

Town of Plainfield, New Hampshire



2012 Annual Report

2012 Turkey Trot Participants

The Plainfield Community has hosted this annual family friendly event for more than 35 years. Participants leave from the Plainfield Elementary School anytime Thanksgiving morning with the winner being the one who arrives at the Plainfield Town Hall closest to 11:00am. Breck and Ashlyn Taber took home the golden turkey & the pie for 2012! Gorgeous weather brought out a record crowd. Bikers, walkers, runners are all welcome!

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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

Annual Report 2012

Annual Reports
of the
Officers and Selectmen
and the
School District



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**HOWARD W. ZEA
1916-2012**

The annual report of the Town of Plainfield for 2012 is dedicated to the memory of Howard W. Zea, who served the town as its clerk for 58 years and in numerous other capacities over the course of a long and productive life.

Howard became town clerk in 1943, assuming a portfolio of responsibilities ranging from registering dogs to recording births and deaths to maintaining the vast archive of town records dating from 1761. For the first 30 years of his tenure the town clerk's office was a small room off the Zea kitchen, and it might be said there were no office hours as such then—if he was home business could be transacted at any hour day or night, and people would often show up at 6 in the morning or 10 at night to register a car or secure a marriage license.

In 1973 the town completed construction of a new central school which included a wing containing offices for the town clerk and other officers and a fireproof vault to house its trove of official records. With the new facilities came regular hours for the town clerk, a radical change it seemed at the time, but it was in tune with the changing patterns of community life as Plainfield grew and prospered. Later town offices moved to the renovated Meriden town hall, with Howard presiding over ever-expanding duties coming from new laws and population growth.

Howard was honored by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen and the New Hampshire Executive Council when he retired as town clerk in 2001, having served the longest of any individual in the position in state history and also being recognized as the dean of town clerks in New England at the time. He was later honored by the Institute for New Hampshire Politics for his exemplary work in the conduct of federal, state and local elections over the lengthy span of his public service.

Beyond his service as a town officer Howard was a scholar and repository of all manner of Plainfield history. For an explanation of a peculiar local place name or the politics leading to the annexation of a third of the landmass of neighboring Grantham he was the person to see for he could be counted upon to offer a complete and interesting account. And his research into such obscure subjects as the original width of a highway right-of-way proved invaluable to fellow town officials on many occasions down through the years.

Howard Zea's devoted and distinguished service to the Town of Plainfield will inspire its citizens for generations to come.

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Paul B. Franklin	2014
TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	2013
SELECTBOARD	Judith A. Belyea, Chair	2013
	Thomas P. Williams Jr.	2014
	Robert W. Taylor	2015
TREASURER	Sarah Brookes-Governo	2013
TAX COLLECTOR	Ruth Ann Wheeler	2013
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Donald Garfield	2015
	Edward Stansfield	2014
	Jesse Stalker	2013
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Hillary Sundell	2015
	Mark Pensgen	2014
	Anita Brown	2013
	Kara Toms	2013
	Nancy Liston	2013
	Kimberly Moss	Resigned
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2018
	Donald Jordan	2015
	Sue Ellen Leugers	2013
	Diane Rogers	Resigned
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	James Taylor	2015
	Bradford Atwater	2014
	Jesse Stalker	2013
ASSIST. MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	
DEP. TOWN CLERK	Ruthann Wheeler	
BALLOT CLERKS	Sarah Brookes-Governo	
	Robin Marsh	
	Elizabeth Lurie	
	RoAnne Rogerson	
	Jill Young, Alt	
ROAD AGENT	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
Matthew Foss
Glen St. Amant
Matthew Agan
Lawrence Dore, Deputy Chief-Retired

PLANNING BOARD Jane Stephenson, Chair
Michael Sutherland
Allan Ferguson
Jeffrey Allbright
Elise Angelillo
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 Christine Danen
Joseph Bretton
Jean Strong
Rangi Keen
David Grobe
Bradford Atwater

**ENERGY
COMMITTEE**

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

UVLSRPC

James Taylor

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

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

**KUA STUDY
COMMITTEE**

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

**CONNECTICUT RIVER
JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Robert Kline

**MT ASCUTNEY
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Edward Moynihan
Elise Angelillo

SPIRIT DAY COMMITTEE Stephen Taylor
Nancy Norwalk
Lisa Pixley
Laura Dentino
Beverly Widger
Daniel Cantlin



August 26th Plainfield's First Spirit Day!!

**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 12th day of March next at eight 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 Town Clerk for three years, One Tax Collector for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, three Library Trustees two for a three year term and one for a two year term, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for three years and any other necessary town officers.

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 16th 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 **\$1,973,355** to defray town charges for the 2013 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$180,350
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	3,630
3. Financial Administration	66,300
4. Revaluation of Property	12,000
5. Legal Expenses	3,100
6. Personnel Administration	4,700
7. Planning and Zoning	1,200
8. General Government Buildings	6,025
9. Cemeteries	24,500
10. Insurance	35,700
11. Regional Associations	5,100
12. Police Department	349,298
13. Ambulance Service	28,500
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	45,000
-Meriden	40,000
15. Building Inspection	7,400
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	20,000

19. Highway Administration	22,800
20. Highways and Streets	622,800
21. Road Projects	98,300
22. Street Lights	8,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	147,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	46,810
25. Health Agencies	20,195
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	5,250
28. Recreation Commission	18,979
29. Library Department	113,818
30. Patriotic	1,000
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	5,250
Total:	\$ 1,973,355

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 **\$157,500** 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:

\$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.
\$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.

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 \$6,425 to be placed in the town's ADA Compliance Fund created in 2003. This sum is to come from the undesignated fund balance; no amount to be raised from current year taxation. Said sum being the amount of unexpended prior years' appropriations retained by the then Meriden Library Trustees. These funds have now been returned to the town's general fund. This article is intended to repurpose these funds. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to increase the town's current optional RSA 72:28 veterans tax credit from \$150 to \$300. Qualifications for receiving the credit to be as outlined in RSA 72:28. Article is by request and supported by the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to direct the Selectboard to appoint a committee to be charged with the study and if feasible, the development of a single lane covered bridge structure to be placed over the existing Daniels Road Bridge. It is the Selectboard's goal to complete this project without the support of property tax dollars.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to eighty (80) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will direct the Selectboard to appoint a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the office of elected Tax Collector and to authorize the Selectboard to appoint, effective at the end of the current term, a Tax Collector with a term of office not to exceed three years, subject to removal as allowed by state law. This article is by request of the Tax Collector with the support of the Selectboard.

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 Selectboard 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:

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

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2013 to December 31st 2013

EXPENDITURES	2012	2012	2013	Percent	Dollar
Item	Approved	Expenditures	Request	Change	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$178,210	\$177,880	\$180,350	1.20%	\$2,140
Election/Registration	\$5,130	\$4,589	\$3,630	-29.24%	(\$1,500)
Financial Administration	\$64,500	\$66,446	\$66,300	2.79%	\$1,800
Revaluation of Property	\$8,000	\$13,325	\$12,000	50.00%	\$4,000
Legal Expense	\$5,100	\$2,251	\$3,100	-39.22%	(\$2,000)
Personnel Administration	\$5,700	\$4,421	\$4,700	-17.54%	(\$1,000)
Planning and Zoning	\$1,200	\$2,123	\$1,200	0.00%	\$0
Government Buildings	\$5,025	\$8,734	\$6,025	19.90%	\$1,000
Cemeteries	\$28,000	\$29,575	\$24,500	-12.50%	(\$3,500)
Insurances	\$35,700	\$31,770	\$35,700	0.00%	\$0
Regional Associations	\$5,100	\$5,006	\$5,100	0.00%	\$0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$332,478	\$336,726	\$349,298	5.06%	\$16,820
Ambulance	\$28,500	\$28,785	\$28,500	0.00%	\$0
Fire-Plainfield	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	0.00%	\$0
Fire-Meriden	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	0.00%	\$0
Building Inspection	\$7,400	\$9,028	\$7,400	0.00%	\$0
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	0.00%	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$4,100	\$4,098	\$4,100	0.00%	\$0
Dispatch Service	\$20,000	\$20,515	\$20,000	0.00%	\$0
HIGHWAYS, STREETS					
Highway Administration	\$23,800	\$20,007	\$22,800	-4.20%	(\$1,000)
Highway and Streets	\$601,800	\$579,311	\$622,800	3.49%	\$21,000
Road Projects	\$103,163	\$109,299	\$98,300	-4.71%	(\$4,863)
Street Lights	\$8,500	\$8,536	\$8,000	-5.88%	(\$500)
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$143,500	\$141,749	\$147,000	2.44%	\$3,500
Solid Waste Disposal	\$49,810	\$45,627	\$46,810	-6.02%	(\$3,000)
Health					
Health Department	\$21,195	\$18,328	\$20,195	-4.72%	(\$1,000)
Animal Control	\$500	\$675	\$500	0.00%	\$0
WELFARE					
General Assistance	\$5,250	\$3,735	\$5,250	0.00%	\$0
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Recreation Commission	\$17,300	\$15,746	\$18,979	9.71%	\$1,679
Libraries	\$111,149	\$109,452	\$113,818	2.40%	\$2,669
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000	\$4,347	\$1,000	0.00%	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$2,556	\$500	0.00%	\$0

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2013 to December 31st 2013
(Continued)

DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$6,233	\$6,241	\$5,250	-15.77%	(\$983)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,938,093	\$1,920,881	\$1,973,355	1.82%	\$35,262

EXPENDITURES
Item

2012	2012	2013	Percent	Dollar
Approved	Expenditure	Request	Change	Change
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

Hwy Transportation Fund	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0%	\$0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%	\$0
Hwy Bridge Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	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	\$11,425	129%	\$6,425
Police Equipment Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%	\$0
Hwy Dumptruck/Body/Plow	\$155,000	\$146,433	\$0		(\$155,000)
Hwy Gravel Pit Expansion	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0		(\$12,000)
Spirit Day	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		(\$1,000)
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$325,500	\$316,933	\$163,925	-50%	(\$161,575)
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,263,593	\$2,237,814	\$2,137,280	-6%	(\$126,313)



BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2013 to December 31st 2013

REVENUES	2012	2012	2013	Percent	Dollar
Item	Anticipated	Received	Anticipated	Change	Change
TAXES					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$6,063	\$6,063	\$8,465	39.6%	\$2,402
Yield Taxes	\$20,000	\$26,568	\$15,000	-25.0%	(\$5,000)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$45,000	\$54,440	\$55,000	22.2%	\$10,000
Excavations	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
Licenses & Fees	\$8,000	\$6,011	\$8,000	0.0%	\$0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$400,000	\$402,515	\$415,000	3.8%	\$15,000
Trash User Fees	\$85,000	\$75,737	\$80,000	-5.9%	(\$5,000)
STATE REVENUE					
Rooms and Meals Dist	\$105,564	\$105,564	\$105,564	0.0%	\$0
Highway Block Grant	\$102,653	\$102,768	\$98,300	-4.2%	(\$4,353)
State Reimbursements	\$115	\$115	\$115	0.0%	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICE					
Income from Departments	\$30,000	\$24,939	\$31,425	4.8%	\$1,425
Reimbursements	\$2,500	\$1,252	\$2,500	0.0%	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE					
Sale of Town Property	\$10,000	\$7,436	\$1,000	-90.0%	(\$9,000)
Interest on Deposits	\$7,000	\$3,014	\$5,000	-28.6%	(\$2,000)
FEMA	\$25,000	\$26,755	\$15,000		(\$10,000)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$155,000	\$146,433	\$0		(\$155,000)
Trust Funds	\$11,000	\$8,143	\$10,000	-9.1%	(\$1,000)
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,013,895	\$998,753	\$851,369	-16.0%	(\$162,526)
NET APPROPRIATION	\$1,249,698	\$1,239,061	\$1,285,911	2.9%	\$36,213
Change in dollars from taxation:			\$36,213.00		
Projected tax rate impact			\$0.13		

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2012

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on March 13, 2012. Moderator Paul Franklin opened the meeting at 8:00 am with the reading of Article I. Michelle Marsh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Robin Marsh. The warrant will be read on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Total Number on Checklist: 1439

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 214

Percentage of Voting: 15%

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.

Select board Member for three years:

Robert Taylor had 199 votes.

Write In: Beverly Widger had 2 votes.

Robert Taylor was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Donald Garfield had 207 votes.

Donald Garfield was declared elected.

Two Library Trustees for three years:

Hillary Sundell had 181 votes.

Kimberly Moss had 164 votes.

Write In: Dennis Girouard had 4 votes.

Hillary Sundell and **Kimberly Moss** were declared elected.

Supervisor of the Checklist for six years:

Harold Jones had 205 votes.

Harold Jones was declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years:

James L. Taylor had 208 votes.

James L. Taylor was declared elected.

On Saturday, March 17, 2012 Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:00am. The meeting began with words of inspiration given by Rev. Harold “Dewey” Jones followed by a salute to the flag and the singing of My Country Tis of Thee.

Moderator Franklin asked for a moment of silence in memory of Howard Zea who served more than 58 years in combined services for the Town of Plainfield.

Selectmen Robert Taylor awarded the 2012 Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to Nancy Norwalk. Nancy’s service spans more than 40 years and includes 35 years as librarian at Phillip Read Memorial Library, serving on the town hall committee for both building renovations, Maxfield Parish Stage Set Committee, co editing Plainfacts and the Plainfield history book. Nancy also volunteered her time and service to the local 4-H groups, 4th of July Parade, town genealogy, Historical Society, Plainfield Elementary School and most recently to the towns very successful 250th Anniversary celebration. Thank You Nancy! A standing ovation was received.

Moderator Franklin introduced the town officials and explained the rules of the meeting. Stephen Taylor made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and proceed to Article 2. His motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2.

Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,938,093** to defray town charges for the 2012 fiscal year. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

1. Executive	\$178,210
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	5,130
3. Financial Administration	64,500
4. Revaluation of Property	8,000
5. Legal Expenses	5,100
6. Personnel Administration	5,700
7. Planning and Zoning	1,200
8. General Government Buildings	5,025
9. Cemeteries	28,000
10. Insurance	35,700
11. Regional Associations	5,100

12. Police Department	332,478
13. Ambulance Service	28,500
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	45,000
-Meriden	40,000
15. Building Inspection	7,400
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	20,000
19. Highway Administration	23,800
20. Highways and Streets	601,800
21. Road Projects	103,163
22. Street Lights	8,500
23. Solid Waste Collection	143,500
24. Solid Waste Disposal	49,810
25. Health Agencies	21,195
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	5,250
28. Recreation Commission	17,300
29. Library Department	111,149
30. Patriotic	1,000
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	6,233
Total:	\$ 1,938,093

Moderator Franklin recognized Town Administrator Stephen Halleran who took a moment to thank Jerry Doolittle for his 20 years of helping create our annual town report. Jerry and Martha sold Doolittle Print and Serve this year and Jerry has retired but not before creating one final cover for our annual report. Thank You Jerry! A round of applause followed.

