Annual Reports of the

Officers and Selectmen and the School District


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| Office | Name Appt. Expires |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MODERATOR | Paul B. Franklin | 2014 |
| TOWN CLERK | Michelle Marsh | 2016 |
| SELECTBOARD | Thomas P. Williams Jr., Chair | 2014 |
|  | Robert W. Taylor | 2015 |
|  | Judith A. Belyea | 2016 |
| TREASURER | Sarah Brookes-Governo | 2016 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | Michelle Marsh | 2016 |
| TRUSTEES OF |  |  |
| TRUST FUNDS | Edward Stansfield | 2014 |
|  | Donald Garfield | 2015 |
|  | Jesse Stalker | 2016 |
| LIBRARY |  |  |
| TRUSTEES | Mark Pensgen | 2014 |
|  | Hillary Sundell | 2015 |
|  | Nancy Liston | 2015 |
|  | Suzanne Spencer | 2016 |
|  | Anita Brown | 2016 |
| SUPERVISORS OF |  |  |
| THE CHECKLIST | Donald Jordan | 2014 |
|  | Harold L. Jones Jr. | 2018 |
|  | Sue Ellen Leugers | 2019 |
| CEMETERY TRUSTEES | Bradford Atwater | 2014 |
|  | James Taylor | 2015 |
|  | Jesse Stalker | 2016 |
| ASSIST. MODERATOR | Stephen H. Taylor |  |
| DEP. TAX COLLECTOR | Michelle Marsh |  |
| DEP. TOWN CLERK | Ruthann Wheeler |  |
| BALLOT CLERKS | Sarah Brookes-Governo |  |
|  | Robin Marsh |  |
|  | Elizabeth Lurie |  |


| BALLOT CLERKS (con't) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | RoAnne Rogerson |
|  | Jill Young, Alt |
| ROAD AGENT | Richard Collins |
| TOWN BAGPIPER RECREATION DIRECTOR | Robert Porthouse |
|  | Daniel Cantlin |
| HEALTH OFFICER | A. Halton Grindle |
| ZONING ADMIN. | Stephen Halleran |
| YIELD TAX AGENT | Judith A. Belyea |
| WELFARE DIRECTOR | Stephanie Schell |
| EMERGENCY MGT.DIR. | James McCarragher |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | Paul Roberts, Chief |
|  | Matthew Foss |
|  | Billy Heighes |
|  | Matthew Agan |
|  | Tyler Petrin |
| 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 |
|  | David Grobe |
|  | Anne Donaghy |
|  | David Taylor |
|  | Ron Eberhardt |
|  | Lee Oxenham-Resigned |


|  | Rangi Keen |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | David Grobe |
|  | Bradford Atwater |
|  | Dan LaPan |
|  | Eric Brann |
| ENERGY |  |
| COMMITTEE | Nancy Mogielnicki |
|  | Allan Ferguson |
|  | David Taylor |
|  | Mike O'Leary |
|  | Ron Eberhardt |
| 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 |
|  | Chris Foreman-School Board |
|  | James Gray- Kimball Union Academy |
|  | Stephen Halleran-Selectboard Rep. |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS |  |
|  | Robert Kline |
| MT ASCUTNEY | Edward Moynihan |
| SUBCOMMITTEE | Elise Angelillo |

## WARRANT <br> 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 11th 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 Moderator for two years, One Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years and any other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 2. To see what action the town will take with regard to the following questions relative to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, said changes being recommended by the Planning Board:

Question \#1
In an effort to allow increased flexibility for housing options throughout town the Planning Board is proposing the following changes to the accessory apartment provisions of the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance. This change is intended to modify the current accessory apartment criteria broadening it to include units detached from the main dwelling unit.

Replace all instances of "accessory apartment" with "accessory dwelling unit."
Add the following to Schedule A of the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance for the Village Resident Zone, Rural Residential Zone, Rural Conservation I Zone and Rural Conservation II Zones Special Exception list \#37 Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).

Add to section 4.3 Principle Use of Lot: C) Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU): Accessory dwelling units are allowed in certain situations to:

- Create new housing units while respecting the look and scale of singledwelling development;
- Increase the housing stock of existing neighborhoods in a manner that is less intense than alternatives;
- Allow more efficient use of existing housing stock and infrastructure;
- Provide a mix of housing that responds to changing family needs and smaller households;
- Provide a means for residents, particularly seniors, single parents, and families with grown children, to remain in their homes and neighborhoods;
- Provide a broader range of accessible and more affordable housing

A property may have only one ADU whether attached or detached. For attached accessory dwelling units, where no prior zoning board approval exists, no Zoning Board of Adjustment approval is necessary prior to obtaining a building permit. For all detached ADU's (where the relationship to the principle dwelling unit is less than enclosed by weather tight space including a continuous roof and continuous foundation), Zoning Board approval is required. In cases where a property has an existing zoning board approval the Zoning Board shall review the entire property and approved uses when determining whether or not an ADU (attached or detached) is allowable on the site. The ADU will be considered as an accessory use to the primary residential use.

Criteria which apply to all ADUs whether attached or detached:

1. The property owner must occupy the primary unit or the ADU as their permanent residence. Prior to occupancy the owner shall record at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds an acknowledgement of the owner occupancy requirement in a form acceptable to the town.
2. ADU's are not intended for individual ownership. An approved ADU shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the existing primary dwelling unit.
3. ADU's may be between 320 and 800 sq feet and cannot exceed $50 \%$ of the gross living area of the primary residence.
4. The ADU shall contain no more than one bathroom and two bedrooms.
5. The parcel on which the ADU is built must be conforming in lot size and road frontage for the zone in which it is located. The ADU, whether a new or an existing structure, must satisfy the front, side, and rear yard setbacks for the zone. Setback encroachments or variances involving the living area square footage requirements are not allowed.
6. If applicable, the owner must seek a permit from the State of NH Department of Environmental Services Subsurface Systems Bureau in accordance with RSA 485-A:38.
7. At least one parking space must be designated for the ADU.
8. The ADU must use an existing curb cut on the property.
9. Utilities may be shared between the primary residence and the ADU, however, they must be configured in such a way to satisfy current life safety code requirements.
10. The local fire department shall be considered an abutter for the purposes of noticing ADU applications.

Criteria which apply to detached ADUs:

1. If a new structure, the ADU must be constructed and located, in the judgment of the Zoning Board, so that it does not detract from the character of the neighborhood.
a. The ADU should be subordinate in scale, size and placement to the primary residence.
b. The ADU's exterior should be similar in design and quality to the primary residence.
2. The peak of the ADU roof may not be higher than 25 '.
3. When located in an outbuilding such as a barn or garage, whether existing or new, only the portion of the structure used for the ADU must conform to the dimensional requirements above.
4. Detached ADUs in the VR zone which are constructed after the adoption of this regulation shall require 20,000 square feet in addition to the minimum lot size. An ADU incorporated into a structure existing prior to the adoption of this regulation shall be exempt from this requirement.

## Delete ACCESSORY APARTMENT from Article VIII Definitions

Add to Article VIII Definitions the following:
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): An attached or free standing independent residential unit, in addition to the primary residence on a single lot, which is between 320 and 800 square feet and which contains no more than one bathroom and two bedrooms.

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Question \#2
In an effort to allow increased flexibility for housing options and to provide more opportunities for workforce housing the Planning Board is proposing the following amendment to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance.

Remove from Schedule A Special Requirements for the Village Residential, Rural Residential Zone and Rural Conservation I Zone \#1 which reads: Minimum lot size shall apply to each dwelling unit, except that an approved accessory apartment shall require an additional 20,000 square feet.

Add to Schedule A Special Requirements for the Village Residential Zones: \#1 which will read: Minimum requirements for projects involving multifamily dwellings: The lot and proposed development must conform with all dimensional
requirements and shall include an additional 20,000 sq feet of land for each additional dwelling unit proposed unless specifically excepted in section 4.3.B of Approved Combination of Related Uses.

Add to Schedule A Special Requirements for the Rural Residential and Rural Conservation I Zones: \#1 which will read: Minimum Lot Size for projects involving multifamily dwellings: The lot must conform with all dimensional requirements for the zone in which it is located. If more than two units are proposed, an additional acre of land is required for each unit over two.

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Question \#3:
In an effort to allow more flexibility with the Approved Business Project, by allowing property owners to include two or more dwelling units in an Approved Business Project proposal, remove from section 3.5 letter g which reads:
g) Multiple residential uses, whether attached or detached may not be approved under this section.

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\end{array}
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You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 15th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:
ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 0 2 5 , 3 0 6}$ to defray town charges for the 2014 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive ..... \$182,750
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics ..... 5,130
3. Financial Administration ..... 68,700
4. Revaluation of Property ..... 11,000
5. Legal Expenses ..... 4,100
6. Personnel Administration ..... 4,700
7. Planning and Zoning ..... 1,200
8. General Government Buildings ..... 7,025
9. Cemeteries ..... 25,000
10. Insurance ..... 35,100
11. Regional Associations ..... 5,100
12. Police Department ..... 348,848
13. Ambulance Service ..... 26,500
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield ..... 49,500
-Meriden ..... 44,500
15. Building Inspection ..... 7,400
16. Emergency Management ..... 250
17. Hydrant \& Forest Fire Expense ..... 4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police \& Ambulance ..... 22,000
19. Highway Administration ..... 22,800
20. Highways and Streets ..... 658,100
21. Road Projects ..... 98,800
22. Street Lights ..... 8,000
23. Solid Waste Collection ..... 150,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal ..... 44,810
25. Health Agencies ..... 18,370
26. Animal Control ..... 500
27. Welfare ..... 5,250
28. Recreation Commission ..... 19,165
29. Library Department ..... 117,658
30. Patriotic ..... 1,000
31. Conservation Commission ..... 500
32. Principal Long-term debt ..... 25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt ..... 2,450
Total: ..... \$ 2,025,306

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

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 2 , 5 0 0}$ 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:
\$20,000 Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000 Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000 Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000 Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994.
\$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 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 5 5 , 0 0 0}$ for the purchase of a tractor and mower to be used by the highway department for roadside mowing, and to authorize the selectboard to withdraw up to the sum of $\$ 55,000$ 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 1977 Ford Tractor. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 2 1 , 0 0 0}$ for the purchase of a replacement dump truck body and to authorize the Selectboard to withdraw up to the sum of $\$ 21,000$ 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 dump truck body that is being replaced by the new unit. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

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.


#### Abstract

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 accept the property and assets currently under control of the Mill Cemetery Association and authorize the Plainfield Board of Selectmen to work together with the Trustees of the Mill Cemetery Association to bring the property and assets of the Association under the control of the the Plainfield Cemetery Trustees and Plainfield Board of Selectmen in perpetuity. These include: Property on Colby Hill Road known as the "new section" bordered on three sides by stonewalls and the fourth side border being the lower access road consisting of 3.8 acres more or less; and approximately $\$ 30,000$ in current and reserve funds.

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:

Thomas P. Williams $g_{r}$.<br>Robert W. Taylor<br>Judith A. Belyea<br>Plainfield Selectboard

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 19th day of February in the year 2014, we posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

## Signed:

## Thamas P. Williams

## Rabert W. Taylor

## gudith A. Belyea

## PLAINFIELD SELECTBOARD

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

Before me, Michelle Marsh
Notary Public
My Commission expires
August $22^{\text {nd }} 2017$

| BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue January $1^{\text {st }} 2014$ to December $31{ }^{\text {st }} 2014$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EXPENDITURES | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | Dollar |
| Item | Approved | Expenditures | Request | Change |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT |  |  |  |  |
| Executive | \$180,350 | \$183,532 | \$182,750 | \$2,400 |
| Election/Registration | \$3,630 | \$4,166 | \$5,130 | \$1,500 |
| Financial Administration | \$66,300 | \$65,004 | \$68,700 | \$2,400 |
| Revaluation of Property | \$12,000 | \$16,109 | \$11,000 | $(\$ 1,000)$ |
| Legal Expense | \$3,100 | \$6,372 | \$4,100 | \$1,000 |
| Personnel Administration | \$4,700 | \$5,338 | \$4,700 | \$0 |
| Planning and Zoning | \$1,200 | \$1,095 | \$1,200 | \$0 |
| Government Buildings | \$6,025 | \$9,696 | \$7,025 | \$1,000 |
| Cemeteries | \$24,500 | \$26,885 | \$25,000 | \$500 |
| Insurances | \$35,700 | \$21,383 | \$35,100 | (\$600) |
| Regional Associations | \$5,100 | \$5,088 | \$5,100 | \$0 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY |  |  |  |  |
| Police | \$349,298 | \$331,332 | \$348,848 | (\$450) |
| Ambulance | \$28,500 | \$26,990 | \$26,500 | (\$2,000) |
| Fire-Plainfield | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$49,500 | \$4,500 |
| Fire-Meriden | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$44,500 | \$4,500 |
| Building Inspection | \$7,400 | \$8,009 | \$7,400 | \$0 |
| Emergency Management | \$250 | \$6,000 | \$250 | \$0 |
| Hydrant Rentals/FFT | \$4,100 | \$3,909 | \$4,100 | \$0 |
| Dispatch Service | \$20,000 | \$21,743 | \$22,000 | \$2,000 |
| HIGHWAYS, STREETS |  |  |  |  |
| Highway Administration | \$22,800 | \$22,222 | \$22,800 | \$0 |
| Highway and Streets | \$622,800 | \$639,768 | \$658,100 | \$35,300 |
| Road Projects | \$98,300 | \$99,008 | \$98,800 | \$500 |
| Street Lights | \$8,000 | \$8,707 | \$8,000 | \$0 |
| SANITATION |  |  |  |  |
| Solid Waste Collection | \$147,000 | \$145,764 | \$150,000 | \$3,000 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | \$46,810 | \$47,175 | \$44,810 | $(\$ 2,000)$ |
| Health |  |  |  | \$0 |
| Health Department | \$20,195 | \$17,296 | \$18,370 | (\$1,825) |
| Animal Control | \$500 | \$400 | \$500 | \$0 |
| WELFARE |  |  |  |  |
| General Assistance | \$5,250 | \$5,557 | \$5,250 | \$0 |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation Commission | \$18,979 | \$17,296 | \$19,165 | \$186 |
| Libraries | \$113,818 | \$113,818 | \$117,658 | \$3,840 |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$1,000 | \$679 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Conservation Commission | \$500 | \$65 | \$500 | \$0 |

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue January $1^{\text {st }} 2014$ to December $31{ }^{\text {st }} 2014$ (Continued)

## DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-term deb
Interest Long-term debt
Interest T.A.N Notes
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL
\$25,000
\$5,250
\$0
\$1,973,355
$\$ 25,000$
$\$ 4,847$
$\$ 0$
\$1,975,253
\$25,000
\$0 $\$ 2,450 \quad(\$ 2,800)$ \$0 \$0
\$2,025,306 \$51,951

## EXPENDITURES Item CAPITAL OUTLAY

Hwy Transportation Fund
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund
Hwy Bridge Fund
2013
Approved

| $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 0$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ |  |
| $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 20,000$ | $(\$ 10,000)$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 11,425$ | $\$ 11,425$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $(\$ 6,425)$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 55,000$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 21,000$ | $\$ 21,000$ |
| $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 3 , 9 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 3 , 9 2 5}$ | $\$ 228,500$ | $\$ 64,575$ |
| $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 3 7 , 2 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 3 9 , 1 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 2 5 3 , 8 0 6}$ | $\$ 116,526$ |



# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD <br> Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue <br> January $1^{\text {st }} 2013$ to December $31{ }^{\text {st }} 2013$ 

| REVENUES Item | $2013$ <br> Anticipated | $2013$ <br> Received | $2014$ <br> Anticipated | Dollar Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TAXES |  |  |  |  |
| Land Use Change Tax (1/2) | \$8,465 | \$8,465 | \$4,705 | $(\$ 3,760)$ |
| Yield Taxes | \$15,000 | \$6,477 | \$8,000 | $(\$ 7,000)$ |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Interest \& Penalties | \$55,000 | \$39,482 | \$45,000 ( | \$10,000) |
| Excavations | \$0 |  |  | \$0 |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS |  |  |  |  |
| Licenses \& Fees | \$8,000 | \$6,190 | \$7,000 | $(\$ 1,000)$ |
| Motor Vehicle Registrations | \$415,000 | \$432,638 | \$435,000 | \$20,000 |
| Trash User Fees | \$80,000 | \$75,441 | \$78,000 | $(\$ 2,000)$ |
| STATE REVENUE |  |  |  | \$0 |
| Rooms and Meals Dist | \$105,484 | \$105,484 | \$105,564 |  |
| Highway Block Grant | \$98,812 | \$98,553 | \$98,800 | (\$12) |
| State Reimbursements | \$79 | \$255 | \$115 | \$36 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICE |  |  |  |  |
| Income from Departments | \$31,425 | \$33,940 | \$32,000 | \$575 |
| Reimbursements | \$2,500 | \$500 | \$500 | $(\$ 2,000)$ |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE |  |  |  |  |
| Sale of Town Property | \$1,000 | \$650 | \$5,000 | \$4,000 |
| Interest on Deposits | \$5,000 | \$977 | \$1,000 | $(\$ 4,000)$ |
| FEMA/EMG | \$15,000 | \$77,512 | \$16,000 | \$1,000 |
| OTHER FINANCING |  |  |  | \$0 |
| SOURCES |  |  |  |  |
| Capital Reserve Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$76,000 | \$76,000 |
| Trust Funds | \$10,000 | \$9,511 | \$10,000 | \$0 |
| BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS | \$851,765 | \$897,075 | \$923,684 |  |
| NET APPROPRIATION | \$1,285,515 | \$1,242,103 | \$1,330,122 | \$44,607 |
|  |  |  |  | 3.5\% |
| Change in dollars from taxation: |  |  | \$44,607 |  |
| Projected tax rate impact |  |  | \$0.17 |  |

# TOWN MEETING MINUTES <br> March 12, 2013 <br> Plainfield, New Hampshire 

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on March 12, 2013. 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 Stephen Halleran. The warrant will be read on Saturday, March 16, 2013.
Total Number on Checklist: ..... 1557
Total Number of Ballots Cast: ..... 357

Percentage of Voting: 23\%

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.

## Town Clerk for three years:

Michelle Marsh had 335 votes.

Michelle Marsh was declared elected.

## Tax Collector for three years:

Michelle Marsh had 337 votes.
Write-Ins:
Maria Guzman had 1 vote.

Michelle Marsh was declared elected.

Select board Member for three years:
Judith A. Belyea had 254 votes.
Maria Elena Guzman had 84 votes.
Write-Ins:
Frank Currier had 2 votes.
Mark Wilder had 1 vote.

Dan Barnet had 1 vote.
Dewey Jones had 1 vote.

Judith A. Belyea was declared elected.

## Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Jesse R. Stalker had 333 votes

Write-Ins:
Diane West had 1 vote.
Jesse R. Stalker was declared elected.

Two Library Trustees for three years:
Anita K. Brown had 252 votes.
Suzanne Spencer had 249 votes.
Write-Ins:
Dennis Girouard had 4 votes.
Jesse Stalker had 1 vote.
Diane West had 1 vote.
Anne Grobe had 1 vote.
Sarah Sprague had 1 vote.
Michelle Marsh had 1 vote.
Diane Rogers had 1 vote.
Anita K. Brown and Suzanne Spencer were declared elected.

One Library Trustee for two years:<br>Nancy Liston had 309 votes.<br>Write-Ins:<br>Andrea Keen had 1 vote.<br>Maria Guzman had 1 vote.

Nancy Liston was declared elected.
Supervisor of the Checklist for six years:
Suellen Leugers had 324 votes.
Write-Ins:
Justin Rogers had 1 vote.
Ruth Stalker had 1 vote.
Bernadina Webber had 1 vote.

Suellen Leugers was declared elected.
Cemetery Trustee for three years:
Jesse Stalker had 332 votes.
Write-Ins:
Brad Atwater had 2 votes.
David Clifton had 1 vote.

Jesse Stalker was declared elected.

On Saturday, March 17, 2012 Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:05am. The meeting began with words of
wisdom given by Kesaya Noda, followed by a salute to the flag and the singing of America the Beautiful.

The Moderator then introduced the town officers and recognized Select Board member Robert Taylor who awarded the 2012 Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to the family of David A. Chellis in memory of his many town contributions most notably his 43 years of service on the Meriden Volunteer Fire Department earning him the rank of Lieutenant.

At this time, Selectman Taylor also took a moment to recognize the Meriden and Plainfield Volunteer firefighters, highlighting that their quick response to action during some recent fire calls saved two homes in Plainfield.
Moderator Franklin 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: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 9 7 3 , 3 5 5}$ to defray town charges for the 2013 fiscal year. Tom Williams Jr. seconded the motion.

1. Executive ..... $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 0 , 3 5 0}$
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 | $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ |  |
| 32. Principal Long-term debt | $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}$ |  |
| 33. Interest Long-term debt |  | $\mathbf{5 , 2 5 0}$ |
|  | Total: | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 9 7 3 , 3 5 5}$ |

Moderator Franklin recognized Town Administrator Stephen Halleran who took a moment to recognize retiree Ruthann Wheeler for her many years of service to the town in the capacity of Town Clerk and Tax Collector. She received a round of applause.
Halleran spoke about the revaluation taking place this year explaining how the new numbers may affect the tax rate. He urged residents to take a careful look at their assessment cards to be sure their property is being fairly represented. He reflected a bit on projects from the past year and thanked all the department heads for their ongoing service to the town.

The discussion was opened to the floor. After a few comments the question went to the vote.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 153 No 19

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

The Moderator recognized Conservation Commission Chair Myra Ferguson who presented Nancy Mogielnicki with the Conservation Award. She received a plaque and a round of applause.

ARTICLE 3. Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 7 , 5 0 0}$ to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows: Seconded by Rob Taylor 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.
\$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 149 No 11 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 4: Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 6 , 4 2 5}$ 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.
Judy Belyea seconded the motion.
Select Board member Taylor spoke to the article explaining the circumstances as to why the undesignated monies were not returned to the town. Library Treasurer Mark Pensgen took the floor and gave further explanation on the accounting methods they used to determine the exact amount of money to be returned. Pensgen also cited a letter of acceptance received from Terry Knowles with the Attorney Generals Office.

A period of comments and discussion occurred until the question was called by Jerry Doolittle who was supported by seven others to go to the vote.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 136 No 19 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 5: Thomas Williams, Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town 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.
Selectman Williams reported that this credit has not been looked at since the adoption of Article 12 from the Town Meeting of 2005, when the credit was raised from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 150$.

A motion was made from the floor by Dan LaPan and seconded by Susan Taylor to increase the amount of the veterans credit to $\$ 500$.

A vote by paper ballot was taken to accept the amended article.

## Yes 141 No 9 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

The Moderator explained that the meeting would now vote on the adopted amended article:
That the town vote to increase the town's current optional RSA 72:28 veterans tax credit from \$150 to \$500.

## A Voice vote was taken. <br> The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.


#### Abstract

ARTICLE 6: Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town 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. Tom Williams, Jr. seconded the motion.


Robert Taylor spoke to the article giving a brief explanation of how and why this idea came to be. There was discussion regarding safety concerns including visibility of oncoming traffic.

A motion came from the floor by Robert Drye to amend article 6 as follows: To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to be charged with the study of a single lane covered bridge structure to be placed over the existing Daniels road bridge and for that same committee to report its findings at the March 2014 town meeting. Boone Rondeau seconded the motion.

A vote by paper was taken on the amended article.

## No 79 Yes 55

The vote was negative, the amendment failed and was so declared.
The Moderator explained that the meeting would now vote on the original version of Article 6.

A vote by paper was taken.
No 113 Yes 19
The vote was negative, the article failed and was so declared.

ARTICLE 7: 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. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

The article was opened to the floor for debate. Discussion ensued. Questions were asked and answered.

## A vote by secret ballot was taken.

## Yes 80 No 52 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 8: Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town 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.
Tom Williams, Jr. seconded the motion.

## A vote by voice was taken. <br> The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, and so declared.

ARTICLE 9: Robert Taylor offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town 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. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

## A vote by voice was taken. <br> The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 10: Thomas Williams, Jr. offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectboard and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

A vote by voice was taken.

## The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 11: Judy Belyea offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the annual report, subject to corrections. Seconded by Rob Taylor.

## A vote by voice was taken.

The "Ayes" were unanimous.
It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
Moderator Franklin swore in the following elected officials:

| Judith Belyea | Selectboard |
| :--- | :--- |
| Michelle Marsh | Town Clerk/Tax Collector |
| Suellen Leugers | Supervisor of the Checklist |
| Suzanne Spencer | Library Trustee |
| Anita Brown | Library Trustee |

Jesse Stalker was sworn in as Trustee of trust funds and cemeteries on Monday, March 18, 2013 by Michelle Marsh.

Nancy Liston was sworn in as Library Trustee on Friday, March 22, 2013 by Michelle Marsh.

Respectfully submitted,

## Michelle Marsh

Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January ${ }^{\text {st }}, 2013$
Cash-checking ..... \$ 2,694,672
Cash-Investments ..... \$ 3,474
Total ..... \$ 2,698,146
Receipts/ transfers in during the year ..... \$ 8,115,737
Total available ..... $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 8 1 3 , 8 8 3}$
Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out ..... \$8,006,190
Cash On Hand, December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}, 2013$ ..... \$2,807,693
Cash-Checking ..... 2,804,218
Cash-Investments ..... \$3,475

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Brookes-Gouerna, 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 181994

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.

## Selectboard to appoint a Tax Collector to a term of three years as allowed by RSA 41:2, 41:33 and RSA 669:15. Article 9, 2013 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 2009, authority 2009.
Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011.

