013 school year
- **Tuitions: Kimball Union Academy (KUA) and Lebanon High School (LHS)**
  - KUA day-student tuition will be \$29,925 for the next (2012-2013) academic year
  - LHS tuition for Plainfield students this year is \$13,600 per student.
  - The 2011-2012 PES tuition budget would have been \$312,800 higher if the 23 Plainfield students had not chosen KUA as an alternative education to LHS.
  - The Plainfield School Board anticipates 103 Plainfield students attending LHS next school year. That is \$1,400,800 designated in the school’s budget for tuition.
    - Since 1998, the average LHS tuition cost avoided has been \$303,000 per year (see chart below)
    - Plainfield does not pay any portion of the KUA tuition for local students.
  - The KUA administration has again, in an effort to alleviate uncertainty, agreed to guarantee that at least three (3) local students from the eighth grade will attend the academy. If not, the academy will reimburse the school district the cost of the difference in the LHS per-student tuition.



**2. How does the Town of Plainfield benefit from Kimball Union Academy?**

- Access to the following facilities : skating rink, cross-country ski trails, tennis courts, free admission for Plainfield residents to most KUA plays and concerts, athletic fields and track, meeting rooms with advanced approval, soccer fields where our elementary school holds its annual soccer tournament under the lights on a Sunday (the only time the field lights are used on a Sunday), church and PES School Board retreats, softball field, graduation, gymnasiums
- Annual Energy Expo sponsored by towns of Plainfield and Cornish
- Annual PES Seventh Grade Auction
- Annual Seniors’ luncheon in KUA Dining Hall
- Annual Wild Game Dinner in KUA Dining Hall
- Day care/kindergarten open to local residents as well as KUA faculty families
- Emergency Management Site for disaster recovery
- Fire Brigade where KUA students and faculty participate with town’s volunteer firefighters
- Plainfield Elementary School (PES) benefits from lower electric rates because KUA includes our school’s usage in their negotiations for lower electric rates

**Residents are encouraged to visit the town’s web site and follow the “KUA Invites You link” for an up to date listing of events and happenings open to the public.**

Access times and directions to KUA facilities for Plainfield residents are available on the KUA website [www.kua.org](http://www.kua.org)

**• How does Kimball Union Academy Benefit from the Town of Plainfield?**

- The Plainfield Community has a history of solid support for Kimball Union Academy and its educational mission. This support is evidenced by the annual vote granting an optional tax abatement or exemption.
- Plainfield community members work on joint projects with the academy.

- Plainfield Elementary School as an excellent education option for children of faculty.
  - Fifteen (15) KUA faculty-children (living on campus) and attend PES.
- Plainfield Elementary School as an academic source for some of KUA's most well-rounded students.
- Full-time municipal staffed building with supported Planning and Zoning offices helps to facilitate efficient local approvals for KUA's various campus projects.
- Full-time Police Department to assist with student and staff issues.
- Access to two local fire departments, with six, in-town firefighting vehicles.
- Plainfield's strong commitment to conservation and set-aside land projects. A vast public trail network provides ample outdoor recreational opportunities for KUA students and faculty.
- Plainfield's continued commitment to rural zoning maintains the rural agricultural-based environment that is touted in KUA's marketing.

- **Streetlights**

At the request of the town's Select Board, your committee discussed the night-time safety of the crosswalks on Main Street. The Select Board has received numerous concerns from residents about the limited visibility when students are crossing the roadway during night-time conditions. Kimball Union has agreed to enhance the streetlights along Main Street. Kimball Union assumed the responsibility for these lights some years ago as part of a campus-wide lighting project approved by the Plainfield Planning Board.

- **Meriden Post Office**

The USPS has recommended closure of over 3,500 rural post offices throughout the nation. We are extremely fortunate that KUA has now renewed the lease for the Meriden Post Office, which should guarantee the post office stays in Meriden for the next five years, with an option to renew for an additional five years.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Yacavone-Chair, Shelley Andrews, Eric Brann, Betsy Duany, Myra Ferguson-PES School Board, Jim Gray-KUA, Steve Halleran-Town Administrator, Robyn Hadlock, Rob Hewett, Joe Williams-KUA.

Plainfield KUA Committee 2011/12

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE- 2011**

A highlight of 2011 was the Upper Valley Energy Expo, produced by the Town of Plainfield Energy Committee. On Saturday, January 29, 2011 our Elementary School was a scene of high energy and interest as our second expo got underway.

