

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

New Hampshire

Annual Report

2016

Annual Reports
of the
Officers and Selectmen
and the
School District

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Paul B. Franklin	2018
TOWN CLERK	Michelle Marsh	2019
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	Sue Liebowitz	
 SELECTBOARD	Ron C. Eberhardt	2017
	Robert W. Taylor	2018
	Judith A. Belyea	2019
 TREASURER	Sarah Brookes-Governo	2017
TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	2017
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Sue Liebowitz	
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Edward Stansfield	2017
	Donald Garfield	2018
	Jesse Stalker	2019
 LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Mark Pensgen	2017
	Emily Sands	2018
	Nancy Liston	2018
	Suzanne Spencer	2019
	Jean Strong	2019
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Harold Jones Jr.	2018
	Donald Jordan	2020
	Fern Wilder	2021
 CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Margaret Drye	2017
	Bradford Atwater	2017
	James Taylor	2018
	Stephen Halleran	Resigned
 ASSIST. MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	
 BALLOT CLERKS	Sarah Brookes-Governo	
	Robin Marsh	
	Elizabeth Lurie	

BALLOT CLERKS (con't)	RoAnne Rogerson Jill Young, Alt
ROAD AGENT	Richard Collins
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Daniel Cantlin
HEALTH OFFICER	Stephanie Schell
ZONING ADMIN.	Stephen Halleran
BUILDING INSPECTOR	David Lersch
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.	James McCarragher
DEPUTY EMD	Robert Taylor
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Paul Roberts, Chief Matthew Foss Anthony Swett William Heighes-resigned in August Lawrence Dore, PT Matthew Agan, PT

PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair Michael Sutherland Jeffrey Allbright Elise Angelillo Douglas Gest Stephen Halleran, Alt Judith Belyea, Selectwoman
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ZONING BOARD	Richard Colburn, Chair Edward Moynihan Bradford Atwater William McGonigle Scott MacLeay, Alt
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Myra Ferguson, Chair Judith Ptak William Knight David Grobe Anne Donaghy David Taylor Ron Eberhardt
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Sutherland, Chair
David Grobe
Bradford Atwater
Marc Morgan
Sarah Gillens

**ENERGY
COMMITTEE**

Michael O’Leary, Co Chair
Steve Ladd, Co Chair
Allan Ferguson
Ron Eberhardt
Evan Oxenham
Frank Perotti

UVLSRPC

John Yacavone

**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
John Yacavone
Andrea Keen
Robert Hewett
Myra Ferguson
Chris Foreman, School Board
Robert Blake, Kimball Union Academy
Stephen Halleran, Selectboard Rep.

**WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS TOWN OF PLAINFIELD**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: One Selectboard member for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, One Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for two years and any other necessary town officers.

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 18th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,254,618** to defray town charges for the 2017 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$200,887
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	15,330
3. Financial Administration	68,100
4. Revaluation of Property	12,000
5. Legal Expenses	14,000
6. Personnel Administration	8,500
7. Planning and Zoning	1,000
8. General Government Buildings	17,025
9. Cemeteries	28,100
10. Insurance	50,500
11. Regional Associations	6,100
12. Police	387,796
13. Ambulance Service	30,500
14. Fire	55,000
-Plainfield	
-Meriden	44,500
15. Building Inspection	8,900
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	31,000
19. Highway Administration	18,050

20. Highways and Streets	686,738
21. Road Projects	115,956
22. Street Lights	12,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	163,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	51,810
25. Health Agencies	18,485
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	10,000
28. Recreation Commission	19,000
29. Library	148,266
30. Patriotic	1,000
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	725
Total:	\$2,254,618

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

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$167,500** 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	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015.
\$10,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$10,000	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:

\$10,000	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 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** to continue the restoration of the stone entryway into the Plainfield Plain Cemetery. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. To see if the Town of Plainfield will adopt the Philip Read Memorial Library as the town's one public library building supported by the Town of Plainfield's tax appropriations. The result being that the Meriden Public Library building will no longer have funds raised and appropriated by property tax dollars for the building's maintenance and operation as of March 17th 2018. Article by Petition.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to continue the Meriden Library/Meriden Village Study Committee established in 2016 for the ensuing year

ARTICLE 10. Resolved, that the Town of Plainfield through the FERC relicensing process, has been presented with information on the Connecticut River. If it is shown that there is a causal relationship between the operation of the Wilder Dam by the TransCanada Corporation or subsequent owners resulting in deterioration of the riverbank and attendant roads and farmland, it is recommended that the Town of Plainfield formally request that TransCanada or subsequent owners modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

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

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 15th day of February in the year 2017, 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:

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

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

Michelle Marsh
Notary Public
My Commission expires
August 22nd 2017

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2017 to December 31st 2017

	2016	2016	2017	Percent	Dollar
EXPENDITURES	Approved	Expenditures	Request	Change	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$197,977	\$206,309	\$200,887	1.5%	\$2,910
Election/Registration	\$14,330	\$18,185	\$15,330	7.0%	\$1,000
Financial Administration	\$68,200	\$67,506	\$68,100	-0.1%	-\$100
Revaluation of Property	\$13,000	\$14,589	\$12,000	-7.7%	-\$1,000
Legal Expense	\$8,100	\$10,027	\$14,000	72.8%	\$5,900
Personnel Administration	\$6,500	\$7,110	\$8,500	30.8%	\$2,000
Planning and Zoning	\$1,000	\$911	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
General Government Buildings	\$12,425	\$15,747	\$17,025	37.0%	\$4,600
Cemeteries	\$25,600	\$29,208	\$28,100	9.8%	\$2,500
Insurances	\$40,500	\$28,067	\$50,500	24.7%	\$10,000
Regional Associations	\$6,100	\$5,561	\$6,100	0.0%	\$0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$354,777	\$344,911	\$387,796	9.3%	\$33,019
Ambulance	\$34,500	\$34,785	\$30,500	-11.6%	-\$4,000
Fire-Plainfield	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.0%	\$0
Fire-Meriden	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$44,500	0.0%	\$0
Building Inspection	\$8,900	\$9,391	\$8,900	0.0%	\$0
Emergency Management	\$250	\$0	\$250	0.0%	\$0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$4,100	\$4,622	\$4,100	0.0%	\$0
Dispatch Service	\$29,000	\$30,459	\$31,000	6.9%	\$2,000
HIGHWAYS, STREETS					
Highway Administration	\$20,050	\$19,943	\$18,050	-10.0%	-\$2,000
Highway and Streets	\$685,679	\$673,227	\$686,738	0.2%	\$1,059
Road Projects	\$111,496	\$110,675	\$115,956	4.0%	\$4,460
Street Lights	\$10,000	\$11,902	\$12,000	20.0%	\$2,000
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$163,000	\$162,201	\$163,000	0.0%	\$0
Solid Waste Disposal	\$47,810	\$53,002	\$51,810	8.4%	\$4,000
Health					
Health Admin/Agencies	\$18,585	\$17,438	\$18,485	-0.5%	-\$100
Animal Control	\$500	\$170	\$500	0.0%	\$0
WELFARE					
General Assistance	\$10,000	\$12,707	\$10,000	0.0%	\$0
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Recreation Commission	\$19,000	\$17,619	\$19,000	0.0%	\$0
Libraries	\$137,336	\$133,026	\$148,266	8.0%	\$10,930
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000	\$965	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Conservation Commission	\$500	\$592	\$500	0.0%	\$0

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DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-term debt	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest Long-term debt	\$1,285	\$1,294	\$725	-43.6%	-\$560
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,176,000	\$2,166,649	\$2,254,618	3.6%	\$78,618
TOTAL					

EXPENDITURES

Item	2016 Approved	2016 Expenditures	2017 Request	Percent Change	Dollar Change
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.0%	\$0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.0%	\$0
Hwy Bridge Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	100.0%	\$5,000
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	\$0
Facilities Fund	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$15,000		-\$3,000
Revaluation Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	-50.0%	-\$10,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	100.0%	\$5,000
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%	\$0
ADA Access Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	\$0
Hwy New Equipment	\$90,000	\$86,000	\$0		-\$90,000
Cemetery Wall Repair	\$0	\$0	\$7,000		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$260,500	\$256,500	\$174,500	-33.0%	-\$86,000
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,436,500	\$2,423,149	\$2,429,118	-0.3%	-\$7,382



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	2016	2016	2017	Percent	Dollar
	Anticipated	Received	Anticipated	Change	Change
REVENUES					
TAXES					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$5,385	\$5,385	\$5,100	-5.3%	-\$285
Yield Taxes	\$17,000	\$24,585	\$22,000	29.4%	\$5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$55,000	\$57,358	\$55,000	0.0%	\$0
Excavations	\$0	\$53	\$0		
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
Licenses & Fees	\$6,000	\$5,351	\$6,000	0.0%	\$0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$485,000	\$512,868	\$520,000	7.2%	\$35,000
Trash User Fees	\$85,000	\$81,675	\$82,000	-3.5%	-\$3,000
STATE REVENUE					
Rooms and Meals Dist	\$123,637	\$123,637	\$123,637	0.0%	\$0
Highway Block Grant	\$115,956	\$115,956	\$115,956	0.0%	\$0
State Reimbursements	\$64	\$64	\$65	1.6%	\$1
CHARGES FOR SERVICE					\$0
Income from Departments	\$35,000	\$49,927	\$38,000	8.6%	\$3,000
Reimbursements	\$500	\$445	\$500	0.0%	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE					\$0
Sale of Town Property	\$3,000	\$10,824	\$3,000	0.0%	\$0
Interest on Deposits	\$1,500	\$1,639	\$1,500	0.0%	\$0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$90,000	\$86,000	\$0		-\$90,000
Trust Funds	\$10,000	\$9,463	\$10,000	0.0%	\$0
Fund Balance Utilization	\$0		\$0		\$0
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,034,042	\$1,086,230	\$983,758		
NET APPROPRIATION	\$1,402,458	\$1,336,919	\$1,445,360	3.1%	\$42,902
Change in dollars from taxation:			\$42,902.00		
Projected tax rate impact			\$0.16		

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2016

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield began at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Moderator Paul Franklin opened the meeting at 8:00 am with the reading of Articles 1 & 2 and the posting certifications. Michelle Marsh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by Stephen Halleran. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative followed and the polls were declared opened.

Total Number on Checklist: 1623

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 301

Percentage of Voting: 18.54%

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: A Moderator for two years, a Town Clerk for three years, one Selectboard member for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, and any other necessary town officers.

Select board Member for three years:

Judith A. Belyea 270

Write-Ins:

Beverly Widger 1 Mark Horne 1

Jeff Marsh 1 Justin Rogers 1

Eric Brann 1 Bonnie Swift 1

Judith A. Belyea was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Jesse R. Stalker 283

Jesse R. Stalker was declared elected.

Two Library Trustees for three years:

Jean S. Strong 216

Suzanne Spencer 176

Cindy Heath 135

Write-Ins:

Dennis Girouard 1 Raymond Morin 1

Diane Rogers 1 Bev Widger 1

Jean S. Strong and **Suzanne Spencer** were declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years:

Stephen Halleran 269

Write-Ins:

Darrell Beaupre	1	Elaine Lenz	1
Jerry Doolittle	1	Bob Marrazzo	1
Boone Rondeau	1	David Taylor	1
James Taylor	1		

Stephen Halleran was declared elected.

Town Clerk

Michelle Marsh 279

Michelle Marsh 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 provide enhanced opportunities for development in the Village Residential Zoning District, the following change is proposed: **Remove** the 20% maximum lot coverage requirement for the Village Residential Zoning District and **replace** it with a maximum lot coverage of 40%.

Yes **224** No 64

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

Question 2. In order to clarify what is meant by the term Impervious Surface, the following change is proposed: **Add** to Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance-Definitions the following: **Impervious surfaces:** Surfaces that cannot effectively absorb and infiltrate water and therefore increase both the amount and rate of storm water run off. Examples of impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to driveways, parking areas, sidewalks, roofs, decks, and patios. Vegetative surfaces are not considered impervious.

Yes **266** No **27**

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

The polls closed at 7:00 p.m; a motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative to recess the meeting until Saturday, the 12th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Plainfield school gymnasium.

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 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 "America the Beautiful" and a few words offered by Pastor Rubin Jennings who also asked for a moment of silence to honor residents who are no longer with us. A special mention was made by Steve Halleran to remember Fred Sweet who had served as Town Treasurer for more than 53 years.

The Moderator then introduced the town officers and recognized Selectboard member Robert Taylor who awarded the 2015 Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to the late Halton “Al” Grindle for his service to the town, in particular for his devotion to the Seniors of Plainfield and the wonderful Luncheons he put on each month. Al’s daughters and granddaughter accepted the award on his behalf.

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. Moderator Franklin recognized Town Administrator Stephen Halleran who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **2,176,000** to defray town charges for the 2016 fiscal year. This amount differs from the original posted amount in the warrant due to the following amendments:

- | | | | | |
|----|-----------|-----------|----|------------------|
| 1) | Police | \$365,876 | to | \$354,777 |
| 2) | Ambulance | \$ 35,500 | to | \$ 34,500 |
| 3) | Highway | \$695,679 | to | \$685,679 |

These amendments result in a decrease of **\$22,099**.

The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$197,977
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	14,330
3. Financial Administration	68,200
4. Revaluation of Property	13,000
5. Legal Expenses	8,100
6. Personnel Administration	6,500
7. Planning and Zoning	1,000
8. General Government Buildings	12,425
9. Cemeteries	25,600
10. Insurance	40,500
11. Regional Associations	6,100
12. Police Department	364,777
13. Ambulance Service	34,500
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield	55,000
-Meriden	44,500
15. Building Inspection	8,900
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	29,000
19. Highway Administration	20,050
20. Highways and Streets	685,679
21. Road Projects	111,496

22. Street Lights	10,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	163,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	47,810
25. Health Agencies	18,585
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	10,000
28. Recreation Commission	19,000
29. Library Department	137,336
30. Patriotic	1,000
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt	1,285
Total:	\$ 2,176,000

The motion was seconded by Rob Taylor.

