



# Town of Plainfield, NH Annual Report 2015



HOME OF PLAINFIELD SCHOOL

Many villages make up the Town of Plainfield. The Plainfield Plain is the home of our annual Fourth of July Parade, "the best little parade in the state of New Hampshire". Meriden village hosts the annual town wide summer picnic known as "Spirit Day". East Plainfield is the hub of the Pumpkin People invasion now occurring each fall. These three distinct villages along with many other unnamed neighborhoods all help form the single community of the Town of Plainfield. No matter where you live in town, come participate in our events and traditions and see what makes Plainfield so special!

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# TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

## Annual Report

2015

Annual Reports  
of the  
Officers and Selectmen  
and the  
School District



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## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Appt. Expires</b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Paul B. Franklin	2016
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Michelle Marsh	2016
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Judith A. Belyea	2016
	Ron C. Eberhardt	2017
	Robert W. Taylor	2018
<b>TREASURER</b>	Sarah Brookes-Governo	2016
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Michelle Marsh	2016
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>	Jesse Stalker	2016
	Edward Stansfield	2017
	Donald Garfield	2018
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	Emily Sands	2018
	Nancy Liston	2018
	Mark Pensgen	2017
	Suzanne Spencer	2016
	Anita Brown	2016
<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	Harold Jones Jr.	2018
	Donald Jordan	2020
	Fern Wilder	2021
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>	Jesse Stalker	2016
	Bradford Atwater	2017
	James Taylor	2018
<b>ASSIST. MODERATOR</b>	Stephen H. Taylor	
<b>BALLOT CLERKS</b>	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  
**DEPTUTY EMD** Robert Taylor  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Paul Roberts, Chief  
Matthew Foss  
Billy Heighes  
Lawrence Dore, PT  
Matthew Agan, PT  
Anthony Swett, PT

**PLANNING BOARD** Jane Stephenson, Chair  
Michael Sutherland  
Jeffrey Allbright  
Elise Angelillo  
Douglas Gest  
Allan Ferguson  
Stephen Halleran, Alt  
Judith Belyea, Selectwoman

**ZONING BOARD** Richard Colburn, Chair  
Edward Moynihan  
Bradford Atwater  
William McGonigle  
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  
Mike Sutherland

**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.





You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 12th 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 **\$2,198,099** to defray town charges for the 2016 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$197,977</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>14,330</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>68,200</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>12,425</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>25,600</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>40,500</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>6,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>365,876</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>35,500</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>55,000</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>44,500</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,900</b>
<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>4,100</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>29,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>20,050</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>695,679</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>111,496</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>163,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>47,810</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>18,585</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>29. Library Department</b>	<b>137,336</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>1,285</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,198,099</b>

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 **\$170,500** 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:

\$18,000	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015.
\$20,000	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.
\$5,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011.
\$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$5,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

The Selectboard is named agent to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund, the transportation improvement fund, the police equipment fund, the facilities maintenance fund and the Highway Equipment Fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90,000** for the purchase of a backhoe loader for the use of the Highway Department, further to authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing backhoe loader. If approved, the Selectboard will withdraw said sum from the Highway Equipment Fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation. The Selectboard was named agent to expend the highway equipment fund at the 2015 town meeting.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to hire a consultant to study the feasibility of relocating the United States Post Office in Meriden Village to the Meriden Library located at #22 Bean Road. As part of this project, the Meriden Library facility would be made compliant with the Americans with Disability Act. 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 fifty (50) 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 what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

**ARTICLE 11.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**A True Copy Attest:**

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

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 17th day of February in the year 2016, 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:**

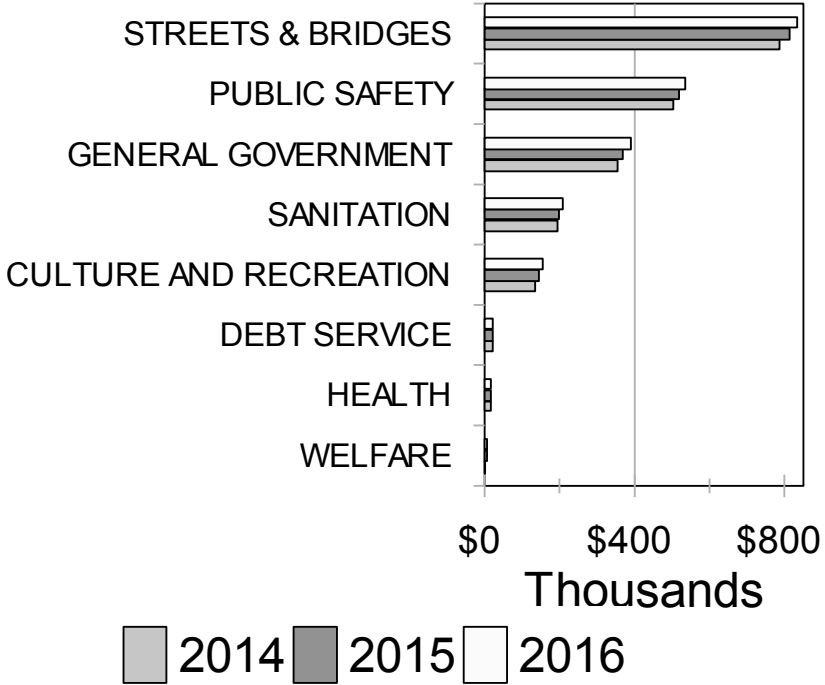
*Judith A. Belyea*  
*Robert W. Taylor*  
*Ron Eberhardt*

Personally appeared before me the above names, Judith A. Belyea, Ron C. Eberhardt, Robert W. Taylor the Selectboard of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

*Michelle Marsh*  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

# Town Budget

## Major Categories



### TOWN OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

	2014	2015	2016	Percent Change	Percent Total
WELFARE	\$5,250	\$8,500	\$10,000	62%	0%
HEALTH	\$18,870	\$18,870	\$19,085	0%	1%
DEBT SERVICE	\$26,850	\$26,850	\$26,285	0%	1%
CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$138,323	\$145,149	\$157,836	5%	7%
SANITATION	\$194,810	\$201,810	\$210,810	4%	10%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$353,405	\$370,755	\$393,732	5%	18%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$503,098	\$517,848	\$543,126	3%	25%
STREETS & BRIDGES	\$784,700	\$812,150	\$837,225	3%	39%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,025,306</b>	<b>\$2,101,932</b>	<b>\$2,198,099</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Executive	\$194,950	\$200,886	\$197,977	1.6%	\$3,027
Election/Registration	\$3,380	\$5,536	\$14,330	324.0%	\$10,950
Financial Administration	\$68,700	\$68,833	\$68,200	-0.7%	(\$500)
Revaluation of Property	\$13,000	\$20,475	\$13,000	0.0%	\$0
Legal Expense	\$8,100	\$14,592	\$8,100	0.0%	\$0
Personnel Administration	\$5,500	\$6,664	\$6,500	18.2%	\$1,000
Planning and Zoning	\$1,000	\$1,139	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
General Government Building	\$9,425	\$8,708	\$12,425	31.8%	\$3,000
Cemeteries	\$25,000	\$29,665	\$25,600	2.4%	\$600
Insurances	\$36,600	\$29,925	\$40,500	10.7%	\$3,900
Regional Associations	\$5,100	\$5,348	\$6,100	19.6%	\$1,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police	\$356,598	\$322,499	\$365,876	2.6%	\$9,278
Ambulance	\$27,000	\$27,255	\$35,500	31.5%	\$8,500
Fire-Plainfield	\$49,500	\$48,825	\$55,000	11.1%	\$5,500
Fire-Meriden	\$44,500	\$43,825	\$44,500	0.0%	\$0
Building Inspection	\$8,900	\$9,725	\$8,900	0.0%	\$0
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	0.0%	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$4,100	\$3,600	\$4,100	0.0%	\$0
Dispatch Service	\$27,000	\$28,750	\$29,000	7.4%	\$2,000
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS</b>					
Highway Administration	\$20,050	\$18,518	\$20,050	0.0%	\$0
Highway and Streets	\$680,200	\$663,220	\$695,679	2.3%	\$15,479
Road Projects	\$99,900	\$99,884	\$111,496	11.6%	\$11,596
Street Lights	\$12,000	\$9,288	\$10,000	-16.7%	(\$2,000)
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Solid Waste Collection	\$153,000	\$152,792	\$163,000	6.5%	\$10,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$48,810	\$48,271	\$47,810	-2.0%	(\$1,000)
<b>Health</b>					
Health Department	\$18,370	\$18,241	\$18,585	1.2%	\$215
Animal Control	\$500	\$80	\$500	0.0%	\$0
<b>WELFARE</b>					
General Assistance	\$8,500	\$12,001	\$10,000	17.6%	\$1,500
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Recreation Commission	\$19,000	\$17,073	\$19,000	0.0%	\$0
Libraries	\$124,649	\$124,581	\$137,336	10.2%	\$12,687
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000	\$1,045	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$280	\$500	0.0%	\$0

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**  
**(Continued)**

**DEBT SERVICE**

Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$1,850	\$1,853	\$1,285	-30.5%	(\$565)
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,101,932</b>	<b>\$2,068,377</b>	<b>\$2,198,099</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>\$96,167</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Item	2015 Approved	2015 Expenditure	2016 Request	Percent Change	Dollar Change
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
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%	\$0
Facilities Fund	\$0	\$0	\$18,000		\$18,000
Revaluation Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	33.3%	\$5,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	-16.7%	(\$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	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	-16.7%	(\$1,000)
Hwy Garage Improvements	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0		(\$60,000)
Hwy New Equipment	\$12,000	\$0	\$90,000		\$78,000
USPS Meriden Study	\$0	\$0	\$10,000		\$10,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$221,500</b>	<b>\$209,500</b>	<b>\$270,500</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,323,432</b>	<b>\$2,277,877</b>	<b>\$2,468,599</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>\$145,167</b>



**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>TAXES</b>		Dec			
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$9,625	\$9,625	\$5,385	-44.1%	(\$4,240)
Yield Taxes	\$12,000	\$11,135	\$17,000	41.7%	\$5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$45,000	\$52,298	\$55,000	22.2%	\$10,000
Excavations					\$0
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>					
Licenses & Fees	\$7,000	\$5,264	\$6,000	-14.3%	(\$1,000)
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$460,000	\$481,312	\$485,000	5.4%	\$25,000
Trash User Fees	\$72,000	\$74,084	\$85,000	18.1%	\$13,000
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>					\$0
Rooms and Meals Dist	\$114,211	\$114,211	\$114,307	0.1%	
Highway Block Grant	\$106,856	\$107,778	\$111,496	4.3%	\$4,640
State Reimbursements	\$65	\$65	\$65	0.0%	\$0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>					
Income from Departments	\$32,000	\$38,179	\$35,000	9.4%	\$3,000
Reimbursements	\$500	\$0	\$500	0.0%	\$0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>					
Sale of Town Property	\$5,000	\$1,872	\$3,000	-40.0%	(\$2,000)
Interest on Deposits	\$1,000	\$1,441	\$1,500	50.0%	\$500
FEMA/EMG	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>					\$0
<b>SOURCES</b>					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$12,000	\$0	\$90,000		\$78,000
Trust Funds	\$10,000	\$9,513	\$10,000	0.0%	\$0
Fund Balance Utilization	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0		(\$60,000)
<b>BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$948,257</b>	<b>\$967,777</b>	<b>\$1,020,253</b>		
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$1,375,175</b>	<b>\$1,310,100</b>	<b>\$1,448,346</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>\$73,171</b>
Change in dollars from taxation:			\$73,171.00		
Projected tax rate impact			\$0.28		



# TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2015

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on March 10, 2015. 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: 1551

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 313

Percentage of Voting: 20%

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for four years and any other necessary town officers.

**Select board Member for three years:**

Robert W. Taylor            298

**Write-Ins:**

Ian Rogers                            1

Robert W. Taylor was declared elected.

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:**

Donald E. Garfield        300

Donald E. Garfield was declared elected.

**Two Library Trustees for three years:**

Nancy Liston                    211

Emily Sands                    177

Cindy Heath                    108

Dennis Girouard            89

Nancy Liston and Emily Sands were declared elected.

**Cemetery Trustee for three years:**

James Taylor                    299

James Taylor was declared elected.

**Supervisor of the Checklist for four years:**

Fern Wilder 286

**Write-Ins:**

Jeanne Thompson 1

Steve Taylor 1

Fern Wilder 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**254 voting yes                      34 voting no**

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

**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.

**262 voting yes                      33 voting no**

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

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**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.

**199 voting yes**

**35 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 14<sup>th</sup> of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Plainfield school gymnasium.

On Saturday, March 14, 2015 Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:00am. The meeting began with a salute to the flag, the singing of "My Country Tis of Thee" and a few words given by Reverend Harold (Dewey) L. Jones, Jr. who asked for a moment of silence to honor residents who are no longer with us.

The Moderator then introduced the town officers and recognized Selectboard member Robert Taylor who awarded the 2012 Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to Mike (Claude) Sutherland for his many years of service to the town. Mike is responsible for creating and maintaining our town website, served as school board member for 6 years and volunteers for many town projects and events. Thank You Mike! A standing ovation was received.

Moderator Franklin explained the rules of the meeting. Steven Taylor 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 **\$2,101,932** to defray town charges for the 2015 fiscal year. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

<b>1. Executive</b>	<b>\$194,950</b>
<b>2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics</b>	<b>3,380</b>
<b>3. Financial Administration</b>	<b>68,700</b>
<b>4. Revaluation of Property</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>5. Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>6. Personnel Administration</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>7. Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>8. General Government Buildings</b>	<b>9,425</b>
<b>9. Cemeteries</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>10. Insurance</b>	<b>36,600</b>
<b>11. Regional Associations</b>	<b>5,100</b>
<b>12. Police Department</b>	<b>356,598</b>
<b>13. Ambulance Service</b>	<b>27,000</b>
<b>14. Fire Departments -Plainfield</b>	<b>48,500</b>
<b>-Meriden</b>	<b>44,500</b>
<b>15. Building Inspection</b>	<b>8,900</b>

<b>16. Emergency Management</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>17. Hydrant &amp; Forest Fire Expense</b>	<b>4,100</b>
<b>18. Dispatching for Fire, Police &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>27,000</b>
<b>19. Highway Administration</b>	<b>20,050</b>
<b>20. Highways and Streets</b>	<b>680,200</b>
<b>21. Road Projects</b>	<b>99,900</b>
<b>22. Street Lights</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>23. Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>153,000</b>
<b>24. Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>49,810</b>
<b>25. Health Agencies</b>	<b>18,370</b>
<b>26. Animal Control</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>27. Welfare</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>28. Recreation Commission</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>29. Library Department</b>	<b>124,649</b>
<b>30. Patriotic</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>31. Conservation Commission</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>32. Principal Long-term debt</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>33. Interest Long-term debt</b>	<b>1,850</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,101,932</b>

Moderator Franklin recognized Town Administrator Stephen Halleran who spoke to the motion. Mr. Halleran reported on projects that were completed during 2014 reporting that we finally received the last of the grant monies from the state for the Willow Brook Road project.

To help us be prepared in the event of a natural disaster, we now have an emergency response trailer which houses cones and signs and other such equipment: the town highway garage became equipped with a generator and the Police Chief applied for and received a grant for computer equipment that has allowed all school and town employees and volunteer fire fighters to have ID badges.

The energy committee applied for and received monies from the Conservation (Moose Plate) grant organization to repair and refurbish the windows in the town office and police department.

If all of the warrant articles and budget pass, we will be adding \$.20 to the town tax.

Questions were asked and answered.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 158 No 2**

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

**ARTICLE 4.** Selectboard member Judy Belyea offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town 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 agent 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. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with questions asked and answered.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 163 No 4**

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

**ARTICLE 5.** Selectman Ron Eberhardt offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town 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.