The focus of the day for most participants was the schedule of workshops on a range of subjects, from biofuels to weatherization. Lee Lynd, a Plainfield resident, Professor of Engineering at Dartmouth's Thayer School and a founder of the Mascoma Corporation, gave a keynote address to an enthusiastic crowd outlining his perspectives on the necessary transition to sustainable energy.

Other speakers included Mike Higgins and Allan Ferguson of the Plainfield School Facilities Committee, who described the dramatic energy-saving changes to some of the school classrooms; Bob Walker of SERG who provided a popular "Button Up"

workshop; Kim Quirk of the Enfield Energy Emporium who spoke about her retrofit of an historic property; Paul Leveille and Dick Henry of the Jordan Institute who provided a session on green building; Bill Cable of Cornish who spoke about his own on- and off-grid solar and wind systems; and Ted Emerson of South Face Design Build, who focused on solar thermal systems.

The gym was home to exhibits which included vendors of weatherization and renewable energy products, as well as non-profit and governmental groups with information on planning, transportation, building, and community energy challenges, and local energy and transition town committees.

Finally, Plainfield Elementary School students provided food and bike blender smoothies for this event, adding to the community spirit.

During the summer and early fall, the Energy Committee promoted and sold raffle tickets for a free home energy “audit” or assessment. Bill and Liz Taylor bought some chances and won the raffle and their home energy audit was performed on November 22 by Will Davis of Radiant Energy. Other prizes included a cord of wood and energy efficient light bulbs, both generously donated by the Rogers Family.

During the fall, the Energy Committee helped to promote a Green Buildings Tour which was coordinated by the New England Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) and held on October 1, 2011. Local participants included Townline Equipment, which showcased its photovoltaic array, and Dave and Sue Taylor, who provided a tour of their innovative and energy efficient home on Freeman Road.

The Plainfield Library and the Town Garage are among a group of buildings in New Hampshire chosen for demonstration audits by the NH-LAX program. Both have gone through intense inspections and at the time of this writing we are awaiting the reports which will be available to the Town and the subject of an open meeting in the spring of 2012.

The Energy Committee has also taken advantage of services offered by the Energy Technical Assistance and Planning program (ETAP), which helps us track the energy use of our municipal buildings. We are still in the process of collecting and entering data and hope to have some useful tools for town planning in the near future. Our ETAP enrollment provided a free energy audit of the Town Office and Police Station. Results of this assessment are expected by February, 2012.

Members of your Energy Committee will be mapping the town streetlights and discussing options with our multiple utilities to determine whether our current configuration represents the best use of the town’s energy dollars. If you have concerns or comments about light placement, timing, brightness or any other related issues, please let us know.

As always, the Energy Committee welcomes ideas for projects, reports of successful energy conservation efforts, questions about products, services, funding, etc.- and especially new members! For further details about our activities and mission, please see our pages on the Town website.

Submitted by  
*Nancy Magielnicki*, Chair



## SENATOR MATTHEW HOUDE

January 21, 2012

I hope everyone is keeping warm this chilly winter! By the time this legislative update is available to read in the Plainfield Annual Report we will be roughly half way through the 2012 legislative session in Concord. And while much of 2011 focused on the budget and its implications for municipalities (end of the state's contribution toward local retirement costs), education (over 40% reduction in the state's contribution to higher ed), and social services (cuts to funding levels for many programs and services), other significant legislation passed as well, including dramatic changes to the state's retirement system. This session we are likely to see efforts to deal with education funding through a constitutional amendment (again), social issues (un-funding of Planned Parenthood and an effort to repeal same-sex marriage), and more gun issues!

In the past 5+ years I have represented Plainfield, first in the House and now in the Senate, I have tried to avoid being too partisan in my legislative updates. After-all, while I am a Democrat, I represent all of the residents of Plainfield – and those of Senate District 5. For this update, I have collaborated with Rep. Foose from New London to bring you an assessment of where we are. You, of course, are the final judge.

In the 2010 campaigns, both Republicans and Democrats agreed that the State of New Hampshire needed to address the economy and jobs, improve investment in infrastructure, and avoid downshifting costs to cities and towns. There may have been disagreements on how best to address those issues, but there was general consensus on the issues. Both sides also agreed that the recession, coupled with the end of federal stimulus support, was going to result in a dramatic reduction of available revenue.

The election produced super-majorities for Republicans in both chambers. The choice of the majority last year was to cut, cut, and cut some more - including, at the last minute in the budget process, a cut to the tobacco tax. This year is the second year of the biennium and – notwithstanding last year's reductions in spending - we continue to struggle out of a recession. And while it is true New Hampshire has fared better than most other states, bills dealing with the issues of job creation, infrastructure improvement, or avoiding downshifting are, unfortunately, nowhere to be found. Instead the calendar for the House is full of bills designed to hinder implementation of the federal health care law, eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood, repeal same sex marriage, require picture identification to vote, bring back predatory payday and title loan lenders, and, of course, expand the use of firearms. And all of these efforts will make their way to the Senate, distracting the Legislature from the economic issues relevant to all in New Hampshire.

