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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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
HEALTH OFFICER
ZONING ADMIN.
YIELD TAX AGENT
WELFARE DIRECTOR
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robert Porthouse
Daniel Cantlin
A. Halton Grindle
Stephen Halleran
Judith A. Belyea
Stephanie Schell
James McCarragher
Paul Roberts, Chief
Matthew Foss
Billy Heighes
Matthew Agan
Tyler Petrin

PLANNING BOARD

Jane Stephenson, Chair
Michael Sutherland
Allan Ferguson
Jeffrey Albright
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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Edward Moynihan
Elise Angelillo

**WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 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 single-dwelling 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.

[] yes

[] no

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.

yes no

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.

yes no

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 \$2,025,306 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 **\$152,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$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 **\$55,000** 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 **\$21,000** 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.

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 Jr.
Robert W. Taylor
Judith A. Belyea
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:

Thomas P. Williams

Robert W. Taylor

Judith 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 22nd 2017

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2014 to December 31st 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				
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
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(Continued)

DEBT SERVICE

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

EXPENDITURES

Item	2013 Approved	2013 Expenditures	2014 Request	Dollar Change
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Hwy Bridge Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Revaluation Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	(\$10,000)
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
ADA Access Fund	\$11,425	\$11,425	\$5,000	(\$6,425)
Police Equipment Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Hwy Road Side Mower	\$0	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000
Hwy Body Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$163,925	\$163,925	\$228,500	\$64,575
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,137,280	\$2,139,178	\$2,253,806	\$116,526



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

REVENUES	2013	2013	2014	Dollar
Item	Anticipated	Received	Anticipated	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				
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				
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
March 12, 2013
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. Dan Barnet had 1 vote.
Mark Wilder 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.

Anne Grobe had 1 vote.

Jesse Stalker had 1 vote.

Sarah Sprague had 1 vote.

Diane West 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:

Nancy Liston had 309 votes.

Write-Ins:

Andrea Keen had 1 vote.

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 **\$1,973,355** to defray town charges for the 2013 fiscal year. Tom Williams Jr. seconded the motion.

1. Executive	\$180,350
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	3,630
3. Financial Administration	66,300
4. Revaluation of Property	12,000
5. Legal Expenses	3,100
6. Personnel Administration	4,700
7. Planning and Zoning	1,200
8. General Government Buildings	6,025
9. Cemeteries	24,500
10. Insurance	35,700
11. Regional Associations	5,100
12. Police Department	349,298
13. Ambulance Service	28,500
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	45,000
-Meriden	40,000
15. Building Inspection	7,400
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	20,000
19. Highway Administration	22,800
20. Highways and Streets	622,800
21. Road Projects	98,300
22. Street Lights	8,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	147,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	46,810

25. Health Agencies	20,195
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	5,250
28. Recreation Commission	18,979
29. Library Department	113,818
30. Patriotic	1,000
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	5,250
Total:	\$ 1,973,355

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 **\$157,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows: 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.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$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

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

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

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.

The "Ayes" were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

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

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.

The "Ayes" were unanimous.

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.

The "Ayes" were unanimous.

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.
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 1st, 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	\$10,813,883
Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out	\$8,006,190
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2013	\$2,807,693
Cash-Checking	2,804,218
Cash-Investments	\$3,475

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Brookes-Governo Treasurer

ONGOING AUTHORTIES Granted By Previous Annual Meetings

The town endorses the organizational structure of the two fire departments per RSA 154:1 III Article 18 1994

Authority for the Selectboard to convey real estate acquired by tax collector's deed. RSA 80:80 Article 4, 1995 town meeting

The Selectboard to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 31:95-b Article 5, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash to the municipality for any public purpose. RSA 31:95-e. Article 6, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept, on behalf of the town, gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 31:19. Article 7, 1995 town meeting.

Library Trustees to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 202-A:4-c Article 8, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to borrow funds, on behalf of the municipality in anticipation of taxes.
RSA 33:7 Article 9, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plan
approved by the Planning Board. RSA 674:40 Article 10, 1995

Library Trustees to accept gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any
public purpose. RSA 202-A:4-d Article 15, 2006 town meeting.

