

Town of
PLAINFIELD
New Hampshire



Annual Report 2017

In the spring of 2017 the Selectboard commissioned the creation of the Zea Garden to commemorate the decades of municipal service provided by Howard Zea, Town Clerk for 58 years. The garden is located at the front of the Meriden Town Hall. The centerpiece of the garden is a mill stone plucked from the Blood's Brook below the former Moore Mill. The mill, including the stones, was washed away by a great storm in 1879. A similar stone from the same mill was recovered years ago and was used in a garden at the Zea residence, located adjacent to the former mill site. That stone is now in a garden across the street at the Creeger homestead. A commemorative plaque reads:

**In Memory of Howard W. Zea
1916-2012
Town Clerk of Plainfield for 58 years.
Scholar and curator of the town's history.
Master storyteller and treasured citizen.
Dedicated July 2017.**

In establishing the garden the Selectboard acknowledges with thanks the work of the Highway Department, Gage Lawn Care and Landscaping and of Elise Angelillo who designed and planted the garden.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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Annual Reports
of the
Officers and Selectboard
and the
School District



Please bring this Report to the School District and Town Meetings.
Take care of this book: each costs \$4.50 to produce and deliver.

Town Report Dedication –Steve Beaupre

For over five decades, Steve Beaupre has dedicated his time to the town of Plainfield. He has volunteered for many positions as part of the town’s financial committee, the KUA study committee, the Meriden Congregational church, and Heifer International, to name just a few.

After graduating from Plymouth Teacher College in the spring of 1962, Steve and Donna Beaupre were offered the positions of teaching Social Studies and Elementary education in the two schools in Plainfield. That first year they lived in the apartment in the Noda’s house that had been newly renovated after being destroyed by a fire. In December of 1964, Kay and Gardiner MacLeay asked them to show the slides of the trip they took across America to the annual Fireman’s Association, and by the spring Steve had joined the Meriden Volunteer Fire Department.

When Steve’s job shifted to being teacher and principal to the full-time principal, he could not respond to calls as often during the daytime; however, he made sure to encourage other teachers to volunteer on both the fire department and Cornish Rescue and made sure their classes were covered. Some of the most memorable fires during his tenure were at The Oaks, the Town Sheds, Pringle’s Garage, Plainfield Storage Company, and certainly the Putnam fire. By 2017, Steve had served under eight different chiefs and worked with three of his sons, two of his grandsons, and scores of neighbors and KUA Brigade students. He has seen work gloves and barn boots replaced by bunker gear, rear bumper travel disappear and enclosed cabs expand, communications evolve from a fire siren on top of KUA hill to personal monitors and smartphone apps, and two separate fire departments become a much more unified force.

For his 53 years on the Meriden Volunteer Fire Department and his continued efforts to support our town, this year’s Town Report is dedicated to Steve Beaupre.



Son Darrell Beaupre, Steve Beaupre, Grandson Parker Beaupre all MVFD Members

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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	Robert W. Taylor	2018
	Judith A. Belyea	2019
	Ron C. Eberhardt	2020
 TREASURER	Sarah Brookes-Governo	2018
TAX COLLECTOR	Michelle Marsh	2018
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Sue Liebowitz	
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Donald Garfield	2018
	Jesse Stalker	2019
	Edward Stansfield	2020
 LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Emily Sands	2018
	Nancy Liston	2018
	Suzanne Spencer	2019
	Jean Strong	2019
	Richard Davidson	2020
 SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Harold Jones, Jr.	2018
	Donald Jordan	2020
	Fern Wilder	2021
 CEMETERY TRUSTEES	James Taylor	2018
	Margaret Drye	2019
	Bradford Atwater	2020
 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
FACILITIES MANAGER	Bradford Atwater
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judith A. Belyea
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Stephanie Schell
EMERGENCY MGT.DIR.	James McCarragher
DEPTUTY EMD	Robert Taylor
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Paul Roberts, Chief Matthew Foss Anthony Swett Lawrence Dore, PT Matthew Agan, PT
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair Michael Sutherland Jeffrey Allbright Elise Angelillo Douglas Gest Judith Belyea, Selectwoman Stephen Halleran, Alt
ZONING BOARD	Richard Colburn, Chair Edward Moynihan Bradford Atwater William McGonigle Peter Martin Scott MacLeay, Alt
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Myra Ferguson, Chair Judith Ptak William Knight David Grobe Anne Donaghy David Taylor Helen Koehler Victoria Ramos-Glew

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Grobe
Bradford Atwater
Marc Morgan
Sarah Gillens
Rangi Keen
Mark Hardy

**ENERGY
COMMITTEE**

Evan Oxenham, Co Chair
Steve Ladd, Co Chair
Ron Eberhardt
Betsy Rybeck-Lynd

UVLSRPC

John Yacavone

**MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF
PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF
FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

William Taylor
William Taylor
Bruce Elder, Warden
Frank Currier, Resigned
Douglas Plummer, Deputy
Christopher Berry, Deputy
William Taylor, Deputy
Daniel Boone Rondeau, Deputy
Lester Boucher, Deputy
Joseph Longacre, Deputy
Jeffrey LeBlanc, Deputy
Mark Horne, Deputy

**KUA STUDY
COMMITTEE**

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

to read

5. The parcel on which the ADU is built must be conforming in lot size and road frontage for the zone in which it is located. The ADU, whether a new or an existing structure, must satisfy the front, side, and rear yard setbacks for the zone.

Amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) definition which reads

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): An attached or free standing independent residential unit, in addition to the primary residence on a single lot, which is between 320 and 800 square feet and which contains no more than one bathroom and two bedrooms

to read

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): An attached or free standing residential unit, in addition to the primary residence on a single lot, which contains no more than one bathroom and two bedrooms and is no larger than 800 square feet.

[] Yes [] No

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 17th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to organize the municipal “Town of Plainfield Fire Department” in accordance with RSA 154:1, III, which provides that “a municipality may choose a form of fire department organization different from those set forth in paragraph I, including the election of fire chief, fire officers or firefighters, or all such persons, by the firefighters.” The firefighters will recommend one Fire Chief for the town of Plainfield to be appointed by the select board. The selection of all other officers and firefighting positions will be at the discretion of the fire chief with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. The fire department will be formed from the buildings, equipment and fire apparatus, currently owned and managed by the two individual Fire Departments (Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department Inc., and Meriden Volunteer Fire Department Inc.) In accordance with RSA 154:1, IV, this change, if approved, shall not take effect until one year after the approval of this Article. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,335,585** to defray town charges for the 2018 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive	\$213,350
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	16,330
3. Financial Administration	71,450
4. Revaluation of Property	10,000
5. Legal Expenses	13,000
6. Personnel Administration	9,500
7. Planning and Zoning	1,700
8. General Government Buildings	17,025
9. Cemeteries	36,100
10. Insurance	56,500
11. Regional Associations	6,100
12. Police	412,688
13. Ambulance Service	37,000
14. Fire	55,000
-Plainfield	
-Meriden	44,500
15. Building Inspection	11,900
16. Emergency Management	250
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	32,000
19. Highway Administration	21,550
20. Highways and Streets	703,510
21. Road Projects	117,360
22. Street Lights	12,000
23. Solid Waste Collection	167,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	49,310
25. Health Agencies	18,485
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	10,000
28. Recreation Commission	19,000
29. Library	153,227
30. Patriotic	1,500
31. Conservation Commission	500
32. Principal Long-term debt	12,500
33. Interest Long-term debt	150
Total:	\$2,335,085

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

ARTICLE 5 . To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$192,500** 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.
\$75,000	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 6. To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 35:1 a capital reserve fund to be called the Fire Department Equipment Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in this fund. Said purpose of the fund is for the future replacement of fire department equipment including vehicles. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 35:1 a capital reserve fund to be called the Meriden Library Building Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in this fund. Said purpose of the fund is for the renovation and/or replacement the Meriden Library Building. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. The existing Meriden Library Building does not meet the requirements of the American Disability Act (ADA). Any significant renovation or the replacement of the building will result in material compliance with the ADA. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation. The Library Trustees recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town of Plainfield will vote to commit to a goal of 100% reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources for all other energy needs, including for heating and transportation, by 2050.

The impetus for this goal is to achieve the public benefits of protecting the economic, health and social well-being of our citizens; to reduce energy costs to the community and to keep energy dollars in the local economy; as well as to reduce the risks to the community associated with any future escalation in energy prices, and to address the threat of global climate change.

The intent of this article is to effect policy at the local level in a fiscally responsible manner that will support and encourage individual action to shift toward renewable energy. It does not mandate changes to private property or the behavior of private citizens. This article proposed by the town's Energy Committee. The Selectboard recommends this article.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to **repeal and replace** its current wind(RSA 72:66) and solar power (RSA 72:62) exemption adopted at the 2008 town meeting which reads as follows: An exemption of 100% of the value of accessory use generation systems up to a maximum of \$50,000 in taxable value. Criteria for granting the exemption shall be that the installed system must generate energy for the owner's primary residence or place of business located on the site. The system, however, may transfer surplus energy to the electric grid. Commercial solar and wind generation facilities that represent the primary use of the property shall not be eligible for this exemption. The **replacement** exemption to read as follows: An exemption pursuant to RSA 72, from property taxation for solar (72:62), wind (72:66) and wood heating (72:69) energy systems in Plainfield. The exemption will be 100% of the energy system value up to a maximum of \$300,000. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10. 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 11. 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 12. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

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

Plainfield Selectboard

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 21st day of February in the year 2018, we posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

Signed:

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

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

Michelle Marsh
Notary Public

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2018 to December 31st 2018

EXPENDITURES	2017	2017	2018	Percent	Dollar
Item	Approved	Expenditures	Request	Change	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$ 200,887	\$ 203,239	\$ 213,350	6.2%	\$ 12,463
Election/Registration	\$ 15,330	\$ 15,472	\$ 16,330	6.5%	\$ 1,000
Financial Administration	\$ 68,100	\$ 64,067	\$ 71,450	4.9%	\$ 3,350
Revaluation of Property	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,414	\$ 10,000	-16.7%	-\$ 2,000
Legal Expense	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,765	\$ 13,000	-7.1%	-\$ 1,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,775	\$ 9,500	11.8%	\$ 1,000
Planning and Zoning	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,564	\$ 1,700	70.0%	\$ 700
General Government Buildings	\$ 17,025	\$ 13,765	\$ 17,025	0.0%	\$ 0
Cemeteries	\$ 28,100	\$ 31,208	\$ 36,100	28.5%	\$ 8,000
Insurances	\$ 50,500	\$ 52,387	\$ 56,500	11.9%	\$ 6,000
Regional Associations	\$ 6,100	\$ 5,622	\$ 6,100	0.0%	\$ 0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$ 387,796	\$ 391,895	\$ 412,688	6.4%	\$ 24,892
Ambulance	\$ 30,500	\$ 29,085	\$ 37,000	21.3%	\$ 6,500
Fire-Plainfield	\$ 55,000	\$ 54,375	\$ 55,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Fire-Meriden	\$ 44,500	\$ 43,875	\$ 44,500	0.0%	\$ 0
Building Inspection	\$ 8,900	\$ 11,311	\$ 11,900	33.7%	\$ 3,000
Emergency Management	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 250	0.0%	\$ 0
Hydrant Rentals/FFT	\$ 4,100	\$ 3,942	\$ 4,100	0.0%	\$ 0
Dispatch Service	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,665	\$ 32,000	3.2%	\$ 1,000
HIGHWAYS, STREETS					
Highway Administration	\$ 18,050	\$ 21,825	\$ 21,550	19.4%	\$ 3,500
Highway and Streets	\$ 686,738	\$ 678,383	\$ 703,510	2.4%	\$ 16,772
Road Projects	\$ 115,956	\$ 89,153	\$ 117,360	1.2%	\$ 1,404
Street Lights	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,314	\$ 12,000	0.0%	\$ 0
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 163,000	\$ 162,188	\$ 167,000	2.5%	\$ 4,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 51,810	\$ 49,409	\$ 49,310	-4.8%	-\$ 2,500
Health					
Health Department	\$ 18,485	\$ 16,375	\$ 18,485	0.0%	\$ 0
Animal Control	\$ 500	\$ 467	\$ 500	0.0%	\$ 0
WELFARE					
General Assistance	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,239	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Recreation Commission	\$ 19,000	\$ 18,488	\$ 19,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Libraries	\$ 148,266	\$ 145,925	\$ 153,227	3.3%	\$ 4,961
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,500	50.0%	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 500	\$ 358	\$ 500	0.0%	\$ 0

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
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January 1st 2018to December 31st 2018
(Continued)

	Approved	Expenditures	Request	Percent Change	Dollar Change
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal Long-term debt	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,500	-50.0%	12,500
Interest Long-term debt	\$ 725	\$ 716	\$ 150	-79.3%	-\$ 575
OPERATING BUDGET					
TOTAL	\$2,254,618	\$ 2,224,100	\$2,335,085	3.6%	\$ 80,467

EXPENDITURES	2017	2017	2018	Percent	Dollar
Item	Approved	Expenditures	Request	Change	Change
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Hwy Transportation Fund	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	50.0%	\$ 25,000
Hwy Bridge Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Hwy Gravel Reclamation Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Facilities Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 0
Revaluation Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
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
Fire New Equipment Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
Meriden Library Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
Cemetery Wall Repair	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 0		-\$ 7,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 174,500	\$ 174,500	\$ 242,500	39.0%	\$ 68,000
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$2,429,118	\$ 2,398,600	\$2,577,585	6.1%	\$148,467



BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2018 to December 31st 2018

REVENUES	2017	2017	2018	Percent	Dollar
Item	Projected	Received	Projected	Change	Change
TAXES					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,100	\$ 9,490	86.1%	\$ 4,390
Yield Taxes	\$ 22,000	\$ 30,902	\$ 25,000	13.6%	\$ 3,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Interest & Penalties	\$ 55,000	\$ 57,648	\$ 55,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Excavations	\$ 0	\$ 139	\$ 0		\$ 0
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
Licenses & Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,541	\$ 6,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 520,000	\$ 547,595	\$ 535,000	2.9%	\$ 15,000
Trash User Fees	\$ 82,000	\$ 85,246	\$ 85,000	3.7%	\$ 3,000
STATE REVENUE					
Rooms and Meals Dist	\$ 123,637	\$ 126,362	\$ 126,637	2.4%	\$ 3,000
Highway Block Grant	\$ 115,956	\$ 116,181	\$ 117,360	1.2%	\$ 1,404
State Reimbursements	\$ 65	\$ 242	\$ 65	0.0%	\$ 0
CHARGES FOR SERVICE					
Income from Departments	\$ 38,000	\$ 47,002	\$ 40,000	5.3%	\$ 2,000
Reimbursements	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 10,500		\$ 10,000
MISCELLANEOUS					
REVENUE					
Sale of Town Property	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Interest on Deposits	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,807	\$ 3,000	100.0%	\$ 1,500
OTHER FINANCING					
SOURCES					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
Trust Funds	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,429	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Fund Balance Utilization	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 983,758	\$ 1,039,944	\$ 1,027,052		
NET APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,445,360	\$ 1,358,656	\$ 1,550,533	7.3%	\$ 105,173
Change in dollars from taxation:			\$ 105,173		
Projected tax rate impact			\$ 0.40		

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2017

Plainfield, New Hampshire

The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield began at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Moderator Paul Franklin opened the meeting at 8:00 am with the reading of Articles 1 & 2 and the posting certifications. Stephen Halleran made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by Beverly Widger. A unanimous voice vote in the affirmative followed and the polls were declared opened.

Number on Checklist: 1761

Same Day Registrants: 1

Number of Regular Ballots Cast: 209 Number of Absentee Ballots Cast: 23

Percentage of Voting: 13%

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.