That said, some Democratic legislators continue to propose efforts for bi-partisan work that could prepare a new legislature for its efforts as it convenes in 2013. Here are some examples:

\* A commission with members of the House and Senate, the executive branch and the various well-established groups that have as their mission the review of budgetary policy. In a hearing before the House Finance committee the author of the bill agreed that the results of the bill should be presented after the November election to reduce the political impact.

\* Legislation that would try to quantify the connection between education and job growth. Since almost all members of the business community constantly advocate for a strong work force the bill's author has drawn the conclusion that, as it deals with a new budget in 2013, the legislature should be prepared to understand the relationship between subsidization of our technical colleges, our university system and our specialty schools like New Hampshire School of Law and the need for a newly constituted workforce that would support the business needs of the coming decades. If that relationship could be clarified outside of the rhetoric that attends each campaign season, the results and impact of our efforts would be significantly improved. And they would certainly suggest going in a different direction than a 40+% reduction in higher education funding, which was the action taken in last year's budget.

Many in the Legislature, including moderates in the Republican party, want to address the state's pressing needs but are forced to deal with an ideologically driven agenda that is not consistent with more centrist New Hampshire values - one typically committed to balancing the role of government with our citizens willingness and capacity to pay. New Hampshire has followed the latter path for decades under the leadership of both parties. That is how we built the New Hampshire Advantage.....and that is how we can sustain it.

Respectfully,

*Matthew Houde*

**NH Senate-District 5**

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## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **School Budget**

**General Position:** The Plainfield School District has presented a budget that meets its stated goals as outlined during its deliberations. A line item review finds no egregious expenditures in meeting these goals. It is difficult to compare expenditures between years because of the change in grant money received. More noticeably, the budget represents an increase of 1.09% requested of taxpayers. Passage of all warrant articles, which the Finance Committee recommends, would result in an increase of 4.66% to the tax burden.

The town has been fortunate that medical insurance costs have not escalated. The school staff's usage of wellness programs has aided in keeping insurance cost increases low. However, it is unlikely to think that this trend will continue. The Finance Committee asks that the School Board and the school staff work diligently in determining a method to control insurance costs while attempting to maintain a similar service to what is provided today.

The Finance Committee is concerned with the continued increase to the special education budget, which is outpacing increases to regular education. State and federal mandates give the School Board little to no leeway in addressing this issue. The School District is

obligated to provide necessary services and they must budget accordingly. (See Article VI).

The Finance Committee notes that the pressures of declining enrollment, forecast to be a continuing trend, and increased fixed costs will enliven budget discussions next year.

**Renovation Bond Article:** The Finance Committee supports the bond article to complete the necessary building repairs and heating efficiency upgrades for the following reasons. First, with the final payment of the sprinkler bond coming off the books, the bond will have a neutral impact on the budget. Second, it is expected that this will be the last major bond article for some time. Third, the results from the first portion of the renovation show marked energy efficiency improvements. Fitting the 1973 wing with similar improvements will result in a reduced rate of energy costs, and in time will allow the school district to replace the existing boiler with a less costly and efficient model. Fourth, the cost of borrowing is at historically low levels. The Finance Committee would like to recognize the Facilities Committee for their efforts.

**Contract Articles:** The Finance Committee supports Articles IV and V, which cover the approval of the teacher and support staff contracts. With published inflation numbers coming in around 3.0%, the rise in salaries and benefits seems a reasonable increase.

**Special Education and Tuition Fund:** The Finance Committee supports Article VI, which would provide for an additional \$60,000 to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund. The warrant article replaces funds which were spent on an unforeseen expense in the special education program. If the warrant passes, the fund will remain in the \$200,000 range. The finance committee agrees that the ~\$200,000 balance is acceptable based on current known conditions, but encourages the school board to continue to research the matter to verify their assumptions and if prudent adjust the Special Education Tuition Fund in future budgets to minimize impact to taxpayers.

**Building Maintenance Reserve Fund Article:** The Finance Committee supports Article VII. The reserve fund is intended to be used to cover future projects, such as boiler replacement and moisture mitigation. Funding the reserve fund helps to spread out the cost instead of shocking the taxpayers with a larger bill at the required time.