Selectboard to appoint a Treasurer to an annual term as allowed by RSA 41:26-e. Article
7, 2010 Town Meeting.

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.....	\$ 180,350
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	\$266,763,611
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	\$1,331,855
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	4,275,951
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	686,964
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	834,544
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	Equals	\$7,129,314

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,129,314
Less War Service Credits	57,765
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,071,549

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate (2008 base year)	Approved year tax rate (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	\$24.45	\$27.50
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$283,395,368	\$259,904,713
Net value on which state tax rate is computed (Net local value less utility valuations)	\$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 \$41,437,698

**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
Fiscal Year ending December 31st 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	\$6,502		
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$3,501		\$19,713
TOTAL DEBITS	\$7,105,364		\$374,984
-Credits-			
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Property 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		\$122,416
Prior 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 31st 2013

-Debits-			
Unredeemed Liens	2012	2011	2010+
Beginning of year	\$0	\$116,621	\$122,106
New liens	\$132,098		
Interests/Penalties	\$828	\$9,707	\$15,432
TOTAL DEBITS	\$132,926	\$126,328	\$137,538
-Credits-			
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$15,046	\$32,448	\$49,296
Interest/Penalties	\$828	\$9,707	\$15,432
Unredeemed liens	\$117,051	\$84,173	\$72,810
TOTAL CREDITS	\$132,925	\$126,328	\$137,538

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 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	1244

Respectfully Submitted,
 Judith 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 200th 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 200th 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 Jr, 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:

Comcast 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 8th the second was a flash flooding event on July 2nd. 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 Colburn, Chair Zoning Board

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran 469-3201
Building Inspector: David Lersch 381-1929

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2013:

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

Permit total= 66

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

Subdivision:

Gribble 2 new lots Methodist Hill Road
Longacre 4 new lots Westgate/Hayward Rd

Annexations:

Gribble to Red Barn Trust Minor land swap w/Red Barn Trust Methodist Hill
Bartles to Bartles 30 acre land swap between lots.
Chellis Estate to Marsh 13 acres Chellis Road

Site Plan Reviews:

Independent Wireless One 10' Communication Tower Extension #95 Beauty Hill Rd
Thomas Lappin Taveran/Multi-family building #7 Bean Rd
Pau Yates 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 31st 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 two-volume, 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 effort—House 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 Ferguson, Chair
 Conservation Commission
pcc@plainfieldnh.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/13 Beg. Balance	\$18,770
	Interest earned	\$7
Balance	12/31/13	\$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 1st and 2nd grade group of 20 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the KUA gym. Our 3rd and 4th grade girls group of 9 and 3rd and 4th 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 3rd and 4th 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 22 1st and 2nd graders making up 2 teams and an additional 11 participants to make up our farm team. 1st and 2nd graders practiced skills and played games. The Farm Team worked on basic skills of throwing, catching, batting, and rules of the game. These teams practiced and played on Hewes Field, Prescott Field, and Cory Taber Field.

Our annual fishing derby was held on 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 ¾ boy's team made up of 13 boys and the ¾ 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 1st and 2nd 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 ¾ grade boys with a group of 10 and the ¾ 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 1st and 2nd 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,

David P. Cantlin ,
Recreation Director



2013 Fishing Derby Participants look for the big one!

Photo S. Halleran

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,
David P. Cantlin ,

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES 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 1st, 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
Library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org