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2013

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive
Election, Registration \& Vital Statistics ..... 3,630
Financial Administration ..... 66,300
Revaluation of Property ..... 12,000
Legal Expense ..... 3,100
Personnel Administration ..... 4,700
Planning and Zoning ..... 1,200
General Government Buildings ..... 6,025
Cemeteries ..... 24,500
Insurances. ..... 35,700
Advertising and Regional Expense ..... 5,100
PUBLIC SAFETY
Police Department ..... 349,298
Ambulance ..... 28,500
Fire Protection. ..... 85,000
Emergency Management ..... 250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense ..... 24,100

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2013 (con’t)

Building Inspection ..... 7,400
HIGHWAYS, STREETS \& BRIDGES
Highways and Streets ..... 622,800
Road Projects ..... 98,300
Street Lights ..... 8,000
SANITATION
Garbage Collection ..... 147,000
Solid Waste Disposal ..... 46,810
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Health Department ..... 20,195
Pest Control ..... 500
WELFARE
Welfare Department ..... 5,250
CULTURE AND RECREATION
Recreation Commission ..... 18,979
Libraries ..... 113,818
Patriotic ..... 1,000
Conservation Commission ..... 500
DEBT SERVICE
Principal on Long-term debts ..... 25,000
Interest on Long-term debts ..... 5,250
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL ..... \$1,973,355
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 ..... 11,425
Article 2.. Gravel Reclamation 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
FUND CONTRIBUTIONS/CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL ..... \$163,925
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL ..... \$1, 973,355
TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS ..... \$2,137,280

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved ..... \$75,630,211
Buildings ..... 184,150,400
Public Utilities ..... 6,983,000
Total value before exemptions ..... $\mathbf{\$ 2 6 6 , 7 6 3 , 6 1 1}$
Blind Exemption ..... 47,000
Elderly Exemption ..... 1,072,000
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption ..... 143,100
Solar Energy Exemption ..... 334,800
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) 80\% ..... 5,111,998
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law) ..... 150,000
Total exemptions allowed ..... \$6,708,898
Net value used for local tax rate ..... \$259,904,713
Net value used for state education rate ..... \$252,921,713
(local tax rate value less utilities)
Electric Utility Property detail
Liberty Utility ..... \$1,878,100
New England Power Company ..... \$2,628,600
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative ..... \$1,466,400
Public Service of NH ..... \$1,009,900
WAR SERVICE CREDITS
Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans ..... \$2,800
Standard Exemptions (\$500/veteran) ..... 54,965
Total war service credits ..... \$57,765
CURRENT USE REPORT
Land Categories ..... Acres
Farm Land ..... 2,946
Forest Land ..... 23,522
Unproductive Land ..... 798
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) ..... 27,923

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

| Total Town Appropriation |  | $\$ 2,137,280$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Total Revenues and Credits | less | 883,190 |
| Overlay | add | 20,000 |
| War Service Credits | add | 57,765 |
| A) Net Town Appropriation | Equals | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 3 3 1 , 8 5 5}$ |
| Net Local School Budget |  | $5,673,611$ |
| Adequate Education Grant | less | 710,696 |
| State Education Taxes | less | 686,964 |
| B) Approved Local School Assessment | Equals | $\mathbf{4 , 2 7 5 , 9 5 1}$ |
| C) Approved State Education Assessment | Equals | $\mathbf{6 8 6 , 9 6 4}$ |
| D) Approved County Tax Assessment | Equals | $\mathbf{8 3 4 , 5 4 4}$ |
| Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d) |  |  |

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

| Property Taxes to be Raised | $\$ 7,129,314$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Less War Service Credits | 57,765 |
| Total Property Taxes to be Raised | $\mathbf{\$ 7 , 0 7 1 , 5 4 9}$ |

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

|  | Prior year |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| tax rate | Approved year <br> tax rate |  |
|  | $(2008$ base year) | (2013 base year) |
| Town | 4.57 | 5.12 |
| County | 2.93 | 3.21 |
| School local | 14.53 | 16.45 |
| School state | 2.42 | 2.72 |
| Combined tax rate | $\mathbf{\$ 2 4 . 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 . 5 0}$ |

Net value on which local tax rates are computed
Net value on which state tax rate is computed
(Net local value less utility valuations)
\$283,395,368
\$259,904,713
\$276,265,468
\$252,921,713

## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
Community Baptist Church\& parsonage ..... \$726,800
First Baptist Church\& parsonage ..... 473,700
Meriden Congregational Church\& parsonage ..... 1,263,000
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church ..... 3,008,100
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) ..... 23,658,300
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) ..... 150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) 100\% ..... 6,427,498
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS
Grafton Pond Trust. ..... 358,500
New England Wildflower Association. ..... 280,100
Plainfield Historical Society ..... 152,400
Singing Hills Conference Facility ..... 2,238,600
PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS
The Nature Conservancy ..... 26,700
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department ..... 257,400
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District. ..... 801,900
Plainfield Village Water District ..... 333,800
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department ..... 338,000
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Land on Stage Road ..... 4,100
Land on River Road (multiple parcels) ..... 81,300
Duncan State Forest ..... 244,400
GRANGES
Blow-Me-Down Grange ..... 398,800
Meriden Grange ..... 180,200
LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS
Cornish ..... 5,700
Grantham ..... 28,400
TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES ..... $\mathbf{\$ 4 1 , 4 3 7 , 6 9 8}$
SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS
DESCRIPTION and VALUATION
Plainfield Town Hall ..... \$312,100
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) ..... 467,400
Libraries -Plainfield ..... 1,078,100
-Meriden ..... 285,500
Highway Garage ..... 324,300
Plainfield Elementary School ..... 3,910,500
Burnaps Island ..... 45,100
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 ..... 36,300
Gravel Pit ..... 168,900
Spencer Lot ..... 203,200
Whitaker Road Intersections ..... 8,600
Tallow Hill Intersection ..... 2,600
French’s Ledges ..... 132,100
Benson Donation ..... 214,900
Victor Hewes Ball Field ..... 206,600
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) ..... 47,600
Farnum Lot ..... 155,200
Town Pound ..... 6,200
School Street Land ..... 68,200
Meriden Covered Bridge Lot ..... 12,000
Sumner's Falls Ledges ..... 7,800
Stage Road Land ..... 16,500
Hedgehog Road Land ..... 11,700
TOTAL ..... \$7,755,900

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is now an official boat registration agent for the State of New Hampshire! We can process new boats as well as renewals. You will still receive a renewal notice from the state but instead of sending it to them or going to Claremont, come see us.

Following the 15 year rule, all 1997 model year vehicles and older are now title exempt.

Don't forget to renew your dog licenses!
Fun Facts:
In 2013, I issued tags for 669 dogs, registrations for 3,321 cars, 11 marriage licenses and 41 copies of vital records.

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

## Michelle Marsh

## Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR <br> Fiscal Year ending December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }} 2013$

-Debits-

## Uncollected Taxes

Beginning of fiscal year ..... 2013 ..... 2012
Property taxes ..... \$352,193
Timber yield tax ..... \$3,078
Land use change tax ..... \$0
Excavations ..... \$0
Prior year's credit balances ..... $(\$ 1,897)$
This year's new credits ..... $(\$ 5,019)$
Taxes Committed to Collector
Property taxes ..... \$7,086,391
Land use change taxes ..... \$9,410
Yield taxes ..... \$6,476
Overpayments
Property taxes ..... \$6,502Interest collected ondelinquent taxes\$3,501\$19,713
TOTAL DEBITS\$7,105,364$\mathbf{\$ 3 7 4 , 9 8 4}$
-Credits-
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal YearProperty taxes\$6,716,104\$229,777
Land use changes taxes ..... \$7,050 ..... \$0
Excavation ..... \$0 ..... \$0
Timber yield taxes ..... \$6,477 ..... \$3,078
Interest on taxes ..... \$3,501 ..... \$19,713
Converted to liens (principal only) ..... 0
\$122,416Prior year overpayments assigned (\$130)
Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year
Property taxes ..... \$3,687
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year
Property taxes ..... \$366,600
Timber Yield Tax ..... 2,360
Property Tax Credit Balance ..... (\$283)
TOTAL CREDITS\$7,105,366\$374,983

## TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT

## December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }} 2013$

|  | -Debits- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Unredeemed Liens | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0 +}$ |
| Beginning of year | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 116,621$ | $\$ 122,106$ |
| New liens | $\$ 132,098$ |  |  |
| Interests/Penalties | $\$ 828$ | $\$ 9,707$ | $\$ 15,432$ |
| TOTAL DEBITS | $\mathbf{\$ 1 3 2 , 9 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 6 , 3 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 3 7 , 5 3 8}$ |
|  | - Credits- |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Remittance to Treasurer | $\$ 15,046$ | $\$ 32,448$ | $\$ 49,296$ |
| Redemptions | $\$ 828$ | $\$ 9,707$ | $\$ 15,432$ |
| Interest/Penalties | $\$ 117,051$ | $\$ 84,173$ | $\$ 72,810$ |
| Unredeemed liens | $\mathbf{\$ 1 3 2 , 9 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 6 , 3 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 3 7 , 5 3 8}$ |

## REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT Year ending March 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}, 2013$

Total reports filed ..... 13
Total yield tax assessed ..... \$20,450
Softwood cut, MBF ..... 364,840
Hardwood cut, MBF ..... 108,977
Cordwood cut, cords ..... 198
Pulpwood/chips, tons ..... 2239
Pulpwood, cords ..... 150
Whole tree chips, tons ..... 1244Respectfully Submitted,
Iudith A. Belyea,
Yield Tax Agent

## SELECTBOARD REPORT -2013

Another year has come and gone for the Town of Plainfield and as we traditionally do, here is an update of the Board of Selectmen's activities for the previous 12 months. Of course, many issues were addressed and decisions made. In the interest of brevity we will list the most notable activities here as bullet points. Our complete meeting minutes are available on the Town's website: www.plainfieldnh.org or in hard copy at the Town Office in Meriden.

- A vacancy on our police force was filled with an experienced officer from Claremont. The Selectboard weighed whether or not to fill this vacancy against the need for staffing in the Town. In the end it was decided that the public safety considerations far outweigh any financial savings a force reduction would garnish. For many years Plainfield has made it so that an officer is available to respond to calls for service 24/7/365. This is expensive to the taxpayers, but seems to be the best for public safety. We continue to work to balance service with fiscal discipline.
- A new highway truck and sander were put into service early in the year. This new machine features a departure from the old system of a "slide in sander" and instead uses the so called "municipal body" concept. This is where the sander is actually incorporated into the dump body and is continuously available for transition from dump truck mode to sand an/or salt application mode. The result is a simpler and faster set up for all uses as well as increased capacity over the old sander technology. Our road agent feels so strongly about the benefit of this new system we are asking for Town Meeting approval to retrofit another truck in our fleet with this system.
- Our old 1974 "Tiger" tractor has reached a point where it needs to be replaced. The road agent has requested that the Town purchase a more modern tractor with newer mowing equipment to improve our mowing program. The Selectboard considered many options here including leasing equipment, but decided to ask the Town to purchase a machine which will have more uses, including (perhaps) sweeping, leaf blowing and chipping.
- With the diligent help of the Plainfield Energy Committee, the Selectboard has approved multiple improvements to the Town facilities to make them more efficient. Most notably the work at the Town Hall in Meriden has seen multiple upgrades to the building, heating system and lighting. We will continue to work with the Energy Committee to improve our facilities Townwide. A big "thank you" is in order for the members of this committee. Stay tuned for some interesting solar developments.
- Thanks to some hard working volunteers, the Town won a grant to restore and preserve the backdrop that once hung in the Meriden Town Hall stage. The grant funds helped to secure the professional services of a restoration specialist. Together with some of our finest citizens, the work was completed and the fruits of their labor now hang in the Selectboard's conference room as decoration and as tribute to the spirit of volunteerism in Town.
- As dictated by State law, the Town completed a complete revaluation of all properties (land and buildings) for purposes of property taxation. The firm Avatar Associates was contracted to do the work and our Town Assessor, George Hildum, supervised the entire enterprise. It is always a painstaking
job, but the end result is as close to $100 \%$ as we can get. The Selectboard wishes to thank all property owners in Town for their patience and cooperation in this endeavor. The data is now available online as well as in the Town Office.
- Selectboard members attended the celebration activities for Kimball Union Academy's $200^{\text {th }}$ anniversary in May. This is quite an accomplishment for the school and on behalf of all our residents, we wish to congratulate the school on reaching this milestone. Happy $200^{\text {th }}$ KUA!
- The Selectboard re-negotiated a contract with Comcast for the franchise rights to operate in Town. The biggest concession we were able to extract from this giant corporation is an expansion of service on True Rd. (in the next 12 months) and an agreement to expand wherever more residential density is achieved. The major factor in this negotiation was access to high speed internet service. Thankfully other providers have stepped in to increase access for more homes elsewhere.
- In July major rainstorms caused extensive damage to roads all over Town. Heaviest hit was Hell Hollow Road, which required almost complete reconstruction. With the help of a few outside contractors and their large equipment, our highway crew spent the better part of the summer fixing drainage and reshaping drive lanes. Due to the losses incurred, the Town was able to secure some disaster assistance from the FEMA the federal disaster agency.
- A major road refurbishment on Center of Town Road was performed once the storm damage was complete. This work included upgrading drainage that had been problematic for many years. A complete repaving of the road was the last step to get this road done. Residents on the road seem happy with the improvements.
- The Selectboard appointed a committee tasked with considering options to bring the Meriden Library into a compliant state of ADA access. As it currently stands, this facility is not accessible to those with a disability. The committee held numerous meetings and developed a report listing the recommendations. The Library Trustees will now have to decide how to proceed, but the Committee is to be commended for their hard and thorough work.
- The conservation easement on the Walker Farm land on Sandborn Road was a topic that got much attention in 2013. The land is some 100 acres with guaranteed public access as well as deeded trail areas. Conflict has arisen between the land owner and members of the public. The Selectboard has inspected the property and is developing a plan (ie. Signage and trail construction) to strike a balance between landowner rights and the rights of the public to access this property.
- Our trash and recycling contractor, Casella, met with the board to recommend the use of "totter" containers in Town. These totters offer better refuse storage as well as easier pick up at curbside. We have been getting Town feedback and will probably make a decision soon. So far the advantages seem to outweigh the down sides to this system. Please take a look at sample totters in the Plainfield Library and let us know what you think.

Finally, the Selectboard would like to thank everyone who serves the Town in all the capacities required. From the members of our various boards and committees, to the Fire and Rescue personnel who answer our calls for help. It is this volunteer spirit that means so much to our community. A few people to specifically call out include Stephanie Schell and Al Grindle for the work they do with the senior socials and with our neediest residents. We also would like to recognize one of our own who has decided not to run for re-election. Tom Williams has served as Selectman for many years now and will finish his term at the upcoming Town Meeting. Tom's roots go back to the beginning of Plainfield as a Township. We want thank him for his service and wish him the best.

As always, please join us at one of our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Or call the Town office at 469-3201 to express an opinion. If you would like to serve the Town in other ways let us know, there is always a need for volunteers. Here is hoping for a good 2014 for Plainfield!

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


Selectman Taylor presenting the Stephen H. Taylor Award posthumously to David Chellis. Cheyenne Chellis accepting the award. Photo: S. Halleran

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2013:

Comeast Cable: The Town finalized a 12 year contract renewal with Comcast. The new contract provides some modest increase in cable plant over the next two years.

Library Loan Refinancing: Acting in a suggestion from a resident, the town was able to refinance the loan for the Plainfield Library addition saving about $\$ 4,000$ over the remaining life of the loan. The old rate was $4.0 \%$ the new rate is $2.27 \%$. The loan is paid in full in the year 2018.

Revaluation: The town completed a full measure and list of all properties in 2013. The new values showed an average decrease of about $10 \%$ from the 2008 base year values. The new values were used to establish the 2013 tax rate in early November. Avitar Associates was the contract assessing firm that did the project at the direction of Town Assessor George Hildum.

Hazard Mitigation Project: A prerequisite for towns to receive federal monies is the existence of a current Hazard Mitigation Plan. Our plan was last updated in 2009 and was due for updating in 2014. The field work for the update was done this year utilizing a State of New Hampshire Homeland Security Grant.

FEMA ASSISTANCE: The town applied for assistance for two Federally declared disasters in Sullivan County in 2013. The first was a snow event on February $8^{\text {th }}$ the second was a flash flooding event on July $2^{\text {nd }}$. The snow event returned $\$ 11,000$ back to the town to assist with the cost of cleaning up the storm. The flash flood event will return some $\$ 61,000$ back to the town which sustained something in the area of $\$ 80,000$ worth of road damage from the storm.

Energy Committee: The Selectboard made $\$ 6,000$ of town funds available to the energy committee to work on energy improvements at the town office. Most of this money has been used for air sealing, furnace improvements and more energy efficient lighting.

Emergency Service Communication: Police and Fire have been the lead agencies on this project which is designed to improve the town's emergency service communications for portable radios and pagers. The Town Office has been assisting with zoning approval and the development of a long-term contract for the service.

Local Zoning Approval for Septic System Designs: All septic system designs in the town must now be submitted to the State of New Hampshire with Town Zoning Administrator Approval attached. Like many towns Plainfield had experienced the state approving septic systems for projects that had not received necessary local zoning approval. This prerequisite prevents that from happening.

Community Tree Lighting Dedication: In partnership with Kimball Union Academy the annual tree lighting ceremony held on KUA property at the intersection of Main Street and Route 120 was dedicated to the memory of David Chellis. A stone with David's name on it was placed at the base of the tree in honor of all he meant to this community.

Stephen Halleran, Town Administrator

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the zoning board GRANTED the following appeals:
Case 2013-01 Wavecom: Communication Tower \#82 Blackhill Road required a variance and a Special Exception.

Case 2013-02 Paul Yates: Firearm sales and repair, \#1100 Route 12A, required a variance and special exception.

Case 2013-03 Thomas Lappin: Approved Combination of Related Uses to allow for a multifamily apartment building and restaurant at \#7 Bean Road.

Submitted,
Richard Collourn, 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 2013:
5 New single family residences 9 Renewals
2 Commercial projects 8 Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
2 Garages
13 Renovations/Misc.
7 Electrical upgrades
5 Decks/porches
6 Additions
9 Solar panels

Permit total= $\mathbf{6 6}$

## PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

## Subdivision:

Gribble
Longacre
Annexations:
Gribble to Red Barn Trust
Bartles to Bartles
Chellis Estate to Marsh

## Site Plan Reviews:

Independent Wireless One
Thomas Lappin
Pau Yates

2 new lots Methodist Hill Road
4 new lots Westgate/Hayward Rd
Minor land swap w/Red Barn Trust Methodist Hill 30 acre land swap between lots.
13 acres Chellis Road

10’ Communication Tower Extension \#95 Beauty Hill Rd
Taveran/Multi-family building \#7 Bean Rd
Retail sporting goods store \#1100 Route 12A

In addition to these cases the Planning Board completed its work on the town's Master Plan update. The new plan is entirely web based and is available at www.plainfieldnh.org

The Planning Board also adopted a new lot shape rule. The old 4 to 1 (lot width to depth ratio) has been replaced with a shape factor that compares a lot's perimeter dimensions to its area. It is hoped that the new rule is easier to interpret than the 4 to 1.

The Planning Board has been working on several zoning initiatives for 2014 that are intended to provide property owners with enhanced opportunities to add additional dwelling units to their property if desired.

## Plainfield Property Owners:

A recent change to RSA 674:39 allows property owners with previously merged nonconforming lots to apply to unmerge the parcels. The application must be made prior to December $31^{\text {st }} 2016$ and is made to the town's Governing Body. Contact the town office for more information.

Submitted,
Jane Stephenson,, Chair Planning Board

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2013

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) is an advisory commission to the Plainfield Select Board. This year the commission concentrated on organizing conservation easement deeds, inventorying Class VI roads, and continuing the education/action campaign to control invasive species.

Understanding the Ramifications of Conservation Easement Deeds: The PCC has worked to review and organize the conservation easement deeds on record for the
conserved properties within Plainfield's boundaries. We continued a project that Ruthann Wheeler had worked on.

The importance of knowing the content of these deeds is paramount. The language in a deed records the intent of the creators of the easement to conserve the land in perpetuity as it was used at the time the land was officially conserved. The deeds record the specific intents of what can, and cannot, be done on the land to prolong the land's current use as open space, agricultural and/or forested land, and maintain its undeveloped character, its history and beauty. And, as most recently experienced, if the language allows public access: what is the extent of the access, the definition of access, the type of access, etc.?

The language in these easement documents is now easily accessible in a twovolume, tabbed and alphabetized set to be reviewed on an annual basis during the property's monitoring visit (a PCC official makes this visit and reports the current use). Sitting on a shelf in the Town Office, the volumes are there when the Town of Plainfield (who is the holder of the easement), the landowner, any other town committee, or the public has a question about the land's current use.

Class VI Roads: Many years ago Howard Zea took the hand-drawn map of Plainfield and noted by hand and pencil what roads are discontinued and the date of that discontinuance. He also highlighted the Class VI roads and their dates of establishment or any official change to them.

The PCC embarked on a campaign to walk Howard's roads and photograph pertinent elements in the road or being seen from the road. Also noted is the steepness of the road, wetness of the terrain, the current condition of the road, the beginning and ending of the road, any noteworthy historic significance, environmental value, scenic beauty, whether the road connects to other road(s), number of residences on the road, ease-of-access for emergency vehicles, etc.

All of this information is catalogued in a three-ring binder, housed at the Town Office, for anyone looking for this type of information. The description of the road is objective (i.e., factual) without editorial comment. The PCC believes this volume will provide useful information to any decision-making a town committee makes, for a potential home buyer, or for a current property owner considering a change to the road.

House Calls: Having found it difficult to reach all community members, the PCC will this year try a new strategy to explain and help Plainfield control the overwhelming spread of invasive species in Plainfield and the Upper Valley. We're calling this effortHouse Calls.

Commissioners will visit with you, at your invitation, and share their knowledge about the identification of good and bad plants on your property. They will give you ways to encourage the good plants and control the spread of the bad plants. It's a dialog; not a lecture from the commissioner. You will ask the questions, show the place on your land where you have a concern, ask for reference material or professional help to contain the invasion, etc. Plus, we are there for you, if invited, to spread the word to your neighbors. In other words telling you something in a workshop or weed-pulling-party which you may, or may not, want to know; we will come to you (or a group of you) to help you with your specific invasive species problem(s).

So, make the call (469-3399 or ferguson208a@tds.net) and we'll make an appointment to help you control (you may never eradicate) the spread of invasive species-our native plants and wildlife will appreciate your efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Ferquson, Chair<br>Conservation Commission<br>pcc@plainfieldnh.org

| CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Forestry Maintenance Fund 01/01 | 3 Beg. Balance | \$18,770 |
| Interest earned |  | \$7 |
| Balance 12/31 |  | \$18,777 |
| Conservation Commission Fund | 01/01/13 Balance | \$60,137 |
| Interest earned |  | \$22 |
| Current use penalty monies in | ('12) | \$8,465 |
| Balance | 12/31/13 | \$ 68,624 |



Loomis Road, One of Plainfield's many class VI Highways Photo: Myra Ferguson

## RECREATION COMMISSION-2013

We finished the 2012-2013 basketball season in February. The $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade group of 20 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the KUA gym. Our $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade girls group of 9 and $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade boys group of 9 practiced and played several games with local towns during the season followed by a tournament in Claremont. The season was completed with a boys/girls game and a parents/kids game followed by great pizza from Ziggy's Pizza. Focus was put on individual skills, playing as a team, and sportsmanship. Practices and home games were held at PES. The combined groups had a total participation of 38 boys and girls.

In the spring we started our $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade boy's baseball with a large group of 16. They practiced and played teams from other area towns. Home games were played on Prescott Field. Skills and sportsmanship were worked on through the season. We unfortunately were not able to field a $3 / 4$ softball team as we had only 4 sign-ups. Participation in another area town recreation, was offered to those signed up. We will most likely have low numbers again this coming season for soft ball and will look to offer participation in a border town if we do not have enough to field our own team.
We ran our T-ball during late spring and early summer. Participation was at $221^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders making up 2 teams and an additional 11 participants to make up our farm team. $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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 June 1st in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. The weather was great and participation was up from recent years. 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 including McNamara Dairy Chocolate Milk, Coca Cola soft drinks and water. Ice cream cones were handed out from the Meriden Deli to all participants. We had 101 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Andrew Duany with his 17" trout. A total of 145 fish were caught during the derby. The Meriden Deli raffled a 32 lb chocolate bar and a chocolate basket created by Mt. Mooselauke Candies with proceeds going to the Plainfield Recreation Department. I would like to give a huge thank you to our many volunteers. 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, and McNamara Dairy.

Unfortunately, we were unable to offer our tennis program this past year, but we are working to get this back in 2014. 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.
On August 25, our 2nd Annual Spirit Day was held. 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. Please see the separate report on this event. The Soccer program in the fall included the $3 / 4$ boy's team made up of 13 boys and the $3 / 4$ girl's team was made up of 17 girls. These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field. This group worked on individual skills, working as a team, and sportsmanship. The $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade had three teams made up of 30 players. These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at
the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 16 kids that participated in the kindergarten group. We had a total of 76 participants in our K through 4th grade soccer program. The 2013-2014 basketball season got started for our grade boys with a group of 10 and the grade girls with a group of 12 . They are working on both individual and team skills and will play games with other area towns. The $1^{\text {st }}$ and 2 nd grade group working on basic skills at the PES gym on Saturday mornings has 12 participants and started in January. In the coming year of 2014, I look forward to continued participation in our youth programs. I am happy to hear any input 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.

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, Ziggy's Pizza, and McNamara Dairy 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


## SPIRIT DAY COMMITTEE -2013

After the town's 250th anniversary in 2011, headed up by Margaret Drye and her committee, it was decided that it would be fun to have an event once a year, at the end of summer, where everyone could get together in our community and enjoy an evening with family, friends, and neighbors. In 2012, Steve Taylor headed up the task to make this happen. That year, Steve worked hard and did so much of the work to pull off our first Plainfield Spirit Day. With the evening being a big success, we moved forward to continue with the plan to make this an annual event. On August 25, 2013 we held our 2nd Annual Plainfield Spirit Day.

This year, our hopes were to continue with an evening that everyone could get together and visit while having something to eat and listen to some entertainment. The event started at 5 p.m. with music played by the band Borderstone. They played a mix of light rock, easy listening, and blues. The band made up of Tom Austin, Joel Trembly, and Randy Witham, played some great music through the evening for all to enjoy.
Our corn roast was held again this year. Grills for the corn roast were provided by Frank Currier, corn provided by Edgewater Farm, and butter provided by Taylor Farm. The Thibodeau Family of John, Tracey, Dustin, and Rachel did a great job cooking up the corn (it came out great) and also provided more grills for all to cook up food that they brought to the event.

Rob Taylor again connected us with the ice cream trailer from Dairy Farmers of New Hampshire. A wide variety of ice cream choices were provided and served up by the Drye Family and Falcone Family 4 H groups. Brownies were also available, made by Terry McNamara and the Meriden Deli. Many chose to make up a brownie sundae. Everyone's favorite chocolate milk was provided from McNamara Dairy.
A large bounce house was provided and operated by Dave Dupree and the Bounce Boyz. This was enjoyed by many children throughout the evening. It was busy all evening and it looked like everyone was having a great time. It was a great addition to the day. Frank Currier and his crew had many of the town fire trucks lined up and welcomed children and families to come see the trucks and experience being inside. The many volunteer firefighters helped answer questions as well as provide safety for the night. A 50/50 raffle was held with Lisa Wallen selling tickets throughout the evening. A total of $\$ 252$ was brought in with $\$ 126$ going to the lucky winner. The evening ended with the playing of our National Anthem by Glen Griffin and then a spectacular fireworks show by Northstar fireworks.

I would like to thank the many people listed above who helped out so much to make this event happen. Thank you to Steve Taylor for all the help and direction he gave me in the organization of this event. I would also like to thank Bill Knight, Pearl Cantlin, Marty Morgan, Lisa Wallen, and Cody Cantlin for their help with much of the setting up, cleaning up, and general help.
Thank you for the use of the Plainfield School facilities where we held the event. The Plainfield Police Department and Fire Department. Thank you for the support from Steve Halleran and the Plainfield Selectboard.

It was a fun evening and I hope it was enjoyed by everyone who could make it. Thank you for coming and making this a fun community event. I hope to see you all back next year along with those who could not make it this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel P. Cantlin,

## PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES <br> Trustees Report for 2013

The trustees spent this past year working on several policies, including ones for interlibrary loan use, patron privacy protection, and a credit card policy to streamline purchasing and bill-paying.

We looked at findings brought back by the town's Americans with Disabilities Act compliance committee and have asked the selectboard to allow us to solicit proposals for a ramp.

On October $1^{\text {st }}$, the Philip Read Memorial Library went live with the online catalog, joining the Meriden Library in offering users the ability to look up and reserve books remotely. As the libraries have come more and more into the digital age, we are working to find ways to share between the libraries to make them more efficient - and handle increased demand. Cataloging has continued at both libraries.
Suzanne Spencer was elected to the board. Mark Pensgen had decided to run for reelection this year.

The board would like to thank the library directors, aides, and volunteers who give countless hours to Plainfield's libraries.
We welcome and encourage interested residents to join us for our open meetings, which are generally held on the second Monday of each month at alternating libraries. Minutes are available for your review on the Town's website and on the libraries' new and updated websites.