**Capital Reserve Fund Article:** The Finance Committee supports Article VIII. The purchase of the school van has saved the school district about twice as much as what it paid for the van had it contracted the service. Because special education transportation has more stringent safety standards, the van needs more regular replacement than a school bus might. It is anticipated that the school van will need replacement in two years. This funding will spread the cost out over the next three budget years.

It should be noted that Articles VII and VIII will be funded only if there is a surplus in the current budget. The school district anticipates this to be the case, and is working diligently to control costs. While the surplus is typically returned to the taxpayers, and typically a warrant article would represent additional tax increases, these articles are written to use existing surplus monies to fund the warrant articles. If there is no surplus, these articles would not be funded.

## **Town Budget**

**General Position:** The consensus of the Finance Committee is that the budget appears reasonable for the amount of services covered by the town budget. The 2.5% increase to the budget generally reflects the increasing costs to maintain each service. The 3.6% increase in taxpayer burden is a reflection of a reduction in revenue from sources other than property taxes. Property owners should expect similar increases in future years in order to maintain the current services.

The Finance Committee reiterates its concern with the increase in the police budget, up 7.0% last year and 9.7% this year. The Finance Committee asks for more timely information regarding the amount of crime occurring in town.

**Article III:** The existing reserve funds help to spread the costs of expected expenses over a reasonable timeframe. The Revaluation Fund will mostly be spent this year, and the amount requested should cover this project's costs.

Without further guidance from the Library Trustees, the Finance Committee again requests the Select Board refrain from making any expenditures from the ADA Access Fund.

**Article IV:** The Finance Committee supports the replacement of the dump truck. The Select Board has worked with the Road Agent to establish a plan of replacing heavy equipment, and the 15-year-old dump truck has come due.

**Articles V and VI:** The Finance Committee supports both Gravel Pit Bond Articles. The expansion fund (Article V) should enable the town to keep its gravel supply costs significantly lower than other towns by avoiding purchase and hauling from an outside source. At some point, the gravel pit will not provide an adequate source of material, and thus will have to be closed. The Reclamation Fund (Article VI) sets aside money for that purpose.

## **Conclusion**

There will be an approximately 4.5% increase to the taxpayer this year. The Finance Committee again asks the town to fully consider the level of service it desires. Unlike neighboring towns that have commercial centers, the tax burden falls mostly on the Plainfield resident. The Finance Committee encourages all residents to voice their opinions to the Select Board and School Board.

**Respectfully Submitted,** *Joe Bretton, Stephen Beau pre, Scott MacLeay, Jean Strong, Douglas Adams, Christine Danen*

## MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT 2011 Operator's Report

At the end of 2010 the EPA visited the wastewater treatment facility in preparation for reissuing the expired discharge permit. We were told that we would be receiving a reduction in the frequency of effluent toxicity testing. This alone would have saved approximately \$ 7000/yr. Unfortunately the EPA never followed through with the new permit and there has been no communication with them since 2010. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wastewater Engineering Bureau conducted a compliance inspection of the wastewater treatment facility in October. This biannual inspection covers both facilities and laboratory procedures and record keeping. The headworks building was painted and received repairs to the T-111 siding. The laboratory/office building will be painted in 2012. The twenty nine year old stand-by generator at the treatment plant underwent a major repair during the fall. The headgasket was replaced due to several leaks that developed over the last several years.

The Commissioners decided to charge 1% interest per month on all accounts over 90 days. The percentage of accounts over 90 days remains low. The laboratory that had been performing all of our drinking water analysis from Manchester decided that it was not profitable to collect samples in this part of the state and we were forced to switch labs. We are currently using Endyne Environmental Laboratories in Lebanon. The Commissioners have been discussing several projects for possible funding from the district's capital reserve funds. The projects include the replacement of the oldest water main along Main St., the installation of individual water meters, and the purchase of a stand-by generator for the water system. Bill Taylor attended several water operator training seminars in Grantham, Sunapee, and Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

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

*Donald E. Garfield*

*Jeffrey S. Allbright*

*Nathaniel Pierson*

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**SULLIVAN, SS.**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

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 twentieth day of March 2012 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. An auditor for one year.
6. 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 \$213,268 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 seventeenth day of January, 2012.