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

Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

	Total Budget	Total Actual	Budget
Income	2013	2013	2014
Town Appropriation	\$113,268	\$113,823	\$117,658
Trust Funds	\$3,250	\$3,300	\$2,700
Gifts/Grants	\$150	\$2,856	
Book Fines/Copier	\$50	\$536	
Book Sales	\$0	\$17	
Total Interest Income	\$10	\$27	\$10
Encumbered Funds		\$4,360	\$4,854
Misc Income	\$600	\$180	\$600
Total Income	\$121,688	\$125,098	\$125,822
Expense			
Salaries	\$69,323	\$67,915	\$70,483
Sick Pay	\$1,285	\$0	\$1,285
Total Library Materials	\$14,700	\$14,749	\$16,200
Telephone	\$1,620	\$1,736	\$1,620
Electricity	\$4,100	\$4,434	\$4,700
Fuel	\$8,900	\$9,171	\$8,980
Water/Sewer	\$800	\$499	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$1,812	\$2,300
Postage	\$500	\$258	\$500
Professional Activities	\$900	\$433	\$600
Programs	\$1,000	\$2,008	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$300	\$1,318	\$1,050
Elevator	\$1,700	\$1,111	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$4,600	\$4,601	\$4,900
Automation/Cataloging	\$2,300	\$2,207	\$1,600
Computer	\$2,800	\$1,980	\$1,700
Trustee Expense	\$650	\$175	\$1,350
Misc Expense	\$200	\$47	\$200
Encumbered Funds	\$4,360	\$3,976	\$4,854
Total Expense	\$122,338	\$118,429	\$125,822
Net Ordinary Income	-	\$6,669	

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

Philip Read Checking	\$6,450
Philip Read Fines Account	\$2,591
Meriden Checking	\$5,186
Meriden Petty Cash	\$47
Meriden Fines and Fees account	\$269
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 after-school 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

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Patron Visits	5751	5787	6459
Items Circulated	7763	8046	9668
Number of Programs	87	74	85
Program Attendance	863	748	1224

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 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 ADA-compliance 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 them 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, longer-term 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 ADA-accessible.
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-So-Small 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 4th 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 Norwalk, 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 part-time 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		08			

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	66.7 % occurred in daylight hours
27.5% indicate weather related events	72.7% were out of state drivers
Age of the Operators of these vehicles:	
	16-21 Years old (09) 16%
	22-45 Years old (25) 45%
	46 and older (21) 39%

Collision with:

29.4%	Struck another motor vehicle	23.5%	Struck a fixed Object
33.3%	Struck an animal	5.9 %	Rolled over

Arrest Summary for 2013:

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
Alcohol Violations	7		

Paul M. Roberts Chief of Police

Police Department Statistical Data for the last four years

<i>Event</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
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.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	30	39	CO Alarms	00	03
Auto Accidents	08	08	Brush Fire	02	02
Vehicle Fire	02	03	Water Rescue	01	01
Lighting Strike	02	00	Collapsed Chimney	00	01
Structure Fires	03	06	Mutual Aid given:		
Trees/wires	13	07	Cornish	03	03
Furnace Problem	01	01	Lebanon	03	09
Chimney Fire	06	05	Hartland	00	00
Sprinkler Activations	01	02	Enfield	00	01
Propane Leak	02	02	Ascutney	02	00
Odor Investigation	02	01	Hazardous Spill	00	01
Medical Assist	01	01	Flooding	03	01
			Explosions	02	01

Frank Currier, Chief



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

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	2013			2014
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

<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	2013			2014
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
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
<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>				
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	\$6,730	\$3,726	\$3,004	\$7,300

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 Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

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

EXPENSES	<u>2013</u>	<u>As of 12/31/13</u>
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	\$5,000	\$7,891
Gas/Diesel		
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	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$51,000	\$60,187
RECEIPTS		<u>As of 12/31/13</u>
Grants Titl 4	\$500	\$0
Fund Raising	\$4,500	\$5,364
Town Appropriation	\$45,000	\$49,500
Town Training Funds	\$0	\$309
Donations	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$6,126</u>
	\$51,000	\$61,300
Receipts	\$61,300	
Expenses	<u>\$60,187</u>	
Balance	\$1,112	

**Ronada
Robinson**

Treasurer

12/31/13

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

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2013</u>		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
		2013	182
		2012	318
		2011	125
		2010	360
		2009	334
		2008	455
Lightning	00		144
Equipment	04		206
Arson	01		42
Campfire	12		145
Children	01		173
Smoking	10		175
Railroad	00		
Misc*	85 (*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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.

Frank Currier Plainfield Fire Warden

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

The Cornish Rescue Squad is in its 38th 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 H. Lawrence
Dale H. Lawrence
President

OUR MEMBERS:

FIRST RESPONDER PARAMEDIC

Kelsie Atwater
Beth Clifton
Christopher Chilton
Jon Hackett
Gary Chilton
Steve Jameson
Larry Dingee
Leo Maslan

EMT-B

Bobby Annis
Dave Bridgham
Margaret Drye
Rob Drye
Nolan Hurley
Jeff Katchen
Ray Kendall

EMT-B cont...

