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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Paul B. Franklin	2014
TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	2016
SELECTBOARD	Robert W. Taylor, Chair	2015
	Judith A. Belyea	2016
	Ron C. Eberhardt	2017
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	Hillary Sundell	2015
	Nancy Liston	2015
	Suzanne Spencer	2016
	Anita Brown	2016
	Mark Pensgen	2017
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Helen T. Davidson	2015
	Harold L. Jones Jr.	2018
	Donald Jordan	2020
	Sue Ellen Leugers	Resigned
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	James Taylor	2015
	Jesse Stalker	2016
	Bradford Atwater	2017
ASSIST. MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	
BALLOT CLERKS	Sarah Brookes-Governo	
	Robin Marsh	
	Elizabeth Lurie	

BALLOT CLERKS (con't)	RoAnne Rogerson Jill Young, Alt
ROAD AGENT	Richard Collins
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Daniel Cantlin
HEALTH OFFICER	Stephanie Schell
ZONING ADMIN.	Stephen Halleran
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.	James McCarragher
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Paul Roberts, Chief Matthew Foss Billy Heighes Matthew Agan
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair Michael Sutherland Allan Ferguson Jeffrey Allbright Elise Angelillo Stephen Halleran, Alt Judith Belyea, Selectwoman
ZONING BOARD	Richard Colburn, Chair Edward Moynihan Bradford Atwater William McGonigle Stephen Sheehan Scott MacLeay, Alt
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Myra Ferguson, Chair Judith Ptak William Knight David Grobe Anne Donaghy David Taylor Ron Eberhardt

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rangi Keen
David Grobe
Bradford Atwater
Dan LaPan
Eric Brann
Audra Bucklin

**ENERGY
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Mogielnicki, Co Chair
Steve Ladd, Co Chair
Allan Ferguson
Mike O'Leary
[Ron Eberhardt](#)
Evan Oxenham
Frank Perotti

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**

Stephen Beaupre
Elizabeth Duany
John Yacavone
Robyn Hadlock
Robert Hewett
Eric Brann
Pamela Miller
Myra Ferguson
Chris Foreman, School Board
Robert Blake, Kimball Union Academy
Stephen Halleran, Selectboard Rep.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER
JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Robert Kline

**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 10th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

[Polls will be open until 7:00 P.M.]

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two 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 order to clarify questions that have risen with the administering of the newly adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance (approved in 2014) the following minor changes are proposed:

Amend Criteria which apply to detached ADUs, #2 which reads

2. The peak of the ADU roof may not be higher than 25'.

To read

2. For buildings constructed after January 1st 2015 maximum building height is 25' for ADU's. Ornamental cupolas measuring less than 30" in width and 30" in depth and that are no higher than 48" may be excluded from the 25' building height limit.

Amend Criteria which apply to detached ADUs, #3 which reads:

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.

To read

3. When located in an outbuilding such as a barn or garage built before January 1st 2015, the maximum height restriction does not apply. However, the ADU portion must conform to all other dimensional requirements for ADUs as listed in this ordinance.

Yes_____

No____

Question 2.

To provide a basic regulatory framework for the establishment of solar energy projects the following is proposed:

Add a new section **3.8 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS:** The town, through its policies and zoning ordinance in accordance with RSA 672:1 III & 674:62-66, supports and encourages the development of alternative energy systems. However, like telecommunication towers and wind powered generating systems (WPGS) solar energy systems (SES) have the potential to impact other properties, including view sheds. Therefore, no building permit for a SES shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment unless the SES meets the following criteria:

- 1) Roof top mounted or wall mounted system, in all zones, that does not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted and does not rise up more than 5' from the exterior surface of the roof.
- 2) Ground mounted systems in the Rural Residential (RR), Rural Conservation I (RCI) and Rural Conservation II (RCII) zones that do not rise more than 14' from the ground measured from the surface of the existing grade to the top of collector at its highest point and are not more than 7kw in size.

For SES that do not require a special exception the arrays will be considered an accessory use and will be permitted with a building permit in all zones except the Conservation Zone.

All ground mounted systems proposed in the Village Residential Zone (VR) shall require a special exception.

All ground mounted solar installations which are connected to a commercial metering system shall require a site plan review by the Planning Board.

Application Requirements for Solar Energy System (SES) requiring a special exception and or site plan review:

- a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the SES is proposed
- b. Abutter list
- c. Written description of the project
- d. Site map of the property and proposed facility design
- c. Visual analysis
- d. Decommissioning plan (if applicable)

Standards to be met: In addition to evidence of conformance to all the general performance standards found in section 5.6II of this ordinance, proposals for SES must satisfy all of the following:

Location: Systems will be located and or screened so as to minimize the visual impact from abutting properties. For the purpose of this ordinance a ground mounted solar array shall be considered a structure.

Fencing: While generally not required in cases where the town’s land use boards deem it necessary to protect public safety, perimeter fencing may be required around all or some of the system components.

Utilities: Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board all distribution lines associated with the system will be underground.

Approved Solar Components: All electric solar components must have UL listing or equivalent.

Utility Company Approval: The applicant, as part of the application process must show a letter of acceptance from any utility company which will receive the electric power from the system.

Decommissioning: All proposals for SES, which require either a special exception or a site plan review, will include provisions, acceptable to the town, to insure that once the facility is no longer in use, it will be completely removed from the site.

Add to the list of special exceptions for the VR, RR, RCI and RCII zones: #24 Approved Solar Energy System.

Renumber the zoning ordinance as required.

Yes _____ No _____

Question 3.

To provide homeowners with all of the pool barrier options permitted by the town's adopted building code **delete** from the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1 FENCES, WALLS and HEDGES #3 which reads:

3. Every in-ground swimming pool shall be entirely enclosed with a good quality chain link wire, stockade or other equivalent fence of not less than five (5) feet in height measured from the ground level unless a special exception is granted.

Yes _____

No _____

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 14th 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 \$2,101,932 to defray town charges for the 2015 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$194,950
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	3,380
3. Financial Administration	68,700
4. Revaluation of Property	13,000
5. Legal Expenses	8,100
6. Personnel Administration	5,500
7. Planning and Zoning	1,000
8. General Government Buildings	9,425
9. Cemeteries	25,000
10. Insurance	36,600
11. Regional Associations	5,100
12. Police Department	356,598
13. Ambulance Service	27,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	49,500
-Meriden	44,500
15. Building Inspection	8,900
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	27,000
19. Highway Administration	20,050
20. Highways and Streets	680,200
21. Road Projects	99,900

22. Street Lights	12,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	153,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	48,810
25. Health Agencies	18,370
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	8,500
28. Recreation Commission	19,000
29. Library Department	124,649
30. Patriotic	1,000
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	1,850
Total:	\$ 2,101,932

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 **\$149,500** 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:

\$15,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Equipment 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.
\$6,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011.
\$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$6,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend on the Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.

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 establish a capital reserve fund to be called the Town Facilities Maintenance Fund for the purpose of making repairs to town buildings and grounds and to appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** from the town's unassigned fund balance for this purpose, pursuant to RSA 35:1. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend for this fund. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** for the purchase of a brush chipper to be used by the highway department and to authorize the Selectboard to withdraw up to the sum of \$12,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing brush chipper. 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 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 10. To see if the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning April 1, 2015, two separate boards of trustees, one for the Meriden Library and one for the Philip Read Memorial Library. The present board members to be distributed between the two newly created boards, as determined by the current board of trustees, with the Selectmen to be responsible for approving the final make-up and appointing a sixth trustee. Each library shall be administered by a three member board, each trustee to serve a three year term. Further, to authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article (Article by petition).

ARTICLE 11. To request that the Town of Plainfield, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

- Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Plainfield, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to

reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Plainfield's Congressional delegation, and to Plainfield's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote. (Article by Petition).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to send a message to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, the Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and the State of Vermont requesting that they take all appropriate and needed measures to fully mitigate the shooting noise nuisance emanating from the Hammond Cove Shooting Range in Hartland, Vermont into Plainfield, New Hampshire and to fully restore the quiet, peaceful character of nearby Plainfield residences and recreation areas to levels that existed prior to the 2012 Hammond Cove site construction (Article by Request).

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Robert W. Taylor
Judith A. Belyea
Ron Eberhardt
Plainfield Selectboard

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, so hereby certify that on the 18th day of February in the year 2015, 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:

Robert W. Taylor
Judith A. Belyea
Ron Eberhardt

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2015 to December 31st 2015

EXPENDITURES Item	2014 Approved	2014 Expenditures	2015 Request	Percent Change	Dollar Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$182,750	\$186,158	\$194,950	6.7%	\$12,200
Election/Registration	\$5,130	\$7,343	\$3,380	-34.1%	(\$1,750)
Financial Administration	\$68,700	\$67,521	\$68,700	0.0%	\$0
Revaluation of Property	\$11,000	\$13,973	\$13,000	18.2%	\$2,000
Legal Expense	\$4,100	\$8,253	\$8,100	97.6%	\$4,000
Personnel Administration	\$4,700	\$5,350	\$5,500	17.0%	\$800
Planning and Zoning	\$1,200	\$1,145	\$1,000	-16.7%	(\$200)
Government Buildings	\$7,025	\$10,257	\$9,425	34.2%	\$2,400
Cemeteries	\$25,000	\$25,851	\$25,000	0.0%	\$0
Insurances	\$35,100	\$22,076	\$36,600	4.3%	\$1,500
Regional Associations	\$5,100	\$5,235	\$5,100	0.0%	\$0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$348,848	\$347,310	\$356,598	2.2%	\$7,750
Ambulance	\$26,500	\$26,725	\$27,000	1.9%	\$500
Fire-Plainfield	\$49,500	\$48,876	\$49,500	0.0%	\$0
Fire-Meriden	\$44,500	\$43,876	\$44,500	0.0%	\$0
Building Inspection	\$7,400	\$10,845	\$8,900	20.3%	\$1,500
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	0.0%	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$4,100	\$4,331	\$4,100	0.0%	\$0
Dispatch Service	\$22,000	\$26,815	\$27,000	22.7%	\$5,000
HIGHWAYS, STREETS					
Highway Administration	\$22,800	\$22,148	\$20,050	-12.1%	(\$2,750)
Highway and Streets	\$658,100	\$649,546	\$680,200	3.4%	\$22,100
Road Projects	\$98,800	\$98,800	\$99,900	1.1%	\$1,100
Street Lights	\$8,000	\$10,356	\$12,000	50.0%	\$4,000
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$150,000	\$149,892	\$153,000	2.0%	\$3,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$44,810	\$48,351	\$48,810	8.9%	\$4,000
Health					\$0
Health Department	\$18,370	\$15,855	\$18,370	0.0%	\$0
Animal Control	\$500	\$495	\$500	0.0%	\$0
WELFARE					
General Assistance	\$5,250	\$9,621	\$8,500	61.9%	\$3,250
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Recreation Commission	\$19,165	\$15,844	\$19,000	-0.9%	(\$165)
Libraries	\$117,658	\$115,612	\$124,649	5.9%	\$6,991
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000	\$682	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$235	\$500	0.0%	\$0

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(Continued)

DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$2,450	\$2,424	\$1,850	-24.5%	(\$600)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$2,025,306	\$2,026,801	\$2,101,932	3.8%	\$76,626

EXPENDITURES

Item	2014 Approved	2014 Expenditures	2015 Request	Percent Change	Dollar Change
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.0%	\$0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.0%	\$0
Hwy Bridge Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	\$0
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	
Revaluation Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	-25.0%	(\$5,000)
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	20.0%	\$1,000
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%	\$0
ADA Access Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	20.0%	\$1,000
Hwy Garage Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$60,000		
Hwy Brush Chipper	\$0	\$0	\$12,000		
Hwy Road Side Mower	\$55,000	\$52,000	\$0		(\$55,000)
Hwy Body Replacement	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0		(\$21,000)
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$228,500	\$225,500	\$221,500	-3.1%	(\$7,000)
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,253,806	\$2,252,301	\$2,323,432	3.1%	\$69,626



BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
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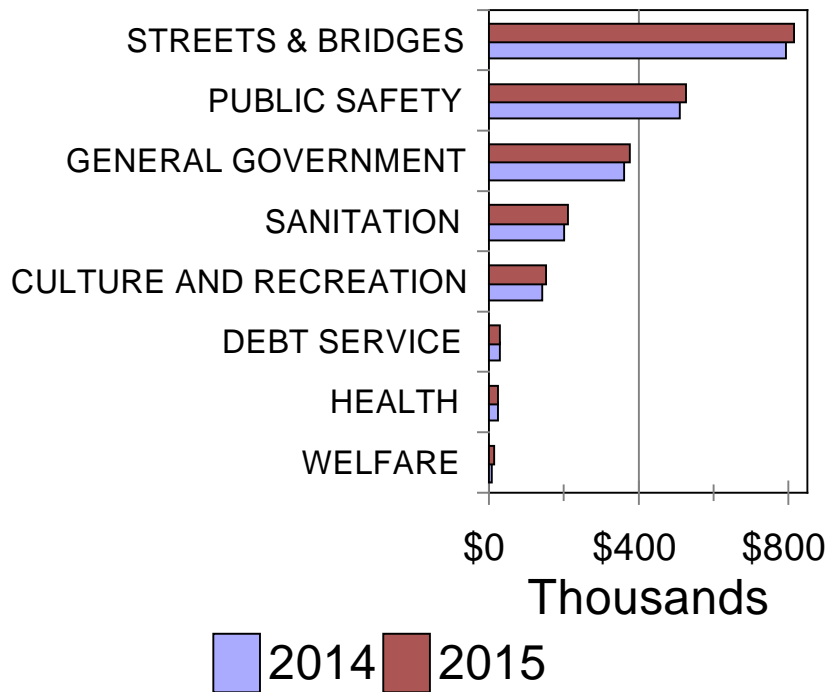
REVENUES	2014	2014	2015	Percent	Dollar
Item	Anticipated	Received	Anticipated	Change	Change
TAXES					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$4,705	\$4,705	\$9,625	104.6%	\$4,920
Yield Taxes	\$8,000	\$14,100	\$12,000	50.0%	\$4,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$45,000	\$46,214	\$45,000	0.0%	\$0
Excavations					\$0
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
Licenses & Fees	\$7,000	\$5,215	\$7,000	0.0%	\$0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$435,000	\$456,262	\$460,000	5.7%	\$25,000
Trash User Fees	\$78,000	\$69,108	\$72,000	-7.7%	(\$6,000)
STATE REVENUE					
Rooms and Meals Dist	\$105,564	\$114,307	\$114,307	8.3%	
Highway Block Grant	\$98,800	\$99,848	\$99,900	1.1%	\$1,100
State Reimbursements	\$115	\$37	\$115	0.0%	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICE					
Income from Departments	\$32,000	\$28,360	\$32,000	0.0%	\$0
Reimbursements	\$500	\$150	\$500	0.0%	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE					
Sale of Town Property	\$5,000	\$2,450	\$5,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest on Deposits	\$1,000	\$788	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
FEMA/EMG	\$16,000	\$16,255	\$0		(\$16,000)
OTHER FINANCING					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$12,000		(\$64,000)
Trust Funds	\$10,000	\$9,311	\$10,000		\$0
Fund Balance Utilization	\$0	\$0	\$60,000		\$60,000
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$923,684	\$944,110	\$941,447		
NET APPROPRIATION	\$1,330,122	\$1,308,191	\$1,381,985	3.9%	\$51,863
Change in dollars from taxation:			\$51,863.00		
Projected tax rate impact			\$0.20		