**A true copy attest:**

*Jeffrey Allbright*

*Donald Garfield*

*Nathaniel Pierson*

**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2011**

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 fifteenth of March 2011 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:	Nathaniel Pierson
Treasurer for one year:	Donald Garfield
Auditor for one year:	Doris LeVarn

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 \$209,714, 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 2010 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 \$95 per quarter.
  2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$8,150 per month to \$8,400 per month.
  3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School remain at \$500 per month.
  4. That District charges for residential water service remain at \$75 per quarter.
  5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy remain at \$4,800 per month.
- It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

**ARTICLE VII.** Bill Taylor was commended for excellent performance as operator of the water and sewer departments. Donald Garfield was commended for serving as a commissioner for 37 years. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Roberta I. Garfield, Clerk**



**Meriden Village Water District  
Water Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2011**

**Assets:**

Checking account balance	\$24,487.84
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$120,868.96
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$18,577.27
Total Assets	\$163,934.07

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$120,868.96
Total Liabilities	\$120,868.96

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$43,065.11
Grand Total	\$163,934.07

**Principal Balance Long Term Debt:**

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$516,459.27
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**Sewer Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2011**

**Assets:**

Checking account balance	\$41,506.03
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$78,605.79
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$24,571.28
Total Assets	\$144,683.10

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$78,605.79
Total Liabilities	\$78,605.79

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$66,077.31
Grand Total	\$144,683.10

**Principal Balance Long Term Debt:**

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$271,648.32
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**Meriden Village Water District  
Sewer Department**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Sewer Charges	\$130,832	\$135,052	\$124,825	\$123,820	\$129,400
Hook-up	\$0	\$415	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$53	\$0	\$40	\$0
From Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
Xfer from Water		\$11,400	\$0	\$6,050	\$0
From Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$7,150	\$0	\$5,097
Other Income	\$0	\$71	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$135,832</b>	<b>\$146,991</b>	<b>\$135,475</b>	<b>\$129,910</b>	<b>\$137,997</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011 (est)</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Office	\$500	\$1,019	\$1,000	\$1,255	\$1,000
Legal	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Electricity	\$6,000	\$4,777	\$5,000	\$5,470	\$6,000
Insurance	\$19,000	\$20,405	\$20,500	\$22,184	\$20,000
Maintenance	\$10,000	\$9,202	\$11,000	\$7,952	\$11,000
Telephone	\$850	\$1,456	\$1,400	\$1,369	\$1,400
Wages	\$33,500	\$31,527	\$35,150	\$32,258	\$36,550
FICA, Medicare	\$5,500	\$4,026	\$4,050	\$2,468	\$3,600
Retirement	\$0	\$4,934	\$4,950	\$5,274	\$5,100
Interest on debt	\$10,032	\$10,032	\$9,475	\$9,475	\$8,918
Principal on debt	\$16,000	\$15,979	\$16,000	\$15,979	\$15,979
Supplies	\$4,000	\$4,030	\$4,000	\$3,331	\$4,000
Effluent Testing	\$12,000	\$8,515	\$8,500	\$8,222	\$10,000
Vehicle	\$750	\$74	\$750	\$40	\$750
Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Xfer to Water	\$0	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grd. Wtr. Monitoring	\$5,000	\$3,775	\$5,000	\$4,802	\$5,000
Blower Replacement	\$7,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$135,832</b>	<b>\$124,977</b>	<b>\$135,475</b>	<b>\$125,079</b>	<b>\$137,997</b>

## Water Department

Income	Budget 2010	Actual 2010	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012
Water Rents	\$74,870	\$79,841	\$76,539	\$75,855	\$77,671
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$100	\$32	\$100	\$30	\$0
From Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$78,570</b>	<b>\$83,473</b>	<b>\$80,239</b>	<b>\$79,510</b>	<b>\$81,271</b>
Expenses	Budget 2010	Actual 2010	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012
Office	\$500	\$471	\$500	\$384	\$500
Legal	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250
Electricity	\$5,000	\$5,348	\$5,000	\$5,400	\$6,000
Insurance	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$6,319	\$5,399	\$5,400
Maintenance	\$5,000	\$8,622	\$6,500	\$5,499	\$6,500
Telephone	\$800	\$122	\$300	\$266	\$300
Wages	\$9,600	\$9,136	\$10,000	\$10,754	\$10,400
FICA, Medicare	\$2,000	\$2,213	\$850	\$823	\$850
Retirement	\$0	\$493	\$1,150	\$1,125	\$1,700
Interest on debt	\$19,038	\$19,038	\$18,189	\$18,189	\$17,312
Principal on debt	\$25,332	\$25,333	\$26,181	\$26,182	\$27,059
Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,228	\$2,000	\$1,747	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$2,000	\$1,335	\$2,000	\$2,065	\$2,000
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
SRF Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Xfer to Sewer	\$0	\$11,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$78,570</b>	<b>\$91,790</b>	<b>\$80,239</b>	<b>\$78,833</b>	<b>\$81,271</b>

## **PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT Commissioners' Annual Report January 2011**

The commissioners are pleased to report that 2011 came in under budget. Some of the savings resulted from lower costs, some from deferring maintenance, and some from payments being due at different times than in the past. While we always try to contain costs, we're not going to be able to come in as low in 2012.