Stephen Halleran reflected on the past year. Reporting on various projects including Brook Road, our new Zero sort recycling program and the upgraded technology in the police department. He also looked back at the winter when we actually got snow and used an unexpected large amount of fuel. When Irene presented herself, she caused some delay in the Brook Road project but that work will be completed this year with the remaining grant monies.

Steve reported that the town had a Wage and Salary study conducted which hadn't been done since 1993. He also stated that the town will undergo a property revaluation in 2013 following the every five year requirement.

Steve thanked all the departments for their hard work above and beyond after Irene hit and also gave a thank you to Al Grindle for his continued good work

and efforts with the town welfare program as well as the monthly senior luncheons.

Questions were asked and answered.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 123 No 11

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 3.

Selectwoman Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: Resolved that the town 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:

- \$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.

Thomas Williams, Jr. seconded the motion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 113 No 14

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 4:

Selectman Thomas Williams, Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$155,000** 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 \$155,000 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. Robert Taylor seconded the motion.

Selectman Williams explained that the motion was read with a figure of \$9,500.00 more than the original article to allow for a truck that has a built in sander which they feel would last longer.

Discussion followed.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 120 No 11

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 5:

Selectman Robert Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town vote to ratify a five year lease negotiated by the Selectboard 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. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

Selectman Taylor spoke to the motion on the floor explaining how the property came up for sale and the reasons why the purchase makes a lot of sense. He pointed out that at the end of the five year lease, the land would be ours and that the deed has already been written and is being held by the attorney.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 126 No 7

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 6:

Selectwoman Judy Belyea offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town, 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. Thomas Williams, Jr. seconded the motion.

Selectwoman Belyea explained we will add to the fund on a yearly basis so that when the current working pit is exhausted, we will have funds to support an effort to close it and turn it into a field.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 121 No 10

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 7:

Steve Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

That the town 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). Stephen Halleran seconded the motion.

Steve Taylor and Margaret Drye gave a recap of and spoke to the recent success of the 250th anniversary celebration. A round of applause was given to all of the committee members. A thank you went out to Rod Wendt for the slide show that was projected at this time and during breaks throughout the town meeting. With a community full of spirit and enthusiasm it seems fitting to have a gathering each year when we can come together to celebrate the end of summer with a corn roast and fireworks display.

A vote by voice was taken.

“Aye” all “No” none

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 8:

John Yacavone offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

That the town 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.

Jim Gray seconded the motion.

Mr. Yacavone spoke to the motion on the table by using a power point presentation. The ongoing supportive relationship between the town and school was discussed. Steve Halleran gave information as to how other towns who have private schools located in them deal with this issue.

Discussion followed with thoughtful questions being asked and answered.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 79 No 45

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 9:

Selectman Thomas Williams, Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

That the town direct the selectboard 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. Robert Taylor seconded the motion.

Selectman Williams recognized the committee members from last year.

A vote by voice was taken.

“Aye” all “No” none

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 10:

Selectman Robert Taylor 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 Selectmen and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Stephen Halleran seconded the motion.

Selectman Taylor recognized the committee members from last year.

A vote by voice was taken.

“Aye” all “No” none

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 11:

Selectwoman Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved that it be adopted: That the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the annual report, subject to corrections. A certified copy of the report to be placed on file with the Town Clerk. Stephen Halleran seconded the motion.

A vote by voice was taken.

“Aye” all “No” none

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 12:

Moderator Franklin swore in the following officers:

Robert Taylor	Selectman
Harold Jones	Supervisor of the Checklist

Kimberly Moss Library Trustee
Hillary Sundell Library Trustee

Donald Garfield was sworn in at the town office on March 20, 2012.
James Taylor was sworn in at the town office on March 20, 2012.

Margaret Drye moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. seconded by Kimberly Moss.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marsh
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1st, 2012	
Cash-checking	\$ 2,164,446
Cash-Investments	\$ 3,470
Total	\$ 2,167,916
 Receipts/ transfers in during the year	 \$8,525,270
Total available	\$10,693,186
 Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out	 \$7,995,040
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2012	\$2,698,146
Cash-Checking	\$2,694,672
Cash-Investments	\$3,474

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Brookes Governo, Treasurer

ONGOING AUTHORTIES Granted By Previous Annual Meetings

The 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 Fund created in 2008, authority 2008.

Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2012

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 178,210
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	5,130
Financial Administration.....	64,500
Revaluation of Property	8,000
Legal Expense	5,100
Personnel Administration.....	5,700
Planning and Zoning	1,200
General Government Buildings.....	5,025
Cemeteries.....	28,000
Insurances.....	35,700
Advertising and Regional Expense	5,100

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	332,478
Ambulance	28,500
Fire Protection.....	85,000
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	24,100
Building Inspection	7,400

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets.....	601,800
Road Projects	103,163
Street Lights	8,500

SANITATION

Garbage Collection.....	143,500
Solid Waste Disposal	49,810

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department	21,195
Pest Control.....	500

WELFARE

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

Recreation Commission	17,300
Libraries	111,149
Patriotic	1,000
Conservation Commission	500

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts.....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts	6,233

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$1,938,093

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 3 Police Equipment Fund	5,000
CAPITAL PURCHASES	
Article 4 Replacement Dumptruck w/plow/sander	155,000
Article 5. Land lease 67 Ferry Hill Road	12,000
Article 6, Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund	5,000
Article 7, Spirit Day	1,000
FUND CONTRIBUTIONS/CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL	\$325,500
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL.....	\$1, 938,093
TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,263,593

Library Director Nancy Norwalk Receiving the 2012 Stephen H. Taylor Award for Community Service



Photo Beverly Widger

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	\$90,192,068
Buildings	193,446,800
Public Utilities.....	7,129,900
Total value before exemptions	\$290,768,768

Blind Exemption	0
Elderly Exemption	1,137,200
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption	211,100
Solar Energy Exemption	294,800
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote)	5,580,300
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
Total exemptions allowed	\$7,223,400

Net value used for local tax rate.....	\$283,395,368
Net value used for state education rate	\$276,265,468
(local tax rate value less utilities)	

Electric Utility Property detail

Liberty Utility.....	\$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)	16,650
Total war service credits.....	\$19,450

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land	2,908
Forest Land.....	23,439
Unproductive Land.....	1,608
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions)	27,955

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,263,593
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,013,895
Overlay	add	25,000
War Service Credits	add	19,450
A) Net Town Appropriation	Equals	\$1,294,148
Net Local School Budget		5,581,445
Adequate Education Grant	less	794,931
State Education Taxes	less	669,831
B) Approved Local School Assessment	Equals	4,116,683
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	669,831
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	830,908
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	Equals	\$6,911,570

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$6,911,570
Less War Service Credits	19,450
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	\$6,891,520

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	4.39	4.57
County	2.93	2.93
School local	14.18	14.53
School state	2.35	2.42
Combined tax rate	\$23.85	\$24.45

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$281,990,682	\$283,395,368
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$274,860,782	\$276,265,468
(Net local value less utility valuations)		

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)	24,906,000
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop)	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote)	5,747,044

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 \$41,585,744

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
Plummer Road land 6.3 acres.....	\$14,200
Stage Road land .6 acre	\$20,300

**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
Sumner's Falls Ledges	10,200
Stage Road Land	20,300
Hedgehog Road Land.....	14,200
TOTAL	\$7,490,500

Flag Pole Installed at the Town's Service Memorial



Photo: Stephen Halleran

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2012

We are waiting for the state to incorporate the last phase of the boat agent online system so we can gain access and begin registering boats. It looks like we should be up and running sometime in February. If you get your boat renewal in the mail, give us a call to see if we are ready.

Following the 15 year rule, all 1998 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.

Don't forget to renew your dog licenses!

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

Michelle Marsh

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR- 2012

Plainfield tax payers have continued to make timely payments which enables our town to pay its obligations without having to borrow monies. As I reflect on the last twenty-seven years, we have gone from hand posting of taxes to computer programs which have made record keeping more accurate and produce up to date reports easily making it possible to keep the town administration aware of payment trends or struggles. We do look at delinquencies and consider the circumstances of the taxpayers. The adoption of the tax lien process over the tax sale put the final disposition of delinquencies in the hands of the Selectboard. I have found that our governing board have dealt with problems with compassion and understanding and though we have deeded miscellaneous pieces of land, no one has ever been forced to leave their home.

As property taxes will continue to rise with expenses, it is still the will of the townspeople that control these expenses. While we all want the best for the Town, we must look to our fellow taxpayers and realize that not everyone can afford the increases in taxes that come with the added expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler

Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year ending December 31st 2012

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes		
Beginning of fiscal year	2012	2011
Property taxes		\$299,552
Timber yield tax		\$170
Land use change tax		\$0
Excavations		\$0
Prior year's credit balances	(\$31)	
This year's new credits	(\$4,842)	
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property taxes	\$6,894,167	\$10,892
Land use change taxes	\$16,930	
Yield taxes	\$26,568	
Overpayments		
Property taxes	\$2,946	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$3,725	\$18,398
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,939,462	\$329,011
	-Credits-	
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property taxes	\$6,536,208	\$144,604
Land use changes taxes	\$16,930	\$1,150
Excavation	\$0	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$23,491	\$170
Interest on taxes	\$3,724	\$18,398
Converted to liens (principal only)	0	\$165,821
Prior year overpayments assigned	(\$31)	
Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year		
Property taxes	\$5,767	\$19
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year		
Property taxes	\$352,193	
Timber Yield Tax	3,078	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$1,896)	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,939,462	\$329,011

TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2012

	-Debits-		
Unredeemed Liens	2011	2010	2009+
Beginning of year	\$0	\$108,463	\$109,606
New liens	\$178,146		
Interests/Penalties	\$2,283	\$10,418	\$19,820
TOTAL DEBITS	\$180,429	\$118,881	\$129,426

	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$60,568	\$37,959	\$56,411
Interest/Penalties	\$2,283	\$10,418	\$19,820
Liens deed to municipality	\$957	\$953	\$640
Unredeemed liens	\$116,621	\$69,551	\$52,555
TOTAL CREDITS	\$180,429	\$118,881	\$129,426

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2012

Total reports filed	27
Total yield tax assessed	\$26,568
Softwood cut, MBF	1,097,309
Hardwood cut, MBF	635,916
Cordwood cut, cords.....	532
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	13,524
Pulpwood, cords	0
Whole tree chips, tons	18,142

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith A. Belyea,
 Yield Tax Agent

SELECTBOARD REPORT -2012

This is our yearly opportunity to update Plainfield residents on the work of their town's executive branch. The Selectboard would like to begin by thanking our dedicated and hard working staff and volunteers for their hard work. All of our departments, boards and committees etc. contribute so much to our community. Plainfield continues to benefit from a core group of active, civic minded people who make our town special. If you would like to get involved, you can join us for our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the every month at 6 pm at the Meriden Town Hall. You can also get in touch with us through our town office staff (call 603-469-3201) or by visiting the official Town website (www.plainfieldnh.org). You will find below, in no particular order, some of the areas we wish to detail you on. The written minutes for all Selectboard meetings may be found in the monthly issues of Plain Facts, on our town's website or by viewing them at the Plainfield Town Office.

- Willow Brook Road "Completion" Phase – Our contractor, Morrill Construction, was finally able to finish the FEMA funded hazard mitigation work at two different water crossings on this busy town road (1000+ trips a day). Work began years ago planning for this project and it was nice to see it through to the new bridge/culverts at both Cole Brook and Hibbard Brook respectively. We believe this to be the end of nearly 4 years of improvements to this road. The feedback from Willow Brook Road drivers has been very positive thus far.
- Highway Dump Truck Replacement – We are pleased to report that a brand new International dump truck is now in service to the town at the highway garage. The new machine features a "municipal" style body that functions both as a dump body and sander in one. This means more utility and better performance. The old truck was traded in at purchase and we now begin the process of saving money in our capital reserve for the next big ticket replacement, most likely to be a grader in some years time.
- Police Department Staffing – In June, the Selectboard celebrated the long and dedicated service of Larry Dore to the town's police department. Deputy Chief Dore retired as the longest-serving employee in the town's police department history. We would like to wish Larry and his wife Bev a happy and healthy retirement together. This retirement, along with a departure of another long time police officer, presented us with some serious staffing challenges. With a little trial and error, we seem to have found some new officers who can help guide the department into the future. Chief Paul Roberts is to be commended for his leadership during our staffing transitions. Our police department provides an extremely important service to our town, and we are blessed to be so well served by our dedicated and highly trained officers.
- Cable Franchise Renewal – With our current cable provider, Comcast, we have worked towards negotiating a new franchise agreement. The most important thing the Selectboard sees going forward here, is the expansion of

the current geographic area served by broadband internet providers. We have heard from many people who either live just outside of Comcast's service area or who are nowhere near broadband capabilities. Our negotiating partner at Comcast has promised us that expansion in certain areas is most likely possible. Obviously feasibility is a primary concern for any service provider and we hope to conclude negotiations in 2013. We will not sign an agreement that does not provide some expansion of coverage. It is helpful to note that Fairpoint Telephone Co. has seen this opportunity to expand their service (DSL) to many areas in town.

- Townwide Property Tax Revaluation – As mandated by New Hampshire state law, the town of Plainfield has negotiated a contract with Avatar Inc. to conduct a complete town-wide revaluation for tax purposes. This project commenced during the fall 2012 and should be complete for the 2013 tax billing cycle. Work for this project includes site visits to all properties for measurement and listing purposes, as well as a comprehensive analysis of recent sales data for value calculation. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this process and we hope that the end result is an accurate, fair and efficient property tax system.
- Class VI Roads – Over the course of 2012, issues with class VI roads came to the forefront. Many residents expressed a desire to use a provision of New Hampshire RSA statutes known as " gates and bars". While the Selectboard has indicated a consistent wish to maintain public access for all on town rights-of-way, it has become clear that something needs to be done to protect the public and these fragile old roads. Therefore, we developed a new written policy concerning the placement of gates and bars, that will strike a balance between protecting historic access and protecting the public and property. We also plan for improved signage and enforcement of laws preventing destruction of Class VI roads. So far we have approved one such gate project and anticipate others may follow. Please remember that at no time will any road be completely shut off and that all gates and bars must be unlocked and access assured.
- Townwide Library System – This year was a maturation year for our town's new combined library trustees board. In early 2012 the Selectboard was made aware of an accounting error concerning unspent appropriations at the Meriden library. Working with the state of New Hampshire attorney general's office our library trustees investigated the situation, determined the scope of the accounting errors and returned said funds to the town. We would like to thank the trustees and others including current and former staff for their work in resolving issues related to this matter. In general the combination of the Meriden and Plainfield library boards into one town-wide board seems to have had a positive impact and is taking Plainfield in the right direction for the future.