**TOWN OPERATING
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2014	2015	Percent Change	Percent Total
WELFARE	\$5,250	\$8,500	62%	0%
HEALTH	\$18,870	\$18,870	0%	1%
DEBT SERVICE	\$26,850	\$26,850	0%	1%
CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$138,323	\$145,149	5%	7%
SANITATION	\$194,810	\$201,810	4%	10%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$353,405	\$370,755	5%	18%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$503,098	\$517,848	3%	25%
STREETS & BRIDGES	\$784,700	\$812,150	3%	39%
	\$2,025,306	\$2,101,932	4%	100%

Town Budget

Major Catagories



TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2014

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on March 11, 2014. Moderator Paul Franklin opened the meeting at 8:00 am with the reading of Articles 1 & 2. Michelle Marsh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Stephen Halleran. The polls were declared opened.

Total Number on Checklist: 1553

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 342

Percentage of Voting: 22%

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Moderator for two years, One Selectperson 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.

Selectboard Member for three years:

Ron Eberhardt 243

Mark Horne 69

Ron Eberhardt was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Edward Stansfield 304

Edward Stansfield was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years:

Mark Pensgen 290

Write-Ins:

Alice Eberhardt 2

Dennis Girouard 2

Mark Pensgen was declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years:

Bradford Atwater 281

Write-Ins:

David Taylor 2

Bradford Atwater was declared elected.

Supervisor of the Checklist for six years:

Donald Jordan 305

Donald Jordan was declared elected.

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 Zone 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.

261 voting yes 45 voting no
It was declared a vote in the affirmative and the amendment so adopted.

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.

271 voting yes 50 voting no
It was declared a vote in the affirmative and the amendment so adopted.

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.

138 voting yes 33 voting no
It was declared a vote in the affirmative and the amendment so adopted.

The Polls closed at 7:00 p.m. the Moderator recessed the meeting which will resume on Saturday, the 15th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Plainfield School gymnasium.

On Saturday, March 15, 2014 Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:00am. The meeting began with words of inspiration given by Reverend Suellen Leugers, followed by a salute to the flag and the singing of America the Beautiful.

The Moderator then introduced the town officers and recognized Selectboard member Robert Taylor who awarded the 2012 Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to Jane Stephenson for her many years of service to the town. She is a long standing member of the Planning Board and currently serves as Chair. She created the walking tours for both villages, serves as a member of the Historical Society and Blow-Me-Down Grange. She is a volunteer and most recently applied for and received a grant to help restore the grand drape which now hangs in the Meriden Town Hall. That's just to mention some of her contributions. Thank you, Jane! A standing ovation was received.

Moderator Franklin explained the rules of the meeting. John Yacavone made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and proceed to Article 3. His motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,025,306** to defray town charges for the 2014 fiscal year. Selectman Williams seconded the motion.

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

Moderator Franklin recognized Town Administrator Stephen Halleran who spoke to the motion. He reported that due to the damages from the summer storm, the town received \$62,000 from FEMA to help defray repair costs. The hardest hit roads were Hell Hollow and Kenyon. The Road Agent and Selectboard have put together a plan to begin a project of upgrading the culverts to help combat the uncertain weather patterns we have experienced recently.

The energy committee has been making progress in finding ways to save money in our town buildings. In 2013, improvements were made at the town offices and in 2014 the committee looks to improve the Highway Garage.

The Selectboard refinanced the remaining 5 years of the Philip Read Memorial Library improvement loan which will save us \$4,100.

Steve thanked the departments for their hard work and mentioned the Human Services Department led by Stephanie Schell has done a fantastic job during a very cold winter keeping our residents in need supplied with food, fuel and shelter.

Overall, \$35,000 was returned to the unexpended fund balance. If everything passes on the budget, the town portion of the taxrate will increase taxes by .17 cents per thousand.

Questions were asked and answered.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 123 No 6

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

ARTICLE 4. Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$152,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$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.

Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 116 No 5

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

ARTICLE 5. Selectman Williams offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town 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 selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing 1977 Ford tractor. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 111 No 8

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

ARTICLE 6. Selectman Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,000** for the purchase of a replacement dump truck body and to authorize the select board 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. Tom Williams seconded the motion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 102 No 18

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

ARTICLE 7. Eric Brann offered the following resolution 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.

Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 63 No 31

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

ARTICLE 8. Steve Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town direct the Select board 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. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken.

The "Ayes" were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 9: Jim Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the Town 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 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.

Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 85 No 1

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

ARTICLE 10. Selectman Robert Taylor offered the following resolution 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 Select board and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Selectman Williams seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken.

The "Ayes" were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 11. Selectwoman 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. A certified copy of the report to be placed on file with the town clerk. Robert Taylor seconded the motion.

**A voice vote was taken.
The “Ayes” were unanimous.
The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.**

ARTICLE 12. Moderator Franklin swore in the following newly elected officers:

Donald Jordan	Supervisor of the Checklist
Ron Eberhardt	Selectman
Brad Atwater	Cemetery Trustee
Mark Pensgen	Library Trustee

Paul Franklin was sworn into office the morning of the town meeting on March 15, 2014

Edward Stansfield was sworn into office on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Town office.

Stephen Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. seconded by Jane Stephenson.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Marsh
Town Clerk



**Moderator Franklin administers the oath of office to newly elected officials.
Photo S. Halleran**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1st, 2014	
Cash-checking	\$ 2,804,218
Cash-Investments	\$ 3,475
Total	\$ 2,807,693
Receipts/ transfers in during the year	\$ 7,613,967
Total available	\$10,421,660
Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out	\$7,538,790
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2014	\$2,882,870
Cash-Checking	2,879,395
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 2014

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 182,750
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	5,130
Financial Administration.....	68,700
Revaluation of Property	11,000
Legal Expense	4,100
Personnel Administration.....	4,700
Planning and Zoning	1,200
General Government Buildings.....	7,025
Cemeteries.....	25,000
Insurances.....	35,100
Advertising and Regional Expense	5,100

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	348,848
Ambulance	26,500
Fire Protection.....	94,000
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	26,100

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2014 (con't)

Building Inspection	7,400
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	
Highways and Streets	680,900
Road Projects	98,800
Street Lights	8,000
SANITATION	
Garbage Collection.....	150,000
Solid Waste Disposal	44,810
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Health Department	18,370
Pest Control.....	500
WELFARE	
Welfare Department	5,250
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Recreation Commission	19,165
Libraries	117,658
Patriotic	1,000
Conservation Commission	500
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal on Long-term debts.....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts	4,847
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL.....	\$2,025,306
CAPITAL PURCHASES	
Article 5 Roadside Mower	55,000
Article 6 Replacement truck body.....	21,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES.....	\$76,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TO RESERVES	
Article 4 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	55,000
Article 4 Highway Vehicle Fund.....	50,000
Article 4 Highway Bridge Fund	5,000
Article 4 Revaluation Fund	20,000
Article 4 ADA Access Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Gravel Reclamation Fund.....	\$5,000
Article 4 Town Hall Repair Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Library Repair Fund.....	2,500
Article 4 Police Equipment Fund	5,000
TOTAL TO RESERVES.....	\$152,500
TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,253,806

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	\$75,908,460
Buildings	186,605,600
Public Utilities.....	6,983,000
Total value before exemptions	\$269,497,060
Blind Exemption	47,000
Elderly Exemption	1,265,700
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption	176,200
Solar Energy Exemption	532,825
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) 80%	5,184,449
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
Total exemptions allowed	\$7,206,174
Net value used for local tax rate.....	\$262,140,886
Net value used for state education rate	\$255,157,886
(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)	\$54,465
Total war service credits.....	\$57,265

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land	3,000
Forest Land.....	23,717
Unproductive Land.....	528
Wetlands.....	801
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions)	28,046

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,253,806
Total Revenues and Credits	less	933,068
Overlay	add	60,637
War Service Credits	add	57,265
A) Net Town Appropriation	Equals	\$1,438,640
Net Local School Budget		5,584,892
Adequate Education Grant	less	669,468
State Education Taxes	less	663,165
B) Approved Local School Assessment	Equals	4,252,259
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	663,165
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	836,654
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	Equals	\$7,190,718

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,190,718
Less War Service Credits	57,765
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,133,453

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	5.12	5.49
County	3.21	3.19
School local	16.45	16.22
School state	2.72	2.60
Combined tax rate	\$27.50	\$27.50

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$259,904,713	\$262,140,886
Net value on which state tax rate is computed (Net local value less utility valuations)	\$252,921,713	\$255,157,886

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)	27,698,600
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop)	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) 100%	6,480,561

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

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 \$41,079,198

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 state has made a new rule regarding title exempt vehicles. Beginning January 1, 2015 all year 2000 models and newer will require titles. They have done away with the 15 year rule. Please keep this in mind when you are purchasing used vehicles by private party. You **will** need the title if the vehicle is a model 2000 or newer.

You may have noticed the new look to the trash and recycling schedule. I am hoping it is easier to follow. Let me know what you think.

A reminder that we are now boat agents. The state will still send the renewals but you can come to our office to process them. The fee will be \$5.00 more than what the state charges for processing fees.

Please remember to renew your dog licenses, the deadline is April 30, 2015.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your town clerk.

Michelle Marsh
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2014

	-Debits-		
Unredeemed Liens	2013	2012	2011+
Beginning of year	\$0	\$117,051	\$156,984
New liens	\$181,587		
Interests/Penalties	\$1,593	\$12,941	\$21,000
TOTAL DEBITS	\$183,180	\$129,992	\$177,984
	-Credits-		
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$33,544	\$31,969	\$75,361
Interest/Penalties	\$1,593	\$12,940	\$21,001
Unredeemed liens	\$148,043	\$85,082	\$81,622
TOTAL CREDITS	\$183,180	\$129,992	\$177,984

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2014

Total reports filed	11
Total yield tax assessed	\$14,101
Softwood cut, MBF	752,595
Hardwood cut, MBF	217,004
Cordwood cut, cords.....	217
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	2164
Pulpwood, cords	0
Whole tree chips, tons	7525

Respectfully Submitted,
 Judith A. Belyea,
 Yield Tax Agent

SELECTBOARD REPORT -2014

It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed and another annual Selectboard Report is due. Thanks to our hard working town employees, Plainfield remains well run and efficient in providing many needed services. Thanks as always go out to the professionals who serve us as well as to the many volunteers who contribute their time for the betterment of Plainfield. As is customary, what follows are brief updates of the Selectboard's activities during the prior year (in no particular order).

- Recreation Department Trails Director and New Groomer- To continue what has become an Upper Valley Treasure, the Selectboard appointed Bill Knight to become the town's "Trails Director". This will bring the trails program, centered around the Plainfield Elementary School (PES), under the umbrella of the town's Recreation Department, led by Dan Cantlin, (Rec. Director). The Board feels strongly that the trails program currently underway is one of the brightest developments in Plainfield in a great while. Also, with 100% donated funds the town purchased a new snow groomer to better maintain the myriad cross country ski trails around PES.
- Emergency Response Trailer- With grant monies secured from Fed. and State sources as well as Plainfield's own investment an "Emergency Response Trailer" has been put into service for the town (summer 2014). This trailer is stocked with signs and other equipment to better respond to any emergency, be it highway, police and/or fire related.
- Municipal Dump Truck Body Swap- The highway crew led by Road Agent Collins completed a swap of dump truck bodies on one of our newer town trucks. A so called "municipal style" body was added to become a combination dump and sander body. The project approved at Town Meeting was completed in time to make an impact on winter work for 2014/2015. This brings the number of so equipped trucks to two in our fleet. This upgrade has proven to be a significant upgrade to the Highway Department's efficiency and reliability.
- Fire Chief Stipend Implementation- The Fire Chief is now a paid position in town. Chief Currier has become a regular contributor to the Selectboard meetings and he continues to bring the Meriden and Plainfield Associations together to serve the entire town so well. Our sincere thanks go out to both departments for their dedication to service and to Frank's efforts with both village departments.
- New Roadside Mower Into Service- The newly acquired mower with all its capabilities has been highly successful in improving the roadside mowing program. From its safer operation to its extended reach the machine looks to be a nice addition to the tool kit of highway maintenance.
- Many Expensive Repairs to Highway Equipment- While success abounds in the Highway Department, it was also a year for major repairs to equipment as well. Two big trucks saw costly repairs and so too did the 590 Case backhoe. One of the largest parts on this digging machine, known as the boom, was replaced at a

cost of nearly \$6000. This is either due to extensive wear and tear or old fashioned bad luck.