Stephen Halleran explained why the three budget items had been decreased and reported on projects from 2015 such as the completion of the Penniman Road and River Road pavement projects. He mentioned that Thrasher Road is next on the list for road repairs. He also reported on changes to the Town Highway Garage that have been made and more that will be made in 2016.

If all of the warrant articles and budget pass, we will be adding \$.19 to the town tax.

Questions were asked and answered.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 135 No 5

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

ARTICLE 4. Moderator Franklin recognized Judy Belyea who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved, that the town 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 motion was seconded by Stephen Halleran.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 132 No 7

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

ARTICLE 5. Moderator Franklin recognized Rob Taylor who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved, that the town 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. The motion was seconded by Judy Belyea.

Rob Taylor spoke to the article and mentioned the current value of our existing backhoe is approximately \$20,000 and will be traded in to help defray the costs of the new one.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 136 No 4

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

ARTICLE 6. Moderator Franklin recognized Ron Eberhardt who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved: That the town 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 motion was seconded by Judy Belyea.

Selectman Eberhardt explained how Kimball Union Academy no longer wishes to lease to the United States Postal Service which means the village will need to find a new location to house it. KUA offered the current Post Office building to the town with the thought it could be moved (at the town's expense) to the Bean Road location next to the Meriden Library. Given that the Meriden Library is not currently in full compliance with the ADA, there was talk of perhaps building a new Post Office as an addition to the Library which could help with the ADA compliance issues.

Discussion ensued with many questions and comments.

Moderator Franklin recognized Mark Hardy who made the following amendment to Article 6: **That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to hire a consultant to consider options to effect ADA compliance for the library in an opportunistic and cost effective manner including options related to the current post office building.**

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Hardy felt his motion would broaden the scope of what the consultant would be able to study which in turn could help with our decision.

After much discussion, a voter card hand tally was taken on the **amendment** to Article 6.

Yes 78 No 49

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

The question was called from the audience to go to the vote. It was supported by seven voters and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

The votes were double counted.

NO 63 Yes 61

The motion failed, the resolution was not adopted and so declared.

Harold "Dewey" Jones recommended the selectboard form a study committee to look into this issue and report its findings at budget time next year.

This recommendation was supported unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Moderator Franklin recognized Eric Brann who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved, 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 fifty (50) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. The motion was seconded by Steve Halleran.

Moderator Franklin recognized Maria Guzman who made the following amendment to Article 7: 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 **zero (0%)** percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. The amendment was seconded.

Point of order was questioned as one of the Moderators rules announced at the start of the meeting was not allowing an affirmative vote for a negative outcome. The Moderator agreed and explained the amendment must have any number other than zero. None was offered, the amendment was dis-allowed and so declared.

A vote by paper ballot was taken on the original Article 7.

Yes 71 No 22

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

ARTICLE 8. Moderator Franklin recognized Stephen Halleran who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Resolved, 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. The motion was seconded by Judy Belyea.

Mr. Halleran 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. Moderator Franklin recognized Judy Belyea who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Resolved, 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.

Selectboard member Belyea thanked all of the 2015 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: 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 Rob Taylor.

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

ARTICLE 11. On behalf of the Plainfield EMS providers, Stephen Halleran recognized Postmaster Jean Temple for her response during an incident where a resident went into heart failure. Her timely reaction allowed the EMS providers to save a life.

Moderator Franklin swore in the following newly elected officers:

Judith Belyea	Selectboard Member
Stephen Halleran	Cemetery Trustee
Suzanne Spencer	Library Trustee

Paul Franklin (Town Moderator) was sworn into office on March 8, 2016 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

Michelle Marsh (Town Clerk) was sworn into office March 8, 2016 by Moderator, Paul Franklin.

Jesse Stalker (Trustee of Trust Funds) was sworn into office March 11, 2016 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

Jean Strong (Library Trustee) was sworn into office March 15, 2016 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.

Dan LaPan moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. seconded by Brad Atwater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Marsh
Town Clerk



Officer Matt Agan installing an AED into one of our cruisers. The unit was provided by Mascoma Savings Bank as a community grant.

Photo: S. Halleran



Elise Angelillo reads a story during the Community Christmas Event

Photo: S. Halleran

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1st, 2016

Cash-checking	\$ 2,817,325
Cash-Investments	\$ 3,477
Total	\$ 2,820,802

Receipts/ transfers in during the year \$ 8,874,010

Total available **\$11,694,812**

Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out \$ 8,550,429

Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2016 **\$3,144,383**

Cash-Checking \$3,140,887

Cash-Investments \$3,496

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Brookes-Governo, Treasurer

ONGOING AUTHORTIES

The town endorses the organizational structure of the two fire departments, per RSA 154:1 III Article 18 ,1995 Town Meeting.

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 town meeting.

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

Indemnification of Town Officials/Employees, see April 6th 2016 Selectboard minutes.
Official locations of posting of public notices, see April 6th 2016 Selectboard minutes.

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 2016

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 197, 977
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	14,330
Financial Administration.....	68,200
Revaluation of Property	13,000
Legal Expense	8,100
Personnel Administration.....	6,500
Planning and Zoning	1,000
General Government Buildings.....	12,425
Cemeteries.....	25,600
Insurances.....	40,500
Advertising and Regional Expense	6,100

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	354,777
Ambulance	34,500
Fire Protection.....	99,500
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense	33,100
Building Inspection	8, 900

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2016 (continued)

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets	705,729
Road Projects	111,496
Street Lights	10,000

SANITATION

Garbage Collection.....	163,000
Solid Waste Disposal	47,810

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department	18,585
Pest Control.....	500

WELFARE

Welfare Department	10,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission	19,000
Libraries	137,336
Patriotic	1,000
Conservation Commission	500

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts	1,285

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$2,176,000

CAPITAL PURCHASES

Article 5 Hwy Backhoe	90,000
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TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES..... \$90,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TO RESERVES

Article 4 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	55,000
Article 4 Highway Vehicle Fund.....	50,000
Article 4 Highway Bridge Fund	5,000
Article 4 Facilities Fund.....	18,000
Article 4 Revaluation Fund	20,000
Article 4 ADA Access Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Gravel Reclamation Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Town Hall Repair Fund.....	5,000
Article 4 Library Repair Fund	2,500
Article 4 Police Equipment Fund	5,000

TOTAL TO RESERVES \$170,500

TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS \$2,436,500

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	\$75,951,897
Buildings	189,425,300
Public Utilities.....	6,983,000
Total value before exemptions	\$272,360,197

Blind Exemption	94,000
Elderly Exemption	996,700
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption.....	129,200
Solar Energy Exemption	1,074,542
Wind Power Exemption	8,750
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) 50%.....	3,251,977
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
Total exemptions allowed	\$5,705,169

Net value used for local tax rate.....	\$266,655,028
Net value used for state education rate	\$259,672,028
(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	\$4,200
Standard Exemptions (\$500/veteran)	\$53,965
Total war service credits.....	\$58,165

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land	3,006
Forest Land.....	23,707
Unproductive Land.....	529
Wetlands.....	802
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions)	28,044

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,436,500
Total Revenues and Credits	less	1,034,042
Overlay	add	17,262
War Service Credits	add	58,165
A) Net Town Appropriation	Equals	\$1,477,885
Net Local School Budget		5,935,574
Adequate Education Grant	less	653,020
State Education Taxes	less	641,523
B) Approved Local School Assessment	Equals	4,641,031
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	641,523
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	781,982
 Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	 Equals	 \$7,542,421

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Tax Effort	\$7,542,421
Less War Service Credits	58,265
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,484,256

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	5.70	5.55
County	2.98	2.93
School local	16.07	17.40
School state	2.50	2.47
Combined tax rate	\$27.25	\$28.35

Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$263,215,172	\$266,655,028
Net value on which state tax rate is computed	\$256,232,172	\$259,672,028
(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)	28,266,600
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop)	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) 100%	6,649,540

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 \$46,056,440

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
Burnap’s 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
TOTAL	\$7,862,000

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The “Real ID” is here. At this time, residents who need to renew their licenses will have the option but on October 1, 2020, it will be available to all NH residents. Go to www.nh.gov/dmv for more details.

Please renew your dog licenses by April 30th. Boats can be registered in town now; there is an additional fee of \$5 per boat if you choose to renew them at the office. 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 31st 2016

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes

	2016	2015
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		\$282,878
Timber yield tax		\$0
Land use change tax		\$5,920
Excavations		\$0
Property tax credit balance	(\$872)	

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property taxes	\$7,490,504	
Land use change taxes	\$15,520	
Yield taxes	\$29,729	
Excavation taxes	\$53	

Overpayments

Property taxes		
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$2,565	\$15,782

TOTAL DEBITS

\$7,541,213 **\$304,580**

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$7,209,931	\$157,161
Land use changes taxes	\$9,920	\$5,920
Excavation	\$53	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$29,729	\$0
Interest on taxes	\$2,565	\$14,608
Penalties	\$0	\$1,174
Converted to liens (principal only)	\$0	\$116,062
Prior year overpayments assigned		

Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$6,314	\$0
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Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$295,342	\$9,655
Yield Tax	\$0	
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,600	
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$(18,242)	

TOTAL CREDITS

\$7,541,213 **\$304,580**

TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2016

-Debits-

Unredeemed Liens	2015	2014	2013+
Beginning of year	\$0	\$123,368	\$221,321
New liens	\$125,500	\$0	\$0
Interests/Penalties	\$1,413	\$10,946	\$27,827
TOTAL DEBITS	\$126,913	\$134,314	\$249,148

-Credits-

Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$28,917	\$36,270	\$94,842
Interest/Penalties	\$1,413	\$10,946	\$27,827
Abatements of Unredeemed liens	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unredeemed liens	\$95,883	\$87,098	\$126,479
TOTAL CREDITS	\$126,913	\$134,314	\$249,148

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2016

Total reports filed	16
Total yield tax assessed	\$29,729
Softwood cut, MBF	927
Hardwood cut, MBF	680
Cordwood cut, cords	388
Pulpwood/chips, tons	7349
Pulpwood, cords	0
Whole tree chips, tons	7007

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith A. Belyea,
 Yield Tax Agent

SELECTBOARD REPORT -2016

As always, we thank our dedicated professional staff and the many volunteers who, through their time and effort, make Plainfield the special place that it is. Here is an update of some of our 2016 work. Please visit the Town website at www.plainfieldnh.org for complete minutes of 2016 Selectboard meetings.

* 2016 paving projects were Penniman Road and Thrasher Road. Road Agent Collins and his crew ditched, sloped, trimmed brush and improved drainage on both roads. We were again fortunate to have the assistance of retired NH civil engineer Jeff Albright for those projects.

* We again thank the Highway Garage Study Group for their work. They completed an extensive report in August, 2016. The full report can be viewed at http://plainfieldnh.org/ptgsg_rpt.htm. A new well has been drilled, providing potable water for the crew, the septic tank has been pumped, improvements have been made to the fueling station, and the floor drain system has been improved. We will have some decisions to make in the not too distant future regarding improving or replacing this building. A first step has been the hiring of Municipal Resources Inc. from Meredith, NH to perform an evaluation of the highway department work responsibilities and equipment needs as it relates to sizing of a new highway garage facility.

* After 18 months, Officer William Heighes has been unable to return to work, due to continued disability. We were fortunate to hire an experienced officer, resident Tony Swett. Officer Swett began his employment after Columbus Day weekend, so our department is now operating at full strength again.

* In response to requests by a number of residents, the Selectboard has begun holding the first meeting of each quarter in the meeting room of the Phillip Read Memorial Library. Some Plainfield Village residents have requested that we hold alternate meetings in PRML and in the Town Hall. We will discuss that possibility.

* The Police Department has leased two new vehicles, delivered last spring. We are looking at options for a third, as the Crown Victoria cruiser is in need of replacement.

* Town Attorney Barry Schuster has appealed the Federal Government's offer of a \$31,000 settlement toward the \$136,000 back taxes owed on the Brown property. We are still awaiting their response.

* The building and property adjacent to our gravel pit on River Road has been donated to the town by the owner, Dr. Klinges. Road Agent Collins and Brad Atwater have been working on the building, fixing the roof, installing garage doors and cleaning it out. This building will provide us with much needed storage area for our highway department.

* The NH Board of Emergency Services has completed the 911 GPS mapping for the town. Plainfield was one of the last towns in NH to be completed. This mapping will result in faster response times for 911 emergency calls.

* After a study of other NH towns with Town Administrators, and discussions with our Police Chief and Road Agent, the Selectboard has changed our Town Administrator's job

description so that the Administrator has direct supervision of the Police Chief and the Road Agent. All agreed that since the Administrator has much more day to day contact and communication with them than the Selectboard does, this additional responsibility for the Town Administrator made sense. This does not change or reduce the statutory powers and responsibilities of the Selectboard.

* Resident Brad Atwater has been hired for the part time position of Facilities Manager. The position will involve planning work and making repairs and improvements to town facilities. We expect that this position will save the town money, in that staying on top of and anticipating needs will be more cost effective in the long run.

* The Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments, with the support of the Selectboard, have begun exploring the possibility of becoming municipal entities. This process is legally complex, and will move forward over the course of the next year. We expect that there may be a warrant article for this at the 2018 town meeting.

* In response to discussion at the 2016 town meeting, the Meriden Village Study Group has been meeting under the chairmanship of Dewey Jones. They are considering how the community may wish to see the village evolve over the next few years.

* The Selectboard approved the closing of the Plainfield Town Hall from January 1 through April 1 each year. The furnace will be turned off and the plumbing will be drained. This seems to make economic sense.

We invite you to join us at one of our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact one of us or call the Town Office at 469-3201 if you wish to express an opinion or present an idea. There are many opportunities for Plainfield citizens to become involved, and your participation makes for a more vibrant community. Here is hoping for a good 2017 for Plainfield!

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



REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2016:

Health Insurance Change: Reacting to changes from the national health care law the town shifted its health insurance plan to a coverage model that included higher deductibles and cost sharing between the town and employees. By design the new plan is commensurate with the program offered to the Plainfield Elementary School support staff.