As a rule the Plainfield Selectboard runs a tight ship. We recognize that everything we do will impact the taxpayers in a myriad of ways. The challenges we face are numerous. One of the largest economic challenges is the so-called downshifting of what was once state funded obligations to the local municipality. This is particularly true when it comes to retirement pensions for our staff. Another dwindling contribution from the state is known as the highway block grant, which we have traditionally used for pavement projects. Unfortunately these funds are in decline and with rising petroleum prices, they provide less and less value to the town. It seems as though we will continue to face these headwinds for some time.

We hope to see you at Town Meeting 2013 for some important discussions and debate!

See you at Town Meeting,

Judy Belyea, Tom Williams Jr., Rob Taylor

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2012:

Windsor Ambulance: The town renewed a three year agreement with the Town of Windsor for ambulance service to the Plainfield Plain section of the community. The Selectboard in consultation with our EMS providers continues to believe that Plainfield is best served by splitting the town coverage area between Windsor (south/west) and Lebanon ambulance (north/east).

Schulman Land: The Selectboard, the Planning Board and Conservation Commission were able to work with the landowner to protect, as part of a larger subdivision project, 19 acres of wetland.

Class VI Road Gate Ordinance: Responding to landowner concerns the Selectmen developed and approved an ordinance which, in certain circumstances, allows a private landowner to install an unlocked gate across a class VI (unmaintained) public road. Gates and bars on these roads have a long legislative history. However, as these roads are full public rights of way the Plainfield Selectboard has been hesitant to approve their installation. This new ordinance establishes a well defined process for requesting a gate.

Service Memorial Flag Pole: Aided by private donations and our Highway Department, the town was able to purchase and have installed a suitable flag pole for the service memorial.

Plainfield Cemetery retaining wall: At the direction of the Cemetery Trustees the town was able to partner with local mason Timothy Cloud to develop a reasonably priced option for repairing a retaining wall in the Plainfield Plain Cemetery that was in proximity to existing graves and showing significant signs of failing.

Willow Brook Road: The replacement of the two large culverts on Willow Brook Road with what amounts to two small bridges exhausted the town's FEMA grant for the project and brings to a close the reconstruction of this important highway in our town. Since

2008 the town has spent \$1,274,000 on the reconstruction of that \$653,065 came from two FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants awarded to the Town of Plainfield by the State of New Hampshire.

Comcast: The town is now in the process of renewing our existing franchise agreement with Comcast. The over riding goal of the project is to expand the availability of broad band internet service. It’s still unclear as to how successful this effort will be. FairPoint Communications activation of DSL in many parts of Plainfield this year has helped expand broad band to many parts of Plainfield Village that previously were unserved.

Hartland Shooting Range: While not in our town or even our state, the town was able to broker a meeting between our residents and officials from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Agency so that concerns about the Hartland Shooting range could be voiced to those with responsibilities over the range.

Submitted,

Stephen Halleran, Town Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Case 2012-01 Kimball Union Academy: Wind powered electric generator to be located behind Miller Centennial Building. Student project for educational purposes. Revision to 2011-02

Case 2012-02 New Cingular Wireless: 10’ extension to existing tower #95 Beauty Hill Road.

Submitted,

Richard Colburn, Chair Zoning 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	9	Renewals
1	Replacement camp	3	Commercial projects
6	Garages	5	Electrical upgrades
24	Renovations/Misc.	7	Additions
5	Decks/porches	14	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
2	Solar panels		

Permit total= 79

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

Subdivision:

Schulman Robert	4 new lots, Ladieu Road
Kimball Union Academy	1 new lot, Bean Road
West, George & Gertrude	1 new lot, w/annexation Route 12A
Sharkey, Nathan and Elizabeth	1 new lot, Old County Road
Hudson, Shirley	3 new lots, Old County Road
Marrazzo Properties LLC	3 new lots, Croydon Turnpike
Jordan, Donald & Judith	1 new lot, Kenyon Road

Annexations:

Binger David	2.72 Acres to Shirley Hudson, Old Country Rd
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Site Plan Reviews:

Yates, Ann	Expansion to village store Route, 12A
Kimball Union Academy	Wind tower, Miller Centennial Building

Scenic Road Hearings:

Liberty Utilities	Grantham Mt., Chellis, Harriman and Whitaker Roads, power line maintenance.
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Public Service of NH	Daniels Road and Kenyon Road power line maintenance.
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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 31st 2016 and is made to the town's Governing Body. Contact the town office for more information.

Submitted,

Jane Stephenson, Chair Planning Board

REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2012

Advocacy 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.

The PCC has been involved in the discussions and field walks with the State of New Hampshire and their future logging of the Annie Duncan Forest.

Stewardship 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; monitor Class VI road protection issues and measures.

Monitoring reports have been sent to the Office of Energy and Planning for Morgan Hill, Benson Town Forest and Mud Pond. The report for the Walker Farm is partially completed at this time.

Currently the commission is researching and considering the mechanism to change a Class VI Road to a Class A Trail. The public can still access a Class A Trail on foot. However, if the public wishes to use a vehicle on the trail, he/she must have written permission from the landowner. The change this type of road's status must be voted at the Annual Town Meeting.

In addition, the PCC will discuss and plan to add the monitoring of the Shulman property (see below) to the list of lands stewarded by the Town of Plainfield.

Operation 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.

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

FORESTRY WORKSHOP It was a picture-perfect day in June 2012 when several Plainfield residents joined some members of the PCC to walk the Loomis Road property (development rights owned by the Nature Conservancy) to learn the landowner's role in the proper harvesting of a forest. The workshop illustrated the steps to ensure a successful timber harvest which can provide income, improve wildlife habitat, and result in trails,

better access, views, and a healthy and vigorous forest for the future. We appreciate the Saturday morning Karen Bennett (NH Cooperative Extension) and Erhardt Frost (Forester) gave to us sharing their many years of experience with timber sales, loggers and registered foresters.

GREEN-UP WEEK The 2012 Annual Green-Up Week (April of each year), advertised at District and Town Meetings, was again successful as various residents volunteered to pick up discarded items along our town's roads. Your time and effort are much appreciated!

WEBSITE 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. The website is still "under construction" with the assistance of Mike Sutherland and former PCC member, Judy Hallam. Take a look at the site on www.plainfieldnh.org

Projects consist 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.

KOEHLER TRAILHEAD In early December, the PCC and the Plainfield Highway Department worked together to install a kiosk at the Koehler Trailhead on Sanborn Road. The trails that leave this trailhead can take you many places—one of which is the shortest walk to French's Ledges. The various trails accessed from the parking area connect to Columbus Jordan Road on Colby Hill where George Koehler, long-time Plainfield resident, used to enjoy walking to the Spencer and/or Farnum Lots.



SHULMANS' LAND GIFT The family of Renee Shulman (Ladieu Road) gifted 19 acres to the Town of Plainfield. The land is south of the intersection of Ladieu and Porter Roads. The Shulman family gave this land to the community to enjoy its recreational, aesthetic, wildlife-habitat and water-quality value. An added value is the potential of this site's connection to town-owned Farnum Lot and its connectivity to the existing community trail network at the Plainfield Elementary School. It's a beautiful site and ready for your enjoyment.

HANCHETTS BROOK FOREST The Upper Valley Land Trust was successful obtaining a grant through the NH Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund for the conservation of the Hanchetts Brook Forest in Plainfield, NH.

- Some of the benefits of conserving the Hanchetts Brook Forest include:
- The protection of 101 acres of upland forest adjacent to Hanchetts Brook;
 - The protection of 1750 feet of frontage on Hanchetts Brook, which frontage is among the Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region by Ecological Condition illustrated in New Hampshire’s Wildlife Action Plan (WAP);
 - Protection of rare plant communities and some rare insects;
 - Adding more conserved land in proximity to already-conserved lands within the Town of Plainfield;

MAPPING PROJECT The PCC now subscribes to an inexpensive service offered through the State. This service stores our archived mapping data contained in our Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) and analyzes it upon request. We have avoided 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 decision-making commissions, committees and boards is working on at the time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Ferguson, Chair
 Conservation Commission
pcc@plainfieldnh.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/12 Beg. Balance	\$18,749
	Interest earned	\$21
Balance	12/31/12	\$18,770
Conservation Commission Fund	01/01/12 Balance	\$52,494
	Interest earned	\$61
	Current use penalty monies in ('10/'11)	\$7,582
Balance	12/31/12	\$ 60,137

RECREATION COMMISSION-2012

We finished the 2011-2012 basketball season in February. The 1st and 2nd grade group of 20 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the KUA gym. This was more than twice the participation from the previous year. Our 3rd and 4th grade girls group of 7 and 3rd and 4th grade boys group of 7 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. Again this year was a challenge to get practice time in with the available gym time.

In the spring we started our 3rd and 4th grade boy's baseball with a large group of 18. 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 other 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 up a little from last year with 22 1st and 2nd graders making up 2 teams and an additional 13 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, Prescott Field, and Cory Taber Field.

Our annual fishing Derby was held on a rainy June 2nd 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. Ice cream cones were handed out from the Meriden Deli to all participants. Despite the poor weather, we had 48 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Finn Kopp with his 16-1/2" trout. A total of 72 fish were caught during the derby. I would like to give a huge thank you to our many volunteers, 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.

Unfortunately, because of construction going on at KUA, we were unable to offer our tennis program this past year. Our plans are to restart this in 2013. It is a great 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 third and fourth grade boy's team made up of 17 boys and the third and fourth grade 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 25 players. These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 20 kids that participated in the kindergarten group.

The 2012-2013 basketball season got started for our 3/4 grade boys with a group of 9 and the 3/4 grade girls with a group of 9 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 started in December.

In the coming year of 2013, I look forward to continued participation in our youth programs. I am happy to hear any input as to what we as a community are looking for to improve on what we have. Please feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions and comments.

Also starting this year we will continue the newly created Spirit Day held on the last Sunday of August. This event was an extension of our 250th celebration which was held in 2011. It is a great way to get together as a community as the summer comes to an end. I hope to see you all there.

I would like to thank all our coach's 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 are both fun and rewarding.

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

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Trustees report for 2012

The Trustees spent the past year working on several policies; resolving the unspent public funds in the custody of the Meriden Public Library; working and finalizing a reasonable budget for 2013 that stays within the guidelines set by the Town; and requesting the Selectboard to appoint a study committee to work on the ADA compliance issue facing the Meriden Library on behalf of the Trustees. Please see the additional report submitted by the ADA Study Committee.

We celebrated Meriden Library going "Live" with the online catalog. On December 6, 2012 the switch was flipped on for the automation of the catalog and circulation system with cataloging continuing. Philip Read is moving forward with the automation of its collection and will go live in 2013.

Kara Toms, sadly, will not be running for re-election as trustee this year. We thank Kara for her time, commitment and enthusiasm in serving on the Board. For personal reason Kim Moss had to step down shortly after being elected trustee. Nancy Liston was then appointed to fill her position for the remainder of the year. We also say thank you and best wishes to a long time library aide in the Meriden Library, Annamay Chapman. After many years of service to the library and its patrons, she retired on December 31, 2012. Diane Rogers resigned her library aide position in the Philip Read Memorial Library earlier this year. Both Annamay and Diane were valuable assets to the libraries and their patrons. They both will be missed.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help keep our libraries running smoothly.

We welcome and encourage interested residents to join us for our open meetings generally held on the second Monday of each month at alternating locations. Minutes are available for your review on the Town's website and on the libraries new and updated websites.

Plainfield Public Libraries Board of Trustees: *Anita Brown, Chair; Kara Toms, Vice Chair; Mark Pensgen, Treasurer; Nancy Liston; Hillary Sundell, Secretary* –
library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org



Presentation of children's books to local day care providers as part of the grant received by the Philip Read Memorial Library from the Children's Literacy Foundation.

Photo by Nancy Norwalk

Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

Income	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2013</u>
Town Appropriation	\$111,149	\$111,130	\$113,818
Trust Funds	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250
Gifts/Grants	\$100	\$4,066	\$100
Book Fines/Copier	\$200	\$717	\$200
Book Sales	\$0		
Total Interest Income	\$10	\$40	\$10
Encumbered Funds		\$2,404	\$4,360
Misc Income	\$600	\$248	\$600
Total Income	\$115,309	\$121,856	\$122,338
Expense			
Salaries	\$66,054	\$65,883	\$69,323
Sick Pay	\$1,285		\$1,285
Total Library Materials	\$14,700	\$13,872	\$14,700
Telephone	\$1,620	\$1,688	\$1,620
Electricity	\$4,400	\$4,031	\$4,100
Fuel	\$10,700	\$7,857	\$8,900
Water/Sewer	\$800	\$595	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,150	\$2,300
Postage	\$550	\$424	\$500
Professional Activities	\$900	\$769	\$900
Programs	\$1,000	\$2,055	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$600	\$396	\$300
Elevator	\$1,700	\$1,537	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$4,400	\$5,159	\$4,600
Automation/Cataloging	\$2,500	\$2,673	\$2,300
Computer	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,800
Trustee Expense			\$650
Misc Expense	\$300	\$57	\$200
Encumbered Funds			\$4,360
Total Expense	\$115,309	\$110,646	\$122,338
Net Ordinary Income		\$11,210	
Other Income, Expense and Liabilities			
Income/Transfers			
Bldg Fund Gifts-from Friends of PRML		\$33,121	\$90,052
Transfer from Blg fund-Meriden		\$4,600	\$5,019
Expense			
Automation Expense from Grants		\$700	
Materials from fines account		\$899	
Building funds Expense-PRML		\$33,121	\$90,052
Building funds Expense-Meriden		\$4,600	\$5,019
Net Other Income and Expense		-\$1,599	
Less 2012 payable items (encumbered)		-\$4,360	

Total Net Income	\$5,252
Amount to be returned to town (unspent public funds)	\$684
Fund Balances-Year End	
Philip Read Checking	\$7,982
Philip Read Fines Account	\$2,046
Meriden Checking	\$3,927
Meriden Petty Cash	\$48
Meriden Building Fund	
Savings	\$27,133
Vanguard Money Market	\$38,054
Vanguard Windsor Fund	\$20,586
Payable to Town of Plainfield for prior year unexpended funds from Meriden Library	\$6,424

MERIDEN LIBRARY

The Meriden Library was as busy as ever in 2012. We again saw increases in both patron visits and circulated items. In 2012, we had 5,787 patron visits and circulated 8046 items and we added 420 books, audio books and DVDs to the collection.

Much of our work this year was focused on preparation for automating the library. Within that work was the process of re-registering all patrons to provide them with the bar-coded library card needed for our new circulation system. By the end of 2012, there were 195 registered patrons.

The greater part of the automation work was centered on our materials collection. Every article that the library holds needs to be cataloged into an on-line database. The work began in March and at year end 4,102 records had been entered into the database. This work provided us with the opportunity to assess our collection and we have withdrawn more than 1,000 worn, under circulated or outdated items. When we have completed the process of cataloging all materials in 2013, we will then have an accurate count of our holdings. Our current estimate of holdings is 10,000 items.