- Libraries- The Selectboard continues to support our unified library system approved at Town Meeting some years back. We do not favor a return to the previous two board system. There appears to be some difficulties with the current system mostly due to the personalities involved. An reversion to the old way of doing things does not seem to be the best solution to continue our strategy of cohesion and unity in town services.
- Solid Waste and Recycling Update- While there was lots of talk of going to a “toter” trash and recycling container system, our contractor, Casella, has backed away from an attempt at complete a changeover. It appears that some changes and adjustments to our current system will come in time, just not in the ways that we had been anticipating.
- River Road Phase 1- Along with brush clearing and drainage upgrades, a portion of River Road was topped with a new coat of pavement in 2014. The remainder is of the road is scheduled for completion in 2015. This road, along with Brook Road, continues to be a great challenge for the town to keep well maintained.
- Croydon Turnpike Drainage- The upper portion of Croydon Turpike saw some substantial upgrades to deal with drainage and the driving surface. Some timely tree clearing coupled with this work have already made quite a difference along this road.
- Penniman Road- The road from Stage Road to Cornish Stage Road (Penniman) is in need of some significant work. A portion of it will actually need to be excavated and re-graded to handle moisture issues. We had hoped to get started in 2014, but decided that delaying work until 2015 would allow for more complete repairs to happen.
- Human Services Update- We would like to commend our Human Services Director, Stephanie Schell, for her tireless efforts in providing assistance to the town’s neediest citizens. Mrs. Schell has tackled the job with creativity and compassion and has expanded programs to meet the needs of many people in town. If you know of anyone in need of help, do not hesitate to contact her through the Town Office.
- Highway Engineering Work and Gravel Testing- The Selectboard has begun to use a local engineer who formerly worked for the State of NH, Jeff Albright, to assist us with many highway related issues. One of the most interesting is the town’s gravel and other pit products. As we have discovered, our roads are built of material that is often too fine a material and is in need of additional stone to “sweeten” our gravel. We appreciate the help from a very qualified individual, and will continue to tap this resource.
- Dust Control and Road Salt Maximization Programs- At the recommendation of a neighboring town, Plainfield is implementing a new program to use new products to both improve the road surfaces (dust control) and improve road salt effectiveness. A product known as magnesium chloride will be purchased

through a contractor to accomplish these improvements. The benefits will also be in labor savings and cost controls.

- Federal Government Property Sale- The Selectboard, along with our Town Councilor, have been applying pressure on the IRS and other Federal officials to complete the sale of a tax delinquent property on Center of Town Road. This property is nearly \$200K in arrears with the town property taxes and continues to deteriorate and lose value. It is also an attractive nuisance property that needs to be brought back into usefulness for a future property owner and the town's tax base.
- Highway Garage Facility Management and Upgrades- As a result of a request to install solar panels on the highway garage roof from our Energy Committee, it has become apparent that the building is in need of some upgrades. The Selectboard has approved using an engineer to evaluate the most pressing needs for the building and that would appear at least installing a new roof on the building with additional structural enhancements and insulation upgrades.
- Vermont Gun Range Issues- The Selectboard has been actively assisting residents on Ferry Hill Road and Carvel Lane in dealing with excessive use of a gun range on the VT side of the CT River. It is without question that the Plainfield residents, within earshot of this facility, are being adversely affected by the excessive use of the facility. So far officials in VT have been responsive and we appear to be working towards some kind of solutions to mitigate the negative impacts to our Plainfield citizens.

Please join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings (on the first and third Wednesdays of each month). Or call the Town office at 469-3201 to express an opinion. If you have questions, comments or problems please let us know. Also, please note that there is always a need for volunteers to serve Plainfield in many different ways. Here is hoping for good weather in 2015!

See you at Town Meeting,
Rob Taylor, Judy Belyea, Ron Eberhardt



**Jane Stephenson receiving the Stephen H. Taylor Award
Photo S. Halleran**



**Library Employee Sarah Gillens participating in an fire extinguisher safety
training course taught by Fire Chief Frank Currier Photo S. Halleran**

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2014:

Emergency Response Trailer: The town was recipient of a Homeland Security Grant to fund 50% of a small enclosed trailer stocked with emergency response equipment. Barricades, road closed signs, traffic cones, etc. The trailer is stored at the Plainfield Fire Station and is also available for all town functions, such as Spirit Day, town elections and the Fourth of July parade.

Toter Test Program: Using the cooperation of Center of Town Residents a test program was run over the summer to help gauge as to whether or not going to a uniform garbage / recycling container would be a good fit for Plainfield. The test program had more favorable results/comments than was expected. At this time a phased in approach to the toters is likely, starting first with the recycling portion of the program. This change could occur as early as the summer of 2015, but more likely in 2016.

Ski Groomer: The cross country ski group, was able to secure a grant to purchase a second grooming machine. The funds for this new machine were taken in and dispersed by the town. Like the first groomer, this second one is a piece of town owned equipment that is inventoried as part of the Recreation Department.

Highway Department Generator: The highway garage facility now has a standby generator capable of running the entire building for an extended period of time. This project has been a priority for a number of years and was finally accomplished this year.

Highway Garage Roof: Utilizing some of the building expertise on the Energy Committee a complete evaluation of the condition of the highway garage roof is underway. The work under consideration is to fortify existing trusses to make them compliant with the current building code. Likewise planning for the replacement/repair of the existing metal roof is part of this work. The roof does not leak, but it is near the end of its expected life.

Solar Zoning Ordinance: Assisted the Planning Board with the development of a draft zoning ordinance for voter consideration that would provide a basic framework for regulating solar projects that are either large scale or have the potential to impact neighbors due to the size of the lot they are to be located on. If approved, most residential solar installations will not require any land use approvals other than a building permit.

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 2014-01 Blow-me-down Snowriders: RSA 674:41 Practical difficulty new warming hut Goodwin Road.

Case 2014-02 Pricilla Wheeler: Restaurant #1097 Route 12A

Case 2014-03 Richard and Diane Caruso: Accessory dwelling unit, #5 Whitney Road.

Case 2014-05 #7 Bean Road LLC, Multifamily Dwelling #7 Bean Road (replaces 13-03)

Case 2014-06 Thomas Lappin, Restaurant #119 Bean Road (replaces 13-03)

Case 2014-07 David Langford, Area variance #268 Methodist Hill Road

Submitted,

Richard Colburn, Chair Zoning Board

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran 469-3201

Building Inspector: David Lersch 381-1929

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2014:

07	New single family residences	07	Renewals
02	Accessory Dwelling Unit	02	Replacement SFH
03	Commercial projects	13	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
04	Garages	02	Electrical upgrades
18	Renovations/Misc.	05	Additions
04	Decks/porches	16	Solar panels
10	Generators		

Permit total= 93

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

Subdivision:

Spencer 1 new lot Hayward Rd
Beaupre 1 new lot Red Hill Rd

Annexations:

#7 Bean Road LLC .50 acre to land of Joseph Backman
#19 Bean Road

Site Plan Review: #19 Bean Road Restaurant use

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 2014

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) is an advisory commission to the Plainfield Select Board. This year the commission concentrated on inventorying Class VI roads, continuing the education/action campaign to control invasive species, perambulated to find the boundary monuments between Grantham and Plainfield, enjoyed the annual wildflower walk in the spring and completed the conservation of the Hanchett Brook land and the land surrounding Sky Ranch Pond.

Class VI Roads Inventory You would be surprised to find a wonderful walk on some of our Class VI Roads. The PCC continues to work on the inventory of these roads with photographs and other facts about the roads unique characteristics.

House Calls Last year, we experimented with a different way to reach all community members to educate as many as possible how to manage those pesky invasive plants. Several landowners called us (or emailed) and we came to their land to walk it and investigate the vegetation to find if it is benign or invasive. Then the landowner learned the best way to manage their unwelcome guest. This containment of the invasive plant (and also insects) is good for the survival of our native wildlife.

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.

Wildflower Walk We saw pink lady slippers, wood ducks, evidence of beaver, learned about some invasive species, and enjoyed lots of wildflowers in the month of May! If you're interested in an adventure, join us in this annual event on the beautiful land of Dave and Sue Taylor. Dave and Sue will be our generous hosts and experienced guides again this year in May.

Conservation of Hanchett Brook Poverty Lane Orchards, owned by Steve Woods of Lebanon, NH, has recently conserved approximately 100 acres of upland forest adjacent to Hanchett Brook. This upland forest is within Plainfield's boundaries. This is a welcome addition to Plainfield's already-conserved-in-perpetuity properties for recreation, wildlife habitat, and watershed protection.

See the following photograph of the official signing ceremony between Mr. Wood, the Town of Plainfield officials and Sara Cavin of the Upper Valley Land Trust.

Donations to the easement were made by the NH Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund contributing 92% and the Town of Plainfield contributing 8% of the total cost of the easement.

There will be a walk into Hanchett Brook's forest later in the season to celebrate the conservation of this unique property. (Access to the brook from Porter Road or Black Hill Road is to be determined later.) Watch for the announcement on the town's website and Facebook site.

Monitoring Plainfield has four, NH LCIP (Land and Community Investment Program) properties that must be monitored annually. The Town of Plainfield owns the development rights (i.e., monitors the property every year to insure the property remains in the type-of-use it was when it was conserved by the conserving landowner usually several years prior to the present).

The PCC participated in another type of monitoring this year. The boundaries of your town must be walked (aka, perambulated) periodically with the officials of the abutting towns. The purpose of this partnership is to insure no changes have occurred to the boundaries (i.e., all property markers (blazes, barbed wire fences, stone boundary walls, stone monuments, etc.)) over a designated period of time. PCC Commissioner Helen Koehler was one of the volunteer perambulators this year.

Respectfully Submitted, Myra Ferguson, Chair



Hanchett Brook Project being finalized

Photo M. Marsh



Dave and Sue Taylor, with another intrepid monitor (Helen Koehler), display photographic proof of an “iron pin” marking one of the boundaries of Mud Pond.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/14 Beg. Balance	\$18,777
	Interest earned	\$4
Balance	12/31/14	\$18,781
Conservation Commission Fund	01/01/14	\$68,624
	Current Use Penalty Income/Interest earned	\$4,718
	Hanchett Brook Project Expenditure	\$9,000
Balance	12/31/14	\$ 64,342

RECREATION COMMISSION-2014

We finished the 2013-2014 basketball season in February. The 1st and 2nd grade group of 12 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the PES gym. Our 3rd and 4th grade girls group of 12 and 3rd and 4th grade boys group of 10 practiced and played several games with local towns during the season. The boys played in the Claremont tournament and the girls entered in the Hanover tournament winning a very exciting championship. The season was completed with 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 34 boys and girls.

In the spring we started our 3rd and 4th grade boy's baseball with a small group of 10. 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 again this year. We have had low sign-ups and efforts to combine with other towns were not successful. We will continue to try to address this issue so we can bring back softball to our town.

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 10 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 7th in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. We had another great turnout and again the weather was great. 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 94 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Lexy Miller with a trout of 13 ½". The fish were a little more challenging this year with a total of 89 fish caught during the derby. It was a lot of fun watching the excitement as the fish were hooked. 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,

On August 24, our 3rd 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 article on this event.

The soccer program in the fall included the 3rd & 4th graders boy's team made up of 15 boys and the 3rd & 4th grade girl's team was made up of 10 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 29 players. These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 24 kids that participated in the kindergarten group. We had a total of 78 participants in our K through 4th grade soccer program.

The 2014-2015 basketball season got started for our 3rd & 4th grade boys with a group of 8 individuals. They are working on both individual and team skills and will play games with other area towns. We were unfortunately not able to get enough 3rd & 4th girls to put a team together. This too will be looked at to determine ways to keep this going when we have low sign-ups. The 1st and 2nd grade group working on basic skills at the PES gym on Saturdays has 11 participants and started in January.

In the coming year of 2015, I look forward to continued participation in our youth programs. I will face the challenges to keep these programs going in the event that participation is low. My goal is to have everyone who wants to participate, have the availability to do so. My hopes are to provide a program that is fun and educational and to improve as we continue. I am happy to hear any input as to what we as a community are looking for to improve on what we have. Please feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions and comments.

I would like to thank all our coaches 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 for the use of the facilities. Thank you to Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, Ziggy's Pizza, and McNamara Dairy for your donations. A huge thank you to all our coaches, officials, and individuals who have donated their time for the youth in our community and made this program successful. I look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Cantlin ,
Recreation Director

SPIRIT DAY COMMITTEE -2014

On August 24, our 3rd 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.

The event started at 5:00 pm with music provided by the band Bordersone. They played throughout the evening, a mixture of light rock, easy listening, and blues. It was a great mix of music as we enjoyed the evening festivities.

We had our corn roast with grills provided by Frank Currier, corn provided by Edgewater Farm, and butter provided by Taylor Farm. Cooking were Dustin Thibodeau, Cam Blueit, and Cody Cantlin. Another large grill was provided for all to cook any food that they had brought to the event.

Rob Taylor connected us with the ice cream trailer from Dairy Farmers of New Hampshire. A variety of flavors were served up by the Bale Busters 4H group. Frank Currier and crew were there from Plainfield and Meriden Fire departments as well as Cornish rescue squad for our safety and welcomed everyone to see the trucks and ask questions. It was great to see the crew that provide us safety throughout the year. New this year, we had a canine agility demonstration by Rivers Edge Canine Agility Group. They provided a great and fun demonstration of what they do with the many different breeds of dogs. They had a lot of information about their group and the dogs and it was amazing to watch.