Robin Liston
Jim McCarragher
Paul Merchant
Lacie Scheuer
Trey Whalen
Bob Widger

EMT-I

Dale Lawrence
Chantelle Orlen
Sam Smith

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 **\$2,807,942**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$366,600

LAND USE CHANGE TAX RECEIVABLE \$2,360

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$274,036

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE **\$642,996**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$8,706

DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS-FEMA \$58,995

DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE \$1,512

TOTAL ASSETS: **\$3,520,151**

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 **\$2,898,920**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$2,905,435**

FUND BALANCE **\$614,716**

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$4,705)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$65,000)

RESERVE-BODYARMOR/RADIOS/SIGNS (\$10,500)

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE **\$534,511**

GRAND TOTALS: **\$3,520,151**

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

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2013 **\$534,511**

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION **\$35,125**

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2013

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principal Balance Begn Year	New Funds Acquired	Sales of Assets From Sale	Year End Balance	Income Received During Year	Income Reinvested During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
Dorset Cemetery	\$ 7,218.65		\$ -	\$ 7,327.11	\$ 365.91	\$ 276.43	\$ 133.00	\$ 8,389.64
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 3,666.40		\$ -	\$ 3,717.67	\$ 59.98	\$ 181.26	\$ 107.38	\$ 5,090.00
Green's Cemetery	\$ 1,701.29		\$ -	\$ 1,710.49	\$ 15.58	\$ 78.77	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,368.26
Green Cemetery	\$ 285.34		\$ -	\$ 291.26	\$ 6.91	\$ 10.98	\$ 11.30	\$ 309.00
Green Cemetery	\$ 26,205.35		\$ -	\$ 26,514.05	\$ 428.17	\$ 745.96	\$ 767.58	\$ 28,338.66
Mohadai Hill Cemetery	\$ 384.34		\$ -	\$ 391.26	\$ 6.91	\$ 10.98	\$ 11.30	\$ 410.20
Mill Cemetery	\$ 15,465.80		\$ -	\$ 15,733.06	\$ 267.26	\$ 460.80	\$ 455.58	\$ 16,730.31
Moulton Cemetery	\$ 7,789.58		\$ -	\$ 7,898.04	\$ 108.46	\$ 221.70	\$ 218.14	\$ 8,461.60
Perryman Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80		\$ -	\$ 1,174.04	\$ 16.24	\$ 51.56	\$ 53.91	\$ 1,382.47
Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 56,019.85		\$ -	\$ 57,272.43	\$ 922.34	\$ 1,607.60	\$ 1,650.18	\$ 60,994.59
Raynor Cemetery	\$ 1,153.75		\$ -	\$ 1,169.07	\$ 15.32	\$ 43.94	\$ 45.22	\$ 1,372.95
River Cemetery	\$ 1,157.80		\$ -	\$ 1,174.04	\$ 16.24	\$ 51.56	\$ 53.91	\$ 1,382.47
Westgate-Anderson Cemetery	\$ 154.84		\$ -	\$ 158.40	\$ 3.56	\$ 17.46	\$ 18.17	\$ 194.99
Town Cemeteries	\$ 3,875.93		\$ -	\$ 3,932.56	\$ 56.63	\$ 105.85	\$ 115.00	\$ 4,199.04
TOTALS	\$ 129,501.48	\$ -	\$ 1,810.57	\$ 131,312.05	\$ 2,390.70	\$ 3,692.88	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 137,512.05
LIBRARY TRUST FUND								
Madison Library	\$ 20,892.72		\$ 446.75	\$ 21,339.47	\$ 1,083.32	\$ 707.47	\$ 700.00	\$ 22,466.24
Plainfield Memorial Library	\$ 71,223.04		\$ 1,006.73	\$ 72,229.77	\$ 3,921.73	\$ 2,057.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 74,193.70
TOTALS	\$ 92,115.76	\$ -	\$ 1,453.48	\$ 93,569.24	\$ 5,005.05	\$ 2,765.27	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 96,660.00
WISDOM TRUST FUNDS								
Wise Christmas Fund	\$ 1,395.75		\$ -	\$ 1,395.75	\$ 154.12	\$ 112.11	\$ 144.00	\$ 1,453.76
Wise North Pole Fund	\$ 1,798.99		\$ 81.39	\$ 1,880.38	\$ 1,822.40	\$ 551.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,253.82
Wise Dolly Parton Fund	\$ 1,854.51		\$ 59.25	\$ 1,913.76	\$ 852.18	\$ 335.14	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,491.90
Wise Blue Bird Fund	\$ 1,552.00		\$ 440.45	\$ 1,992.45	\$ 20,300.10	\$ 894.32	\$ -	\$ 22,186.87
Wise Minnie Fund	\$ 1,111.90		\$ 22.37	\$ 1,134.27	\$ 57.94	\$ 46.21	\$ 57.94	\$ 1,246.51
Wise Wood Fund	\$ 385.94		\$ 16.26	\$ 402.20	\$ 1,038.90	\$ 77.37	\$ -	\$ 1,518.47
Wise Handicap Vision Fund	\$ 774.10		\$ 5.42	\$ 779.52	\$ 244.60	\$ 17.56	\$ 376.26	\$ 1,127.38
Wise Joe & Patsy's Fund	\$ 4,101.21		\$ 24.55	\$ 4,125.76	\$ 1,755.03	\$ 910.21	\$ 76.65	\$ 6,601.29
Wise Pickering Fund	\$ 13,264.94		\$ 30.57	\$ 13,295.51	\$ 4,751.87	\$ 64.72	\$ -	\$ 18,052.10
Wise Flossie Camp Fund	\$ 987.76		\$ 19.89	\$ 1,007.65	\$ 27,513.10	\$ 484.56	\$ -	\$ 28,515.31
Wise Set Fund	\$ 6,625.00		\$ 121.57	\$ 6,746.57	\$ 678.49	\$ 46.75	\$ -	\$ 7,471.81
Wise Colfax Fund	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 219.50	\$ 5,219.50	\$ 1,508.88	\$ 311.76	\$ -	\$ 6,939.14
TOTALS	\$ 39,599.32	\$ -	\$ 1,935.52	\$ 41,534.84	\$ 27,932.28	\$ 2,878.21	\$ 415.91	\$ 68,352.06
TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS	\$ 169,117.24	\$ -	\$ 3,746.05	\$ 172,863.29	\$ 5,386.75	\$ 6,568.15	\$ 4,115.91	\$ 178,864.11