Select board Member for three years:

Ron C. Eberhardt 179

Mark H. Horne 38

Write-Ins:

Bonnie Swift 5 Claire Healy-Leavitt 1

Gary Ward 2

Ian Rogers 1

Ron C. Eberhardt was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Ed Stansfield 217

Write-Ins:

Glen Greenough 1

Laura Ward 1

Ed Stansfield was declared elected.

One Library Trustee for three years:

Richard B. Davidson 114

Shannon Decker 107

Write-Ins:

Laura Ward 2

Nancy Norwalk 1

Peter Legare 1

Richard B. Davidson was declared elected.

One Cemetery Trustee for three years:

Bradford Atwater 205

Write-Ins:

David Taylor	1	Glen Greenough	1
Bill Taylor	1	Hillary Ward	1
Bonnie Swift	1		

Bradford Atwater was declared elected.

One Cemetery Trustee for two years:

Margaret M. Drye 215

Write-Ins:

Stanley Dole	2
Clint Swift	2
Darrell Beaupre	2

Margaret M. Drye was declared elected.

Harold “Dewey” Jones made a motion to recess the Town Meeting, seconded by Melissa Longacre and voted in the affirmative. The Moderator closed the polls at 7 pm and recessed the meeting until Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 10 am.

On Saturday, March 18, 2017 Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:00am. The meeting began with a salute to the flag, a round of “America the Beautiful ” and a few words offered by Reverend Harold “Dewey” Jones.

The Moderator then recognized Selectboard member Robert Taylor who awarded the Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to Judy A. Belyea for her service to the town. Judy began her service to the town in 1974 by taking a seat on the Planning Board which she held for 12 years. She has served as Selectboard member for 30 years, Selectboard representative to the planning board for 8 years and timber tax agent for 29 years. She has contributed to many fund raising projects as well as making donations to the town including new tables and chairs for the Plainfield Town Hall and bleachers and team benches for the Hewes Memorial Field. Congratulation Judy! She received a standing ovation.

The Moderator recognized Emily Sands who thanked Library Trustee Mark Pensgen for his service on the board.

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 2. His motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. 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 **\$2,254,618** to defray town charges for the 2017 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

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3. Financial Administration	68,100
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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	
-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	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

The motion was seconded by Ron Eberhardt.

Moderator Franklin recognized Stephen Halleran who thanked the members of the finance committee for their hard work. He gave an update of the progress the new position of the facility manager has made in regards to maintaining town buildings. The energy committee continues to improve the town office building with this year's project being window restoration. The highway study group made good progress completing the well, septic and drain at the garage. This year will focus on the upstairs office and break room. Still no resolution with the Brown Property Taxes. We are waiting for the judge's decision.

The floor was opened for public debate and discussion.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 224 No 12

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

The Moderator recognized Suzanne Spencer who made a motion to move Article 8 to after Article 4. The motion was seconded.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 181 No 48

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

ARTICLE 3. 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 **\$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 motion was seconded by Steve Halleran.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 230 No 14

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

ARTICLE 4. The Moderator recognized Rob Taylor who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** to continue the restoration of the stone entryway into the Plainfield Plain Cemetery.

The motion was seconded by Judy Belyea.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.

Yes 237 No 6

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

ARTICLE 8. The Moderator recognized Diane Rogers who made the following motion.

Resolved: That the Town of Plainfield 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. The motion was seconded by Richard Rogers.

After many opinions were expressed from the floor, a motion was made by Diane Rogers that action under article 8 be laid on the table.

A voice vote was taken.

"No" was the favor of the voice vote the motion failed and was so declared.

The floor was once again open for further comments and discussion on Article 8. The question was called to go to the vote.

A voice vote was taken.

"Aye" was the favor of the voice vote (2/3 majority) and so declared.

A vote by paper ballot was taken on Article 8.

No 225 Yes 29

It was a vote in the negative the resolution failed and so declared.

The Moderator recognized Suzanne Spencer who made a motion to limit reconsideration of Article 8. The motion was seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

“Aye” was the favor of the voice vote, and so declared.

ARTICLE 5. The Moderator recognized Steve Halleran 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 Rob Taylor.

Mr. Halleran explained that the KUA study committee has continued to discuss the elimination of this article in the future and that it is likely it will not be included in the 2018 warrant.

A vote by paper ballot was taken on Article 8.

Yes 147 No 36

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

ARTICLE 6. The Moderator recognized Judy Belyea 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 Ron Eberhardt.

Selectboard member Belyea, recognized the committee members.

A voice vote was taken.

The “Ayes” were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 7. The Moderator recognized Ron Eberhardt 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 Selectboard and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

The motion was seconded by Judy Belyea.

Mr. Eberhardt recognized 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. The Moderator recognized Judy Belyea who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Resolved: That the Town vote to direct the Selectmen to continue the Meriden Library/Meriden Village Study Committee established in 2016 for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded by Steve Halleran.

The committee from last year was recognized.

A voice vote was taken.

The “Ayes” were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator recognized Steve Halleran who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

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.

The motion was seconded by Ron Eberhardt.

A voice vote was taken.

The “Ayes” were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 11. The Moderator recognized Ron Eberhardt who offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to accept the reports of town officers as they appear in the 2016 annual report, subject to any corrections. A certified copy to be kept by the Town Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Judy Belyea.