We had a 50/50 raffle with the winner taking home \$85.00. The evening ended with the playing of our National Anthem and spectacular display of fireworks by Northstar Fireworks.

I would like to thank the many people who helped with this event. All the people mentioned above as well as Steve Taylor for his continued help. Thank you to Bill Knight, Marty Morgan, and Cody Cantlin for their help with setting up, cleaning up, and general help. Thank you for the use of the Plainfield School facilities where the event was held. Thank you to our Police and Fire Departments and the Cornish Rescue as well as Steve Halleran and the Plainfield Selectboard.

It was a fun evening and I hope it was enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend. This is an event we plan to continue and I hope that if you were unable to attend this past year that you can make it in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel P. Cantlin ,

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES Trustees Report for 2014

This has been a busy year with many changes for Plainfield's libraries.

Both libraries are using our state-of-the-art online catalog which allows users to search the catalog and place holds from anywhere in the world with an internet connection. 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. Last summer we worked with the Plainfield Police to transport books across town. We thank our police officers for their efforts.

We strive to serve our current population while planning for the expectations of the next generation of Plainfield library users. The information needs and expectations of our community and the technology to deliver that information are evolving at a rapid rate. Libraries are adapting to the changing needs of the communities they serve.

Just as the public has become more mobile and relies on more flexible work spaces, patrons want to be more mobile throughout the library. To meet that need, the board purchased four Google Chromebooks which patrons can check out and use anywhere in the libraries.

While we continue to purchase books and DVDs, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks are becoming more and more popular among Plainfield residents. Library patrons checked out 1712 of these for free in 2014.

The board gave raises to library aides that will be phased in over the next several months to bring their pay rates more in line with the regional norm.

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 meetings. Minutes are available for your review on the town's website and on the libraries' new and updated websites.

Suzanne Spenc̈er, chair; Anita Brown, vice chair; Mark Pensgen, Treasurer; Nancy L iston; H illary S undell, Secretary

Library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org



Officer Heighes helping with story time. Photo by Nancy Norwalk

Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

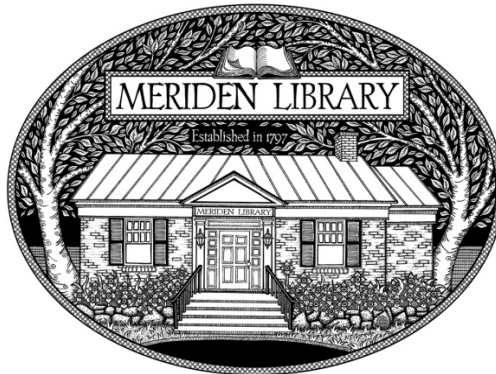
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	2014	2014	2015
Town Appropriation	\$112,649	\$104,440	\$119,506
Town Approp - FICA	\$5,009	\$4,777	\$5,143
Trust Funds	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
Gifts	\$0	\$650	\$0
Book Fines/Copier	\$0	\$1,221	\$0
Book			
Sales	\$0	\$45	\$0
Private/Grant Funding	\$0	\$370	\$0
Interest - Savings	\$10	\$1	\$10
Interest Checking	\$0	\$12	\$0
Total Interest Income	\$10	\$13	\$10
Encumbered Funds	\$4,854	\$4,854	\$4,149
Misc Income	\$600	\$221	\$600
Total Income	\$125,822	\$119,291	\$127,959
Expense	2014	2014	2015
Salaries	\$65,474	\$62,440	\$67,229
FICA	\$5,009	\$4,777	\$5,143
Sick Pay	\$1,285		\$1,285
Library Materials			
Audio/Visual	\$2,800	\$3,265	\$2,800
Books & magazines	\$13,400	\$12,429	\$13,400
Total Library Materials	\$16,200	\$15,693	\$16,200
Private/Grant Funded			
Expenses	\$0		\$0
Telephone	\$1,620	\$1,818	\$1,740
Electricity	\$4,700	\$4,221	\$4,700
Fuel	\$8,980	\$10,284	\$9,832
Water/Sewer	\$800	\$597	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,278	\$2,300
Postage	\$500	\$415	\$500
Professional Activities	\$1,300	\$856	\$1,300
Programs	\$1,000	\$1,132	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$1,050	\$293	\$1,050
Elevator	\$1,700	\$1,155	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$4,900	\$5,186	\$5,150
Automation/Cataloging	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
Trustee Expenses	\$650	\$345	\$650
Computer/Software	\$1,700	\$1,858	\$4,880
Misc Expense	\$200	\$147	\$900
Encumbered Funds Expense	\$4,854	\$4,022	\$4,149
Total Expense	\$125,822	\$115,094	\$127,959

Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

Other Income, Expense and Liabilities

Income/Transfers	2014	2015
Building Fund Gifts-from Friends of PRML	\$11,910	\$60,000
Transfer from Building fund-Meriden	\$5,130	\$23,450
Expense		
Building funds Expense-PRML	\$11,910	\$60,000
Building funds Expense-Meriden	\$5,310	\$23,450
Fund Balances-Year End		
Philip Read Checking	\$6,407	
Philip Read Fines Account	\$3,581	
Meriden Checking	\$1,256	
Meriden Petty Cash	\$47	
Meriden Fines and Fees account	\$579	
Building Fund Meriden		
Savings	\$12,560	
Vanguard Money Market	\$38,065	
Vanguard Windsor Fund	\$29,920	

MERIDEN LIBRARY



The mission of the Meriden Library is to provide access to information and materials (both print and non-print) to people of all ages in the community in order to meet their recreational, informational, and educational needs. The library staff will satisfy the patron's need to know and will provide a comfortable atmosphere for community interaction.

The Meriden Library holds a collection of 10,438 books, audiobooks, periodicals, and DVDs. In 2014, we added 521 new items and 372 under-circulated, worn or outdated items were removed from the collection. Our entire collection is now cataloged in the Evergreen database making the collection viewable to all residents of Plainfield through our on-line catalog.

Through inter-library loan, we borrowed 339 items and lent 208 items to other libraries throughout the state. Patrons have access to 10,035 eBooks and 8,020 audiobooks through our paid membership to the NH Downloadable Consortium. With funding from the New Hampshire State Library we provide on-line databases to patrons that give access to periodicals, newspapers and journals as well information on fiction titles for both adults and children. The Friends of the Meriden Library funded museum passes to Billings Farm and Museum, Shelburne Museum and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Library patrons may now check out the passes for admission to these museums.

The Meriden Library hosts on-going programs for both adults and children. Book discussions and genealogy club meet monthly. During the winter months, "Game Time" is held for adults to gather with friends and neighbors for various board games and knitters gather at the library bi-monthly. We hold a weekly story time for young children with stories, songs and art. School-aged children have been enjoying science based after school programs that are led by Brad Thompson.

Our summer reading program for children, "FIZZ, BOOM, READ" was a success thanks to community members who gave their time and energy to lead programs. Jason Downs demonstrated rockets, Tom Pasquini helped children build a paper roller coaster, Larry Wolkin read for family story hour and Paul Sanchirico led a fun lesson on gravity. We all had fun building robots and naming our summer mascot, Gizmo.

In an effort to provide comfortable space, improvements were made to our basement children's room. New windows were installed, carpet was replaced, walls were painted and shelving and furnishings were rearranged. The transformation of the children's room has given children and their families a welcoming place to spend time. Our bathroom and hallway received a fresh coat of paint making the space brighter and more attractive.

The Friends of the Meriden Library contributed time, energy and resources to support the library's mission. The Friends sponsored our summer reading kick off, "A Rock-It Science Sing-Along" with Steve Blunt and the wrap up event, a visit from the Good Humor man. In January they invited everyone to "Warm Your Winter with Soup and Good Books". The first annual kick-off to National Poetry Month was held in April and in November they sponsored a New Hampshire Humanities Council speaker, Edie Clark, to present, "Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region". In addition to sponsoring programs and funding museum passes the Friends also purchased some cheerful furnishing for the children's room.

The Meriden Library is supported by the help of many volunteers. We completed the huge project of cataloging of all of our materials by the ongoing work of dedicated volunteers, Barb Wendt, Jeanne Thompson and Fawn Goodrow. The huge undertaking of the basement project could not have happened without the help of an army of community volunteers. Books were packed and unpacked and bookshelves were removed and reinstalled all by the work of volunteers. I am extremely grateful to all of our volunteers for their support.

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

Meriden Library Vital Statistics 2014

Circulation	10,940
Visits	6,338
Registered Borrowers	366
Programs	98
Program Attendance	1,064
Volunteer Hours	165

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. King, Director Meriden Library



Building Robots, Meriden Library Lawn, July 2014

photo credit M. King



PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Calendar Year 2014

A WORLD OF THANKS—In November, the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library held a celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the addition to the library and honoring our staff, director, and volunteers. The theme was a “World of Thanks” with tables set up with food and exhibits of various countries. Over 100 people attended. This was very special.

2014 has been a year of great achievements. The fiction collection (science, mystery, regular fiction) was integrated into one system, alphabetical by author, instead of separate groups. This makes it possible for patrons to find novels by the same author together, no matter what the genre. The large print collection was moved to another location. Much weeding has been accomplished. Automation progress has been outstanding. All items are now being checked out through the automation system. We have been fortunate to have three dependable, loyal and hardworking volunteers who have worked many hours each week to finish inputting all items in our collection into the computer system. Thank you to Jesse Stalker, Sharon Oszajca, and Alice Eberhardt.

Library Statistics: Our circulation was 11,947 with 7,885 plus an additional 346 (children’s summer plays) patron visits; 1,166 patrons used the public computers and Wi-Fi; 14,802 searches were done on the Ancestry and Heritage databases. Our automation and other volunteers worked 1,279.5 hours this year.

Programs this year were very exciting. The Summer Reading Program theme was “Fizz, Boom, Read.” Per this theme, we held several science-related programs, as well as a float (together with the Meriden Library). One really special and fun program was “Jedi Knight Training.” Star Wars fans were delighted to receive training and to have a lightsaber duel with the Jedi Master. This program was partly funded with a grant from the New Hampshire State Library’s Kids, Books, and Arts Program.

Other programs were: monthly book discussions and story time (with Diane MacDonald, Officer Billy Heighes, Mrs. Santa Claus); together with the Meriden Bird Club, a showing of the film “Sanctuary: a Bird Masque” (a performance at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site; a presentation of a new cookbook written by Molly Sheehan; a series of felting classes by Brian East and Amy Rawson; fly Fishing and casting with Steve Rowe; a showing of the film “Last Call” an environmental film featuring the late Donella and Dennis Meadows, former Plainfield residents; author readings with Ruth Whybrow and Jessica Landers; plays by the Momentum Theater; a celebration of “The Wizard of Oz” on its 75th anniversary. On Halloween, 180 scary people came through for refreshments and goody bags.

The Book Discussion Group read “Life, Love and Elephants” about a woman in Africa who is working to save the elephants. As a result, the group adopted an orphaned elephant through a fostering program operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

In honor of Plainfield Village’s late non-flying raven, Edgar, our contribution to the Pumpkin People was Edgar Allen Poe writing his famous poem “The Raven,” with Edgar looking over his shoulder (designed by Sarah Gillens).

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library raised additional funds to finish the downstairs level (book sale, raffles, Maxfield Parrish Print Sale, etc.). It is close to completion. Lighting, walls and ceilings are all in. Painting was finished with the labor donated. The new meeting room is heavily used with library programming and meetings by ten local groups. The library is hosting monthly foot clinics by the Connecticut Valley Health Care. The Friends continue to raise funds for the bookcases, flooring and miscellaneous furniture. The entire library addition would not have been possible without the Friends' support and fundraising. The community owes a big Thank You to this group.

Thank you to Des Hudson who has been our volunteer computer guru for the past ten years. Volunteering an average two hours a week, he has been a wonderful help by installing, updating, and keeping our public and staff computers operating correctly. Des has saved the staff and I much time. We miss him.

Thank you to the Plummer family for donating an outside bench in honor of their mother, Doris Plummer. She was a longtime librarian of the Philip Read Memorial Library. Brian East donated a sculpture of "Griselda" (a Maxfield Parrish painting) made from willow and goldenrod. Thank you to the seventh graders (during the Beaupre Community Day) and the students at the Estabrook School for needed outdoor work. Thank you to Jeanne Hines for writing a successful grant from the Tasker Bridge Fund to purchase sign language DVDs. Thank you to the volunteers who help at the desk and other library tasks (Shirley Hudson, Cindy Heath, Kathy Wright, Hillary Sundell, David Roberts, Kate Cricco and the Friends).

The old lights in the original rooms were replaced with energy efficient lighting to match the lighting in the addition, and the ceilings painted.

I again took part in World Book Night, distributing free books to the community on the same night that over 6,000 volunteers across the country were participating. The staff and I had training from the State Library on e-books and downloadable audio. We also attended fire extinguisher training provided by the town.

We said good-bye to Suellen Leugers who has retired after two years at the library. Thank you Suellen. We welcome Sarah Gillens as our new staff member. Ruth Stalker, long time staff member, is very much appreciated.

The Philip Read Memorial Library has much to offer. For your pleasure, we have books, magazines, DVDs, audio books, museum passes, public computers and Wi-Fi, interlibrary loan access (from all libraries in the state), downloadable e-books and audio, special collection items and genealogy research.

Thank you to all our volunteers. The community wouldn't have such a vibrant library without you.