	Principle Balance	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Simple Balance Year End	Income Balance	Income Earned	Income Expended	Income Balance Year End
Recreation Fund	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 257.63	\$ 135.25	\$ 16.15	\$ 11,781.23
Yemen Hall Fund	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,410.00	\$ 9,495.00	\$ 5.33	\$ 4.28	\$ 1.55	\$ 9,599.36
Bridge Avenue Fund	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 16,675.62	\$ 312.56	\$ 10,942.15	\$ 100,948.36
Madison Water Reserve Fund	\$ 109,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 8,256.27	\$ 61.79	\$ 916.05	\$ 119,174.06
School Building Fund	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 1,523.16	\$ 612.15	\$ 11,943.22	\$ 114,985.92
Power Equipment Fund	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 1,436.98	\$ 180.92	\$ 1,161.90	\$ 65,311.90
Plumfield Water Fund	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 614.27	\$ 105.52	\$ 371.79	\$ 29,127.79
Library Repair Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 136.86	\$ 4.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 12,120.86
Murkton Sewer Reserve Fund	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 7,091.52	\$ 475.18	\$ 529.46	\$ 83,566.70
School 3900 Ed Van Fund	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 39.45	\$ -	\$ 15,039.45
Plumfield History Fund	\$ 13,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 2,574.59	\$ 101.04	\$ 2,675.62	\$ 16,571.63
Cemetery Care Fund	\$ 42,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,350.00	\$ 1,553.85	\$ 270.75	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 43,864.63
ADA Access Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,425.00	\$ 26,425.00	\$ 26,425.00	\$ 21.36	\$ 85.67	\$ -	\$ 26,542.03
School Spec Ed Fund	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 1,387.27	\$ 625.90	\$ 2,642.53	\$ 212,642.51
Transportation Improvement Fund	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 384.79	\$ 288.11	\$ 567.24	\$ 105,177.94
School Building, Payable	\$ 49,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 130.94	\$ 565.58	\$ 49,665.58
Tom Beauty Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 4.92	\$ 0.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Police Equipment Fund	\$ 1,102.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,102.00	\$ 6,102.00	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.54	\$ 9.89	\$ 6,506.42
Greenwood Reclaim Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 62.09	\$ 1.24	\$ 553.81	\$ 6,054.23
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$ 4,980.00	\$ -	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 4,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,980.00
TOTAL: ALL CAPRES FUNDS	\$ 816,275.00	\$ 259,925.00	\$ 1,076,200.00	\$ 1,017,890.00	\$ 43,433.27	\$ 3,823.22	\$ 1,107.80	\$ 1,061,445.14