Rob Taylor seconded the motion.

Mr. Eberhardt spoke to the motion explaining that the funds taken would be used to repair, insulate and replace the highway garage roof, all being done to bring the building up to current code.

Questions were asked and answered.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 160 No 15**

**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 **\$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. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

Selectman Taylor made a motion to amend the wording of article 6 from "Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund" to "Highway Equipment Fund"

A voice vote was taken, the "Ayes" were unanimous, the motion passed and was so declared.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken on Article 6.**

**Yes 170 No 2**

**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.

Discussion followed.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 116 No 56**

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

**ARTICLE 8.** Judy Belyea offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That the town direct the Selectboard to appoint a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement



pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting. Ron Eberhardt seconded the motion.

Selectboard member Belyea thanked the current members of the committee.

**A Voice vote was taken.**

**The “Ayes” were unanimous.**

**The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 9.** Selectman 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. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

Selectman Taylor thanked all of the 2014 committee members for their time.

**A Voice vote was taken.**

**The “Ayes” were unanimous.**

**The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 10. As originally printed.**

That 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 Selectboard 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).

Moderator Franklin recognized Clinton Swift who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

That 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. **Further, to rescind and dissolve the creation and existence of the current Board** 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). Beverly Widger seconded the motion.

A lengthy discussion followed with many residents taking time to offer thoughts on the motion.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**No 120 Yes 60**

**It was a vote in the negative; the resolution was not adopted and so declared.**

**ARTICLE 11.** Peter Mogielnicki offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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). Chris Dye seconded the motion.

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 135 No 17**

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

**ARTICLE 12:** Mike Jaeger offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

That the Town 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).

**A vote by paper ballot was taken.**

**Yes 134 No 8**

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

**ARTICLE 13:** Ron Eberhardt offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the annual report, subject to corrections. Seconded by Steve Halleran.

**A vote by voice was taken.**

**The “Ayes” were unanimous.**

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

**ARTICLE 14.** Moderator Franklin swore in the following newly elected officers:

Robert Taylor	Selectman
Michelle Marsh	School Clerk
Audra Bucklin	School Board Member
Christian Foreman	School Board Member

Paul Franklin was sworn into office as School Moderator the morning of the town meeting on March 14, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

James Taylor (Cemetery Trustee) was sworn into office March 16, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

Emily Sands (Library Trustee), Jeffrey Moore (School Treasurer) and Donald Garfield (Trustee of Trust Funds) were sworn into office March 17, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

Fern Wilder (Supervisor to the checklist) was sworn in March 18, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

Nancy Liston (Library Trustee) was sworn in April 2, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh

Steve Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. seconded by Steve Beaupre.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michelle Marsh*  
Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash on hand, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Cash-checking	\$ 2,879,395
Cash-Investments	\$ 3,475
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,882,870</b>

Receipts/ transfers in during the year \$ 6,997,182

**Total available \$ 9,880,050**

Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out \$ 7,059,250

**Cash On Hand, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 \$2,820,802**

Cash-Checking 2,817,325

Cash-Investments \$3,477

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 1995

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 eleven 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.
- Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006, authority 2008.
- Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2006, authority 2006.
- Town Beautification, Operation Fund created in 2009.
- Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011.
- Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015.
- Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987, authority 2015

## **STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2015**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive.....	\$ 194, 950
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	3,380
Financial Administration.....	68,700
Revaluation of Property .....	13,000
Legal Expense .....	8,100
Personnel Administration.....	5,500
Planning and Zoning .....	1,000
General Government Buildings.....	9,425
Cemeteries.....	25,000
Insurances.....	36,600
Advertising and Regional Expense .....	5,100

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police Department.....	356,598
Ambulance .....	27,000
Fire Protection.....	94,000
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense .....	31,100

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2015 (continued)**

Building Inspection .....	8, 900
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>	
Highways and Streets .....	680,200
Road Projects .....	99,900
Street Lights .....	12,000
<b>SANITATION</b>	
Garbage Collection.....	153,000
Solid Waste Disposal .....	44,810
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>	
Health Department .....	18,370
Pest Control.....	500
<b>WELFARE</b>	
Welfare Department .....	8,500
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	
Recreation Commission .....	19,000
Libraries .....	124,649
Patriotic .....	1,000
Conservation Commission .....	500
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	
Principal on Long-term debts .....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts .....	1,850
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,101,932</b>
<b>CAPITAL PURCHASES</b>	
Article 5 Hwy Facility Maintenance .....	60,000
Article 6 Hwy Chipper replacement.....	12,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES.....</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TO RESERVES</b>	
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 .....	15,000
Article 4 ADA Access Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Gravel Reclamation Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Town Hall Repair Fund.....	6,000
Article 4 Library Repair Fund .....	2,500
Article 4 Police Equipment Fund .....	6,000
<b>TOTAL TO RESERVES .....</b>	<b>\$149,500</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$2,323,432</b>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved .....	\$76,012,429
Buildings .....	188,044,100
Public Utilities.....	6,983,000
<b>Total value before exemptions .....</b>	<b>\$271,039,529</b>

Blind Exemption .....	47,000
Elderly Exemption .....	1,419,700
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption.....	129,200
Solar Energy Exemption .....	894,425
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) 80%.....	5,184,449
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
<b>Total exemptions allowed .....</b>	<b>\$7,824,357</b>

<b>Net value used for local tax rate.....</b>	<b>\$263,215,172</b>
<b>Net value used for state education rate .....</b>	<b>\$256,232,172</b>
(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 dba Eversource .....	\$1,009,900

## WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans .....	\$2,800
Standard Exemptions (\$500/veteran) .....	\$55,465
<b>Total war service credits.....</b>	<b>\$58,265</b>

## CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land .....	3,007
Forest Land.....	23,703
Unproductive Land.....	528
Wetlands.....	802
<b>Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) .....</b>	<b>28,040</b>

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,323,432
Total Revenues and Credits	less	948,257
Overlay	add	66,000
War Service Credits	add	58,265
<b>A) Net Town Appropriation</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$1,499,440</b>
Net Local School Budget		5,558,740
Adequate Education Grant	less	686,396
State Education Taxes	less	641,749
<b>B) Approved Local School Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>4,230,595</b>
<b>C) Approved State Education Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>641,749</b>
<b>D) Approved County Tax Assessment</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>784,815</b>
<b>Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>\$7,156,599</b>

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Tax Effort	\$7,156,599
Less War Service Credits	58,265
<b>Total Property Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$7,098,335</b>

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	5.49	5.70
County	3.19	2.98
School local	16.22	16.07
School state	2.60	2.50
Combined tax rate	<b>\$27.50</b>	<b>\$27.25</b>
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$262,140,886	\$263,215,172
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$255,157,886	\$256,232,172
(Net local value less utility valuations)		



## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Community Baptist Church& parsonage (map107/lot 6).....	\$726,800
First Baptist Church& parsonage(104/3) .....	473,700
Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage (102/06) .....	1,263,000
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church (259/7).....	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%.....	6,520,298

### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

New England Wildflower Association.(239/02) .....	280,100
Plainfield Historical Society(107/25).....	152,400
Singing Hills Conference Facility (253/24) .....	2,242,300

### PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

The Nature Conservancy(256/01) .....	26,700
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department(104/29) .....	257,400
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.(105/14, 102/18.01).....	861,100
Plainfield Village Water District(260-41,256-15).....	416,800
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department (259-34) .....	338,000

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Land on Stage Road (253/11).....	4,100
Land on River Road (multiple parcels) .....	81,300
Duncan State Forest (231/9,232/10),.....	244,400

### GRANGES

Blow-Me-Down Grange(107/39) .....	399,800
Meriden Grange(104/25).....	180,200

### LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

Cornish (271/07) .....	5,700
Grantham (248/01).....	28,400

**TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES ..... \$45,359,195**

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

### DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

Plainfield Town Hall (map 107/lot 27).....	\$312,100
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) (102/1).....	467,400
Libraries –Plainfield (107/8) .....	1,078,100
-Meriden (104/23) .....	285,500
Highway Garage(253-01).....	324,300
Plainfield Elementary School (105/11).....	3,910,500
Burnaps Island (203/14).....	45,100

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND  
AND BUILDINGS (continued)**

Dump Lot (252/27) .....	36,300
Gravel Pit (258/12) .....	168,900
Gravel Pit Annex/Klinges lot (258/11) .....	138,800
Spencer Lot (242-04) .....	203,200
Whitaker Road Intersections (262/3) .....	8,600
Tallow Hill Intersection (254-19) .....	2,600
French's Ledges (243/1) .....	132,100
Benson Donation(225/15,225/19) .....	214,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) (106/7) .....	49,400
Farnum Lot (234/6) .....	155,200
Town Pound (241-15) .....	6,200
School Street Land(105/12.1) .....	68,200
Meriden Covered Bridge Lot (101/9) .....	12,000
Sumner's Falls Ledges (238/6) .....	7,800
Stage Road Land Hewes Field (240/01) .....	206,600
Stage Road (253/10) .....	16,500
Hedgehog Road Land (236/4) .....	11,700
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$7,862,000</b>

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

This is a busy year for Elections! You can find current information posted at both the Town office in Meriden Village and the Town Hall in Plainfield Village. We will also be posting important dates on the town website and at both Post offices. You can use this website to check on your own voting status. <http://app.sos.nh.gov>

Please renew your dog licenses by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember that boats can be registered in town now. All vehicles 2000 and newer must be titled from now on. The state has done away with the 15 year law. If you have a new vehicle to register, please consider giving me a call prior to coming in to be sure you have all of the necessary paperwork.

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

*Michelle Marsh*  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**  
**Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

-Debits-

**Uncollected Taxes**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		\$314,707
Timber yield tax		\$0
Land use change tax		\$0
Excavations		\$0
Property tax credit balance	(\$2,680)	

**Taxes Committed to Collector**

Property taxes	\$7,097,176
Land use change taxes	\$10,770
Yield taxes	\$11,144
Excavation taxes	\$100

**Overpayments**

Property taxes		
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$3,732	\$19,231

**TOTAL DEBITS**

**\$7,120,243                      \$333,938**

-Credits-

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$6,812,490	\$169,920
Land use changes taxes	\$4,850	\$0
Excavation	\$100	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$11,144	\$0
Interest on taxes	\$3,732	\$17,941
Penalties	\$0	\$1,290
Converted to liens (principal only)	\$0	\$144,786
Prior year overpayments assigned		

**Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$0	\$0
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**Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year**

Property taxes	\$282,878
Yield Tax	\$0
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,920
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$(873)

**TOTAL CREDITS**

**\$7,120,243                      \$333,937**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

-Debits-			
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012+</b>
Beginning of year	\$0	\$148,044	\$166,705
New liens	\$156,796		
Interests/Penalties	\$1,670	\$10,738	\$16,967
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$158,466</b>	<b>\$158,781</b>	<b>\$183,672</b>

-Credits-			
<b>Remittance to Treasurer</b>			
Redemptions	\$30,494	\$29,888	\$63,540
Interest/Penalties	\$1,670	\$10,738	\$16,967
Abatements of Unredeemed liens	\$2,934		
Unredeemed liens	\$123,368	\$118,156	\$103,165
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$158,466</b>	<b>\$158,781</b>	<b>\$183,672</b>

**REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT**  
**Year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

Total reports filed.....	18
Total yield tax assessed.....	\$10,844
Softwood cut, MBF.....	415,799
Hardwood cut, MBF.....	188,942
Cordwood cut, cords.....	430
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	3,064
Pulpwood, cords.....	50
Whole tree chips, tons.....	4,434

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Judith A. Belyea,*  
 Yield Tax Agent

## **SELECTBOARD REPORT -2015**

Twelve months have come and gone, so it's time for another update from your Plainfield Selectboard. As is customary, listed below in no particular order are bullet points to summarize some of our work. Before we do anything, we would like to thank our dedicated and professional staff as well as the volunteers who work to make Plainfield such a great small town. We hope that you are as proud of your town as we are.

- River Road Phase 2- Pavement work and brush cutting were completed on the southern section of this road. River Road sees a lot of heavy traffic and is also susceptible to the effects of the Connecticut River.
- Penniman Road- A section of this road was completely re-engineered and rebuilt with help from our local retired State of NH civil engineer, Jeff Albright. This work was completed using our highway department staff and equipment as well as a rented excavator. Work included ditching, re-grading/sloping the driving surface as well as drainage improvements and resurfacing. We feel that the finished product is a vast improvement over what was there previously.
- Willow Brook Road- At the direction of the board, road agent Collins completed repairs along the southern end of this road. A partial slide was repaired in the vicinity of Orr's Corner and erosion control work was performed near Mill Bridge. This road continues to be one of the busiest town maintained roads. Somewhere in the vicinity of 1000 cars a day travel this road, making it one of our highest priorities for maintenance.
- Police Department- Police Chief Paul Roberts has had to carry an additional load due to an on the job injury to one of his officers. This fact has led to financial savings to the town in terms of payroll, but has also meant the remaining officers have had to take on the additional coverage.
- Underground Fuel System Removal- Using funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, the Selectboard authorized the removal of the underground fuel system located at the highway garage. This system was becoming more of a liability with each passing year, therefore removal and replacement seemed the proper course. Environmental regulations were becoming more stringent, creating more costs for monitoring leakage. This, coupled with the availability of funds for removal, made the decision easy. As a replacement we now have a specialized above ground fuel tank that is heavily armored four years of reliable, clean and safe use.
- Highway Garage Study Committee- The Selectboard would like to thank this committee for their work in analyzing our Highway Department facilities. You will recall this committee got its start when our Energy Committee recommended the installation of solar panels on top of the highway garage. In order to determine whether the roof structure was strong enough to support solar panels, a review of the truss system snowballed into so much more. The study committee was instrumental in selecting the new location for the above ground fuel system installed to replace the

underground fuel system mentioned above. It was also determined by the committee that the septic system was in need of maintenance (already completed) and the dug water well needs to be replaced with an artesian style well (to be completed in 2016). More work is planned for 2016 at the highway garage as we continue to mull over the report of the committee.

- Meriden Covered Bridge- The electrical service for the Mill (Covered) Bridge was replaced and electrical outlets were upgraded. Excessive corrosion to the old service made this work necessary. While completing this work it was determined that corrosion on the support structure underneath the bridge will require attention soon. This bridge is a Plainfield icon and we feel strongly that it be kept up and maintained well.
- State of Vermont Shooting Range- Members of the board participated in the discussions with the state of Vermont regarding the shooting range in Hartland, VT. Residents of Plainfield, particularly on Ferry Hill Road and Carvel Lane, have been deeply impacted by the increased use of the gun range. Hopefully changes to the rules of the facility as well as limits to its usage will help offset its impact. We will continue to monitor the situation and stand up for the rights of our residents to reasonably enjoy their own property.
- Dust Control/ Salt Extender Program- 2015 saw the initiation of a new dust control program for the town. The application of magnesium chloride with a new spray system is designed to help firm up dirt roads and reduce dust. The installation of new tanks and delivery of chemicals are making it possible to implement this new program. Early word from road agent Collins, as well as gravel road residents is that this is an improvement that is long overdue. The system also allows for the conversion to a salt extender chemical application for our winter road salt. This is supposed to improve the effectiveness of road salt (ie works at lower temperatures) and reduce its corrosiveness.
- Gravel Pit Land Acquisition- After five years of a group “lease to own” agreement, the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to the town's gravel was completed. This additional land includes a large building suitable for storing equipment. Given its proximity to our active pit, it is likely that this land will provide many years of gravel, sand and fill to the town. The Selectboard would like to thank Karl Klinges for his generous donation of this parcel. Now that the land transfer is official, we will develop plans for its use. Needless to say, the gravel pit and expanded landholdings is a significant asset to the town.
- Meriden Post Office- Included in this year's town meeting warrant is a proposal to spend money to study moving the Meriden Post Office to the site of the Meriden Library. This idea came to us via Kimball Union Academy, who would like to remove said post office from the center of their campus. The idea seems to have merit, so it is time to take the next

step and look at possibilities as well as the feasibility for such a project. The Meriden Library is in desperate need of upgrades to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access requirements. The thought is to couple access improvements with the expansion/addition of a postal facility and kill two birds with one stone, as it were.