Facility Manager: After discussing this part time position for many past budget cycles, the Selectboard approved for the concept as part of the 2016 budget. In July, local contractor and resident Brad Atwater was hired for the job which is intended to be about 50% hands on repair work and 50% long range planning for the care maintenance of our various town buildings.

Fire Department Study: Reacting to a request for help from both departments the Selectboard approved an expenditure with town counsel to determine whether or not the town's two fire departments are in fact municipal as outlined in New Hampshire law. The distinction is important because it clarifies whether or not the departments enjoy various protections under New Hampshire law that are reserved for municipal departments. The opinion resulting from this study is that without additional action, neither department is truly a municipal department as outlined in the statutes.

Highway Department Study: Reacting to a suggestion from the Highway Garage Study Committee the town has contracted with Municipal Resource Inc to perform an evaluation of the highway department. This being the first step in the long planning process for the eventual replacement of the highway garage facility.

Replacement Grader: Facing an expensive transmission repair the Selectboard decided, upon careful study and consultation with town's finance committee to use the authority granted at the 2015 town meeting as agents to expend for the highway equipment fund and purchase a used grader. The replacement, a 1989 John Deere 672B all wheel drive grader with 3,000 hours cost \$40,000. A brand new machine would cost closer to \$400,000. The hope is that the replacement can remain in service for 6-8 years.

Plainfield Cemetery Expansion: At the request of resident Bev Widger the Board of Trustees began the process for planning the eventual opening of the new section of the Plainfield Plain Cemetery. This work will, in time, result in the relocation of the existing north entrance to the cemetery further toward the north where the access can be much less steep and prone to erosion. Since much of the work is still many years away, in the short term the existing access ramp will be modified to improve sight lines for cars pulling out onto Route 12A

Stephen Halleran, Town Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Case 2016-01 Samuel Mintz: Use variance for a two family home #58 Freeman Road

Case 2016-02 Beth Clifton: Area variance to locate a residential garage in the setback for Camp Road.

Case 2016-03 Kimball Union: VR Zone, ground mounted solar array (2nd) behind Miller Building.

Case 2016-04 Patricia Murray: VR zone, ground mounted solar array 37 Sugar Hill Road.

Case 2016-05 Pricilla Wheeler: VR zone, hours of operation expansion for established restaurant use case 14-02.

Submitted,
Richard Colburn, Chair Zoning Board of Adjustmen

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

Subdivision:

Jordan	1 new lot Spencer Road
Kelleher	1 new lot Whitaker Road
Headrick	1 new lot, Columbus Jordan Road
Goodwin	4 new lots, Spencer Road

Annexations:

Gallagher	2.7 acres transferred between two lots owned by the applicant
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Site Plan Review:

Kimball Union Academy	New dormitory, 1813 House, Main Street
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Scenic Road Hearings:

Eversource Energy	Line maintenance, Daniels, River and Kenyon Roads
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Voluntary Lot Merger:

	Kimball Union, 1813 house (Main Street) merged into the adjacent main campus lot
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Submitted,
Jane Stephenson, Chair Planning Board



Planning Board members working with applicant Donald Goodwin and abutters regarding a subdivision of a portion of the former Jordan Farm. **S. Halleran**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

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

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2016:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 05 New single family residences | 09 Renewals |
| 00 Accessory Dwelling Unit | 00 Replacement SFH |
| 04 Institutional projects | 08 Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings |
| 06 Garages | 05 Electrical upgrades |
| 14 Renovations/Misc. | 06 Additions |
| 06 Decks/porches | 09 Solar panels |
| 02 Generators | 01 Pools |

Permit total= 75

CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2016

2016 was another busy year for your Conservation Commission. Our group continued to work with the Highway Garage Study Committee on plans to minimize erosion and runoff from the public works facility into the nearby Penniman Road wetland. That wetland effectively serves as a collecting basin for the headwaters of the Blow-me-down brook. The basic site plan is to change some of the existing grades around the various structures, improve the salt storage shed and reinforce a system of earthen berms previously installed around the eastern and southern borders of the property.

Almost all site monitoring of existing, town conservation easements was completed during the year. This work included the property surrounding Mud Pond, Benson Town Forest, and the Walker Farm #1 and #2 easements. In the case of the Walker Farm, a meeting was held prior to the monitoring visit with the new owners. They planned a timber harvest of their forest that would sustain the health and vigor of the trees in their forest. As required by the easement, the timber harvest was conducted in a manner that preserved the forest itself and the one designated, public trail—aptly named, “Walker Farm Trail.” This trail leaves Sanborn Road at a kiosk and travels northeasterly to the top of French’s Ledges.

The Commission continues to develop a public trail on the town-owned Spencer Lot (off of Columbus Jordan Road). Our hope is to develop a loop trail that passes by beautiful moss-covered outcroppings, a wide depression with interesting moisture-loving plants, deer yards, and wide-girthed trees that require two humans to hold hands to encircle their trunks.

The Commission sponsored two education events: the fourth annual lady-slipper/wildflower walk in the spring and the first annual here’s-one-way-to-eradicate woody stemmed invasive plants. The Commission will encourage each Plainfield and Cornish resident to participate in the Upper Valley-wide effort to create pollinator gardens. Bees are our most obvious pollinators, but so are butterflies, bats, birds, wasps, etc. If a large majority of town folk learn how to create these unique gardens, our vital pollinators will regain their numbers and continue their important role in sustaining the food supply for human consumption. Also, the Commission is available to assist private landowners (at a site of their choosing) with evaluating whether (or not) they have some invasive plant species on their property.

The Conservation Commission has invested a fair amount of time and effort assisting Julie and James Murray of Kenyon Road with the establishment of a conservation easement on the couple’s 81 acres of land. The property includes forest land as well as agricultural fields. The Commission voted to pledge \$10,700 from the Conservation Fund to assist in the project.

The Commission encourages public participation at all of its meetings and events.

Respectfully Submitted, *Myra Ferguson*, Chair
pcc@plainfieldnh.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/16 Beg. Balance	\$18,796
Interest earned		\$198
Balance	12/31/16	\$18,994
Conservation Fund	01/01/16 Beg. Balance	\$74,015
Interest earned		\$386
Balance	12/31/16	\$ 74,401

RECREATION COMMISSION-2016

We finished the 2015-2016 basketball season in February. The 1st and 2nd grade group of 15 students worked on learning basic skills at the PES gym. Our 3rd and 4th grade boys group of 7 practiced and played several games with local towns during the season. 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 22 boys and girls. We had an additional 5 girls for our 3rd and 4th grade; this group combined and played with and at Cornish.

In the spring we started our 3rd and 4th grade baseball with a group of 16 boys and girls. They practiced and played teams from other area towns. Home games were played on Prescott Field. Skills and sportsmanship were worked on through the season. We unfortunately were not able to field a 3/4 softball team again this year because of a low number of sign-ups but all who were interested played on the baseball team. We ran our T-ball during the spring this year, starting and ending earlier than previous years. This was done as requested by many to end before summer vacations. Participation was at 14 1st and 2nd graders and an additional 15 participants to make up our farm team. 1st and 2nd graders practiced skills and played games. The Farm Team worked on basic skills of throwing, catching, batting, and rules of the game. These teams practiced and played on Hewes Field, Prescott Field, and Cory Taber Field.

Our annual fishing Derby was held on June 4th in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. We had a lower turnout this year, greatly due to other activities that were going on in the area. 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 43 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Hannah Henderson with a trout of 15 1/2". There were a total of 84 fish caught during the derby with all 43 participants catching at least one fish and 41 catching the derby 2 fish limit. It was a lot of fun watching the excitement as the fish were hooked. All kids had the opportunity to fish the brook at the completion of the derby, following NH law.

Our 5th annual Spirit Day scheduled for August 21st unfortunately had to be moved to August 22nd due to rain. This event is an extension of our 250th celebration which was held in 2011. It is a great way to get together as a community as the summer

comes to an end. It was a cool and breezy evening but it stayed dry. The event started at 5:00 pm with music provided by the band Loose Cannons. They played throughout the evening while we enjoyed a corn roast, cooking on the grill and a variety of ice cream, while relaxing and visiting with our friends and neighbors. The Plainfield Police, Plainfield and Meriden Fire departments as well as Cornish rescue squad were there for our safety and welcomed everyone to see the trucks and ask questions. The evening ended with the playing of our National Anthem and spectacular display of fireworks by Northstar Fireworks. It was a fun evening and I hope it was enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend. This is an event we plan to continue and I hope that if you were unable to attend this past year that you can make it in 2017.

The Soccer program in the fall included the $\frac{3}{4}$ boys' team made up of 14 boys and the $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 1st and 2nd grade had four teams made up of a total of 35 players. These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 23 kids that participated in the kindergarten group. This continues to be a huge program with 85 participants in our K through 4th grade soccer groups.

The 2016-2017 basketball season got started in December for our $\frac{3}{4}$ grade boys with a group of 10 individuals and our $\frac{3}{4}$ grade girls with a group of 10 individuals. It was great to see the participation so that we could have both teams. They are working on both individual and team skills and will play games with other area towns. The 1st and 2nd grade group, working on basic skills at the PES gym has 16 participants and also started in December.

I would like to thank the Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, N.H. Fish and Game, Coca Cola Company, Vern's Worms, McNamara Dairy, Edgewater Farm, Taylor Farm, and Frank Currier for your donations to the Fishing Derby and Spirit Day events. Thank you to the Plainfield School and facilities group for a place to hold our games, practices, events, and the help provided. I would also like to thank both the Fishing Derby Crew and the Spirit Day Crew for all your help in the preparation and work that you do during these events. Thank you to our many volunteer coaches, officials, and helpers that provide an opportunity for our local youth to participate in the sports programs that we offer. It is a combination of many volunteers that make these programs and events available and successful.

In the coming year of 2017, I encourage everyone to take an active role where possible. Participating in your child's youth activities are both fun and rewarding. I look forward to continued participation in our youth programs. We will face challenges and I am happy to hear any input as to what we as a community are looking for to improve on what we have. Please feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions and comments. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Cantlin ,
Recreation Director

MERIDEN LIBRARY/VILLAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

The Meriden Library/Post Office Study Committee was formed by the Selectboard after the 2016 Town Meeting to undertake the following charge: “To engage the Meriden Village community in a discussion of alternatives for bringing the Meriden Library into meaningful compliance with the Americans with Disability Act including opportunities to consolidate and enhance existing town and public services and facilities in the village of Meriden.” The committee was composed of the following members: Harold Jones, Chair; Brad Atwater; Cindy Heath; Mary King; Amy Lappin; Mark Pensgen; Shawn Rogers; Suzanne Spencer; Steve Taylor; Rod Wendt.

The committee gathered for the first time officially on June 21st at the Meriden Library to walk around the building and to visually survey the layout of the property. The committee met a total of seven times through the year. The work of the committee centered on library issues but also addressed the proposed changes in Meriden village with Kimball Union Academy intending to move the Post Office out its current Main Street location.

It became evident at the beginning that the Meriden Library and the relocation of the Meriden Post Office were two separate issues and should be addressed separately. We did contact a TDS phone company official in charge of TDS buildings to see if TDS might negotiate with the Town about access to part of the TDS building. The official responded that for security reasons, TDS would not allow access to the building. However, there remains the future possibility of negotiating an easement for use of the parking lot and driveway, or for right-of-way for a project that might abut the TDS property. The committee discussed and looked into the possible acquisition of the Meriden Grange property located adjacent to the TDS lot and next to the Meriden Library. We discussed the possibility that this location be used for the site of a future post office.

Mr. Hunter Ulf, head of operations at KUA, met with us in July and suggested we contact Plan NH to help the Town in developing plans for the kind of work we are considering. Plan NH assists communities with projects through a Community Charrette, which brings together members of a community to help it visualize goals for the community. Following a weekend of meetings, recommendations are offered to support the vision of the community. Our committee believes a process like this would assist us in planning for future change taking place in relocation of the center of Meriden Village.

The bulk of the committee’s energy and time was spent addressing issues faced at Meriden Library with ADA compliance. In light of our discussions and research, we found that the Meriden Library offers a vital service to Plainfield residents living in Meriden village and there is a pressing need to remedy the lack of ADA compliance. Consequently, the committee offers the following recommendations:

A. We recommend the formation of a building committee to resolve ADA compliance problems at the Meriden Library.

B. We recommend the Town pursue acquisition of the building and land of Meriden Grange and establish a memorial recognizing the significant contributions that Meriden

Grange made to Plainfield and New Hampshire and maintain open communication with Kimball Union Academy.

C. We recommend that the Town of Plainfield pursue negotiations with TDS that might give Plainfield an advantage if there are changes at TDS in the future, and to further maintain friendly relationships with abutters to the Library/Grange properties, including Tariki Stoneware; TDS; Thom's Tavern; the McNamara family; and the Aidron Duckworth Art Museum.

Submitted,

Harold "Dewey" Jones

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES Trustees Report

The library board of trustees has had a busy 2016!

For the first time, our two libraries have a single director. After a town listening session and interviews with several candidates, the board voted to offer the position to Mary King, former director of the Meriden Library who also served as the system administrator for the online catalog at both libraries. The board is thrilled that she accepted the position to oversee the staff and facilities at both libraries. The board had already worked to create uniform base pay rates on both sides of town and annual evaluations. Now we can have more uniform policies and service and more efficient use of monies for books, magazines, and movies. In order to fulfill the board's commitment to have two employees on duty at each library during regular hours, the board also approved hires of several new circulation aides and library assistants who have been working on both sides of town.

The single 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. It has already saved library staff time by providing more accurate circulation statistics and real-time data, and the director has started to use it to identify outdated and uncirculated materials that can be quickly removed from the shelves.

Much has been going on with the library buildings on both sides of town. The board of trustees held several public hearings to request donations and approve contracts to finish the PRML basement. The work was largely finished in October 2016 and it was capped off by a celebration sponsored by the Friends in November in which the new special collections room was dedicated to Nancy Norwalk.

We are thankful to have the Town facilities Manager Brad Atwater advising the board on building projects to help us make better decisions more quickly. He will also help the board and the director with semi-annual inspections to prioritize maintenance projects for both library buildings.