**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
Withdrawals-	\$0

**Town Hall
Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$6,412
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.	
Withdrawals-	\$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	
	Withdrawals	\$0
Townsend Bridge Fund	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
	Town Beautification	Deposits
	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 Plodzick 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

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Regulatory Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,254,090	\$ 1,278,739	\$ 22,649
Land use charge	8,465	-	(8,465)
Yield	15,000	6,476	(8,524)
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	55,000	39,382	(15,618)
Total from taxes	<u>1,333,555</u>	<u>1,322,897</u>	<u>(10,658)</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	415,000	432,638	17,638
Other	8,000	6,190	(1,810)
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>423,000</u>	<u>438,828</u>	<u>15,828</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meal and room distribution	204,206	204,037	(169)
State and federal forest land reimbursement	79	251	176
Other	-	747	747
Federal:			
FFMA	58,994	83,511	24,517
Total from intergovernmental	<u>263,369</u>	<u>298,556</u>	<u>35,187</u>
Charges for services:			
Create from departments	111,425	110,886	(539)
Miscellaneous:			
Interest on investments	5,000	978	(4,022)
Ret. on property	-	790	790
Other	24,000	7,238	(16,762)
Total from miscellaneous	<u>29,000</u>	<u>9,006</u>	<u>(19,994)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Interests on	62,908	70,673	7,765
Total other financing sources	<u>62,908</u>	<u>70,673</u>	<u>7,765</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>2,023,257</u>	<u>\$ 2,240,641</u>	<u>\$ 17,383</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	31,325		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 2,254,582</u>		

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

	Encumbranced from Prior Year		Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbranced to Subsequent Year		Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:							
General government:							
Executive	\$	-	\$ 180,350	\$ 183,512	\$	-	\$ (3,092)
Vehicle and registration		-	3,670	8,123		-	(4,453)
Financial administration		-	66,308	65,257		-	1,043
Revenue for property		-	63,516	67,530		-	(4,014)
Legal		-	3,100	6,377		-	(3,277)
Personnel administration		-	4,700	5,338		-	(638)
Printing and mailing		-	1,700	1,995		-	305
General government buildings		-	12,417	16,109	600		(4,272)
Commodities		-	24,500	26,885		-	(2,385)
Insurance, not otherwise included		-	15,700	21,384		-	(4,516)
Advertising and regional associations		-	5,100	3,088		-	12
Total general government		-	400,533	406,623	600		(6,690)
Public safety:							
Police		5,000	349,098	351,332	7,900		15,066
Ambulance		-	28,500	26,890		-	1,510
Fire		-	85,000	85,000		-	-
Building inspection		-	7,300	8,600		-	(600)
Emergency management		-	1,350	0,000		-	(5,550)
Dispatching		-	26,600	21,743		-	(1,743)
Total public safety		5,000	494,548	482,983	7,900		8,663
Highways and streets:							
Public works garage		-	27,800	22,222		-	5,578
Highways and streets		2,000	780,094	779,203	2,000		40,891
Street lighting		-	8,200	8,708		-	(708)
Total highways and streets		2,000	816,094	779,133	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:							
Administrator		-	20,195	17,065		-	2,930
Pest control		-	500	408		-	90
Total health		-	20,695	17,665		-	3,030
Welfare:							
Adjudication		-	1,750	1,351		-	196
Direct assistance		-	4,000	4,503		-	(523)
Total welfare		-	5,750	5,854		-	(307)
Culture and recreation:							
Parks and recreation		-	21,729	19,861		-	1,768
Library		-	111,548	111,636		-	(88)
Purchased purposes		-	1,000	679		-	321
Total culture and recreation		-	134,277	132,176		-	2,001
Conservation		-	500	60		-	435