A voice vote was taken.

The “Ayes” were unanimous.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

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

Ron Eberhardt	Selectboard
Bradford Atwater	Cemetery Trustee
Margaret Drye	Cemetery Trustee
Richard Davidson	Library Trustee

Justice of Peace, Michelle Marsh swore in School Moderator Paul Franklin.

Steve Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and a unanimous voice vote in the affirmative followed. Moderator Franklin declared the meeting closed at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Marsh

Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1st, 2017	
Cash-checking	\$ 3,140,887
Cash-Investments	\$ 3,496
Total	\$ 3,144,383
Receipts/ transfers in during the year	\$ 9,036,944
Total available	\$12,181,327
Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out	\$8,651,525
Cash On Hand, December 31st, 2017	\$3,529,802
Cash-Checking	\$3,526,274
Cash-Investments	\$3,528

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 2017

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$ 200,887
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	15,330
Financial Administration.....	68,100
Revaluation of Property	12,000
Legal Expense	14,000
Personnel Administration.....	8,500
Planning and Zoning	1,000
General Government Buildings.....	17,025
Cemeteries.....	28,000
Insurances.....	50,500
Advertising and Regional Expense	6,100

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department.....	387,796
Ambulance	30,500
Fire Protection.....	99,500
Emergency Management.....	250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense.....	35,100
Building Inspection	8,900

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2017 (continued)

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Administration	\$18,050
Highways and Streets	686,738
Road Projects	115,956
Street Lights	12,000

SANITATION

Garbage Collection.....	163,000
Solid Waste Disposal	51,810

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department	18,485
Pest Control.....	500

WELFARE

Welfare Department	10,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission	19,000
Libraries	148,266
Patriotic	1,000
Conservation Commission	500

DEBT SERVICE

Principal on Long-term debts.....	25,000
Interest on Long-term debts	725

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL..... \$2,254,618

CAPITAL PURCHASES

Article 4 Cemetery wall repair	7,000
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TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES..... \$7,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TO RESERVES

RSA 35:1 Funds

Article 3 Facilities Fund.....	15,000
Article 3 Revaluation Fund	10,000
Article 3 Highway Equipment Fund	50,000
Article 3 Transportation Improvement Fund.....	55,000
Article 3 Bridge Fund.....	10,000
Article 3 ADA Access Fund.....	5,000
Article 3 Police Equipment Fund	5,000
Article 3 Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund	5,000

RSA 31:19a Funds

Article 3. Town Hall Repair Fund.....	10,000
Article 3 Library Building Repair Fund	2,500

TOTAL TO RESERVES \$167,500

TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS \$2,429,118

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	\$76,173,515
Buildings	192,286,900
Public Utilities.....	6,983,000
Total value before exemptions	\$275,443,415

Blind Exemption	188,000
Elderly Exemption	1,060,700
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption.....	127,400
Solar Energy Exemption	1,251,642
Wind Power Exemption	8,750
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) 50%.....	3,418,629
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law).....	150,000
Total exemptions allowed	\$6,054,821

Net value used for local tax rate.....	\$269,238,594
Net value used for state education rate	\$262,255,594
(local tax rate value less utilities)	

Electric Utility Property detail	
Liberty Utilities	\$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	\$5,600
Standard Exemptions (\$500/veteran)	\$52,165
Total war service credits.....	\$57,765

CURRENT USE REPORT

Land Categories	Acres
Farm Land	3,006
Forest Land.....	16,966
Forest Land (w/documented stewardship).....	6,763
Unproductive Land.....	528
Wetlands.....	802
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions)	28,066

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation		\$2,429,118
Total Revenues and Credits	less	984,017
Overlay	add	41,728
War Service Credits	add	57,765
A) Net Town Appropriation	Equals	\$1,544,594
Net Local School Budget		5,855,620
Adequate Education Grant	less	627,629
State Education Taxes	less	610,662
B) Approved Local School Assessment	Equals	4,617,329
C) Approved State Education Assessment	Equals	610,662
D) Approved County Tax Assessment	Equals	817,136
Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d)	Equals	\$7,589,721

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Tax Effort	\$7,589,721
Less War Service Credits	57,765
Total Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,531,956

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	5.55	5.74
County	2.93	3.03
School local	17.40	17.15
School state	2.47	2.33
Combined tax rate	\$28.35	\$28.25
Net value on which local tax rates are computed	\$266,655,028	269,238,594
Net value on which state tax rate is computed (Net local value less utility valuations)	\$259,672,028	259,672,028

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).....	28,771,399
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop)	150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) 100%.....	6,856,258

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 \$46,767,957

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)**

Stage Road land (252/27)	36,300
Gravel Pit lot (258/12).....	168,900
Gravel Pit Annex 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

New this past fall: Inspection Stickers are now located on the lower left driver’s side of your vehicle windshield. In the near future, the size of the sticker will also change. If you have a work parking permit sticker or other permit sticker, the registration sticker will take precedence. The permit stickers will be carefully removed and placed above or below the inspection sticker.

Please remember to renew your dog licenses by April 30th. Don’t forget boats can be registered and renewed at the town office there is an additional fee of \$5 per boat if you choose to renew them locally.

As I always say, please consider giving me or Sue a call prior to coming in to be sure you have all of the necessary paperwork to register your new car.