- Donated Vehicles from TransCanada- The Selectboard would like to thank resident Chuck Mekus for facilitating the donation of multiple vehicles by his company, TransCanada, to the town. With his help we have secured 4 used, yet well maintained vehicles for various town departments. You may have seen the white trucks and SUVs around town.

We would like to invite you to join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings (on the first and third Wednesdays of each month). You can always call the Town office at 469-3201 to express any opinions. If you have questions, comments or concerns it is our duty to hear them out and respond accordingly. Also, please note that there is always a need for volunteers to serve Plainfield in a myriad of ways. If you have the will, we can find the way quite easily. As always, let us hope for good weather and good luck in 2016!

See you at Town Meeting,

*Rob Taylor, Judy Belyea, , Ron Eberhardt*



**Plainfield resident Ema Mosher receiving the Boston Post Cane from Selectman Robert Taylor and Ron Eberhardt. Photo S. Halleran**



**Reviewing the grade plans for Penniman Road prior to Paving**

**Photo S. Halleran**

### **REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2015:

**Plainfield Village Office Hours:** The Town Administrator now works out of the Plainfield Library on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of each month. These office hours provide enhanced opportunities for Plainfield Plain residents to meet with and discuss town issues directly with the Selectboard's office.

**Hammond Cove Shooting Range:** Working with local residents and authority granted at town meeting, efforts were put forth to convey to the State of Vermont that the increased noise from this state owned shooting range in Hartland Vermont adversely impacts Plainfield residents in the south west corner of town.

**Emergency Operations Plan:** Using a grant awarded by the State of New Hampshire, the town hired Hubbard Consulting to guide us through the required updating of our Emergency Operations Plan. Having this plan and a Hazard Mitigation Plan are prerequisites for many federal grant programs.

**TransCanada Vehicle Donations:** Acting on a tip from a local resident the Selectboard's office was able to write a grant application and be awarded two vehicle donations from TransCanada. Both the truck for the highway department and the SUV for the Police Department are replacement vehicles and should save the cost of buying new for several years.



**Lot Coverage Zoning Change:** In response to testimony received at several planning and zoning hearings the Planning Board worked with our local regional planning commission to come up with draft language to expand the total amount of lot coverage that will be allowed in the Village Residential Zone. Currently only 20% of a lot can be covered with impervious surfaces. If approved, the new change will allow up to 40% lot coverage.

*Stephen Halleran*, Town Administrator

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

**Case 2015-01 Cynthia Bolduc** Accessory Apartment, #6 Beauty Hill Rd.

**Case 2015-02 Kimball Union Academy:** Solar Array, Main Street.

**Case 2015-03 Scott Krueger** Auto repair facility, #830 Route 12A.

Submitted,  
*Richard Colburn*, Chair Zoning Board



ZBA reviewing KUA proposed solar project- Main Street area

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

### Permits for the following projects were issued in 2015:

04	New single family residences	06	Renewals
02	Accessory Dwelling Unit	02	Replacement SFH
02	Commercial projects	10	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
02	Garages	03	Electrical upgrades
14	Renovations/Misc.	05	Additions
02	Decks/porches	07	Solar panels
04	Generators		

**Permit total= 63**

## PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

### Subdivision:

Greenwood	1 new lot Route 120
Stettenheim	2 new lots Croydon Turnpike

### Annexations:

Sangermano	11.6 acres transferred between two lots owned by the applicant
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### Site Plan Review:

Kimball Union Academy	Solar array Main Street, VR zone.
Priscilla Wheeler	Restaurant 1097 Route 12A
Kimball Union Academy	Five new sidewalk lights Main Street.

### Plainfield Property Owners:

A recent change to RSA 674:39 allows property owners with previously merged nonconforming lots to apply to unmerge the parcels. The application must be made prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2015

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) is an advisory commission to the Plainfield Select Board. This year the commission collaborated with other community agencies, e.g., the Meriden Bird Club (MBC) and the Plainfield Town Garage Study Group (PTGSG). The majority of our work took place in the field rather than the meeting room: re-marking the boundaries of the Spencer Lot, inventorying Class VI roads and continuing the education/action campaign to control invasive species in our fields and forests.

*Collaboration with Town Committees and Clubs:* Sharing the expertise Plainfield has within its various voluntary committees and clubs yields efficient use of the expertise in each group and the satisfaction of sharing knowledge to complete our sometimes overlapping goals and projects.

The Selectboard requested that a study group convene to guide their decision to guarantee the sustainability of the Town Garage both environmentally and operationally. The PCC contributed two commissioners to this study group. The PCC is primarily concerned with the protection of the Penniman Wetland which is adjacent to the current Town Garage at the intersection of Penniman and Stage Roads. Representatives from the PCC, Energy Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board started meeting last summer and continues to formulate various recommendations (using research and cost-benefit analysis). There are two basic questions to answer: 1) to choose another site in town for the garage, 2) or keep the garage on the current site and renovate, re-contour the site, or rebuild the building(s) and re-contour the site. The purpose of this work is for the Town Garage, to meet all local, state and federal requirements for effective operation and the protection of the Penniman Wetland.

The MBC is examining the sustainability of the historic and valuable bird sanctuary they own on Main Street in Meriden. The PCC was invited to partner with the newly formed Sanctuary Stewardship Committee of the MBC to implement and design and conduct an annual survey of the migratory and year-round resident birds that use the 32-acre site. In addition, a new bird checklist was developed to educate the human visitors about the sanctuary's unique and fascinating feathered inhabitants. In the near future, people visiting the sanctuary will have a list of birds to look for on the trails through the forest and field, and the MBC members doing the annual survey will have a structured and reliable survey of birds inhabiting the sanctuary during every May and June. In this way, the MBC can determine if the sanctuary can retain the bird populations with a healthy environment of good food, clean water and shelter from predators.

Kimball Union Academy invited our opinion on the plans they developed to re-vegetate the wetland that runs from Chellis Pond down to Main Street by the hardball field. Among other things, we learned that their name for that wetland is *Frog Hollow*.

This collaboration with other community groups has been a welcomed activity for us. It was nice to be asked for our opinion, we were happy to spend the time, and it's nice to know that there are so many attuned to our community's environmental sustainability. There is a definite value learning from each other.

*Class VI Roads:* Yes, we're still working on this project. It's not something that can be done overnight. The three-ring binder of reports is growing more complete as time passes and more reports are completed. We have so many roads available to us to walk or ride on. Each one has its own personality and adventures to share with us. We anticipate it will be a good resource when questions surface about the sustainability of these wonderful and recreational roads.

*House Calls:* We have had success with this way of getting the word out about the wildlife that lives on our personal properties. We really want you to know that the animals, birds and trees/shrubs work together to keep each other alive and healthy. We humans can keep this cyclical, give-take relationship alive by controlling the spread of invasive species.

To help you, the commissioners from the PCC will visit with you, at your invitation, and share their knowledge about the identification of good and not-so-good plants on your property. They will give you ways to encourage the good plants and control the spread of the invasive plants. It's a dialog; not a lecture from the commissioner. You will ask the questions, show the place on your land where you have a concern, learn about sources for reference material or professional help to contain the invasion, etc. Plus, we are there for you, if invited, to spread the word to your neighbors.

We have found that telling you something in a workshop or participating in a weed-pulling-party is not as effective as coming to your property to help you with your specific invasive species problem(s).

So, make the call (469-3399 or [ferguson20897@gmail.com](mailto:ferguson20897@gmail.com)) and we'll make an appointment to help you control (you may never eradicate) the spread of invasive species—our native plants and wildlife will appreciate your efforts.

*Spencer Lot:* We, intrepid commissioners, went to the Spencer Lot off of Class VI Road Columbus Jordan Road to find and mark the boundaries of this rectangular lot. This lot is a wonderful resource for hunting and recreation. There are no trails within its boundaries (except for an educational trail that has not been maintained since its creation in the late 1980s). The commission is determining how to increase the enjoyment of this hard-to-access resource between Columbus Jordan and Farnum Roads.

*Monitoring of Conserved Properties:* We have another year of 100% reporting to the state's Conservation Land Stewardship Program (LCIP) properties—Mud Pond on Porter Road, Walker Farm #1 and #2 on Sanborn Road, Morgan Hill on True Road, and the Benson Town Forest off High Street and Cram Hill Road.

Respectfully Submitted, *Myra Ferguson*, Chair  
[pcc@plainfieldnh.org](mailto:pcc@plainfieldnh.org)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

<b>Forestry Maintenance Fund</b>	01/01/15 Beg. Balance	\$18,781
	Interest earned	\$15
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/15</b>	<b>\$18,796</b>
<b>Conservation Commission Fund</b>	01/01/15	<b>\$64,342</b>
	Current Use Penalty Income/Interest earned	\$9,673
<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/15</b>	<b>\$ 74,015</b>

## RECREATION COMMISSION-2015

We finished the 2014-2015 basketball season in February. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group of 10 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the PES gym. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys group of 8 practiced and played several games with local towns during the season. Unfortunately we did not have enough 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls to put a team together. 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 18 boys and girls.

In the spring, with the risk of low numbers for both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade baseball and softball, there was a request to put together a spring soccer group. After reviewing the interest, we did a trial of the spring soccer with one group of 11 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and one group of 15 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Feedback was good on this program and we will review again this year our baseball and softball program. We ran our T-ball during late spring and early summer. Participation was at 15 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and an additional 18 participants to make up our farm team. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6th in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. We had a good 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 62 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Mason Thibodeau with a trout of 12 3/4". There were a total of 88 fish caught during the derby with 53 participants catching at least one fish. 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, Vern's Worms, and McNamara Dairy.

On August 23, our 4th Annual Spirit Day was held. This event has grown out 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team made up of 21 boys and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team was made up of 13 girls. These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field. This group worked on individual skills, working as a team, and sportsmanship. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26 kids that participated in the kindergarten group. This continues to be a huge program with 89 participants in our K through 4th grade soccer groups.

The 2015-2016 basketball season got started for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys with a group of 7 individuals. They are working on both individual and team skills and will play games with other area towns. With only 5 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls signed up, we combined these girls into the Cornish team who also had a very small group. This allowed both towns to play as one team. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd grade group working on basic skills at the PES gym on Saturdays has 15 participants and started in January.

In the coming year of 2016, I look forward to continued participation in our youth programs. Again, we will face the challenges to keep these programs going in the event that participation is low. We will continue to look into the combination of other towns when needed. 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 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. It is important that we hear from you so that we know both what we are doing right and also what we can improve on.

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 -2015**

On August 23, our 4th Annual Spirit Day was held. It is a great way to get together as a community as the summer comes to an end. We copied much of the event from previous years. Although we don't have a count of how many have come, it seems to get bigger every year.

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 Cody Cantlin and Mike Russell. 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 Loretta Tessier, Melodie Russell, Virginia Drye, and Cynthia Patch. Also served at the ice cream trailer were brownie's donated by Terry McNamara at Meriden Deli.

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.

We had a 50/50 raffle with the winner donating back his winnings of \$100.00. 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, Cody Cantlin, Loretta Tessier, and Mike and Melodie Russell 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.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Cantlin ,*

### **PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES Trustees Report**

This past year has demonstrated that we live in a community that is passionate about its libraries, and the library board of trustees – which the town voted overwhelmingly at Town Meeting last March to keep as a single board - has worked hard to meet the demand.

Plainfield's technology usage continues to grow. Residents are downloading ebooks, audio books, and magazines from the state catalog at record numbers. Downloadable materials accounted for roughly 10 percent of our total circulation for 2015. The town libraries pay a small fee to the state library system for this service and the library staff assists patrons in learning how to use this service. Having one board allowed both libraries to be integrated and as of 2015 fully automated with the Evergreen online catalog, which the board receives for a relatively small maintenance fee as part of a collaboration with Hanover's Howe Library. This means time that library staff used to

spend tracking circulation by hand can now be spent on direct service to patrons. The board and directors get more accurate tracking of materials and real-time data. Going forward, identifying and pulling outdated and uncirculated materials will take a fraction of the time it has in the past. The Evergreen catalog allows patrons to search the collections of both libraries, place holds, and renew materials online from the comfort of their homes.

The board purchased Chromebooks for both libraries that can be used anywhere in the buildings. The browsing history is automatically wiped clean after each use to ensure patron privacy. With the help of volunteers, the single board completed the first town-wide online survey and received an above-average response rate.

Much has been going on with the library buildings on both sides of town. The single board of trustees approved the completion of the PRML basement and is working in close collaboration with the PRML Friends Group in approving donations and contracts to do so. The meeting room is already in use, and a special collections and junior room are being completed.

The trustees have received complaints that both adults and children in the community have not been able to access the Meriden Library because it is not fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In an effort to address this, the board is working with Kimball Union Academy to explore moving the Meriden Post Office and add it on to the Meriden Library. The combination and renovations could potentially make the Meriden Library fully ADA compliant and add space in a cost-effective way. There is a warrant article for the town to approve monies for this effort, which is supported by the selectboard.

On the staffing front, the board approved raises for library aides became effective in 2015. The single board ensured that the base pay rates would be the same on both sides of town and created evaluations with both directors so they are uniform as well. Because of safety concerns raised regarding supervision of two floors at both libraries and general staffing needs, the board voted to have two staff members on duty at both libraries starting July 1, 2016.

The board thanks Nancy Norwalk for her 40 years of service as director of Philip Read Memorial Library and looks forward to her transition to Associate Director at the end of June. We also thank Ruth Stalker who retired in 2015 as a library aide for her years of service at PRML. We thank the staff at both libraries for their hard work. We thank Mary King for her continued service as director of the Meriden Library and system administrator for the online catalog at both libraries.

Two library friends groups and countless passionate and dedicated volunteers and patrons continue to make both of Plainfield's libraries true gems. We thank the town for its support of both libraries and our work, and we look forward to another year of accomplishment on the town's behalf.