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

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered in Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	5,250	4,848	-	402
Total debt service	-	30,250	29,848	-	402
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	163,925	163,925	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, and financing uses, and encumbrances	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,254,682	\$ 2,202,016	\$ 10,500	\$ 49,166

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

Unassigned fund balance, beginning	\$ 499,386
Changes:	
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2013 tax rate	(31,425)
2013 Budget Adjustments:	
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 17,383
Unexpended 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 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 2nd Storm Event	
Equipment Rental/Outside Contractors	\$15,235
Stabilization Stone	\$14,306
Misc.	\$368
July Storm Event Cash Cost	\$29,909

Total Expenditures	\$98,300
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FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

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

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



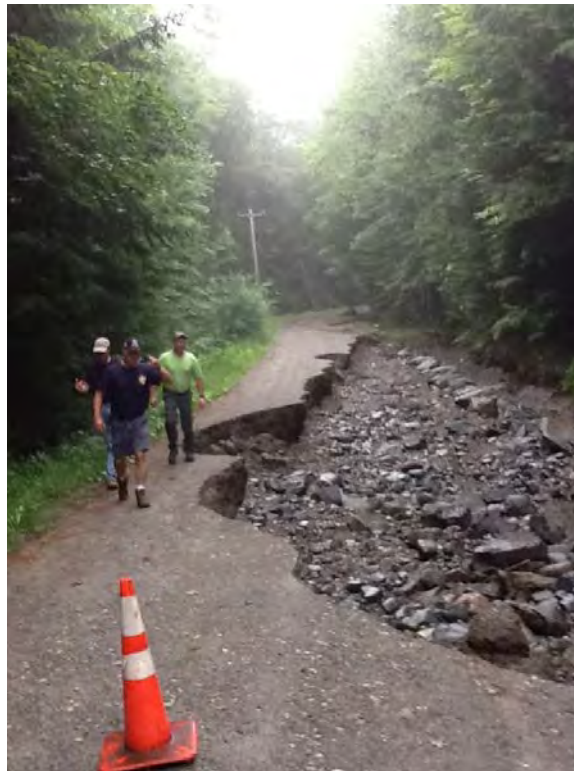
2013 Turkey Trot

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	Truck Driver	\$39,866 (includes overtime)
St. Amant, Glen	Patrolman	\$2,011 (includes overtime)
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$2,400
Stalker, Ruth	Library Aide - West	\$4,086

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	\$701,273



Selectman Rob Taylor, Road Agent Richard Collins and Local Contractor Scott MacLeay survey the damage to Hell Hollow Road after the July 2nd 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 3rd 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 **FREE** to anyone! They're open Tuesday through Friday from 9-3 p.m. and also the 3rd 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	\$ 200.00
Heating Fuel	\$2,340.47
Food * (Food was provided by the Food Pantry after June 20th)	\$ 123.68
Gas	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$4,703.07

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:

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 residents PO Box 188, Newport NH 03773 **tel. 863-7708.**

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER: Provides services to senior citizens: meals, including deliveries of meals, transportation, adult day care, recreation, health screening and social services. PO Box 433 / Lebanon, NH 03766-0433 **tel. 448-4897**

HEADREST: Provides information and referrals for human services in the Upper Valley. Located at 14 Church St./ PO Box 247/Lebanon, NH 03766 **tel. 448-4872. Hotline 448-4400.**

MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE: A provider of public health services in the Upper Valley. Functions include research, education, planning and prevention activities. PO Box 102 Canaan NH 03741 **tel. 523-7100.**