Nancy Norwalk, Library Director

Police Department Statistical Data for the last four years

EVENT	2011	2012	2013	2014
DWI	4	6	5	11
Assault	3	4	7	4
Sexual assault	2	6	2	0
Firing of weapons	4	12	15	10
Theft	57	29	22	30
Fraud	31	23	19	18
Domestic violence	15	19	19	17
Intoxication	1	9	5	2
Bad checks	9	7	4	19
Drugs	11	6	7	0
Disorderly conduct	6	5	6	3
Criminal mischief	12	12	24	10
Auto theft	2	2	0	0
Criminal threats	4	1	7	4
Arson-Fire Invest.	1	0	0	2
Burglary	11	17	9	1
Sex Offender Reg.	10	11	3	5
Pistol Permits	27	34	52	39
Court Appearance	19	28	15	37
Administrative	72	73	146	245
Burning Permits	278	232	262	198
Alarms	132	102	75	64
Animals	111	94	143	71
Medical Emer.	48	49	67	203
Fire calls	52	46	66	54
Motor vehicle	70	69	77	80
Suspicious persons	153	147	134	151
Trespassing	8	8	9	6
Missing person	7	2	0	2
Motorist assist	64	76	83	68
Civil	16	7	14	25
Open doors	21	12	13	1
House/Property	88	602	521	595
Assist other PD'S	62	49	43	100
Accidents with injury	11	17	12	14
Accidents no injury	62	61	68	78
E 911 calls	24	23	13	16
Unattended Deaths	1	1	1	3
Juvenile Matters	11	8	6	5
Car Unlocks	21	30	17	17
Auto Repo's	4	2	1	0
Totals	3807	3434	4845	5904

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief's Report

Calls for assistance were down this past year by about 30% for both departments. The drop is attributed to two categories, fewer requests for mutual aide and no major weather incidents. No major ice or snow storms or major flooding which brings down trees and power lines or floods roads. Both departments continue to train twice a month including the use of training aides from the state fire academy such as the fire trailer for live fire training and the propane fire simulator. Members of the fire departments spent a total of 729 hours at emergency calls and 898 hours in training. In addition to this time Meriden had three members (John Butler, Dorian Rondeau and Walter Scott) complete both the New Hampshire Firefighter Level I and career level II courses put on at the fire academy, which involved about another 300 hours per person. Meriden put its new utility truck into service in 2014 with upgrades to the body including new light bar, side and rear strobes, 5.5kw generator and a four head halogen light tower for scene lighting. The cascade system was moved from the ladder truck to the utility truck to make it more useful. The roof of the station was painted this year and new equipment lockers were installed for the KUA Fire Brigade.

The Plainfield Fire Department is in the process of building a back up Emergency Operations Center in their station as a back up to the one in the Meriden Town Hall in case that one should become inoperable during a major emergency. At this point we have installed counter top work surfaces ,two computer work stations ,a 32" flat screen television to monitor the news and weather, and six phone lines all at no cost to us through donations. All but one of the donations came from companies or individuals from out of town. Plainfield is also working on a replacement chassis for their utility truck which was manufactured in 1988 and bought used ten years ago. The utility body would be removed from the old chassis and installed on the new one in a similar manner as Meriden's.

Both departments continue to do fundraising to help keep our budget requests to the town as low as possible. Meriden has its wild game dinner and Plainfield has seven dinners and the July 4th bar-b-que. Your participation helps keep taxes down and gives you a great social venue as well as a great meal.

We had one major structural fire this year which was complicated by lack of an exact location for the fire and the driveway was not marked with a 911 number. We have had several calls this year where there was no number on the drive or house and it delayed our response time. State law requires 911 marking on all properties; if yours is not marked please do so.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	16	27	CO Alarms	00	03
Auto Accidents	07	08	Brush Fire	02	04
Vehicle Fire	01	01	Unattended Burn	00	01
Lightning Strike	00	00	Dryer Fire	02	01
Structure Fires	02	02	Mutual Aid given:		
Trees/wires	06	05	Cornish	02	02
Furnace Problem	00	00	Lebanon	01	02
Chimney Fire	02	03	Hartland	00	00
Sprinkler Activations	00	01	Enfield	00	01
Assist PD	00	03	Ascutney	01	00
Explosion	01	01	Kitchen Fire	01	01
			Medical Assist	01	00

Frank Currier, Chief



Memorial Service for Chief Peter Berry

Photo S. Halleran

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	2014			2015
RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
OTHER SOURCES				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$3,863	\$613	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2015	\$0	-\$455	-\$455	\$3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2014	\$3,500	\$4,288	\$788	\$0
DONATIONS	\$4,000	\$5,279	\$1,279	\$3,500
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$1,000	\$565	-\$435	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$12,750	\$16,041	\$3,291	\$11,251
GRAND TOTAL	\$57,250	\$60,541	\$3,291	\$55,751
	2014			2015
OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TELEPHONE	\$520	\$503	\$17	\$520
ELECTRICITY	\$700	\$824	-\$124	\$1,200
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,500	\$2,796	-\$296	\$2,250
INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$7,650	\$350	\$8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$10,150	\$5,201	\$4,949	\$11,150
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$500	\$424	\$76	\$500
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$1,802	-\$202	\$1,600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$400	\$454	-\$54	\$500
TRAINING	\$3,000	\$3,890	-\$890	\$3,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$7,300	\$13,475	-\$6,175	\$9,800
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$2,837	\$163	\$2,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$711	\$289	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$75
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	\$2,000	-\$75	\$2,075	\$2,100
KUA BRIGADE	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$765	-\$265	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$49,435	\$47,073	\$2,362	\$51,786
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FND	\$0	\$566	-\$566	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) CRF	\$7,815	\$12,902	-\$5,087	\$3,965
GRAND TOTAL	\$57,250	\$60,541	-\$3,291	\$55,751

MVFD BUDGET SELECTED LINE ITEMS

<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	2014			2015
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$120	\$2,380	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,500	\$3,385	-\$885	\$2,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$2,000	\$125	\$1,875	\$2,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LADDER TEST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$49	\$101	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$863	-\$463	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$385	\$615	\$1,000
AIR PACK	\$750	\$196	\$554	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$65	\$35	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$12	\$88	\$100
TOTAL	\$10,150	\$5,201	\$4,949	\$11,150

<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>	2014			2015
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$6,023	-\$2,623	\$3,400
GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER	\$0	\$4,326	-\$4,326	\$2,500
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
BOOTS	\$400	\$1,396	-\$996	\$400
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$1,417	\$83	\$1,500
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$119	\$381	\$500
SMALL & MISCELLANEOUS				
TOOLS	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
MISC	\$300	\$193	\$107	\$300
TOTAL	\$7,300	\$13,475	-\$6,175	\$9,800

Note: The balance on the capital reserve account at year end was \$222,986. We spent \$13,000 in 2014 to outfit the new utility truck purchased last year, and transferred \$12,992 from operations at the end of the year.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

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

EXPENSES	<u>2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>
Accounting	\$350	\$425
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$1,508
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$716
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,981
Equipment Repairs	\$3,000	\$3,335
Supplies	\$1,300	\$2,376
Electricity	\$1,200	\$1,430
Telephone	\$1,600	\$1,668
Heat/Cooking	\$5,000	\$4,487
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,400	\$1,034
Water	\$350	\$256
Insurance	\$5,930	\$5,867
Schools & Training	\$500	\$25
Fees/Dues	\$300	\$475
New Tanker Loan	\$15,995	\$14,729
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$75	\$61
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$978
Chief's stipend	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
	\$51,500	\$46,853
		<u>As of</u>
		<u>12/31/14</u>
RECEIPTS		
Grants (Title 4)	\$500	\$0
Fund Raising	\$4,500	\$4,550
Town		
Appropriation	\$45,000	\$45,000
Town Training		
Funds	\$0	\$0
Interest /Other	\$0	\$1
Donations	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$11,173</u>
	\$51,500	\$60,724

Note: \$5,306 came from In Memory of Peter Berry donation

	Receipts	\$60,724
Treasurer	Expenses	<u>\$46,853</u>
Ronda Robinson	Balance	\$13,872

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 early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. 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 capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. For more information visit 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-2014</u>		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Lightning	01	2014 112	72
Equipment	05	2013 182	144
Arson	02	2012 318	206
Misc*	35	2011 125	42
		2010 360	145
		2009 334	173
		2008 455	175

*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

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 1974-2014
40 Years of Service to Plainfield and Cornish

Dear Members of the Plainfield Community,

Thank you to members and friends of the Plainfield community for the support shown during our annual fundraiser and the funds received by vote at your annual Town Meeting. Your financial support allows us to:

- update equipment (this year we will replace our auto extrication equipment)
- allow members to carry necessary medical supplies
- keep medical supplies updated and in stock on our rescue truck
- outfit members with protective clothing
- pay our operating costs

We are currently 23 members strong and continue to serve the two communities with first responder response prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Along with our medical calls, we provide mutual aid response and support to the Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments. We also provide mutual aid services when requested by other area agencies and coverage for the 3 days of the Cornish Fair. We are on call 24/7/365 and responded to 194 calls in 2014.

All members are Nationally Registered at their certification level and NH licensed. We are required to recertify every two years and have members at the First Responder, EMT B, EMT I and Paramedic level.

Please buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector's batteries at Day Light Savings times, and be safe!

Dial 911 in the event of an emergency be it, medical, fire or police related.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (603)675-2002 or Gary Chilton at (603)448-7688. If you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence, President

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2014

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
Daniels Cemetery	\$ 7,827.11		\$ 759.31	\$ 8,586.42	\$ 359.34	\$ 245.55	\$ 226.78	\$378.11
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 3,717.87		\$ 360.67	\$ 4,078.54	\$ 56.90	\$ 113.22	\$ 104.57	\$65.55
Freeman Cemetery	\$ 2,739.49		\$ 265.76	\$ 3,005.25	\$ 37.35	\$ 83.29	\$ 76.92	\$43.72
Gilkey Cemetery	\$ 391.36		\$ 37.97	\$ 429.33	\$ 6.00	\$ 11.92	\$ 11.01	\$6.91
Gleason Cemetery	\$ 26,573.75		\$ 2,577.92	\$ 29,151.67	\$ 406.48	\$ 809.26	\$ 747.40	\$468.34
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$ 391.36		\$ 37.97	\$ 429.33	\$ 6.00	\$ 11.92	\$ 11.01	\$ 6.91
Mill Cemetery	\$ 15,703.08		\$ 1,523.36	\$ 17,226.44	\$ 240.31	\$ 478.21	\$ 441.66	\$276.86
Moulton Cemetery	\$ 7,898.01		\$ 766.19	\$ 8,664.20	\$ 120.80	\$ 240.52	\$ 222.14	\$139.18
Penniman Cemetery	\$ 1,174.07		\$ 113.90	\$ 1,287.97	\$ 17.96	\$ 35.75	\$ 33.02	\$20.69
Plainfield Cemetery	\$ 57,273.43		\$ 5,556.10	\$ 62,829.53	\$ 875.88	\$ 1,744.16	\$ 1,610.85	\$1,009.19
Raynsford Cemetery	\$ 1,565.44		\$ 151.86	\$ 1,717.30	\$ 23.95	\$ 47.67	\$ 44.03	\$27.59
River Cemetery	\$ 1,174.07		\$ 113.90	\$ 1,287.97	\$ 17.97	\$ 35.75	\$ 33.02	\$20.70
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$ 978.40		\$ 94.91	\$ 1,073.31	\$ 14.96	\$ 29.80	\$ 27.52	\$17.24
Town Cemeteries	\$ 3,913.56		\$ 379.65	\$ 4,293.21	\$ 59.66	\$ 119.17	\$ 110.07	\$68.77
TOTALS	\$ 131,321.00	\$ -	\$ 12,739.46	\$ 144,060.46	\$ 2,243.56	\$ 4,006.20	\$ 3,700.00	\$2,549.76
LIBRARY TRUST FUND								
Meriden Library	\$ 25,242.48		\$ 2,448.77	\$ 27,691.25	\$ 191.39	\$ 762.87	\$ 700.00	\$254.26
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 72,659.80		\$ 7,048.73	\$ 79,708.53	\$ 409.87	\$ 2,191.64	\$ 2,000.00	\$601.51
TOTALS	\$ 97,902.28	\$ -	\$ 9,497.50	\$ 107,399.78	\$ 601.26	\$ 2,954.51	\$ 2,700.00	\$855.77
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS								
Ward Christmas Fund	\$ 3,913.56		\$ 379.65	\$ 4,293.22	\$ 114.43	\$ 120.82	\$ 114.00	\$121.25
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$ 5,870.32		\$ 569.48	\$ 6,439.80	\$ 14,433.34	\$ 609.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$13,822.34
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$ 3,913.56		\$ 379.65	\$ 4,293.22	\$ 825.82	\$ 142.16	\$ 200.00	\$767.98
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$ 10,764.64		\$ 1,044.28	\$ 11,808.92	\$ 21,792.02	\$ 976.52	\$ 1,824.71	\$20,943.83
Earl Mower Fund	\$ 1,614.37		\$ 156.61	\$ 1,770.98	\$ 46.21	\$ 49.81	\$ 46.21	\$49.81
Duncan Piano Fund	\$ 1,174.06		\$ 113.90	\$ 1,287.96	\$ 1,696.76	\$ 86.11		\$1,782.87
Vernon Hood Fund	\$ 391.36		\$ 37.97	\$ 429.33	\$ 262.26	\$ 19.60		\$281.86
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$ 1,755.63		\$ 170.31	\$ 1,925.94	\$ 1,874.10	\$ 108.87	\$ 100.00	\$1,882.97
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$ 2,191.60		\$ 212.61	\$ 2,404.20	\$ 62.73	\$ 67.62	\$ 62.73	\$67.62
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$ 18,264.94			\$ 18,264.94	\$ 28,327.82	\$ 819.18		\$29,147.00
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$ 1,001.66		\$ 97.17	\$ 1,098.83	\$ 709.74	\$ 51.33		\$761.07
Stage Set Fund	\$ 8,756.32		\$ 849.45	\$ 9,605.77	\$ 4,255.06	\$ 390.27		\$4,645.33
Mericrafters Fund	\$ 507.03		\$ 49.19	\$ 556.22	\$ 14.51	\$ 15.64	\$ 14.51	\$15.64
TOTALS	\$ 60,119.05	\$ -	\$ 4,060.27	\$ 64,179.32	\$ 74,414.80	\$ 3,456.93	\$ 3,582.16	\$74,289.57
TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS	\$ 289,342.33	\$ -	\$ 26,297.23	\$ 315,639.56	\$ 77,259.62	\$ 10,417.64	\$ 9,982.16	\$77,695.10