Thanks to a new rule adopted by the Department of Revenue Administration the District is now required to have an auditor. The commissioners felt it was prudent to elect an auditor at the annual district meeting, even though we are under the limit where an elected auditor would be required. The position does not require a CPA, again due to the relatively small amount of money involved. The auditor's report will be available at the District meeting.

The district did not do a construction project during 2011. Instead the District took some time to get the District's paper drawings digitized, and to acquire the necessary equipment and software to view and update the drawing in the future. Some of the expenses for this project, which was authorized over two years, will be paid for in 2012.

Our pump controls caused us some problems during the year, with the first low pressure report in over 10 years due to a faulty telemetry transmitter. In the process of repairing the transmitter we also upgraded lightning protection. Recovering from the telemetry failure also allowed us to test simultaneous operation of both wells, something we hadn't tried since they were initially connected to the system. We are happy to report that we can pump at the full rate permitted for our well field. We completed installation of a transfer switch to allow operation of the system from a generator. Our experience in 2008 showed that with a full tank we could survive a six day power outage without pumping, but we can't count on either the initial tank level, or on the length of a possible future outage.

Collections, as always, are difficult. We received payment this year on almost all of our delinquent accounts that are still active water users. Our "accounts receivable" number represents about half "old debt" (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue. We will be looking to place our non-user delinquent accounts in line for property liens this year. An unexpected issue this year was the foreclosure of some properties. The District will receive payment for those when they are sold.

The DES grant program that has brought in about \$5500 a year for the last two years was funded for the 2011 fiscal year. Since this program, which would normally be expected to yield about \$5500, has been funded despite state budget cuts, we are returning it to the projected income for 2012. On the other hand, our bond principal has dropped to \$20,000 annually for the remaining 9 years of the bond. Since the rates we reduced in January 2010 brought in more than sufficient funds to meet the district's expenses in 2011, we plan a further rate reduction in 2012..

Our proposed 2012 project involves repairing and replacing several fire hydrants and flush points that have either given us mechanical trouble in the past, or are poorly located either with respect to maintenance or traffic. We plan to fund most of this from the fund balance, since we ran a surplus in 2011.

Large scale flushing operations seem to have brought our long-time sediment problem somewhat more under control, though we still see more of it than we would like to. More flushing is planned for 2012.

There is plenty of work for anyone interested in helping. Please contact one of the commissioners if you're looking for opportunities. In particular, we are looking for someone willing to serve as a commissioner.

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 31st of March 2012 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
5. An auditor 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 **\$55,560** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer. 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 **\$10,000** for the purpose of moving and replacing two existing fire hydrants, and replacing two flushing valves with fire hydrants. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2013, whichever is sooner, 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 28th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

At true copy attest:

*Robert Dnye*

*Henry Ingham*

*Ralph Patalano*

**Plainfield Village Water District  
Proposed 2012 Budget**

	<b>2011 Proposed</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Proposed</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Water Rent	\$60,000	\$55,225	\$51,800
District Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hydrant Service	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Income	\$50	\$33	\$40
Other Income	\$0	\$5,739	\$5,538
Transfer from Expendible	\$0	\$0	\$0
Starting cash balance	\$52,191	\$52,191	\$61,452
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$112,241</b>	<b>\$113,187</b>	<b>\$118,829</b>

**Plainfield Village Water District Budget (continued)**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Administrative

Officers Salaries	\$1,290	\$1,040	\$1,290
Officer Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$250
Clerical Salaries	\$250	\$220	\$220
Payroll Taxes	\$500	\$466	\$600
Postage	\$400	\$583	\$200
Office Expenses	\$1,000	\$317	\$1,000
Administrative/Legal	\$500	\$0	\$500
Insurance/Bonding	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$5,690</b>	<b>\$2,626</b>	<b>\$5,560</b>

Operations

Maintenance-Labor	\$8,000	\$7,240	\$8,000
Maintenance-Supplies	\$2,500	\$614	\$2,000
Maintenance-Service	\$2,500	\$98	\$2,000
Utilities-Electricity	\$2,100	\$2,900	\$3,000
Utilities-Propane	\$750	\$843	\$900
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,100	\$1,039	\$1,000
Water Sample Tests	\$3,500	\$891	\$1,200
System Improvements	\$3,500	\$350	\$3,500
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$23,950</b>	<b>\$13,975</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>