The board initiated many new policies in 2016, including those that address ADA accessibility, exhibitors, public and nonpublic meetings, the use of volunteers, and a Code of Ethics for both Trustees and staff. Plans are underway to update the personnel

manual as well as the bylaws in 2017. The board is also working on a Memorandum of Understanding with both Friends groups to ensure better communication and cooperation between the groups. An MOU with the Meriden Friends was signed in 2015, and an updated MOU to be signed by both Friends groups is anticipated for 2017. The board thanks Nancy Norwalk for her 40 years of service to the Philip Read Memorial Library as director and associate director. We thank the staff at both libraries for their hard work.

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

Emily Sands, Chair



Plainfield's fall Pumpkin People enjoy our libraries!
Photo Mary King

Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

Income	2016	2016	2017
Town Appropriation	\$130,954	\$128,307	\$141,425
Town Approp - FICA	\$6,382	\$5,714	\$6,841
Trust Funds	\$2,700	\$2,790	\$2,700
Gifts	\$0	\$2,195	\$1,000
Book Fines/Copier Book	\$0	\$607	
Sales	\$0	\$50	
Private/Grant Funding	\$0		
Interest Income			
Interest - Savings	\$0	\$1	\$0
Interest Checking	\$0	\$64	\$0
Total Interest Income	\$10	\$65	\$50
Misc Income	\$0	\$65	\$0
Total Income	\$140,046	\$139,794	\$152,017
Expense			
Salaries	\$83,428	\$74,700	\$95,833
FICA	\$6,382	\$5,714	\$6,841
Sick Pay	\$600		\$600
Library Materials	\$17,200	\$16,574	\$17,200
Legal Expense		\$4,842	
Telephone	\$1,740	\$2,112	\$1,840
Electricity	\$4,700	\$4,413	\$5,000
Fuel	\$5,746	\$5,526	\$5,152
Water/Sewer	\$800	\$695	\$800
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,030	\$2,300
Postage	\$500	\$286	\$300
Professional Activities	\$1,300	\$1,089	\$800
Programs	\$1,000	\$1,097	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$1,050	\$1,342	\$800
Elevator	\$1,700	\$1,461	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$5,150	\$6,003	\$5,400
Automation/Cataloging	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Trustee Expenses	\$650	\$410	\$650
Computer/Software	\$3,600	\$4,309	\$3,600
Misc Expense	\$200	\$247	\$200
Total Expense	\$140,046	\$134,851	\$152,017

Town of Plainfield Library System

Other Income, Expense and Liabilities	2016	2016	2017
Accrued/Encumbered year end expenses		\$5,249	
Income/Transfers			
Bldg fund Gifts	\$45,000	\$33,800	\$6,500
Transfer from Bldg fund-Meriden	\$23,450	\$2,429	\$15,000
Expense			
Building Funds Expense-PRML	\$45,000	\$33,799	\$6,500
Building Funds Expense-Meriden	\$23,450	\$2,429	\$15,000

Fund Balances-Year End

Philip Read Checking	\$10,166
Philip Read Fines Account	\$1,718
Meriden Checking	\$8,147
Meriden Fines Account	\$1,100
Meriden Library Association Gift	\$78,399

Meriden Building Fund

Savings	\$57,434
Vanguard Money Market	\$0
Vanguard Windsor Fund	\$32,843
CD from Vanguard MM	\$38,212



PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Director's Report

The mission statement of the Plainfield public libraries states that the libraries will “provide access to information and materials to people of all ages in the community in order to meet their recreational, informational, and educational needs. The library staff will satisfy the patron’s need to know and will provide a comfortable atmosphere for community interaction”.

In 2016, our staff worked hard to uphold this mission. In total we served 13,565 patrons who visited the libraries. There are 1,047 registered library users; with 28,811 items circulated in both print and electronic format. We offered 163 programs with total attendance of 2,564.

The libraries hold a collection of approximately 39,700 books, audios, videos and magazines. All of the materials are now included in Evergreen, the online catalog. Volunteer couriers transport library materials allowing patrons to reserve an item at either the Meriden or Philip Read Memorial Library and to choose where to pick it up. Through inter-library loan, items may also be borrowed from other libraries in New Hampshire.

Internet access is provided to patrons on public computers and through wireless connection. Through the New Hampshire Downloadable Book Consortium, audios and e-books can be downloaded either at home or at the library. In 2016, 2,442 audio books and e-books were circulated to patrons of the Plainfield Libraries.

Book groups meet monthly at both libraries. Ongoing programs include a weekly story time for young children, knitting group and game time for adults. Special programs are held throughout the year for both adults and children, which provide opportunities for education, social interaction and recreation.

Volunteers play a large role at the libraries, and they contribute necessary support to the operations of each library. I am grateful to all those that give their time especially Pam & Lee Abrahamson, Pennie Armstrong, Gordon Gillens, Cindy Heath, Shirley Hudson, Sharon Oszejca, Hillary Sundell, Mike Sutherland, Jeanne & Brad Thompson and Barb Wendt.

The Friends of the Meriden Library and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library contribute great amounts of time, energy and resources to support our libraries. In 2016, the Friends of PRML completed the enormous task and longtime dream of funding the completion of the basement space at Philip Read Memorial Library. Both groups work hard to support the mission of the libraries through both advocacy and financial assistance.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to acknowledge the countless hours that our trustee board contributes to provide the governance and guidance for our libraries. It is with their leadership that I direct two significant town of Plainfield resources, the Meriden Library and the Philip Read Memorial Library.

Statistics by Library

	Meriden Library	Philip Read Memorial Library
Total Circulation	10,223	10,588
Total Visits	6,762	6,803
Materials Owned	11,723	27,952
Materials Added	452	443
Materials Removed	266	2,003
Number of Registered Borrowers	469	578
Number of Programs	100	63
Program Attendance	1932	632

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. King, Director



Parrish at work?

Photo Mary King

PLAINFIELD POLICE REPORT

This year was a steady year for the Plainfield Police. Overall the department arrested sixty eight (68) individuals, down from 80 arrests last year. We have seen an increase in crimes against persons. I would attribute this to the increased drug usage in the Upper Valley. I am thankful for the continued community support. Your willingness to report observations helps protect us all.

In last year's report, I mentioned the department was dealing with an officer who had been injured during a training exercise. He was unable to come back to work and resigned in August after 19 months. Sgt. Foss, myself and three part time officers covered all shifts. I would like to thank the staff for assisting with the coverage as we did not farm out any calls to other agencies. We welcomed Officer Anthony Swett to our staff in October to fill the vacant full time position.

Crime Reports:

Group A.

Crimes against Persons (Rape/Assaults/Intimidation)

18 vs. 10 previous year +80%

Crimes against Property (Burglary/Theft/Fraud)

58 vs. 57 previous year +2%

Crimes against Society (Drugs/Pornography/Weapons)

8 vs. 19 previous years - 58%

Group B.

Crimes (Bad Checks/Disorderly/DWI/Liquor/Trespass)

59 vs. 80 previous years -28%

Traffic – Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Year 2014: 803 Year 2015: 990 Year 2016: 1220

Summons/Citation 81

Warnings 1141

Accidents:

A total of 60 accidents were reported to dispatch in 2016 vs. 69 in the previous year.

Collision with:

21 % Struck another motor vehicle

46 % Struck a fixed object

21 % Struck an animal

0 % Struck a pedestrian

12 % 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 three years

Event	2014	2015	2106
DWI	11	9	4
Assault	4	0	0
Sexual assault	0	3	2
Firing of weapons	10	14	19
Theft	30	29	34
Fraud	18	27	31
Domestic violence	17	28	16
Intoxication	2	9	2
Bad checks	19	17	5
Drugs	7	9	5
Disorderly	3	4	5
Criminal mischief	10	16	18
Auto theft	0	1	0
Criminal threats	4	1	6
Arson-Fire Invest.	2	0	0
Burglary	1	9	7
Sex offender registrations	5	8	5
Pistol Permits	39	55	306
Court Appearance	37	19	53
Administrative	245	109	108
Alarms	64	66	93
Animals	71	49	55
Medical Emer.	203	265	270
Fire calls	54	61	99
Motor vehicle	80	68	81
Car Unlocks	17	12	10
Suspicious persons	151	130	104
Trespassing	6	2	4
Missing person	2	7	4
Motorist assist	68	36	48
Civil	25	27	26
Open doors	1	11	26
House/Property	595	132	145
Assist other PD'S	100	58	94
Accident w/injury	14	64	12
Accident no injury	78	69	49
E 911 calls	16	15	41
Deaths	3	1	1
Juvenile Matters	5	4	11

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Report

This past year was on par with the number of calls compared to other years. About 25% of our calls were for auto accidents and about another 25% were for fire alarm activations with no fire, mostly at Kimball Union Academy where most of the alarm installations are. There were four unpermitted or illegal burns this past year, see warden's report for more details on burning.

Plainfield Fire finished their new utility truck by completing the cascade system to refill SCBA breathing tanks. Meriden Fire was VERY lucky this year as they were awarded a federal grant for in the amount of \$328,000.00 toward the purchase of a new engine to replace the old engine one built in 1988. They were also lucky enough to find a used ladder truck for the cost of \$25,000.00 to replace the no longer serviceable American LaFrance ladder they had. This was a steal and should provide useful service for many years to come.

The two departments continue to train as one, twice a month and often include the Cornish Fire as they are a major mutual aid partner. We have been lucky to get training aids and staff from the New Hampshire Fire Academy to come to Plainfield for training instead of having to go to Concord. Both departments continue to do fund raising events throughout the year to help keep down the request for town funds. Supporting these events not only provides you with a fun time but saves tax dollars.

On a personal note this will be my last report as I will be retiring this year after forty three years on the Plainfield Department, the last twelve as Chief and the last five also as Meriden Chief. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fantastic and dedicated fire fighters I have had the pleasure of being associated with. I would also like to thank the Selectboard for its support over the years, the help and support from the Plainfield Police Department, and last but surely not least the citizens of Plainfield for their support over the years.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	11	23	CO Alarms	02	03
Auto Accidents	16	26	Brush Fire	04	02
Smoke Investigation	00	02	Fire Safety	01	00
Odor Investigation	03	01	Trees with wires	08	16
Stove/Grill Fires	02	01	Trees w/o wires	01	01
Structure Fires	02	03	Mutual Aid given:		
Trees/wires	08	16	Cornish	05	04
Missing Persons	00	01	Lebanon	04	05
Chimney Fire	01	02	Hartford	01	01
Storm Duty	01	00	Charlestown	01	01
Vehicle Fire	01	02	Ascutney	02	01
Community Service	02	02	Claremont	01	02
River Rescue	02	02			
Structure Fire	01	01			
Furnace Problem	01	01			
Electrical Problem	00	01			
Utility Pole Fire	00	01			

Frank Currier, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

2016

2017

RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
FEDERAL GRANT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$328,572
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$4,118	\$868	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2017	\$0	-\$175	-\$175	\$3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2016	\$3,000	\$4,760	\$1,760	\$0
DONATIONS	\$3,500	\$3,804	\$304	\$8,000
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$500	\$185	-\$315	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$500	\$538	\$38	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$55,251	\$57,731	\$2,480	\$388,823
OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$1,700	\$1,485	\$215	\$1,600
ELECTRICITY	\$1,100	\$879	\$221	\$1,000
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,250	\$984	\$1,266	\$1,600
INSURANCE	\$8,250	\$6,432	\$1,818	\$7,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$11,150	\$5,116	\$6,034	\$13,975
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$500	\$1,094	-\$594	\$600
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$1,451	\$149	\$1,600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$650	\$683	-\$33	\$1,700
TRAINING	\$3,000	\$389	\$2,611	\$5,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$9,800	\$39,396	-\$29,596	\$394,872
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$2,000	\$1,032	\$968	\$1,500
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$100	\$150	-\$50	\$100
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE				
REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000	\$1,919	\$81	\$2,000
KUA BRIGADE	\$501	\$354	\$147	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$2,000	-\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$89	\$411	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$53,191	\$68,343	-\$15,152	\$441,638
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FUNDS	\$0	-\$168	\$168	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) CAPITAL RESERVE	\$2,060	-\$10,444	\$12,504	-\$52,815
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,251	\$57,731	-\$2,480	\$388,823

MVFD BUDGET "SELECTED" LINE ITEMS

	2016			2017
<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
CHIEF'S VEHICLE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$725
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,500	\$493	\$2,007	\$3,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$2,000	\$3,226	-\$1,226	\$3,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$137	\$113	\$250
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$525	\$475	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$327	\$673	\$1,000
AIR PACK	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$88	\$12	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$320	-\$220	\$100
TOTAL	\$11,150	\$5,116	\$6,034	\$13,975
<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>				
SHARED COMPRESSOR				
UPGRADE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,300
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$2,420	\$980	\$3,400
NEW/USED LADDER	\$0	\$30,834	-\$30,834	\$5,000
NEW ENGINE 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$378,572
GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$200
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$800
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
RADIO AND ANTENNA	\$0	\$5,473	-\$5,473	\$0
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
SMALL & MISCELLANEOUS				
TOOLS	\$500	\$456	\$44	\$500
MISC	\$300	\$213	\$87	\$500
TOTAL	\$9,800	\$39,396	-\$29,596	\$394,872

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year-end = \$238,823.