Anita Brown, chair; Hillary Sundell, vice chair; Mark Pensgen, Treasurer; Nancy Liston; Suzanne Spencer, Secretary<br>Library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org



Max, a special guest at the reading of Sarah Gillens' book, "Bravo for Bravo" at the Philip Read Memorial Library.

| Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total Budget | Total <br> Actual | Budget |
|  | 2013 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| Income | $\$ 113,268$ | $\$ 113,823$ | $\$ 117,658$ |
| Town Appropriation | $\$ 3,250$ | $\$ 3,300$ | $\$ 2,700$ |
| Trust Funds | $\$ 150$ | $\$ 2,856$ |  |
| Gifts/Grants | $\$ 50$ | $\$ 536$ |  |
| Book Fines/Copier | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 17$ |  |
| Book Sales | $\$ 10$ | $\$ 27$ | $\$ 10$ |
| Total Interest Income |  | $\$ 4,360$ | $\$ 4,854$ |
| Encumbered Funds | $\$ 600$ | $\$ 180$ | $\$ 600$ |
| Misc Income | $\$ 121,688$ | $\$ 125,098$ | $\$ 125,822$ |
| Total Income |  |  |  |
| Expense | $\$ 69,323$ | $\$ 67,915$ | $\$ 70,483$ |
| Salaries | $\$ 1,285$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,285$ |
| Sick Pay | $\$ 14,700$ | $\$ 14,749$ | $\$ 16,200$ |
| Total Library Materials | $\$ 1,620$ | $\$ 1,736$ | $\$ 1,620$ |
| Telephone | $\$ 4,100$ | $\$ 4,434$ | $\$ 4,700$ |
| Electricity | $\$ 8,900$ | $\$ 9,171$ | $\$ 8,980$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 800$ | $\$ 499$ | $\$ 800$ |
| Water/Sewer | $\$ 2,300$ | $\$ 1,812$ | $\$ 2,300$ |
| Supplies | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 258$ | $\$ 500$ |
| Postage | $\$ 900$ | $\$ 433$ | $\$ 600$ |
| Professional Activities | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 2,008$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Programs | $\$ 300$ | $\$ 1,318$ | $\$ 1,050$ |
| Furniture/Equipment | $\$ 1,700$ | $\$ 1,111$ | $\$ 1,700$ |
| Elevator | $\$ 4,600$ | $\$ 4,601$ | $\$ 4,900$ |
| Maintenance | $\$ 2,300$ | $\$ 2,207$ | $\$ 1,600$ |
| Automation/Cataloging | $\$ 2,800$ | $\$ 1,980$ | $\$ 1,700$ |
| Computer | $\$ 650$ | $\$ 175$ | $\$ 1,350$ |
| Trustee Expense | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 47$ | $\$ 200$ |
| Misc Expense | $\$ 4,360$ | $\$ 3,976$ | $\$ 4,854$ |
| Encumbered Funds | $\$ 12,338$ | $\$ 118,429$ | $\$ 125,822$ |
| Total Expense |  |  |  |
| Net Ordinary | $\$ 6,669$ |  |  |
| Income |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |


| Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Other Income, Expense and Liabilities |  |  |
| Income/Transfers |  |  |
| Bldg Fund Gifts-from Friends of PRML | $\$ 85,834$ | $\$ 20,143$ |
| Transfer from Blg fund-Meriden | $\$ 3,586$ | $\$ 7,850$ |
| Expense |  |  |
| Building funds Expense-PRML | $\$ 85,834$ | $\$ 20,143$ |
| Building funds Expense-Meriden | $\$ 3,586$ | $\$ 7,850$ |
| Net Other Income and Expense |  |  |
| Less 2013 payable items (encumbered) | $\$ 4,854$ |  |
| Total Net Income | $\$ 1,815$ |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Fund Balances-Year End | $\$ 6,450$ |  |
| Philip Read Checking | $\$ 2,591$ |  |
| Philip Read Fines Account | $\$ 5,186$ |  |
| Meriden Checking | $\$ 47$ |  |
| Meriden Petty Cash | $\$ 269$ |  |
| Meriden Fines and Fees account |  |  |


| Savings | $\$ 17,977$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Vanguard Money Market | $\$ 38,061$ |
| Vanguard Windsor Fund | $\$ 26,917$ |

## MERIDEN LIBRARY

I am happy to report that 2013 was another year of growth for the Meriden Library. In both statistics that we track daily, patron visits and items circulated, there were increases over the previous year. 6,459 individuals visited the library and 9668 items were circulated during the year. With both newly registered and re-registered patrons the library added 120 patrons for a total of 325 patrons.

We continue the work of digitally cataloging all holdings of the Meriden Library. At year end 8591 items have been entered into the database. That number includes 307 new items that we added to our collection. 768 worn, under circulated or outdated items were withdrawn. I expect that all of the estimated 10,000 books, videos, audiobooks and equipment that we own will be cataloged in 2014. Although this is slow and detailed work I am confident that when the process is complete we will be offering our patrons an organized collection that is up-to-date and appropriate for a small public library.

In addition to the materials on our shelves our patrons also have access to 7,206 audiobooks and 6,606 e-books through our paid membership to the New Hampshire Downloadable Consortium. This year 714 e-books and audiobooks were downloaded. That is a more than $60 \%$ increase over last year. More and more people are using
electronic devices and we are happy to be able to provide them with a source for free books.

An improvement that was made to the physical space of the library was the installation of a circulation desk. Space was reconfigured and bookshelves moved to allow for the new desk and a computer station for our patrons. It has made an enormous improvement in the working space for staff and for the comfort of our patrons who use our public access computers.

The Meriden Library hosts on-going programs for both adults and children. Books groups and the Genealogy club meet monthly. During the winter months, "Game Time" is held for adults to gather with friends and neighbors for various board games. We hold a weekly story time for young children, evening crafts programs for families and afterschool and vacation programs for school aged children.

Special programs and speaker presentations are offered throughout the year. In April, together with the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Bird Club, we sponsored the program, Discovering New England Stone Walls presented by Kevin Gardner. It was a wonderful collaboration with more than 90 attendees.

We had a very fun and busy summer with many children participating in the "Dig Into Reading" summer program. We held a kickoff event in late June that, thanks to the great Town of Plainfield's road crew, included a visit from the town's front end loader. Singer and song writer, Steve Blunt, performed an outside concert on our lawn in July. We also held story times with guest readers, Jeff Robbins and "Mr. Woody" and evening programs for families.

The Friends of the Meriden Library contributed time, energy and resources in their goal to make the Meriden Library a vital part of the village. Their annual plant sale raises funds to support the mission of the library. The Friends sponsored several programs that brought people of all ages together, "Warm Your Winter With Soup and Good Books", "Cool Your Summer With Ice Cream and Good Books" and a New Hampshire Humanities Council program, "Mary Todd Lincoln: An Unconventional Woman". I am very grateful to the group for their support.

Terri Crane joined our staff in January as Library Assistant. She and Lori Estey provide all levels of library service to our patrons and often rise to the challenge of filling the many other needs that occur in a small library.

Volunteers provided 215 hours of service this year. The great accomplishment of cataloging our collection is being fulfilled by three very dedicated volunteers; Barbara Wendt, Jeanne Thompson and Fawn Goodrow. Lee Abrahamson has helped with many projects and so many others came forward at the call for help when we needed it this summer. Huge thanks to all of you!

I also want to acknowledge the many hours that are devoted by the Trustees of the Town of Plainfield Libraries. Anita Brown, Nancy Liston, Mark Pensgen, Suzanne Spencer and Hillary Sundell provide the leadership and governance that continues to improve our libraries.

## Meriden Library Growth Indicators

|  | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 3}}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Patron Visits | $\mathbf{5 7 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 5 9}$ |
| Items Circulated | $\mathbf{7 7 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 0 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{9 6 6 8}$ |
| Number of Programs | $\mathbf{8 7}$ | $\mathbf{7 4}$ | $\mathbf{8 5}$ |
| Program Attendance | $\mathbf{8 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 2 4}$ |

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. King, Director Meriden Library


Young readers getting ready to "Dig Into Reading" at the Meriden Library. photo credit M. King

## FINAL REPORT <br> MERIDEN LIBRARY ADA STUDY COMMITTEE

 June 25, 2013
## (Summary)

## Committee Charge, Members, Activities

The Committee's charge (full text attached) was to examine the need for ADA compliance at the Meriden Library; seek any funds needed for the Committee's study in time for action at the Town Meeting in March, 2013; figure out a range of ADAcompliance options and their pros, cons, and costs; and complete this by December 31, 2013.

Committee members were Brad Atwater, Judy Hallam, Bob Kline, Amy Lappin, and Rod Wendt (Chair).

In our 6 months of work, we had 6 meetings. Minutes of each are included with this Final Report. Our work included the following:

1. Seeking a clear understanding of the legal landscape, what Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act REQUIRES the Town of Plainfield to do with respect to accessibility to public facilities generally, and the Meriden Library specifically. This involved significant contact with the Governor's Council on Disabilities, as well as the Disabilities Rights Center, and in the end did NOT produce a "black \& white" legal framework but rather one of "gray".
2. Developing an assessment of where Meriden Library stands in terms of meeting the ADA requirements for full access to all services and programs. We do not meet the standard.
3. Developing very rough cost estimates of 4 directions toward ADA compliance, ranging from small (a ramp) to very big (a new building), so that we understood the broad parameters of these directions before investing significant time in any of them. This was done at no charge by John Brown of Estes \& Gallup, and quickly showed us that some directions made no sense, while others might be pursued.
4. Discerning the best way forward for the Town of Plainfield in a "gray" legal setting with some significant costs for full ADA compliance.

## Conclusions

1. Full ADA access to the Meriden Library requires all patrons being able to access all offerings of the library, either by physical access ("I can get to it myself") or staff access ("staff can get to it for me"). This includes all media (books, tapes, etc.) and programs (meetings, etc.) Meriden Library falls far short on "I can get to it myself" physical access. The upper floor can only be reached by climbing the outside front entry stairs. Once inside, the lower floor requires descent down a steep, twisting staircase. The bathroom is not large enough for a wheelchair. The Meriden Library does the best it can on "staff can get to it for me" access, with very willing staff that delivers books to homes or to cars waiting outside. Programs are also, whenever possible, offered in physically accessible spaces so that all might participate.
2. The legal landscape for how we get to full ADA physical access compliance for Meriden Library, and the risks along the way, is gray rather than black \& white. We received two legal/expert opinions that said different things. The more conservative said the moment we do ANYTHING to the Meriden Library, inside or outside, we are committing ourselves to do EVERYTHING to make it fully accessible - access to both floors and an ADA-accessible bathroom. The more flexible said we can add a ramp on the outside to provide access to the upper level WITHOUT triggering the requirement for complete access to everything, BUT the moment we begin interior alterations those requirements WOULD be triggered. However, we see a safety route here -- if we do "partial compliance" now, but are also planning in earnest for "full compliance" in the future, that provides significant legal defense against not being in full compliance with our first step.

Importantly, there are no "ADA Police" who come swooping down on unsuspecting Towns in violation. Rather, someone has to lodge a complaint that Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act is not being adhered to, and then an investigation is undertaken.
3. Having a fully ADA-accessible library (Philip Read Memorial Library, PRML) on the other side of the Town of Plainfield is either helpful or limiting, and the legal opinions differ on which it is. The more conservative legal opinion said that if Meriden is open hours that PRML is not, then patrons without disabilities have more access (PRML hours + Meriden hours) than those with disabilities (PRML hours only), which is a problem. And, if programs offered in inaccessible Meriden are not identical to those offered in accessible PRML, that is another problem. The more flexible legal opinion said that having a fully accessible library across town significantly reduces the pressure to make Meriden Library ADA-accessible in general.
4. Full ADA accessibility for the Meriden Library will be costly to achieve in any way that makes sense. The options considered are detailed under "Findings" below. The only reasonable ways to achieve full access are either to add on the back of the existing library with full access features including an elevator (a $\$ 400,000$ to $\$ 500,000$ project), or build a new fully-accessible library facility somewhere else in Meriden (a $\$ 800,000$ to $\$ 1,250,000$ project). Lesser projects (like adding an access ramp and inside elevator to the current building, \$250,000) have flaws that make then undesirable.

## Recommendations

1. On balance, we believe the best approach to improving Meriden Library access by people with disabilities -- while balancing reasonable legal risk and reasonable fiscal responsibility -- is to put up a simple ramp providing simple access to the upper level NOW, while studying full-access solutions in a broader, town-wide, multipurpose usage context. There was a strong desire on the Committee to be able to do SOMETHING to improve access for patrons in the short term, even if it stopped short of full ADA compliance. This was underscored by the realization that FULL compliance solutions were very costly, and would take a long time to realize - if ever. This was further complicated by the sense that any major Town construction of new or renovated buildings should consider ALL the needs of the Town, not just the needs of the Meriden Library. We believe building something that could be used by a variety of Town people for a variety of purposes makes more sense than a library-specific construction project, especially when the price tag is in the $\$ 400,000$ to $\$ 1,250,000$ range.
2. The "simple ramp" portion of our recommendation will provide only partial access (in a legal ADA context), but will make access easier for many people and increase the use of the Meriden Library while we figure out a broader, longerterm solution. For the person in a wheelchair, a simple ramp would allow them to get inside the library, talk to the library staff, request books or other media, and participate in community meetings IF they were on the upper level. Importantly, others who do not have a "disability" but find it difficult to access the library via the front steps (especially seniors with canes or walkers) would also benefit from a simple ramp access.
3. The "simple ramp" could become a Plainfield community project, and we believe be done within the existing reserves in the Town's ADA Access fund. While the Committee received estimates for a permanent institutional grade concrete
ramp with significant alterations to the front access to the library ( $\$ 40,000$ to $\$ 50,000$ ), we did not ask for estimates for a simpler, shorter-life ramp that could serve until a broader, more comprehensive solution could be determined. However, we believe that a simpler ramp, if designed by people within the Town of Plainfield community, and constructed with volunteer help, could easily be done within the \$26,500 currently in the Town's ADA Access Fund. At Town Meeting in March 2013, a woman urged the Town to consider a volunteer project to build such a ramp. Design and materials specifications would require further work, but we urge the Town to use local (ideally volunteer) design talent and consider both pressure-treated wood and synthetic materials (such as Trex or Azek) for the ramp.
4. The "study full access solutions" portion of our recommendation should involve a broader, more comprehensive analysis of the Town's facility needs, because we believe that major expenditures on new construction or renovation best serve the community when they look at ALL the community needs, not just the needs of one entity (the Meriden Library). Having multiple functions in a single space could be more efficient all the way around, as common needs (restrooms, meeting space, etc.) could be shared and it is fewer buildings to maintain. While we clearly have not studied Town needs (beyond the Meriden Library accessibility needs), the following have come up in conversations over the months:
a. The Meriden Town Offices need energy efficient upgrades - maybe a new space would work better.
b. The Police Station is quite small and quirky, maybe another space would work better.
c. The Post Office wants to move away from Main Street, Meriden. Maybe they could be a tenant.
d. Seniors like a place to meet. A Senior Center would be wonderful.
e. A central place to deliver social services - like community nursing - would be great.
f. Community meeting space is limited. Currently we use the Plainfield School or churches for larger community meetings.
g. And, of course, the desire to make the Meriden Library fully ADAaccessible.
5. Studying the broader Town facility needs should involve a broader committee and have a broader charge than the committee assembled to investigate the ADA accessibility needs of the Meriden Library. The charge should involve looking at the total Town facility needs, including Town offices, Plainfield School, the needs of seniors, the needs for access to social services, and possibly others. The committee chosen should reflect the breadth of the needs being considered. Some members of the Meriden Library ADA Accessibility Committee might be willing to serve on such a broader committee, although each would have to be approached.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Wendt, Chair

# PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY 

## Calendar Year 2013

Your community center, the Philip Read Memorial Library, is brimming with activity and resources for everyone. The library has a great collection of materials for patrons to check out or use in the building-books, movies, audio, computers, downloadable e-book and audios, magazines, museum passes, access to Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest, genealogy and special collection material. In 2013, items checked out of the library totaled 12,214; computer users numbered 1,112; and 3,931 searches were performed on Ancestry. There were 7,943 patron visits during the year. Researchers from across the country continue to use our extensive special collections of genealogy, Maxfield Parrish and Cornish Colony material.

A major achievement in 2013 was "going live" with the automated catalog and circulation system, as part of the Howe Library Consortium. Volunteers are entering every item in the library collection into the computerized system. As of December 31, 13,543 items have been bar-coded and entered. These dedicated volunteers have logged 618 hours achieving this. Even though the collection is not fully automated, we started using the system in October. Approximately half of our holdings are being electronically checked out. Patrons may access the catalog from home to see the collection of both the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library. The community owes a lot to these dedicated volunteers.

The Philip Read Memorial Library is very fortunate to have many other volunteers who are helping with story hour and programs, filing, computer upkeep, snow shoveling, helping at the circulation desk, processing items and other tasks. The total number of volunteer hours in 2013 was 1,124 . Our volunteers contribute greatly to the library's successful operation.

Activities were many. The summer reading program theme was "Dig into Reading," and we held programs on plants, the Plainfield Puffer (the library's champion racing worm), multi-media story hours, and "Critters 'n Creatures," a live animal presentation. Other programs were monthly story hours and book discussions, movies, Saturday morning board and card games, a performance by the Momentum Theater, Medicare informative sessions, and International Game Day. For the tenth year, the library co-sponsored the summer children's theater performances by the Papermill Theater. This series was voted the Best Children's Theater in the Upper Valley. A total of 369 people attended the eight plays at the town hall. We were pleased to collaborate on programs with the Meriden Bird Club and Meriden Library (Discovering New England Stonewalls) and the Cornish and Plainfield Schools and the Cornish and Meriden Libraries (Live Free \& Eat Pie).

This year five Plainfield residents/natives published books and presented readings at the library: Sarah Gillens (Bravo for Bravo); Mari Serebrov (Mama Namibia); Jim Schubert (The Maya and the Moor); Helen Taylor Davidson (Prelude: a Novel and the 1854 Diary of Adeline Elizabeth Hoe); and Viola Sawyer Lunderville (A Not-SoSmall Time Town-Growing Up in Plainfield, NH). These books are available for sale or borrowing.

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library continue to support the library by helping with projects, such as the $4^{\text {th }}$ of July parade float (jointly with the Meriden Friends), cleaning up Rt. 12A as members of the New Hampshire Adopt a Highway Program, and raising funds to finish the downstairs of the library addition. The Friends have been raising these funds for the past nine years and have made great progress. The walls, ceilings, and lights are up and painting is being done. The Friends still must raise funds for the flooring and bookcases. A finished meeting room will be very welcome for the eight local organizations who meet regularly here, as well as a larger space for programming. As promised, no tax dollars are being used. Contributions are very welcome at any time.

I was fortunate to receive grants for a new copier from the James Tasker Covered Bridges Fund, for programs from the Claremont Savings Bank and a consortium of the State Library, and $\$ 1200$ of children's books from the Libri Foundation (with matching funds from the Friends).

Unique this year was that interior scenes were filmed in the library for a movie that Meriden native Will Sheff, of the Okkervil River Band, is producing (they needed a card catalog) and my participation in World Book Night. I volunteered to be a book giver for this worldwide program, along with volunteers from 6,000 towns across the country, handing out free books to town residents on the same night in April. The object of the program is to promote reading. For professional development I attended meetings of the Librarians of the Upper Valley, the annual CLiF Conference and took webinars on core collections and weeding.

Thank you to all the volunteers, patrons, staff, and trustees, who make the library a wonderful, vibrant community center. It is a fantastic place to interact, receive and provide help and information, and to enjoy our many resources. The staff and I delight in helping our patrons with whatever their needs are. The Philip Read Memorial Library is a great place to visit and work.

## Nancy Narwalk, Library Director



Children unpacking the new books from the Libri Foundation grant at the Philip Read Memorial Library.

Photo by Nancy Norwalk.

## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT- 2013

The year 2013 was certainly a busy one. We welcomed full-time officer William (Billy) Heighes to our staff. He comes to us from Claremont with nine years of experience. Officer Tyler Petrin, an intern from Keene State College completed the parttime academy and has joined our agency in a part-time capacity.

Our major project this year was a new radio repeater system. This system is located within the town boundaries and offers more radio coverage as well as allowing the use of portable radios which increase officer safety. We continue to explore additional options to aid radio service coverage for all our town agencies. We are currently applying for emergency management grants which would include radio system updates for our town emergency management plan which includes the highway dep't, school, Butler Bus Company and KUA.

I have had many discussions with residents regarding small town policing. We are often asked to assist with tasks that are not considered law enforcement functions. While we will always do our best to resolve all issues, at times we must refer some concerns to alternate, more appropriate agencies. We have taken a more active role with the school. Direct interaction with students from a young age has a positive impact on their understanding of who we are and what we do. We also assist other agencies in the town such as welfare, fire, public works, etc. We are used as an information access point for the public which is largely due to the fact that we can be accessed seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

I recently conducted an online computer search at neighborhoodscout.com and found information that Plainfield and Cornish are listed in the top 10 safest communities in New Hampshire. While I agree that Plainfield is a safe place to live and raise a family, there is crime in our area and we ask you to be vigilant and report suspicious activity when observed.

## Traffic - Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

| Year 2011: 956 | Year 2012: 757 | Year 2013: | 932 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Summons/Citation | 255 Warning |  | 665 |

Arrest
Accidents:
A total of 55 up one from 54 Vehicle Accidents were reported to dispatch in 2013. These are all reported crashes including slide off's. The following is a breakdown of those calls:
$22.5 \%$ had some type of Injuries
27.5\% indicate weather related events

Age of the Operators of these vehicles:
66.7 \% occurred in daylight hours
$72.7 \%$ were out of state drivers
16-21 Years old (09) $16 \%$
22-45 Years old (25) 45\% 46 and older (21) 39\%

Collision with:

| 29.4\% Struck anoth |
| :--- |
| 33.3\% Struck an an |
| Arrest Summary for 2013: |
| Driver License issues |


| Driver License issues | 12 | Simple Assault | 2 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Possession of Drugs | 2 | Intoxicated/Drug Driving | 2 |
| Domestic Violence | 2 | Hawkers \& Peddlers Lic. | 2 |
| Disobeying Officer | 2 | Assault | 2 |
| Threatening | 2 | Thefts | 5 |
| Bail Violations | 1 | False Reports | 1 |

Paul M. Raberts Chief of Police

Police Department Statistical Data for the last four years

| Event | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DWI | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| Assault | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Sexual assault | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Firing of weapons | 4 | 4 | 12 | 15 |
| Theft | 44 | 57 | 29 | 22 |
| Fraud | 16 | 31 | 23 | 19 |
| Domestic violence | 1 | 15 | 19 | 19 |
| Alcohol Violations | 5 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| Bad checks | 10 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Drugs | 5 | 11 | 6 | 7 |
| Disorderly conduct | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Criminal mischief | 11 | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| Auto theft | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Criminal threats | 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Arson | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 4 | 11 | 17 | 9 |
| Sex Offender Reg. |  | 10 | 11 | 3 |
| Pistol Permits |  | 27 | 34 | 52 |
| Court Appearance |  | 19 | 28 | 15 |
| Administrative |  | 72 | 73 | 146 |
| Burning Permits |  | 278 | 232 | 262 |
| Alarms | 110 | 132 | 102 | 75 |
| Animals | 113 | 111 | 94 | 143 |
| Medical Emer. | 86 | 49 | 49 | 67 |
| Fire calls | 48 | 52 | 46 | 66 |
| Motor vehicle | 84 | 70 | 69 | 77 |
| Admin. Relays | 7 | 6 | 38 |  |
| Suspicious persons | 154 | 153 | 147 | 134 |
| Trespassing | 9 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Missing person | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Motorist assist | 71 | 64 | 76 | 83 |
| Civil | 23 | 16 | 7 | 14 |
| Open doors | 21 | 29 | 12 | 13 |
| House checks | 45 | 88 | 602 | 521 |
| Assist other PD'S | 62 | 49 |  | 43 |
| Accidents w/ injury | 11 | 17 | 12 | 68 |
| Accidents no injury | 60 | 62 | 61 | 68 |
| E 911 calls | 32 | 24 | 23 | 13 |
| Unattended Deaths | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Juvenile Matters | 11 | 8 |  | 6 |
| Car Unlocks | 20 | 21 | 30 | 17 |
| Auto Repo's | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Total Logged | 3064 | 3807 | 3434 | 4845 |

## MERIDEN \& PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Chief's Report

The year of 2013 was a busy year for both fire departments, we responded to a combined 189 calls for assistance ranging from calls where nothing was found to be wrong to fully involved structure fires.

Plainfield voted Mark Horne in as a Lieutenant and Joseph Longacre was voted in as President of the Association. Drill nights for both departments are the same now and allow for combined drills led by Meriden Lieutenant Jeffrey LeBlanc who is also an instructor at the State's Fire Academy. Meriden Fire has bought a new 2013 one ton four wheel drive chassis to be transformed into their utility truck. This work is being completed by Dingee Machine in Cornish. Both departments were fortunate to gain new members. The departments will be hosting a level one firefighter course at the Plainfield station starting in March. This course is open to any firefighter in the state. The Kimball Union Academy fire brigade is made up of thirteen members, including three returning members and ten new ones. Four of these members are day students. The brigade attends all of the drills and many of the calls for service and by the time the students graduate they have the skills they need to become firefighters.