**DEBT**

Principal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$8,400
Tax Anticipation Notes repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$29,450</b>	<b>\$29,450</b>	<b>\$28,400</b>

**TOTAL OPEARTING  
EXPENSES**

\$59,090      \$46,051      \$55,560

**Article IV (2011 Warrant)**

\$5,000      \$650      \$2,200

**Article IV (2012 Warrant)**

\$5,000      \$650      \$10,000

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

\$64,090      \$46,701      \$67,760

**Plainfield Village Water District**  
**Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2011**

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<b>Opening Cash position</b>	<b>52,190.93</b>
Water Rent	55,224.71
Other Income	5,970.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,195.15</b>
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Admin Expenses	2,625.71
Operations	13,975.27
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	20,000.00
Bond Debt - Interest	9,450.00
TAN notes - interest	0.00
<b>Total operating disbursements</b>	<b>46,050.98</b>
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<b>Capital Projects</b>	
2011 Article IV	650.00
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<b>Transfers to Trust Funds</b>	
2009 Article 4	0.00
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<b>Transfers from Trust Funds</b>	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	0.00
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<b>Net cash flow before TAN borrowings</b>	<b>14,494.17</b>
Net TAN borrowings	0.00
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<b>Net change in cash balance</b>	<b>14,494.17</b>
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<b>Ending Cash position</b>	<b>66,685.10</b>



**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**ASSETS**

Cash		66,685
Accounts receivable		32,575
Machinery and equipment	124,288	
Buildings		10,000
Land and improvements	70,000	
Tank/Well project		<u>450,000</u>
Total assets		<u>\$ 753,548</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	250
Tax Anticipation Notes		0
Bond payable –NHMBB		<u>160,000</u>
Total liabilities		160,000

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted assets		<u>593,298</u>
Total liabilities and net assets		<u>\$ 753,548</u>

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**  
**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**March 26, 2011**

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.. He stated that the required warning and forms had been posted to allow for a legal meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant was offered by Sarah Gillens and seconded by Henry Ingham. A voice vote was taken and the motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article I. He then called for the election of officers as prescribed in the warrant:

Rob Drye moved and Henry Ingham seconded a motion that Jeff Moore be nominated for moderator for one year. Rob Drye moved and Sarah Gillens seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot for Jeff Moore for moderator for one year. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ralph Patalano moved and Sarah Gillens seconded a motion that Margaret Drye be nominated as clerk for one year. Ralph Patalano moved and Rob Drye seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot for Margaret Drye for clerk for one year. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Rob Drye moved and Henry Ingham seconded a motion that Ralph Patalano be nominated as commissioner for three years. Rob Drye moved and Sarah Gillens seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot for Ralph Patalano for commissioner for three years. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Robert Drye moved and Henry Ingham seconded a motion that Sarah Gillens be nominated as treasurer for one year. Rob Drye moved and Henry Ingham seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot for Sarah Gillens as treasurer for one year. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Rob Drye moved and Ralph Patalano seconded a motion that Laurie Atwater be nominated as auditor for one year. Rob Drye moved and Henry Ingham seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot for Laurie Atwater for auditor for one year. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article II.

The following motion was offered by Ralph Patalano and seconded by Rob Drye:

Resolved, that the District accept the reports of District officers as published in the Plainfield Town Report for 2010 on pages 92 through 102, subject to corrections.

Commissioner Drye pointed out that the position of auditor was not required in 2010. Because we missed the deadline for a waiver for this year, we will comply with the

requirement by having a locally elected auditor for one year. We meet the criteria for a waiver and will file for one for next year. We will have an audit for 2011.

NOTE: The trust fund balance is found on page 69 of the 2010 Annual Report.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article III.

The following motion was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Ralph Patalano:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$59,090** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed.

Commissioner Drye noted that the District has few changes in the budget this year and expects about the same income. We have dropped the hydrant fee to the town, and budgeted \$250 for the audit; all other budget items are flat. Some items were adjusted to reflect current costs (electricity, propane, phone) and our operations labor costs were lower while operations supplies were up. We will need to do radiologic and arsenic tests this year. We have \$180,000 left in our bond and do not plan to add to the maintenance fund this year.

The Moderator then called for a voice vote . The motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article IV.

The following motion was offered by Ralph Patalano and seconded by Rob Drye:

Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5000** for the purpose of converting District construction drawings and records to electronic format, including purchase of software for reading said drawings. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance.