We transferred \$10,444 from Capital Reserve during the year into the Operating acct.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

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

	Budget	Actual	Proposed
EXPENSES	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Accounting	\$350	\$195	\$300
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$5,567	\$2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$716	\$4,000
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,571	\$2,000
Equipment Repairs	\$6,000	\$33,498	\$6,000
Supplies	\$2,100	\$3,372	\$3,000
Electricity	\$1,600	\$1,551	\$1,600
Telephone	\$1,600	\$1,714	\$2,000
Heat/Cooking	\$2,500	\$2,361	\$2,500
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,000	\$673	\$700
Water	\$475	\$300	\$350
Insurance	\$5,600	\$5,657	\$6,000
Schools & Training	\$500	\$0	\$500
Fees/Dues	\$300	\$118	\$150
New Tanker Loan	\$15,996	\$15,996	\$15,996
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$75	\$67	\$100
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$231	\$1,000
Chief's stipend	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Inspections	\$0	\$249	\$300
Totals	\$52,596	\$84,632	\$53,996
RECEIPTS			
Grants (Title 4)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$2,500	\$6,033	\$6,500
Town Appropriation	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Town Training Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest /Other	\$20	\$0	\$0
Donations	\$2,500	\$23,451	\$2,500
Totals	\$55,020	\$84,473	\$64,000
	Receipts	\$84,473	
Treasurer	Expenses	\$84,632	
	Balance	\$159	

Jean Temple
Treasurer

STATE FOREST RANGER

Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The tower's fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2016 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 wildland 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 and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

NH FIRE STATISTICS

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2016</u>		<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>		<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Campfires	35	2016	351	1090
Lightning	09	2015	124	635
Equipment	18	2014	112	72
Arson	15	2013	182	144
Debris	85	2012	318	206
Children	10	2011	125	42
Smoking	12			
Railroad	02			
Misc*	148			

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

LOCAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN

I am going to use this year's report to give details on outdoor burning rules as there were a couple of unpermitted burns last year that ended up being costly for the person who lit the fires and hopefully it can be avoided in the future. First let me explain the burn rule and what you can or can't burn are not rules established by the Town of Plainfield or the Wardens. The rules for burning are state rules set up by the legislature and what you can burn are rules set up by the Department of Environmental Services. We are only agents enforcing the rules.

Any open burning, including things like chimnies , fire place cooking fires that are wood fed, need a permit unless there is ample snow cover, usually considered at least 3 inches. There are several types of burn permits: Category I means a small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire no greater than 2' in diameter contained in a ring of resistive material or in a portable fireplace. A category I fire may be kindled with a permit anytime of the day whether raining or not. Category II Fire means a controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire no greater than 4' in diameter contained in a ring of resistive material or portable fireplace. A category II fire, may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5:00pm and 9:00 am unless it is raining. Category III Fire means any other fire, not category I or category II or a fire greater than 4' in diameter or not contained in a ring of resistive material. A category III fire, conditions permitting , may only be kindled with a permit between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 am unless it is actually raining.

Liability: Any person, firm or corporation causing or kindling a fire , when a permit is required, and also any person by whose negligence or the negligence of his agents any fire shall cause, is liable to the town for all expenses incurred in attending or extinguishing such fire. Every person who shall set fire on any land that shall run upon the land of another, shall pay the owner all damages done by such fire.

Penalty- For kindling a fire in woodlands of another without written permission of the landowner or for kindling any fire without a written permit when a permit is required, a person may be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$2000.00 and/ or imprisoned for a period of up to 1 year.

These rules are direct copies of the rules in RSA 227-L:17 and Res 5600 from the State of New Hampshire.

Frank Currier Plainfield Fire Warden

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD -2016

Dear Members of the Plainfield Community:

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad would like to thank you for your support both financially through town funding and through individual donations. Both the funding and donations are used to pay insurances, dispatch fees, vehicle registrations/maintenance, building maintenance/utilities, supplies and outfitting our members with protective clothing and other miscellaneous costs.

We are currently 22 members strong and continue to serve communities of Cornish and Plainfield with first responder EMS response prior to the arrival of the ambulance. We have had another busy year responding to 196 calls. These calls include medical calls, lift assists, and motor vehicle crashes. We also provided mutual aid response and support to the Cornish, Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments. In addition to emergency calls, we also provide EMS coverage for the 3 day Cornish Fair and coverage at summer concerts at St. Gaudens National Historic Site.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please contact either me at (603)675-2002, or Vice President, Gary Chilton (603)448-7688.

If you are interested in becoming an EMR or EMT, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information. Training is offered through his company, Emergency Management and Training Associates, LLC.

PLEASE buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries at Daylight Savings times and be **SAFE**. If you need a smoke detector or batteries or help with an existing one, please feel free to contact either myself or a member of your town's fire department.

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

***NH POISON CONTROL 1-800-222-1222**

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence, President

Gary Chilton, Vice President

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2016

Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds	PRINCIPLE			INTEREST			Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End	Year End Account Balance
	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Added	Funds Expended	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year			
Revaluation Fund	\$46,500.00	\$20,000.00		\$66,500.00	\$601.63	\$394.00		\$995.63	\$67,495.63
Town Hall Fund	\$17,320.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,200.00	\$2,120.00	\$70.38	\$57.96	\$68.68	\$59.66	\$2,179.66
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$104,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$109,000.00	\$15,576.48	\$371.18		\$15,947.66	\$124,947.66
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$112,500.00	\$1,000.00		\$113,500.00	\$10,377.83	\$871.25		\$11,249.08	\$124,749.08
School Building Fund	\$63,000.00		\$22,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$2,457.05	\$137.44	\$2,375.00	\$219.49	\$41,219.49
* Schell Community Assist Fund	\$0.00	\$8,652.00	\$0.00	\$8,652.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,652.00
New Equipment Fund	\$89,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$108,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$1,264.69	\$507.68	\$782.88	\$989.49	\$31,989.49
Plainfield Water Fund	\$34,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$1,051.69	\$347.85	\$533.00	\$866.54	\$27,866.54
Library Repair Fund	\$5,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,550.00	\$5,450.00	\$22.42	\$19.93	\$13.90	\$28.45	\$5,478.45
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$105,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$3,612.96	\$677.28	\$2,047.77	\$2,242.47	\$74,242.47
School Spec Ed Van Fund	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$158.67	\$23.78	\$182.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Plainfield History Fund	\$13,900.00			\$13,900.00	\$2,868.90	\$84.04		\$2,952.94	\$16,852.94
Cemetery Care Fund	\$42,350.00			\$42,350.00	\$26.59	\$405.44		\$432.03	\$42,782.03
ADA Access Fund	\$33,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$35,000.00	\$276.08	\$108.02	\$30.00	\$354.10	\$35,354.10
School Spec Ed Fund	\$240,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$2,205.72	\$863.07	\$266.97	\$2,801.82	\$192,801.82
Transportation Imprvmt Fund	\$34,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$89,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,024.46	\$255.12	\$1,018.08	\$261.50	\$261.50
School Benefits Payable	\$49,000.00			\$49,000.00	\$1,006.09	\$276.55		\$1,282.64	\$50,282.64
Town Beauty Fund	\$150.00			\$150.00	\$0.05	\$0.07		\$0.12	\$150.12
Police Equipment Fund	\$15,800.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,700.00	\$16,100.00	\$19.76	\$35.62	\$9.07	\$46.31	\$16,146.31
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$113.28	\$89.23		\$202.51	\$25,202.51
Town Facilities Maint Fund	\$38,600.00	\$18,000.00	\$36,700.00	\$19,900.00	\$67.63	\$141.55	\$33.72	\$175.46	\$20,075.46
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$4,368.00			\$4,368.00	\$74.30	\$15.28		\$89.58	\$4,457.58
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	\$1,083,488.00	\$235,152.00	\$446,650.00	\$871,990.00	\$42,876.66	\$5,682.34	\$7,361.52	\$41,197.48	\$913,187.48

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2016

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End	Year End Account Balance
	Begin Year			Year End	Begin Year	During Year	During Year	Year End	Balance
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS									
Daniel's Cemetery	\$8,586.42			\$8,586.42	\$374.94	\$233.62	\$232.35	\$376.21	\$8,962.63
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$4,078.54			\$4,078.54	\$64.09	\$108.01	\$107.41	\$64.69	\$4,143.23
Freeman Cemetery	\$3,005.25			\$3,005.25	\$42.64	\$79.47	\$79.03	\$43.08	\$3,048.33
Gilkey Cemetery	\$429.33			\$429.33	\$6.75	\$11.37	\$11.31	\$6.81	\$436.14
Gleason Cemetery	\$29,151.67			\$29,151.67	\$457.89	\$771.92	\$767.71	\$462.10	\$29,613.77
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$429.33			\$429.33	\$6.75	\$11.37	\$11.31	\$6.81	\$436.14
Mill Cemetery	\$17,226.44			\$17,226.44	\$270.68	\$456.15	\$453.67	\$273.16	\$17,499.59
Moulton Cemetery	\$8,664.20			\$8,664.20	\$136.07	\$229.42	\$228.18	\$137.31	\$8,801.51
Pennman Cemetery	\$1,287.97			\$1,287.97	\$20.22	\$34.10	\$33.92	\$20.40	\$1,308.37
Plainfield Cemetery	\$62,829.53	\$1,000.00		\$63,829.53	\$986.65	\$1,663.70	\$1,654.63	\$995.72	\$64,825.25
Raynsford Cemetery	\$1,717.30			\$1,717.30	\$26.97	\$45.47	\$45.23	\$27.21	\$1,744.51
River Cemetery	\$1,287.97			\$1,287.97	\$20.23	\$34.10	\$33.92	\$20.41	\$1,308.38
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$1,073.31			\$1,073.31	\$16.85	\$28.42	\$28.27	\$17.00	\$1,090.31
Town Cemeteries	\$4,293.21			\$4,293.21	\$67.24	\$113.68	\$113.06	\$67.86	\$4,361.07
TOTALS	\$144,060.46			\$145,060.46	\$2,497.98	\$3,820.80	\$3,800.00	\$2,518.78	\$147,579.24
LIBRARY TRUST FUND									
Meriden Library	\$27,691.25			\$27,691.25	\$228.24	\$727.86	\$720.00	\$236.10	\$27,927.35
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$79,708.53			\$79,708.53	\$582.10	\$2,093.18	\$2,070.00	\$605.28	\$80,313.81
TOTALS	\$107,399.78			\$107,399.78	\$810.34	\$2,821.04	\$2,790.00	\$841.38	\$108,241.16

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2016

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

Ward Christmas Fund	\$4,293.22	\$4,293.22	\$115.62	\$114.94	\$114.00	\$116.56	\$4,409.78
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$6,439.80	\$6,439.80	\$13,579.99	\$521.92	\$418.99	\$13,682.92	\$20,122.72
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$4,293.22	\$4,293.22	\$699.10	\$130.16	\$200.00	\$629.26	\$4,922.47
Elijah Bumap Poor Fund	\$11,808.92	\$11,808.92	\$20,632.25	\$845.74	\$638.13	\$20,839.86	\$32,648.79
Earl Mower Fund	\$1,770.98	\$1,770.98	\$46.61	\$47.38	\$46.61	\$47.38	\$1,818.35
Duncan Piano Fund	\$1,287.96	\$1,287.96	\$1,862.43	\$82.13	\$90.00	\$1,854.56	\$3,142.51
Vernon Hood Fund	\$429.33	\$429.33	\$300.28	\$19.02		\$319.30	\$748.63
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$1,925.94	\$1,925.94	\$1,981.65	\$101.87	\$52.50	\$2,031.02	\$3,956.96
Mothers & Daughter's Fund	\$2,404.20	\$2,404.20	\$63.28	\$64.33	\$63.28	\$64.33	\$2,468.53
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$18,264.94	\$18,264.94	\$29,980.48	\$850.37		\$30,830.85	\$49,095.79
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$1,098.83	\$1,098.83	\$644.25	\$45.44	\$170.00	\$519.69	\$1,618.52
Stage Set Fund	\$9,605.77	\$9,605.77	\$5,014.53	\$381.15		\$5,395.68	\$15,001.45
Stalker Cemetery Flag Fund	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Metricrafters Fund	\$556.22	\$556.22	\$14.64	\$14.89	\$14.64	\$14.89	\$571.11
TOTALS	\$64,179.32	\$69,179.32	\$74,935.11	\$3,219.34	\$1,808.15	\$76,346.30	\$145,525.63
TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS	\$315,639.56	\$321,639.56	\$78,243.43	\$9,861.18	\$8,398.15	\$79,706.46	\$401,346.02

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
(expenditure authority 2015)
- Town Facilities Fund created in 2015

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2016 were:

Library Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation	
Withdrawals-	\$2,564
ML Electric work	\$364
Bulkhead repair	\$2,000
Paint touch up	\$200

Bridge Fund

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

Town Hall Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$20,267
PTH-Interior paint	\$3,100
PTH Step	\$440
PTH Floors	\$3,000
PTH Furnance	\$2,892
MTH-Painting	\$320
MTH-Railing	\$3,760
MTH–Window wk	\$6,755

Revaluation Fund

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

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

ADA Compliance	Deposits-	\$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	\$3,530
	PTH Ramp	\$3,530
Transportation Fund	Deposits	\$55,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$90,018
	Paving Penniman Road	
Townsend Bridge Fund	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Town Beautification	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	Deposits	\$5,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$4,709
	Cruiser Equip/Video	
Town Facilities Fund	Deposits	\$18,000
	Withdrawals	\$36,734
	Hwy Garage floor drains	\$8,200
	Hwy New well	\$8,857
	Hwy Fuel Pad	\$1,240
	Hwy PD storage	\$734
	Hwy Annex Building	
	Electric	\$3,420
	Site work	\$2,450
	Eng Study	\$1,627
	Wood Repair	\$4,650
	Roof Repair	\$4,356
	Tree Removal	\$1,200
Highway Equipment Fund	Deposits	\$50,000
	Withdrawals	\$108,675
	Backhoe	\$86,000
	Grader	\$27,675

See the report of the trustee of trust funds for complete details on beginning and year ending balances for each of these funds.