[Library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org](mailto:Library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org)

*Anita Brown*, Chair



## Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
Town Appropriation	\$119,505	\$119,505	\$130,954
Town Approp - FICA	\$5,143	\$5,066	\$6,382
Trust Funds	\$2,700	\$2,850	\$2,700
Gifts	\$0	\$51,679	\$0
Book Fines/Copier	\$0	\$957	\$0
Book Sales	\$0	\$160	\$0
Private/Grant Funding	\$0	\$235	\$0
Interest - Savings	\$10	\$1	\$0
Interest Checking	\$0	\$38	\$0
Total Interest Income	\$10	\$39	\$10
Misc Income	\$600	\$40	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$127,958</b>	<b>\$180,532</b>	<b>\$140,046</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Salaries	\$67,228	\$66,350	\$83,428
FICA	\$5,143	\$5,066	\$6,382
Sick Pay	\$1,285		\$600
<b>Library Materials</b>			
Audio/Visual	\$2,800	\$2,940	\$0
Books & magazines	\$13,400	\$15,664	\$0
Total Library Materials	\$16,200	\$18,604	\$17,200
Legal Expense	\$0	\$8,155	\$0
Telephone	\$1,740	\$1,870	\$1,740
Electricity	\$4,700	\$4,412	\$4,700
Fuel	\$9,832	\$9,444	\$5,746
Water/Sewer	\$800	\$587	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,072	\$2,300
Postage	\$500	\$230	\$500
Professional Activities	\$1,300	\$1,132	\$1,300
Programs	\$1,000	\$1,082	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$1,050	\$230	\$1,050
Elevator	\$1,700	\$1,516	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$5,150	\$3,804	\$5,150
Automation/Cataloging	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$2,000

<b>Expenses (con't)</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Trustee Expenses	\$650	\$150	\$650
Computer/Software	\$4,880	\$1,671	\$3,600
Misc Expense	\$900	\$74	\$200
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$127,958</b>	<b>\$128,051</b>	<b>\$140,046</b>

**Town of Plainfield Library System  
Other Income, Expense and  
Liabilites**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Income/Transfers</b>		
Bldg fund Gifts-from Friends of PRML	\$16,171	\$45,000
Transfer from Bldg fund-Meriden	\$2,950	\$23,450
<b>Expense</b>		
Building Funds Expense-PRML	\$16,171	\$45,000
Building Funds Expense-Meriden	\$2,950	\$23,450
<b>Fund Balances-Year End</b>		
Philip Read Checking	\$7,723	
Philip Read Fines Account	\$4,295	
Meriden Checking	\$6,060	
Meriden Fines Account	\$913	
Meriden Library Association (gift in process)	\$70,136	
<b>Meriden Building Fund</b>		
Savings	\$59,801	
Vanguard Money Market	\$38,084	
Vanguard Windsor Fund	\$28,958	



SKETCH of projected new Meriden Library was drawn by Doris Franklin. Recent approval of a federal grant of \$6,920 toward construction of the building brought the project close to actual ground breaking, the target date being about June 1. Townspeople pledged \$3,260 to insure eligibility for the federal grant.

## MERIDEN LIBRARY

On November 20, 1965 the Meriden Library moved into a brand new building at 22 Bean Road. 2105 marked the 50th anniversary of that move. The library has grown considerably in fifty years but still maintains the same mission to provide access to information and materials and to provide a comfortable atmosphere for community interaction.

It was a strong group of community members that came together 50 years ago to build a new library and still today we have a wonderful group of community members that continue to make our library a great resource for the village of Meriden. Our Board of Trustees dedicates countless hours to the leadership and governance of our libraries. The steering group of the Friends of the Meriden Library; Amy Lappin, Susan Nugent, Susan Russo, Leeli Bonney, and Vicki Ramos-Glew, also devote many hours to support

the library. Barb Wendt contributes numerous volunteer hours to help me maintain our database. Lee Abrahamson has provided invaluable help with projects. Brad Thompson lends his expertise and time to offer after-school programming. We are fortunate to have dedicated library assistants, Terri Crane and Lori Estey, who provide all levels of library service to our patrons and often rise to the challenge of filling the many other needs that occur in a small library. The Meriden Library is a vital element of the village because of the support of so many community members. I am grateful for all of your contributions.

Our libraries are truly great community resources. Libraries of today do more than loan materials; they offer free access to computers and the internet, access to on-line resources, museum passes, programs for all ages and provide a community gathering space. The library value calculator at ILOVELIBRARIES.ORG, estimated the value of library materials and services provided to patrons of the Meriden Library in 2105 at \$150,854.00.

In 2105, the Meriden Library circulated approximately the same number of items as we currently hold in our collection; a good indication of an appropriately sized collection. We currently hold a collection of 10,349 books, 352 audio books, and 482 DVDs. There are 424 registered borrowers. In 2015, we added 700 new items and removed 188 under-circulated, worn or outdated items from the collection. To meet patron needs we borrowed 285 items through inter-library loans; 218 of our items were lent to other libraries throughout the state.

Our patrons utilized their access to New Hampshire Downloadable books to check out 575 audio books, 371 e-books and, new this year, 30 periodicals. There continues to be growth in the use of electronic formats with a 10% increase in 2015. Through funding from the New Hampshire State Library we are able to offer access to on-line database through EBSCOHost and the Meriden Library supports two genealogy databases for patron use.

The Friends of the Meriden Library support the library with time, energy and resources. Many people contributed to make their annual plant sale fundraising event a success. Nearly all of our programming is sponsored by the Friends including performers for our summer reading program and Halloween program, an ice cream social community event and a birthday party for the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of our building. They funded passes to four area museums that were used by patrons 78 times throughout the year. New comfortable seating for the children’s room was purchased by the Friends. Together with the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library they coordinated the “One Town, One Book” series of events featuring The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 1-7pm, Thursday, 10am-7pm and Saturday 9am-12noon. We are available for questions at 469-3252 and a calendar of programs and events can be found on our web site meridennhlibrary.org.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Circulation	10,784	10,940
Visits	6,291	6,338
Programs	92	98
Program Attendance	1023	1,064
Volunteer Hours	93.5	165

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary S. King*, Director Meriden Library



Fall at the Meriden Library, a great time for a book!

Photo M. King



## **PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Calendar Year 2015**

2015 was an exciting year for the library. For the past 11 years, the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library have been raising funds to finish the downstairs level of the library addition. It is nearly completed. This past fall, the floors were laid; bookcases are under construction. The junior, teen and special collection rooms will soon be ready to use. The meeting room is already used extensively for meetings and programs. It is a wonderful space. As promised by the library trustees and Friends of the Library, this all has been accomplished without tax dollars.

Automation of the library's collection was completed this past summer, thanks to some very dedicated volunteers and staff. We are fortunate to have many volunteers who are committed to the library. They accomplish much and enhance services to our patrons.

This year I was fortunate to attend the Annual New Hampshire and New England Library Associations Conference (in Manchester) where I attended some interesting and helpful programs. Other professional activities attended were meetings of the Librarians of the Upper Valley, meetings and workshops at Howe Library, the Children's Literacy Foundation, and the newly formed Regional Collection Development group. This group is investigating sharing of resources.

The most exciting event the Philip Read Memorial Library held this year was the premier showing of "Down Down the Deep River." This film was produced by

Meriden native Will Sheff and filmed in Plainfield and Meriden. Local residents have parts in the film. A full house thoroughly enjoyed it.

Other library programs are monthly story times (with Diane MacDonald) and book discussions. The Summer Reading Program, “Every Hero Has A Story,” included five themed programs. The main event was a performance by Magician Norman Ng, funded by the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library. Other programming: a book signing by Emma Mosher (Plainfield’s oldest resident), felting classes, theater performances, films, a therapy dog, legos, special story times with Plainfield firemen, an elf, and a ski patrol member. Especially fun was a teddy bear sleepover. The library hosts a monthly foot clinic with the Connecticut Valley Home Care. I have also held historical programs for pupils of the Estabrook School. The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Friends of the Meriden Library held two joint projects: a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade float and a book/film discussion of the Grapes of Wrath. This was very successful.

Town Administrator Steve Halleran is holding office hours at the library on the first and third Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m. The Board of Selectmen is occasionally meeting at the library. Stop in and take advantage of this convenient service.

Many services are available to residents: books, magazines, DVDs, audio books, e-books and audio through the state library, interlibrary loan, museum passes to the Currier Art Museum and The Fells, computers and WiFi (752 users), and databases: Ancestry Plus (18,024 searches in 2015) and Heritage Quest (320 searches). There are 528 registered patrons.

Longtime library aide Ruth Stalker has retired. She has been a hardworking, knowledgeable, and important staff member. Ruth will be missed by the staff and patrons. Thank you, Ruth.

Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, donors, and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library for helping the library be so successful in serving our residents. We are all looking forward to another great year.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Circulation	11,040	11,947
Visits	6917	7,885
Programs	46	37
Attendance	825	724
Children's Summer Plays	8	7
Play Attendance	294	346
Volunteer Hours	481	1280

*Nancy Norwalk*, Library Director



Teddy reading to patrons during the Teddy Bear Sleepover at the Philip Read Memorial Library.



Emma Mosher signing her book, "Reflections of My Life," at the Philip Read Memorial Library Photos N.Norwalk

## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT- 2015

As previously indicated, the town report is our formal preservation of history for the department. This year was a steady year for the Police. Overall the department arrests have increased to eight six (86) individuals, up from 70 the previous year or (23%). We have also seen an increase in crimes against society. I would attribute this increase due to the recent drug usage in the Upper Valley. I am thankful of the community support with their willingness to report their observations to help protect our community.

The department still continues to cover 24/7 with the same staffing; Sargent Matthew Foss, Officer William Heighes and myself as the three full time officers. Officers Matthew Agan, Anthony Swett and Lawrence Dore as the part time officers. It should be noted that Officer Heighes has been out for 8 months with a workman's compensation issue for a knee injury. Because of this, we have been working short staffed for the past 8 month period.

### Crime Reports:

Group A. Crimes Against Persons	10	vs.	15	previous year- 33%
Crimes Against Property	57	vs.	76	previous year- 33 %
Crimes Against Society	19	vs.	3	previous year+ 533%
Group B. Crimes	60	vs.	48	previous year+ 32%

### Traffic – Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Year 2013:	932	Year 2014:	803	Year 2015:	990
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I would attribute the increase due to the price of fuel and our personnel changes. Average Speed over speed limit 17. Of the total stops, the following is a breakdown of the disposition:

Summons/Citation = Court Action	120
Warning	870

### Accidents:

A total of 69 accidents were reported to dispatch in 2015 vs. 77 in the previous year.

Collision with:

12.1 %	Struck another motor vehicle
58.6 %	Struck a fixed Object
20.7 %	Struck an animal
1.7 %	Struck a pedestrian
6.9 %	Other – slide off the roadway

In closing again I would like to thank the Community and Selectboard for their continued support.

*Paul M. Roberts* Chief of Police



## Police Department Statistical Data for the last four years

Event	2012	2013	2014	2015
DWI	6	5	11	9
Assault	4	7	4	
Sexual assault	6	2	0	3
Firing of weapons	12	15	10	14
Theft	29	22	30	29
Fraud	23	19	18	27
Domestic violence	19	19	17	28
Intoxication	9	5	2	9
Bad checks	7	4	19	17
Drugs	6	7		9
Disorderly conduct	5	6	3	4
Criminal mischief	12	24	10	16
Auto theft	2	0	0	1
Criminal threats	1	7	4	1
Arson-Fire Invest.	0	0	2	0
Burglary	17	9	1	9
Sex Offender Reg.	11	3	5	8
Pistol Permits	34	52	39	55
Court Appearance	28	15	37	18
Administrative	73	146	245	109
Burning Permits	232	262	198	136
Alarms	102	75	64	66
Animals	94	143	71	49
Medical Emer.	49	67	203	265
Fire calls	46	66	54	61
Motor vehicle	69	77	80	68
Suspicious Persons	147	134	151	130
Trespassing	8	9	6	2
Missing person	2	0	2	7
Motorist assist	76	83	68	36
Civil	7	14	25	27
Open doors	12	13	1	11
House/Property	602	521	595	132
Assist other PD'S	49	43	100	58
Accidents w/injury	17	12	14	64
Accidents w/o injury	61	68	78	69
E 911 calls	23	13	16	15
Unattended Deaths	1	1	3	1
Juvenile Matters	8	6	5	4
Car Unlocks	30	17	17	12
Auto Repo's	2	1	0	0

**MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Chief's Report**

The calendar year 2015 call numbers remained about the same as 2014 down from 2013 mainly due to the second year in a row without a major weather related problem, ex snow, ice, heavy rains. We also had a very wet spring which eliminated any early grass or brush fires we might normally have.

Both departments received nice donations to upgrade trucks and equipment this past year. John Butler a KUA senior and Plainfield resident wrote a fifteen thousand dollar grant request to the Bryne Foundation as his senior project. This approved grant allowed the Meriden Fire Department to replace our old unreliable thermal imaging camera, buy some new pagers, new flashlights and a new computer and printer for the station. TransCanda donated two used but very nice vehicles to the Plainfield Department. A 2004 Trailblazer that became the Chief's car was outfitted with donated lights, radio and siren so the cost was zero. This gives both departments the ability of having a mobile command vehicle. The second unit is a GMC one ton duel wheel four wheel drive truck that will be used to replace the chassis under our aging 1985 GMC utility truck.

I would like to remind everyone of the Meriden wild game dinner and the several dinners that Plainfield does each year as these are our major fundraiser to help the departments fund the ongoing expenses of the departments. I would also thank the folks whom we regularly see at these events.

	<b>PVFD</b>	<b>MVFD</b>		<b>PVFD</b>	<b>MVFD</b>
Alarm Activations	20	32	CO Alarms	00	00
Auto Accidents	16	12	Brush Fire	01	01
Smoke Investigation	01	01	Fire Safety	01	00
Odor Investigation	03	02	School Drill	01	01
Stove/Grill Fires	02	01	Gas/Oil Spill	02	03
Structure Fires	02	03	<b>Mutual Aid given:</b>		
Trees/wires	05	17	Cornish	02	02
Missing Persons	00	01	Lebanon	02	03
Chimney Fire	04	05	Hartford	02	00
Animal Rescue	03	02	Windsor	02	01
Assist PD	01	02	Ascutney	01	00
Event Coverage	01	01			
EMS Assist	02	03			

*Frank Currier*, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>2015</b>			<b>2016</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$3,577	\$327	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2015	\$3,500	\$2,946	-\$554	\$0
SPRING DINNER - 2016	\$0	-\$200	-\$200	\$3,000
DONATIONS	\$3,500	\$20,461	\$16,961	\$3,500
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$500	\$0	-\$500	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$500	\$0	-\$500	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$576	\$576	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$11,251	\$27,361	\$16,110	\$10,751
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,751	\$71,861	\$16,110	\$55,251
	<b>2015</b>			<b>2016</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$520	\$666	-\$146	\$1,700
ELECTRICITY	\$1,200	\$1,072	\$128	\$1,100
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,250	\$2,153	\$97	\$2,250
INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$7,915	\$85	\$8,250
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$11,150	\$10,596	\$554	\$12,000
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$689	-\$439	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$500	\$397	\$103	\$500
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$1,796	-\$196	\$1,600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$500	\$695	-\$195	\$650
TRAINING	\$3,000	\$110	\$2,890	\$3,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$9,800	\$13,637	-\$3,837	\$8,000
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$2,000	\$572	\$1,428	\$2,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$494	\$506	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$102	-\$27	\$100
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	\$2,100	\$968	\$1,132	\$2,000
KUA BRIGADE	\$501	\$115	\$386	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$510	-\$10	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$51,786	\$47,227	\$4,559	\$52,241
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FND	\$0	-\$114	\$114	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) RESERVES	\$3,965	\$24,747	-\$20,782	\$3,010
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,751</b>	<b>\$71,861</b>	<b>-\$16,110</b>	<b>\$55,251</b>

**MVFD BUDGET “SELECTED” LINE ITEMS**

<b><u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u></b>	<b>2015</b>			<b>2016</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$1,660	\$840	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,500	\$5,561	-\$3,061	\$3,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$2,000	\$1,698	\$302	\$2,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$127	\$123	\$250
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$34	\$116	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$107	\$293	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$424	\$576	\$750
AIR PACK	\$750	\$550	\$200	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$407	-\$307	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$28	\$72	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,150</b>	<b>\$10,596</b>	<b>\$554</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b><u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u></b>	<b>2015</b>			<b>2016</b>
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$3,934	-\$534	\$3,400
GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$0
FOAM/COLDFIRE				
SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$200
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$4,253	-\$4,253	\$0
BOOTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$800
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$1,973	-\$473	\$1,500
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS	\$500	\$1,525	-\$1,025	\$500
MISC	\$300	\$452	-\$152	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,800</b>	<b>\$13,637</b>	<b>-\$3,837</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year-end was \$248,409.

We transferred \$24,747 from operations at the end of the year into the Capital Reserve account.