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 2017

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes

	2017	2016+
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		\$304,997
Timber yield tax		\$0
Land use change tax		\$5,600
Excavations		\$0
Property tax credit balance	(\$18,242)	

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property taxes	\$7,532,180
Land use change taxes	\$18,980
Yield taxes	\$31,826
Excavation taxes	\$139

Overpayments

Property taxes	\$11,760	
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	\$2,683	\$17,150

TOTAL DEBITS

\$7,579,326 **\$327,747**

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$7,440,154	\$162,318
Land use changes taxes	\$18,980	\$5,600
Excavation	\$139	\$0
Timber yield taxes	\$30,906	\$0
Interest on taxes	\$2,683	\$15,818
Penalties	\$0	\$1,332
Converted to liens (principal only)	\$0	\$131,025
Prior year overpayments assigned		

Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$9,761	\$11,654
Yield Taxes	\$920	

Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year

Property taxes	\$266,894	\$9,655
Yield Tax	\$0	
Land Use Change Tax	\$0	
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$(191,110)	

TOTAL CREDITS

\$7,579,326 **\$327,747**

TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT
December 31st 2017

-Debits-			
Unredeemed Liens	2016	2015	2014
Beginning of year	\$0	\$95,884	\$213,577
New liens	\$141,234	\$0	\$0
Interests/Penalties	\$963	\$13,301	\$23,462
TOTAL DEBITS	\$142,197	\$109,185	\$237,039
-Credits-			
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$26,818	\$26,697	\$106,674
Interest/Penalties	\$963	\$13,301	\$23,462
Abatements of Unredeemed liens	\$0	\$0	\$90,568
Unredeemed liens	\$114,416	\$69,187	\$16,335
TOTAL CREDITS	\$142,197	\$109,185	\$237,039

REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
Year ending March 31st, 2017

Total reports filed	28
Total yield tax assessed	\$30,906
Softwood cut, MBF	1,478
Hardwood cut, MBF	665
Cordwood cut, cords.....	333
Pulpwood/chips, tons.....	5,818
Pulpwood, cords	0
Whole tree chips, tons	14,448

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith A. Belyea,
Yield Tax Agent

SELECTBOARD REPORT -2017

Plainfield would not be the community it is without the contributions, dedication and hard work of our professional staff and the many volunteers who so generously give of their time and expertise. As always, we thank them. Here is an update of some of our 2017 work. Complete minutes of 2017 Selectboard meetings can be found at the town website, www.plainfieldnh.org.

Fire Department Discussions: Members of both the Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments engaged in ongoing discussions with the Selectboard in 2017 concerning the multiple issues surrounding the merger of the two departments into a single municipal department, a concept fully supported by the Selectboard. This will be voted on at our 2018 town meeting. If approved, statute requires the new department to begin operations one year after the date of the vote. Plainfield Fire Chief Frank Currier retired after many years of service. Bill Taylor is now Chief of both the Meriden and Plainfield departments.

The Camp Road bridge was red listed by the NHDOT during the last bridge inspection. Our Highway Department has replaced the abutments and the deck work will be done next summer. We received an unanticipated highway block grant from the state in the amount of \$99,290. This will be applied to the Camp Road bridge work, followed by the replacement of the Ladieu Road bridge and painting of the beams under the Meriden covered bridge.

The solar array at the Plainfield Elementary School is now operational. Another project is in the works at the Meriden Village Water District. The Selectboard supports the use and growth of renewable energy in our community. After receiving and discussing a petition signed by over 100 residents, we unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the climate goals established at the Paris Climate Accord, thereby joining many other municipalities and states in this endeavor. As renewable energy projects become more common, we are mindful of the need to ensure that they meet acceptable aesthetic and environmental standards. It is our goal to encourage this development while considering the fiscal impact on the town.

In our highway department, we have hired a part time, highly experienced grader operator to work from late April through early November, thereby allowing our Road Agent to focus his skills and energies on managing the department. Summer highway work this year included paving Thrasher Road, Methodist Hill and some patch work on Willow Brook Road. As has been the case in recent years, we have appreciated the time donated by resident Jeff Albright, a retired NHDOH engineer. His expertise and experience have been an asset. In addition to the usual highway work, we had a few extreme weather events to deal with, including the October 29 storm that resulted in the most power outages in NH history. Such events appear to be “the new normal”.

The Board commissioned an in depth study of our highway department. Observations/recommendations included:

- Our highway garage should be replaced, rather than repaired. (no need to do this yet, but most likely within the next ten years)
- Our highway department, as currently equipped and configured, is well thought-out and well run.

-Equipment should be replaced in a timelier manner, in order to reduce down time.

Discussion continues regarding planning for a new Meriden Library building. The committee working on the Meriden Library replacement project hopes to bring forward a vote on a new building for 2019. A total replacement of the building is recommended. The new building and necessary parking will fit on the existing one acre lot if building size is kept to below 4,000 sq ft.

The Selectboard has contracted with Avitar Associates for the 2018 property assessment update. The statistical update has begun, and the new values will be in place for April 2018.

July was a busy month in Plainfield. Our 4th of July celebration featured summer resident U.S. Supreme Court Justice Breyer reading the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Plainfield Town Hall. The event was well attended, the weather was perfect and the parade was a grand success.

On July 5th, we dedicated the Zea Memorial Garden in front of the Meriden Town Hall. In doing so, we honored Howard Zea, long time Plainfield Town Clerk. Howard's widow and son were in attendance, as were 30-40 others. Steve Taylor delivered remarks to acknowledge and honor Howard's many years of dedicated service.

