

## 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.