PRINCIPLE

INTEREST

Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds

	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
Revaluation Fund	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 31,500.00	\$ 281.23	\$ 98.62		\$379.85
Town Hall Fund	\$ 9,495.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 8.16	\$ 32.96	\$ 20.50	\$20.62
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 99,000.00	\$ 16,948.18	\$ 282.65		\$17,230.83
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 111,500.00	\$ 8,674.06	\$ 845.97		\$9,520.03
School Building Fund	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 1,985.32	\$ 291.10		\$2,276.42
New Equipment Fund	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 1,611.90	\$ 333.69	\$ 1,000.00	\$945.59
Plainfield Water Fund	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 34,000.00	\$ 717.79	\$ 100.26		\$818.05
Library Repair Fund	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 62.86	\$ 37.24	\$ 90.44	\$9.66
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 87,000.00	\$ 7,566.70	\$ 750.94		\$8,317.64
School Spec Ed Van Fund	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 39.46	\$ 58.53		\$97.99
Plainfield History Fund	\$ 13,900.00			\$ 13,900.00	\$ 2,675.63	\$ 108.07		\$2,783.70
Cemetery Care Fund	\$ 42,350.00			\$ 42,350.00	\$ 814.43	\$ 411.86		\$1,226.29
ADA Access Fund	\$ 26,425.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 117.03	\$ 130.89	\$ 81.36	\$166.56
School Spec Ed Fund	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 2,642.53	\$ 836.81	\$ 2,344.00	\$1,135.34
Transportation Imprvmnt Fund	\$ 104,500.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 672.94	\$ 692.22	\$ 834.25	\$530.91
School Benefits Payable	\$ 49,000.00			\$ 49,000.00	\$ 665.58	\$ 124.76		\$790.34
Town Beauty Fund	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ -			\$0.00
Police Equipment Fund	\$ 6,502.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,702.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 3.42	\$ 0.76	\$ 2.90	\$1.28
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4.99	\$ 45.42	\$ 5.00	\$45.41
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$ 4,368.00			\$ 4,368.00	\$ 63.93	\$ 0.02		\$63.95
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	\$ 1,017,890.00	\$ 203,500.00	\$ 263,522.00	\$ 957,868.00	\$ 45,556.14	\$ 5,182.77	\$ 4,378.45	\$46,360.46

**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 2014 were:

Library Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation	
Withdrawals-	\$11,785
PL Lighting upgrade	\$7,550
ML Lock Repair	\$1,585
ML Children's room	\$2,650

Bridge Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Withdrawals-	\$0

**Town Hall
Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$710
MTH-Window Study	\$500
MTH -PD Electric	\$210

Revaluation Fund

Deposits-	\$20,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$0

ADA Compliance

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation	
Withdrawals-	\$ 3,006
ML ADA Ramp Concept Design	

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

Transportation Fund	Deposits	\$55,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$62,335
	Paving River Road	
Townsend Bridge Fund	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Town Beautification	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	Deposits	\$5,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$1,705
	ID Badge Equipment	

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 2014 audit in January of 2015. 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 Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,530,728	\$ 1,384,998	\$ 54,260
Yield	8,000	14,101	6,331
Excavation	-	64	54
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	1,000	-
Interest and penalties on taxes	45,030	46,214	1,214
Total from taxes	<u>1,374,738</u>	<u>1,446,377</u>	<u>71,639</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	455,000	454,262	21,262
Other	7,000	5,215	(1,785)
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>442,000</u>	<u>461,477</u>	<u>19,477</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Mills and rivers distribution	114,508	114,308	-
Highway block grant	99,490	99,848	358
State and federal forest land reimbursement	-	37	37
Other	65	846	781
Total from intergovernmental	<u>213,863</u>	<u>215,039</u>	<u>1,176</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	110,000	105,083	(4,917)
Miscellaneous:			
Interest on investments	1,030	788	(212)
Rent of property	530	945	415
Other	31,715	19,043	(12,672)
Total from miscellaneous	<u>33,215</u>	<u>20,776</u>	<u>(12,439)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Treasury in	177,768	177,479	(289)
Total other financing sources	<u>177,768</u>	<u>177,479</u>	<u>(289)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>2,251,584</u>	<u>\$ 2,426,281</u>	<u>\$ 74,647</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, 2014

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:				
General government:				
Executive	\$ -	\$ 182,750	\$ 186,129	\$ (3,409)
Election and registration	-	5,150	7,343	(2,213)
Financial administration	-	68,700	67,920	780
Revaluation of property	-	11,000	13,973	(2,973)
Laps	-	4,100	8,253	(4,153)
Personnel administration	-	4,700	5,551	(851)
Planning and zoning	-	1,200	1,144	56
General government, buildings	650	7,336	10,257	(1,921)
Construction	-	25,600	25,851	(251)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	35,100	22,076	13,024
Advertising and regional associations	-	5,100	5,235	(135)
Total general government	650	350,536	353,362	(2,446)
Public safety:				
Police	7,000	352,208	347,310	15,858
Air balance	-	26,500	26,725	(225)
Fire	-	94,600	92,751	1,849
Building inspection	-	7,400	10,846	(3,446)
Emergency management	-	250	-	250
Dispatching	-	26,100	31,146	(5,046)
Total public safety	7,000	507,518	508,778	5,640
Highways and streets:				
Public works garage	-	22,800	22,148	652
Highways and streets	2,020	723,936	728,022	(2,937)
Bridges	-	98,800	98,800	-
Street lighting	-	8,000	10,356	(2,356)
Total highways and streets	2,020	863,536	859,326	4,210
Sanitation:				
Solid waste collection	-	150,000	149,893	107
Solid waste disposal	-	44,810	48,352	(3,542)
Total sanitation	-	194,810	198,245	(3,435)
Health:				
Administration	-	18,370	15,855	2,515
Pest control	-	500	495	5
Total health	-	18,870	16,350	2,520
Welfare:				
Administration	-	1,250	2,727	(1,477)
Direct assistance	-	4,000	6,881	(2,881)
Total welfare	-	5,250	9,608	(4,358)
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	-	19,165	15,845	3,320
Library	-	72,300	69,963	2,337
Paratonic purposes	-	1,000	681	319
Total culture and recreation	-	92,465	86,489	5,976
Conservation	-	500	225	275

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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, 2014

	Forwarded	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
	from Prior			(Negative)
	Year			
Debt service:				
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	2,450	2,424	26
Total debt service	-	27,450	27,424	26
Capital outlay	-	90,791	101,296	(10,505)
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	-	197,858	198,649	(791)
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,351,281	\$ 2,359,975	\$ 2,109

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, 2014

Unassigned fund balance, beginning	\$ 534,510
Changes:	
2014 Budget summary:	
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 74,647
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	2,109
2014 Budget surplus	76,756
Decrease in nonexpendable fund balances	(24,107)
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	587,159

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2014

ASSETS:

CASH:		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$2,879,395
INVESTMENTS		\$3,475
CASH IN TRANSITION		\$0
PETTY CASH		\$250
TOTAL CASH		\$2,883,120
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE		\$314,707
LAND USE CHANGE TAX RECEIVABLE		\$0
TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE		\$314,748
TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE		\$629,455
DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES		\$8,108
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS		\$13,522
DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE		\$1,316
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$3,535,521

LIABILITIES:

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND		\$9,625
DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		\$1,811
DUE TO LIBRARY		\$4,149
PAYABLES:		
SCHOOL		\$2,815,424
INVOICES		\$25,204
ACCRUED PAYROLL		\$5,146
TOTAL PAYABLES		\$2,845,774
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$2,857,737
FUND BALANCE		\$677,784
RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR		(\$9,625)
RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES		(\$75,000)
RESERVE-TOWN HALL WINDOW GRANT		(\$5,000)
RESERVE- ENERGY COMMITTEE CAR CHARGER		(\$1,000)
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE		\$587,159
GRAND TOTALS:		\$3,535,521
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2013		\$534,511
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2014		\$587,159
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION		\$52,648

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

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 st , 2014	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 87,500
Total	\$ 87,500

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2014	\$ 112,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2014	\$87,500

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

2014	Block Grant Allocation	\$98,800
	Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	\$62,335
	Total Available	\$161,135

River Road		
	Culverts/drainage	\$1,705
	Pike-Paving 2.2 miles	\$132,863
	Total	\$134,568

Croydon Turnpike		
	Culverts/drainage supplies	\$3,987
	Trucking/Equipment Rental	\$12,580
	Gravel	\$10,000
	Total	\$26,567

Total Expenditures	\$161,135
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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	Phase I Completed
'15	River Road Pavement Shim/Penniman Road	resurfacing I
'16	Penniman Road	resurfacing II
'17	Ferry Hill Road	resurfacing
'18	Methodist Hill Road	resurfacing
'19	Daniels Road	resurfacing



**Cemetery Trustee Brad Atwater placing flags
for Memorial Day**

Photo M. Longacre

2014 Turkey Trot in the Snow

Matthew Houde took home the pie



Photo Melissa Longacre, Event Director

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES -2014

Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$12,792.00
Belyea, Judith	Selectwoman	\$2,350
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$41,408 (includes overtime)
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$6,560
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$319
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$6,000
Collins, Michael	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$33,493.65
Collins III, Richard	Road Agent	\$68,914
Crane, Terri	Library Substitute – East	\$3,408
Cricco, Catherine	Library Substitute – West	\$92
Currier, Frank	Fire Chief	\$7,200
Davidson, Helen	Supervisor of Checklist	\$315
Dore, Lawrence	Part-Time Patrolman	\$850
Eberhardt, Ron	Selectman	\$1,763
Estey, Greg	Administrative Assistant	\$5,877
Estey, Lori	Library Aide - East	\$2,326
Foss, Matthew	Patrolman	\$63,645 (includes overtime)

Franklin, Paul	Moderator	\$600
Gillens, Sarah	Library Aide - West	\$2,101
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$73,345
Heighes, William	Patrolman	\$63,189 (includes overtime)
Hudson, Shirley	Library Substitute - West	\$387
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$403
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$602
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$39,644 (includes overtime)
King, Mary	Library Director - East	\$23,726
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	\$41,902 (includes overtime)
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$8,438
Leugers, Suellen	Supervisor of the Checklist	\$290
Leugers, Suellen	Library Aide - West	\$1,451
Liebowitz, Susan	Dep Tax Collect/Twn Clerk	\$2,623
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$401
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Office Manager	\$46,928
Marsh, Robin	Ballot Clerk	\$418
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director – West	\$26,562
Petrin, Tyler	Part-Time Patrolman	\$528
Reetz, Alyssa	Library Substitute – East	\$708
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$66,750
Rogerson, Roanne	Ballot Clerk	\$315
Schell, Stephanie	Human Services Director	\$1,637
Serem, Jerome	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$13,729
Sicard, Brian	Truck Driver	\$46,534
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$41,771 (includes overtime)
Spencer, Winston	Assistant Building Inspector	\$400
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$2,400
Stalker, Jesse	Library Aide – West	\$95
Stalker, Ruth	Library Aide - West	\$4,042
Taylor, Robert	Selectman	\$2,350
Wheeler, Ruthann	Dep. Tax Collect/Twn Clerk	\$108
Williams Jr, Thomas	Selectman	\$587
	TOTAL	\$772,288

HUMAN SERVICE REPORT

Dear Plainfield Community,

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.

Our Food Pantry is now a year old and is helping many families. The Christ Community Church continues to allow the Town to use a lovely handicap accessible room 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. Our Food Pantry is affiliated and receives wonderful resources from the NH Food Bank. 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. Food Assistance, however, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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 2014, a total of \$ 6,884.09 was disbursed to assist households in need. The Food Pantry from January-December 2014 provided 1,442 meals.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2014 is as follows:

Housing	\$1,423.17
Electric	\$ 365.02
Heating Fuel	\$3,642.38
Food	\$ 609.79
Medical	\$ 80.00
Summer Camp Scholarships (donations)	\$ 763.73
TOTAL	\$6,884.09

Finally, I want to thank all those local businesses, friends and neighbors who have collected food, donated food and contributed monetary gifts to the Community Resource Room & Food Pantry. With your generous donations in 2014 totaling more than \$4,750.00 children were able to attend summer camp, medications were purchased, furnaces were repaired, heating fuel was provided and food assistance was available.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

StephanieM. Schell

Community Resource Director

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2014:

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 2014	Requested 2015	Budgeted 2015
Community Alliance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
GCSCC	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300
Headrest	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$1,000
Mascoma Valley Health	\$1,000	\$1,778	\$1,000
SW Comm Service	\$ 475	\$ 475	\$ 475
VNAVNH	\$9,875	\$9,875	\$9,875
Volunteers in Action	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,500	\$2,310
Total	\$18,160	\$19,928	\$18,160

The Plainfield History Account
 (administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library
 January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014)

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire, published in 1991, is still available. It is good reading. 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		\$ 1,024.21
Income:		
Sale of books & shipping	\$ 45.00	
Bank interest	<u>.53</u>	
Total Income	<u>\$45.53</u>	
		\$1,069.74
Expenses:		
None		<u>\$0</u>
Balance December 31		\$1,069.74

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 five meetings between November 2014 and January 2015.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:

Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, the committee recommends for the 2015 tax year maintaining the 80% tax exemption on Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories as allowed by RSA 72:23.

The Plainfield Elementary School District (PESD) A.R.E.A. Review Committee has completed a study of the A.R.E.A. Agreement. The committee's task was to determine whether to move forward with a two-to-three year, *formal*, decision-making process to remain, or not to remain, in the agreement with Lebanon High School (LHS). The agreement states that our students must attend LHS. However, our students do have the opportunity to attend KUA if they choose to do so. The Town's choice to leave, or stay with, the A.R.E.A. Agreement (after committee deliberation) will have an impact on the KUA/Town Relationship (See the following Community Relationship section for more detail).