Helen Koehler and Surveyor Chris Rollins helping to complete the Grantham perambulation. Spring 2016

Photo S. Halleran



TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzick and Sanderson completed the 2016 audit in January of 2017. To conserve space in this report the following are excerpts from the audit. The full document is available both in printed form and as an electronic file, from the town office and will be posted on the town's website www.plainfieldnh.org

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,402,458	\$ 1,392,016	\$ (10,442)
Land use change	5,385	2,425	(2,960)
Yield	17,000	24,585	7,585
Excavation	-	53	53
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	55,000	58,482	3,482
Total from taxes	<u>1,480,843</u>	<u>1,477,561</u>	<u>(3,282)</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	6,000	5,352	(648)
Motor vehicle permit fees	485,000	512,868	27,868
Other	85,000	86,040	1,040
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>576,000</u>	<u>604,260</u>	<u>28,260</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	123,637	123,637	-
Highway block grant	115,956	115,956	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	64	449	385
Other	-	5,060	5,060
Total from intergovernmental	<u>239,657</u>	<u>245,102</u>	<u>5,445</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	35,500	49,927	14,427
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	3,000	-	(3,000)
Interest on investments	1,500	1,640	140
Rent of property	-	790	790
Other	-	19,065	19,065
Total from miscellaneous	<u>4,500</u>	<u>21,495</u>	<u>16,995</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	100,000	89,800	(10,200)
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 2,436,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,488,145</u>	<u>\$ 51,645</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, 2016**

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 197,977	\$ 206,309	\$ -	\$ (8,332)
Election and registration	-	14,330	18,185	-	(3,855)
Financial administration	-	68,200	67,507	-	693
Revaluation of property	-	13,000	14,590	-	(1,590)
Legal	-	8,100	10,028	-	(1,928)
Personnel administration	-	6,500	7,110	-	(610)
Planning and zoning	-	1,000	911	-	89
General government buildings	-	12,425	15,747	7,000	(10,322)
Cemeteries	-	25,600	29,208	-	(3,608)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	40,500	28,068	-	12,432
Advertising and regional associations	-	6,100	5,561	-	539
Other	-	-	2,032	-	(2,032)
Total general government	-	393,732	405,256	7,000	(18,524)
Public safety:					
Police	16,660	354,777	361,512	-	9,925
Ambulance	-	34,500	34,785	-	(285)
Fire	-	99,500	98,251	-	1,249
Building inspection	-	8,900	9,392	-	(492)
Emergency management	-	250	-	-	250
Dispatching	-	33,100	35,082	-	(1,982)
Total public safety	16,660	531,027	539,022	-	8,665
Highways and streets:					
Public works garage	-	20,050	19,944	-	106
Highways and streets	9,200	685,679	680,438	-	14,441
Street lighting	-	10,000	11,903	-	(1,903)
Other	-	111,496	110,675	-	821
Total highways and streets	9,200	827,225	822,960	-	13,465
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	-	163,000	162,202	-	798
Solid waste disposal	-	47,810	53,003	-	(5,193)
Total sanitation	-	210,810	215,205	-	(4,395)
Health:					
Administration	-	18,585	17,438	-	1,147
Pest control	-	500	170	-	330
Total health	-	19,085	17,608	-	1,477
Welfare:					
Administration	-	4,250	4,789	-	(539)
Direct assistance	-	5,750	7,920	-	(2,170)
Total welfare	-	10,000	12,709	-	(2,709)

Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	19,000	17,620	-	1,380
Library	-	137,336	133,026	4,000	310
Patriotic purposes	-	1,000	965	-	35
Total culture and recreation	-	<u>157,336</u>	<u>151,611</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,725</u>
Conservation	-	500	592	-	(92)
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	1,285	1,293	-	(8)
Total debt service	-	<u>26,285</u>	<u>26,293</u>	-	<u>(8)</u>
Capital outlay	-	90,000	86,000	-	4,000
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	170,500	170,500	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	\$ 25,860	<u>\$ 2,436,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,447,756</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,604</u>

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	\$ 651,268
Budget summary:	
Revenue surplus	\$ 51,645
Unexpended balance of appropriations	<u>3,604</u>
Budget surplus	<u>55,249</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	<u>\$ 706,517</u>

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2016

ASSETS:

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3,159,957
INVESTMENTS	\$3,496
PETTY CASH	\$250

TOTAL CASH **\$3,163,703**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$295,342

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$319,116

CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE \$2,800

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE **\$617,258**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$10,322

DUE FROM ST OF NH \$1,947

DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE \$0

DUE FROM OTHERS \$1,770

TOTAL ASSETS: **\$3,795,000**

LIABILITIES:

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND (2015/2016) \$10,345

DUE TO ST OF NH \$0

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL	\$2,882,554
INVOICES	\$32,688
PAYROLL	\$19,070
PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,607

TOTAL PAYABLES **\$2,935,919**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$2,946,264**

FUND BALANCE **\$848,736**

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$10,720)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$120,500)

RESERVE-HIGHWAY \$0

RESERVE-POLICE (\$7,000)

RESERVE-LIBRARY DOOR (\$4,000)

RESERVE-WINDOW GRANT \$0

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE **\$706,516**

GRAND TOTALS: **\$3,795,000**

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

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2016 **\$706,516**

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION **\$55,248**

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

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 st , 2016	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 37,500
Total	\$ 37,500

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2016	\$ 62,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2016	\$37,500

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

2016	Block Grant Allocation	\$110,675
	Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	\$90,018
	Total Available	\$200,693

Thrasher Road

Pavement Reclamation- Pike	\$9,450
Gallagher Tree Service	\$3,870
Culverts	\$1,617
Excavator Rental	\$640
Base stabilization-stone	\$6,722
Pike-Paving 2" base, .4 mile	\$36,272
Total	\$58,571

Penniman Road

Paid consultant-road profiling	\$710
Excavator Rental	\$4,395
Ledge removal-Mak's Excavation	\$1,275
Drainage structures/roadbed stabilization	\$322
Paving-1.5 mile overlay Pike	\$135,420
Total	\$142,122

Total Expenditures	\$200,693
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FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

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

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

**2016 Turkey Trot
Sheldon Stansfield took home the pie**



Photo Melissa Longacre, Event Director

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES -2016

Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$19,129
Belyea, Judith	Selectwoman	\$2,350
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$41,294.2 includes overtime
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$6,750
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$512.50
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$6,270
Collins, Michael	Truck Driver	\$40,687.54 includes overtime
Collins III, Richard	Road Agent	\$71,045
Crane, Terri	Library Assistant	\$7,410.70
Currier, Frank	Fire Chief	\$7,200
Dore, Lawrence	Part-Time Patrolman	\$2,200
Eberhardt, Ron	Selectman	\$2,350
Estey, Lori	Library Assistant	\$2,054
Foss, Matthew	Patrolman	\$68,457.53 includes overtime

Franklin, Paul	Moderator	\$600
Gillens, Sarah	Library Assistant	\$3,679.22
Goodwin, Naomi	Library Substitute	\$29.22
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$77,400
Heath, Cindy	Library Substitute	\$938.39
Heighes, William	Patrolman	\$10,712.26 includes overtime
Hoffman, Christine	Library Assistant	\$2,074.10
Hudson, Shirley	Library Substitute	\$1,262.25
Johnson, Karen	Library Circulation Aide	\$1,304.60
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$366.38
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$549.69
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$39,497.70 includes overtime
King, Mary	Library Director	\$28,257.50
LaFont, James	Highway- Part Time	\$2,940
Lappin, Sarah	Library Substitute	\$452.09
Legare, Peter	Library Circulation Aide	\$1,375.55
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	\$41,845.72 includes overtime
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$7,565
Liebowitz, Susan	Dep. Tax Collect/Town Clerk	\$11,357.45
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$512
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$52,928.51
Marsh, Robin	Ballot Clerk	\$337.50
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director	\$21,426.69
Oszajca, Sharon	Library Substitute	\$184.10
Reetz, Alyssa	Library Substitute	\$174.60
Remmes, Lana	Library Circulation Aide	\$2,009.70
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$72,550
Rogerson, Roanne	Ballot Clerk	\$407.50
Schell, Stephanie	Human Services Director	\$3,040.53
Serem, Jerome	Highway – Part Time	\$12,024
Sicard, Brian	Truck Driver	\$48,064.14 includes overtime
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$41,624.60 includes overtime
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$3,000
Sundell, Hillary	Library Substitute	\$107.14
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	\$19,257.12 includes overtime
Taylor, Robert	Selectman	\$2,350
Wendt, Barbara	Library Substitute	\$104.50
Wilder, Fern	Supervisor of Checklist	\$1,278.01
Young, Jill	Election Substitute	\$105
	TOTAL	\$791,403.33

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 1st Thursday, 3rd Friday & 3rd 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 2016, a total of \$6,549.81 was disbursed to assist households in need. The Food Pantry from January- December 2016 provided 5,659 meals to community members.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2016 is as follows:

Housing	\$ 363.00
Electric	\$ 1,010.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,157.12
Nutrition Support Purchases	\$ 2,157.29
Medical	\$ 594.00
Health & Safety Clean-up	\$ 348.40
11 Summer Camp Scholarships (monies used from donations)	\$ 920.00

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 2016 eleven children were able to attend

summer camp, 216 weekly weekend care packages to stop 68 hours of hunger were delivered, medications were purchased, septic pumps & 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.

Finally, I was honored to learn that a community member established a private trust fund called the Schell Community Assistance Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19 to aid the town's Human Services Director with the mission of helping Plainfield's residents who are in need of financial assistance. Donations to this fund will be separate from the fiscal year regular operating budget. This will allow donations to the Community Resource Room & Food Pantry to roll over from year to year to support our community outreach programs. If you would like to make a donation to this amazing Trust Fund please make your tax deductible donation to The Town of Plainfield and in your check memo state: The Schell Community Assistance Trust Fund.

Wishing everyone a healthy & Happy 2017!

**Town of Plainfield's Resource Director Stephanie M. Schell
(603)469-3201**

cr.director@plainfieldnh.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie M. Schell

Community Resource Director



Preparing meals for home delivery at the Mascoma Saving Bank sponsored senior luncheon held at the Plainfield Town hall.

Photo S. Halleran

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2016:

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. 05001 **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 2017:

Organization	Granted 2016	Requested 2017	Budgeted 2017
VNAVNH	\$9,875	\$9,875	\$9,875
GCSCC	\$2,300	\$2,000	\$2,000
Headrest	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Community Alliance	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$ 500
SW Comm Service	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Volunteers in Action		\$ 200	\$ 200
West Central Services	\$2,310	\$2,500	\$2,500
Mascoma Valley Health	\$1,000	\$1,778	\$1,500

The Plainfield History Account

**(administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library
January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016)**

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	\$1,325.59
Income:	
Sale of books & shipping	\$ 190.00
Bank interest	<u>.42</u>
Total Income	<u>\$190.42</u>
	\$1,516.01
Expenses:	
None	<u>\$0</u>
Balance December 31	\$1,516.01

Submitted

Stephen Halleran-TA

PLAINFIELD TOWN GARAGE STUDY GROUP

The Town Garage Study Group was convened by the Selectboard in April of 2014 to study the existing Town Garage facility. The initial objective was to advise the Select board on actions needed for maintenance and repair, including correction of building code deficiencies. In addition, the group was to formulate a plan to implement any required work so that the building and site remain viable, providing a safe and efficient work environment for the next 30 to 40 years. The group was also directed to consider, and where appropriate, incorporate the concerns of the Plainfield Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Town Highway crew.

The Study Group based its analysis on the assumption that the Town would continue to use the existing site and buildings for its maintenance operations. Study Group members made multiple site visits, reviewed past engineering studies and committee reports, and gathered information from engineers, contractors, vendors, DES employees and others. Almost immediately we discovered major questions about the design and construction of the main garage building such that the central question became "fix or replace?" Much of our subsequent effort was directed to answering that question. Along the way there were opportunities to take immediate action on significant deficiencies that would be appropriate and/or necessary regardless of the eventual answer to the fix/replace question. Group members, in cooperation with Town employees, have overseen the installation of a new fueling station, a new well, septic system repairs, and a new floor-drain holding tank. The work by this group revealed that the site, pending further investigation, and with some modifications, can likely continue to serve as the base of town highway operations with reasonable effectiveness and without undue negative impact on the neighborhood or natural resources. The Town could choose to only repair broken or damaged parts of the building, and not attempt to modify the structure or make it code compliant. This group has collected information on these items and they will total approximately \$56,166 over the next 3-5 years. This strategy would leave the community with a 33 year-old building that was in arguably good condition, with newly replaced siding and roofing. but several significant latent defects would remain (weak roof, walls vulnerable to wind shear, energy inefficient, poor air quality, etc.) The functional utility would remain the same. The expected operating costs would remain much the same. The expected maintenance would be that of a building 33 years into its expected life. Deciding not to correct known deficiencies may place Town employees and equipment at risk and would represent an on-going liability to the Town.

The Town could choose to make the building safe for employees and reduce liability by bringing it up to applicable building and life safety codes. This group has collected considerable information on specific work items and identified additional items that would require further engineering / design to meet this goal. Following this approach would leave the Town with a building in good repair, in compliance with codes and safer for our employees and equipment. In spite of reductions in energy cost from the improvements made to meet energy code, expected operating costs would likely increase because of the ventilation required. There are some items that would be very expensive to repair for the benefit they achieve. Expected maintenance would remain that of a building 33 years into its life. We have already identified \$102,974.00 to date and know that additional design/implementation work for HVAC could easily cost in excess of \$81,500.00 yielding a total cost of \$261,764.00 or more to execute this strategy. In

addition, contingency and contractor's overhead and profit will bring the total to well over \$300K.

The third approach would be to design and build a new facility. A new facility would be safe for our employees, code compliant, and energy efficient. Building new would provide the opportunity to create a building more suited to current and future needs. The expected operating cost might decrease, in spite of ventilation costs, because of the opportunity to make the entire building more energy efficient. The expected maintenance cost for a new building would be lower. Without a specific design, we have collected general square-foot-cost information for similar facilities built within our region which suggests that construction costs for a new facility could range from \$600,000 to \$1,200,000. With this broad range, it would be very important to thoroughly understand our needs before committing to this approach.

After substantial investigation and consideration of many alternatives, informed by and in consultation with outside design professionals, it is the consensus of this group that the Town will likely find it preferable to follow the third strategy and should therefore prepare to transition to a new facility within the next 5 years. Because either the "Major repair" or "Build new" approaches involve significant investment, it is clear that we should study our existing functions to see if they are well supported by our existing facilities and whether there are significant benefits to be gained from new configurations or procedures. Understanding our present and future needs will lend confidence to our final decision.¹

¹The Town has contracted with the NH Municipal Association to evaluate the current staffing, equipment and facilities of our Town Highway Department.

Note: For full details of our report, see the Plainfield website at <http://www.plainfieldnh.org>.