The Meriden Wild Game dinner and the Plainfield Community dinners continue to be great gatherings and social events for town residents and others. We thank all that come to these dinners and support us.
Alarm Activations
Auto Accidents
Vehicle Fire
Lighting Strike
Structure Fires
Trees/wires
Furnace Problem
Chimney Fire
Sprinkler Activations
Propane Leak
Odor Investigation
Medical Assist

## PVFD MVFD

|  | PVFD | MVFD |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CO Alarms | 00 | 03 |
| Brush Fire | 02 | 02 |
| Water Rescue | 01 | 01 |
| Collapsed Chimney | 00 | 01 |
| Mutual Aid given: |  |  |
| $\quad$ Cornish | 03 | 03 |
| Lebanon | 03 | 09 |
| Hartland | 00 | 00 |
| $\quad$ Enfield | 00 | 01 |
| Ascutney | 02 | 00 |
| Hazardous Spill | 00 | 01 |
| Flooding | 03 | 01 |
| Explosions | 02 | 01 |

Frank Currier, Chief


Three generations serving the MVFD Stephen, Connor , \& Darrell Beaupre

| RECEIPTS | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOWN APPROPRIATION | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$0 | \$44,500 |
| OTHER SOURCES |  |  |  |  |
| CORNISH FAIR TICKETS | \$3,250 | \$3,709 | \$459 | \$3,250 |
| SPRING DINNER - 2013 | \$3,500 | \$4,132 | \$632 | \$0 |
| SPRING DINNER - 2014 | \$0 | -\$500 | -\$500 | \$3,500 |
| DONATIONS | \$5,000 | \$4,543 | -\$457 | \$4,000 |
| DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE | \$1,500 | \$350 | -\$1,150 | \$1,000 |
| BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS | \$1,000 | \$0 | -\$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| MISC | \$0 | \$7 | \$7 | \$0 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$14,250 | \$12,241 | -\$2,009 | \$12,750 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$54,250 | \$52,241 | -\$2,009 | \$57,250 |
|  | 2013 |  |  | 2014 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET |
| TELEPHONE | \$500 | \$517 | -\$17 | \$520 |
| ELECTRICITY | \$750 | \$751 | -\$1 | \$700 |
| SEWER | \$240 | \$240 | \$0 | \$240 |
| HEATING OIL | \$2,500 | \$2,526 | -\$26 | \$2,500 |
| INSURANCE | \$8,000 | \$5,269 | \$2,731 | \$8,000 |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | \$11,400 | \$13,550 | -\$2,150 | \$10,150 |
| COMPUTER EXPENSES | \$250 | \$50 | \$200 | \$250 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS | \$500 | \$230 | \$270 | \$500 |
| GAS, DIESEL | \$1,250 | \$1,597 | -\$347 | \$1,600 |
| DUES / PERMITS / FEES | \$500 | \$300 | \$200 | \$400 |
| TRAINING | \$2,000 | \$282 | \$1,718 | \$3,000 |
| FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT | \$6,730 | \$3,726 | \$3,004 | \$7,300 |
| STATION MAINTENANCE | \$5,000 | \$7,485 | -\$2,485 | \$3,000 |
| UNIFORMS | \$750 | \$830 | -\$80 | \$1,000 |
| VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS | \$200 | \$0 | \$200 | \$200 |
| ANNUAL REPORT FEE | \$75 | \$75 | \$0 | \$75 |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,500 |
| STATION EQUIPMENT | \$1,000 | \$529 | \$471 | \$1,000 |
| FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE | \$2,000 | \$1,741 | \$259 | \$2,000 |
| KUA BRIGADE | \$1,500 | \$499 | \$1,001 | \$1,000 |
| HAZMAT ASSOCIATION | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| MISC | \$500 | \$427 | \$73 | \$500 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$46,645 | \$41,623 | \$5,022 | \$49,435 |
| TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FNDS | \$0 | -\$149 | \$149 | \$0 |
| TRANSFER TO (FROM) CAPITAL RESR | \$7,605 | \$10,767 | -\$3,162 | \$7,815 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$54,250 | \$52,241 | \$2,009 | \$57,250 |

MVFD BUDGET SELECTED LINE ITEMS

2013
2014

| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ENGINE \#1 | $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 2,088$ | $\$ 412$ | $\$ 2,500$ |
| ENGINE \#2 | $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 5,389$ | $-\$ 2,889$ | $\$ 2,500$ |
| LADDER TRUCK | $\$ 1,500$ | $\$ 2,638$ | $-\$ 1,138$ | $\$ 2,000$ |
| UTILITY TRUCK | $\$ 1,500$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,500$ | $\$ 250$ |
| THERMAL CAMERA | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| LADDER TEST | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 525$ | $\$ 475$ | $\$ 0$ |
| SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT | $\$ 150$ | $\$ 9$ | $\$ 141$ | $\$ 150$ |
| HYDROTESTS | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 225$ | $-\$ 125$ | $\$ 400$ |
| RADIO \& PAGERS | $\$ 800$ | $\$ 1,727$ | $-\$ 927$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| AIR PACK | $\$ 750$ | $\$ 690$ | $\$ 60$ | $\$ 750$ |
| STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 200$ |
| FIRE EXTINGUISHERS | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 99$ | $\$ 1$ | $\$ 100$ |
| GENERATOR | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 100$ |
| FORESTRY | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 100$ |
| MISC | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 160$ | $-\$ 60$ | $\$ 100$ |
| TOTAL | $\$ 11,400$ | $\$ 13,550$ | $-\$ 2,150$ | $\$ 10,150$ |

## FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

| FIREFIGHTER GEAR | $\$ 3,400$ | $\$ 2,147$ | $\$ 1,253$ | $\$ 3,400$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| THERMAL CAMERA - USED | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,025$ | $-\$ 1,025$ | $\$ 0$ |
| FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT | $\$ 70$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 70$ | $\$ 100$ |
| GLOVES | $\$ 100$ | $\$ 333$ | $-\$ 233$ | $\$ 100$ |
| BOOTS | $\$ 360$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 360$ | $\$ 400$ |
| PAGERS | $\$ 1,500$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,500$ | $\$ 1,500$ |
| HOSE | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 500$ |
| FORESTRY EQUIPMENT | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 500$ |
| SMALL \& MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 500$ |
| MISC | $\$ 300$ | $\$ 221$ | $\$ 79$ | $\$ 300$ |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{\$ 6 , 7 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 7 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 7 , 3 0 0}$ |

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve Account at year end was $\$ 221,593$. MVFD purchased a truck cab and chassis for $\$ 27,850$ in October, and transferred $\$ 10,767$ from operations at the end of year.

## Ken Goadrou-Treasurer MVFD

## PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES \& BUDGET

| EXPENSES | 2013 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { As of } \\ & 12 / 31 / 13 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounting | \$300 | \$350 |
| Contracted Services | \$0 | \$4,500 |
| New |  |  |
| Equipment | \$2,000 | \$1,721 |
| New Fire Clothing | \$4,000 | \$1,852 |
| Travel Reimbursement | \$2,500 | \$1,823 |
| Equipment Repairs | \$3,000 | \$2,523 |
| Supplies | \$1,200 | \$1,708 |
| Electricity | \$1,200 | \$1,324 |
| Telephone | \$1,600 | \$1,378 |
| Heat/Propane Gas/Diesel | \$5,000 | \$7,891 |
| Fuel | \$1,400 | \$1,235 |
| Water | \$300 | \$366 |
| Insurance | \$9,000 | \$8,168 |
| Schools \& Training | \$500 | \$30 |
| Fees/Dues | \$500 | \$144 |
| New Tanker Loan | \$17,500 | \$24,175 |
| Haz-mat |  |  |
| Team | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
|  | \$51,000 | \$60,187 |
|  |  | As of |
| RECEIPTS |  | 12/31/13 |
| Grants Titl 4 | \$500 | \$0 |
| Fund Raising | \$4,500 | \$5,364 |
| Town Appropriation | \$45,000 | \$49,500 |
| Town Training Funds | \$0 | \$309 |
| Donations | \$1,000 | \$6,126 |
|  | \$51,000 | \$61,300 |
| Receipts | \$61,300 |  |
| Expenses | \$60,187 |  |
| Balance | \$1,112 |  |
|  |  | Ronada |
|  |  | Rabinson |
| 12/31/13 |  | Treasurer |

## 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.

This past fire season started in late March with the first reported fire on March 26, 2013. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, started very dry with little measurable precipitation until the middle of the month. Approximately $70 \%$ of our reportable fires occurred Eighty one percent of our fires occurred on class 3 or 4 fire danger days. By mid May, extensive rains began which provided us with a very wet summer overall. We had a longer fall fire season due to drier than normal conditions following leaf fall. Fortunately most of these fires were small and quickly extinguished. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

NH FIRE STATISTICS
CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2013


A wet spring and summer made for a quiet forest fire season with only four brush fire calls. Two involved permitted burns that were valid and did not require action; a third was a permitted burn that got out of control due to wind and the final one was an unpermitted burn that met the requirements for a permit and was therefore allowed to gain compliance without a penalty.

A permitted fire can only be kindled between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00am unless it is actively raining. There is no fee for a burn permit. A complete list of fire wardens who can issue permits may be found on the town's website.

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## CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

The Cornish Rescue Squad is in its $38^{\text {th }}$ year of service to the towns of Plainfield and Cornish. In the past 12 months, we have responded to approximately 180 calls for assistance. These calls include medical emergencies, car crashes, mutual aid to area Fire Departments, lift assists, welfare checks, etc...

Plainfield is covered by both Lebanon Ambulance and Windsor Ambulance as the transporting units. They transport to Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Valley Regional Hospital, DHMC, Alice Peck Day or the VA. Transport is sometimes at the wishes of the patient, but at times it is decided by the ambulance crew and the condition of the patient.

As the years have gone on, the requirements to maintain EMS certification have grown greatly as well as associated costs. At the present time, it costs approximately $\$ 1,400.00$ for each new member to obtain their initial certification and several hundred dollars for each existing member to keep updated every two years. This does not include equipping each responder and the rescue truck.

A portion of all funds the squad receives are put into savings to help build an account for future large expenditures. By doing this, we have always been able to fund all operations of the squad, as well as vehicle replacements without asking either of the towns for any additional funding, which for quite some time now has been at $\$ 4,400.00$ each.

We are always grateful for the support given by the residents of Cornish and Plainfield at both your Town Meetings and through our annual fundraiser. Your support allows us to continue to provide first responder care, ahead of the ambulance, 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 any member. 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 $\mathcal{H}$. Laurence

Dale H. Lawrence
President

## OUR MEMBERS:

| FIRST RESPONDER | EMT-B | EMT-B cont... | EMT-I |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PARAMEDIC <br> Kelsie Atwater <br> Beth Clifton <br> Christopher Chilton | Bobby Annis | Robin Liston | Dale Lawrence |
| Jon Hackett <br> Gary Chilton | Dave Bridgham | Jim McCarragher | Chantelle Orlen |
| Steve Jameson <br> Larry Dingee <br> Leo Maslan | Margaret Drye | Paul Merchant | Sam Smith |
|  | Rob Drye <br> Nolan Hurley <br> Jeff Katchen <br> Ray Kendall | Lacie Scheuer <br> Trey Whalen <br> Bob Widger |  |
|  |  |  |  |

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2013 ASSETS:

CASH:

| CHECKING ACCOUNT | $\$ 2,804,218$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| INVESTMENTS | $\$ 3,474$ |

CASH IN TRANSITION \$0
PETTY CASH \$250
TOTAL CASH $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 8 0 7 , 9 4 2}$
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$366,600
LAND USE CHANGE TAX RECEIVABLE \$2,360
TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$274,036
TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE $\mathbf{\$ 6 4 2 , 9 9 6}$
DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$8,706
DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS-FEMA \$58,995
DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE \$1,512
TOTAL ASSETS: $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 5 2 0 , 1 5 1}$
LIABILITIES:
DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND \$4,705
DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS $\$ 1,810$
PAYABLES:
SCHOOL
\$2,862,915
INVOICES \$27,193
ACCRUED PAYROLL \$8,804
AFLAC \$8
TOTAL PAYABLES $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 8 9 8 , 9 2 0}$
TOTAL LIABILITIES $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 9 0 5 , 4 3 5}$
FUND BALANCE $\mathbf{\$ 6 1 4 , 7 1 6}$
RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$4,705)
RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES $(\$ 65,000)$
RESERVE-BODYARMOR/RADIOS/SIGNS (\$10,500)
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$534,511
GRAND TOTALS: $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 5 2 0 , 1 5 1}$
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2012 \$499,386
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2013 \$534,511
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION $\mathbf{\$ 3 5 , 1 2 5}$
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.

| NAME OF TRUST FUND | Principle Balance Begin Year | New <br> Funds <br> Created | Gains or Losses From Sale | Principle Balance Year End | income Balance Begin Year | inceme Earned During Year | income Expended During Year | income Balance Year End |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CEMETERY TRUST FUNOS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Daniels Cemetery | \$ 7,718.66 |  | 108.45 | 7,827.11 | 365.91 | 226.43 | 233.00 | \$359.34 |
| East Plainfield Cemetery | \$ $3,666.36$ |  | 51.51 | 3,717.87 | 59.93 | 104.36 | 107.39 | \$56.90 |
| Freeman Cemetery | \$ 2,701.53 |  | 37.96 | 2,739.49 | 39.58 | 76.77 | 79.00 | \$37.35 |
| Gilkey Cemetery | \$ 385.94 |  | 5.42 | 391,36 | 6.31 | 10.99 | 11.30 | \$6.00 |
| Gleason Cemetery | \$ 26,205.55 |  | 368.20 | 26,573.75 | 428.10 | 745.96 | 767.58 | \$406.48 |
| Methodist Hill Cemetery | 385.94 |  | 5.42 | 391.36 | 6.31 | 10.99 | 11.30 | \$. 6.00 |
| Mill Cemetery | \$ 15,485.50 |  | 217.58 | 15,703.08 | 253.09 | 440.80 | 453.58 | \$240.31 |
| Moulton Cemetry | \$ 7,788.58 |  | 109.43 | 7,898,01 | 127.24 | 221.70 | 228.14 | \$120.80 |
| Penniman Cemetery | \$ 1,157,80 |  | 16.27 | 1,174,07 | 18.91 | 32.96 | 33.91 | \$17.96 |
| Plainfield Cemetery | \$ 56,479,85 |  | 793.58 | 57,273.43 | 922.54 | \$. 1,607.69 | 1,654.35 | \$875.88 |
| Raynsford Cemetery | \$ 1,543.75 |  | 21.69 | 1,565.44 | 25.23 | 43.94 | 45.22 | \$23,95 |
| River Cemietery | $51,157.80$ |  | 16.27 | 1,174.07 | 18.92 | 32.96 | 33.91 | \$17.97 |
| Westgate-Peterson Cemetery | \$ 964.84 |  | 13.56 | 978.40 | 15.77 | 27.46 | 28.27 | \$14.96 |
| Town Cemeteries | \$ 3,859.33 |  | \$ 54.23 | \$ 3,913.56 | 62.86 | 109.85 | 113.05 | \$59.66 |
| totais | \$ 129,501.43 | \$ | 1,819.57 | 131,321.00 | 2,350.70 | 3,692,86 | 3,800.00 | \$2,243.5 |


| LIBRARY TRUST FUND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Meriden Ubrary | \$ | 24,892,72 |  |  | \$ | 349.76 | \$ | 25,242.48 | \$ | 188.92 | \$ | 702.47 | \$ | 700.00 | \$191.39 |
| Philip Read Memorial Library | \$ | 71,653,04 |  |  | 5 | 1,006.76 | \$ | 72,659.80 | \$ | 392.07 | \$ | 2,017.80 | \$ | 2,000.00 | \$409.87 |
| TOTALS | 5 | 96,545.76 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,356.52 | \$ | 97,902.28 | \$ | 580.99 | \$ | 2,720.27 | \$ | 2,700.00 | \$601.26 |
| MISCELIANEOUS TRUST FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ward Christmas Fund | \$ | 3,859.33 |  |  | \$ | 54.23 | s | 3,913.56 |  | 143.32 | \$ | 112.11 | S | 141.00 | \$114.43 |
| Ward Worthy Poor Fund | \$ | 5,788.99 |  |  | \$ | 81,33 | \$ | 5,870,32 |  | \$ 13,882.40 | \$ | 550.94 |  |  | \$14,433.34 |
| Ward Essay Prize Fund | \$ | 3,859,33 |  |  | \$ | 54.23 | \$ | 3,913.56 | \$ | 892.58 | \$ | 133.14 | \$ | 200.00 | \$825.82 |
| Elijah Burnap Poor Fund | s | 10,615.49 |  |  | 5 | 149.15 | \$ | 10,764.64 |  | \$ 20,909.10 | \$ | 882.92 |  |  | \$21,792,02 |
| Earl Mower Fund | \$ | 1,592,00 |  |  | S | 22.37 | \$ | 1,614.37 | \$ | 57.94 | \$ | 46.21 | \$ | 57.94 | \$46.21 |
| Duncan Plano Fund | \$ | 1,157,80 |  |  | \$ | 16.26 | \$ | 1,174.06 |  | 1,618.99 | \$ | 77.77 |  |  | \$1,696,76 |
| Vernon Hood Fund | \$ | 385.94 |  |  | \$ | 5.42 | \$ | 391.36 |  | 244.60 | \$ | 17.66 |  |  | \$262.26 |
| Bill Hendrick Vision fund | \$ | 1,731.30 |  |  | \$ | 24.33 | \$ | 1.755.63 | \$ | 1,775.87 | \$ | 98.23 |  |  | \$1,874.10 |
| Mother's \& Daughter's Fund | \$ | 2,161.23 |  |  | \$ | 30.37 | S | 2,191.60 | \$ | 78.65 | \$ | 62.73 | \$ | 78.65 | \$62.73 |
| Beulah Pickering Fund | \$ | 18,264.94 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 28,264.94 |  | \$27,843.16 | \$ | 484.66 |  |  | \$28,327.82 |
| Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund | S | 987.78 |  |  | 5 | 13.88 | 5 | 1,001.66 | \$ | 663.49 | \$ | 46,25 |  |  | \$709,74 |
| Stage Set Fund | \$ | 8,635.00 |  |  | \$ | 121.32 | \$ | 8,756.32 | \$ | 3,903,88 | s | 351,18 |  |  | \$4,255.06 |
| Mericrafters Fund | \$ | 500.00 |  |  | \$ | 2.03 | S | 507.03 | \$ | 18.20 | \$ | 14.51 | \$ | 18.20 | \$14.51 |
| TOTALS | 5 | 59,539.13 | \$ |  | \$ | 579.92 | 5 | 60,119.05 |  | \$72,032,28 | 5 | 2,878.31 | 5 | 495.79 | \$74,414.80 |
| TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS | 15 | 285,586.32 | \$ |  | \$ | 3,756.01 | \$ | 289,342.33 |  | \$74,963.97 | s | 9,291.44 | \$ | 6,995.79 | \$77,259,62 |


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|  |  | Principle <br> Balance Begin Year |  | New <br> Funds <br> Added |  | Funds Expended |  | Principle Balance Year End |  | Income <br> Balance <br> Begin Year |  |  | come <br> Earned <br> ring Year |  | Income xpended uring Year | Income <br> Balance <br> Year End |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revaluation Fund | \$ | 5 33,000.00 | \$ | 30,000.00 | \$ | 51,500.00 | \$ | 11,500.00 | S | 157.63 | \$ |  | 139.85 | \$ | 16.25 | \$281.23 |
| Town Hall Fund | \$ | \$ $10,905.00$ | \$ | 5,000.00 | \$ | 6,410.00 | \$ | 9,495:00 | \$ | 5.53 | \$ |  | 4.18 | \$ | 1.55 | \$8.16 |
| Bridge Reserve Fund |  | \$ 94,000.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 94,000.00 |  | 16,635.62 | \$ |  | 312.56 |  |  | \$16,948.18 |
| Meriden Water Reserve Fund |  | \$ 109,500.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 110,500.00 |  | 8,058,27 | \$ |  | 615.79 |  |  | \$8,674.06 |
| School Building Fund |  | \$ 108,000.00 | \$ | 15,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 123,000.00 |  | 1,573.16 | \$ |  | 412.16 |  |  | \$1,985,32 |
| New Equipment Fund |  | 14,000.00 | \$ | 50,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 64,000.00 |  | 1,430.98 | \$ |  | 180.92 |  |  | \$1,611.90 |
| Plainfield Water Fund |  | \$ 29,000.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 29,000.00 |  | 614.27 | \$ |  | 103.52 |  |  | \$717.79 |
| Library Repair Fund | \$ | \$ 10,100.00 | \$ | 2,500.00 | \$ | 400.00 | \$ | 12,200.00 |  | 138.86 | \$ |  | 4.00 | \$ | 80.00 | \$62.86 |
| Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund |  | \$ 77,000.00 | \$ | 5,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 82,000.00 |  | 7,091.52 | \$ |  | 475.18 |  |  | \$7,566.70 |
| School Spec Ed Van Fund |  |  | \$ | 15,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 15,000.00 |  | 5 - | \$ |  | 39.46 |  |  | \$39.46 |
| Plainfield History Fund |  | \$ 13,900.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 13,900.00 |  | 2,574.59 | \$ |  | 101.04 |  |  | \$2,675.63 |
| Cemetery Care Fund |  | \$ 42,350.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 42,350.00 |  | 1,553.85 | \$ |  | 270.58 | \$ | 1,010.00 | \$814.43 |
| ADA Access Fund |  | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ | 11,425.00 |  |  | \$ | 26,425.00 |  | 21,36 | \$ | \$ | 95.67 |  |  | \$117.03 |
| School Spec Ed Fund |  | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ | 60,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 210,000.00 |  | 1,987.23 | \$ |  | 655.30 |  |  | \$2,642.53 |
| Transportation Impremnt Fund |  | \$ 49,500.00 | \$ | 55,000,00 |  |  | \$ | 104,500.00 |  | 384.79 | \$ |  | 288.15 |  |  | \$672.94 |
| School Benefits Payable |  | \$ 49,000.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 49,000.00 |  | 535.00 | \$ |  | 130.58 |  |  | \$665.58 |
| Town Beauty Fund |  | \$ 150.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 150.00 |  | + |  |  | - |  |  | \$0.00 |
| Police Equipment Fund |  | \$ 1,502.00 | \$ | 5,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 6,502.00 |  | 2.92 | \$ |  | 0.50 |  |  | \$3.42 |
| Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund |  | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ | 5,000.00 |  |  | \$ | 10,000.00 |  | 2.45 | \$ | \$ | 2.54 |  |  | \$4.99 |
| Townsend Bridge \& Trail Fund |  | S 4,368.00 |  |  |  |  | \$ | 4,368.00 |  | 62.69 | \$ |  | 1.24 |  |  | \$63.93 |
| TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS |  | \$ 816,275.00 |  | 259,925.00 | \$ | 58,310.00 | \$ | 1,017,890.00 |  | 42,830.72 | \$ |  | 3,833.22 | \$ | 1,107.80 | \$45,556.14 |

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for nine 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 2009.
Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011
Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2013 were:
Library Repair Fund
Deposits- \$2,500
Town meeting appropriation
Withdrawals- \$480
ML-lock repair
Bridge Fund Deposits- \$0

Town Hall
Repair Fund
Withdrawals- \$0

Deposits- $\quad \$ 5,000$
Town meeting appropriation.
Withdrawals- $\quad \mathbf{6 , 4 1 2}$
PTH-Window repairs \$209
PTH -Furance Repair \$272
PTH-Misc Repairs $\$ 170$
MTH Sign Repair \$357
MTH Lock Repair \$324
MTH Slate Roof Rep \$375
MTH Energy Committee \$4,705

| Revaluation Fund | Deposits- | \$30,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Town meeting appropriation. <br> Withdrawals- <br> \$51,516 |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | Avitar | \$45,666 |
|  | George Hildum | \$5,850 |
| ADA Compliance | Deposits- | \$11,425 |
|  | Town meeting appropriation |  |
|  | Withdrawals- | \$ 0 |

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS (continued )
Transportation Fund Deposits \$55,000
Town meeting appropriation
Withdrawls ..... \$0
Townsend Bridge Fund Deposits ..... \$0
Withdrawals ..... \$0
Town Beautification Deposits ..... \$0
Withdrawals ..... \$0
Police Equipment Fund Deposits ..... \$5,000
Town Meeting appropriation
Withdrawals ..... \$0

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 Plodzik and Sanderson completed the 2013 audit in January of 2014. 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 and will be posted on the town's website www.plainfieldnh.org

| For lhe Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013 |
| :--- |

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedute of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

|  | Encumbered from Prior Year | Appropriations | Expenditures | Encumbered to Subsequent Year | Variance Positive (Negative) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current: |  |  |  |  |  |
| General government: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Executive | \$ | \$ 180,350 | \$ 183,442 | \$ | \$ $(3,092)$ |
| Election and registration | . | 3,630 | 8,123 | - | $(4,493)$ |
| Financial administration | * | 66,300 | 65,257 | - | 1,043 |
| Revaluation of property | - | 63,516 | 67,530 | * | $(4,014)$ |
| Legal | - | 3,100 | 6,372 | - | $(3,272)$ |
| Personnel administration | - | 4,700 | 5,338 | - | (638) |
| Planning and zoning | - | 1,200 | 1,095 | - | 105 |
| General government buildings | * | 12,437 | 16,109 | 600 | $(4,272)$ |
| Cemeteries | * | 24,500 | 26,885 | - | $(2,385)$ |
| Insurance, not otherwise allocated | . | 35,700 | 21,384 | $\sim$ | 14,316 |
| Advertising and regional associations | - | 5,100 | 5,088 | $\cdots$ | 12 |
| Total general government | * | 400,533 | 406,623 | 600 | $(6,690)$ |
| Public safety: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Police | 5,000 | 349,298 | 331,332 | 7,900 | 15,066 |
| Ambulance | - | 28,500 | 26,990 | - | 1,510 |
| Fire | - | 85,000 | 85,000 | - | - |
| Building inspection | - | 7,400 | 8,009 | - | (609) |
| Emergency management | * | 4,350 | 9,909 | - | $(5,559)$ |
| Dispatching | - | 20,000 | 21,743 | - | $(1,743)$ |
| Total public safety | 5,000 | 494,548 | 482,983 | 7.900 | 8,665 |
| Highways and streets: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public works garage | - | 22,800 | 22,222 | * | 578 |
| Highways and streets | 2,000 | 780,094 | 739,203 | 2,000 | 40,891 |
| Street lighting | - | 8,000 | 8,708 | - | (708) |
| Total highways and streets | 2,000 | 810,894 | 770,133 | 2,000 | 40,761 |
| Sanitation: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solid waste collection | - | 147,000 | 145,765 | - | 1,235 |
| Solid waste disposal | . | 46,810 | 47,176 | . | (366) |
| Total sanitation | - | 193,810 | 192,941 | - | 869 |
| Health: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Administration | * | 20,195 | 17,265 | - | 2,930 |
| Pest control | - | 500 | 400 | - | 100 |
| Total health | - | 20,695 | 17,665 | - | 3,030 |
| Welfare: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Administration | $\checkmark$ | 1,250 | 1,054 | - | 196 |
| Direct assistance | - | 4,000 | 4,503 | - | (503) |
| Total welfare | - | 5,250 | 5,557 | - | (307) |
| Culture and recreation: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parks and recreation | - | 21,729 | 19,961 | - | 1,768 |
| Library | . | 111,548 | 111,636 | - | (88) |
| Patriotic purposes | * | 1,000 | 679 | - | 321 |
| Total culture and recreation | - | 134,277 | 132.276 | - | 2,001 |
| Conservation | - | 500 | 65 | - | 435 |
|  |  |  |  |  | (Continued) |

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, 2013

|  | Encumbered from Prior Year | Appropriations | Expenditures | Encumbered to Subsequent Year | Variance Positive (Negative) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Debr service: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Principal of long-term debt | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | $\cdot$ |
| laterest on fong-term debr | - | 5,250 | 4,848 | - | 402 |
| Total debt service | - | 30,250 | 29,848 | - | 402 |
| Other funancing uses: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transfers out | - | 163,925 | 163,925 | * | . |
| Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances | \$ 7,000 | S 2,254,682 | \$ 2,202,016 | 10,500 | $5 \quad 49,166$ |

TOHN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Yeur Ended December 31, 2013

| Unassigned fund balance, begiming |  |  | 5 | 499.386 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Changes: |  |  |  |  |
| Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2013 tax rate |  |  |  |  | (31,425) |
| 2013 Budget summary: |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue surplus (Schedule 1) | \$ | 17,383 |  |  |
| Uncxpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2) |  | 49,166 |  |  |
| 2013 Budget surplus (deficit) |  |  |  | 66,549 |
| Unassigned fund balance, ending |  |  | \$ | 534.510 |

## TOWN OF PLAINFIELD SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding bonds \& loans as of December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}, 2013$ Philip Read Memorial Library ..... \$112,500
Total ..... \$112,500
RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS
Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2013 ..... \$ 137,500
New debt during the year ..... 0
Debt retirement during the year
Library Addition ..... \$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2013 ..... \$112,500
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT/ROAD PROJECT EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS
2013 Block Grant Allocation ..... \$98,300
Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal ..... \$0
Total Available ..... \$98,300
Center of Town Road
Equipment Rental ..... \$3,800
Underdrain/culverts ..... \$6,559
Pike-Paving ..... \$57,573
Miscellaneous ..... \$459
Center of Town Road Total ..... \$68,391
July 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Storm Event
Equipment Rental/Outside Contractors ..... \$15,235
Stabilization Stone ..... \$14,306
Misc. ..... \$368
July Storm Event Cash Cost ..... $\mathbf{\$ 2 9 , 9 0 9}$
Total Expenditures ..... $\mathbf{\$ 9 8 , 3 0 0}$

## 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
‘00
'01
'02
'04
‘05
‘06
'07
'08
‘08
‘09
'10
'11
' 12
'13
'14
'15
'16
'17
'18

River Rd River Rd Jenney Rd Daniels Rd Bean Rd Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert/drainage work. Completed. Westgate base reconstruction/paving. Completed. Beauty Hill Rd base reconstruction/paving Completed. Colby Hill Rd base reconstruction/paving Completed. Willow Brook Road base reconstruction/paving phase 1 Completed. Freeman Road base reconstruction Completed Freeman Road paving/Willow Brook Road phase 2 Completed Willow Brook Road base reconstruction/paving phase 3 Completed* Main Street/Bonner Road resurfacing. Completed Center of Town Road resurfacing Completed River Road Pavement Shim Penniman Road resurfacing I Penniman Road resurfacing II Ferry Hill Road resurfacing River Road phase I resurfacing


Photo: Melissa Longacre

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES 2013

| Abrahamson, Pamela | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 54$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Agan, Matthew | Part-Time Patrolman | $\$ 9,744.00$ |
| Barry, Daniel | Truck Driver | $\$ 24,454$. (includes overtime) |
| Belyea, Judith | Selectwoman | $\$ 2,350$ |
| Blish, Keith | Truck Driver | $\$ 40,217$ (includes overtime) |
| Brookes-Governo, Sarah | Treasurer | $\$ 6,320$ |
| Brookes-Governo, Sarah | Election Staff | $\$ 136$ |
| Cantlin, Daniel | Recreation Director | $\$ 5,955$ |
| Collins, Michael | Part-Time Truck Driver | $\$ 28,840$ |
| Collins III, Richard | Road Agent | $\$ 62,200$ |
| Crane, Terri | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 2,749$ |
| Dore, Lawrence | Part-Time Patrolman | $\$ 840$ |
| Estey, Greg | Administrative Assistant | $\$ 6,676$ |
| Estey, Lori | Library Aide - East | $\$ 2,774$ |
| Foss, Matthew | Patrolman | $\$ 61,350$ (includes overtime) |
| Franklin, Paul | Moderator | $\$ 260$ |
| Halleran, Stephen | Town Administrator | $\$ 69,500$ |
| Heighes, William | Patrolman | $\$ 49,144$ (includes overtime) |
| Hudson, Shirley | Library Substitute - West | $\$ 636$ |
| Husk, Lauren | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 231$ |
| Jones, Harold | Supervisor of Checklist | $\$ 172$ |
| Jordan, Donald | Supervisor of Checklist | $\$ 202$ |
| Kennett, Joshua | Truck Driver | $\$ 37,602$ (includes overtime) |
| King, Mary | Library Director - East | $\$ 22,119$ |
| LaFont, James | Truck Driver - Part Time | $\$ 480$ |
| LeMere, Jason | Truck Driver | $\$ 40,413$ (includes overtime) |
| Lersch, David | Building Inspector | $\$ 6,501$ |
| Leugers, Suellen | Supervisor of the Checklist | $\$ 170$ |
| Leugers, Suellen | Library Aide - West | $\$ 3,081$ |
| Lurie, Elizabeth | Election Staff | $\$ 136$ |
| Marsh, Michelle | Town Clerk/Office Manager | $\$ 41,163$ |
| Norwalk, Nancy | Library Director - West | $\$ 26,833$ |
| Petrin, Tyler | Part-Time Patrolman | $\$ 1,656$ |
| Reetz, Alyssa | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 169$ |
| Roberts, Paul | Police Chief | $\$ 63,675$ |
| Schell, Stephanie | Human Services Director | $\$ 796$ |
| Serem, Jerome | Part-Time Truck Driver | $\$ 13,918$ |
| Sicard, Brian | Truck Driver | $\$ 6,920$ |
| Smith, Sean | Pruck Driver | $\$ 39,866$ (includes overtime) |
| St. Amant, Glen | Patrolman | $\$ 2,011$ (includes overtime) |
| Stalker, Jesse | Trustee of Trust Funds | $\$ 2,400$ |
| Stalker, Ruth |  |  |
|  |  |  |


| Swett, Anthony | Part-Time Truck Driver | $\$ 1,700$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Taylor, Robert | Selectman | $\$ 2,350$ |
| Turner, Susan | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 67$ |
| Wendt, Barbara | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 108$ |
| Wheeler, Ruthann | Tax Collector/D. Twn Clerk | $\$ 5,763$ |
| Williams Jr, Thomas | Selectman | $\$ 2,350$ |
| Young, Jill | Election Staff Substitute | $\$ 136$ |
|  | TOTAL |  |



Selectman Rob Taylor, Road Agent Richard Collins and Local Contractor Scott MacLeay survey the damage to Hell Hollow Road after the July $2^{\text {nd }}$ rain storm. Photo S. Halleran

## WELFARE REPORT

Dear Plainfield Community,
My name is Stephanie Schell and I am the new Community Resource Director for the Town of Plainfield. I wanted to take this time to introduce myself and my new role in our special town that we all call home.