The Study Committee also reviewed the future location of the Meriden Post Office (see the following Community Relationship section for more detail).

KUA TAX EXEMPTION 2014/15 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 be between 20-24 students. A recent on-campus opportunity for Plainfield students and their parents was held at the Plainfield School this fall as a way to insure that all students and their families have an opportunity to learn about KUA as a local educational option.
3. Six local students will graduate from KUA this year. Applications from local 8th graders are due by January 15th, therefore, the outcome of the application process will not be known prior to the writing of this report.
4. During the 2014/15 academic year, KUA provided \$349,500 in financial aid to Plainfield students attending KUA.
5. KUA property is assessed at \$31.7 million dollars, of which \$23.3 million of that figure is exempt by state law.
6. The assessed value of Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories is \$6.5 million that may be exempted at the discretion of the Town's voters. At the current 80% exempt level, the property value exemption equals \$5.21 million and tax exemption equals \$143,446.
7. Last tax year, KUA paid property taxes of \$86,331 to the Town of Plainfield. This makes KUA the highest property taxpayer in the town.
8. LHS tuition is \$13,776 per student for this school year 2014-2015.
9. The 2013-2014 Plainfield School District budget would have been \$344,400 higher if the 25 students had not chosen to attend KUA.

10. At the writing of this report, the Plainfield School Board has budgeted for 80.40 Plainfield students to attend LHS next school year. That is \$1,125,118 (\$13,994 per student) designated in the Plainfield School's budget for tuition.
11. If the KUA kitchen, dormitory and dining hall properties currently under tax exemption had been taxed at the full rate this year, the Town would have received an additional \$143,500. This amount represents .55 cents on the tax rate. As an example, a home with a tax-assessed value of \$250,000, pays an additional \$140/year to off-set the discretionary tax exemption granted to KUA.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP:

1. The committee is aware that the Plainfield School SAU is investigating moving to a high-school-choice (aka, A.R.E.A. Agreement) model in the coming years. It is likely that this model will include three or four high schools, including Lebanon and Hanover that local students could attend with the full tuition paid for by the district. While projections vary widely, it is generally accepted that this change will cost the district additional money. If such a system is adopted by the community, the financial implications will require further examination by the KUA Study Committee.
2. KUA has indicated that they will not continue the lease to the United States Postal Service (USPS) into the future. The academy has offered to work with the Town to insure that a post office facility remains in Meriden Village. The current lease for the post office expires in 2015, but may be renewed for another five years at the discretion of the USPS.
3. KUA is Plainfield's largest employer. More than eighty of KUA's 150 full- and part-time employees live in Plainfield.
4. Plainfield School is currently educating 17 students of KUA faculty that live on campus.
5. KUA makes its facilities available to Plainfield organizations and residents for a variety of activities and functions typically at no charge.
6. Residents are encouraged to visit the town's web site for an up-to-date listing of KUA 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,

Stephen Beaupre, Robert Blake-KUA, Eric Brann, Betsy Duany, Myra Ferguson, Christian Forman-FES School Board, Robyn Hadlock, Steve Halleran-Town Administrator, Rob Hewitt-Chair, Pamela Miller, John Yacavone.

Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2014/15

ENERGY COMMITTEE 2014

As 2013 came to a close, the Plainfield Energy Committee (PEC) learned that we had received a grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund to commission an expert evaluation of our Meriden Town Hall windows, and that Plainfield had been selected to participate in the “Solarize Upper Valley” program administered by Vital Communities. These two circumstances launched us into a very busy and productive year.

Municipal Buildings Energy Upgrades

Meriden Town Hall: The windows project is one piece of the work on this building that began with an energy audit in 2011 and continued with a series of projects accomplished in 2013, including programmable thermostat installation, replacing an unused exterior door with an insulated wall, hot water pipes insulation, boiler servicing and installation of an indoor/outdoor temperature sensor. Calculation of energy use over the last two years shows a 34% decrease in gallons of oil used, adjusted for weather.

Using the Environment Fund grant, S.A. Fishburn, Inc. was hired to assess the Town Office windows and give us some estimates regarding their restoration both for maintenance and energy efficiency. (See Town website Energy Committee page for report.) Ms. Fishburn also conducted a Wood Window Restoration Workshop at the Plainfield Town Hall on March 30 that was co-sponsored by the PEC and Plainfield Historical Society.

Several preservation experts visited the town office in the early months of 2014 and provided the PEC with proposals for window and door restoration. These estimates and Ms. Fishburn’s assessment formed the basis of an application for a “Mooseplate Grant” from the NH Division of Historical Resources. We learned in July that our application had been funded for the maximum amount of \$10,000 which will allow us to repair and weatherize the failing upstairs windows and entry doors and begin restoration of the large windows in the main Town Office space. Winn Mountain Restorations has been chosen to do this work and will begin early in 2015. We plan to apply for additional funding to finish the repair and weatherization and upgrade the storm windows as well.

Plainfield Town Garage: What started off as a feasibility study on creating our own electricity for the Town Garage using PV solar panels has expanded into a full engineering assessment of the structure. This assessment showed that the roof and trusses are in need of repair and there may be other structural issues. This is no real surprise, as the building has not had major maintenance since it was built in 1983. Together with the Road Agent and Selectboard, the Energy Committee will continue with this evaluation and also make energy efficiency recommendations from an energy audit conducted in 2012 (available on town website Energy Committee page).

Solarize Upper Valley

Plainfield teamed up with Cornish for the Solarize program which is based on the concept that grouping customers for a single solar installer is efficient and can reduce cost. The Solarize Cornish-Plainfield launch on March 19th was a sensational event, attended by more than 100 people, which demonstrated the renewable energy interest and enthusiasm of our townspeople.

In anticipation of the Solarize program, the PEC hosted a Button Up Weatherization Workshop on February 19th at the Plainfield School. Energy experts stress the

importance of tackling conservation and efficiency projects before considering renewable energy systems for home or business. The Button Up workshop provided information on techniques and materials which can help save both energy and money.

By the end of the summer, solar panels totalling 115 kW were installed in 23 homes by Solar Source. Nine of these were in Meriden and Plainfield and 16 in Cornish. The number of participants in the program allowed us to reach the lowest price, so that the cost became \$3.40 per installed watt - *before* tax credit and rebate. In addition, 9 systems were installed by Norwich Technologies, ReVision and SunWorx, providing another 65 kW. So we have increased the solar arrays in our two towns by 180 kW total.

We expect to capitalize on the momentum created by the Solarize program to encourage more installations of both PV and hot water systems and to explore options for DIY systems, community solar, municipal projects and funding mechanisms to make renewable energy more affordable. In November we sponsored a workshop on Community Solar (aka group net metering) and plan to continue the conversation in 2015 as the State of NH finalizes the rules which govern these installations.

Thanks to our Solarize installer, there will soon be an electric car charging station at Anne's Country Store on Route 12A. Solar Source provided the funding for this installation to the Cornish and Plainfield Energy Committees.

As always, we welcome new members. This is a great time to be part of a town Energy Committee!

Submitted by
Nancy Mojdnicki, Chair

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT- 2014

The 2014 legislative session that ended in June continued to make positive changes for the citizens of New Hampshire, help local town budgets, and make local government more efficient.

The legislature enacted protections for our citizens by addressing the issue of domestic violence. Under 'Joshua's Law' a crime of Domestic Violence was established that provided added protections for victims as well as added tools for law enforcement. Several other laws were passed including one I co-sponsored. RSA: 0238, placing household and domesticated animals under the domestic violence statute.

As a result of the passage of the bipartisan Medicaid expansion in 2013 session, tens of thousands of previously uninsured, hard working citizens are now enrolled in the New Hampshire Health Protection Plan. The State's Health Exchange now has 5 health insurance providers. This increase in insurance providers will offer market competition which is already lowering the cost of premiums. In addition, the legislature invested \$24 million to reverse crisis in mental health system and worked with hospitals to restore uncompensated care funding to state's hospitals and averts a major law suit.

Two important infrastructure bills supported by the Business and Industry Association became law. One looks toward future investments by establishing a 10 year transportation improvement program to develop a long term plan for investments in our roads and bridges. A four cents a gallon increase to the current road toll was passed that is estimated to result in an additional \$33 million annually. This increase will provide an estimated \$4 million per year funding for highway block grants to municipalities, as well as municipal bridge aid, monies for resurfacing and reconstructing secondary roads and the completion of the expansion of I-93 from the Massachusetts border to Manchester.

Often bills are proposed to help local government become more efficient. Examples of new laws to help local government are modifying the process for fill and dredging permits, forming a committee to study land conservation, and allowing the earlier counting of absentee ballots.

The 2015 legislature is facing some tough budget decisions. Fiscal stewardship is about ensuring that we make smart choices about how we spend each taxpayer dollar. We need to work towards long term planning and investments for the future of New Hampshire. We need to invest in education, job training, and address our energy needs. As I leave office, I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve in our citizen legislature. I have been honored to serve the hard working men, women, and children of Sullivan County as a State representative for the last two years.

Representative **Linda Taylor**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT-2014

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.

Proposed School District Budget

Article II - Budget

The district is proposing a budget of \$5,909,329. This is a reduction of \$214,470 or 3.5% below the base 2014/15 budget. Approval of any other warrant articles may affect this number.

There was an encouraging amount of discussion about creative ways for the District to adapt to economic and demographic realities. It is clear that the Board, SAU, and School administration have continued to devote significant resources to the future of our school system.

We commend the school administration for commissioning the special education study and making cuts to the budget in response as part of the larger process of “right-sizing” our school. We would support similar studies of other areas as part of this process.

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

Articles III & IV - Building Alterations

Articles III (Learning Commons) and IV (Lunch Service Area) are appropriately presented separately from the main budget as they are program changes. Both articles include related physical changes to the school building to realize the program changes embodied in each.

We feel the alterations associated with the Learning Commons proposal will positively impact learning opportunities and outcomes for students. It is less clear that the proposed Lunch Service Area is the most effective or efficient way to achieve the goals of increased collaboration for both staff and students.

Article V - Full Day Kindergarten

Our belief is that while a full day kindergarten program may have some appreciable benefits there is not yet consensus throughout the community. Voters should understand that this is an expansion of program and, although not projected to have additional cost for next year, may require another full-time teacher, possible investments in equipment, and physical alterations to the building if enrollment warrants it in the future.

Article VIII - Solar Panels

The finance committee did not have sufficient information to make a final recommendation on the installation of solar panels. However, it is our understanding that the solar panel warrant will not cost the school any money up front and is likely to save the district money in the long run. If the warrant is not approved this year the cost may increase if credits expire next year.

Summary

It will be important moving forward to continue to look carefully at a number of new initiatives as we seek to understand the true costs and benefits of proposals like leaving the AREA agreement and collaboration with Cornish. Our town thrives because we continue to discuss these publicly and carefully vet ideas in the public forum.

Proposed Town Budget

Article 3 - Budget

The selectboard is proposing an operating budget of \$2,101,932 for fiscal year 2015. This represents an increase of \$76,626 or 3.8% over the previous year. Overall we feel that the increase is justified, and that the town has produced a fiscally responsible budget. We applaud the selectboard for finding innovative solutions to cut costs while maintaining or improving the level of service.

Article 5 - Facilities Maintenance Fund

The finance committee supports creation of the facilities maintenance fund and expenditure in 2015 to address immediate needs at the town highway garage.

We also encourage the selectboard to create a town facilities committee to assess the current and future needs of the town buildings.

General Comments / Recommendations

The finance committee would like to thank the many members of the public for serving on a variety of town and district advisory committees (KUA, Cornish Collaboration, AREA Agreement, Energy Committee, Facilities Committee and others) who have contributed their time and talents to maintain a strong and forward thinking community.

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

Rangji Keen, Eric Brann, Dan Lapan, David Grøbe, Audra Bucklin, Brad Atwater



Dewey Jones moderates a discussion about Town Meetings past, Paul Franklin, Stephen Taylor and Boone Rondeau Photo S. Halleran

Meriden Village Water District 2014 Operator's Report

The Meriden Village Water District put into place several energy conservation and efficiency projects during the year. Liberty Utilities performed an energy audit for the wastewater treatment facility. Following the audit all of the lighting at the facility was upgraded to more energy efficient T 8 style bulbs and ballasts. Liberty utilities covered almost half of the cost of the lighting upgrade. A mini split heat pump system similar to those installed at the Plainfield School was installed to provide heating and cooling for the lab and control building. The total cost of the installation was \$3,600. The District received a rebate of \$900 from Liberty after the installation was completed by ARC. The new heat pump replaces the original building heating system that consisted of solar hot air panels and an electric heat coil that was installed in 1983. Liberty Utilities also gave the District a \$1,000 rebate for the installation of a variable frequency drive for one of the air blowers at the treatment plant that was completed in 2013.

The US EPA finally came through with the anticipated new NPDES permit. The new permit specifies the parameters that must be monitored as well as the concentrations of contaminants allowed in the plant effluent. The permit contains a requirement for the monitoring of three new contaminants, Ammonia, Phosphorus, and Copper. The permit became effective on September 1st and compliance with the new limits has been difficult for the plant to meet. One option for gaining compliance is to switch from surface water discharge to groundwater discharge/recharge. The Commissioners are currently investigating this option and are proposing to hire an engineer to study the feasibility of making the switch vs. adding treatment units to the existing facilities.

In August a crew from Underwater Solutions replaced the sacrificial anodes inside the water storage tank. The magnesium bars protect the steel tank from corrosion. The anodes are electrically connected to the tank and slowly dissolve preventing rust from forming on the tank walls. The project was completed by the four man dive crew in one day while the tank remained full of water.