*Ken Goodrow*-Treasurer MVFD

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

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Budget <u>2015</u></b>	<b>Actual <u>2015</u></b>	<b>Proposed <u>2016</u></b>
Accounting	\$350	\$350	\$350
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$1,196	\$2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$716	\$4,000
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,981	\$2,000
Equipment Repairs	\$3,000	\$10,094	\$6,000
Supplies	\$1,300	\$2,376	\$2,100
Electricity	\$1,200	\$1,561	\$1,600
Telephone	\$1,600	\$1,481	\$1,600
Heat/Cooking	\$5,000	\$2,329	\$2,500
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,400	\$532	\$1,000
Water	\$350	\$468	\$475
Insurance	\$5,930	\$5,322	\$5,600
Schools & Training	\$500	\$25	\$500
Fees/Dues	\$300	\$294	\$300
New Tanker Loan	\$15,995	\$15,996	\$15,996
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$75	\$69	\$75
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$978	\$1,000
Chief's stipend	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$51,500</b>	<b>\$51,269</b>	<b>\$52,596</b>

**RECEIPTS**

Grants (Title 4)	\$500	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$4,500	\$5,986	\$2,500
Town Appropriation	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
Town Training Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest /Other	\$0	\$16	\$20
Donations	\$1,500	\$3,854	\$2,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$51,500</b>	<b>\$54,856</b>	<b>\$55,020</b>
Receipts	\$54,856		
<b>Treasurer</b> Expenses	\$51,269		

*Ronda*

*Robinson*

Balance \$3,587

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

**Local:** Plainfield had a very quiet wild land fire season, both in the spring and fall seasons. We only had one grass fire all year. A lot had to do with the very wet spring we had. For the first time that I can remember we had no illegal burns this past year, though not a big problem, it seems we usually have several unpermitted burns each year. The town Forest Fire Wardens issued a total of one hundred and eighty two burn permits this past year, either seasonal permits or brush pile permits. I would like to thank all the people who requested these permits, we would much rather come out and issue a permit than get a call from dispatch to check on an unpermitted fire.

As a reminder you need a burn permit for any open burn if there is not sufficient snow cover to prevent the spread of the fire no matter what time of year it is. Just because it is "winter" does not mean there is enough snow as this year has proven. A list of wardens who can issue permits is listed on the town web site. Seasonal permits are good from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>. There are pamphlets at the town office with all the rules for open burning including what is permissible to burn and what is not. A complete list of fire wardens who can issue permits may be found on the town's website.

**State:** This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5<sup>th</sup> and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wild land firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wild land fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher 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. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wild land fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information is available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

### NH FIRE STATISTICS

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2015</u>		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>		<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Campfires	13	2015	134	661
Lightning	05	2014	112	72
Equipment	06	2013	182	144
Arson	07	2012	318	206
Debris	17	2011	125	42
Children	03	2010	360	145
Smoking	12			
Misc*	71			

\*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.

*Frank Carrier* Plainfield Fire Warden

## CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD -2015

Dear Members of the Plainfield Community:

We would like to thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts and at your annual Town Meeting. Through your generosity, we were able to:

- replace our auto extrication equipment
- update other equipment such as our suction machine and oxygen regulators
- keep medical supplies updated and in stock for personnel and the rescue truck
- pay for operating costs
- register, inspect, insure and maintain our rescue truck

In 2015, our call volume increased by 20% as members of the squad responded to 232 calls.

We are currently 22 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 Plainfield, Cornish and Meriden Fire Departments. We also provide mutual aid response for other area agencies and coverage for the 3 days of the Cornish Fair.

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

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact either myself (603)675-2002, or Gary Chilton, Vice President, 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.

Please buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector batteries at Daylight Savings times, and be safe! If you, or someone you know needs a smoke detector, please contact your local fire department.

**DIAL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY BE IT MEDICAL, FIRE, OR POLICE RELATED.**

Sincerely,

*Dale H. Lawrence*, President

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2015

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance		New Funds Created	Gain or Losses From Sale		Principle Balance		Income Balance		Income Earned		Income Expended		Year End Account Balance	
	Begin Year	Year End		From Sale	Year End	Begin Year	During Year	Begin Year	During Year	During Year	Year End	Year End	Year End	Account Balance	
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>															
Daniels Cemetery	\$8,586.42	\$8,586.42			\$378.11	\$232.24	\$235.41	\$374.94	\$8,961.36						
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$4,078.54	\$4,078.54			\$65.55	\$107.36	\$108.82	\$64.09	\$4,142.63						
Freeman Cemetery	\$3,005.25	\$3,005.25			\$43.72	\$78.99	\$80.07	\$42.64	\$3,047.89						
Gilley Cemetery	\$429.33	\$429.33			\$6.91	\$11.30	\$11.46	\$6.75	\$436.08						
Glassen Cemetery	\$29,151.67	\$29,151.67			\$468.34	\$767.36	\$777.81	\$457.89	\$29,609.56						
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$429.33	\$429.33			\$6.91	\$11.30	\$11.46	\$6.75	\$436.08						
Mill Cemetery	\$17,226.44	\$17,226.44			\$276.86	\$453.46	\$459.64	\$270.68	\$17,497.11						
Moulton Cemetery	\$8,664.20	\$8,664.20			\$139.18	\$228.07	\$231.18	\$136.07	\$8,800.27						
Penninan Cemetery	\$1,287.97	\$1,287.97			\$20.69	\$33.90	\$34.37	\$20.22	\$1,308.19						
Plainfield Cemetery	\$62,829.53	\$62,829.53			\$1,009.19	\$1,633.86	\$1,676.40	\$986.65	\$63,816.18						
Reynolds Cemetery	\$1,717.30	\$1,717.30			\$27.59	\$45.20	\$45.82	\$26.97	\$1,744.27						
River Cemetery	\$1,287.97	\$1,287.97			\$20.70	\$33.90	\$34.37	\$20.23	\$1,308.20						
Wentgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$1,073.31	\$1,073.31			\$17.24	\$28.25	\$28.64	\$16.85	\$1,090.16						
Town Cemeteries	\$4,203.21	\$4,203.21			\$68.77	\$113.01	\$114.55	\$67.23	\$4,260.44						
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$144,060.46			\$2,549.76	\$3,798.22	\$3,850.00	\$2,497.98	\$146,558.44						
<b>LIBRARY TRUST FUND</b>															
Meridon Library	\$27,691.25	\$27,691.25			\$854.86	\$923.98	\$750.00	\$228.24	\$27,919.49						
Philip Reed Memorial Library	\$79,708.53	\$79,708.53			\$601.51	\$2,080.59	\$2,100.00	\$582.10	\$80,290.63						
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$107,399.78			\$855.77	\$2,804.57	\$2,850.00	\$810.34	\$108,210.12						
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS</b>															
Ward Christmas Fund	\$4,293.22	\$4,293.22			\$121.25	\$114.37	\$120.00	\$115.62	\$4,408.84						
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$6,439.80	\$6,439.80			\$13,822.34	\$524.93	\$767.28	\$13,579.99	\$20,019.79						
Ward Easy Prize Fund	\$4,293.22	\$4,293.22			\$767.98	\$131.12	\$200.00	\$699.10	\$4,992.31						
Elijah Burns Poor Fund	\$11,808.92	\$11,808.92			\$20,943.83	\$848.51	\$1,160.09	\$20,632.25	\$32,441.18						
Earl Mower Fund	\$1,770.98	\$1,770.98			\$49.81	\$47.17	\$50.37	\$46.61	\$1,817.58						
Duncan Piano Fund	\$1,287.96	\$1,287.96			\$1,782.87	\$79.56	\$79.56	\$1,862.43	\$3,150.38						
Vernon Hood Fund	\$429.33	\$429.33			\$281.86	\$18.42	\$300.28	\$300.28	\$729.61						
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$1,925.94	\$1,925.94			\$1,882.97	\$98.68	\$1,981.65	\$1,981.65	\$3,907.59						
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$2,404.20	\$2,404.20			\$67.62	\$64.04	\$68.38	\$63.28	\$2,467.48						
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$18,264.94	\$18,264.94			\$29,147.00	\$833.48	\$29,980.48	\$48,245.42	\$66,442.5						
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$1,098.83	\$1,098.83			\$761.07	\$48.18	\$165.00	\$644.25	\$1,743.08						
Stage Set Fund	\$9,605.77	\$9,605.77			\$4,645.33	\$369.20	\$5,014.53	\$5,014.53	\$14,620.30						
Mericrafters Fund	\$556.22	\$556.22			\$15.64	\$14.82	\$15.82	\$14.64	\$570.86						
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$64,179.32			\$74,289.57	\$3,192.48	\$2,546.94	\$74,935.11	\$139,114.43						
<b>TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS</b>		\$315,639.56			\$77,695.10	\$9,795.27	\$9,246.94	\$78,243.43	\$393,882.99						



**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	\$31,500.00	\$15,000.00		\$46,500.00	\$379.85	\$221.78		\$601.63
Town Hall Fund	\$13,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$17,320.00	\$20.62	\$49.76		\$70.38
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$99,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$104,000.00	\$17,230.83	\$306.38	\$1,960.73	\$15,576.48
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$111,500.00	\$1,000.00		\$112,500.00	\$9,520.03	\$857.80		\$10,377.83
School Building Fund	\$63,000.00			\$63,000.00	\$2,276.42	\$180.63		\$2,457.05
								\$0.00
New Equipment Fund	\$39,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$89,000.00	\$945.59	\$319.10		\$1,264.69
Plainfield Water Fund	\$34,000.00			\$34,000.00	\$818.05	\$233.64		\$1,051.69
Library Repair Fund	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00		\$5,500.00	\$9.66	\$12.76		\$22.42
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$87,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$8,317.64	\$795.32	\$5,500.00	\$108,612.96
School Spec Ed Van Fund	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00	\$97.99	\$60.68		\$158.67
								\$0.00
Plainfield History Fund	\$13,900.00			\$13,900.00	\$2,783.70	\$85.20		\$2,868.90
Cemetery Care Fund	\$42,350.00			\$42,350.00	\$1,226.29	\$414.82	\$1,614.52	\$26.59
ADA Access Fund	\$28,500.00	\$5,000.00		\$33,500.00	\$166.56	\$109.52		\$276.08
School Spec Ed Fund	\$200,000.00	\$40,000.00		\$240,000.00	\$1,135.34	\$1,070.38		\$2,205.72
Transportation Imprvmtnt Fund	\$98,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$119,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$530.91	\$636.87	\$143.32	\$1,024.46
								\$0.00
School Benefits Payable	\$49,000.00			\$49,000.00	\$790.34	\$215.75		\$1,006.09
Town Beauty Fund	\$150.00			\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.05		\$0.05
Police Equipment Fund	\$9,800.00	\$6,000.00		\$15,800.00	\$1.28	\$18.48		\$15,819.76
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$45.41	\$67.87		\$20,113.28
Town Facilities Maint Fund		\$60,000.00	\$21,400.00	\$38,600.00	\$0.00	\$75.49	\$7.86	\$67.63
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$4,368.00			\$4,368.00	\$63.95	\$10.35		\$74.30
<b>TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS</b>	<b>\$957,868.00</b>	<b>\$275,500.00</b>	<b>\$149,880.00</b>	<b>\$1,083,488.00</b>	<b>\$46,360.46</b>	<b>\$5,742.63</b>	<b>\$9,226.43</b>	<b>\$42,876.66</b>
								<b>\$1,126,364.66</b>

**SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND  
TRANSACTIONS**

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for eleven 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  
 Highway Department Equipment Fund created 1987, Exp Auth 2015  
 Town Facilities Fund created in 2015

**Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2015 were:**

**Library Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation	
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bridge Fund**

Deposits-	\$5,000
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$1,961</b>
Covered Bridge rails	\$780
Covered Bridge electric upgrade	\$1,181

**Town Hall  
Repair Fund**

Deposits-	\$6,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$2,480</b>
PTH-Door Repair	\$105
MTH-Painting	\$2,375

**Revaluation Fund**

Deposits-	\$15,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ADA Compliance**

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation	
<b>Withdrawals-</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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

<b>Transportation Fund</b>	Deposits	\$55,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$119,008</b>
	Paving River Road	
<b>Townsend Bridge Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Town Beautification</b>	Deposits	\$0
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Police Equipment Fund</b>	Deposits	\$5,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Town Facilities Fund</b>	Deposits	\$60,000
	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$21,408</b>
	Hwy Garage Studies	\$4,875
	(structure, drain, septic,siteplan)	
	Fuel Tank Replacement	\$16,533

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 2015 audit in January of 2016. 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](http://www.plainfieldnh.org)

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**General Fund**  
*Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Property	\$ 1,375,175	\$ 1,430,075	\$ 54,900
Yield	12,000	11,135	(865)
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	45,000	52,300	7,300
Total from taxes	<u>1,433,175</u>	<u>1,493,510</u>	<u>60,335</u>
<b>Licenses, permits, and fees:</b>			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	7,000	5,265	(1,735)
Motor vehicle permit fees	460,000	481,313	21,313
Other	72,000	74,084	2,084
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>539,000</u>	<u>560,662</u>	<u>21,662</u>
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	114,211	114,211	-
Highway block grant	106,856	107,779	923
State and federal forest land reimbursement	65	1,069	1,004
Other	10,530	10,650	120
Total from intergovernmental	<u>231,662</u>	<u>233,709</u>	<u>2,047</u>
<b>Charges for services:</b>			
Income from departments	32,000	38,179	6,179
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Sale of municipal property	5,000	-	(5,000)
Interest on investments	1,000	1,442	442
Rent of property	500	590	90
Other	6,000	8,647	2,647
Total from miscellaneous	<u>12,500</u>	<u>10,679</u>	<u>(1,821)</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Transfers in	156,960	144,810	(12,150)
Total other financing sources	<u>156,960</u>	<u>144,810</u>	<u>(12,150)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	2,405,297	<u>\$ 2,481,549</u>	<u>\$ 76,252</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	60,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 2,465,297</u>		

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**General Fund**

*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015*

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Encumbered to Subsequent Year</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
<b>Current:</b>				
<b>General government:</b>				
Executive	\$ 194,950	\$ 200,886	\$ -	\$ (5,936)
Election and registration	3,380	5,537	-	(2,157)
Financial administration	68,700	68,833	-	(133)
Revaluation of property	13,000	20,476	-	(7,476)
Legal	8,100	14,593	-	(6,493)
Personnel administration	5,500	6,664	-	(1,164)
Planning and zoning	1,000	1,139	-	(139)
General government buildings	11,905	8,708	-	3,197
Cemeteries	25,000	29,664	-	(4,664)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	36,600	29,926	-	6,674
Advertising and regional associations	5,100	5,349	-	(249)
Other	10,530	11,389	-	(859)
Total general government	<u>383,765</u>	<u>403,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,399)</u>
<b>Public safety:</b>				
Police	356,598	322,499	16,660	17,439
Ambulance	27,000	27,255	-	(255)
Fire	94,000	92,751	-	1,249
Building inspection	8,900	9,725	-	(825)
Emergency management	250	-	-	250
Dispatching	31,100	32,360	-	(1,260)
Total public safety	<u>517,848</u>	<u>484,590</u>	<u>16,660</u>	<u>16,598</u>
<b>Highways and streets:</b>				
Public works garage	20,050	18,517	-	1,533
Highways and streets	680,200	663,220	9,200	7,780
Street lighting	12,000	9,288	-	2,712
Other	99,900	99,884	-	16
Total highways and streets	<u>812,150</u>	<u>790,909</u>	<u>9,200</u>	<u>12,041</u>
<b>Sanitation:</b>				
Solid waste collection	153,000	152,791	-	209
Solid waste disposal	48,810	48,271	-	539
Total sanitation	<u>201,810</u>	<u>201,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>748</u>
<b>Health:</b>				
Administration	18,370	18,241	-	129
Pest control	500	80	-	420
Total health	<u>18,870</u>	<u>18,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>549</u>
<b>Welfare:</b>				
Administration	2,750	3,547	-	(797)
Direct assistance	5,750	8,455	-	(2,705)
Total welfare	<u>8,500</u>	<u>12,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,502)</u>

Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	19,000	17,073	-	1,927
Library	124,649	124,581	-	68
Patriotic purposes	1,000	1,046	-	(46)
Total culture and recreation	<u>144,649</u>	<u>142,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,949</u>
Conservation	<u>500</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>
Debt service:				
Principal of long-term debt	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	1,850	1,854	-	(4)
Total debt service	<u>26,850</u>	<u>26,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Capital outlay	<u>140,855</u>	<u>128,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	<u>209,500</u>	<u>209,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 2,465,297</u>	<u>\$ 2,418,237</u>	<u>\$ 25,860</u>	<u>\$ 21,200</u>

*TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*General Fund*  
*Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015*

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		\$ 587,159
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate		(60,000)
Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus	\$ 76,252	
Unexpended balance of appropriations	<u>21,200</u>	
Budget surplus		97,452
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance		<u>26,657</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		<u>\$ 651,268</u>

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2015**

**ASSETS:**

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2,817,325
INVESTMENTS	\$3,477
PETTY CASH	\$250

**TOTAL CASH** **\$2,821,052**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$282,878

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$344,688

**TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE** **\$627,566**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$8,708

DUE FROM ST OF NH \$4,530

DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE \$630

**TOTAL ASSETS:** **\$3,462,486**

**LIABILITIES:**

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND \$2,425

DUE TO STATE OF NH \$3,307

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL-PES	\$2,672,344
INVOICES	\$20,029
ACCRUED PAYROLL	\$2,737
BONDS (Timber/Fence)	\$7,084
AFLAC	\$7

**TOTAL PAYABLES** **\$2,702,201**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$2,707,933**

**FUND BALANCE** **\$754,553**

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$2,425)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$75,000)

RESERVE-HIGHWAY (\$9,260)

RESERVE-POLICE RADIO

EQUIPMENT/INVSTG (\$16,600)

**UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE** **\$651,268**

**GRAND TOTALS:** **\$3,462,486**

**UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2014** **\$587,159**

**UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2015** **\$651,268**

**CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION** **\$64,109**

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

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 62,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 62,500</b>

**RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2015	\$ 87,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2015	<b>\$62,500</b>

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

<b>2015</b>	<b>Block Grant Allocation</b>	<b>\$99,900</b>
	Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	<b>\$119,008</b>
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$218,908</b>

**River Road**

Culverts/drainage (2014)	\$13,521
Pike-Paving 3.5 miles overlay	\$105,487
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$119,008</b>

**Ferry Hill Road/Freeman Rd Apron**

Pike-Paving	49,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,800</b>

**Willow Brook-Slide Repair**

Ledge purchases	\$2,883
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,883</b>

**Penniman Road**

Paid consultant-road profiling	\$595
Excavator Rental-Owens Leasing	\$3,800
Ledge removal-Mak's Excavation	\$1,275
Drainage structures/roadbed stabilization	\$9,710
Paving-Pike	\$31,837
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,217</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$218,908**



## 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. <b>Completed</b>
'00	River Rd	phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. <b>Completed</b>
'01	Jenney Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed</b>
'02	Daniels Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'04	Bean Rd	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed</b>
'05	Bean Rd/Westgate Culvert	drainage work. <b>Completed.</b>
'06	Westgate	base reconstruction/paving. <b>Completed.</b>
'07	Beauty Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Colby Hill Rd	base reconstruction/paving <b>Completed.</b>
'08	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 1 <b>Completed.</b>
'09	Freeman Road	base reconstruction <b>Completed</b>
'10	Freeman Road paving/Willow Brook Road	phase 2 <b>Completed</b>
'11	Willow Brook Road	base reconstruction/paving phase 3 <b>Completed</b>
'12	Main Street/Bonner Road	resurfacing. <b>Completed</b>
'13	Center of Town Road	resurfacing <b>Completed</b>
'14	River Road Pavement Shim	Phase I <b>Completed</b>
'15	River Road Pavement Shim/Penniman Road	resurfacing I
'16	Penniman Road	resurfacing II
'17	Thrasher Road	resurfacing
'17	Ferry Hill Road	resurfacing- <b>Completed</b>
'18	Methodist Hill Road	resurfacing
'19	Daniels Road	resurfacing
'20	Jenney Rd	resurfacing

**2015 Turkey Trot**  
**Julie Longacre/Molly Cherington took home the pie**



**Photo Melissa Longacre, Event Director**

**TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES -2015**

Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$16,871.75
Belyea, Judith	Selectwoman	\$2,350
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$40,423 (includes overtime)
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$6,560
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$282.38
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$6,135
Collins, Michael	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$35,337.80
Collins III, Richard	Road Agent	\$69,957
Crane, Terri	Library Aide – East	\$4,263.91
Currier, Frank	Fire Chief	\$7,200
Davidson, Helen	Supervisor of Checklist	\$146.06
Dore, Lawrence	Part-Time Patrolman	\$1,870
Eberhardt, Ron	Selectman	\$2,350
Estey, Lori	Library Aide - East	\$2,027.88
Foss, Matthew	Patrolman	\$62,126.8(includes overtime)
Franklin, Paul	Moderator	\$300
Gillens, Sarah	Library Aide - West	\$3,474.45
Goodwin, Naomi	Library Substitute - East	\$163.88
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$74,835

Heath, Cindy	Library Substitute – West	\$7.13
Heighes, William	Patrolman	\$29,781.9 (includes overtime)
Hudson, Shirley	Library Substitute - West	\$909.38
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$97.38
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$179.38
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$39,239.1 (includes overtime)
King, Mary	Library Director - East	\$24,647.40
LaFont, James	Highway- Part Time Labor	\$2,490
Lappin, Sarah	Library Substitute – East	\$266
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	\$41,062.7 (includes overtime)
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$7,677.20
Liebowitz, Susan	Dep. Tax Collect/Twn Clerk	\$8,930.82
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$142.38
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$48,607.33
Marsh, Robin	Ballot Clerk	\$142.38
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director – West	\$25,142.96
Oszajca, Sharon	Library Substitute – West	\$555.09
Reetz, Alyssa	Library Substitute – East	\$723.24
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$68,910
Rogerson, Roanne	Ballot Clerk	\$133.88
Schell, Stephanie	Human Services Director	\$2,220.64
Serem, Jerome	Part-Time Truck Driver	\$12,136.20
Sicard, Brian	Truck Driver	\$46,962.1 (includes overtime)
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$40,792 (includes overtime)
Spencer, Winston	Building Inspector- Sub	\$432
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$2,760.26
Stalker, Ruth	Library Aide - West	\$4,037.41
Swett, Anthony	Part-Time Patrolman	\$3,550
Taylor, Robert	Selectman	\$2,350
Wendt, Barbara	Library Substitute - East	\$71.25
Wilder, Fern	Supervisor of Checklist	\$38.44
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$751,671.07</b>

## HUMAN SERVICE REPORT

Dear Plainfield Neighbors,

As your 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, LifeLine Program, 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 well established 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, NH Food Bank and Southwestern Community Services in order to provide information, referrals and assistance to residents.

In the year of 2015, a total of \$12,506.07 was disbursed to assist households in need. The Food Pantry from January-December 2015 provided 4,652 meals to community members.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2015 is as follows:

<b>Housing</b>	<b>\$1,697.83</b>
<b>Electric</b>	<b>\$3,160.03</b>
<b>Heating Fuel</b>	<b>\$3,565.07</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>\$2,157.29</b>
<b>Medical</b>	<b>\$ 886.82</b>
<b>Summer Camp Scholarships</b>	<b>\$1,039.03</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,506.07</b>
<b>Donations and other revenues</b>	<b>\$ 9,047.25</b>

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 2015 totaling more than \$9,047.25, children were able to attend summer camp, weekly weekend care packages to stop 68 hours of hunger were delivered, medications were purchased, furnaces were repaired, housing modifications for safety were made, heating fuel was provided, LifeLine Systems were set-up for Seniors and general 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,  
*Stephanie M. 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 2015:

**VNAVNH:** Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. PO Box 1339 White River Jct Vt. **tel. 1-888-300-8853.**

**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.**

**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 940 John Stark Highway, Newport NH 03773 **tel. 863-9529.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

The following agencies have requested funding from our community in 2016:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Granted 2015</b>	<b>Requested 2016</b>	<b>Budgeted 2016</b>
VNAVNH	\$9,875	\$9,875	\$9,875
GCSCC	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300
Headrest	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Community Alliance	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
SW Comm Service	\$ 475	\$ 500	\$ 500
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,500	\$2,310
Mascoma Valley Health	\$1,000	\$1,778	\$1,000

### **The Plainfield History Account**

**(administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library  
January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015)**

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 now \$25; 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	\$ 1,069.74
Income:	
Sale of books & shipping	\$ 254.94
Bank interest	<u>.65</u>
Total Income	<u>\$255.59</u>
	\$1,325.59
Expenses:	
None	<u>\$0</u>
Balance December 31	\$1,325.59

Submitted

*Nancy Norwalk*, Co-Editor

## **PLAINFIELD TOWN GARAGE STUDY GROUP**

### **Sustainability of the Town's Garage and Site Preservation**

#### ***Group Participants:***

Jeff Allbright (Planning Board), Brad Atwater (Zoning Board & Finance Committee), Myra Ferguson (Conservation Commission), Bill Knight (Conservation Commission), Michael O'Leary (Chair; and Energy Committee), Evan Oxenham (Energy Committee), Mike Sutherland (Planning Board & Finance Committee)

#### ***STATEMENT OF PURPOSE***

- Advise the Selectboard on actions needed for maintenance and repair of the Plainfield Town Garage.
- Identify, define and prioritize necessary maintenance and repair items.
- Formulate a ten-year plan to implement the required work so that the building and site remains viable for the next 30 to 40 years.
- Integrate the concerns of the Plainfield Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Town Highway crew in this process.
- Recommend the necessary steps required to ensure the building and site remain in compliance with the current building codes and NH State laws.

#### ***GOALS*** To investigate research and recommend how to ensure that the...

- Town Garage is brought into compliance with New Hampshire building codes;
- Town's natural resources and water quality are protected from adverse building operations;
- Systems (e.g., water, sewer, toxic materials handling, heat, and recommended ventilation, etc.) function efficiently and appropriately;
- Modifications or repairs are made to insure the integrity of the existing garage and site; and
- Building provides an opportunity for a clean and healthy workplace for town employees.

***REPORT*** The recent focus on the sustainability of the Town Garage began a few years ago when the Plainfield Energy Committee (PEC) canvassed all of the town-owned buildings to find ways to control the high-cost of energy to maintain these buildings and save some of our tax dollars. It was also suggested that solar panels on the roofs of some of these buildings would lessen the impact of the escalating cost of electricity. The Planning Board's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) was also cited for its reference to the environmental protection of the Penniman Wetlands which is adjacent to, and downstream of, the Town Garage site.

Among the town-owned buildings canvassed by the PEC, the Town Garage has many complex challenges—most obvious is the garage is a 35-year-old building constructed on an environmentally sensitive site. The Selectboard asked for a volunteer group of residents representing various town boards and commissions to examine and make recommendations about the future of the highway maintenance buildings and site. The Plainfield Town Garage Study Group (PTGSG) started meeting in May 2015. We formulated our statement of purpose and listed our goals. However, efforts were diverted by the state's demand that our garage's underground fuel storage had to be replaced with an aboveground tank. Fortunately, the state provided grant monies for the removal of the old tank. A new above-ground fuel tank has been installed. However, the committee recommends that a concrete *spill apron* be installed to complete the project.

Through the summer and fall of 2015, the PTGSG worked to identify and document issues with the garage building and the site which need to be addressed in order to meet the needs of the highway department for the next several decades. We examined the overall site and found that the existing:

- Floor drain system did not meet code and was a potential contamination source;
- Septic system had not been maintained and was not functioning properly;
- Water well does not provide potable water for employee use; and
- Site itself may not be graded appropriately to protect the surrounding water resources.

The study group also examined the engineering reports which were completed in 2014 concerning the garage structure and conducted additional tests. Those tests evaluate the viability of the floor drains, septic system, water supply and building foundation. The reports and results of those tests are available on the town web site [www.plainfieldnh.org](http://www.plainfieldnh.org). At this time, we have not completed our evaluation of the building itself. The data collected so far does not support a conclusion as to the best course of action for the town. It *is* clear the building does not meet current code; however, it is *not* clear what remediation is necessary or at what cost.

Our primary goal in the next year is to continue the site work, gather the facts and project costs which will make the decision to repair the building or replace it possible. As we work to complete our investigations, the recommendations below can be implemented. They are appropriate regardless of the final decision about the building itself.

1. Complete the installation of a code-compliant tank to contain the mixed water/oil/chemical effluent from the garage floor drains.
2. Continue to research and determine the cost and benefit of a new building versus renovating the current building.
3. Recommend the hiring of appropriate engineering consultants to design and plan the renovations or complete reconstruction of the garage.
4. Develop a site plan and regrade the site as necessary to manage storm-water runoff and protect the Penniman Wetland and the aquifer beneath it.
5. Examine the current location of the salt shed and determine how to enhance the use of best management practices for handling road salt and protecting the neighboring water resource.
6. Clean and repair the existing well, including regrading around the current well site to prevent future contamination of the well, or drill a new well to provide potable water for employee use.
7. Complete repairs to the current septic system to make it function appropriately.
8. Protect the wetland using an appropriate vegetative buffer on the site's boundary with the wetland.

I would like to thank all of the members of the study group for their contribution and time to date in this process.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Michael O'Leary*, Chair  
Plainfield Town Garage Study Group



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT-2016**

In addition to the public hearings on the school and Town budgets, members of the Finance Committee have attended meetings of the School Board, Select Board and Library Trustees as the FY17 budgets were being developed. We appreciate the diligence and thoughtfulness of the members of each of these bodies as they have worked to balance the needs of our municipal and educational organizations with the expectations and financial capacity of our community members.

In spite of those efforts, we are concerned about the burden that ever increasing property taxes place on our community, especially on our most vulnerable citizens. Out of respect for all community members we ask that both the School Board and Select Board increase their effort to make data-based decisions, that is to make purchases or implement programs only when the need and expected benefits are clearly defined and to insist that the departments responsible define and gather the data needed to evaluate their success. The time has passed when good intentions and best guesses are sufficient reasons to add to the tax burden.

### **Proposed School District Budget**

#### **Special Education Expenses**

Each year for the past decade, the School Board asked the community to add to the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund in order to prepare for any possible extraordinary expense. As of this year, the District has \$291,000 in that fund. However, beginning this year we have special education out-of-district placements costing approximately \$340,000 per year, potentially for the next decade or more. The State's Special Education Catastrophic Aid program will refund a portion of current out-of-district expenses at the rate of 60% to 80% in the FY17 budget cycle and in each year thereafter. The remaining costs must be funded locally and will have a significant impact on the school District's budget. Within this frame, we offer the following comments.

#### **Article II – Operating Budget**

The proposed operating budget of \$6,185,016 shows an increase of \$209,769 or 3.51%, not including warrant articles. However, a decrease in non-tax revenue will result in an increase of \$234,727 in tax dollars needed. The current proposal includes a reduction of two teaching positions (based primarily on enrollment declines), the reduction or elimination of proposed purchases of computers, library books, and other materials, a suspension of the floor maintenance program (Terrazzo floors in place of carpets), and a reduction in co-curricular spending. The budget does include \$40,000 to begin the process of upgrading the fire alarm panel and gymnasium entrances to meet current fire-safety codes as directed by the State Fire Marshall. The School Board and school administration believe that further budget reductions would result in significant program changes. As always, it is up to the community to determine the level of service it wishes to support; however, the finance committee is not recommending further reductions.