In addition to the materials available at the library, through our paid membership to the New Hampshire Downloadable Consortium, our patrons also have access to approximately 12,000 audio books and e-books. We saw an increase of 60% in the use of this service by our patrons. E-books downloaded to Kindle devices accounted for most of the increased use.

Thanks to the generosity of ARC Mechanical a ductless heat system was installed at the Meriden Library in May. ARC donated their labor and the equipment was provided at wholesale cost. The system kept the building cool in the summer providing a cool place for patrons and has greatly reduced the heating oil expense during colder months.

We offered many programs for both adults and children during the year. Besides our on-going weekly story time, monthly book groups and Genealogy Club we also offered after

school craft programs, information sessions for the New Hampshire Downloadable Books and the Evergreen catalog. A program highlight this year was a New Hampshire Humanities Council program that we sponsored, New Hampshire's One Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality. Meriden's own Steve Taylor was the presenter.

Our summer was busy with the summer reading program, Dream Big Read. Through a Kids, Books and the Arts grant from the NH State Library storyteller Simon Brooks performed stories for children and adults. The Children's Museum of New Hampshire came to present "Up All Night in New Hampshire" a program focused on nocturnal animals found in New Hampshire. In August we held "Explore the Night Sky" an evening program for stargazing.

Our most exciting day of the year was December 6' when we finally went live with the Evergreen software. That day we began using the software for all circulation functions and the Plainfield Public Library catalog was introduced on our web site allowing patrons to access the catalog from home.

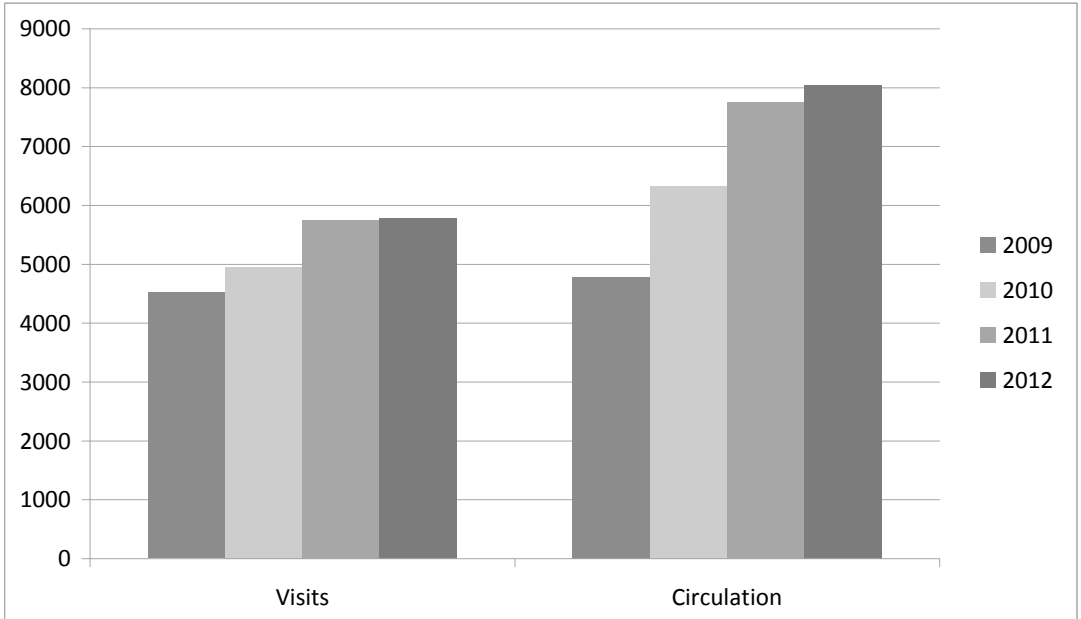
Our community benefits from the time and talent of all of the many volunteers who contribute to the library throughout the year. I specifically want to recognize the volunteers that devoted hundreds of hours to move the automation process along by cataloging books. Nearly all of the cataloging has been done by Barbara Wendt, Jeanne Thompson and Fawn Goodrow. I am so grateful for their on-going commitment to move our library forward.

Annamay Chapman a long-time and dedicated employee of the Meriden Library retired on December 31, 2102. Along with the Trustees of the Plainfield Public Libraries, I thank her for her many years of service to the library and the community. She will be missed.

All of the service that we provided and the goals that have been achieved this year would not have been possible without the leadership and direction of the Trustees of the Plainfield Public Libraries. I want to thank Anita Brown, Nancy Liston, Mark Pensgen, Hillary Sundell and Kara Toms for the many, many hours that they devote to our libraries.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. King, Director
Meriden Library

Our Numbers by Year



MERIDEN LIBRARY ADA COMPLIANCE STUDY COMMITTEE January 24, 2013

Committee Members & Activities

The goal of the Committee is to study the requirements for making the Meriden Library more accessible to people with disabilities, and develop a range of options with pros, cons, and costs of each. Work is to be completed by the end of 2013. Committee members are Brad Atwater, Judy Hallam, Bob Kline, Amy Lappin, Rod Wendt (Chair). In our 6 weeks of work, we have had 3 meetings. The most important was an extended meeting in both the Philip Read and Meriden Library facilities on December 10, 2012 with Jillian Shedd, Accessibility Specialist with the NH Governor's Commission on Disability. Ms. Shedd advised us on what the Americans with Disabilities Act requires and how our two libraries measure up.

What the Law Requires

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all public services and programs be equally accessible by all people, regardless of their disability.

Library compliance can be achieved in two ways or a combination of them:

1. Facilities can be made physically accessible, providing access to all spaces in which programmatic functions (media collections, meeting spaces, etc.) are offered. This includes an ADA-accessible bathroom.

2. Programs can be offered in ways that reach beyond non-physically-accessible spaces via alternative delivery approaches or delivery in nearby accessible settings. Collections can be accessed online; media delivered to curbside or homes; programs offered off-site in accessible spaces, etc.

The Meriden Library does not meet the physical access standard today. Steep outside and inside steps deny physical access for all. The bathroom does not meet ADA standards. Valiant efforts have been made to offer access to books and other media in alternative ways (home delivery, curbside delivery) and to offer some programs in accessible locations, but not all programs are offered this way.

Philip Read Memorial Library is fully accessible. Its media collections, services and programs are available on an equal basis to all patrons, with or without disabilities. However, this does not help Meriden Library's accessibility problem unless the libraries have the same operating hours and all programs are offered in an accessible format somewhere in town.

Once we begin the process of providing physical accessibility, we are obligated to complete it in some reasonable timeframe (reasonable not defined). If we put up an access ramp, we are committing ourselves—eventually—to provide access to all function spaces and an ADA-accessible bathroom. An “ADA Transition Plan,” while not required, is a useful tool to project our course and plot our progress.

Next Steps

Armed with an understanding of what the law requires, the Committee, in close consultation with the Library Trustees, will be exploring a variety of ways in which ADA compliance might be achieved in Meriden, and the pros, cons and costs of each. Rough costs will be developed with the help of local contractors. Our goal is to involve the people of Plainfield (Plainfield, Meriden and East Plainfield) as deeply in this process as we can. Community input meetings and a community-wide survey are likely during 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Wendt, Chair



**Story telling on a summer evening at the Meriden Library
Photo: Mary King**



**PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Calendar Year 2012**

The Philip Read Memorial Library is a thriving facility in the center of Plainfield Village. The library is vibrant with activities, people, information and services. During 2012, 9048 patrons visited the library and checked out 13,025 items, an increase over last year. Available at your library are books, magazines, audio tapes/CDs, movies, museum passes, e-books and downloadable audio from our membership in the New Hampshire State Library consortium, databases such as Ancestry and Heritage, meeting space, programs, computers, Wi-Fi and more.

The public computers and Wi-Fi continue to be heavily used. Eleven town organizations used our space regularly for their meetings.

2012 saw many new projects this year. Our website had a makeover. We are indebted to the late George Adams, who designed our website in 1997 (the first in Plainfield), when code had to be written by hand, and had maintained it since. He and Mike Sutherland re-designed the site this year. While keeping some of the original features, much information is being added, including the on-line catalog, which is in process. Teagan Atwater set up a Facebook page for the library. In addition to passes for the Currier Museum of Art and the American Precision Museum, passes to The Fells in Newbury, NH, are now available.

The major project begun this year is the automation of the library collection in partnership with the Howe Library in Hanover. Volunteers at both libraries have been adding our holdings into a computer system, which will replace the card catalog and the hand-stamp circulation system. Philip Read expects to go on-line with the system later in 2013, joining the Meriden Library in this automated system. Thank you to all the volunteers who are working on the automation project and who helped with many other library tasks. This year, 27 volunteers worked 750 hours to benefit our library.

I wish to thank Diane Rogers for her many years of contributions to the library, first as a volunteer and then as a library aide. Diane has read for countless story hours, organized many activities and fundraisers—from the library talent shows to raffles and everything in between. Her many innovative ideas have improved the library and helped make it an exciting place. She has always been willing to go along with all my “fun” projects. The other staff members and I miss having her work at the library.

Regular programming which continued throughout the year were: for children--story times, craft activities, Saturday morning board and card games, children's plays at the Plainfield Town Hall with the Papermill Theatre (7 plays), movie nights (made possible by the purchase of a digital projector with a grant from the Tasker Bridge Fund, the Summer Reading Program—Dream Big, Read (with five programs); for adults—book discussions. Special children's programs held were: participation in the Plainfield School's “Poem in a Pocket” project; readings with children's author/illustrator D. B. Johnson (“Magritte's Marvelous Hat”); author Henry Homeyer (“Wobar and the Quest for the Magic Calument”) and illustrator Josh Yunger; “Born to Hunt,” a live bird presentation from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science; the Civil Air Patrol with Joah and Dana Moss; Christmas story time and photos with Santa; and at Halloween, handing out treats and paperback books to 158 children. Special adult programs held were: a one-day felting workshop followed by four felting classes taught by Brian East and Amy Rawson; computer lessons; “A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes” (a slide and lecture program); and a workshop on “Teaching Math and Science through Children's Literature” with Jeff Robbins. The library also participated in the State-Wide Read Program on Edgar Allan Poe during October with a Poe exhibit, book discussion and a theater performance, “Poe, Poe, Poe” by Eclectic Entertainment.

As director, I was kept busy attending meetings of the Librarians of the Upper Valley, attending a leadership workshop in Hanover, the Small Libraries Summit in Concord, and several sessions of automation training. We were fortunate to receive grants from the Claremont Savings Bank (\$850) for programming and the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) for children's books. CLiF made a formal presentation to us of the new books at the Plainfield Elementary School and a separate presentation for local day care providers at the library giving each child a book to keep. A storyteller appeared at each program. In the fall, I invited the Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments to visit the library for a tour and training on the alarm and elevator systems. I was honored to read at the Community Christmas Celebration.

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library continue to be active in supporting the library with fundraising and help with projects, such as participation in the Adopt-a-Highway Program, cleaning up a two-mile section of Rt. 12A. Their major fundraisers continue to be the Annual Book Sale, the Maxfield Parish Vintage Print Sale in October, and the sale of greenhouse plants in the spring donated by Ellen Oberkotter. The Friends of both libraries built the 4th of July float.

Work to complete the downstairs of the library addition has resumed. The new required exit on the north side has been completed, electrical work finished, and dry wall and insulation work begun. It is hopeful that the meeting room will be ready for use soon. As promised eight years ago, the Friends of the Library are raising all the funds for this area, and no tax dollars will be used. Funds still to be raised are for the finish flooring and bookcases. Contributions to the Friends of the Library Building Fund for this purpose can be sent to the library and are tax deductible. Another longtime goal is to replace the lighting in the original two rooms. The Plainfield Energy Committee has worked with us in having energy audits performed and we will be applying for grants to do this work.

Thank you all for making the Philip Read Memorial Library a true community center, for the outstanding help from all our volunteers, for donations of all types, and the continuing support of our patrons. This coming year will be even more busy and exciting.

Nancy Norwalk, Library Director

**REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
2012**

The year 2012 brought a new but familiar image to our department's vehicles. Our cruiser graphics have gone from the "Nascar" look back to the traditional black and white, reinforcing our traditional values.

Reflecting back on the year, we had to deal with several personnel changes. Deputy Chief Lawrence Dore retired after serving the community for over 37 years. He began as a part-time officer in 1975 and worked his way through many positions before achieving the Deputy Chief rank. Lawrence was a true asset to the community, dedicated and committed. During his career he received numerous Citations, Special Citations, Commendations and the Congressional Medal of Honor for his life saving act. We are lucky enough to have him remain on our roster in a part-time capacity.

Anthony Swett and Glen St. Amant chose to leave the department, both moving on to new employment endeavors. Corporal Matthew Foss joined us in April and continues as second in command of the agency. We are looking forward to 2013 with new employees that we project will be with us for many years to come.

This is our first complete year using our new IMC software. This software breaks the statistics down as:

Group A. Crimes Against Persons	27	vs.	11 previous year	(+145%)
Crimes Against Property	67	vs.	46 previous year	(+46%)
Crimes Against Society	14	vs.	3 previous year	(+367%)
Group B.				
Crimes	42	vs.	25 previous year	(+68)

Traffic – Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Year 2010:	642	Year 2011:	956	Year 2012:	757			
Summons/Citation		80 Warning			660			
Arrest		12 Criminal Arrest from stops			5			
<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Total</u>
	22	49	92	121	118	195	160	757

Accidents:

A total of 54 down from 139 Vehicle Accidents were reported to dispatch in 2012. These are all reported crashes including slide off's. The following is a breakdown of those calls:

22.5% had some type of Injuries	66.7 % occurred in daylight hours
35.3% indicate weather related events	16.6% were out of state drivers
Age of the Operators of these vehicles:	16-21 Years old (11) 20%
	22-45 Years old (23) 38%
	46 and older (25) 42%

Collision with:

9.3%	Struck another motor vehicle	38.9%	Struck a fixed Object
20.4%	Struck an animal	5.6 %	Rolled over

In closing, I would like to thank the community for their support. Remember if you see it, report it as you are the eyes and ears of the community.