As the Community Resource Director I am eager to help anyone that might be having a difficult time or that might have questions about local support services. I help many different families in town with housing issues, safety issues, budget planning, applications for fuel \& medical assistance, transportation issues and referrals for support
services such as meals on wheels or in-house care. I help to provide food and other necessary items to those who are in need or crisis. All the conversations and services that are provided are strictly confidential.

I want to tell you about two amazing resources that we have in town. The first is our Food Pantry. This was established in June 2013 with the help of the Plainfield School Community during Beaupre Community Service Day. The Christ Community Church has been very generous. The Church has given the Town a lovely handicap accessible space to operate our food pantry. Although the Pantry is located at the church there is no affiliation or religious connection to this wonderful resource. The Pantry is well stocked with a variety of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene products and pet food. We warmly welcome anyone in town and residents of Cornish that need help getting by. The hours of operation are the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Friday \& Saturday of each month from 9-12 noon or when there is a serious need. Again, the Pantry is located in the Christ Community Church (Big Red Barn) on Route 12 A across from the Plainfield Fire Department.

The second great resource is the Clothing Swap Rooms. These rooms have been set up like little clothing boutiques. One room is for children and the other is for adults. The clothing is in exceptional condition and is $\boldsymbol{F R E E}$ to anyone! They're open Tuesday through Friday from 9-3 p.m. and also the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Saturday of the month from 9-12 p.m. This resource is located and maintained by the Christ Community Church members.
As the Community Resource Director my responsibilities include, but are not limited to dispersing aid in the form of vouchers for rent, security deposits, prevention of eviction, fuel, utilities, food and prescriptions when deemed critically necessary for health and safety reasons. An application is required to determine eligibility of services. As Director I work with many local service agencies. Here are just a few that I work closely with, Social Security Administration, State of NH Health \& Human Services, Visiting Nurses Alliance, Community Alliance of Human Services, LISTEN and Southwestern Community Services in order to provide information, referrals and assistance to residents. In the year of 2013, a total of $\$ 4,703.07$ was disbursed to assist households in need. The Food Pantry from June-December 2013 served 33 individuals (17 adults \& 16 children). The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2013 is as follows:

Housing
\$2,008.92
Electric
Food * (Food was provided by the Food Pantry after June 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ )

One of my goals for 2014 is to make Welfare Health \& Safety Home Visits. These visits would be to those members in our community that have had emergency personnel to their home for either medical assistance or for potentially unsafe living environments. By providing a follow up visit I hope that I can help when outside resources might be needed.

Finally, I want to thank all those friends and neighbors who have collected food, donated food and contributed monetary gifts to the Community Resource Room \& Food Pantry. There are numerous community groups and individuals who have provided very generous donations to help our community.

Do you need assistance or know of a neighbor that could use a helping hand? Please contact:<br>Town of Plainfield's Resource Director Stephanie M. Schell (603)469-3201 cr.director@plainfieldnh.org

## HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2013:

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. A new ride assistance program called CATS is now available to Plainfield residentes 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. 4484897

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 activies. 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.

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 2014:

| Organization | Granted <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | Requested <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | Budgeted <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Community Alliance | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| GCSCC | $\$ 3000$ | $\$ 2,300$ | $\$ 2,300$ |
| Headrest | $\$ 1,800$ | $\$ 1,800$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Mascoma Valley Health | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 1,775$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| SW Comm Service | $\$ 850$ | $\$ 475$ | $\$ 475$ |
| VNAVNH | $\$ 9,875$ | $\$ 9,875$ | $\$ 9,875$ |
| Volunteers in Action | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 200$ |
| West Central Services | $\$ 2,310$ | $\$ 2,310$ | $\$ 2,310$ |
| Volunteers in Action | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Pathways | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Big Brother Big Sister | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 0$ |
| CASA | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{\$ 1 9 , 5 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 , 7 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 , 1 6 0}$ |

## The Plainfield History Account (administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library January 1, 2013-December 31, 2013

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 \$ 845.02
Income:

| Sale of books \& shipping | $\$ 178.71$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bank interest | .48 |
| Total Income | 179.19 |

Expenses:

None
Balance December 31
$\$ 1,024.21$

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 to 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 2013 and January 2014.

## SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:

Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, the committee recommends 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 annually.

The committee supports establishing the discretionary grant level based 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 number of Plainfield students likely to attend 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 2013 AND FINANCIAL AID:

1. Neither the Town of Plainfield nor the Plainfield school district pays any portion of the KUA tuition for local students.
2. KUA anticipates that the number of local students (ninth through twelfth grades) attending the school next year will likely return to a level between our current 29 and last year's total of 23 students.
3. Nine local students will graduate from KUA this year.. Applications from local 8th graders are due by February $1^{\text {st }}$, therefore, the outcome of the applications will not be known prior to the writing of this report.
4. During the 2013/14 academic year, KUA provided $\$ 330,880$ in financial aid to Plainfield students attending KUA.
5. KUA owns $\$ 31.7$ million dollars in property, $\$ 23.3$ million of that figure is exempt by state law.
6. KUA pays $\$ 49,600$ in property taxes on $\$ 1.8$ million of property that is always taxable.
7. The assessed value of Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories is $\$ 6.4$ million that may be exempted at the discretion of the Town's voters. At the current $80 \%$ exempt level property value exempted equals 5.27 million and taxes exempted equals $\$ 144,705$.
8. KUA pays property taxes of $\$ 85,826$ to the Town of Plainfield. This makes KUA the highest property taxpayer in the town.
9. Lebanon tuition is currently $\$ 13,776$ per student for school year 2013-2014.
10. The 2013-2014 Plainfield School District budget would have been $\$ 399,504$ higher if the 29 students had not chosen to attend Lebanon High School (LHS).
11. KUA's day student tuition for the 2014-2015 school year is $\$ 31,050 /$ year. $\$ 51,250 /$ year for a boarding student.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP:

1. The KUA administration has again, in an effort to enhance the School District's budgeting process, agreed to guarantee that at least three (3) local students from the eighth grade will attend the Academy. If not, the Academy will reimburse the school district the cost of the difference in the LHS per-student tuition.
2. KUA is Plainfield's largest employer. Eighty-seven of KUA's 151 full- and part-time employees live in Plainfield.
3. Plainfield School is currently educating 13 students of KUA faculty that live on campus.
4. KUA makes its facilities available to Plainfield organizations and residents for a variety of activities and functions.
5. In 2013 the community tree lighting ceremony, which takes place each year on KUA property, was dedicated to the memory of David Chellis.
6. 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, Christian Forman-PES School Board, Jim Gray-KUA, Robyn Hadlock, Steve Halleran-Town Administrator, Rob Hewett-Chair, Pamala Miller, John Yacavone. Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2013/14

## ENERGY COMMITTEE 2013

The year began quietly enough for the PEC, but as it progressed we picked up speed and by the end of 2013 there were a number of exciting projects on our agenda.

The Meriden Town Hall was the focus of our attention in the beginning of the year. We met with the Select Board with a preliminary three phase plan for improving energy performance of the town office building and hopefully resolving some maintenance issues. The Select board approved spending up to $\$ 6,000$ for phase one of that process, $\$ 4,700$ of which has been spent. Most of the work - including removing an unused exterior door and replacing it with an insulated wall, insulation of heating pipes, boiler servicing and installation of an external heat sensor, a test window shade to decrease drafts in winter and shade the sun in summer - affected heating rather than electric use. We have seen a modest decrease in both gallons of oil used and money spent over the course of 2013 in spite of generally colder temperatures as measured by heating degree days.

We will proceed with lighting upgrades and further insulation and air sealing this year. In addition, we have embarked on a project to restore the town office windows that results from a mix of discoveries and opportunities. First, the windows - original to the building in 1895 - are ill-fitting and in need of maintenance. Second, estimates for replacement are not cost effective. Third, expert restoration, coupled with effective interior and/or exterior storm windows can be as energy efficient as new windows. Finally, there are preservation grants available to fund the restoration of windows in historic buildings. As this report goes to press we are in the process of getting a grantfunded appraisal of the windows that can be used to request bids for restoration and to write grant proposals. And the Energy Committee will team up with the Plainfield Historical Society to present a program on Wood Window Restoration in March, 2014.

Two other projects to provide information and services to our townspeople were in the planning stages in 2013. First is a Button Up workshop planned for February 2014. This will provide information on air sealing, insulation and other strategies to weatherize a home or business at the time of year when we are very much aware of fuel dollars leaking from our homes. And the Town of Plainfield has successfully applied to be a part of a "Solarize Upper Valley" project that will bring solar installers to town to provide residential solar installations at a reasonable cost.

Other potential projects include developing a "Power Purchase Agreement" which would allow us to install solar photovoltaic (electricity-generating) panels on the town garage roof without an initial expenditure of funds. This agreement allows an investor to lease roof space to install solar and take the State rebates and Federal tax credits that are not available to municipalities. In turn, we would purchase the solar power and have the option of buying the system at a future date.

Submitted by
Nancy Magielnichi, Chair

## REPRESENTATIVE TANNER 2013

The main focus of the House session was to deal with the budget. I'm pleased to say that we achieved many positive results. We passed the first, truly bipartisan budget in decades with a vote of 337-18 and restored funding cuts from the last legislative session. Some of the highlights of this year's budget are:

## Education

$\checkmark \quad$ Fully funds the existing adequacy formula and increases the cap
$\checkmark \quad$ Fully funds school building aid for current projects
$\checkmark$ Restores funds and scholarship programs to our community college system and UNH system in exchange for a tuition freeze
$\checkmark \quad$ Restores the Children in Need of Services Program (CHINS)

## Health Care

$\checkmark$ Increases funding in long term care including the county portion
$\checkmark$ Restores funding for domestic violence programs
$\checkmark$ Increases funding for family planning
$\checkmark$ Begins to reverse the tax on hospitals by restoring funds for uncompensated care
$\checkmark$ Provides funding for our mental health system by expanding acute care, Community Crisis Treatment Teams, and community residential resources
$\checkmark$ Provides funding to meet health care needs at the State's Veteran's Home

## Communities

$\checkmark \quad$ Fully funds local communities for delayed and deferred water projects, catastrophic aid, and tuition and transportation assistance to local schools
$\checkmark$ Increases the distribution of rooms and meals tax money to local communities
$\checkmark$ Fully funds LCHIP for the preservation of historic sites and buildings

## State

$\checkmark \quad$ Increases funding for tourism promotion
$\checkmark$ Adds 15 additional State Troopers on our roads
$\checkmark$ Funds the drug task force teams
$\checkmark$ Increases funds for search and rescue operations of Fish and Game Commission
$\checkmark$ Provides funding for two positions to address the invasive and destructive Ash Borer.

Our work is not done. We need to address the issue of health care through the expansion of Medicaid for fifty-eight thousand New Hampshire residents between the ages of 19 and 64 earning less than $\$ 16,000$ a year. The Business and Industry Association has given their support to this issue in recognition of its importance to New Hampshire's economy and the well being of its citizens. Another critical issue to be addressed is the deteriorating condition of our roads and bridges. Areas where bridges are deemed unsafe for school buses or commercial vehicles are proving costly to both towns and businesses. We need to find a revenue source to meet this need.

Please contact me anytime if I can be of assistance to you. I appreciate your input about legislation. It is an honor and a privilege to represent you in Concord.
P.O. Box 267

Georges Mills, NH 03751
Home: 763.4471

Labor, Industrial, and Rehabilitative Committee email: RepTanner@gmail.com

## FINANCE COMMITTEE-2013

Over the past year the members of the Finance Committee have attended the series of budget meetings of the Select and School boards of the Town of Plainfield. The community should take heart that there are many dedicated individuals that give generously of their time and talent to the serious business of operating our school and our town. Certainly there are a wide range of views within our community, but the discussions we observed, however energetic, were conducted with the civility and respect we would all expect. We offer the following report on our activities.

## School District

## Article II - Budget

The district is proposing a budget of $\$ 6,016,077$. This is a reduction of $\$ 67,664$ in general education expenditures or $-1.11 \%$ on the base 2013/14 budget. This translates into a $\$ 60,654$ (1.22\%) reduction in tax dollars to be raised. Approval of any other warrant articles will affect this number. There was an encouraging amount of discussion about creative ways for the District to adapt to emerging economic and demographic realities. It is clear that the Board, SAU, and School administration are devoting significant resources to the future of our school system. Article V, the AREA agreement committee, and Article VIII, the Cornish Collaboration Committee, should further this important discussion and we support them both.

There was concern expressed at the meetings that some cuts included might have unintended negative consequences.

## Articles III and IV - Collective Bargaining Contracts

In Articles III and IV the District is requesting approval for salary increases for Support Staff and Teachers of $2 \%$ in each of the next two years. Committee members vary in their views on these articles. With inflation currently at about 1.5\% the Articles represent a modest net percentage pay increase and the School Board has indicated that it is in line with our Cohort communities. However, when combined with the $3.5 \%$ step increases already part of the existing contract, actual increases for many teachers and staff could be as much as $5.5 \%$ each year or $11 \%$ over the next two years. Although there is a range of opinion on these articles we are unanimous in our opinion that the contract negotiation process should be more transparent. The lack of transparency throughout the process erodes public trust and weakens support for the results.

## Article VI - Full Day Kindergarten

Our belief is that while it may have some appreciable benefits there is not yet consensus throughout the community, nor firm support from the Board or Staff. We support continued discussion, but not passage of the Article.

## Summary

We are at an important time in the life of our school system. Our school board continues to wrestle with how to maintain quality of education in an environment of declining enrollment, rising healthcare costs, and other factors. Our community clearly supports quality education and respects the expertise of the educators and staff who provide it.

The challenge for our community lies in defining the quality of education we want to provide and for which we are willing to pay. Imbedded in that discussion are assumptions about what is reasonable to expect of teachers and staff for a given level of compensation. These are issues in which the voters have a right and responsibility to participate. In order to participate productively they must be informed and the data need to be publicly available. We recommend that complete job descriptions be made readily available to the public. This should include details of time requirements and expectations and all forms of compensation for all school district positions. We believe this could be done without infringing on anyones' privacy rights. We would encourage staff to create "day in the life" logs of their workday to help the public understand how they spend their time.

We also believe that more openness and clarity about collective bargaining discussions would reduce divisive criticism of the teacher's union. It would also increase public understanding and support for the negotiation process and its results. We understand the need for balance in the negotiation process and feel that there is a role for collective bargaining. We also understand community discomfort with a process that occurs largely behind closed doors and has resulted in automatic pay increases and benefit packages that are slower to respond to new economic realities to which most taxpayers have already had to adjust. We would recommend that the District take steps to make negotiations open to the public.

We see and hear the School Board and the administration in action at public meetings and we know that they are working hard to provide our children a quality education at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. They are clearly forward focused, looking for creative ways to keep costs in line. We applaud this focus and effort.
With this in mind the finance committee appreciates the District's efforts to explore the possibility of tuitioning in students from other communities. However, we would suggest that this be viewed as an interim measure that allows us time to create a new vision of a public school for Plainfield's children and to then adjust our facility, program, and staff accordingly.

## Town

## Article 3 - Budget

The Select Board are proposing an operating budget of \$2,025,306 for fiscal year 2014. This represents an increase of $\$ 51,951$ or $2.6 \%$ over the previous year. Overall we feel that the increase is justified, and that the town has produced a fiscally responsible budget.

## Article 5-Roadside Mower

We understand the need for a roadside mower. We would recommend careful evaluation of any equipment features that are unlikely to produce practical value for the town given the frequency of use and/or extended learning curve.

## Article 6 - Live Body Truck Bed

Based on the recent positive experience of the last purchase of this type we support this purchase.
Article 8 - KUA Study Committee
We feel this committee provides a valuable service to the community.

## Article 9 - Mill Cemetery

We support this article because it eliminates an historic quirk and its passage will make cemetery operations marginally more efficient.

## General Comments / Recommendations

We face a number of challenges resulting from the changing demographics of our town. As shown in the town's master plan, our community as a whole has become more affluent. However this does not mean that every household has experienced rising incomes. There are more residents for whom the tax bill is not a significant portion of their annual income and therefore whether the budget goes up or down may well be of discretionary interest. They have the freedom and resources to vote their support for education, and they have. There are other segments of our community for whom the tax bill is a bi-annual hurdle. They must vote based on their ability to pay regardless of their position on the merits of a given budget proposal. Historically, as the minority, they have also been forced to bear the added financial burden imposed on them by the votes of their well intended neighbors which have raised everyone's taxes.

The master plan calls attention to other important trends as well; we have a growing proportion of older aged residents. We have a limited number of "entry level" homes and a tax rate that make it challenging for young families to move to town. All of these forces make it more likely that we will continue to experience a downward trend in the number of children in our school system. And that the town may see a shift in demand for resources from education to services for the elderly.

We would also encourage the Select and Planning Boards to host discussions to develop a vision and long term roadmap for Plainfield.

As always, we strongly support efforts to increase participation of all residents and believe that our community will be stronger for it.

Respectfully Submitted, Brad Atwater, Eric Brann, Dan Lapan, David Grobe, Rangi Keen

# Meriden Village Water District <br> 2013 Operator's Report 

During the month of September a stormy night touched off a microburst just outside the perimeter fence at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Several large pines were blown down on the fence damaging more than ninety feet of the chain link and barbed wire that keep people and animals away from the lagoons. The trail network that is used by skiers and walkers also suffered extensive damage. Springfield Fence Co. repaired the damaged chain link fencing and Mak's Excavating chipped the downed trees and felled several more large pines that were left weak or leaning toward the fence. Mak's also repaired several sewer collection manholes along Rt 120 that were damaged during NH DOT maintenance projects. The new aeration blower that was purchased in 2012 was equipped with a variable frequency drive. The VFD allows the blower speed to be adjusted according to the oxygen demand in the lagoons. This allows the blower to operate at a substantially lower cost.

Every five years the MVWD has the water storage tank professionally inspected. In August, certified divers from Underwater Solutions performed a comprehensive inspection of both the interior and exterior of the tank. The tank was originally constructed in 1988 and significantly rebuilt in 2000. The tank holds 216,000 gallons of water for both the domestic and firefighting needs of the village. The tank was found to be in excellent condition. The sacrificial anodes that are located on the bottom of the tank were found to be mostly dissolved. The anodes prevent corrosion of the tank structure. New anodes will be installed in the summer of 2014. As part of the annual summer hydrant flushing, all system gate valve boxes were located and those that had accumulated sand and road debris were cleaned. The gate boxes were able to be cleaned using District owned equipment that was modified for this purpose. A significant cost savings resulted versus hiring an outside contractor to do the work. The MVWD has retained the services of CLD Engineers, Wilder, VT. office, for two annual groundwater monitoring projects. The two projects are ongoing requirements of the NH DES.

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

Nathaniel Pierson<br>Jeffrey S. Allloright<br>Murray Dewdney<br>Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

## SULLIVAN, SS.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE <br> 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 eighteenth day of March 2014 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 bylaws 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 $\$ 221,714$ 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 eleventh day of February, 2014.

## A true copy attest:

## MINUTES <br> MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 19, 2013

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 nineteenth of March 2013 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

The Annual Meeting of the Meriden Village Water District was called to order by Moderator Stephen Taylor.
ARTICLE I. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:
Moderator for one year: Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year: Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years: Murray Dewdney
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 $\$ 213,467$, 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 2012 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.
ARTICLE IV. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars $(\$ 1,000)$ to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.
ARTICLE V. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars $(\$ 5,000)$ to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.
ARTICLE VI. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: 1. That District charges for residential sewer service remain unchanged at $\$ 100$ per quarter.
2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy remain unchanged at $\$ 8,750$ 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.
ARTICLE VII. The Commissioners were commended for presenting a budget with no increases. Doris LeVarn was thanked for her work as Auditor. Bill Taylor was commended for excellent performance as operator of the water and sewer departments. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Raberta 9. Garfield, Clerk

January 27, 2014

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District
P.O. Box 84

Meriden, NH 03770

SUBJECT: 2013 Audit Findings

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the MVWD Treasurer's 2013 financial records, per RSA 41:31a to 41:31d, and find these records to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Daris LeVarn<br>Doris LeVarn, Auditor<br>Meriden Village Water District

## MVWD Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2013
Assets:

| Checking account balance | $\$ 35,201.44$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Undeposited funds | $\$ 3,600.00$ |
| Capital Reserve Fund | $\$ 119,174.06$ |
| Accounts due District: Water charges due | $\$ 12,780.07$ |
| Total Assets | $\$ 170,755.57$ |

## Liabilities:

| Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve | $\$ 119,174.06$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total Liabilities | $\$ 119,174.06$ |
| Fund Balance- Current Surplus | $\$ 51,581.51$ |
| Grand Total | $\$ 170,755.57$ |

## Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund \$461,434.06

## Sewer Department Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2013

Assets:

| Checking account balance | $\$ 54,139.23$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Undeposited funds | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Capital Reserve Fund | $\$ 89,566.70$ |
| Accounts due District: Sewer charges due | $\$ 17,270.86$ |
| Total Assets | $\$ 160,976.79$ |

## Liabilities:

| Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve | $\$ 89,566.70$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Liabilities | $\$ 89,566.70$ |

Fund Balance- Current Surplus ..... \$71,410.09
Grand Total ..... \$160,976.79

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:
State of NH Revolving Fund \$223,710.39

## Meriden Village Water District <br> Sewer Department

| Income | Budget 2012 | Actual 2012 | Budget 2013 | Actual 2013 | Budget 2014 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sewer Charges | \$128,260 | \$137,016 | \$128,000 | \$129,660 | \$131,200 |
| Hook-Ups | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Interest | \$0 | \$35 | \$0 | \$13 | \$0 |
| From Capital |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve | \$3,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| From Surplus | \$7,087 | \$0 | \$5,500 | \$0 | \$4,558 |
| Other Income | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Income | \$138,847 | \$137,052 | \$133,500 | \$129,673 | \$135,758 |
| Expenses | Budget 2012 | Actual 2012 | Budget 2013 | Actual 2013 | Budget 2014 |
| Office | \$1,000 | \$343 | \$1,000 | \$875 | \$1,000 |
| Legal | \$200 | \$0 | \$200 | \$0 | \$200 |
| Electricity | \$6,000 | \$5,063 | \$6,000 | \$4,981 | \$6,000 |
| Insurance | \$20,000 | \$19,920 | \$21,000 | \$19,483 | \$23,350 |
| Maintenance | \$11,000 | \$18,697 | \$11,000 | \$10,690 | \$15,000 |
| Telephone | \$1,400 | \$1,126 | \$1,400 | \$1,266 | \$1,400 |
| Wages | \$36,550 | \$32,810 | \$38,195 | \$33,331 | \$39,150 |
| FICA, Medicare | \$4,450 | \$3,347 | \$3,765 | \$3,402 | \$3,500 |
| Retirement | \$5,100 | \$5,239 | \$5,850 | \$5,488 | \$6,025 |
| Interest on debt | \$8,918 | \$8,918 | \$8,361 | \$8,360 | \$7,803 |
| Principal on debt | \$15,979 | \$15,979 | \$15,979 | \$15,979 | \$15,980 |
| Supplies | \$4,000 | \$2,595 | \$4,000 | \$1,747 | \$3,000 |
| Effluent Testing | \$10,000 | \$4,345 | \$2,500 | \$2,135 | \$2,600 |
| Vehicle | \$750 | \$0 | \$750 | \$440 | \$750 |
| Capital Reserve | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Xfer to Water | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Grd. Wtr. <br> Monitoring | \$5,000 | \$5,373 | \$5,000 | \$8,705 | \$5,000 |
| Blower Replacement | \$3,500 | \$3,352 | \$3,500 | \$327 | \$0 |
| Total Expenses | \$138,847 | \$132,107 | \$133,500 | \$122,209 | \$135,758 |

## Water Department

| Income | Budget 2012 | Actual 2012 | Budget 2013 | Actual 2013 | Budget 2014 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Water Rents | $\$ 76,821$ | $\$ 83,581$ | $\$ 77,000$ | $\$ 76,120$ | $\$ 83,200$ |
| Hook-Ups | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Hydrant Rentals | $\$ 3,600$ | $\$ 3,600$ | $\$ 3,600$ | $\$ 3,600$ | $\$ 3,600$ |
| Interest | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 27$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 12$ | $\$ 0$ |
| From Capital |  |  |  |  | $\$ 0$ |
| Reserve | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |  |
| From Surplus | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 5,367$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 5,156$ |
| Other Income | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,300$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Total Income | $\$ 80,421$ | $\$ 93,208$ | $\$ 85,967$ | $\$ 81,032$ | $\$ 91,956$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expenses | Budget $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | Actual 2012 | Budget 2013 | Actual 2013 | Budget 2014 |
| Office | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 379$ | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 358$ | $\$ 500$ |
| Legal | $\$ 250$ | $\$ 248$ | $\$ 250$ | $\$ 50$ | $\$ 250$ |
| Electricity | $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 5,276$ | $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 4,655$ | $\$ 6,000$ |
| Insurance | $\$ 5,400$ | $\$ 4,247$ | $\$ 5,400$ | $\$ 5,561$ | $\$ 6,000$ |
| Maintenance | $\$ 6,500$ | $\$ 13,254$ | $\$ 11,500$ | $\$ 6,497$ | $\$ 15,000$ |
| Telephone | $\$ 300$ | $\$ 361$ | $\$ 300$ | $\$ 241$ | $\$ 300$ |
| Wages | $\$ 10,400$ | $\$ 10,937$ | $\$ 10,870$ | $\$ 11,132$ | $\$ 11,465$ |
| FICA, Medicare | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Retirement | $\$ 1,700$ | $\$ 1,754$ | $\$ 1,775$ | $\$ 2,010$ | $\$ 2,070$ |
| Interest on debt | $\$ 17,312$ | $\$ 17,312$ | $\$ 16,405$ | $\$ 16,405$ | $\$ 15,467$ |
| Principal on debt | $\$ 27,059$ | $\$ 27,059$ | $\$ 27,967$ | $\$ 27,966$ | $\$ 28,904$ |
| Supplies | $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 1,049$ | $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 1,227$ | $\$ 2,000$ |
| Water Analysis | $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 1,073$ | $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 2,890$ | $\$ 3,000$ |
| 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 | $\$ 80,421$ | $\$ 83,949$ | $\$ 85,967$ | $\$ 79,991$ | $\$ 91,956$ |

# PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT 

## Commissioners' Annual Report

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 requested and received a waiver from the requirement as permitted by law.

