

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