Paul M. Roberts Chief of Police

Police Department Statistical Data for the last four years

<i>Event</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
DWI	4	6	5	6
Assault	2	1	3	4
Sexual assault	3	6	2	6
Firing of weapons	3	4	4	12
Theft	23	44	57	29
Fraud	23	16	31	23
Domestic violence	5	1	15	19
Alcohol Violations	0	5	1	9
Bad checks	5	10	9	7
Drugs	0	5	11	6
Disorderly conduct	3	6	6	5
Criminal mischief	2	11	12	12
Auto theft	0	0	2	2
Criminal threats	2	6	4	1
Arson	0	0	1	0
Burglary	5	4	11	17
Sex Offender Reg.			10	11
Pistol Permits			27	34
Court Appearance			19	28
Administrative			72	73
Burning Permits			278	232
Alarms	70	110	132	102
Animals	113	113	111	94
Medical Emer.	48	86	49	49
Fire calls	20	48	52	46
Motor vehicle	91	84	70	69
Admin. Relays	1	7	6	38
Suspicious persons	100	154	153	147
Trespassing	12	9	8	8
Missing person	1	2	7	2
Motorist assist	65	71	64	76
Civil	43	23	16	7
Open doors	38	21	29	12
House checks	40	45	88	602
Assist other PD'S	119	62	49	
Accidents with injury	7	11	17	12
Accidents no injury	52	60	62	61
E 911 calls	25	32	24	23
Unattended Deaths	2	1	1	1
Juvenile Matters	6	11	8	
Car Unlocks		20	21	30
Auto Repo's		5	4	2
Total Logged	2417	3064	3807	3434

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Report

The year of 2012 has been both a good year and a sad one for both departments. The Meriden department lost long time member Dave Chellis and the Plainfield department lost long time member Dave Scott, both will be missed not only for their commitment to the departments and the town but their friendship to so many people. On the good side of things the Plainfield department took delivery of a new pumper tanker in July which was two years in the planning and construction. The Meriden department did a major energy upgrade to their station. This included new energy efficient doors and windows, reinsulating the whole building and all new siding.

The number of calls in 2012 stayed about the same as 2011 which were up sharply from 2010. The members of both departments spent 566 hours in training this past year. Lt. Jeff LeBlanc from the Meriden department also spent in excess of 400 hours on his own training on such things as hazmat, fire investigation, fire inspection and other specialized topics. We find we are being required to train in topics that were unheard of just a few years ago and not even fire related. We had training on chemical suicide and identifying meth labs as we are likely to be the first ones at such incidents and the real dangers there are not fire but chemical poisoning.

Don't forget the Meriden Wild Game Dinner will be on March 9th this year. Plainfield holds public dinners on the third Saturdays in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and November. All of these are major fundraisers for the two departments and a great time to socialize with folks from town and the area. I would like to thank all the people and businesses who donate money and goods to the departments; this helps keep our request for tax dollars to a minimum.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	30	39	CO Alarms	07	05
Auto Accidents	18	13	Brush Fire	02	02
Structure Fires	01	01	Mutaul Aid given:		
Trees/wires	19	17	Cornish	03	02
Public Assits	03	00	Windsor	00	00
Chimney Fire	02	02	Hartland	00	00
Transformer Fire	00	01	Enfield	00	00
Propane Leak	00	02	Asctuney	01	00
Illegal Burn	02	03	Investigations	02	04
			Sprinkler Activations	01	01

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Currier, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

2012

2013

RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	3,250	3,560	310	3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2013	-	(323)	(323)	3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2012	3,500	3,761	261	-
DONATIONS	6,000	7,109	1,109	5,000
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	-	2,283	2,283	1,500
HAZMAT CLEANUP	-	1,050	1,050	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	1,000	477	(523)	1,000
MISC	-	277	277	-
SUBTOTAL	13,750	18,194	4,444	14,250
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 53,750	\$ 58,194	\$ 4,444	\$ 54,250

2012

2013

DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 700	\$ 479	\$ 221	\$ 500
ELECTRICITY	800	736	64	750
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	3,000	2,467	533	2,500
INSURANCE	8,000	7,583	417	8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	11,300	4,505	6,795	11,400
COMPUTER EXPENSES	250	-	250	250
OFFICE SUPPLIES	750	213	537	500
GAS, DIESEL	1,250	85	1,165	1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	500	372	128	500
TRAINING	2,000	1,630	370	2,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	6,730	4,339	2,391	6,730
STATION MAINTENANCE	15,000	15,445	(445)	5,000
UNIFORMS	1,000	208	792	750
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	75	75	-	75
STATION EQUIPMENT	-	1,615	(1,615)	1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	2,000	1,868	132	2,000
KUA BRIGADE	-	2,283	(2,283)	1,500
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	-	500	500
SUBTOTAL	55,295	45,144	10,151	46,645
TRANSFER TO (FROM) RESERVES	(1,545)	13,050	(14,595)	7,605
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 53,750	\$ 58,194	\$ (4,444)	\$ 54,250

MVFD BUDGET SELECTED LINE ITEMS

	2012			2013
<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$739	\$1,761	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,000	\$1,548	\$452	\$2,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$1,500	\$1,078	\$422	\$1,500
UTILITY TRUCK	\$2,000	\$485	\$1,515	\$1,500
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$47	\$103	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
RADIO & PAGERS	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$800
AIR PACK	\$750	\$105	\$645	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$139	\$61	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$39	\$61	\$100
GENERATOR	\$0	\$325	-\$325	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
TOTAL	\$11,300	\$4,505	\$6,795	\$11,400

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$3,226	\$174	\$3,400
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$70	\$156	-\$86	\$70
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
BOOTS	\$360	\$0	\$360	\$360
PAGERS	\$1,500	-\$183	\$1,683	\$1,500
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
RESCUE/SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$849	-\$849	\$0
MISC	\$300	\$290	\$10	\$300
TOTAL	\$6,730	\$4,339	\$2,391	\$6,730

NOTE: As of November 30, 2012, the end of our fiscal year, the balance in the Capital Reserve Account was \$236,972.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD



David Chellis, Meredith Forbes, Brian Bouchier

Photo: Meriden Volunteer Fire Department Archives

David Chellis (1953-2012) became a member of the Meriden Fire Department at age 16 and served on the department for more than 43 years. At the time of his death he was a lieutenant. David was always quick to respond during emergencies and willing to lend a hand.

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

EXPENSES	<u>2012</u>	<u>Estimated 2013</u>
Accounting	\$300	\$ 300
New Equipment	\$13,266	\$ 2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$747	\$ 4,000
Equipment Repairs	\$1,489	\$ 3,000
Supplies	\$946	\$ 1,200
Electricity	\$967	\$ 1,200
Telephone	\$1,451	\$ 1,600
Heat	\$3,068	\$ 4,000
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,177	\$ 1,400
Water	\$195	\$ 300
Insurance	\$9,424	\$ 9,000
Schools & Training	\$203	\$ 500
Fees/Dues	\$175	\$ 500
Travel Reimbursement	\$1,255	\$ 2,500
Building (New)	\$35,412	\$ -
New Tanker Loan	\$11,202	\$ 18,500
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$ 1,000
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	\$82,278	\$ 51,000
 RECEIPTS		EST. RECEIPTS
Grants (Title 4)	\$250	\$500
Fund Raising	\$4,869	\$4,500
Equipment Sales	\$24,800	\$0
Insurance Claim	\$1,196	\$0
Town Appropriation	\$45,000	\$45,000
Donations	\$6,796	\$1,000
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	\$82,911	\$51,000
Receipts	\$82,911	
Expenses	<hr/>	
Balance	\$634	

Jesse R. Stalker- Treasurer PVFD

FOREST FIRE WARDEN & 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 for more information.

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4th with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to burn, we only have a few weeks until “green up”. This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal levels

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.

NH FIRE STATISTICS

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2012</u>	<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
	2012	318
	2011	125
	2010	360
	2009	334
	2008	455
Lightning	07	
Equipment	06	
Arson	14	
Campfire	14	
Children	15	
Smoking	17	
Railroad	00	
Misc*	140	(*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Locally, we had two brush fires this year one from an unpermitted burn and one from a permitted burn that got out of control. Burn permits are required any time of the year when there is not enough snow to keep the fire from spreading (usually considered 3”). A permitted fire can only be kindled between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00am unless it is actively raining. When an open burn can be kindled is controlled by the N.H. Department of Forest and lands but what can be burned is controlled by the Department of Environmental Services. The local wardens do not have a say in either, they only enforce the rules. If you have any questions or want a permit check the town web site or this Town Report for a list of names and numbers of issuing agents. There is no fee for a burn permit.

Frank Currier Plainfield Fire Warden

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD – REPORT FOR 2012

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad responded to 192 calls in 2012. The trend for calls, as in the past, are several in a row, followed by few or no calls for a period of time. Our calls varied from MV crashes to medical calls to supporting local fire departments at fire scenes.

We have several different levels of certification which include National Registry First Responders, EMT-B, EMT-I and Paramedics. Several of our members also have full time jobs in the medical field. We are licensed by the State of NH to practice at our certification level. Members are required to go through a recertification process every two or three years depending upon their level. The cost of recertification has increased over the years along with the continuing education required. This coincides with the requirements set by National Registry and the State of New Hampshire.

Our officers: Jim McCarragher, V. President and Trustee, Beth Clifton, Larry Dingee and Steve Jameson, Trustees; Chantelle Orlen, Treasurer and Dave Bridgham, Secretary.

Our members – some have been on the squad for 25+ years, while others joined last month.

<u>FIRST RESPONDER</u>	<u>EMT-B</u>	<u>EMT-I</u>	<u>PARAMEDIC</u>
Christopher Chilton	Bobby Annis	Dale Lawrence	Beth Clifton
Gary Chilton	Dave Bridgham	Chantelle Orlen	Jon Hackett
Larry Dingee	Margaret Drye	Sam Smith	Steve Jameson
Leo Maslan	Rob Drye		
	Jeff Katchen		
	Ray Kendall		
	Robin Liston		
	Jim McCarragher		
	Paul Merchant		
	Trey Whalen		
	Bob Widger		

We also have several people who are our support behind the scenes as Class B members:

Justin Bennett, Barbara McCarragher, Fred Schad, Jenny Schad and Lacie Scheuer

We are always grateful for the support given by the residents of Plainfield at Town Meeting and through our annual fundraiser. Your support allows us to continue to provide first responder (ahead of the ambulance), care to our friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 603.675.2002, or if you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at 603.469-3505 for more information.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence
President

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2012

ASSETS:

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2,694,672
INVESTMENTS	\$3,474
CASH IN TRANSITION	\$0
PETTY CASH	\$250

TOTAL CASH **\$2,698,396**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$352,193

YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE \$3,078

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$238,727

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE **\$593,998**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$8,712

DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS \$3,570

TOTAL ASSETS: **\$3,304,676**

LIABILITIES:

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND \$8,465

DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS \$4,965

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL \$2,686,514

INVOICES \$29,761

ACCRUED PAYROLL \$10,116

AFLAC \$4

TOTAL PAYABLES **\$2,726,395**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$2,739,825**

FUND BALANCE **\$564,851**

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$8,465)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$50,000)

RESERVE-BODYARMOR/RADIOS/SIGNS (\$7,000)

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE **\$499,386**

GRAND TOTALS: **\$3,304,676**

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

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2012 **\$499,386**

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION **\$16,786**

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2012**

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle	New	Gains or	Principle	Income	Income	Income	Income
	Balance	Funds		Balance	Balance	Earned	Expended	
	Begin Year	Created	Losses	Year End	Begin Year	During Year	During Year	Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
Daniels Cemetery	\$ 7,718.66			\$ 7,718.66	\$ 478.94	\$ 236.97	\$ 350.00	\$365.91
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 3,666.36			\$ 3,666.36	\$ 69.66	\$ 108.00	\$ 117.73	\$59.93
Ireman Cemetery	\$ 2,701.53			\$ 2,701.53	\$ 38.16	\$ 79.20	\$ 77.78	\$39.58
Gilky Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 7.33	\$ 11.37	\$ 12.39	\$6.31
Gleason Cemetery	\$ 26,205.55			\$ 26,205.55	\$ 497.39	\$ 771.91	\$ 841.20	\$428.10
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 7.33	\$ 11.37	\$ 12.39	\$ 6.31
Mill Cemetery	\$ 15,485.50			\$ 15,485.50	\$ 294.26	\$ 456.15	\$ 497.32	\$253.09
Mouth Cemetery	\$ 7,788.58			\$ 7,788.58	\$ 147.84	\$ 229.42	\$ 250.02	\$127.24
Phinman Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 21.99	\$ 34.10	\$ 37.18	\$18.91
Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 56,479.85			\$ 56,479.85	\$ 1,071.64	\$ 1,663.65	\$ 1,812.75	\$922.54
Ryanford Cemetery	\$ 1,543.75			\$ 1,543.75	\$ 29.34	\$ 45.47	\$ 49.58	\$25.23
Rear Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 21.99	\$ 34.10	\$ 37.17	\$18.92
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$ 964.84			\$ 964.84	\$ 18.33	\$ 28.42	\$ 30.98	\$15.77
Wynn Cemeteries	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 72.71	\$ 113.66	\$ 123.51	\$62.86
OT LS T	\$ 129,501.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,501.43	\$ 2,776.91	\$ 3,823.79	\$ 4,250.00	\$2,350.70
LIBRARY TRUST FUND								
Meriden Library	\$ 24,892.72			\$ 24,892.72	\$ 310.37	\$ 728.55	\$ 850.00	\$188.92
Philip and Memorial Library	\$ 71,653.04			\$ 71,653.04	\$ 700.53	\$ 2,091.54	\$ 2,400.00	\$392.07
OT LS T	\$ 96,545.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,545.76	\$ 1,010.90	\$ 2,820.09	\$ 3,250.00	\$580.99
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS								
World Christmas Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 131.76	\$ 140.56	\$ 129.00	\$143.32
World Worthy Poor Fund	\$ 5,788.99			\$ 5,788.99	\$ 13,213.19	\$ 669.21	\$ -	\$13,882.40
World Essay Prize Fund	\$ 3,859.33			\$ 3,859.33	\$ 924.21	\$ 168.47	\$ 200.00	\$892.68
Elijah Burnapoor Fund	\$ 10,615.49			\$ 10,615.49	\$ 20,301.29	\$ 1,088.81	\$ 481.00	\$20,909.10
Earl Mower Fund	\$ 1,592.00			\$ 1,592.00	\$ 53.12	\$ 57.94	\$ 53.12	\$57.94
Dunham Piano Fund	\$ 1,157.80			\$ 1,157.80	\$ 1,717.72	\$ 101.27	\$ 200.00	\$1,618.99
Armon Hood Fund	\$ 385.94			\$ 385.94	\$ 223.15	\$ 21.45	\$ -	\$244.60
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$ 1,731.30			\$ 1,731.30	\$ 1,656.56	\$ 119.31	\$ -	\$1,775.87
Mothers & Daughters Fund	\$ 2,161.23			\$ 2,161.23	\$ 72.11	\$ 78.65	\$ 72.11	\$78.65
Beulah Peeking Fund	\$ 18,264.94			\$ 18,264.94	\$ 27,428.86	\$ 414.30	\$ -	\$27,843.16
Ruth Fox Bady Camp Fund	\$ 987.78			\$ 987.78	\$ 607.31	\$ 56.18	\$ -	\$663.49
Sage Set Fund	\$ 8,635.00			\$ 8,635.00	\$ 3,477.31	\$ 426.57	\$ -	\$3,903.88
Merriamers Fund	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 16.85	\$ 18.20	\$ 16.85	\$18.20
OT LS T	\$ 59,539.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,539.13	\$ 69,823.44	\$ 3,360.92	\$ 1,152.08	\$72,032.28
TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 285,586.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,586.32	\$ 73,611.25	\$ 10,004.80	\$ 8,652.08	\$74,963.97