The district originally planned to complete a major construction project during 2013. The original plan was to replace the valves under the intersection of Route 12-A and Westgate Rd which were showing signs of leaking. Operation of the valves during other required maintenance showed that the valves had been improperly opened, and sealed when opened properly. We continue to track the behavior of valves and other fixtures carefully. The District also replaced and moved a fire hydrant that had been hit several times in its life since installed in 2000. At the request of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental services the District also completed modifications to the treatment house and well fields to comply with rule changes that were made after they were installed.

Although the District completed the 2011 project of getting the District's drawings digitized, NHDES has requested that we update and validate them. We will be doing this, along with getting some CAD training to allow drawing maintenance, as 2014's capital project. We also plan to install some valves to correct some operational issues that appeared during the year.

System operation during 2013 was entirely satisfactory. Other than some minor maintenance operations planned for the treatment building, we expect this to continue. We are working on plans to update our telemetry and alarm capability.

Collections, as always, are difficult. Once again we received payment this year on some properties that had been sold. Our "accounts receivable" number still 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 $\$ 5100$ this year was funded for the 2013 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to $\$ 20,000$ annually for the remaining 6 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. We are specifically looking for a billing clerk and a meter reader, both of which are paid positions.

The commissioners

## Rabert Drue <br> Ralph Patalana <br> Gardon Gillens

## WARRANT <br> THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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 29th of March 2014 at 10:00 a.m., to act upon the following subjects.
ARTICLE I. To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise.

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

ARTICLE II. To see what action the district will take with regard to the reports of the district officers.
ARTICLE III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 54,960$ 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 $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 0 0}$ for the purpose of completing the conversion of District construction drawings and records to electronic format. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)
ARTICLE V. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 0 0}$ to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a, and to authorize funds for this purpose to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)
ARTICLE VI. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
Given under our hands and seal this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.

At true copy attest:
Rabert Drye
Ralph Patalano
Gordon Gillens

# Plainfield Village Water District Proposed Budget 2014 

|  | $2013$ <br> Proposed | $2013$ <br> Actual | $2014$ <br> Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME |  |  |  |
| Water Rent | \$53,000 | \$53,523 | \$53,000 |
| District Tax |  | \$0 | \$0 |
| Hydrant Service |  | \$0 | \$0 |
| Interest Income | \$35 | \$9 | \$25 |
| Other Income | \$5,322 | \$5,322 | \$5,118 |
| Transfer from Expendable |  |  |  |
| Starting cash balance | \$60,831 | \$61,061 | \$67,787 |
|  | \$119,188 | \$119,916 | \$125,929 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES |  |  |  |
| Administrative |  |  |  |
| Officers Salaries | \$1,290 | \$1,040 | \$1,290 |
| Officer Expenses | \$250 | \$0 | \$250 |
| Clerical Salaries | \$275 | \$275 | \$275 |
| Payroll Taxes | \$1,100 | \$800 | \$600 |
| Postage | \$250 | \$320 | \$250 |
| Office Expenses | \$500 | \$417 | \$1,000 |
| Administrative/Legal | \$500 | \$0 | \$500 |
| Insurance/Bonding | \$1,295 | \$1,085 | \$1,295 |
| Total Administrative | \$5,460 | \$3,938 | \$5,460 |
| Operations |  |  |  |
| Maintenance-Labor | \$7,500 | \$7,160 | \$7,500 |
| Maintenance-Supplies | \$1,000 | \$1,651 | \$2,000 |
| Maintenance-Service | \$2,000 | \$1,556 | \$2,000 |
| Utilities-Electricity | \$2,000 | \$2,300 | \$2,400 |
| Utilities-Propane | \$900 | \$584 | \$700 |
| Utilities-Telephone | \$1,100 | \$1,097 | \$1,100 |
| Water Sample Tests | \$2,500 | \$2,779 | \$2,500 |
| System Improvements | \$3,500 | \$3,715 | \$5,000 |
| Total Operations | \$20,500 | \$20,841 | \$23,200 |

## DEBT

| Principal | $\$ 20,000$ | $\$ 20,000$ | $\$ 20,000$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Interest | $\$ 7,350$ | $\$ 7,350$ | $\$ 6,300$ |
| Tax Anticipation Notes |  |  | $\$ 0$ |
| repayment |  |  | $\$ 0$ |
| Tax Anticipation Interest | $\$ 27,350$ | $\$ 27,350$ | $\$ 26,300$ |
| Total Debt Service |  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 53,310$ | $\$ 52,129$ | $\$ 54,960$ |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $\$ 10,000$ |  | $\$ 0$ |
|  |  |  | $\$ 5,000$ |
| Article IV (2013 Warrant) |  | $\$ 10,000$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Article IV (2014 Warrant) | $\$ 63,310$ | $\$ 52,129$ | $\$ 10,000$ |
| Article V (2014 Warrant) |  |  | $\$ 64,960$ |

## Plainfield Village Water District <br> Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2013

| Opening Cash position | \$61,061 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Water Rent | \$53,523 |
| Other Income | \$5,331 |
| Total Income | \$58,855 |
| Admin Expenses | \$3,394 |
| Operations | \$21,385 |
| Bond Debt - Principal Reduction | \$20,000 |
| Bond Debt - Interest | \$7,350 |
| TAN notes - interest | \$0 |
| Total operating disbursements | \$52,129 |
| Capital Projects |  |
| 2011 Article IV | \$0 |
| 2012 Article IV | \$0 |
| Transfers to Trust Funds |  |
| 2009 Article 4 | \$0 |
| Transfers from Trust Funds |  |
| Transfer from System Maintenance Fund | \$0 |
| Net cash flow before TAN borrowings | \$6,726 |
| Net TAN borrowings | \$0 |
| Net change in cash balance | \$6,726 |
| Ending Cash position | \$67,786 |

# PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT <br> STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION <br> DECEMBER 31, 2013 

ASSETS
Cash ..... 67,787
Accounts receivable ..... 23,452
Machinery and equipment ..... 124,288
Buildings ..... 10,000
Land and improvements ..... 70,000
Tank/Well project450,000
Total assets\$745,527
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Liabilities
Accounts payable and accrued expenses \$ ..... 0
Tax Anticipation Notes ..... 0
Bond payable -NHMBB ..... 120,000
Total liabilities ..... 120,000
Net Assets
Unrestricted assets ..... 725,527
Total liabilities and net assets ..... \$ 745,527
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD March 30, 2013

Moderator Jeff Moore opened the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Mr. Moore opened the meeting by reading an affidavit 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 Commissioner Rob Drye and seconded by Commissioner Gordon Gillens. 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 Sarah Gillens seconded the following slate of officers be nominated: Jeff Moore for moderator for one year; Margaret Drye for clerk for one year; Ralph Patalano for commissioner for three years; and Sarah Gillens for treasurer for one year.

Rob Drye moved and Ron Bailey seconded a motion that the clerk cast one ballot. The motioned passed unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article II. The following motion was offered by Gordon Gillens and seconded by Rob Drye: Resolved, that the District accept the reports of District officers as published in the Plainfield Town Report for 2012 on pages 12 through 98 , along with the auditor's report, subject to corrections. The auditor's report will be posted. Commissioner Drye reported that there was a slight surplus last year. Two construction projects (Peterson Rd., Stage Rd.) were completed successfully. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article III. The following motion was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Ron Bailey: Resolved, that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 5 2 , 3 1 0}$ to defray district expenses, and 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 \$140,000 left in our bond and does 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. The treatment house basically heats itself - propane costs have been adjusted accordingly. The vote was taken by tear off ballot. 7 in favor, 0 opposed. Moderator Moore declared the motion passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article IV. The following motion was offered by Gordon Gillens and seconded by Rob Drye: Resolved, that the district raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}$ 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. Discussion centered on solids in water, flushing, and chlorination. The vote was taken by tear off ballot. 7 in favor, 0 opposed. Moderator Moore declared the motion passed.

Moderator Jeff Moore read Article V. The following motion was offered by Rob Drye and seconded by Jeff Moore. Resolved, that the District name the water treatment building located on Peterson Road the George Adams Water Treatment Building in honor of his leadership in developing the Water District and his many years of service as commissioner and system operator.

The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote
Moderator Jeff Moore swore in the elected officers. A motion to adjourn was offered by Sarah Gillens and seconded by Ron Bailey. A voice vote was taken. Moderator Jeff Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Drye, Clerk
March 31, 2013

MARRIAGES 2013

| DATE | APPLICANTS | RESIDENCE | TOWN OF <br> ISSUANCE | TOWN OF <br> MARRIAGE |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $08 / 17 / 2013$ | Jones, Geoffrey S <br> Jutras, Marie- <br> France N | Plainfield, NH <br> Canada | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| $08 / 24 / 2013$ | Fisk, Lawrence W <br> Gannon, Leslie G | Plainfield, NH <br> Norwich, VT | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| $09 / 14 / 2013$ | Rogers, Ian M <br> Labonte, Amanda J | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| $09 / 21 / 2013$ | Mercier, Tyrone P <br> Kipping, Kathryn A | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| $09 / 21 / 2013$ | Cloud, Nevin <br> Kenney, Jaimee A | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Lyme |
| $11 / 19 / 2013$ | Crowell, Philip N <br> Hogan, Michael P | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |

BIRTHS - 2012

| D.O.B. | NAME | PLACE | FATHER | MOTHER |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $05 / 17 / 2012$ | Williams, Ella Arlen | Lebanon | Williams, Thomas, Jr. | Williams, <br> Robyn |

BIRTHS - 2013

| D.O.B. | NAME | PLACE | FATHER | MOTHER |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $02 / 05 / 2013$ | Millard, Henry Minwoo | Lebanon | Millard, Robert | Millard, Hun |
| $02 / 06 / 2013$ | Haggerty, Benjamin <br> Mark | Lebanon | Haggerty, <br> Gregory | Horne, Abigail |
| $05 / 01 / 2013$ | Roberge, Evan Mario | Lebanon | Roberge, Cliff | Roberge, Lindsay |
| $05 / 21 / 2013$ | Houde, Hazel Adelaide | Lebanon | Houde, <br> Matthew | Houde, Sarah |
| $06 / 02 / 2013$ | Rogers, Sophia Marie | Lebanon | Rogers, Justin | Rogers, Katrinia |
| $06 / 11 / 2013$ | Barnett, Davie Su | Lebanon | Barnett, <br> Anthony | Barnett, Erin |
| $07 / 03 / 2013$ | Judkins, Jeffrey Reed | Lebanon | Judkins, Jordan | Judkins, Allison |
| $07 / 29 / 2013$ | Balch, Aaraline Elizabeth | Lebanon | Molina, Daniel | Balch, Melissa |
| $12 / 16 / 2013$ | Murphy, Timothy Joseph | Lebanon | Murphy, <br> Andrew | Murphy, Trisha |

DEATHS - 2013

| Date | Name | Place | Father | Mother |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $09 / 03 / 2013$ | Sodemann, AnnaKaie | Plainfield | Manacek, <br> Stephen | Fusek, Elizabeth |
| $11 / 12 / 2013$ | Porthouse, Robert A. | Windsor, <br> VT | Porthouse, <br> Robert J | Porthouse, Margarite |
| $11 / 19 / 2013$ | Coronis, Laurel | Lebanon | Whitcher, <br> Horace | Keyser, Caroline |



# ANNUAL REPORT <br> of the <br> PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 

## For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

## OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR<br>Paul Franklin

CLERK
Michelle Marsh
TREASURER
Jeffrey Moore

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Christie Danen
(Term expires 2016)
Chris Forman ñ Board Chair (Term expires 2015)

Brian Garfield
(Term expires 2016)
Mike Sutherland (Term expires 2015)

Katherine Whybrow
(Term expires 2014)

# PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL <br> Ellen Langsner 

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Gregory Vogt
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
Laura Spratt
FINANCE
Beth Bierwirth

# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT <br> WARRANT <br> STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 

## Sullivan, ss: $\quad$ School District of Plainfield

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Saturday, the eighth day of March, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

Article I. To see what action the District will take with respect to reports of District officers.

Article II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 6,016,077$ for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article III. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increase in support staff salaries and benefits:

| Year | Estimated Increase <br> $2014-2015$ |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 , 2 2 7}$ |  |
| $2015-2016$ | $\$ 20,159$ |

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 16,227$ (Sixteen thousand two hundred twenty seven dollars) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article IV. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year collective bargaining agreement reached during good
faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association, which calls for the following increase in teacher salaries and benefits:

| Year | Estimated Increase |
| :---: | :--- |
| $2014-2015$ | $\underline{\$ 51,495}$ |
| $2015-2016$ | $\underline{\$ 55,116}$ |

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 51,495$ (Fifty one thousand four hundred ninety five dollars) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article V. To see if the District will vote to establish an AREA Agreement Committee whose purpose will be to study the current AREA Tuition Agreement between SAU \#32 and SAU \#88. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article VI. To see if the District will vote to establish a full day Kindergarten program at the Plainfield School commencing on the first school day of FY15; and to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to $\$ 85,000$ (Eighty five thousand dollars) for the purpose of funding the cost items associated with a full day Kindergarten program.

Article VII. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 40,000$ (forty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article VIII. To see if the District will vote to establish a Committee whose purpose will be to study possible collaboration opportunities with the Cornish School District. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article IX. To see if the District will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District Budget. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article X. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
(NOTE: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of town officials on Tuesday, March 11, 2014). Given under our hands at said Plainfield this $30^{4 / 2}$ day of January, 2014.
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Chris Forman, Chair


Brian Garfield


Katherine Whybrow

Christie Danen


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# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT <br> STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the county Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

Article I. To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer each for a one-year term; one School Board Member for a three-year term. (Polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given unto our hands at said Plainfield this sixth day of February 2014.

## A True Copy Attest:

ChrisFarman, Chair<br>Claude Sutherland<br>Brian Garfield<br>Katherine Whybrow<br>Christie Danen<br>Plainfield School Board

# Plainfield School District <br> Minutes <br> Annual Meeting - March 8, 2013 

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Paul Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2013, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Moderator introduced the Clerk, School Board and Professional Staff (Superintendent Greg Vogt, Principal Ellen Langsner, Special Education Director Laura Spratt and School Finance, Beth Bierwirth).

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting and read the statement by Michelle Marsh, Clerk of the School District of Plainfield, NH, that hereby certifies that on the $20^{\text {th }}$ day of February, 2013, the posting of the true and attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, the Meriden and Plainfield Town Halls, said locations being public places within the District. Notarized by Ruthann Wheeler, Notary Public on February 20, 2013.

The Moderator then read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1557 names were listed on the Checklist.

A motion was made by Steve Halleran and seconded by Jerry Doolittle to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. The vote by voice was in the affirmative.

Two announcements were made by Chris Forman, School Board Chair:

1) Retiring teacher, Brenda Johnson was recognized and given a round of applause for her 26 years of service to the school.
2) School Board member Myra Ferguson received a bouquet of flowers and a standing ovation in recognition of her nine (9) years as a member of the Board.

ARTICLE I: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and other officers as printed in the annual report.

The vote by voice was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

ARTICLE II: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,083,743 for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to School District officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

School Board Chair Chris Forman gave a brief presentation using a slideshow giving residents a snapshot of what Plainfield Elementary School is all about. He also went over a hand-out that had been given to each resident.

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

The vote for Article II by secret ballot resulted in:

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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.
The Moderator moved that Article VII be moved to the front so it could be discussed while the most residents were present. The motion was seconded by Chris Forman.

It was a voice vote in the affirmative and so declared.
ARTICLE VII: The following resolution was offered and discussed:
óShall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Plainfield Sschool District on the second Tuesday of March.ô (Petition warrant article. Requires $3 / 5$ majority vote on March 12, 2013.)

Moderator Franklin turned the floor over to Maria Guzman who spoke to the article using a brief slide show presentation. Discussion followed as to the pros and cons of adopting the SB-2.

Gene Hewes called the question to end discussion and it was supported by seven (7) other voters.

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

A vote on Article VII was taken by secret ballot on March 12, 2013 (town voting day) at the polls.

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It was a vote in the negative and so declared.
ARTICLE III: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 25,000$ to be placed in the special education and tuition reserve fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both.

Mike Sutherland explained the motion on the floor with a short slide show presentation. Questions and discussion ensued.

The vote by secret ballot on Article III resulted in:

## YES 119 NO 56

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.
ARTICLE IV: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate up to $\$ 15,000$, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of repairs, maintenance, and/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility.

No discussion followed the short slide show presented by Myra Ferguson explaining the motion.

The vote by secret ballot on Article IV resulted in:

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The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE V: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to discontinue the capital reserve fund created in 2012 for the purpose of acquiring a special education van. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Districtös general fund.

A motion came from the floor to move the money into the maintenance fund rather than the general fund. After some discussion and a brief recess, it was determined that by law a Capital Reserve Fund must first be discontinued and returned to the General Fund before it can be re-appropriated. The motion was withdrawn.

The meeting proceeded with a vote on Article V.
The vote by voice was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted and it was so declared.

ARTICLE VI: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six (6) Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District budget.

The vote by voice was taken, the óAyesô ruled, it was in the affirmative and so declared.

## ARTICLE VIII: Other Business

Resolved: To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.
Stephen Taylor made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Boone Rondeau.
A vote by voice was taken and the óAyesô ruled.
Moderator Paul Franklin adjourned the School District meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Marsh
Plainfield School District Clerk

## Plainfield School District <br> Minutes

Election Meeting - March 12, 2013

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Moderator Paul Franklin declared the meeting open at 8:00 a.m. and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting provided by the School District Clerk. The ballot boxes were determined empty. The polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

## ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

## For School District Moderator (1 Year):

Paul Franklin ..... 327
Write in:
Nancy Mogielnicki ..... 1
Boone Rondeau ..... 1
Steve Taylor ..... 1
Elected: Paul Franklin
For School District Clerk (1 Year):
Write in:
Michelle Marsh ..... 26
Jesse Stalker ..... 2
Arlene Berry ..... 1
Frank Currier ..... 1
Dennis Girouard ..... 1
Maria Guzman ..... 1
Amy Lappin ..... 1
Thom Lappin ..... 1
Josh Longacre ..... 1
Melissa Longacre ..... 1
Julianna McGonigle ..... 1
Justin Rogers ..... 1
Diane Rogers ..... 1
Ruth Stalker ..... 1
Rob Taylor ..... 1
Chris Wira ..... 1
Elected: Vacant

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For School District Treasurer (1 Year):Jeffrey C. Moore321
Write in:
Diane West ..... 1
Elected: Jeffrey C. Moore
Two For School Board (3 Years each):
Brian Garfield ..... 277
Christine Danen ..... 204
Maria Elena Guzman ..... 97
Write in:
Steve Beaupre ..... 1
Joe Bretton ..... 1
Dennis Girouard ..... 1
Suellen Leugers ..... 1
Diane Rogers ..... 1
Justin Rogers ..... 1
Dan Rondeau ..... 1
Jesse Stalker ..... 1
Elected: Brian GarfieldChristine Danen
Article VII (SB2):

YES votes: 156 (for)
NO votes: 190 (against)
The vote was in the negative and the article was not adopted.
Paul Franklin was sworn into office on this date and time.
Christine Danen and Jeffrey Moore were sworn into office March 13, 2013. Brian Garfield was sworn into office on March 14, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Marsh<br>Plainfield School District Clerk

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

## Superintendent's Report

The past year has been filled with promise and possibility for the Plainfield School District. The promise began last summer when the School Board held its annual retreat. This time of reflection and thinking allowed the Board and administration to consider the primary issues facing the school district and then decide upon the key goal areas that would serve as targets throughout the year. The five goal statements that were developed at that retreat are the following:

> 1. Develop a strategy that's goal is to return PES K-8 enrollment to 300 students by 2020. Present this strategy to the 2014
> School District meeting for discussion and review.
2. Approve a grade-level configuration policy that will guide staffing and school structure for the next 5 years.
3. Evaluate the option of providing full-day kindergarten. If appropriate, present to 2014 School District meeting for approval.
4. Approve a blue print for a comprehensive technical infrastructure upgrade to PES.
5. Continue to maintain our school building to insure a sound and healthy learning environment for our students and staff.

Progress on achieving several of these goals is reported under the School Board Report and in other sections of this Town Report. I will offer brief comments on the ones that havenöt been addressed elsewhere.

Following the approval of these goals, I set my own goals in conjunction with the Board goals. Since the issue of declining enrollment continues to be present, one of my goals this past year was to work on ways to increase our enrollment and thereby lower the cost-per-pupil for Plainfield. I continue to work with the Cornish Superintendent on ways in which we can collaborate. This year marked the first year in our joint lunch program service. Under a contract with Cornish, our studentsölunches are prepared at Cornish and then delivered by a van service to Plainfield. The menu has been upgraded through our new food vendor at Cornish and the quality of the food is markedly improved. We hope this initial collaboration will continue in the future and may expand into other areas, including academics.

Much of the past year has been spent in studying, considering and then finally crafting a new class size and grade configuration policy that will guide staffing in the future. Consisting of both staff and community members, a study committee was formed. Different research and models of class sizes and grade configurations were examined. The committee recommended a new policy which clearly establishes goals for class size each year. The School Board spent several meetings reviewing and discussing the proposal, including holding a public hearing to listen to the community on the issue. The new policy was adopted by the Board and the administration was then charged to develop a grade configuration model that would carry out the policyös intent. The configuration may change slightly each year, or óflexô with the enrollment numbers, so that the students receive a solid educational experience regardless of whatever the grade level structure might look like. The School Board has final approval power over the staffing required for the grade level model proposed by the administration through the budget approval process. The 2014-15 school year will be the first year operating with the new policy in place.

Technology continues to play an important role in the education of Plainfield students. The aging technology infrastructure has not been addressed in a serious manner until this past year. The entire building was rewired last summer to enable a new system to be installed. The proposed 2014-2015 budget includes an expenditure that will improve the communication capability both within and outside the building. New safety communication vehicles are part of the overall infrastructure package that will enable the school to be a much safer physical environment for students and staff. Faster and clearer methods of contacting police and fire departments are included in this communication overhaul. The phone system, no longer supported by our provider and outdated so that parts are no longer available, will be software-based, making upgrades easier and more cost-effective. More reliable access to technology for student work is also an essential component of the new technology structure.

The technology upgrade is but one aspect of the districtös desire to maintain a physical plant that is safe and healthy for everyone in the building. The Facilities Committee continues to do a fabulous job as a volunteer group monitoring the needs of the building and providing the School Board with recommendations and advice. We are indebted to them for their hard work on behalf of the students and staff of Plainfield Elementary School. I echo the comments of the School Board in thanking the committee for their dedication and efforts to provide a building that meets everyoneös needs in a cost-effective manner.

One final area that is in my goal list for the past year involves communication, both with the staff internally and with the community. I have provided opportunities for both the staff and community members to meet with and talk with me informally so that I can remain in touch with the ópulseô of the district. As we go forward into next year, my personal goal is to expand these opportunities so that I can remain even more in touch with what we might need to do to improve as a school district. I encourage these conversations and welcome them.

## Principal's Report

This year, in addition to our work on improving academic achievement, work has been focused on more collaboration with Cornish: planning for replacement playground equipment, writing and implementing a place-based environmental learning grant, and making adjustments in response to declining enrollment.

The professional development focus for the 2013/14 school year has been on improving instruction in the area of writing. The new Common Core State Standards go into effect next year. The focus of writing instruction shifts from narrative writing to more expository writing. Students as young as kindergarteners are expected to spend more time writing informative, explanatory and opinion pieces. We have been working with Consultant Fred Wolff to better understand the new standards and to learn new teaching strategies that will help us make the transition to the different expectations.

We switched our district assessment tool to one that is easier for teachers and students to use. This tool allows us to monitor students more frequently with less time and at a lower cost than our previous assessment tool. A team of staff members has received training in interpreting the assessment data and making intervention recommendations to grade-level teams. The initial results indicate that this tool is allowing us to better target instruction to small groups of students in our RtI (Response to Instruction) groups.

While there has been an effort to increase collaboration and cooperation with the Cornish School District in several areas, much of our work has been in the area of athletics with the goal of maintaining quality sports programs at both schools. With declining enrollment, fielding teams in some sports has been a challenge. Working together, and combining teams, we are able to maintain the variety of sports we offer to our students.

A committee made up of parents and staff has been working on plans to replace some of our older and deteriorating playground structures. They visited playgrounds in the Upper Valley and beyond, met with vendors, and surveyed students and staff. Soon, the focus of the group will be on fundraising efforts.

Plainfield School was the recipient of several significant grants. One was a $\$ 5000$ grant from the Friends of Plainfield School for an Artist-in-Residence program. With these funds, we are planning a week-long residency incorporating many different art forms--movement/dance, song, art, and theatre.

In addition, we received a $\$ 5000$ grant from the Wellborn Ecology Fund and the NH Charitable Foundation for a place-based education initiative. The purpose of this grant is three-fold:

1. To connect our students to our natural environment and the K-8 science curriculum through increased field experiences.
2. To model content-related place-based-learning activities to science teachers.
3. To increase community use of school property through an interActive, on-line field guide that incorporates student work.

Finally, we received $\$ 500$ from the Stettenheim Foundation to support the arts and science enrichment programs. We are so fortunate to have such a generous community.

As our student population has decreased over the past several years, much effort has gone into making adjustments in our staffing and grade configurations. We have ended up with a structure that allows for flexibility as our enrollment numbers fluctuate. The end result is a combination of single- and multi-grade environments that allows us to flex as our population changes. Grades $\mathrm{K}, 1$, and 2 will be taught in single-grade classrooms. Grades 3 and 4 will continue as a multi-grade environment, grade 5 will be taught in a single grade configuration for at least the next couple of years. Grades 6,7 , and 8 will be taught in a more departmentalized manner.