The Commissioners were approached by the Facilities Committee from the Plainfield School about the possibility of purchasing power generated by solar panels located on school property. The Commissioners agreed to join the School in exploring this possibility. The Facilities Committee has submitted a grant application to the State PUC for this joint project and expect to hear back from the PUC in 2015.

The facilities and infrastructure of the Meriden Village Water District remain in excellent condition. Three new customers were added to both the water and sewer systems during the year. The Baynes Rd development which was begun in 2004 is now almost fully built out. The District faces the challenge of US EPA compliance for wastewater disposal with facilities that were not designed to treat for the removal of new

contaminants. Significant investments in the wastewater treatment facilities will be needed in the near future to meet the requirements of the new permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jeffrey S. Albright

Murray Dewdney

Nathanial Pierson

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SULLIVAN, SS. TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in said State, who are legal voters residing in the Meriden Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the seventeenth day of March 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year, or otherwise as the by-laws direct:

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. An auditor for one year.
6. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary.

ARTICLE II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,514 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE III. To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment

system, pursuant to RSA35:1. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation.
(Majority vote required).

ARTICLE VI. To see what action the District will take with regard to water and sewer use charges.

ARTICLE VII. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of February, 2015.

A true copy attest:

Jeffery Albright

Murray Dewdney

Nathaniel Pierson

**MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 18, 2014**

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 eighteenth of March 2014 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:	Nathaniel Pierson
Treasurer for one year:	Donald Garfield
Auditor for one year:	Catherine Legare

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 \$221,714, 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 2013 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 be increased from \$8,750 per month to \$8,800 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 be increased from \$75 per quarter to \$80 per quarter.
5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$4,800 per month to \$5,200 per month.

ARTICLE VII. In other business, Doris LeVarn was thanked for serving two years as District 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

**Meriden Village Water District
Water Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014**

Assets:	
Checking account balance	\$32,664.83
Undeposited funds	\$5,350.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$121,020.03
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$14,377.29
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Total Assets	\$173,412.15
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$121,020.03
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Total Liabilities	\$121,020.03
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$52,392.12
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Grand Total	\$173,412.15

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:	
State of NH Revolving Fund	\$432,530.37

**Sewer Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014**

Assets:	
Checking account balance	\$57,054.16
Undeposited funds	\$9,200.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$95,317.64
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$16,560.09
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Total Assets	\$178,131.89
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$95,317.64
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Total Liabilities	\$95,317.64
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$82,814.25
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Grand Total	\$178,131.89
Principal Balance Long Term Debt:	
State of NH Revolving Fund	\$207,731.08

**Meriden Village Water District
Sewer Department**

Income	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Sewer Charges	\$128,000	\$129,660	\$131,200	\$131,446	\$130,541
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$15	\$0
Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Xfer from Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Surplus	\$5,500	\$0	\$4,558	\$0	\$29,700
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,354	\$0
Total Income	\$133,500	\$129,673	\$135,758	\$142,815	\$160,241

Expenses	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Office	\$1,000	\$875	\$1,000	\$950	\$1,000
Legal	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Electricity	\$6,000	\$4,981	\$6,000	\$6,686	\$8,300
Insurance	\$21,000	\$19,483	\$23,350	\$23,716	\$25,165
Maintenance	\$11,000	\$10,690	\$15,000	\$13,712	\$17,000
Telephone	\$1,400	\$1,266	\$1,400	\$1,093	\$1,200
Wages	\$38,195	\$33,331	\$39,150	\$33,920	\$35,000
FICA, Medicare	\$3,765	\$3,402	\$3,500	\$3,459	\$3,700
Retirement	\$5,850	\$5,488	\$6,025	\$6,121	\$6,200
Interest on debt	\$8,361	\$8,360	\$7,803	\$7,803	\$7,246
Principal on debt	\$15,979	\$15,979	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980
Supplies	\$4,000	\$1,747	\$3,000	\$1,570	\$3,000
Effluent Testing	\$2,500	\$2,135	\$2,600	\$2,854	\$4,000
Vehicle	\$750	\$440	\$750	\$0	\$750
Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Monitoring	\$5,000	\$8,705	\$5,000	\$6,404	\$6,500
Blower Replacement	\$3,500	\$327	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$133,500	\$122,209	\$135,758	\$129,268	\$160,241

Water Department

Income	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Water Rents	\$77,000	\$76,120	\$83,200	\$80,493	\$83,673
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,450	\$0
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$10	\$0
Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Surplus	\$5,367	\$0	\$5,146	\$2,326	\$4,000
Other Income	\$0	\$1,300	\$0	\$503	<u>\$0</u>
Total Income	\$85,967	\$81,032	\$91,946	\$90,382	\$91,273
	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Expenses					
Office	\$500	\$358	\$500	\$276	\$500
Legal	\$250	\$50	\$250	\$0	\$250
Electricity	\$6,000	\$4,655	\$6,000	\$5,990	\$7,200
Insurance	\$5,400	\$5,561	\$6,000	\$5,964	\$4,500
Maintenance	\$11,500	\$6,497	\$15,000	\$16,298	\$16,000
Telephone	\$300	\$241	\$300	\$363	\$250
Wages	\$10,870	\$11,132	\$11,465	\$11,298	\$11,400
FICA, Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$1,775	\$2,010	\$2,060	\$2,042	\$2,100
Interest on debt	\$16,405	\$16,405	\$15,467	\$15,467	\$14,500
Principal on debt	\$27,967	\$27,966	\$28,904	\$28,904	\$29,873
Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,227	\$2,000	\$1,280	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$2,000	\$2,890	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,700
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
SRF Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trnsfr to Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$85,967	\$79,991	\$91,946	\$90,382	\$91,273

**Commissioners,
Meriden Village Water District
P.O. Box 84
Meriden, NH 03770**

SUBJECT: 2014 Audit Findings

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the MVWD Treasurer's 2014 financial records, per RSA 41:31a and 41:31d, and find these records to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Catherine Legare, Auditor
Meriden Village Water District
January 24, 2015

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
Commissioners' Annual Report**

The main event for the District was the retirement of our long time system operator Carl Colburn. On Carl's recommendation we have hired Jim Angers of Claremont to replace Carl. Jim comes with many years of experience and, like Carl, is employed by the City of Lebanon.

At the request of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental services the District made modifications in 2013 to the treatment house and well fields to comply with rule changes that were made after they were installed. The District is continuing to work on upgrading the treatment area in our building, and we plan to do other maintenance this year to keep the building in a state of good repair.

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. The project was budgeted to be completed by the end of 2015, and is proceeding on schedule.

System operation during 2014 was entirely satisfactory, except for some testing issues that mainly revolved around paperwork. Other than the planned 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. 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 \$4900 this year was funded for the 2014 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to \$100,000 with \$20,000 payments annually for the remaining 5 years of the bond. The slight reduction in rates we were able to adopt in 2012 still yielded enough revenue to meet our expenses.

On a lighter note the commissioners placed a plaque on the treatment building honoring long-time commissioner and system operator George Adams, who was largely responsible for the tank and well project begun in 1999 that greatly improved both the operation and reliability of the system. George's family showed up for the ceremony where lots of good anecdotes got a hearing.

There is plenty of work for anyone interested in helping. Please contact one of the commissioners if you're looking for opportunities. We are still looking for a billing clerk and a meter reader, both of which are paid positions.

The commissioners

Robert Dye
Ralph Patalano
Gordon Gillens



Photo: Sarah Gillens

**WARRANT
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

SULLIVAN, SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said County of Sullivan in the said State, who are legal voters residing in the Plainfield Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Town Hall in said Plainfield Village Water District on **Saturday the 28th of March 2015 at 9:00 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 **\$55,470** 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 transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Fourth day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

At true copy attest: Robert D rye, Ralph Patalano, Gordon Gillens

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

ASSETS

Cash	55,736
Accounts receivable	27,832
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

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>100,000</u>
Total liabilities	100,000
Unrestricted assets	<u>645,527</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 745,527</u>

**Plainfield Village Water District
Proposed Budget 2015**

INCOME	2014	Actual	2015
Water Rent	\$53,000	\$47,224	\$51,000
District Tax	\$0		
Hydrant Service	\$0		
Interest Income	\$25	\$6	\$25
Other Income	\$5,118	\$6,264	\$4,921
Transfer from Expendible			
Starting cash balance	\$67,787	\$67,786	\$61,761
	<u>\$125,929</u>	<u>\$121,281</u>	<u>\$117,707</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES	2014	Actual	2015
Administrative			
Officers Salaries	\$1,290	\$1,040	\$1,290
Officer Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$250
Clerical Salaries	\$275	\$260	\$750
Payroll Taxes	\$1,100	\$541	\$750
Postage	\$250	\$474	\$250
Office Expenses	\$1,000	\$942	\$1,000
Administrative/Legal	\$500	\$0	\$500
Insurance/Bonding	\$1,295	\$1,055	\$1,100
Total Administrative	<u>\$6,560</u>	<u>\$4,897</u>	<u>\$5,890</u>
Operations			
Maintenance-Labor	\$7,500	\$7,135	\$8,250
Maintenance-Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,327	\$2,000
Maintenance-Service	\$2,000	\$3,422	\$2,000
Utilities-Electricity	\$2,400	\$2,154	\$2,400
Utilities-Propane	\$700	\$1,318	\$850
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,100	\$1,122	\$1,100
Water Sample Tests	\$2,500	\$3,895	\$3,000
System Improvements	\$5,000	\$2,036	\$5,000
Total Operations	<u>\$23,200</u>	<u>\$22,410</u>	<u>\$24,600</u>

DEBT	2014	Actual	2015
Principal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$5,250
Tax Anticipation Notes repayment	\$0		
Tax Anticipation Interest	\$0		
Total Debt Service	<u>\$26,300</u>	<u>\$26,300</u>	<u>\$25,250</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$56,060	\$53,607	\$55,740
Article IV (2013 Warrant)			
Article IV (2014 Warrant)	\$5,000	\$913	\$0
Article V (2014 Warrant)	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Sub Total	\$10,000	\$5,913	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	\$66,060	\$59,820	\$55,740

Plainfield Village Water District
Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2014

Opening Cash position	\$61,661
Water Rent	\$47,224
Other Income	<u>\$6,270</u>
Total Income	<u>\$53,494</u>
Administrative Expenses	\$4,897
Operations	\$22,410
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	\$20,000
Bond Debt – Interest	\$6,300
TAN notes – interest	<u>\$0</u>
Total operating disbursements	<u>\$53,607</u>
Capital Projects	
2014 Article IV	\$813
Transfers to Trust Funds	
2014 Article V	\$5,000
Transfers from Trust Funds	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	\$0
Net cash flow before TAN borrowings	-\$5,925
Net TAN borrowings	\$0
Net change in cash balance	<u>-\$5,925</u>
Ending Cash position	<u>\$55,736</u>

MARRIAGES 2014

DATE	APPLICANTS	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
05/31/2014	Beaton, Jason M Brown, Charlotte M	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Hanover
08/16/2014	Walker, Nathan M Oberkotter, Amanda R	Plainfield, NH Cornish, NH	Plainfield	Cornish
10/04/2014	Senna, Lucas W Lambert, Jessica M	Canaan, NH Plainfield, NH	Canaan	Cornish

BIRTHS – 2014

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
04/11/2014	Smith, Dylan Neil	Lebanon	Smith, Derek	Smith, Stacey
05/01/2014	Isabelle, Allie Anne	Lebanon	Isabelle, Aaron	Isabelle, Carolyn
05/03/2014	Laflam, Ellis Lucille	Lebanon	Laflam, Jonathan	Laflam, Stephanie
06/03/2014	Parthum, Skylin Bella	Lebanon	Parthum, Gregory	Parthum, Amy
06/15/2014	White, Mackenzie Anne	Lebanon	White, Justin	McNamara, Elizabeth
07/18/2014	Piper, Maddy Tucker	Lebanon	Piper, Nicholas	Piper, Amanda
07/18/2014	Piper, Riley Lyn	Lebanon	Piper, Nicholas	Piper, Amanda
08/14/2014	Laundry, Vincent Michael	Lebanon	Laundry, Joseph	Laundry, Kristen
08/30/2014	Harrington, Lane Manacek	Lebanon	Harrington, Michael	Harrington, Abigail
09/18/2014	Mans, Louise Kate	Lebanon	Mans II, Peter	Mans, Katherine
09/21/2014	Pearse, Ryan Joseph	Lebanon	Pearse, Erik	Pearse, Shauna
11/16/2014	Tuthill, Theo Allen	Lebanon	Tuthill, Noah	Tuthill, Emily
11/16/2014	Tuthill, Rowan Lyle	Lebanon	Tuthill, Noah	Tuthill, Emily
11/24/2014	Marrazzo, Joshua Andrew	Lebanon	Marrazzo, Matthew	Marrazzo, Emily

DEATHS – 2014

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
02/21/2014	Berry, Peter	Plainfield	Berry, Alden	Day, Georgia
03/11/2014	Wilder, Gordon	Lebanon	Wilder, Harold	Stearns, Mildred
04/04/2014	Fellows, Hazen	Lebanon	Fellows, Henry	Maxham, Ethel
06/28/2014	Sedlak, Josephine	Lebanon	Timpanelli, Pasquale	Santamaria, Assunta
07/04/2014	Darling, Lynwood	Plainfield	Darling, Perley	Page, Eunice
07/27/2014	Wysk, Wallace	Lebanon	Wysk, Wallace	Freniere, Eunice
08/23/2014	Labelle, Dorothy	Plainfield	Wheeler, Robert	Weaver, Betty
09/16/2014	Dessert, Rene	Plainfield	Dessert, Henry	Lambert, Marie
11/12/2014	Quinn, Patricia	Plainfield	Quinn, Kenneth	Heckel, Eva
11/30/2014	White, Mark	Lebanon	White, Vern	Farnsworth, Phyllis