#### **Article III - Support Employee Contract**

The School Board and Plainfield Support Staff Association (PSSA) have approved a two-year contract including increases to the salary scale (step & track grid) of 2% in FY17 and 2.5% in FY18 (plus a 4% step increase) for instructional employees. The agreement also includes a 3% raise each year for non-instructional support staff. In addition, all employees are moved to a consumer driven health care model which includes higher deductibles and health savings accounts.

While recognizing that the change in health care coverage is a positive step, the Finance Committee is divided with respect to this article. However, we are in agreement that the step and track salary scale seems outmoded in the current economic environment, and we urge support employees and the School Board to explore alternative, performance-based compensation models.

#### **Article IV - Teacher Contract**

The School Board and Plainfield Education Association have approved a two-year contract including a 2% raise to the base salaries each year. About half of our teachers are at the top step of the salary scale and will receive a 2% raise. The remainder will also receive a longevity step increase of 3.5% for a total of 5.5% each year. This salary increase is consistent with the increases in surrounding districts. However, Plainfield teachers' entry and top salary levels will continue to rank in the lower half of our cohort districts' salaries.

The new contract will reduce health insurance costs for both teachers and the District by changing the insurance model used to a consumer driven system which includes higher deductibles and the use of health savings accounts. In addition, the parties agreed to reduce future retirement bonuses by 50% for new and recently hired teachers.

While recognizing that the changes in health insurance and retirement systems are positive steps, the Finance Committee is divided with respect to this article. However, we are in agreement that the step and track salary scale seems outmoded in the current economic environment, and we urge the teachers and School Board to explore alternative, performance-based compensation models.

#### **Article V - Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund**

This fund has shown its value this year. It is fiscally responsible to maintain a base amount in this reserve fund to protect the school district and taxpayers from unanticipated expenses. The Finance Committee supports the School Board's recommendation to add \$35,000 to the fund.

#### **Article VI – Building Maintenance Reserve**

The School Board has proposed adding \$25,000 to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund because of the required improvements to the fire alarm panel and gym entrance to meet current fire safety codes. However, the proposed budget includes funds for approximately one third of the costs anticipated for a three-year implementation. Given the other budget increases proposed, the Finance Committee recommends that this increase be deferred and re-evaluated next year.

### **Proposed Town Budget**

#### **Article III – Operating Budget**

The Town's proposed budget of \$2,198,099 represents a 4.6% increase of \$96,167. For the most part, this increase results from fixed costs. In particular, costs for the Lebanon ambulance service and for Casella's solid waste collection (recycling) service have increased for next year. Increased costs for the Highway Department include additional road maintenance and making a part-time position full-time to reflect the actual hours being worked. In addition, the budget includes hiring a part-time facilities manager to oversee the development of a long-term plan for the maintenance and repair of Town owned buildings and increasing library staffing is to insure employee safety and provide adequate supervision on two floors in each library. Overall, the Select Board has produced a responsible budget which the Finance Committee supports.

#### **Article IV – Trust Funds**

The Trust Funds have served the Town well as a way to manage major expense liabilities. The proposed fund additions total \$180,500 which is an 18.5% decrease from last year. The Finance Committee supports these expenditures.

#### **Article V – Loader/Backhoe Purchase**

The Select Board is proposing to withdraw \$90,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a Loader/Backhoe. While the Select Board has the authority to expend funds for this kind of purchase, bringing major purchase decisions to the community for approval is a long standing practice which we support. That said, the existing backhoe continues to require excessive time and money for maintenance. We support the purchase of a replacement.

#### **Article VI – Meriden Post Office and Library**

The committee has concerns about this article. Asking whether it is feasible to move the current building, renovate it and rent it to the US postal service may be a good question to answer. It could be a cost effective way of addressing the ADA needs of the Meriden library. However, there seem to be more basic questions such as whether this use is the best use for the available Town owned land or whether the Town should take responsibility for an old building and be a rental agent, even if it is possible. If approved, we urge a full discussion with the community before these funds are expended.

#### **Conclusion**

As previous Finance Committees have noted, our school and town continue to struggle with the difficult task of balancing the community's expectation for excellent services with the ability of our taxpayers to carry the financial burden those services create. There are no right answers to where we should draw the budgetary lines except the answers provided by the community itself. It is ever more important that all of us support the many volunteers on our Boards and committees by attending meetings, giving them input and participating in the decision making process. We urge all community members to come to the School and Town Meetings and vote!

*Mike Sutherland, Ranqi Keen, Eric Brann, Dan Lapan, David Grobe, Brad Atwater*

#### **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 three meetings between November 2015 and January 2016.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:**

Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, the committee recommends for the 2016 tax year, a 50% tax exemption on Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories as allowed by RSA 72:23.

This year, Plainfield is experiencing a particularly difficult school budget year in that an out-of-district placement at Plainfield Elementary School (PES) will result in a significant increase in revenue needed to be raised from tax dollars (an out-of-district placement is a specialized school or program for a Plainfield

student outside of our local school district). Compounding this is the uncertainty of the optional exemption which has been an annual issue of concern for both KUA and the Town, making it difficult to fully understand costs early enough in the annual budgeting process.

The group discussed that the KUA/Town financial relationship began as a result of KUA being on hard financial times back in 1974. Now, with an overall declining enrollment at PES and the financial issue stated above, perhaps we have reached the point to begin to phase-out this exemption process over time.

Therefore, given the financial issues that PES is facing, KUA and the committee suggest that the optional exemption be reduced from last year's level of 80% to 50%, this will have a net increase on KUA's tax burden and will begin the process of phasing-out the current, annual exemption process.

Both parties would like to come up with a different system. The possibility exists to explore a KUA/Plainfield Tuition System, or a 'special rate' for Plainfield students. This will help move the issue out of the political arena of town meeting and will allow for all parties to assess costs earlier in the budgeting cycle with more clarity.

#### **KUA TAX EXEMPTION 2015/16 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 believes there will be 21 returning non-faculty students from Plainfield. One student has recently moved to town and is enrolled. The family of a second currently-enrolled student is purchasing a home in town this summer and should return (both are included in the 21).
3. Six local students will graduate from KUA this year. At this time KUA has applications from 11 local 8th grade students (non-KUA faculty children). Plainfield non-faculty-student enrollment could exceed 26 next school year. Two of the (11) 8th grade KUA applicants are Plainfield residents who are currently attending schools other than PES.
4. KUA anticipates that there will be 7-8 children of KUA faculty who reside in Plainfield and who will likely attend KUA next year.
5. KUA property is assessed at \$36 million dollars, of which \$27.7 million of that figure is exempt by state law.
6. Regardless of any changes to the discretionary Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitory exemption, KUA has indicated that there are at least two residential properties on the campus (\$600,000 taxable value) that they intend to request a tax exemption on for 2016. These properties are now used as faculty housing and therefore may qualify for exempt status.

7. 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. Last year, at the 80% exempt level, the property value exemption equaled \$5.21 million and the tax exemption equaled \$142,142. At a 50% exempt level, the property value exemption equals \$3.26 million and the tax exemption equals \$88,835 (using the 2015 tax rate).
8. Last tax year, KUA paid property taxes of \$85,547 to the Town of Plainfield. This makes KUA the highest property taxpayer in the town.
9. LHS tuition is \$14,266 per student for this school year 2015-2016.
10. The 2014-2015 Plainfield School District budget would have been \$370,916 higher if the 26 students had not chosen to attend KUA.
11. At the writing of this report, the Plainfield School Board has budgeted for 85.40 Plainfield students to attend LHS next school year. That is \$1,218,316 (\$14,266 per student) designated in the Plainfield School's budget for tuition.
12. 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 \$142,142. This amount represents .55 cents on the tax rate. As an example, a home with a tax-assessed value of \$250,000, would pay an additional \$138/year to off-set the discretionary tax exemption granted to KUA.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP:**

1. In the absence of the discretionary exemption, KUA, in conjunction with this committee, intends to explore a new model for the future that will continue to provide enhanced opportunities for Plainfield students to attend the private school. This will likely involve the development of a reduced day-student tuition rate for qualifying local students.
2. The Post Office lease is currently under a renewal (extension) option that runs until 8/31/2020 but can be terminated at any time with 180 days written notice by either party. KUA and the town are considering options to relocate the Post Office before the end of the lease extension period. The Selectmen are working with KUA and Plainfield's Library Trustees on a possible joint project to relocate the post office to the Meriden Library facility. An article funding a detailed study of this concept will be on the 2016 town meeting warrant.
3. There is increased concern of KUA student safety given that students are now living in dormitories along Main Street located from the top to the bottom of the hill. To improve safety, representatives of the Town and KUA are discussing options to improve lighting along walkways and crossings, and decrease speed and volume of vehicular traffic on Main Street and Route 120. Given the anticipated opening of a new tavern on Bean Road, KUA is also discussing safety issues relating to crossing

Route 120. Some general discussions have commenced about the town possibly requesting that Main Street become a locally controlled public highway rather than part of the state public highway system.

4. KUA is Plainfield's largest employer. More than eighty of KUA's 150 full- and part-time employees live in Plainfield.
5. Plainfield School is currently educating 13 students of KUA faculty that live on campus.
6. KUA makes its facilities available to Plainfield organizations and residents for a variety of activities and functions typically at no charge.
7. 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](http://www.kua.org)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stephen Beaupre, Robert Blake-KUA, Eric Brann, Betsy Duany, Myra Ferguson, Christian Forman-  
PES School Board, Steve Halleran-Town Administrator, Rob Hewett-Chair, Pamela Miller, John  
Yacavone*

Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2015/16

## ENERGY COMMITTEE 2015

The year's effort was a continuation of projects begun in previous years with the focus on three projects.

**Meriden Town Hall:** We have validated that the energy improvements at the town hall started early in 2013 have had a dramatic effect on the heating efficiency of this building. Using data compiled since 2007, we see that we used 34% less oil in the past 2 years compared to the previous years. The calculations are based on the number of gallons used per heating degree days over the year, so the variations in temperature are accounted for. We attribute this savings largely to the installation of an indoor/outdoor furnace sensor, programmable thermostats, removal of an unused door and insulating that space, and insulation of hot water pipes. You can download the detailed analysis at the Energy Committee's website under 'Reports' ([http://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/MTH Oil Use 2007-2014.xlsx](http://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/MTH%20Oil%20Use%202007-2014.xlsx)).

Work on the Meriden Town Hall continued. The restoration of the small windows and the doors was completed. It was hoped that the historically appropriate storm windows to protect these would have been installed by November, but the contractor was unable to meet this schedule. The town has received another Moose plate grant for \$7047 that will allow us to install historically appropriate storm windows for all the windows in 2016.

These will both protect the town's investment and to further limit heat loss. Once the storm windows are installed we will proceed with the rehabilitation of the large windows in 2017.

**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. Members of the Energy Committee together with representatives from the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission formed the Plainfield Town Garage Study Group which has been tasked with this engineering assessment. This has proved to be a significant effort and the work continues in 2016. The Plainfield Town Garage Study Group is providing a separate report which details this work.

**Charging Station:** Together with the Cornish Energy Committee we installed a charging station for electric vehicles at Anne's Country Store. Joanna Scharf did the electrical installation and Bill Cable was responsible for the charger and built the appropriate enclosure. A \$1000 check from Solar Source covered the cost. Anne has since installed solar panels on the store, which power the store and the charging station.

**Solarize Plainfield-Cornish II (2016)** For 2016, we hope to run a second round of Solarize Plainfield-Cornish. Visit our Energy Committee page on our town website (<http://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/energy.htm>) to find out more about this project.

Submitted by  
*Nancy Magielnicki*, Chair

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

The 2015-2016 Session of the NH General Court began with the unexpected failure of Republican Majority Leader Bill O'Brien's bid to become Speaker of the House. In a surprising turnaround, Democrats and moderate Republicans voted to place the Speaker's gavel in the hands of the much more moderate Republican, Rep. Shawn Jasper.

Bipartisan majorities were cobbled together time and again over the course of 2015 to produce a fairly creditable record of accomplishment. These successes included increased protection for victims of domestic violence, the expansion of redevelopment districts, restrictions on the sale of synthetic drugs (like "spice"), protection of workers' compensation, and the preservation of both the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and the electric renewable portfolio standard (RPS) - the foundations of NH's renewable energy programs. In addition, we were able to prevent cuts to the budget of the Department of Transportation, ensuring funds to continue to maintain our roads and bridges, albeit at less than adequate levels.

As a first-time Legislator in 2015, I did my best to support civil rights, economic growth, and environmental protections. I co-sponsored a Bill out of my Resources, Recreation and Development Committee (R,R & D) that would increase protections for clean water and wildlife habitat via wetland buffers, and a Bill which both recognized the

contributions of Bhutanese refugees to New Hampshire, and called on the federal government to aid in resolving the Bhutanese refugee crisis.

In 2016 I am sponsoring three Bills – all of which are designed to facilitate the transition away from our current dependence on fossil fuels, and move us towards a sustainable energy future based on renewable resources. As someone who worked for the National Academy of Sciences for almost a decade, I recognize the scientific validity of the data and methods used, and the conclusions reached, by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). And as a member of both the NH Legislature and the Plainfield Energy Committee, I am working to make more renewable energy options available to more members of our community.

Among the Bills I am co-sponsoring in 2016 is one that would go after one of the most outrageous tax loopholes currently on the books in NH. This Bill would suspend tax breaks for some of the largest companies in NH, and direct the monies saved to completing essential water and sewer improvement projects around the state. Once considered to be justified as encouraging “pollution control,” these 1950s era tax breaks should have lapsed long ago, instead they were made permanent. The 13 recipients of this largesse include Seabrook Station owner NextEra, and Eversource, owner of the Newington Station and Schiller Station in Portsmouth. Currently these successful business ventures receive tax exemptions on properties assessed at roughly \$250 million, at a cost of roughly \$4.3 million to communities - and to property tax payers - across the state.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association asserted in its Legislative Bulletin: “We know legislators are tired of this issue. They could make it go away by doing what they know is the right thing: end this corporate welfare scheme and cast a vote for the taxpayers of New Hampshire by supporting HB 1427.”

The 2016 portion of the biennium is already off to an unexpected start, with a marathon series of votes aimed at overturning the Supreme Court’s *Citizens United* decision via a constitutional amendment. The surprising momentary victory of this measure in our overwhelmingly Republican legislature (before a parliamentary maneuver deep-sixed it) drew immediate national media attention. In the end the measure failed by only 2 votes. Those who attended last year’s Town Meeting will recall Plainfield’s unanimous vote in favor of precisely such a constitutional amendment, aimed at curtailing the corrupting influence of big, secret money in our electoral system. After its passage, I took our Town Meeting’s warrant article to Washington, D.C., where I met with the members of the NH Congressional delegation and their staffs, to discuss overturning *Citizens United* and supporting action on climate change. While both Annie Kuster and Jean Shaheen were fully engaged and committed on both these issues, Kelly Ayotte rejected our town’s call for a constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United*, instead defending the position that money equals speech, and should therefore be protected.

Upcoming issues for 2016 include: Medicaid expansion; the opioid crisis; the establishment of a minimum (or a prevailing) wage; the state’s relationship with Planned Parenthood; net-metering for renewable energy generation; and the perennial need to come to grips with the gap between the needs of NH’s citizens and communities, and the revenues being generated. Please contact me with suggestions, advice, or concerns re issues before the Legislature, at [Lee.Oxenham@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Lee.Oxenham@leg.state.nh.us). I am here to represent you and our community. Thank you for the opportunity to do so.