This plan will allow us to maintain stability as well as provide flexibility, so we can adjust to varying numbers of students, as well as the needs of individual groups of students.

## Special Education Report

The Director of Student Services, Laura J. Spratt, M.S., reports to the Board about services provided to Plainfield students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Our budget is driven by studentsöneeds and, therefore, costs for behavioral consultant services, social cognition instruction and extended year programming have increased. The number of preschool and school age children requiring services in out of district placements has also increased.

The special education team continues to develop and implement individualized programs for children with disabilities, including students with extensive needs.

Our districtös resources are protected most effectively by ensuring students with disabilities are receiving what they need in order to progress in their programs.

Following is a listing of Special Education and Section 504 services provided to students for the 2013-14 school year (as of December, 2013).

| Age group | Students with IEPs |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| PK-8 | 34 | 16 |
| (Total 50) |  |  |
| Grade 9 ñ Age 21 <br> (Total 23) | 8 | 15 |

- Percent of PES students on IEPs: 15.74\%
- Percent of PES students on 504 plans: 7.41\%
- Total percent of students at PES receiving direct individual support services from special education team: 23.15\%

Note: These percentages do not include students who receive support for at-risk reading, math tutoring, counseling for behavioral issues or guidance services. Students receiving support through Response to Instruction (RtI) are also not included in this count.

Other information:

- Number of out-of-district placements: 4 (includes preschool program)
- Number of students receiving individual speech services: 26
- Number of students receiving individual occupational therapy services: 10 (plus 7 additional consults)
- Number of students receiving individual physical therapy services: 4

An estimated \$51,211 in Federal Funds under IDEA supplement portions of the 2013-2014 budget. This is a decrease of $\$ 18,936$ from funds received in 2012-2013.

Each year the administrative team is supported by a number of people as the team carries out its work. The thoughtful guidance of a dedicated group of people serving on the School Board, the hard work put in by the entire staff, and the support of those who work closely with us on a daily basis, namely Beth

Bierwirth, Diane Paige, Lisa Gradijan and Bill Knight, all enable us to be more successful in what we do. We look forward to our continued working together on behalf of the students we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregary $\mathcal{I}$ Vagt, PR.D., Superintendent
Ellen Langsner, M.Ed.., e.a.g.S., Principal
Laura Spratt, M.S., Director of Student Services


Jackson Davies, Gr. 1


Annella Marsh, Gr. K

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Plainfield School continues to be one of the best, small schools in New Hampshire. With a dedicated staff, an involved community, and 218 of the best kids in the Granite State, PES is brimming with activity and learning.

We have a full agenda at this year's School District Meeting including:
X Two new staff contracts up for review and approval;
X A budget that attempts to balance declining enrollment with a handful of critical new investments;
X A proposal to fund full-day Kindergarten in the 2014/15 school year;
X A request to form two new committeesë one to evaluate leaving the
A.R.E.A agreement with Lebanon \& Grantham and another to evaluate an
administrative partnership with Cornish;
X A warrant to place $\$ 40,000$ in the District's Special Education \& Tuition Reserve Fund

## New, 2-year contracts for both teachers and support staff.

This is a contract year and the School Board has negotiated new agreements with the Plainfield Support Staff Association and the Plainfield Education Association.

The proposed support staff contract will raise wages for PES support staff. This increase is a function of a $2 \%$ raise to the salary grid and the addition of another step to the salary grid. For support staff who are at the beginning or middle of their career, they will experience a $6.03 \%$ raise each year of the contract thanks to the aggregate effect of the grid increase and their contractual 'step' increase. Support Staff with 13+ years of experience will see a $5.74 \%$ raise in year 1 and $1.97 \%$ raise in year 2. If approved, these changes will cost the district approximately $\$ 16,227$ more in the 1st year of the contract and $\$ 20,159$ more in the 2nd year. Contractual language and work rules were also negotiated.

The proposed teacher's contract will raise wages for PES teachers. Teachers who are at the beginning or middle of their career will experience a $5.6 \%$ raise each year due to the aggregate effect of an annual $2 \%$ raise to the salary grid and their contractual step increase. Teachers with more than 17 years will see a $3.50 \%$ increase in their pay during year one of the contract driven by the aforementioned raise to the salary grid and a one-time seniority payment of $1.5 \%$. In year two, the $2 \%$ increase to the salary grid will result in an effective . $49 \%$ increase over the previous year. If approved, these changes will cost the district approximately $\$ 51,495$ more in the first year of the contract and $\$ 55,116$ more in the second year. Contractual language and work rules were also negotiated.

## An expense budget that drops $\mathbf{\$ 6 7 , 6 6 4}$ from last year.

This yearös budget process started in November with the development of the following 7 principles to guide the decisions and debate of the Board:

1. Develop a budget that supports the quality education that Plainfield Elementary School currently provides, including differentiation in instruction for all student ability levels.
2. Staff based on enrollment; when circumstances create a one-year event, an alternative staffing assignment which maintains instructional continuity will be considered.
3. Continue the practice of returning to the taxpayers an amount equal to any tuition surplus created in the budget.
4. Give priority to the staff development needs, administrative support, instructional materials, technology and equipment needed to support the continuing evolution of our curriculum and instructional program, including the implementation of the recently adopted class size and grade configuration policy.
5. Continue to maintain our school building to ensure a sound and healthy learning environment for our students and staff.
6. Provide administrative support through flexible/alternative staffing models, technology and training.
7. Take advantage of ad-hoc funding opportunities, including grants or other shared funding. Whenever possible, funds from these sources will be used to reduce the community tax burden.

Using these principles as a guide (and after hundreds of hours of hard work by the Administration \& staff, seven budget-focused school board meetings, four draft budgets, meetings with the finance committee, and a public budget hearing) the School Board approved an expense budget of $\$ 6,052,008$-- a $1.1 \%$ decrease $(-\$ 67,664)$ over the current school year.

Even though this budget is a net decrease, a major reduction in high school tuition and energy expenses mask growing benefit costs, a number of important one-time expenses, and an increase in special education spending. Significant changes in the proposed 2014/15 budget versus the current school year include:

[^1]Ç $\$ 117,979$ in contractually guaranteed benefits and bonuses to three retiring teachers.

This budget also reflects:
Ç A reduction of a . 8 FTE teacher position (through attrition) and the additional of 1 FTE education assistant;
Ç An investment of \$48,318 in a new telephone and communication system (in conjunction with Plainfield town, police, and fire);
Ç A continuation of the 'additional' .5 days per week for our superintendent to continue work on programs and strategies to improve student enrollment at PES.

Finally, the combination of reduced expenses and reduced revenue will result in a \$66,789 decrease in the taxes Plainfield residents are asked to pay. Please note, if the contracts for Teachers and Support Staff are approved, the total cost of operating the school next year will be $\$ 58$ more than in the 2013/14 school year.

## Full-Day Kindergarten Up For Vote

As part of our multi-pronged strategy to improve PES for existing students and keep Plainfield competitive in comparison to local communities for families with young children, the School Board is presenting a warrant to fund Full-Day Kindergarten(FDK) starting in the 2014/15 school year. Approval of this warrant will cost the district $\$ 85,000$ in year 1 of the program and will commit the district to a new full-time teaching position in the following years, if warranted.
Some key FDK facts:
Ç 76\% of US children now attend Full-Day Kindergarten.
Ç FDK is being offered in Lebanon, Hanover, Grantham, Windsor, and
Norwich. FDK is currently under study in Claremont (and by extension Cornish).
Ç Research comparing half-day and full-day kindergarten shows that children beneÿt from a developmentally appropriate, full-day program, most notably in terms of early academic achievement. Full-day kindergarten can afford children the academic learning time needed to prepare for mastery of primary-grade reading and math skills. In doing so, such programs help circumvent subsequent needs for remediation or grade retention.

In addition to the educational and long-term cost benefits, FDK is now being offered or considered by every neighboring town to Plainfield. In discussions with local realtors, FDK is of critical importance to young families when they evaluate homes for purchase. The School Board feels that the time has come for the voters of Plainfield to make a decision on this issue.

## Consideration of High School Choice

In 1967, Plainfield joined into an A.R.E.A Agreement with Lebanon and Grantham that contractually guaranteed the right for our children to attend Lebanon High School or Kimball Union Academy. At the time, this agreement was critically important. Schools in the Upper Valley were overflowing and there was a risk the PES students would not have a seat at a local high school. Times have changed. Student enrollment across the Upper Valley has decreased markedly. Upper Valley high schools are now recruiting tuition students from other towns. The Board has heard from both residents and realtors alike that changing to a high school choice program (like Cornish) where families could choose among a menu of local high schools, would strengthen Plainfieldös educational offering and make it more attractive to families looking to purchase new homes in Plainfield.

State Law is clear on the process for leaving an A.R.E.A Agreement. The School District must vote to form a committee to study withdrawing from the agreement. This committee has a year to complete its work and report back to the District. At the subsequent District Meeting, the town can then vote on whether or not to exit the agreement.

The School Board feels that the time is right for a deep and full study of this idea, its costs, benefits, and potential impact on the school and community.

## A tighter relationship with Cornish.

Thanks, in part, to an investment in expanded administrative time (approved by the community at last District Meeting), Plainfield has forged a tighter relationship with our sister school in Cornish. We have contracted with Cornish for our lunch program and developed a shared athletics program for teams with low participation.

The Plainfield School Board and a committee of Cornish residents (engendered by their District Meeting) have been in discussion about deeper and more meaningful partnership between our two school districts. These conversations have borne fruit. Both organizations would like to aggressively explore a joint administrative structure that could bring cost savings and program improvements to each school district. Towards that end, the School Board would like to create a district-approved committee to evaluate this and other partnership opportunities and report back to the districts next year with its recommendations.

## Saving for a rainy day....

Board practice is now to budget for high school tuition and special education (SpEd) expenses as realistically as we can. The goal of the Special Education \& Tuition Trust Fund is to provide a rational level of insurance against unexpected expenses resulting from SpEd costs and/or increases in high school enrollments. The School Board has set a target balance for this fund at
$\$ 250,000$. This year the Board chose to draw $\$ 41,000$ from this fund to partially offset the tuition expense for an unexpected out-of-district placement. As a result, the district currently has $\$ 196,300$ in reserve. The School Board is recommending the town place $\$ 40,000$ in the Special Education Tuition Fund to continue building the fund towards this $\$ 250,000$ goal.

## A few closing notes.

The School Board and the community continue to owe a debt of gratitude to the Facilities Committee. The energy retrofit which began in 2009 was completed last summer, and it continues to save the taxpayers money and provide an outstanding learning environment for our children. Additionally, Plainfield School is powered and empowered by the community. Not only do we benefit from hundreds (if not thousands) of volunteer hours, the Friends of Plainfield School have donated close to $\$ 20,000$ in the last three years.

Last, and clearly not least, our staff is exemplary. The impact of declining enrollment has resulted in organizational challenges at every grade level. Our staff members, as always, have focused on our students, making sure that they continue to receive an outstanding educational experience.

As we finished the development of this report, we received and accepted the resignation of Ellen Langsner as Principal of Plainfield Elementary School, effective June 30, 2014. Please join the School Board in thanking Ellen for her nine years of service to the students of our community and wish her the very best in her professional career.

Respectfully submitted,

## Chris Forman

Board Chair


## FACILITIES REPORT

The main school project completed in the past year was the replacement of the oil-fired boiler (rebuilt once since originally installed in 1973) with three selfmodulating, high-efficiency, liquid propane gas boilers. The new boilers will heat the front wing of the building built in 2000 and the gymnasium.

Three 1000 gallon LP tanks were set at the south side of the parking lot. The existing 10,000 gallon underground oil tank will be inspected, cleaned out, filled and abandoned in place. This fulfills a long standing goal of the Committee to replace the inefficient boiler and abandon the oil tank due to concerns of potential leakage issues possibly affecting Meridenös water supply. The oil tank was nearing replacement age and the mandatory inspection regimen (along with the added costs) had recently increased.

More efficient energy-recovery ventilation units were also installed in the kindergarten, staff room, art and music classrooms to decrease energy losses from the existing combination heating/ventilation units.

The Committee spent time discussing and reviewing vendor phone/data system proposals to replace the school's aging systems. An inspection report written by a local computer system vendor used by the school clearly noted the deficiencies in the building's IT data wiring backbone. The building's existing data wiring was clearly a bottleneck for accessing the internet by students, staff and administrators.

All the existing data wiring was completely removed this past summer and replaced with new wiring and data ports before the start of the school year. Reports so far indicate the new wiring has made a big difference.

The Committee has recommended to the School Board to replace the phone system with an internet based digital phone system which will allow for increasing the number of phone handsets if necessary without having to add new phone lines into the building. It would also increase the ability of staff members to communicate more efficiently with administrators, colleagues, and parents, especially in the case of an emergency situation.

The Committee has also had discussions regarding a 100 KW solar panel field to generate over half the schoolös annual electricity requirements. We are looking to fund this project through a power purchase agreement. We've had preliminary talks with a local solar system engineering and fabrication company and are presently seeking funding sources.

We are also looking to net-meter any excess generated electricity and send it back to the grid. We are seeking electricity generators willing to purchase our
relatively minor excess supply during the summer months. Hopefully someday the State Legislature will enact legislation that more fully supports alternative energy projects like this.

Graphs indicating the building's decreased energy usage:






We welcome Bob Gross who was hired to be the school's head custodian. We would also like to thank Thom Lappin for his service on the Committee.

Finally, it is with regret that we note the resignation of long time school custodian and one time facilities manager William óBillô Fleming. Bill worked for the district for many years and his institutional memory and dedication to the school will be missed. We all wish him the very best!

The Facilities Committee members include Mike Higgins, Allan Ferguson, Bill Knight, Brian Garfield, Chris Pixley and Greg Vogt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Higgins
Committee Chair

## PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - BUDGET ANALYSIS

## 2013-2014 Surplus

We anticipate ending the 2014/2015 school year with an estimated surplus of \$180,041. We have carried this amount over to the 2014/2015 proposed Revenue Sheet. Estimated year end surplus may be used to fund warrant articles voted on by taxpayers. It is the practice of the School Board to return to taxpayers some amount of tuition surplus (if any).

## 2014/2015 Expenditures

Proposed expenditures for the 2014/2015 school year total \$6,016,077 a decrease of $\$ 107,664$ (-1.76\%) over this yearös budget of $\$ 6,123,741$.

## **This analysis does not include the amounts and effects of FY 15 proposed Warrant Articles III and IV, VI \& VII, which if passed will increase the expense total

## Highlights of the Budget are as follows:

| Voter Approved 2013/2014 Budget | 6,123,741 |
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| Increases: |  |
| Regular Education (Salary, Benefit, Contracted Service) | 62,261 |
| Special Education (Salary, Benefit, Contracted Service) | 45,235 |
| Special Education (High School) | 67,500 |
| Co-Curricular (Advisor, Benefits, Coaches) | 5,006 |
| Health (Salary, Benefit) | 923 |
| Information Services (Equipment, Contracted Service) | 3,181 |
| Library (Salary, Benefit, Supply) | 12,858 |
| School Board (Dues, Legal) | 3,350 |
| SAU Office (Salary, Benefit) | 3,372 |
| Principal's Office (Salary, Benefit) | 6,464 |
| Transportation (Contract) | 11,827 |
| Food Service (Salary, Benefit, Contracted Service Transfer) | 11,500 |
| Subtotal Increases | + 233,477 |
| Decreases: |  |
| LHS Tuition | 235,289 |
| Guidance (Benefit) | 5,683 |
| Staff Development | 14 |
| Federal Grant (Reduced Allocations) | 39,500 |
| Operation of Building (Energy) | 10,779 |
| Debt Service (Principal \& Interest) | 9,876 |
| FY14 Transfer | 40,000 |
| Subtotal Decreases | <341,141> |
| Total Net Budget Decrease | <67,644> |
| Proposed 2014/2015 Budget | 6,016,077 |

## Benefits

This year, the districts single highest increase (excluding negotiated contracts) is in the benefit category. This budget cycle, the district saw a significant increase in Medical insurance premiums (9.2\%). This single change has an $\$ 84,886$ impact on the FY15 budget. Dental insurance premiums will remain constant. We are currently in the second year of a two year agreement with NHRS, contribution percentages will not change this coming year.

## LHS Tuition

The A.R.E.A. agreement which regulates tuition rates for Plainfield Students attending LHS calculates Plainfield and Grantham tuition. The tuition rate for the 2014/2015 school year is set at $\$ 13,994$. The Town of Plainfield will see a $\$ 2$ decrease in the tuition cost per pupil over last year. This budget, as presented, projects 78.2 students attending LHS in September, compared to 95 projected students in 2013/2014. The total tuition budget for FY15 will decrease $\$ 235,289$ over the 2013/2014 school year or $-17.7 \%$.

## 2014/2015 Revenues

Non-Tax Revenues are estimated to be $\$ 1,113,819$, which is a decrease in revenue of $\$ 47,010$ over 2013/2014 budget. At this time, NH Adequacy Aid will be funded at the 2013/2014 level of \$710,696.

## 2014/2015 Bottom Line

Local tax dollars needed to support this effort decrease \$60,654 over FY14. The 2014/2015 estimated local tax effort of $\$ 4,902,258$ represents a $1.22 \%$ decrease over the 2013/2014 yearös total of \$4,962,912.

The items set forth in this analysis do not include any of the separate warrant articles, which, if passed, will increase the tax effort necessary to fund those articles.

Respectfully Submitted,
$\mathfrak{B e t h}$ Bierwirth - Finance


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|  | Total Year ACTUAL |  | Total Year ACTUAL |  | Total Year ACTUAL |  | Approved BUDGET |  | Estimate ACTUAL |  | Proposed BUDGET |  | \$\$ Increase 13/14 Budget |  | $\$ \$$ Increase <br> 13/14 ACTUAL (EST) |  | \% Incr. Over 13/14 Budget |
| Total SAU Office | \$ | 153,805 | s | 156,208 | \$ | 165,322 | s | 209,779 | \$ | 204,479 | s | 213,151 | s | 3,372 | s | 8,671 | 1.61\% |
| 11-PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Administrative Salaries | \$ | 83,973 | \$ | 85,483 | \$ | 88,642 | \$ | 92,099 | \$ | 90,149 | \$ | 91,952 | \$ | (147) | s | 1,803 | -0.16\% |
| Assistant to the Principal Salary | s | 5,000 | s | 5,000 | s | 5,250 | s | 1,000 | s | 1,000 | s | 1,000 | \$ |  | s |  | $0.00 \%$ |
| Office/Secretarial Salaries | \$ | 59,331 | \$ | 61,408 | \$ | 63,561 | \$ | 61,362 | \$ | 61,362 | \$ | 62,585 | \$ | 1,223 | \$ | 1,223 | 1.99\% |
| Employee Benefits | s | 67,885 | \$ | 63,304 | \$ | 70,847 | \$ | 72,518 | s | 71,819 | s | 75,397 | s | 2,879 | \$ | 3,578 | 3.97\% |
| Contracted Services | s | 7,967 | \$ | 8,554 | \$ | 6,790 | s | 8,000 | s | 8,000 | \$ | 9,000 | s | 1,000 | s | 1,000 | 12.50\% |
| Telephone | \$ | 4,053 | \$ | 4,086 | \$ | 3,929 | \$ | 5,200 | \$ | 5,200 | s | 5,200 | \$ | . | \$ | $\cdots$ | 0.00\% |
| Postage | s | 2,200 | \$ | 2,500 | \$ | 2,800 | \$ | 3,000 | s | 3,000 | \$ | 3,000 | s |  | s |  | $0.00 \%$ |
| Printing | s | 651 | \$ | 179 | s |  | s | 1,500 | \$ | 1,500 | \$ | 2,000 | \$ | 500 | s | 500 | 33.33\% |
| Travel | \$ | 987 | \$ | 1,088 | \$ | 851 | \$ | 1,500 | \$ | 1,500 | \$ | 1,500 | s | - | \$ |  | 0.00\% |
| Supplies | s | 912 | \$ | 732 | \$ | 636 | \$ | 1,500 | s | 1,500 | s | 1,500 | s | . | s | . | $0.00 \%$ |
| Equipment | \$ | - | \$ | 640 | \$ | 645 | \$ | 750 | \$ | 750 | \$ | 750 | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Dues \& Fees | s | 1,470 | S | 2,341 | s | 1,509 | \$ | 2,965 | s | 2,965 | s | 3,975 | s | 1,010 | s | 1,010 |  |
| Total Principal' Office | s | 233,929 | s | 235,314 | \$ | 245,459 | s | 251,394 | \$ | 248,745 | s | 257,858 | s | 6,464 | s | 9,114 | 2.57\% |
| 12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFTTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medical Insurance | \$ | 557,854 | \$ | 557,854 | \$ | 545,006 | \$ | 543,190 | s | 544,760 | s | 628,076 | s | 84,886 | \$ | 83,316 | 15.63\% |
| Dental l nsurance | s | 40,593 | \$ | 40,593 | \$ | 57,254 | s | 54,815 | \$ | 61,385 | \$ | 58,466 | \$ | 3,651 | s | (2,918) | 6.669 |
| Lite \& AD\&D Insurance | \$ | 7,854 | \$ | 7,854 | \$ | 7,922 | \$ | 8,138 | \$ | 8,155 | \$ | 7,870 | \$ | (268) | \$ | (284) | -3.29\% |
| Disability Insurance | s | 15,119 | \$ | 15,119 | s | 15,254 | s | 15,713 | \$ | 15,707 | \$ | 15,170 | s | (543) | \$ | (537) | -3.46\% |
| Flex Plan Administration | \$ | 1,000 | \$ | 1,000 | \$ | 1,000 | s | 1,000 | s | 1,000 | \$ | 1,000 | \$ |  | s |  | 0.00\% |
| F.I.C.A. | \$ | 172,093 | s | 172,093 | s | 176,344 | s | 184,232 | s | 185,003 | \$ | 187,268 | \$ | 3,036 | s | 2,265 | 1.65\% |
| Retirement | \$ | 143,321 | \$ | 195,041 | \$ | 201,703 | \$ | 271,058 | \$ | 271,809 | s | 266,404 | \$ | (4,654) | s | (5,405) | -1.72\% |
| Workers' Comp Insurance | \$ | 7,296 | \$ | 7,296 | \$ | 15,359 | \$ | 16,301 | \$ | 16,316 | \$ | 15,746 | \$ | (555) | \$ | (570) | -3.40\% |
| Annuties | \$ | 42,825 | s | 52,825 | \$ | 40,303 | s | 49,522 | s | 61,461 | s | 43,297 | s | $(6,225)$ | s | (18,164) | -12.57\% |
| Unemployment Comp Insurance | s | 2,568 | \$ | 2,568 | \$ |  |  |  | \$ |  | \$ |  | s |  | s |  | 0.00\% |
| Subtotal Employee Benefits | ${ }^{5}$ | 990,523 | s | 1,052,243 | s | 1,060,145 | S | 1,143,969 | s | 1,165,595 | S | 1,223,298 | s | 79,329 | s | 57,703 | 6.93\% |
| Transter to Other Functions | s | 990,523 | s | 1,052,243 | \$ | 1,058,590 | s | 1,143,969 | s | 1,165,595 | s | 1,223,298 | s | 79,329 | \$ | 57,703 | 6.93\% |
| Net Total Employee Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 - FEDERAL GRANTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| IDEA ( Spec Ed) | s | 51.591 | s | 50,223 | s | ${ }_{63,213}$ | s | 53,000 | s | 49,000 | s | 49,000 | s | (4,000) | s | . | -7.55\% |
| Pre School | \$ | 2,440 | \$ | 1,840 | \$ | 2,018 | \$ | 2,500 | \$ | 2,000 | \$ | 2,000 | \$ | (500) | \$ | . | -20.00\% |
| IDEAAARA | s | 21,955 | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | s |  | s |  | s | - | s |  | $0.00 \%$ |
| Pre School AARA | \$ | - | s | 347 | s | - | s | - | s | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | s | . | 0.00\% |
| Title 1 (Improving Academic Achieveme | s |  | \$ | 29,106 | s | . | s | 30,000 | s |  | s |  | \$ | $(30,000)$ | s |  | -100.0006 |
| Titte 2 (Quality Teachers) | \$ | 4,784 | \$ | 4,545 | \$ | . | \$ | 3,000 | s | . | \$ | . | \$ | $(3,000)$ | \$ | . | -100.00\% |
| Title 5 (Innovative) | s | - | \$ |  | \$ | . | \$ | - | s | . | \$ | . | \$ | - | s |  | 0.00\% |
| Title 4 (Sate \& Drug Free Schools) | \$ | . | s | 1,327 | \$ | . | \$ | . | \$ | . | s | . | s | . | \$ |  | $0.00 \%$ |
| Federal Ed School Grant | \$ | - | \$ | 30,745 | \$ |  | \$ | . | \$ |  | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ |  | 0.00\% |
| Rural Education (REAP) Grant | \$ | 27,043 | s | 44,143 | s | 28,501 | s | 28,500 | s | 28,000 | s | 26,500 | \$ | (2,000) | s | (1,500) | -7.02\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | s |  | s |  | 0.006 |
| Total Grants | \$ | 107,813 | \$ | 162,275 | \$ | 93,731 | \$ | 177,000 | \$ | 79,000 | s | 77,500 | s | (39,500) | s | (1,500) | .33.76\% |
| 14- OPERATION OF BUILDING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Custodial Salaries/Wages | \$ | 89,476 | \$ | 95,916 | \$ | 101,302 | \$ | 101,918 | \$ | 96,824 | s | 93,636 | \$ | (8,282) | \$ | $(3,188)$ | -8.13\% |
| Employee Benefits | s | 40,807 | \$ | 47,519 | \$ | 48,428 | \$ | 51,377 | \$ | 37,767 | \$ | 36,941 | \$ | (14,436) | \$ | (826) | -28.10\% |
| Contracted Services | s | 31,583 | \$ | 41,411 | \$ | 46,558 | \$ | 27,200 | \$ | 27,200 | s | 54,359 | s | 27,159 | s | 27,159 | 99.85\% |
| Building Repairs | s | 51,673 | \$ | 28,713 | \$ | 44,744 | \$ | 34,000 | \$ | 34,000 | \$ | 34,000 | \$ |  | s |  | 0.00\% |
| Property \& Liability Insurance | \$ | 10,091 | s | 10,782 | \$ | 10,714 | \$ | 11,157 | \$ | 11,157 | \$ | 11,938 | \$ | 781 | s | 781 | 7.00\% |
| Supplies | s | 14,918 | \$ | 7,981 | \$ | 15,374 | \$ | 15,000 | s | 15,000 | \$ | 15,000 | s |  | ${ }^{\text {s }}$ |  | 0.00\% |
| Electricity | \$ | 22,215 | \$ | 20,303 | \$ | 19,604 | \$ | 24,000 | s | 24,000 | \$ | 24,000 | \$ | - | \$ | $\cdot$ | 0.00\% |
| Propane | \$ | 30,259 | \$ | 46,735 | \$ |  | \$ | 28,000 | \$ | 28,000 | s | 12,000 | s | $(16,000)$ | \$ | (16,000) |  |
| Sewer Fees | s | 6,000 | \$ | 6,000 | \$ | 6,000 | \$ | 6,000 | s | 6,000 | \$ | 6,000 | \$ | . | s | - | 0.00\% |
| Equipment | s | 3,109 | s | 4,843 | \$ | 231 | s | 5,000 | s | 5,000 | \$ | 5,000 | \$ | - | s | - | $0.00 \%$ |
| Staft Travel | \$ | 274 | \$ | 300 | \$ | 406 | \$ | 500 | s | 500 | \$ | 500 | \$ |  | \$ |  | 0.00\% |
| Dues/Fees | s | 564 | \$ | 450 | \$ | 450 | \$ | 575 | s | 575 | \$ | 575 | s | - | \$ | . | 0.00\% |
| Total Operation of Building | \$ | 300,969 | s | 310,954 | s | 293,811 | s | 304,727 | s | 286,023 | s | 293,948 | s | (10,779) | \$ | 7,925 | -3.54\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-tRANSPORTATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Special Edu. Transportation Salary,Wag | S | 10,080 | s | 11,834 | S | 812 | S | . | \$ | . |  |  | \$ | . | s | . | 0.006 |



| PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category: | $\begin{gathered} 2012- \\ 2013 \end{gathered}$ | 2013-2014 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | \$\$Increase | \% Increase |
|  | ACTUAL | APPROVED | ESTIMATED | PROPOSED | $\begin{gathered} \text { or(Decrease) } \\ \text { vs. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { or(Decrease) } \\ \text { vs. } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2013 / 14 \\ \text { budget } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 2013/14 } \\ \text { budget } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| REGULAR EDUCATION | 2,946,582 | 3,230,618 | 3,077,864 | 3,057,590 | $(173,028)$ | -5.36\% |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | 1,043,307 | 991,662 | 1,054,963 | 1,104,398 | 112,736 | 11.37\% |
| CO-CURRICULAR | 35,530 | 37,215 | 40,184 | 42,221 | 5,006 | 13.45\% |
| GUIDANCE | 107,241 | 116,325 | 111,928 | 110,642 | $(5,683)$ | -4.89\% |
| HEALTH | 94,564 | 99,160 | 99,160 | 100,083 | 923 | 0.93\% |
| STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV. | 43,451 | 54,699 | 54,699 | 54,685 | (14) | -0.03\% |
| LIBRARY | 97,021 | 104,460 | 93,443 | 117,318 | 12,858 | 12.31\% |
| INFORMATION SERVICES | 89,039 | 106,631 | 106,631 | 109,812 | 3,181 | 2.98\% |
| SCHOOL BOARD | 27,620 | 24,825 | 27,825 | 28,175 | 3,350 | 13.49\% |
| SAU OFFICE | 165,322 | 209,779 | 204,479 | 213,151 | 3,372 | 1.61\% |
| PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE | 245,459 | 251,394 | 248,745 | 257,858 | 6,464 | 2.57\% |
| OPERATION OF BUILDING | 293,811 | 304,727 | 286,023 | 293,948 | $(10,779)$ | -3.54\% |
| TRANSPORTATION | 212,183 | 214,860 | 214,860 | 226,687 | 11,827 | 5.50\% |
| FOOD SERVICE | 73,259 | 73,128 | 76,341 | 80,447 | 7,319 | 10.01\% |
| DEBT SERVICE | 124,728 | 118,690 | 118,690 | 108,813 | $(9,877)$ | -8.32\% |
| FEDERAL GRANTS | 93,731 | 117,000 | 79,000 | 77,500 | $(39,500)$ | -33.76\% |
| TRANSFERS | 114,797 | 28,568 | 28,643 | 32,749 | 4,181 | 14.64\% |
| FY13 WARRANTS II, IV,V |  | 40,000 | 40,000 |  | $(40,000)$ | -100.00\% |
| GEN.ED. SUBTOTAL | 5,807,645 | 6,123,741 | 5,963,478 | 6,016,077 | -107,664 |  |
| BOND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| FY15 Warrant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| CAPITAL PROJ ECT | 575,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 6,382,645 | 6,123,741 | 5,963,478 | 6,016,077 | -107,664 | -1.76\% |



PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 2014-2015 PROPOSED EXPENSES BY OBJECT
$\square$ LHS Tuition ■ Salaries ■ Benefits ■ Other

| 10YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1ST PHASE ENERGY RETROFIT BOND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INTEREST START DATE: 209 DAYS FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT: NET INTEREST COST: |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 12 / 16 / 10 \\ 7 / 15 / 11 \\ 2.8700 \% \end{gathered}$ | Amount of Loan to be Paid <br> Premium <br> Total Proceeds |  | \$314,800 \$15,200 \$330,000 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEBT } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | PERIOD ENDING | PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING | PRINCIPAL | RATE | INTEREST | TOTAL PAYMENT | TOTAL PAYMENT |
|  | 7/15/2011 |  |  |  | \$6,701.93 | \$6,701.93 | \$6,701.93 |
| 1 | 1/15/2012 | \$314,800.00 | \$34,800.00 | 3.000\% | \$5,772.00 | \$40,572.00 | \$47,273.93 |
|  | 7/15/2012 |  |  |  | \$5,250.00 | \$5,250.00 |  |
| 2 | 1/15/2013 | \$280,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | 3.000\% | \$5,250.00 | \$40,250.00 | \$45,500.00 |
|  | 7/15/2013 |  |  |  | \$4,725.00 | \$4,725.00 |  |
| 3 | 1/15/2014 | \$245,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | 3.000\% | \$4,725.00 | \$39,725.00 | \$44,450.00 |
|  | 7/15/2014 |  |  |  | \$4,200.00 | \$4,200.00 |  |
| 4 | 1/15/2015 | \$210,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$4,200.00 | \$34,200.00 | \$38,400.00 |
|  | 7/15/2015 |  |  |  | \$3,600.00 | \$3,600.00 |  |
| 5 | 1/15/2016 | \$180,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$3,600.00 | \$33,600.00 | \$37,200.00 |
|  | 7/15/2016 |  |  |  | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |  |
| 6 | 1/15/2017 | \$150,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$3,000.00 | \$33,000.00 | \$36,000.00 |
|  | 7/15/2017 |  |  |  | \$2,400.00 | \$2,400.00 |  |
| 7 | 1/15/2018 | \$120,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$2,400.00 | \$32,400.00 | \$34,800.00 |
|  | 7/15/2018 |  |  |  | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 |  |
| 8 | 1/15/2019 | \$90,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$1,800.00 | \$31,800.00 | \$33,600.00 |
|  | 7/15/2019 |  |  |  | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |  |
| 9 | 1/15/2020 | \$60,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$1,200.00 | \$31,200.00 | \$32,400.00 |
|  | 7/15/2020 |  |  |  | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |  |
| 10 | 1/15/2021 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$600.00 | \$30,600.00 | \$31,200.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTALS |  | \$314,800.00 |  | \$66,023.93 | \$380,823.93 | \$380,823.93 |


| 10YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2ND PHASE ENERGY RETROFIT BOND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| INTEREST START DATE: 205 DAYS FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT: NET INTEREST COST: |  |  | Amount of Loan to be Paid Premium Total Proceeds |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \$ 314,800 \\ \$ 15,200 \\ \$ 330,000 \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEBT } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | PERIOD ENDING | PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING | PRINCIPAL | RATE | INTEREST | TOTAL PAYMENT | TOTAL PAYMENT |
|  | 2/15/2013 |  |  |  | \$11,460.07 | \$11,460.07 | \$11,460.07 |
| 1 | 8/15/2013 | \$575,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$10,062.50 | \$70,062.50 | \$79,075.00 |
|  | 2/15/2014 |  |  |  | \$9,012.50 | \$9,012.50 |  |
| 2 | 8/15/2014 | \$515,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$9,012.50 | \$69,012.50 | \$76,975.00 |
|  | 2/15/2015 |  |  |  | \$7,962.50 | \$7,962.50 |  |
| 3 | 8/15/2015 | \$455,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$7,962.50 | \$67,962.50 | \$74,875.00 |
|  | 2/15/2016 |  |  |  | \$6,912.50 | \$6,912.50 |  |
| 4 | 8/15/2016 | \$395,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$6,912.50 | \$66,912.50 | \$72,775.00 |
|  | 2/15/2017 |  |  |  | \$5,862.50 | \$5,862.50 |  |
| 5 | 8/15/2017 | \$335,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$5,862.50 | \$65,862.50 | \$70,675.00 |
|  | 2/15/2018 |  |  |  | \$4,812.50 | \$4,812.50 |  |
| 6 | 8/15/2018 | \$275,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$4,812.50 | \$59,812.50 | \$63,662.50 |
|  | 2/15/2019 |  |  |  | \$3,850.00 | \$3,850.00 |  |
| 7 | 8/15/2019 | \$220,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$3,850.00 | \$58,850.00 | \$61,737.50 |
|  | 2/15/2020 |  |  |  | \$2,887.50 | \$2,887.50 |  |
| 8 | 8/15/2020 | \$165,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$2,887.50 | \$57,887.50 | \$59,812.50 |
|  | 2/15/2021 |  |  |  | \$1,925.00 | \$1,925.00 |  |
| 9 | 8/15/2021 | \$110,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$1,925.00 | \$56,925.00 | \$57,887.50 |
|  | 2/15/2022 |  |  |  | \$962.50 | \$962.50 |  |
| 10 | 8/15/2022 | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$962.50 | \$55,962.50 | \$55,962.50 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | OTALS | \$575,000.00 |  | \$109,897.57 | \$684,897.57 | \$684,897.57 |

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

7/1/2012 Balance Mascoma Savings ..... 19,770.88
7/1/2012 Balance NH Public Investment Pool ..... 656,443.59
7/1/2012 Subtotal ..... 676,214.47
Total Expenditures (7/1/12 through 6/30/13) ..... 6,382,647.00
Total Receipts (7/1/12 through 6/30/13) ..... 6,587,083.00
6/30/2013 Balance Mascoma Savings ..... 336,585.57
6/30/2013 Balance NH Public Investment Pool ..... 42,328.99
6/30/2013 Total Cash Available ..... 378,914.56

Respectfully submitted,

## Jeffrey Moore

School Treasurer
PLAINFIELD TEACHERS: 2013-2014 SALARY SCHEDULE GRID


## PLAINFIELD ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2013

| GRADE | BOYS | GIRLS | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{K}$ | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 17 | 10 | 27 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 12 | 14 | 26 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 16 | 15 | 31 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | 15 | 14 | 29 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Subtotal |  |  |  |
| Home Study Students: | $\mathbf{1 1 0}$ | 106 | $\mathbf{2 1 6}$ |
| TOTAL Enrollment including Home Study: | $\mathbf{2 3 0}$ |  |  |

## PLAINFIELD SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013

Olivia Balise
Emily Ball
Abigail Chellis
Christopher Courtemanche
Jack Davini
Noah Didehbani
Peter Elder
Alieke Feid
Noah Forman
Lars Governo
Morgan Grace
Erin Gregory-Davis
Margaret Grezegorowicz
Gabrielle Guarino

Greta Hazelton
Noah Herfort
Nicholas L'Heureux
Sophia Lurie
Jillian Perriello
Jacob Pinkley
Jacob Pixley
Brittney Rogers
Kassidee Rogers
Coulston Rogerson
Christopher Schell
Catherine Sensenig
Julia Surgenor
Joslin Wainwright
Taylor Williams

## PLAINFIELD SCHOOL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2013

TEACHERSöAWARD: Abby Chellis
CORY TABER AWARD: Kassidee Rogers
PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Jacob Pixley, Joslin Wainwright
EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC: Catherine Sensenig
EXCELLENCE IN ART: Jack Davini, Morgan Grace
GROBE-REISCH SPORTSMANSHIP: Joslin Wainwright
GARIPAY-BEAUPRE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE: Noah Herfort

PRESIDENTöS EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Emily Ball, Abby Chellis, Noah Herfort, Catherine Sensenig

PRESIDENTöS EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Peter Elder, Alieke Feid, Erin Gregory-Davis, Gabrielle Guarino, Kassidee Rogers, Julia Surgenor, Joslin Wainwright

THE HERBERT E. WARD MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST:
$1^{\text {st }}$ place: Catherine Sensenig, "Sexual Harassment"
$2^{\text {nd }}$ place: Abby Chellis, "Teen Self Harm"
Noah Herfort, "A Human Right"
Honorable Mention: Morgan Grace, "Bullying in America" Olivia Balise, "Print vs. the Digital Age" Julia Surgenor, "Women's Equality in Athletics"


Caroline Sheehan, Gr. 3/4

## Plainfield Residents

## Grade 9

Sawyer Constantine Kelsey Pollard
Rex Miller
Alex Plummer

## Grade 10

| Connor Beaupre | Jonathan Butler <br> Harrison Beaupre | Chase McGough <br> Jack Doherty <br> Aurora Braswell |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wyett MacDonald |  |  | | Joanna Schafer |
| :--- |
| Mallory Schell |
| Ali Young |

## Grade 12

| Parker Beaupre | Ian Gregory-Davis | Will Sheehan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Emma Cole | Eric LöHeureux | Josh Young |



Chase Adams, Gr. 2

## LHS TUITION STUDENTS 2012-2013

## Grade 9

| Daroc Alden | Brian Downs | Liam McKim |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lauren Anikis | Timothy Dupree | Christopher Morse |
| Tiffany Blake | Tyler Edwards | Kudakwashe Muhlauri |
| Abigail Brann | Lauren Hadley | Maddison Ouellette |
| Alyson Burbee | Zachery Herrin | Colin Prince |
| Jessica Cloud | Georgia Houde | Gregory Surgenor |
| Lee Cogan | Sydney Johnstone | Jack Taylor |
| Ethan Didehbani | Emily Kovacs | Isabelle Walker |
| Jillian Dion | Zoe Lyman | Madelin Walker |
|  |  | Sonja Wolke |

## Grade 10

| McKayla Cady | Adam Herrin | Grayson Paige |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Samuel Clifton | Sabrina Huett | Catherine Pierson |
| Emily Courtemanche | Sarah Lappin | John Raney |
| Jessica Dessert | Heather Larocque | Sierra Rogers |
| Brenden Fadden | Donald MacLeay | Paul Sylvia |
| Emma Forman | William Merchant | Kyra Taylor |
| Glen Hathoot | Erika Moffitt | Aaron Wilder |

Grade11

| Kelsie Atwater | Tyler Geno | Rayne Lambert |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Shelbie Clukey | Emma Greenough | Jared McGranaghan |
| Chardonnay Colonese | Joseph Grout | Brendan O'Donnell |
| Joshua Creeger | Charlotte Grzegorowicz | Ronan O'Donnell |
| Sabrina Creighton | Grayson Hardy | Austin Putnam |
| Nicholas Davini | Nell Houde | Kaylee Rogers |
| Louise Filiault | Henry Kovacs | Matthew Taylor |

Grade 12

| Sarah Berman | Wyatt Goodwin | Lindsay Pullen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Madison Chartier | Timothy Grace | Trina Scheie |
| Victoria Constantine | Trevor Marsh | Grace Sylvia |
| Christopher Eisener | Galen Moynihan | Andrew Taylor |
| James Fadden | Evan O'Reilly | Jeffrey Taylor |
| Emily Godfrey | Dana Osmer | Sean Taylor |
| Alexander Good | Cameron Prince | Ava Wehde |
|  |  | Sarah Wider |

## LHS UNDERGRAD HONORS NIGHT

In May 2013, LHS students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were recognized for their academic achievements during 2012-2013. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

HIGH HONORS Student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken throughout the school year and has received a G.P.A. of 3.67.
Grade 9: Daroc Alden, Lauren Anikis, Lauren Hadley, Georgia Houde Grade 11: Kelsie Atwater, Emma Greenough, Grayson Hardy, Nell Houde

HONORS Student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken throughout the school year and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0.
Grade 9: Jillian Dion, Brian Downs, Tyler Edwards, Sydney Johnstone, Christopher Morse, Kudakwashe Muhlauri, Maddison Ouellette, Isabelle Walker, Sonja Wolke
Grade 10: Emma Forman, D. Ryan MacLeay, William Merchant, Erika Moffitt, Sierra Rogers
Grade 11: Louise Filiault, Rayne Lambert, Brendan O'Donnell, Ronan O'Donnell, Kaylee Rogers, Matthew Taylor

BAUSCH AND LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD: Nell Houde ñ Junior
INTERMEDIATE MATH TEAM PARTICIPATION:Daroc Alden ñ Freshman


Elena Robb, Gr. 3/4


Kayla Taber, Gr. 3/4

## AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013

The following awards were presented to Plainfield student graduates at the Lebanon High School Senior Awards Ceremony at the Lebanon Opera House in June of 2013.

American Legion Past Commanders Award ñ Morgan Keller
Dr. Burnham Memorial Track Award ñ Galen Moynihan
Dr. Myric Wood Memorial Scholarship Award ñ Morgan Keller
Dollars for Scholars Recipients ñ Victoria Constantine, Grace Sylvia, Andrew Taylor

## Douglas Townsend Award ñ Lindsay Pullen

Erling Heistad Senior Ski Award ñ Ava Wehde
$\underline{\text { Frank and Olive Gilman Foundation Memorial Scholarship ñ Morgan Keller }}$
Frederick E. Carver Memorial Scholarship Award ñ Andrew Taylor
Lebanon School Board Recognition ñ Sean Taylor
National Merit Scholarship Commended Senior ñ Galen Moynihan

Pearce Jewelers Excellence in the Arts Scholarship Award ñ Madison Chartier
Plainfield Parent-Teacher Organization Scholarship Award ñ Given to a senior from Plainfield who is going on to post-secondary education. ñ Morgan Keller

Sharon Ann Link Memorial Scholarship Award Recognizes a student each year who has participated in scholastic soccer and has demonstrated achievement in scholarship, citizenship and sportsmanship. ñ Lindsay Pullen

Sondy Blain Memorial Scholarship Award ñ Morgan Keller

Sterling Melendy Memorial Award Scholarship ñ Lindsay Pullen
U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award ñ Galen Moynihan
$\underline{\text { U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fi Award ñ Galen Moynihan }}$

## NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Plainfield School District does not discriminate in its education programs, activities, or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation or disability under the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1966, the Equal Pay Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, RSA 186-C, and RSA 354-A. Any person having inquiries concerning Plainfield School Districtös compliance with the regulations implementing these laws may contact: Superintendent of Schools, 92 Bonner Road, Meriden, NH 03770, (603) 469-3442.

Certain specific inquiries may be directed to the following: Title IX Coordinator, Gregory Vogt; Title VI, VII and 504 Coordinator, Laura Spratt.

Any person may also contact Title IX Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. (603) 271-3196, for Title IX and Age Discrimination; Section 504 Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3610, for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Supervisor for National Origin \& Equal Education Opportunity, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3582, for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Government, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114

## NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

School Administrative Unit \#32, in complying with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004), is required to locate and identify all school age children who may have educational disabilities including those who are homeless, migrant, wards of the state, or attending private schools within the Plainfield School district boundaries.

If you are a parent of, or know of a child age 3-21, who you feel may have an educational disability, please contact the School Principal or Director of Special Education at 603-469-3250. SAU \#32 will provide free screening and evaluation of any child referred to them. Students found eligible for special education services will be offered a free appropriate public education.

A student with a disability who does not qualify for services under the IDEA 2004 may qualify for accommodations under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Referrals under Section 504 may be made to the Principal.

Parents have the right to review the educational records of their children, as guaranteed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

## IDEA \& Preschool Entitlement Funds: Application for Plainfield School District

IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the district. It is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of $\mathbf{\$ 5 1 , 2 1 1}$ in FY 2014. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as speech and language services, special education assistants, a part time school based clinician, staff development, and a part time school psychologist. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, find and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which was submitted in August of 2013. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.


| Plainfield School District <br> 2013-2014 Teachers/Professional Staff |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Last Name | First Name | Position | Date of Hire | College |
| Allen | Jean | Teacher-Spanish Grs. 5-8 | 6/22/2000 | B.A. Keene State College |
| Campbell | Debra | Speech/Language Pathologist | 8/27/2007 | B.A. Rhode Island College; M.A. University of Connecticut |
| Cantlin | Mary | Teacher/Technology Coordinator | 8/23/1992 | B.A., B.S. Marietta College; M.Ed. Keene State College |
| Carlson | Michelle | Teacher-Language Arts, Grs. 7/8 | 8/27/2007 | B.S. Elem. Ed; B.A. Theater/Dance, Keene State College |
| Collins | Sean | Teacher-Social Studies, Grs. 7-8 | 8/26/2010 | B.A. Marist College; M.A. University of Vermont |
| Daley | Jill Canillas | Media Specialist | 8/25/2008 | B.A. VT College of Norwich University |
| Feid | Brandon | Teacher-P.E./Athletic Coordinator | 8/26/2002 | B.S. University of New Hampshire |
| Garrity | Deborah | Teacher-Reading/Writing; ELL | 8/26/2010 | B.A. Boston College.; M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Guaraldi | Sara | Teacher-Special Education | 8/26/2011 | B.A., M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Heaton | Karen | Nurse/Health Educator | 8/25/1997 | B.S.N. University of Vermont |
| Herb | Leah | Teacher-Art | 8/25/2008 | B.F.A. Colby Sawyer; M.Ed. New England College |
| Keeney | David | Teacher - Music | 8/28/2006 | B.M.E. Olivet College |
| Knight | Laura | Teacher-Gr. 1 | 8/6/1984 | B.S. Cornell University; M.S. Wheelock College |
| Langsner | Ellen | Principal | 7/1/2005 | B.S. Lesley College; M.Ed./C.A.G.S. Plymouth State College |
| Lee | Sara | Teacher-Gr. 2 | 8/26/2013 | B.S. Estrn. New Mexico University; M.A. N.M. State Univ. |
| Lanzim | Katherine | Teacher-Special Ed. | 11/1/1986 | B.A. Newark State College |
| Lynd | Betsy Rybeck | Teacher-Science Grs. 7/8 | 4/26/1983 | B.S. Bates College; M.S.T. Antioch College |
| Malsin | Gail | School Counselor | 8/15/2008 | B.A. Univ.of Rochester; M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Maslan | Kathleen | Teacher-Gr. 1 | 11/8/1999 | B.S. Keene State College |
| O'Reilly | Kelly | Teacher-Special Education | 4/26/2011 | B.S. College of Saint Joseph; M.Ed. Southern N.H. Univ. |
| Perkins | Julie | Teacher-Gr. 2 | 1/2/1978 | B.S. Castleton State College |
| Piano | Mary | Teacher-Math 7/8 | 8/26/2002 | B.S. Keene State College; M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Pullen | Susan | Teacher-Gr.5/6 | 8/29/2005 | B.A. Tufts University; MSW Boston University |
| Sanchirico | Paul | Teacher-Gr.5/6 | 8/26/1993 | B.S. Keene State College |
| Sheehan | James | Teacher-Gr.5/6 | 3/7/1994 | B.A. Wesleyan University |
| Spratt | Laura | Teacher/Director-Special Services | 8/29/2005 | B.S. University of lowa; M.S. Drake University |
| Taber | Melinda | Teacher-Gr.3/4 | 8/25/1997 | B.S. University of New Hampshire; M.Ed. UNH |
| Vogt | Gregory | Superintendent | 7/1/2011 | B.S., M.S. Canisius College; PhD Syracuse University |
| Wolkin | Larry | Teacher-Gr.3/4 | 8/24/1981 | B.A. SUNY-Binghamton; M.A. Bank State College |
| Woodcock | Mark | Teacher-Kindergarten | 8/25/1987 | B.A. Towson State University |


|  |  | Plainfield School District <br> 2013-2014 Support Staff |  |  |
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|  |  | Position | Date of Hire |  |
| Last Name | First Name |  | $4 / 26 / 2005$ |  |
| Beloin | Linda | Educational Assistant | College |  |
| Bierwirth | Beth | Secretary to the Principal/Finance | $8 / 24 / 2004$ | B.S. Granite State College |
| Chapin | Emily | Educational Assistant | $9 / 8 / 1998$ | Pierce College for Women |
| Collins | Lehann | Educational Assistant | $8 / 29 / 2001$ | Ocean County College, NJ |
| Downs | Janna | Educational Assistant | $8 / 28 / 2006$ |  |
| Estey | Lori | Educational Assistant | $8 / 25 / 2008$ | B.S. Castleton State College |
| Gross | Bob | Head Custodian | $8 / 20 / 2013$ |  |
| Goodrow | Fawn | Educational Assistant | $9 / 11 / 1997$ | B.S. Merrimack College |
| Goodwin | Naomi | Educational Assistant | $8 / 26 / 2009$ | B.S. Plymouth State College |
| Gradijan | Lisa | School Secretary | $5 / 27 / 2008$ | attended University of San Diego |
| Granter | William | Educational Assistant | $8 / 29 / 2005$ | B.A., B.Ed. Memorial University of Newfoundland |
| Johnson | Leni-Lyne | Educational Assistant | $8 / 28 / 2004$ | B.A. University of Connecticut |
| Merchant | Sharon | Educational Assistant | $12 / 15 / 2010$ | B.A. Granite State College |
| Moretti | Janine | Educational Assistant | $8 / 16 / 2013$ | B.A. Merrimack College |
| Morse | Debra | Educational Assistant | $8 / 29 / 2005$ | Assoc., Mount Ida College |
| Paige | Diane | Receptionist | $9 / 3 / 2013$ | attended University of Hartford |
| Peters | Patricia | Educational Assistant | $8 / 26 / 2009$ | B.S. Bridgewater State College, MA |
| Rullo | Dominic | Night Custodian | $10 / 26 / 1998$ | attended University of New Hampshire |
| Skinner | Danielle | Lunch Program Coordinator | $4 / 5 / 2012$ | attended Claremont Community College |
| Warren | Robin | Title I Math Tutor/Educ. Assistant | $8 / 24 / 2009$ | B.S.N. Alfred University; M.Ed. Plymouth State University |
| Whitman | Rosemary | Educational Assistant | $8 / 26 / 2003$ | B.S. University of North Dakota |
| Wolke | Evy | Educational Assistant | $8 / 30 / 2004$ | B.A. Wesleyan University |

## Plainfield's Educational Mission

Mission Statement: As a community of learners, our educational mission in Plainfield is to support and expect academic excellence while building character, self-confidence, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

## Responsibilities

The community is responsible for providing a quality education to children in grades K through 12 .
The school is responsible for:

- Stating clearly academic goals and defining a curriculum with high academic standards.
- Teaching with an awareness of individual children's learning styles.
- Emphasizing good character, self-discipline, and interpersonal skills.
- Providing an atmosphere that fosters excitement about learning.
- Offering strong administrative leadership and a high quality staff.
- Respecting the values, authority, and input of parents, as well as the situations of the home environment.
- Encouraging involvement of parents and community members in the life of the school.

The home is responsible for:

- Understanding and reinforcing school curricula.
- Encouraging students to complete homework and to place a high priority on education.
- Ensuring that children arrive at school on time, rested, fed, and ready to learn.
- Respecting the expertise and authority of teachers and staff.


## Results

Students should possess a foundation of information, concepts, and learning skills:

- Analytical skills: identifying and formulating problems, researching information, and developing creative solutions.
- Reading, writing, and speaking effectively, with grounding in US. and world literature.
- Mathematics, including the ability to apply quantitative thinking and analysis in daily life.
- Physical, earth, and life sciences, including how these are manifested in everyday phenomena such as the environment, technology, and weather.
- History, geography, government, and the responsibilities of citizenship in local, national, and global contexts.
- Significant exposure to the arts, a foreign language, and the diversity of human culture.
- Effective use of computers for computation and processing information.
- Appreciation of physical and mental health, including avoidance of substance abuse and communicable diseases.

Students should display behaviors that allow them to be productive learners and relate effectively to others:

- Enthusiasm for learning.
- Confidence and self esteem.
- Self-discipline and good work habits, including the ability to listen and take turns.
- Personal integrity and honesty.
- Willingness to take responsibility where appropriate and to follow through once responsibility is assumed.
- Acceptance of, sensitivity to, and compassion for others.

Mutual respect, support, and participation among the community, families, and the school are vital to effectively achieving our mission. Open communication is encouraged, valued, and respected.

Notes


[^0]:    Frank Currier Plainfield Fire Warden

[^1]:    Ç \$235,289 decrease in projected high school tuition;
    Ç $\$ 16,000$ decrease in energy expense thanks to our ongoing efficiency programs and retrofits;
    Ç \$99,796 increase in contractual employee benefits;
    Ç \$77,000 increase in mandated õout of districtö and õextended yearö special education programs;