Mike Sutherland
For the PTGSG

FINANCE COMMITTEE

In addition to the public hearings on the school and Town budgets, members of the Finance Committee have attended meetings of the School Board, Selectboard 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 community's expectation for excellent services with the ability of our taxpayers to carry the financial burden those services create. And we continue to be concerned about the impact of an ever-increasing tax burden on our community, especially on our most vulnerable citizens. That said, we have noted an increased effort on the part of the School Board and Selectboard 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. We strongly encourage them to continue in that effort.

Proposed School Board Budget

Plainfield School's budget continues to be driven by multiple factors: The school's enrollment which has risen slightly; contracted increases in salary and benefits for school staff; special education costs; the maintenance of our school building, and the continued decline in state and federal funding.

In addition, the School Board has struggled with the appropriate use and funding of technology at PES. As digital materials become increasingly important resources for students and staff, it is apparent that many of the existing devices in the school are well past their expected life-spans and inhibit access to these materials. The School Board is establishing a regular replacement cycle which will even out expenditures for computers and other devices and will insure that the students and staff have the equipment they need. At the same time, the Board is insuring accountability for those expenditures by requiring that the school have clear expectations and guidelines for the use of technology in ways which improve student learning. The Finance Committee supports both efforts. The Plainfield SAU is now providing administrative services to Cornish. Funding for these services comes from Cornish so there is no financial impact on Plainfield. We believe that this relationship has the potential to grow in ways that will benefit both communities, both financially and educationally. We strongly encourage the Plainfield SAU and School Board to continue exploring opportunities for cooperation and resource sharing with Cornish.

Finally, while the number of teachers proposed for 2017-18 remains at current levels, the traditional, grade-level organization combined with State requirements continues to generate very small class sizes at the middle-school level. We encourage the school staff, administration and Board to explore different organizational and content-delivery models which would allow a more efficient and effective use of the school's resources.

Article II – Operating Budget

The proposed operating budget of \$6,448,252 shows an increase of \$211,307 or 3.4%, not including warrant articles. These figures include the expenses related to Cornish and mask the fact that the proposed budget for Plainfield School has actually increased less than that. When revenues are factored in, this budget reduces the tax dollars needed by .5%. Given the non-discretionary increases for salary, health insurance, retirement contributions required by the State, costs resulting from the State's underfunding of special education Catastrophic aid, and other operating expenses, we believe that the School Board and administration have developed a very responsible budget. The Finance Committee supports it.

Article III – Floor Resurfacing

The program to resurface the floors in classrooms with an epoxy-urethane composite was suspended last year to reduce expenses. This program was developed by the Facilities Committee to create a moisture barrier which will improve classroom health and reduce maintenance costs. The Finance Committee supports this program as a long-term benefit to the school. However, with each funding request, we encourage the Administration to review market options to ensure that the product being used is the most cost-effective for our needs.

Article IV – Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund

This fund is designed to protect the community from unexpected expenses resulting from increases in high school enrollment and/or from extraordinary special education tuition expenses. The fund served us well and was significantly reduced to pay for the first year of an out-of-district special education placement. It is in the community's interest to fully replenish this fund, and the Finance Committee supports this article.

Proposed Town Budget

The Selectboard and Town Administrator have worked hard to develop a budget which supports the level of service which our community seems to expect. It includes funding for two libraries, three police officers, regular pick-up of trash and recycling, and roads which are sanded in winter and sprayed for dust control in the summer. Any of these

services could be reduced, with immediate impact on the budget, if the community so directed; however, at the meetings and budget hearings which finance committee members attended, community members generally favored maintaining services at their current level.

Within this framework, the Select Board continues to look for ways to make efficient use of the Town's resources. Upon the recommendation of the Town Garage Study Group, the Selectboard has contracted with the NH Municipal Association to evaluate the staffing, equipment and facilities of the Highway Department to ensure that future decisions about the facility on Stage Road reflect the Town's needs. In addition, the Board is evaluating alternatives to our current dispatch, ambulance, and solid waste collection services.

Article II – Town Budget

The proposed expenditures of \$2,254,618 represent an increase of \$78,618, or 3.6%. With a slight increase in projected revenue, the projected expenditures will require an additional \$42,902 in tax dollars. The increases in the budget are largely related to personnel changes as explained below.

In the police department last year, an officer was on disability leave which reduced direct expenses. The 2017-18 budget funds that position at full-time and includes changes in elected insurance coverage by a new employee. The significant expenses related to this disability case will also result in a rate change for the Town's disability insurance; the anticipated cost increase is reflected in the Insurance line item of the budget.

An additional \$7,000 expense for the police vehicle lease agreement will result if the oldest police vehicle is replaced with a third Ford interceptor. This replacement would result in having three identical vehicles, one for each full-time officer. The benefits of this approach include increased reliability, reduced response time in off-hours, and equipment uniformity for the officers. That said, Finance Committee support for this item is not unanimous.

A second personnel expense is reflected in the Library budget. The library trustees have increased the hours of the Director position from twenty-eight to thirty-four. While this seems reasonable for a position tasked with the oversight of two facilities which, combined, are open 48 hours a week, Federal standards require that health insurance be provided to any employee working 30+ hours per week. As part of the discussion about this change, the Finance Committee became aware that the Town policy regarding an employee who elects not to take the insurance provided is to pay the employee an amount equivalent to the Town's cost for single coverage which is approximately \$8,500. While we want to ensure that Town employees are compensated fairly, this practice seems outside the norm when compared to benefits offered by area municipalities.

The third personnel expense is minor, but it provides an important benefit to the Town. Mid-year, the Town hired a part-time facilities manager to oversee the maintenance and repair of Town buildings: two libraries, two town halls, and the highway department complex. The Selectboard feels that the benefits from repairs and preventative maintenance more than offset the costs of this program which is approximately \$12,000 per year; the Committee agrees.

Finally, the Finance Committee is recommending two additional actions. First, in an effort to reduce the cost of our solid waste collection, we encourage the Selectboard to

solicit bids for this service when the current contract ends. Second, to ensure that our Town employees are compensated appropriately, we recommend that the Selectboard evaluate the Town's compensation model (salary and benefits), in comparison to regional municipalities of similar size and report its findings to the community. Overall, the Finance Committee supports this article.

Article III – Capitol Reserve and Trust Funds

The Capitol Reserve and Trust Funds have served the Town well to accumulate funds for known future expenses and to protect tax payers from unexpected obligations. The proposed fund additions total \$167,500 which is a 7.2% decrease from last year. The Committee supports this article.

Article IV – Cemetery Wall

The repair of the stone entrance wall at the Plainfield Cemetery is essential if the wall is to be preserved. Approximately 1/3 of the wall was repaired this year. The requested \$7,000 installment will complete another section, leaving one section still undone. Spreading the remaining work over two years is financially prudent and will not impact the quality of the repairs. The Committee supports this article.

Article V – KUA Tax Abatement

KUA has proposed that the KUA tax abatement program be discontinued after this year. The KUA Study Committee supports ending the tax abatement program after the 2017-18 budget, and the Finance Committee concurs.

Conclusion

As previous Finance Committees have noted, 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, Brad Atwater, David Grobe, Mark Morgan, Sarah Gillens



Town Administrator Halleran driving Norm Longacre's 1955 JD 40 Plainfield 4th of July Parade
Photo Nancy Wilder

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of the Kimball Union Academy (KUA) administration to maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting. This year's committee held four meetings between November 2016 and January 2017.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:

The town of Plainfield and KUA's historic relationship includes the longstanding and often controversial vote at each town meeting where, for more than 30 years, the town decides whether to grant an optional tax exemption to KUA. New Hampshire RSA 72:23 allows a town, at annual meeting, the ability to tax or not the value of kitchens, dining hall and dormitory property of private schools. Per the allowance in the RSA, KUA receives a standard exemption of \$150,000 in value; kitchens, dining hall and dormitory property in excess of that amount is taxable, unless such an exemption has been granted at town meeting.

This annual vote at Town Meeting is intended to lower KUA's property taxes and to help more local students attend the private academy. As this town/private school relationship has been somewhat unique, Plainfield has had 20-30 kids attend the private school, a number much greater than is typically found in other New Hampshire communities with private schools.

KUA has been able to offer a significant amount of financial aid to Plainfield students because of the tax exemption. When a Plainfield student attends KUA, the Town of Plainfield does not have to pay tuition to Lebanon High School in the amount of \$14,609 for fiscal year 2017 and \$15,249 for fiscal year 2018 per student.

KUA & the KUA Study committee have agreed, in principle, that the declining enrollment at our elementary school, the increasing cost of a private school education and the broadening of our tax base; over the years the value of kitchens, dining halls and dormitory property has become a relatively smaller slice of the tax base pie. Plainfield is now primarily a residential community with the number of homes and their value increasing. This was all making the annual vote at town meeting a less effective tool for getting large numbers of local kids to consider the private academy. At the same time, KUA recognized that accepting the tax relief often put them in the situation of having their gifts to the town viewed as entitlements rather than gifts.

This year's committee recommends that the tax exemption remain at the 50% level for 2017 as it was for 2016, but will not be offered on the warrant for 2018. The reality of this approach is that KUA will pay more property taxes, and likely offer less financial aid to local students.

Further, the Committee believes that the annual tax exemption for the value of KUA kitchens, dining halls and dormitory property above the statutory amount set by NH RSA 72:23 should be phased out in 2018. Both parties believe this 'phase out' will improve transparency and general relations between the town/community/KUA. The 'phase out' would be set to coincide with a previously schedule d town property reassessment in 2018.

Through many hours of discussion, both KUA and the committee recognize that:

1. KUA's kitchens, dining halls and dormitory assessments seem to be higher than other private schools they compete with;
2. KUA's cost structure must stay competitive within the private school market in New Hampshire for it to continue to be a vibrant part of Plainfield; &
3. Placing an accurate market value on illiquid assets (like dorms and dining halls) is difficult.

As a result, going forward with this new arrangement, the town will ask its property assessing team to review all KUA kitchens, dining hall and dormitory property valuations to ensure they are accurate. The hope of the committee is that the reassessment process will generate a valuation that is fair and will allow KUA to maintain a competitive position in the Independent School market.

KUA & the KUA Study committee will continue to meet and work together over the next 2 years to explore new ways to ensure that KUA remains an affordable and practical option for the children of Plainfield.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP:

1. The Post Office lease is currently under a renewal (extension) option that runs until 8/31/2020. KUA currently leases the building to USPS and plans not to renew its contract. KUA and the town are considering options to relocate the Post Office before the end of the lease extension period. In a meeting with Chairperson Dewey Jones of the Meriden Library/Village Study Committee, the KUA Study committee recognizes the likely continued village shift to the east of Route 120. The Committee feels the best location is near the Meriden Library.
2. There is continued concern of KUA student safety given that students are living in dormitories along Main Street located from the top to the bottom of the hill. New sidewalk lights at the bottom of the hill that KUA installed have been a tremendous improvement. The town is likely to remove the final three streetlights on Main Street in the near future. The new KUA lights have made them obsolete. Given the opening and popularity of the new tavern on Bean Road, KUA is also discussing safety issues relating to crossing Route 120. Member John Yacavone indicated that he also serves as the town's representative to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC). John has become aware that there may be funds available to assist the town with road safety concerns. The KUA Study committee in conjunction with the UVLSRPC will continue to address this issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Beaupre, Robert Blake-KUA, , Myra Ferguson, Christian Forman-PES School Board, Steve Halleran-Town Administrator, Rob Hewett-Chair, , John Yacavone, Andrea Bueno Keen

Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2016/17

ENERGY COMMITTEE 2016

Energy Committee Members Betsy Rybeck-Lynd, Evan Oxenham, Michael O'Leary, Ron Eberhardt, Steven Ladd.

The year's effort consisted of a continuation of the Meriden Town Hall project begun in previous years and two new projects; Solarize Plainfield Cornish II and Ready for 100. The Plainfield Energy Committee joined forces with the Cornish Energy Committee to work on the Solarize and Ready for 100 projects.

Meriden Town Hall: Work on the Meriden Town Hall continued. The town received another Moose plate grant for \$7,047 that allowed us to install historically appropriate storm windows for all the town hall windows. The new outside storm window panels were put up at the end of October, so for the winter of 2016-2017 every window in the town hall now has three layers. The outside storm, the original window, and the old inside storms. In time we will likely discontinue the inside storms, but for the moment we put them all up and the town hall is as snug as it has ever been. The new outside storm windows both protect the town's investment in the rehabilitated windows and limit further heat loss. Now that the storm windows are installed we will proceed with the rehabilitation of the large windows in 2017.

Solarize Plainfield-Cornish II: This year we teamed up with the Cornish Energy Committee to run a second round of Solarize Plainfield-Cornish. We kicked this off in February with a "Are You Ready for Solar?" presentation at the Philip Read Memorial Library where we discussed types of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and what to ask installers when shopping for a solar PV system. This was followed by a "PV Installer Expo" at the Plainfield Elementary School in March, where four companies that install solar PV systems made short presentations and were available for more detailed questions from people interested in installing a solar PV system. The final education effort was in April when residents who had previously installed solar PV systems opened their homes to residents interested in buying a solar PV system. Twelve new solar PV systems were installed in Plainfield and Cornish as a result of this campaign, bringing the total number of solar PV installations in Plainfield to just over 50.

Ready for 100 Campaign :The Plainfield and Cornish Energy committees have been following the work done by Hanover on their Ready for 100 campaign and considering what we could do to encourage Plainfield and Cornish to make a similar commitment. The Ready for 100 campaign is a movement of people working to inspire our leaders to embrace a vision of healthier communities powered by 100% clean energy. The intent is to commit our towns to a goal of 100% renewable electric grid electricity by 2030 and 100% clean renewable energy (including home and business heating, grid electricity and transportation) by 2050.

Nationwide the following cities that have committed to 100% renewable energy: Burlington VT, Nassau NY, East Hampston CT, Columbia MD, Georgetown TX, Greensburg KS, Rochester MN, Grand Rapids MI, Aspen CO, Salt Lake City UT, San Francisco CA, San Jose CA, Palo Alto CA, Santa Monica CA, San Diego CA, Del Mar CA.