Our new police cruiser is in service. We now have three dependable vehicles, and our plan is to keep them in service until the summer of 2021.

The police department has been making extra patrols on Bonner Road during the times when students may be walking or biking to school. We have met with representatives from our regional planning commission in order to determine the best means of calming traffic so that our students may travel to and from school safely.

The Selectmen approved a two year extension of the existing garbage/recycling contract. Beginning in early 2018 Friday recycling will be eliminated. Recycling will be picked up the same day as a resident's trash is collected. All residents received a flyer detailing the changes, and the schedule is posted on the town's website.

As always, we invite you to join us at any of our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact any of us or call the Town Office if you want to express any concerns or opinions. There are many opportunities for citizens to be involved in the workings of our community. Your participation would be welcomed.

See you at Town Meeting,

Rob Taylor, Judy Belyea, Ron Eberhardt

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2017:

Fire Department Study: Building on documentation work done last year the Fire Department Study group has moved forward with plans to combine both independent fire departments into a single municipal department. An enabling vote is scheduled for the 2018 town meeting with the transformation to a single municipal fire department to be complete for 2019.

Highway Department Study: The study was completed this year giving the Selectboard a much clearer idea as to what the Plainfield Highway Department of the future might look like. This information will be critical as the design for a new public works facility begins to take shape in the coming years.

Plainfield Cemetery Expansion: The existing northern most access ramp was modified this year to improve sight lines for cars pulling out onto Route 12A. This improvement should making entering and exiting the lower part of the cemetery with a motor vehicle safer while plans continue for the eventual expansion of the cemetery into land set aside for this purpose many years ago.

Solar: A lot of effort and time was spent this year working on how the town will handle the permitting and assessing of large solar arrays going forward. The Ready for 100 Initiative, if approved at town meeting, will promote renewable energy making it more likely that more solar will be coming to town. An increase in the tax exemption for renewable energy systems from \$50,000 to \$300,000 is planned for the 2018 town meeting.

Police Cruisers: Working with the Selectboard and Finance Committee the town moved to a three cars every four year rotation. Rather than staggering the cars over their useful life the Police Chief recommended replacing all three every four years. The Finance Committee agreed with the logic and the existing financing package was restructured to accommodate this plan.

Camp Road and Houser Lane Bridges: Working with our highway team a lot of time and effort was put into developing a plan to replace both the Camp Road and Houser Lane bridges planned for 2018. Design, permitting and abutment repairs were completed in 2017 for Camp Road. An unanticipated windfall from the State of New Hampshire (SB 38) of funds earmarked specifically for infrastructure has allowed us to include the Houser Lane bridge into the 2018 plan. Hansen Bridge of New London NH has been contracted to replace both structures with wooden laminated bridges. The goal is to have the work completed by September 1st 2018.

Stephen Halleran, Town Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

- Case 2017-01** B. Fransworth Two family residence #245 Center of Town Road.
- Case 2017-02** P. Lundrigan Lawn Care Business #235 Rte 120.
- Case 2017-03** Poor Thom's Tavern Outdoor seating #19 Bean Rd
- Case 2017-04** PES 137 kW ground mounted solar array #92 Bonner Road
- Case 2017-05** C. Spencer 4.7 kW ground mounted solar array #40 Hayward Road
- Case 2017-06** Mt. Valley Treatment Child Care Facility #707 River Road
- Case 2017-07** Brite Lite Electric Approved Business Project #1214 Route 12A
- Case 2017-08** C. Patalano 4.3kw ground mounted solar #1127 Route 12A
- Case 2017-09** J. Lenz Detached Accessory Dwelling #115 Main Street
- Case 2017-10** Bart Industries Food Storage Warehouse #360 Rte 12A
- Case 2017-11** MVWD 53 kW ground mounted solar #90 Bonner Road

Submitted,
Richard Colburn, Chair
Zoning Board of Adjustment

PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

Subdivision:

Jordan	1 new lot Westgate Road
Donaghy	1 new lot Croydon Turnpike
Martin	1 lot reconfiguration Willow Brook Road
Hodgeman	1 new lot Dodge Road

Site Plan Review:

Mac's Maple	Maple Store #259 River Road
Plainfield School	Ground Mounted Solar Array, #92 Bonner Rd
Patrick Lundrigan	Lawn Care Business, #235 Route 120
Mt. Valley Treatment Center	Anxiety disorder treatment #707 River Road
Brite Lite Electric	Electrical services business #1214 Route 12A
Bart Industries	Food storage ware house #360 Route 12A
Meriden Village Water	Ground Mounted Solar Array #90 Bonner Road

Scenic Road Hearings:

Liberty Utilities

Line maintenance, Chellis, Colby, Grantham Mt.,
Harriaman and Whitaker Roads

Applications Withdrawn:

Poor Thom’s Tavern Outdoor Seating

Applications Waived:

Meriden Village Water Ground Mounted Solar Array
#90 Bonner Road

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

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

Permits for the following projects were issued in 2017:

08	New single family residences	12	Renewals
02	Accessory Dwelling Unit	02	Replacement SFH
03	Institutional projects	15	Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings
04	Garages	05	Electrical upgrades
16	Renovations/Misc.	05	Additions
03	Decks/porches	10	Solar panels
05	Generators	01	Commercial Buildings

Permit total= 89



CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2017

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) is an advisory commission to the Plainfield Selectboard. This year the commission concentrated on planning and improving the signage within the French's Ledges trail system. As we were completing our "normal" duties, e.g., monitoring the public lands within the town's boundaries and stewarding our town's wetlands, we heard feedback that the trail system is difficult to use by some of our users enjoying the French's Ledges experience.