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES: Provides and administers Fuel Assistance, Commodity Foods, WIC Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and Eldercare programs along with other human service type programs to eligible applicants. PO Box 1338 Claremont, NH 03743. **tel. 542-9528.**

VNAVNH/HOSPICE: Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. 66 Benning Street, Suite 6 West Lebanon **tel. 1-800-300-8853.**

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 2013	Requested 2014	Budgeted 2014
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	\$19,535	\$20,735	\$18,160

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	<u>.48</u>
Total Income	<u>179.19</u>
	\$1,024.21
Expenses:	
None	<u>0</u>
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 1st, 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 grant-funded 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 Mojnicki, 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

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

Health Care

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

Communities

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

State

- ✓ Increases funding for tourism promotion
- ✓ Adds 15 additional State Troopers on our roads
- ✓ Funds the drug task force teams
- ✓ Increases funds for search and rescue operations of Fish and Game Commission
- ✓ 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 anyone's 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, Rang Keen

Meriden Village Water District 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

Nathanid Pierson

Jeffrey S. Albright

Murray Dewdney

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

MINUTES
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.

Roberta I. 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.

Doris LeVarn
Doris LeVarn, Auditor
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
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Total Assets		\$170,755.57
Liabilities:		
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve		\$119,174.06
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Total Liabilities		\$119,174.06
Fund Balance- Current Surplus		\$51,581.51
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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
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Total Assets		\$160,976.79
Liabilities:		
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve		\$89,566.70
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Total Liabilities		\$89,566.70
Fund Balance- Current Surplus		\$71,410.09
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Grand Total		\$160,976.79
Principal Balance Long Term Debt:		
State of NH Revolving Fund		\$223,710.39

**Meriden Village Water District
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 Grd. Wtr.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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 Reserve	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$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 2012	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

**Robert D rye
Ralph Patalano
Gordon Gillens**

**WARRANT
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 **\$5000** 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 **\$5000** 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:

Robert D ry e
Ralph Patalano
Gordon Gillens

**Plainfield Village Water District
Proposed Budget 2014**

	2013 Proposed	2013 Actual	2014 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
	<u>\$119,188</u>	<u>\$119,916</u>	<u>\$125,929</u>
 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	<u>\$5,460</u>	<u>\$3,938</u>	<u>\$5,460</u>
 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	<u>\$20,500</u>	<u>\$20,841</u>	<u>\$23,200</u>

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

Plainfield Village Water District
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
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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
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
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 project	<u>450,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 745,527</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>120,000</u>
Total liabilities	120,000
Net Assets	
Unrestricted assets	<u>725,527</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 745,527</u>

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 motion 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 **\$52,310** 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 **\$10,000** for the purpose of replacing valves and pipeline at the intersection of Route 12-A and Westgate Road, including installing a fire hydrant on the southeast corner of the intersection. 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 ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
08/17/2013	Jones, Geoffrey S Jutras, Marie-France N	Plainfield, NH Canada	Plainfield	Plainfield
08/24/2013	Fisk, Lawrence W Gannon, Leslie G	Plainfield, NH Norwich, VT	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/14/2013	Rogers, Ian M Labonte, Amanda J	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/21/2013	Mercier, Tyrone P Kipping, Kathryn A	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/21/2013	Cloud, Nevin Kenney, Jaimee A	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Lyme
11/19/2013	Crowell, Philip N Hogan, Michael P	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield

BIRTHS – 2012

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
05/17/2012	Williams, Ella Arlen	Lebanon	Williams, Thomas, Jr.	Williams, 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 Mark	Lebanon	Haggerty, Gregory	Horne, Abigail
05/01/2013	Roberge, Evan Mario	Lebanon	Roberge, Cliff	Roberge, Lindsay
05/21/2013	Houde, Hazel Adelaide	Lebanon	Houde, Matthew	Houde, Sarah
06/02/2013	Rogers, Sophia Marie	Lebanon	Rogers, Justin	Rogers, Katrinia
06/11/2013	Barnett, Davie Su	Lebanon	Barnett, 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, Andrew	Murphy, Trisha

DEATHS – 2013

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