

## **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 overriding 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,

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