Rob Drye moved and Ralph Patalano seconded a motion to amend the article to add “and necessary hardware” after the word ‘software.’ The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion, as amended. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article V.

Moderator Jeff Moore swore in the elected officers.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Sarah Gillens. A voice vote was taken. Moderator Jeff Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret Drye, Clerk*

March 26, 2011

**MARRIAGES 2011**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPLICANTS</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF ISSUANCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF MARRIAGE</b>
01/13/2011	Livingstone, Erik L Thurston, Elizabeth M	Meriden Hartland, VT	Lebanon	Lebanon
01/15/2011	Blumenauer, Michael P Favor, J M	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Hanover
04/30/2011	Hansen, Christine A Mead, Elizabeth S	Plainfield Plainfield	Lebanon	Meriden
05/29/2011	Bartles, Robert V McGean, Loren L	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/20/2011	Jackson, Matthew W Hresko, Danielle M	Plainfield Plainfield	Hanover	Hanover
09/10/2011	Hammond, Michael W Blake, Donna L	Plainfield Plainfield	Plainfield	Grantham

**BIRTHS – 2010**

<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
09/10/2010	Billingham, Ayden Ryan	Lebanon, NH	Billingham, Zachariah	Billingham, Jennifer

**BIRTHS – 2011**

<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
01/31/2011	Lundrigan, Piper Lynn	Lebanon, NH	Lundrigan, Patrick	Lundrigan, Alisha
02/07/2011	Duffy, Navah Elise	Lebanon, NH	Duffy, Ian	Brann, Jessica
06/11/2011	Fellows, Emma Kristine	Lebanon, NH	Fellows, Scott	Fellows, Michelle
06/12/2011	Tyler, Cheyenne Alexis	Lebanon, NH	Tyler, Trey	Tyler, Staci-Lee
07/01/2011	Piper, Caden Dean	Lebanon, NH	Piper, Nicholas	Piper, Amanda
10/14/2011	Henry, Gracyn David	Lebanon, NH	Henry, Brian	Henry, Jacqueline
11/17/2011	Nichols, Bella Rae	Claremont, NH	Nichols, Bradley	Woods, April

### DEATHS – 2011

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>
01/10/2011	Stettenheim, Sandra	Plainfield	Byers, David	Hendrick, Emma
04/22/2011	Simpson, Amy	Laconia	Bond, Paul	Bailey, Stella
06/08/2011	Taylor, Gretchen	Lebanon	Schnare, Herbert	Spurr, Blanche
06/11/2011	Della Badia, Joseph	Meriden	Della Badia, Thomas	Chown, Minnie
06/24/2011	Hollinger, R David	Lebanon	Hollinger, Ralph	Tronsky, Mary
08/31/2011	Eastman, David	Claremont	Eastman, Archie	Jones, Viola
09/03/2011	Meyette, John	Springfield, VT	Meyette, Joseph	Hill, Rose
09/04/2011	Palubniak, Ann	Grafton	Petrish, Simeon	Fedorka, Ponfelia
09/04/2011	Jordan, Alice	Windsor, VT	Williams, Claude	Waters, Mary
10/11/2011	Rogers, Jasmine	Plainfield	Rogers, Allen	Tilden, Karen
11/01/2011	Knapp, Sarah	Meriden	Knapp, Paul	Smith, Marie

## PLAINFIELD WEATHER 2011

(Observations by Doug Cogan)

MONTH	HIGH Temp(F)	LOW Temp(F)	MEAN Temp(F)	RAIN (Inches)	SNOW (Inches)	PRECIPITATION (Inches)
JANUARY	54	-25	18	--	32.25	2.02
FEBRUARY	55	-11	20	0.02	29.75	2.76
MARCH	64	-9	31	2.02	8.50	2.98
APRIL	81	19	45	3.15	6.75	4.16
MAY	88	30	60	5.83		5.83
JUNE	93	37	64	4.28		4.28
JULY	97	51	71	3.04		3.04
AUGUST	89	46	69	11.53 (record)		11.53
SEPTEMBER	82	35	63	5.56		5.56
OCTOBER	82	23	49	3.23	11.75 (record)	4.49
NOVEMBER	68	17	41	1.13	10.00	2.23
DECEMBER	55	7	30	2.73	6.00	3.08
TOTALS	--	--	--	42.52	.00	51.96
'11 AVG	57.4	36.0	46.4	--	--	--
10yr AVG	57.4	35.7	46.3	36.25	84.37	43.89

**Daily high temperature records:** June 8, 93degrees F; July 21, 95 degrees (tie); July 22, 97 degrees; Oct. 9, 82 degrees.

No record low temperatures were recorded.