The Energy Committee will be exploring this issue further during 2017, and will be organizing presentations and workshops to help residents understand the costs and benefits of this goal.

Submitted by
Evan Oxenham, Chair

Meriden Village Water District 2016 Operator's Report

The District continued to investigate the feasibility of groundwater discharge of treated effluent during the year. In late march a test well drilling contractor installed eight temporary and four permanent test wells on property owned by the District and the Plainfield School District. Two rapid infiltration basin loading tests were conducted in May and June. The test wells were outfitted with data loggers and treated effluent was pumped to two fifteen foot square basins for the duration of one week for each basin. The District engineer, Horizons Engineering, used the data collected to model the groundwater conditions and to predict the effluent disposal capacity of the soils. The results were mostly favorable for future groundwater discharge with some areas better suited than others. A proposal for further larger scale concept testing has been submitted to NH DES for approval. The stand by generator for the Wastewater Treatment Facility was replaced in June at a cost of \$22,000. The old generator was installed when the facility was built in 1982. The new unit is less than half the size (KW) as the old one due to the facility being a lot more energy efficient than it was 34 years ago. The District discussed the purchase of solar power with Norwich Technologies during the year. A suitable site at the Treatment facility has been identified and an investor found that should result in stable electric rates for many years to come with a modest savings included. Work on the elimination of inflow and infiltration was begun with the inspection of several hundred feet of collection main with a sewer camera. A sewer collection system O & M manual was created to help guide the district in maintaining the collection system and improve the overall performance of the Treatment Facility.

The District was forced to switch insurance carriers after the NH Municipal Assn. Property Liability Trust was shut down. The new carrier is Primex with costs being slightly less than PLT. The State of NH paved Main St. during the summer and all MVWD manholes and gate valves boxes were raised to accommodate the new road surface. Drought conditions persisted during the second half of the year. The new MVWD production wells that were put into service in 2009 have continued to produce plenty of water for the village. One well required the installation of a new pump and withdrawal rates for both wells were reduced slightly due to the drought conditions. A leak detection survey was performed on the water system in early September. The survey was conducted using listening devices called correlators. These devices listen for the

sound of leaks along the water mains and use the speed of sound through different pipe materials to pinpoint leaks. A significant leak was discovered and promptly repaired. The leak was estimated at somewhere around 8-10 gallons per minute.

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 twenty first day of March 2017 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

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

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. An auditor for one year.
6. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

ARTICLE II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$229,780 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 eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system facilities and equipment, 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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading facilities and equipment for 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 fourteenth day of February, 2017.

A true copy attest:

Jeffery Albright

Murray Dewdney

Nathaniel Pierson

Commissioners Meriden Village Water District

MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016

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 Meriden Fire Station on Tuesday the fifteenth of March 2016 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

The Annual Meeting of the Meriden Village Water District was called to order by Moderator Stephen Taylor.

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

RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years:	Murray Dewdney
Treasurer for one year:	Donald Garfield
Auditor for one year:	Catherine Legare

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared the individuals were elected.

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 \$249,089 which represents the operating budget with funds to come from user charges and from unexpended fund balance. 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 2015 Town Report be approved, subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

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

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

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with said funds to come from unexpended fund balance, 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Roberta I. Garfield

Roberta I. Garfield, Clerk

**Meriden Village Water District
Water Department Balance Sheet
12/31/2016**

Assets:

Checking account balance	\$59,145.93
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$124,749.08
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$16,708.96
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Total Assets	\$200,603.97

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$124,749.08
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Total Liabilities	\$124,749.08

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$75,854.89
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Grand Total	\$200,603.97

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$371,783.95
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**Sewer Department Balance Sheet
12/31/2016**

Assets:

Checking account balance	\$41,205.97
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$74,242.47
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$19,251.87
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Total Assets	\$134,700.31

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$74,242.47
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Total Liabilities	\$74,242.47

Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$60,457.84
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Grand Total	\$134,700.31

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$175,772.46
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**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Income	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Sewer Charges	\$130,541	\$140,342	\$130,218	\$130,362	\$146,740
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$2,250	\$0	\$3,250	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$72	\$0	\$104	\$0
Capital Reserves	\$0	\$12,500	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
From Surplus	\$29,700	\$3,582	\$32,000	\$12,293	\$0
Other Income		\$1,447	\$0		
Total Income	\$160,241	\$160,192	\$202,218	\$186,009	\$146,740
Expenses	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Generator Replacement			\$22,000	\$21,750	
Office	\$1,000	\$510	\$1,000	\$875	\$1,000
Legal	\$200	\$215	\$200	\$0	\$200
Electricity	\$8,300	\$7,273	\$8,300	\$5,893	\$7,500
Insurance	\$25,165	\$23,784	\$23,800	\$24,828	\$25,100
Maintenance	\$17,000	\$7,385	\$17,000	\$7,327	\$17,728
Telephone	\$1,200	\$1,095	\$1,200	\$1,098	\$1,200
Wages	\$35,000	\$34,893	\$35,700	\$36,416	\$38,982
FICA, Medicare	\$3,700	\$3,562	\$3,700	\$3,656	\$3,800
Retirement	\$6,200	\$6,355	\$6,400	\$6,626	\$6,800
Interest on debt	\$7,246	\$7,246	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$6,200
Principal on debt	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980
Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,518	\$3,000	\$2,029	\$3,000
Effluent Testing	\$4,000	\$4,590	\$4,500	\$4,436	\$4,500
Vehicle	\$750	\$120	\$750	\$0	\$750
Capital Reserve Ground Water	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Monitoring	\$6,500	\$7,652	\$7,000	\$3,821	\$4,000
Special Projects	\$0	\$12,016	\$40,000	\$39,588	
Total Expenses	\$160,241	\$160,192	\$202,218	\$186,009	\$146,740

**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Income	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Water Rents	\$83,673	\$93,478	\$84,271	\$87,835	\$97,440
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$0	\$163	\$0	\$128	\$0
Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Surplus	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$482	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$92,773	\$98,523	\$92,871	\$93,062	\$101,040
Expenses	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Office	\$500	\$42	\$500	\$561	\$500
Legal	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250
Electricity	\$7,200	\$7,319	\$7,400	\$6,251	\$7,000
Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,081	\$6,000	\$5,931	\$6,000
Maintenance	\$16,000	\$6,124	\$15,000	\$8,482	\$15,634
Telephone	\$250	\$375	\$250	\$372	\$350
Wages	\$11,400	\$11,673	\$11,900	\$11,947	\$13,044
FICA, Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$2,100	\$2,161	\$2,200	\$2,214	\$2,300
Interest on debt	\$14,500	\$14,498	\$13,497	\$13,497	\$12,462
Principal on debt	\$29,873	\$29,873	\$30,874	\$30,874	\$32,000
Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,393	\$2,000	\$600	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$1,700	\$1,939	\$2,000	\$900	\$1,500
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$8,000
Total Expenses	\$92,773	\$82,477	\$92,871	\$82,629	\$101,040

**Commissioners,
Meriden Village Water District
P.O. Box 84
Meriden, NH 03770
SUBJECT: 2016 Audit Findings**

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the MVWD Treasurer's 2016 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 28, 2016

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Commissioners' Annual Report

The Water District was pretty quiet during 2016, except for one major project. 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. Two of them had to be replaced on an emergency basis this year when leaks in the buildings they served could not be shut off any other way.

Our large project involved replacing a four inch main across 12-A with a six inch main. The project also involved replacing the valves serving the north end of the system and removing a flow bottleneck. This was the largest project the District completed since the tank and well project. Despite careful planning, the project exceeded its estimate, but the District was able to complete it with available funds. A second portion of the planned project – the extension of the six inch main across Roberts Road to serve the south end of the system better – was not undertaken.

System operation during 2016 was generally satisfactory. Our operator returned, along with an excellent backup. While all system testing requirements were met, some miscommunication with the Department of Environmental Services required us to send out notices, one because a required test was late, and one because a result was reported late even though the test was completed on time. The results of all of our tests were satisfactory, and well within the required limits.

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 recover a fairly large portion of our “old debt” when two residences were sold.

The DES grant program that is expected to bring in about \$4,600 this year was funded for the 2016 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to \$60,000 with \$20,000 payments annually for the remaining three years of the bond. The slight reduction in rates we were able to adopt in 2012 still yielded enough revenue to meet our expenses.

2016 also marked the retirement of Commissioner Ralph Patalano after twelve years of service, during which he also regularly served as a backup system operator. Brad Atwater was elected at our annual meeting and jumped in quickly, taking on several key projects.

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

Gordon Gillens

Brad Atwater

**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, 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 25th of March 2017 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 **\$51,340** 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 **\$5,000** to be placed in the System Maintenance Fund established in 2007 pursuant to RSA31:19-a. (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 Second Day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.

At true copy attest: *Robert Druye, Gordon Gillens, Brad Atwater*

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Assets

Cash	\$68,118
Accounts receivable	27,257
Machinery and equipment	124,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>450,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 749,663</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>60,000</u>
Total liabilities	60,000

Net Assets

Unrestricted assets	<u>669,663</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 749,663</u>

**Plainfield Village Water District
Statement of Cash Flow 2016**

Opening Cash position	\$76,268
Water Rent	\$52,862
Other Income	<u>\$4,704</u>
Total Income	\$57,566
Administrative Expenses	\$3,591
Operations	\$25,867
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	\$20,000
Bond Debt - Interest	\$4,200
TAN notes - interest	<u>\$0</u>
Total operating disbursements	\$53,658
Capital Projects	
2014 Article IV	\$0
2016 Article IV	\$20,000
Transfers from Trust Funds	
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund	\$7,533
Net cash flow before TAN borrowings	-\$8,559
Net TAN borrowings	\$0
Net change in cash balance	-\$8,559
Ending Cash position	\$67,709

Plainfield Water District	2016	2016	2017
2017 Budget (DRA Format)	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
General Government			
Executive	\$1,290	\$1,040	\$1,290
Financial Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Expense	\$500	\$0	\$0
Personnel Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$1,200	\$925	\$1,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
Other General Government	\$3,450	\$1,627	\$2,500
Water Distribution and Treatment			
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Services	\$19,650	\$17,269	\$18,000
Water Treatment	\$200	\$370	\$400
Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service			
Principal Log Term Notes	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$3,150
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay			
Improvements other than Bldgs	\$5,000	\$8,228	\$5,000
Operating Budget Subtotal	\$55,490	\$53,658	\$51,340
Individual Warrant Articles			
Improvements other than Bldgs	\$20,000	\$20,000	
To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
SOURCE OF REVENUE			
ST of NH Other	\$3,925	\$4,697	\$4,461
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Water Supply System Charges	\$56,555	\$52,862	\$51,879
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest on Investments	\$10	\$7	\$0
Other Financing Sources		\$7,533	\$0
Voted from Fund Balance	\$15,000	\$8,559	\$0
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$75,490	\$73,658	\$56,340

MARRIAGES 2016

DATE	APPLICANTS	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
01/30/2016	Hall, Troy T. Day, Patricia K.	Plainfield, NH WRJ, VT	Lebanon	Plainfield
06/25/2016	Hendrick, John W. Docherty, Barbara J	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
07/04/2016	East, Brian A. Rawson, Amy L.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/24/2016	Rondeau Sr, Daniel B. Johnson, Diane M.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
12/07/2016	Leavitt, William D. Healy, Claire E.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield

BIRTHS – 2016

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
01/01/2016	Zajac, Lillian Lucia	Lebanon	Zajac, Daniel	Horn, Megan
03/28/2016	Walker, Charlotte Corrine River	Lebanon	Walker, Nathan	Walker, Amanda
03/30/2016	Ratliff, Lillian Mary	Lebanon	Ratliff, Jordan	Ratliff, Lindsey
04/25/2016	Ramirez, Austin Nicholas	Lebanon	Ramirez, Rambert	Sanders, Maura
06/16/2016	Langley, Taelyn McCoy	Lebanon	Langley, Jeremy	McCoy, Jody
09/15/2016	Isabelle, Levi Francis	Lebanon	Isabelle, Aaron	Isabelle, Carolyn
11/05/2016	McBride, James Ambrose	Lebanon	McBride, James	McBride, Kimberly
12/02/2016	McKittrick, Opal Ann	Lebanon	McKittrick, Lucas	McKittrick, Lindsay
12/23/2016	Ouellette, Grayson Andrew	Lebanon	Ouellette, Dennis	Smith, Kristina

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Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/28/2016	Sorenson, George	Lebanon	Sorenson Sr, George	Brooks, Vera
01/30/2016	MacLeay, Donald	Plainfield	MacLeay, William	Cash, Ellen
01/31/2016	McClellan, Janet	Plainfield	Mortimer, John	Reese, Florence
02/01/2016	Grindle, Halton	Plainfield	Grindle, Joseph	Tapley, Alice
02/06/2016	Lambert Sr, Paul	Hanover	Lambert, Ernest	Forget, Doris
03/11/2016	Sweet, Fred	Lebanon	Sweet, Fred	Nurse, Mary
07/14/2016	Woodley, John	Windsor, VT	Picknell, Bert	Buckman, Edna
07/18/2016	Goodwin, Otis	Croydon	Goodwin, Earl	Tourville, Marie
08/20/2016	Wragg, Lois	Lebanon	Dean, Hugh	Smith, Lois
08/28/2016	Ptak, Mary	Newport	Weiss, Jacob	Frantz, Florence
09/11/2016	Barrett, Anita	Plainfield	Trudelle, Leonide	Caron, Yvonne
10/27/2016	Apel, Dietrich	Plainfield	Apel, Otto	Jaeger, Selma
11/23/2016	Stormann, Mark	Plainfield	Stormann Jr, Howard	Patterson, Elsie
12/10/2016	Morse, Brian	Lebanon	Morse, John	Constantineau, Jacqueline
12/12/2016	Apel, Eva	W. Lebanon	Sethe, Walther	Muller, Alma
12/16/2016	Nichols, Michael	Plainfield	Nichols, Herbert	Scanlon, Ruth
12/17/2016	Jeror, Lindsay	Plainfield	Jeror, Harold	Bigness, Luella



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