Representative *Lee Oxenham*



## Meriden Village Water District 2015 Operator's Report

2015 was the first full year of operation of the Wastewater Treatment Facility under the new EPA issued discharge permit. The new permit contains limits for three new pollutants not contained in any of the previously issued permits. Ammonia, Phosphorus, and Copper limits have been difficult to meet at various times during the year. Ammonia has been in violation only during times when the effluent temperature is low (early Spring/late Fall). Copper has been in violation of permit limits during much of the fall and winter months. Phosphorus has been consistently in violation during the entire monitoring season. The Commissioners retained the services of Horizons Engineering from Littleton and New London NH, to perform a feasibility study for various alternatives to achieve total compliance with the new permit. Several treatment facility modifications were examined for both their cost and performance. Costs ranged from 1.2 to more than 3 million dollars for only partial compliance with Ammonia and Phosphorus. Horizons also studied the feasibility of rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). RIBs discharge treated effluent to the groundwater as opposed to surface water. EPA permits are not required for the operation of RIBs, instead the State of NH issues groundwater discharge permits which do not contain the same stringent monitoring requirements.

In the late spring fifteen test pits were dug on MVWD property to assess the soil conditions for the installation of RIBs. Several areas of favorable soil conditions were found and in the opinion of the engineer could support groundwater discharge. Horizons proposed the installation of RIBs as the preferred option for permit compliance. The installation of seven rapid infiltration basins capable of handling 40,000 gallons per day of treated effluent each is expected to cost \$800,000. Monitoring wells will be installed in the spring of 2016 and a scale test RIB will be constructed to study the actual groundwater conditions. A bond vote is anticipated in March of 2017. A reduction in the amount of inflow and infiltration of clean water that enters the sewer collection system will be an important part of the RIB project.

The winter of 2015 will be remembered for the extremely cold conditions causing the frost to penetrate the ground to very deep levels. Several customers experienced frozen water services. The installation of water meters continues to be investigated by the District. The State of NH has required this and vendors and contractors continue to be discussed. The District will need to find a new property and liability insurance provider as the Local Government Center will no longer be in the business. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) are now being filed electronically with the EPA via the Net DMR system. Net DMR is the second largest Federal filing requirement, the IRS is the largest.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

*Jeffrey S. Albright*

*Murray Dewdney*

*Nathaniel 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 **MERIDEN FIRE STATION** in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday **the fifteenth day of March 2016 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.

**ARTICLE II.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,089 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, with said funds to come from user fees. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

**ARTICLE V.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading facilities on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1, with said funds to come from user fees. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

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

**ARTICLE VII.** To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February, 2016.

**A true copy attest:**

*Jeffery Albright*  
*Murray Dewdney*  
*Nathaniel Pierson*

**MINUTES**  
**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 17, 2015**

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 seventeenth of March 2015 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:	Jeffrey Allbright
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 \$227,014, 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 as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2014 Town Report be amended as follows: that Article IV of the Warrant include the words "with said funds to come from user fees", and that Article V of the Warrant include the words, "with said funds to come from user fees and unexpended fund balance", 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), with said funds to come from user fees, 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 twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000), with said funds to come from user fees and unexpended fund balance, to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading facilities on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it

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

RESOLVED:

1. That District charges for residential sewer service remain unchanged at \$100 per quarter.
2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy remain unchanged at \$8,800 per month.
3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School remain unchanged at \$500 per month.
4. That District charges for residential water service remain unchanged at \$80 per quarter.
5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$5,200 per month to \$5,450 per month.

**ARTICLE VII.** In other business, 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 J. Garfield, Clerk*

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

**SUBJECT: 2015 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 25, 2016

**Meriden Village Water District  
Water Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2015**

**Assets:**

Checking account balance	\$48,711.85
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$122,877.83
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$15,036.44
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Total Assets	\$186,626.12

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$122,877.83
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Total Liabilities	\$122,877.83
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$63,748.29
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Grand Total	\$186,626.12

**Principal Balance Long Term Debt:**

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$402,657.82
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**Sewer Department Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2015**

**Assets:**

Checking account balance	\$53,473.42
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$108,612.96
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$18,240.45
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Total Assets	\$180,326.83

**Liabilities:**

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$108,612.96
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Total Liabilities	\$108,612.96
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$71,713.87
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Grand Total	\$180,326.83

**Principal Balance Long Term Debt:**

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$191,751.77
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**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
Sewer Charges	\$131,200	\$131,446	\$130,541	\$140,342	\$130,218
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$9,000		\$2,250	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$15		\$72	\$0
From Capital Reserve				\$12,500	\$40,000
Transfer from Water					\$0
From Surplus	\$4,558		\$29,700	\$3,582	\$10,000
Other Income	\$0	\$2,354		\$1,447	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$135,758</b>	<b>\$142,815</b>	<b>\$160,241</b>	<b>\$160,192</b>	<b>\$180,218</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
Office	\$1,000	\$950	\$1,000	\$510	\$1,000
Legal	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$215	\$200
Electricity	\$6,000	\$6,686	\$8,300	\$7,273	\$8,300
Insurance	\$23,350	\$23,716	\$25,165	\$23,784	\$23,800
Maintenance	\$15,000	\$13,712	\$17,000	\$7,385	\$17,000
Telephone	\$1,400	\$1,093	\$1,200	\$1,095	\$1,200
Wages	\$39,150	\$33,920	\$35,000	\$34,893	\$35,700
FICA, Medicare	\$3,500	\$3,459	\$3,700	\$3,562	\$3,700
Retirement	\$6,025	\$6,121	\$6,200	\$6,355	\$6,400
Interest on debt	\$7,803	\$7,803	\$7,246	\$7,246	\$6,688
Principal on debt	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980
Supplies	\$3,000	\$1,570	\$3,000	\$2,518	\$3,000
Effluent Testing	\$2,600	\$2,854	\$4,000	\$4,590	\$4,500
Vehicle	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$120	\$750
Capital Reserve Ground Water	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$5,000
Monitoring	\$5,000	\$6,404	\$6,500	\$7,652	\$7,000
Special Projects	\$0		\$0	\$12,016	\$40,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$135,758</b>	<b>\$129,268</b>	<b>\$160,241</b>	<b>\$160,192</b>	<b>\$180,218</b>

**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
WATER DEPARTMENT**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
Water Rents	\$83,200	\$80,493	\$83,673	\$93,478	\$84,271
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$3,450		\$800	\$0
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$0	\$10		\$163	\$0
From Capital Reserve					
From Surplus	\$5,146	\$2,326	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,000
Other Income		\$503	-	\$482	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$91,946</b>	<b>\$90,382</b>	<b>\$92,773</b>	<b>\$98,523</b>	<b>\$92,871</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget \$2,014</b>	<b>Actual \$2,014</b>	<b>Budget \$2,015</b>	<b>Actual \$2,015</b>	<b>Budget \$2,016</b>
Office	\$500	\$276	\$500	\$42	\$500
Legal	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250
Electricity	\$6,000	\$5,990	\$7,200	\$7,319	\$7,400
Insurance	\$6,000	\$5,964	\$6,000	\$6,081	\$6,000
Maintenance	\$15,000	\$16,298	\$16,000	\$6,124	\$15,000
Telephone	\$300	\$363	\$250	\$375	\$250
Wages	\$11,465	\$11,298	\$11,400	\$11,673	\$11,900
FICA, Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$2,060	\$2,042	\$2,100	\$2,161	\$2,200
Interest on debt	\$15,467	\$15,467	\$14,500	\$14,498	\$13,497
Principal on debt	\$28,904	\$28,904	\$29,873	\$29,873	\$30,874
Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,280	\$2,000	\$1,393	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$1,700	\$1,939	\$2,000
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$91,946</b>	<b>\$90,382</b>	<b>\$92,773</b>	<b>\$82,477</b>	<b>\$92,871</b>

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

The Water District was pretty quiet during 2015, with no major projects undertaken. We did begin the process of repairing damaged curb stops, something that will keep us busy for some years. The combination of iron-bearing acidic soil and poor materials used in system construction in the 1970s means that many curb stops and valves are now fused into a large iron blob, and no longer operate.

System operation during 2015 was generally satisfactory. Our operator was out on medical leave for an extended period, with coverage given by commissioners Patalano and Gillens. We were able to meet testing requirements, but did not complete the hoped for improvements in the treatment house, since planning requires the involvement of our system operator.

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. We did receive a fairly large portion of our "old debt" when two residences were sold.

The DES grant program that is expected to bring in about \$3900 this year was funded for the 2015 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to \$80,000 with \$20,000 payments annually for the remaining four years of the bond. The slight reduction in rates we were able to adopt in 2012 still yielded enough revenue to meet our expenses.

Our project plan this year involves digging trenches across Route 12-A and Roberts Road to replace the existing four inch lines there with six inch lines and fittings, in the process hopefully improving flow to our customers located at the outer ends of the system. We are pushing this project up to get it completed before the State paves Route 12-A, after which we will be unable to trench for seven years. We are also working with customers to add new service or correct issues that were created in past years.

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 Drye*  
*Ralph Patalano*  
*Gordon Gillens*



**WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

**SULLIVAN. SS.**

To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in the said State of New Hampshire, 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 26th of March 2016 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 **\$55,490** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE IV.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for the purpose of replacing water lines and associated valves in the areas of Route 12-A at Lawton Lane, and Roberts Road at Route 12-A and to authorize up to **\$15,000** in funds for this project to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

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

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

At true copy attest: *Robert Drye, Ralph Patalano, Gordon Gillens*

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**ASSETS**

Cash	76,677
Accounts receivable	29,377
Machinery and equipment	24,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>450,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 760,342</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>80,000</u>
Total liabilities	80,000

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted assets	<u>680,342</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 760,342</u>

**Plainfield Village Water District  
Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2015**

<b>Opening Cash position</b>	<b>\$62,334</b>
Water Rent	\$53,453
Other Income	<u>\$4,913</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$58,366</u></b>
Admin Expenses	\$4,366
Operations	\$14,406
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	\$20,000
Bond Debt - Interest	\$5,250
TAN notes - interest	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total operating disbursements</b>	<b>\$44,022</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	
2014 Article IV	\$0
<b>Transfers to Trust Funds</b>	
2014 Article V	\$0
<b>Transfers from Trust Funds</b>	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	\$0
<b>Net cash flow before TAN borrowings</b>	<b>\$14,343</b>
Net TAN borrowings	\$0
<b>Net change in cash balance</b>	<b><u>\$14,343</u></b>
<b>Ending Cash position</b>	<b>\$76,677</b>

**Plainfield Village Water District  
Proposed Budget 2016**

	2015 Proposed	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed
<b>INCOME</b>			
Water Rent	\$51,000	\$58,358	\$56,500
District Tax			
Hydrant Service			
Interest Income	\$25	\$7	\$10
Other Income	\$4,921	\$4,906	\$3,925
Transfer from Expendible			
Starting cash balance	\$62,334	\$62,334	\$76,677
Total	<u>\$118,280</u>	<u>\$125,605</u>	<u>\$137,112</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative</b>			
Officers Salaries	\$1,290	\$1,040	\$1,290
Officer Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$250
Clerical Salaries	\$750	\$275	\$750
Payroll Taxes	\$750	\$1,283	\$1,200
Postage	\$250	\$244	\$250
Office Expenses	\$1,000	\$313	\$1,000
Administrative/Legal	\$500	\$0	\$500
Insurance/Bonding	\$1,100	\$1,211	\$1,200
Total Administrative	<u>\$5,890</u>	<u>\$4,366</u>	<u>\$6,440</u>
<b>Operations</b>			
Maintenance-Labor	\$8,250	\$6,419	\$8,250
Maintenance-Supplies	\$2,000	\$281	\$1,500
Maintenance-Service	\$2,000	\$2,643	\$3,000
Utilities-Electricity	\$2,400	\$1,948	\$2,000
Utilities-Propane	\$850	\$1,234	\$1,000
Utilities-Telephone	\$1,100	\$1,036	\$1,100
Water Sample Tests	\$3,000	\$575	\$3,000
System Improvements	\$5,000	\$271	\$5,000
Total Operations	<u>\$24,600</u>	<u>\$14,406</u>	<u>\$24,850</u>
<b>DEBT</b>			
Principal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$4,200
Tax Anticipation Notes t			
Tax Anticipation Interest			
Total Debt Service	<u>\$25,250</u>	<u>\$25,250</u>	<u>\$24,200</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$55,740</u>	<u>\$44,022</u>	<u>\$55,490</u>
<b>Article IV 2016 Warrant</b>	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>\$55,740</u>	<u>\$44,022</u>	<u>\$75,490</u>

**MARRIAGES 2015**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPLICANTS</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF ISSUANCE</b>	<b>TOWN OF MARRIAGE</b>
09/12/2015	White, Justin W McNamara, Elizabeth A	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/19/2015	Liston, Robin A Mellow, Erin E	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Lyman
10/23/2015	Rollins, Christopher E Kahn, Susan G	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Lebanon	Lebanon
12/18/2015	Leahy, Maureen M Hall, Maria P	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield

**BIRTHS – 2015**

<b>D.O.B.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
01/23/2015	Rogers, Hunter George	Lebanon	Rogers, Quentin	Hadlock, Aimee
01/23/2015	Billingham, Ryker Theodore	Lebanon	Billingham, Zachariah	Billingham, Jennifer
02/06/2015	Nichols, Pepper Ann	Lebanon	Nichols, Brett	Nichols, Emily
04/14/2015	Goodwin, Chase Otis	Lebanon	Goodwin, Joshua	Goodwin, Brittany
04/14/2015	Crary, Orianna Mae	Lebanon	Crary, James	Caron, Heather
05/09/2015	Rogers, Olivia Deborah-Jean	Lebanon	Rogers, Ian	Rogers, Amanda
05/12/2015	Klocek, Ruby Ann	Lebanon	Klocek, David	Klocek, Erin
06/16/2015	Boyer, Jackson Cole	Lebanon		Ross, Teresa
07/09/2015	Ramsey, Lawrence Christopher	Lebanon	Ramsey, Marc	Ramsey, Jenny
10/02/2015	Lonergan, Violet Alice	Lebanon	Lonergan, Ryan	Burnett, Emily
10/12/2015	Hassard, Priya Shaye	Lebanon	Hassard, Robert	Munsell, Crystal
11/13/2015	Laundry, Ellie Grace	Lebanon	Laundry, Joseph	Laundry, Kristen
12/29/2015	Smith, Jacob Allen	Lebanon	Smith, Shane	Smith, Ashley

### DEATHS – 2015

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>
01/08/2015	LaFlam Sr, Robert	Mass	LaFlam, Leonard	Taylor, Doris
01/13/2015	Krasnoff, Margo	Plainfield	Krasnoff, Lawrence	Fischbein, Marilyn
02/03/2015	Estey, Gregory	Plainfield	Estey, Alva	Bickford, Eda
02/05/2015	Baril, Richard	Lebanon	Baril, William	Leroux, Agnes
02/25/2015	DePalma, John	Lebanon	DePalma, Augelo	Cantlin, Florence
03/07/2015	West, Gertrude	Unity	Reade, Leon	Locke, Julia
05/14/2015	Blake Jr, Arthur	Claremont	Blake Sr, Arthur	Ryan, Emma
05/17/2015	Isaacs, Hope	Mass	Pittsley, Jasper	Dipietro, Rose
05/19/2015	Bushor Jr, Charles	Plainfield	Bushor Sr, Charles	Rice, Vera
06/08/2015	Woodward-Poor, John	Lebanon	Poor, Daniel	Walker, Agatha
07/04/2015	Nadeau, Gerard	Plainfield	Nadeau, Adaloid	LaPlante, Sara
09/21/2015	Strong Jr, Carlton	Vermont	Strong Sr, Carlton	Kelsey, Dorothy
10/06/2015	Williams, Marie	Lebanon	Gleason, William	Williams, Hellen
11/03/2015	Perry, Clara	Unity	Ellis, Frank	Smith, Mary
11/13/2015	Young, Gregory	Lebanon	Young, Thomas	unknown, Paulina



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