PRINCIPLE

INTEREST

Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds

	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
Revaluation Fund	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 829.31	\$ 74.84	\$ 746.52	\$157,63
Town Hall Fund	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 10,905.00	\$ 1.26	\$ 9.26	\$ 4.99	\$5.53
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$ 94,000.00			\$ 94,000.00	\$ 21,218.52	\$ 393.98	\$ 4,976.88	\$16,635.62
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$ 108,500.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 109,500.00	\$ 12,368.96	\$ 689.31	\$ 5,000.00	\$8,058.27
School Building Fund	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 108,000.00	\$ 1,174.71	\$ 398.45		\$1,573.16
New Equipment Fund	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 2,434.32	\$ 475.59	\$ 1,478.93	\$1,430.98
Plainfield Water Fund	\$ 29,000.00			\$ 29,000.00	\$ 474.26	\$ 140.01		\$614.27
Library Repair Fund	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 151.02	\$ 12.26	\$ 24.42	\$138.86
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 77,000.00	\$ 6,605.79	\$ 485.73		\$7,091.52
Plainfield History Fund	\$ 13,900.00			\$ 13,900.00	\$ 2,556.35	\$ 18.24		\$2,574.59
Cemetery Care Fund	\$ 42,350.00			\$ 42,350.00	\$ 1,942.12	\$ 334.73	\$ 723.00	\$1,553.85
ADA Access Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8.33	\$ 13.03		\$21.36
School Spec Ed Fund	\$ 187,432.00		\$ 37,432.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 23,836.87	\$ 718.36	\$ 22,568.00	\$1,987.23
Transportation Imprvment Fund	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 542.55	\$ 43.24	\$ 201.00	\$384.79
School Benefits Payable	\$ 49,000.00			\$ 49,000.00	\$ 379.53	\$ 155.47		\$535.00
Town Beauty Fund	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ -			\$0.00
Police Equipment Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,498.00	\$ 1,502.00	\$ 0.60	\$ 2.32		\$2.92
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2.45		\$2.45
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$ 4,368.00			\$ 4,368.00	\$ 57.96	\$ 4.73		\$62.69
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	\$ 880,550.00	\$ 198,500.00	\$ 262,775.00	\$ 816,275.00	\$ 74,582.46	\$ 3,972.00	\$ 35,723.74	\$42,830.72

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 2012 were:

Library Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation	
Withdrawals-	\$2,525
PL-Wndow painting/rprs	\$1,125
ML-Trim/shd painting/rprs	\$1,400

Bridge Fund

Deposits-	\$0
Withdrawals-	\$4,977
House Ln Bridge Abutment repair	
Cutler Ln Bridge Abutment repair	

Town Hall

Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$350
MTH Electical work	\$350

Revaluation Fund

Deposits-	\$30,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$53,747
Surety Bond	\$3,407
Measure & List wk	\$50,340

ADA Compliance

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

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

Transportation Fund	Deposits	\$55,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$21,201
	Brook Road Culverts	
Townsend Bridge Fund	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Town Beautification	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	Deposits	\$5,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$3,498
	Police cruiser 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 Plodzick and Sanderson completed the 2012 audit in January of 2013. 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, 2012

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	1,249,698	1,294,670	44,972
Land use change	6,063	-	(6,063)
Timber	20,000	26,568	6,568
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	45,000	19,973	(25,027)
Total from taxes	<u>1,321,761</u>	<u>1,341,211</u>	<u>19,450</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	8,000	-	(8,000)
Motor vehicle permit fees	400,000	402,516	2,516
Building permits	-	-	-
Other	2,500	6,010	3,510
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>410,500</u>	<u>408,526</u>	<u>(1,974)</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	105,564	105,547	(17)
Highway block grant	102,653	102,653	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	115	115	-
Other	-	1,090	1,090
Federal:			
FEMA	213,799	213,799	-
Total from intergovernmental	<u>422,131</u>	<u>423,204</u>	<u>1,073</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	<u>115,000</u>	<u>100,677</u>	<u>(14,323)</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	10,000	7,436	(2,564)
Interest on investments	7,000	3,015	(3,985)
Rent of property	-	585	585
Contributions and donations	-	3,893	3,893
Other	25,000	26,665	1,665
Total from miscellaneous	<u>42,000</u>	<u>41,594</u>	<u>(406)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Total transfers in	<u>252,297</u>	<u>243,043</u>	<u>(9,254)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u><u>2,563,689</u></u>	<u><u>2,558,255</u></u>	<u><u>(5,434)</u></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, 2012

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:				
General government:				
Executive	\$ 178,210	\$ 177,880	\$ -	\$ 330
Election and registration	5,130	4,589	-	541
Financial administration	64,500	66,446	-	(1,946)
Revaluation of property	61,747	67,072	-	(5,325)
Legal	5,100	2,251	-	2,849
Personnel administration	5,700	4,421	-	1,279
Planning and zoning	1,200	2,124	-	(924)
General government buildings	5,375	8,734	-	(3,359)
Cemeteries	28,000	29,575	-	(1,575)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	35,700	31,771	-	3,929
Advertising and regional associations	5,100	5,007	-	93
Total general government	<u>395,762</u>	<u>399,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,108)</u>
Public safety:				
Police	335,976	336,726	5,000	(5,750)
Ambulance	28,500	28,785	-	(285)
Fire	85,000	83,737	-	1,263
Building inspection	7,400	9,029	-	(1,629)
Emergency management	250	-	-	250
Dispatching	24,100	20,516	-	3,584
Other	-	4,099	-	(4,099)
Total public safety	<u>481,226</u>	<u>482,891</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(6,665)</u>
Highways and streets:				
Highways and streets	977,240	958,796	2,000	16,444
Sanitation:				
Solid waste collection	143,500	141,750	-	1,750
Solid waste disposal	49,810	45,627	-	4,183
Total sanitation	<u>193,310</u>	<u>187,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,933</u>
Health:				
Administration	21,195	18,329	-	2,866
Pest control	500	675	-	(175)
Total health	<u>21,695</u>	<u>19,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,691</u>
Welfare:				
Administration	5,250	3,736	-	1,514
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	17,300	15,746	-	1,554
Library	113,673	109,451	-	4,222
Patriotic purposes	1,000	4,348	-	(3,348)
Total culture and recreation	<u>131,973</u>	<u>129,545</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,428</u>
Conservation	500	2,556	-	(2,056)

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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, 2012

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:				
Principal of long-term debt	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	6,233	6,242	-	(9)
Total debt service	<u>31,233</u>	<u>31,242</u>	-	<u>(9)</u>
Capital outlay	168,000	159,433	-	8,567
Transfers out	157,500	157,500	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses and encumbrances	<u>\$ 2,563,689</u>	<u>\$ 2,531,950</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,739</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, 2012

Unassigned fund balance, beginning	\$ 482,631
Changes:	
2012 Budget summary:	
Revenue shortfall (Schedule 1)	\$ (5,434)
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>24,739</u>
2012 Budget surplus	19,305
Increase in nonspendable fund balance	<u>(2,550)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 499,386</u>

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

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 st , 2012	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$137,500
Total	\$137,500

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2012	\$ 162,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2012	\$137,500

**HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT/ROAD PROJECT
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

2012 Block Grant Allocation	\$102,653
FEMA HMG Utilized (Total grant \$490,118)	\$213,799
Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	\$21,201
Total Available	\$337,653

Willow Brook Road Box Culverts	
Morrill Construction Contract	\$235,000
Morrill Construction Ledge Removal	\$13,700
Stabilization stone	\$6,768
Willow Brook Road Total	\$255,468

Bonner Road Overlay	
Pike Industries-pavements	\$17,939
Shoulder work	\$191
Bonner Road Total	\$18,330

Main Street Overlay	
Pike Industries-pavement	\$70,000
Shoulder work	\$591
Main Street Total	\$70,591

Total Expenditures	\$344,389
Transferred to Highway Dept Operating Budget	(6,736)
Total	\$337,653

FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

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

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



Cole Brook Box Culvert being lowered into place

Photo Matt Foss

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES 2012

Abrahamson, Pamela	Library Substitute - East	\$92
Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$12,217
Barry, Daniel	Truck Driver	\$34,552 (includes overtime)
Belyea, Judith	Selectwoman	\$2,350
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$35,929 (includes overtime)
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$6,000
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$402
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$5,820
Chapman, Annamay	Library Aide - East	\$2,160
Collins, Michael	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$25,497
Collins III, Richard	Assistant Road Agent	\$54,960
Crane, Terri	Library Substitute – East	\$433
Dore, Lawrence	Deputy Police Chief	\$38,982 (includes overtime)
Estey, Greg	Administrative Assistant	\$2,552
Estey, Lori	Library Aide - East	\$2,971
Foss, Matthew	Patrolman	\$38,899 (includes overtime)
Franklin, Paul	Moderator	\$780
Grindle, Halton	Welfare / Health Director	\$1,087
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$65,540
Hudson, Shirley	Library Substitute - West	\$581
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$546
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$507
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$34,461 (includes overtime)
King, Mary	Library Director - East	\$21,692
LaFont, James	Truck Driver – Part Time	\$2,520
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	\$35,210
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$7,349
Leugers, Suellen	Supervisor of the Checklist	\$278
Leugers, Suellen	Library Aide - West	\$1643
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$402
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Office Manager	\$34,752
Marsh, Robin	Election Staff	\$402
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director – West	\$26,304
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$61,000
Rogers, Diane	Administrative Assistant	\$739
Rogers, Diane	Library Aide – West	\$759
Rogers, Diane	Supervisor of Checklist	\$346
Rogerson, RoAnne	Election Staff	\$306
Serem, Jerome	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$14,072
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$35,915 (includes overtime)
St. Amant, Glen	Patrolman	\$25,146 (includes overtime)
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$2,200
Stalker, Ruth	Library Aide - West	\$4,167

Sundell, Hillary	Library Substitute – West	\$37
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	\$3,781 (includes overtime)
Taylor, Robert	Selectman	\$2,350
Wendt, Barbara	Library Substitute – East	\$95
West, George	Election Staff	\$82
Wheeler, Ruthann	Tax Collector/D. Twn Clerk	\$12,860
Williams Jr, Thomas	Selectman	\$2,350
Young, Jill	Election Staff Substitute	\$96
	TOTAL	\$664,733



Larry and Beverly Dore at Larry's retirement luncheon. Photo S. Halleran

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

The Plainfield Town Hall Committee provided information on needed repairs and maintenance for the selectboard and wrote an extensive report for the 2011 town report. Many of the items in that report continue to need attention. The committee directs the townspeople to the 2011 town report for details on their recommendations and is in hopes that the town and selectboard will continue to address the items using town hall designated funds in 2013.

The Plainfield Town Hall Committee wishes to thank Judy Belyea for her generous donation of chairs, tables, and chair racks for the Plainfield Town Hall. These have made the town hall a more functional and comfortable space for events and makes the hall more attractive to renters.

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set remains a tourist attraction with interest from people from all over the United States.

If you are interested in keeping the Plainfield Town Hall, a cornerstone in Plainfield, in good repair and suitable for renting for town events and functions as well as private parties, please contact the selectboard. The committee is seeking additional members.

Town Hall Committee: *Beverly Widger, Nancy Norwalk, Brad Atwater, Nancy Scott*

WELFARE REPORT 2012

Plainfield continues to meet our local needs for assistance from a combination of property tax dollars and private donations. New for 2012/13, in response to the latest US Censes data, resident Jane Stephenson has organized a series of meetings between our local clergy and social service leaders to insure that we are meeting the needs of Plainfield's young people living with families that have incomes that fall below the US established poverty level. Municipal welfare, at the small town level, is reactive. This new effort is more proactive and targets those who are less likely to be able to ask for help, our young children.

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 2012:

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 include 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.**

The following agencies have requested funding from our community in 2013:

Organization	Granted 2012	Requested 2013	Budgeted 2013
Acorn	\$500	\$ 0	\$0
Community Alliance	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500
GCSCC	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Headrest	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Mascoma Valley Health	\$500	\$1,773	\$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
Pathways	\$0	\$1,221	\$500
Red Cross	\$0	\$500	\$0
Total	\$20,535	\$22,029	\$19,535

PLAINFIELD HISTORY ACCOUNT
(Administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library)
January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012

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

Balance January 1	\$ 400.42
Income:	
Sale of books & shipping	\$444.26
Bank interest	<u> .34</u>
Total Income	<u> 444.60</u>
	\$ 845.02
Expenses:	
None	<u> 0</u>
Balance December 31	\$ 845.02

Submitted
Nancy Norwalk, Co-Editor

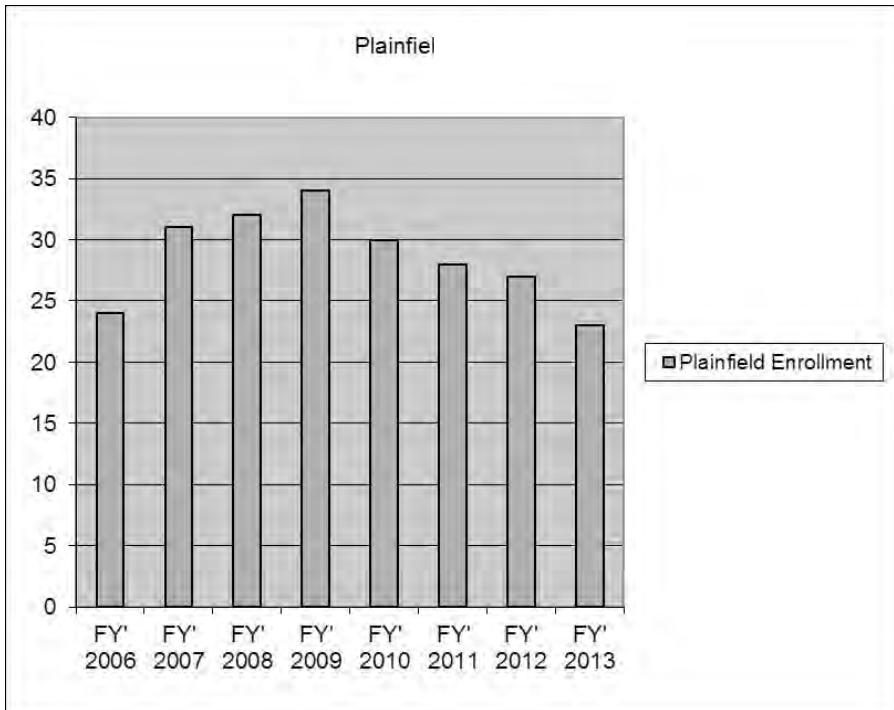
KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

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. This year's committee held four meetings between November 2012 and January 2013.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:

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.

