

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

RECREATION COMMISSION

We finished the 2010-2011 basketball season in February. The 1st and 2nd grade group of 9 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the KUA gym. Our 3rd and 4th grade girls group of 10 and 3rd and 4th 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 3rd and 4th grade boy's baseball with a very large group of 21. Our 3rd and 4th 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 1st and 2nd graders making up 2 teams and an additional 9 participants to make up our farm team. 1st and 2nd 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 4th 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 3rd and 4th 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 1st and 2nd 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 3rd & 4th grade boys with a group of 7 and the 3rd and 4th 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 1st 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,

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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.