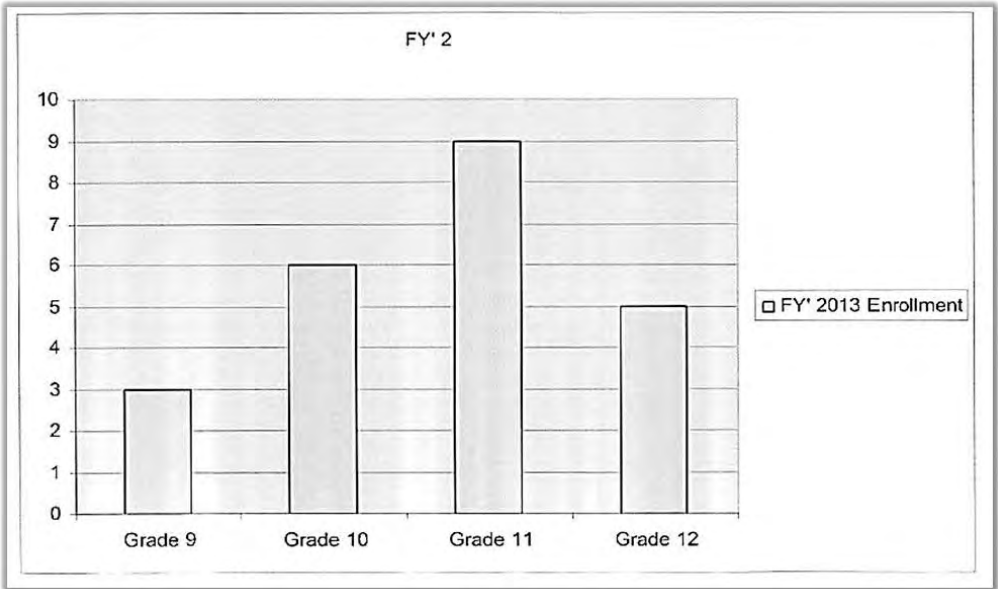


**FIGURE 1:
Plainfield Students Enrolled at KUA Grades 9 -12**

The committee supports decreasing or increasing the discretionary grant depending on the number of local students attending the school. The more Plainfield students that attend KUA, the greater the benefit to Plainfield taxpayers and therefore the more funds the town should exempt. Given the forecasted, stable number of Plainfield students attending KUA next year, the committee recommends that the current 80% exemption, 20% taxable level continue next year (as it has for the past two years).

KUA TAX ABATEMENT 2012 AND FINANCIAL AID:

- KUA owns \$34.4 million dollars in property, \$24.9 million of that figure is exempt by state law.
- KUA pays \$56,000 in property taxes on \$2.3 million of property that is always taxable.
- The assessed value of Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories is \$7.2 million that may be exempted at the discretion of the Town's voters. At the current 80% exempt level property value exempted equals 5.7 million and taxes exempted equals \$139,000. RSA72:23 provides for a \$150,000 tax exemption on these properties regardless of town action.
- KUA pays property taxes of \$92,000 to the Town of Plainfield. This makes KUA the highest property taxpayer in the town.
- During the 2012/13 academic year, KUA provided a total of \$304,730 in financial aid to Plainfield students attending KUA. This aid **exceeded** the tax abatement last year by \$165,730.
- Five local students will graduate from KUA this year and currently the school has received applications from local 8th graders. Applications are due by February 1st, therefore, the outcome of the applications will not be known prior to the writing of this report.
- KUA anticipates that the number of local students (ninth through twelfth grades) attending the school next year will stay approximately the same at 23.



**FIGURE 2:
Plainfield Students Enrolled at KUA Grades 9 -12**

- Lebanon tuition is currently \$13,996 per student for school year 2012-2013.
- The 2012-2013 Plainfield Elementary School (PES) tuition budget would have been \$321,908 higher if the 23 Plainfield students had not chosen KUA as an alternative education to Lebanon High School (LHS).
- Neither the Town of Plainfield nor the Plainfield school district pays any portion of the KUA tuition for local students.
- KUA’s day student tuition for the 2013-2014 school year is \$29,990/year. \$49,500/year for a boarding student.

BENEFITS OF THE RELATIONSHIP:

- 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.
- KUA is Plainfield’s largest employer. Fifty-three of KUA’s 144 full- and part-time employees live in Plainfield.
- Plainfield School is currently educating 14 students from KUA faculty that live on campus.

- Residents have use of the KUA facilities for various activities and functions.
- 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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2012/13

ENERGY COMMITTEE 2012

This year the Plainfield Energy Committee continued the work initiated in 2011 - most importantly the energy assessments of town buildings and analysis of our street light systems. The grant-funded energy audits of Plainfield Library, Meriden Town Hall and Town Garage were completed and the full text of each is available on the Energy Committee page of our town website.

A subcommittee of the PEC, led by Mike O'Leary and including Allan Ferguson, Ron Eberhardt and Nancy Mogielnicki, addressed the audit recommendations, beginning with the Meriden Town Hall. Based on the audit and further work by engineer Margaret Dillon, the subcommittee has completed an extensive inspection of the building and conferred with a variety of contractors to get advice and estimates regarding lighting, heating, air sealing, insulation, window and door work.

We have developed a wish list of relatively small projects which will increase the energy efficiency of the building while also enhancing the comfort level for our town staff and police.

We have also developed a list of future projects, bigger in scope and cost. At some point the MTH 15 year old oil-fired boiler will fail. We are hoping to have reduced the energy needs of the building so that it can be replaced by a more energy efficient alternative heating system when the need arises. Upgrading the insulation under the building will help in that regard as will rehabilitation of the beautiful historic but leaky windows. All information regarding MTH energy data, audits, contractor estimates, and specifications of potential products are available in a notebook at the Town Hall

The committee has continued to analyze the streetlight systems in town, building on the mapping done by Wendy James, Thom Wolke and Mike O'Leary in 2011 and looking for opportunities for energy and dollar savings. We were disappointed to find that neither National Grid (Meriden lights) nor PSNH (Plainfield Village lights) had a plan for LED

upgrades. However, we did find that PSNH offered a low cost "Midnight Streetlights" option- related to our maintenance cycle- that would install timers so that selected lights could be turned off at midnight. A hearing called by the Selectboard on May 16th revealed that Plainfield Village neighbors were united in their desire to keep the lights on all night, so the program offer was not pursued.

The PEC will continue to look for incentives to upgrade lighting, with decisions about change ultimately coming from those affected. A summary of our town lighting systems is available on the Energy Committee page of the town website.

Dave Taylor has continued to provide useful and interesting "Energy Tips" through the Plain Facts. Please contact him with ideas for future columns.

There are always more projects on the drawing board than there are in progress. We welcome new members at any time!

Submitted by
Nancy Magielnicki, Chair

SENATOR DAVID PIERCE

Thank you for the great honor of representing you in the State Senate. Having served three terms in the state House of Representatives I look forward to the new challenge of representing District 5 in the Senate.

I will work to help restore a balance to the legislature and commit to you that I will focus on meeting our challenges through common-sense solutions and collaboration.

My goal as your Senator is to work with anyone of any political party to solve the problems that we face, maintain an efficient state government that works for all New Hampshire citizens, and protect the quality of life we all enjoy. I will be supportive of policies that foster economic and job growth with fiscally responsible and balanced budgets. I will also work to enhance educational opportunities for our children and workers, ensure access to high quality health care, protect our shared environment and safeguard civil rights and public safety for all our citizens.

It's still early in the new session. The next six months will focus primarily on the state budget. We will need to focus that effort on growing our economy and creating jobs while guaranteeing that the state keep its commitment to support our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

We are already taking action on jobs and the economy. The Senate has already voted unanimously to double the research and development tax credit. Doubling, and making this tax credit permanent will provide significant contributions to productivity and the overall economy in terms of additional private research spending, employment and wages. Innovation and technological advancement are important factors affecting productivity, economic growth and living standards in New Hampshire.

The Senate has also already voted unanimously for Senate Bill 40, a school funding bill that I co-sponsored for quick action that releases already-appropriated money to school districts. Because of SB 40, Plainfield will not have to raise property taxes an additional \$23,000 to balance its school budget.

I have been appointed to serve on the Commerce Committee and the Public & Municipal Affairs Committee, which will hold public hearings on various pieces of important legislation throughout the session. I invite you to contact me to discuss your concerns about these or any legislative issue. I can be reached at David.Pierce@leg.state.nh.us or 271-2118.

Sincerely,
Senator *David Pierce*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

School Budget

General Position: The School Board and District Administration have clearly worked hard to control increases in spending, while maintaining existing educational programs. Major mandatory cost increases from contractual obligations (including the unexpected retirement payout next year), special education requirements, and retirement funding, more than offset the \$71,000 reduction in high school tuition costs resulting from fewer students attending Lebanon High School. Passage of all warrant articles, which the Finance Committee recommends, would result in an increase total of \$225,755 or 4.71% in the tax revenue required to be raised.

Noteworthy line items:

Enrichment: Because of a reduction of in-house special education requirements, some time was made available and has been allocated to a new position of enrichment coordinator (\$18,500). It is important to note that this role repurposes the hours of current staff without requiring a new hire. The Finance Committee appreciates the Administration's creative effort to use existing highly qualified staff (retaining a valued employee and saving hiring costs) while adapting to changing needs. It will also provide an opportunity to explore how enrichment opportunities might be integrated into the existing curriculum.

SAU: The Board is requesting the addition of ½ day per week to the superintendent's position, (about \$16,400), citing several projects which will require additional time to research and allocating additional time to work with the Board and School administration to develop a longer range vision of the town's educational needs. While the Committee supports this expenditure for the coming year, it is unclear at this time whether the need will extend beyond that.

Technology: The proposed budget also includes investments in technology in the form of smart boards and in-class iPads (about \$18,000). The school has had success in integrating technology into the classroom, and these purchases will extend that integration into

additional classrooms. This will enhance the educational experience and provide additional technology exposure which our students need to be properly prepared for high school and beyond.

As with any proposed expenditure we would expect the Board and Administration to monitor these items and report back to the community on the results, both to celebrate the successes and to insure that appropriate adjustments are made if the outcome was less than anticipated.

Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund: The Finance Committee supports Article III, which would provide for an additional \$25,000 to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund. The Finance Committee appreciates the research the School Board has done with respect to determining an appropriate “rainy day fund” to prepare for unforeseen high school tuition or special education requirements. The reserve fund is designed to mitigate potential shocks to taxpayer bills. The increase will bring the current total to approximately \$235,000, or \$15,000 shy of the goal of \$250,000.

Building Maintenance Reserve Fund: The Finance Committee supports Article IV. The reserve fund is taking a rather large deduction (an estimated \$75,000) with the replacement of the ancient, inefficient boiler and corresponding removal of the oil tank in finalizing the energy improvements brought about by the roof and insulation project. The \$15,000 request would bring the reserve fund back to approximately \$50,000, which should insulate the taxpayer from any unexpected building maintenance issue.

Capital Reserve Fund: The Finance Committee supports the return of the Capital Reserve Fund to the taxpayers. The purchase of the school van had provided significant savings over contracting the service. However, increased special education requirements this year made it more cost effective to sell the van and contract the service again. This transportation arrangement appears to continue for a few years. The Finance Committee commends the School Board for its creativity in providing a required service at less cost to the taxpayer.

Looking Ahead: The Finance Committee hopes to continue to see the creativity applied with the van purchase/special education transportation as the school faces continued enrollment reduction.

While the committee joins the district in hoping that the adequacy grant amount of \$23,320 withheld this year, will be returned early in the next fiscal year, the State’s action highlights our budget’s vulnerability to financial pressures at the state and national level. These pressures are unlikely to diminish over time and we, as a community should work to identify and to the extent possible, buffer ourselves from the effects of these trends.

This year’s discussions brought up items that will be coming before the town in the upcoming years: The failing intercom system, larger bandwidth requirements, all-day kindergarten, contract negotiations, pension funding, and health insurance increases. The Finance Committee encourages all residents to voice their opinions to the School Board.

Town Budget

General Position: The town budget increased 1.8%, with a revenue request increase of 2.9% due to reductions in taxes and fees outside of property taxes. There is no change in

the level of service. Article III provides for the continued funding of known expenses to the taxpayer in the year the purchase is made. Typically the reserve funds are set aside for recognized large expenses (dump truck, re-evaluation).

It has become clear that, at the current level of police service, there are police equipment needs. We ask that the Selectboard and police staff make a concerted effort this year to establish a clear vision to the town so that the proper dollars go into the proper basket, whether it be through a budget line item or the Police Equipment Fund.

Article IV: The Finance Committee supports the goal of making all town facilities ADA-compliant. We are looking forward to the ADA Study Committee's report.

Looking Ahead: The Selectboard is looking into what the town buildings might require for maintenance. The Finance Committee recommends that the town form a volunteer facilities committee to research what is required. The process of using volunteers to determine which maintenance was essential served the school well, and we believe that this option should provide knowledgeable guidance to the town.

Respectfully Submitted, *Joe Bretton, Stephen Beaupre, Ranqi Keen, Jean Strong, David Grobe, Christine Danen*



Neighbors and Conservation Commission members learning about a planned timber harvest for the Annie Duncan State Forest. Photo: Peter Stettenheim

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT 2012 Operator's Report

The US Environmental Protection Agency finally granted our request for a reduction in the frequency of effluent toxicity testing. We have been performing effluent toxicity tests quarterly for the past ten years at a cost of more than \$10K per year. The reduction was granted for annual testing to be performed during the summer months. This will save the District more than \$7500 annually. We continue to discharge under the old NPDES permit that expired in 2007. Two years ago it looked like the EPA would be rewriting the discharge permit for the Wastewater Treatment Facility but for some reason the new permit was never issued. New permits can sometimes mean new more stringent effluent limitations that require new treatment technologies and facilities. The oldest aeration blower finally expired this year. This blower was original to the plant which was constructed in 1983. A new blower was purchased and installed in August. Several building maintenance projects were completed including the painting of the lab/control building and the resurfacing of the solar heat collectors.

During the winter of 2011 the water service line that serves two residences located along Stage Road froze. This past spring the line was discovered to be exposed where it crossed under Blood Brook. This line was installed in the early 1970s and erosion had removed enough of the brook bank so that the line was exposed to freezing temperatures. A project involving the property owners and the Meriden Village Water District used directional drilling technology to install a new waterline more than ten feet below the brook bed. A two inch HDPE sleeve was installed and a new one inch waterline was pulled through the sleeve. The project was completed in less than two days total and no wetlands permits were required as the brook bed was not disturbed at all. The Drinking Water Bureau of the NH Department of Environmental Services performed a Sanitary Survey of our water system. This comprehensive evaluation of the sanitary health of a water system is performed on all NH water systems every three years. No violations were found and only one small recommendation was made. AD Instrument performed the annual calibration of the master water meter and the Granite State Rural Water Assn. performed a leak detection survey.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jeffrey S. Allbright

Murray Dewdney

Nathaniel Pierson

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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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 nineteenth day of March 2013 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 \$208,467 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 twelfth day of February, 2013.

A true copy attest:

Jeffery Allbright
Murray Dewdney
Nathaniel Pierson

MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 20, 2012

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 twentieth of March 2012 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:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years	Jeffrey Allbright
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 \$213,268, 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 2011 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk. It was noted that the name of one commissioner was wrong in the town report.

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 be increased from \$95 per quarter to \$100 per quarter.

2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$8,400 per month to \$8,750 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. Doris LeVarn was thanked for her work as Auditor. Bill Taylor was commended for excellent performance as operator of the water and sewer departments. Commissioner Nat Pierson was complimented for perfect attendance at meetings this past year. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Roberta J. Garfield, Clerk

**MVWD Water Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2012**

Assets:

Checking account balance	\$35,298.03
Undeposited funds	\$9,250.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$117,558.27
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$13,081.17
Total Assets	\$175,187.47

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$117,558.27
Total Liabilities	\$117,558.27

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$57,629.20
Grand Total	\$175,187.47

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$489,400.33
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**MVWD Sewer Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2012**

Assets:

Checking account balance	\$44,964.14
Undeposited funds	\$8,950.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$84,091.52
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$16,755.44
Total Assets	\$154,761.10

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$84,091.52
Total Liabilities	\$84,091.52

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$70,669.58
Grand Total	\$154,761.10

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$239,689.70
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**Meriden Village Water District
Sewer Department**

Income	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
Sewer Charges	\$124,825	\$115,705	\$128,260	\$137,016	\$128,000
Hook-up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$46	\$0	\$35	\$0
From Capital Reserve	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$0
Xfer from Water	\$0	\$6,050	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Surplus	\$7,150	\$4,719	\$7,087	\$0	\$5,500
Other Income	\$0	\$251	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$135,475	\$126,772	\$138,847	\$137,052	\$133,500
Expenses	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
Office	\$1,000	\$1,255	\$1,000	\$343	\$1,000
Legal	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Electricity	\$5,000	\$5,405	\$6,000	\$5,063	\$6,000
Insurance	\$20,500	\$22,185	\$20,000	\$19,920	\$21,000
Maintenance	\$11,000	\$8,831	\$11,000	\$18,697	\$11,000
Telephone	\$1,400	\$1,369	\$1,400	\$1,126	\$1,400
Wages	\$35,150	\$32,257	\$36,550	\$32,810	\$38,195
FICA, Medicare	\$4,050	\$3,291	\$4,450	\$3,347	\$3,765
Retirement	\$4,950	\$5,274	\$5,100	\$5,239	\$5,850
Interest on debt	\$9,475	\$9,475	\$8,918	\$8,918	\$8,361
Principal on debt	\$16,000	\$15,979	\$15,979	\$15,979	\$15,979
Supplies	\$4,000	\$3,386	\$4,000	\$2,595	\$4,000
Effluent Testing	\$8,500	\$8,222	\$10,000	\$4,345	\$2,500
Vehicle	\$750	\$40	\$750	\$0	\$750
Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Xfer to Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grd. Wtr. Monitoring	\$5,000	\$4,802	\$5,000	\$5,373	\$5,000
Blower Replacement	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,352	\$3,500
Total Expenses	\$135,475	\$126,772	\$138,847	\$132,107	\$133,500

Water Department

Income	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
Water Rents	\$76,539	\$71,555	\$76,821	\$83,581	\$77,000
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$7,200	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$100	\$29	\$0	\$27	\$0
From Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
From Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$367
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Total Income	\$80,239	\$78,784	\$80,421	\$93,208	\$80,967
Expenses	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
Office	\$500	\$394	\$500	\$379	\$500
Legal	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$248	\$250
Electricity	\$5,000	\$5,264	\$6,000	\$5,276	\$6,000
Insurance	\$6,319	\$3,599	\$5,400	\$4,247	\$5,400
Maintenance	\$6,500	\$5,667	\$6,500	\$13,254	\$6,500
Telephone	\$300	\$263	\$300	\$361	\$300
Wages	\$10,000	\$10,754	\$10,400	\$10,937	\$10,870
FICA, Medicare	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$1,150	\$1,124	\$1,700	\$1,754	\$1,775
Interest on debt	\$18,189	\$18,189	\$17,312	\$17,312	\$16,405
Principal on debt	\$26,181	\$26,182	\$27,059	\$27,059	\$27,967
Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,414	\$2,000	\$1,049	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$2,000	\$2,080	\$2,000	\$1,073	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$80,239	\$76,930	\$80,421	\$83,949	\$80,967

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT Commissioners' Annual Report

The first item to mention is the retirement of Commissioner Henry Ingham, who stepped down at the 2012 Annual Meeting after 9 years of excellent service. Henry provided sound thinking and hard work on all of the District projects during his time as commissioner, and was instrumental in working with the Spruce Park Association in their project to connect to the District's water system. We welcome Gordon Gillens as his successor.

The commissioners also note the passing of long-time commissioner and system operator George Adams. George was the person most responsible for setting the well and tank project in motion. His vision allowed us to build a smooth-working, reliable water system within a reasonable budget. His hands-on approach resulted in savings on the original project, and has been adopted by the present commissioners as a model for containing expense while still getting good value.

Thanks to a new rule adopted by the Department of Revenue Administration the District is now required to audit accounts annually. In the last two years the commissioners felt it was prudent to elect an auditor at the annual district meeting, even though we are under both the population and budget limits where an elected auditor would be required. In 2013 the Commissioners have requested a waiver from the requirement as permitted by law.

The district originally planned to complete four construction projects during 2012. Two of the projects were completed. The system was reworked around the treatment house to allow better control and flushing. A deteriorated (and leaking) flush point on Stage Road was replaced by a fire hydrant that will allow better flushing and be subject to less damage than the flush point. Those two projects were completed at somewhat greater expense than planned, but with very satisfactory results. The replacement of two other fire hydrants, while still desirable, was left to the future. The District also completed the 2011 project of getting the District's drawings digitized, at a lower cost than originally expected.

System operation during 2012 was entirely satisfactory. Other than some minor maintenance operations planned for the treatment building, we expect this to continue.

This year we will be repairing a leaking valve, unfortunately located under the middle of Westgate road where it meets Route 12-A. The amount of work required for this repair makes it prudent to replace all three valves under the street. We also plan to add a fire hydrant on the corner, which will bring the system up to standard spacing of hydrants, and will let us flush what we believe has been a problem spot for sedimentation. We have placed a \$10,000 capital article in the warrant to do the project which, together with budgeted system improvement funds, should get us a fair start. The System Repair Fund which was established several years ago is also available if we need it. Because of the difficulty of this project, we are not planning any others for 2013.

Collections, as always, are difficult. We received payment this year on some properties that had been foreclosed and sold. Our "accounts receivable" number represents about half "old debt" (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue.

The DES grant program that is expected to bring in about \$5300 this year was funded for the 2012 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to \$20,000 annually for the remaining 8 years of the bond. The slight reduction in rates we were able to adopt in 2012 still yielded enough revenue to meet our expenses.

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

The commissioners

*Robert Drye
Ralph Patalano
Gordon Gillens*

**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 30th of March 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**, to act upon the following subjects.

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

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

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

ARTICLE III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$52,310** 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 replacing valves and pipeline at the intersection of Route 12-A and Westgate Road, including installing a fire hydrant on the southeast corner of the intersection.

(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 sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

At true copy attest:

Robert Drupe
Ralph Patalano
Gordon Gillens

**Plainfield Village Water District
Proposed Budget 2013**

	2012 Proposed	2012 Actual	2013 Proposed
INCOME			
Water Rent	\$51,800	\$56,459	\$53,000
District Tax	\$0		
Hydrant Service	\$0		
Interest Income	\$40	\$24	\$35
Other Income	\$5,538	\$5,530	\$5,322
Transfer from Expendible	\$0		
Starting Cash Balance	\$61,452	\$61,452	\$60,831
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	\$118,829	\$123,465	\$119,188

Plainfield Village Water District Budget (continued)

	2012	2012	2013
OPERATING EXPENSES	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
Administrative			
Officers Salaries	\$1,290	\$1,290	\$1,290
Officer Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$250
Clerical Salaries	\$220	\$275	\$275
Payroll Taxes	\$600	\$2,055	\$1,100
Postage	\$200	\$242	\$250
Office Expenses	\$1,000	\$95	\$500
Administrative/Legal	\$500	\$0	\$500
Insurance/Bonding	\$1,500	\$1,295	\$1,295
Total Administrative	\$5,560	\$5,251	\$5,460
Operations			
Maintenance-Labor	\$8,000	\$6,590	\$7,500
Maintenance-Supplies	\$2,000	\$572	\$1,000
Maintenance-Service	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Utilities-Electricity	\$3,000	\$1,860	\$2,000
Utilities-Propane	\$900	\$646	\$900
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,089	\$1,100
Water Sample Tests	\$1,200	\$2,375	\$2,500
System Improvements	\$3,500	\$3,879	\$3,500
Total Operations	\$21,600	\$17,010	\$20,500
DEBT			
Principal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$7,350
Tax Anticipation Notes repayment	\$0		
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$0		
Total Debt Service	\$28,400	\$28,400	\$27,350
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$55,560	\$50,661	\$53,310
Article IV (2011 Warrant)	\$2,200	\$2,226	
Article IV (2012 Warrant)	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Article IV (2013 Warrant)			\$10,000
	\$12,200	\$12,226	\$10,000
Total	\$67,760	\$62,887	\$63,310

Plainfield Village Water District
Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2012

Opening Cash position	61,451.57
Water Rent	56459.11
Other Income	5,807.26
Total Income	62,266.37
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Admin Expenses	5,251.36
Operations	17,009.68
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	20,000.00
Bond Debt - Interest	8,400.00
TAN notes - interest	0.00
Total operating disbursements	50,661.04
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Capital Projects	
2011 Article IV	2225.79
2012 Article IV	10000.00
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Transfers to Trust Funds	
2009 Article 4	0.00
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Transfers from Trust Funds	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	0.00
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Net cash flow before TAN borrowings	-620.46
Net TAN borrowings	0.00
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Net change in cash balance	-620.46
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Ending Cash position	60,831.11

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS

Cash	60,831.11
Accounts receivable	26,542
Machinery and equipment	124,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and Improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>450,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 741,611</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>140,000</u>
Total liabilities	140,000

Net Assets

Unrestricted assets	<u>601,408</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 741,611</u>

**MEETING MINUTES
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
March 31, 2012**

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Annette Moore served as Deputy Clerk in place of Clerk Margaret Drye. Mr Moore opened the meeting by stating 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 Ralph Patalano. 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 seconded by Sarah Gillens 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 motioned 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 Sarah Gillens 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 Ralph Patalano seconded a motion that Gordon Gillens be nominated as commissioner for three years. Rob Drye moved and Ralph Patalano seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot for Gordon Gillens for commissioner for three years. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Rob Drye moved and Ralph Patalano seconded a motion that Laurie Atwater be nominated as auditor for one year. Rob Drye moved and Ralph Patalano 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 2011 on pages 92 through 97, along with the auditor's report, subject to corrections.

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 **\$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.

Commissioner Drye noted that the District has a 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 \$160,000 left in our bond and do not plan to add to the maintenance fund this year. Since the State has paid its bond reimbursement for the last two years, we have budgeted the payment as income, and dropped the water rates by \$1.00 per thousand.

The vote was taken by tear off ballot. Five in favor, zero opposed.

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 **\$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.

The vote was taken by tear off ballot. Five in favor, zero opposed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article V.

Rob Drye offered a resolution to thank Henry Ingham for his nine years that he served as the commissioner. Ralph Patalano seconded and motion was voted in the affirmative.

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 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Moore, Deputy Clerk

Margaret Drye, Clerk

March 31, 2012

MARRIAGES 2012

DATE	APPLICANTS	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
05/19/2012	Ramirez, Miguel D Sheehan, Elizabeth W	Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Meriden
09/01/2012	Yates, Travis E Pelletier, Caitlin N	Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/08/2012	McNamara, Jeffrey T Olson, Karina B	Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
12/27/2012	Isabelle, Aaron A Andrew, Carolyn A	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield

BIRTHS – 2012

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
01/21/2012	Warndorf, Abraham Louis	Lebanon, NH	Warndorf, Matthew	Warndorf, Alexa
05/18/2012	Mans, Jane Marie	Lebanon, NH	Mans II, Peter	Mans, Katherine
05/22/2012	Nelson, Lilanna Mae	Lebanon, NH	Nelson, Seth	Nelson, Cara
06/14/2012	Jordan, Nola Constance	Lebanon, NH	Jordan, Ryan	Jordan, Megan
07/10/2012	Surette, Kallan Austin	Lebanon, NH	Surette III, Richard	Surette, Jessica
09/05/2012	Champney, Isabella Joan	Lebanon, NH	Champney IV, Perley	Champney, Lisa
09/19/2012	Goodwin, Cooper Otis	Lebanon, NH	Goodwin, Joshua	Goodwin, Brittany
10/03/2012	Talbert, James Raymond William	Lebanon, NH	Larocque, Dustin	Talbert, Melissa
10/15/2012	Webster, Brayden Allan	Lebanon, NH	Webster, Adam	Webster, Jillian
10/31/2012	Darak, Lyla June	Lebanon, NH	Darak, Rhett	Darak, Tina
12/17/2012	Bretton, Evan Joseph Fleming	Lebanon, NH	Bretton, Joseph	Fleming, Evelyn

DEATHS – 2011

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
03/08/2011	Gauthier, Kate Wilder	Windsor, VT	Read, Palmer C.	Rogers, Lena

DEATHS – 2012

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/09/2012	Schell, Frank	Plainfield	Schell, Frank	Meyer, Sidonia
01/24/2012	Swett, Patricia	Plainfield	Williams, Herbert	Surrell, Beulah
02/16/2012	Zea, Howard	Lebanon	Zea, Joseph	Cunningham, Nellie
03/14/2012	Goodwin, Linda	Plainfield	McGonis, Paul	Durocher, Irene
03/17/2012	Hynes Sr, George	Plainfield	Hynes, Walter	Frazer, Anita
05/07/2012	Seaman, Nina	Plainfield	Strano, Salvatore	Lopinto, Carmella
07/01/2012	Herrin, Isabel	Lebanon	Jenkins, Ralph	Hill, Bessie
08/08/2012	Chellis, Vera	Wilder	Davis, Clifford	Kennell, Christina
08/15/2012	Chellis, David	Lebanon	Chellis, Frank	Davis, Vera
09/10/2012	Clark, Beatrice	Unity	Bishop, George	Ruggles, Lucy
10/17/2012	Marsh, Paul	Plainfield	Marsh Sr, Clyde	Stevens, Edith
11/19/2012	Adams, George	White River Jct	Adams, William	Berry, Lena
11/25/2012	Sodemann, Robert	Plainfield	Sodemann, Otto	Finley, Olive
11/25/2012	Scott, David	White River Jct	Scott, Sidney	Hugo, Mina
12/17/2012	English, Jessie	Plainfield	Graham, James	Wilbur, Etta May