The most frequent challenge voiced was, "There are so many trails and so many intersections. We don't know which way to go when we come to one intersection after another. We get so lost we're afraid to walk in there again. And, we want to walk in there again!"

This dilemma is a challenge since this is a multi-use, recreation area offering multiple opportunities for so many at any time of day. It is extremely important that a trail user knows where they are in the trail system! How can we organize a space where everyone (no matter their capabilities/experience) has the freedom to enjoy what they can when they want to?

There are so many "moving parts" within the boundaries of the French's Ledges trail system: unfettered access to public and private land (twelve separate landowners) without obvious boundary lines; people on bicycles, skis, or foot moving at full speed or slowly; dogs on- or off-leash; toddlers to senior citizens; strenuous, hilly terrain or flat; etc. How do we make all of this work well to the majority's satisfaction and keep everyone safe and happy?

The PCC's preliminary plan for everyone's safety and enjoyment is to...

Clearly blaze/mark the trails closest to the Townsend Bridge.

Enhance the current notification system telling all when competitive practice and meets occurs on specific trails. For instance, school competitions will occur during winter cross-country ski season—as well as mountain biking in warmer weather. Currently this website reports the grooming of the snow.

We'll make these enhancements gradually as we learn what is needed to share this space with all abilities and types of usage within the trail system—one trail at a time and one current practice enhancement at a time. Crucial to the success of these preliminary plans is your considered input. (See your contacts at the end of this report.)

Phase One: Blaze only the shorter, flatter trails by the bridge for now.

We will blaze the introductory trails by the Townsend Bridge, e.g., school parking-lot kiosk to bridge, Townsend Loop, Brook Loop, Blue Trail to the ledges. We have purchased plastic blazes that are standard trail markers in bright primary colors (e.g., yellow, red, blue, or green) in the shape of a 7-by-5-inch diamond. Each diamond is nailed (with aluminum nails) to both sides of a tree along the trail (about 150 ft. apart) to mark the entire trail as it wanders through its part of the trail system. The color of the diamond blaze is unique to its trail.

Phase Two: What’s next? We think we know what’s next, but need your input. We want to hear from you before we go beyond the few trails by the bridge (e.g., Red Trail from Colby Hill, Smokehouse Loop). For example, we know that some users do not feel the forest should be cluttered with brightly colored, blazed tree stems. They enjoy the pristine landscape with the natural colors and dancing sunlight that only a forest like our forest can provide. We will not blaze every trail in the French’s Ledges system. Some explorers want to find their own way without relying on maps and signage—using other knowledge/instinct to find their way through the forest.

Also some of our twelve, generous landowners do not want their private property punctuated with signage. It is their understandable right to decline signage. Another user of the trail system is Kimball Union Academy and Lebanon High School athletic teams. Both of these users involve ski and bicycle competitions at the middle and high school levels. That means someone moving at a fast pace, during practice or competition, and concentrating on the trail in front, not any human enjoying that forest trail! These competitive and unique uses of the French’s Ledges trails is sanctioned and completely acceptable at those times of year.

The PCC wants to modify the current system whereby an announcement will broadcast when the specific trails will be used for competition and practices. Currently, you can log on to www.meridentrails.org for trail grooming updates, competitions and practice sessions before you venture to the trails on a certain day to enjoy certain trails.

Sharing French’s Ledges with all users:

The goal of the PCC is to organize and develop the trail system so the many types of users, types of ownership and modes of recreation coexist seamlessly and without incident on this relatively small piece of earth.

Please be patient and open to our efforts. Contribute your comments, suggestions and time to the volunteer groups that make the Ledges such a special place for us to share with all comers.

On that website mentioned above, you will find that the Plainfield Trailblazers welcome donations.

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/17 Beg. Balance	\$18,994
	Interest earned	\$75
Balance	12/31/17	\$19,069
Conservation Fund	01/01/17 Beg. Balance	\$74,401
	Current use penalties In	\$10,345
	Interest earned	\$698
	Murray Easement Assistance Out	\$10,700
Balance	12/31/17	\$ 74,744

RECREATION COMMISSION-2017

We finished the 2016-2017 basketball season in February. The 1st and 2nd grade group of 16 students worked on learning basic skills at the PES gym. Our 3rd and 4th grade boys group and our 3rd and 4th grade girls group of 10 each, 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. We ended our season with the 3rd & 4th grade boys participating in the Karp's Klassic in Lebanon and the 3rd&4th grade girls playing a parents/kids game prior to a pizza lunch. The combined groups of grades 1 through 4 had a total participation of 36 boys and girls.

In the spring we started our 3rd and 4th grade baseball season with a group of 11 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 throughout the season. They also all participated in a 3-Pitch Jamboree in May. 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 again this year. This was done first in 2016, as requested by many, so that it would end before summer vacations. It worked well and we will continue this in the future years. Participation was at 15 1st and 2nd graders and an additional 22 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 Prescott Field.

Our annual fishing Derby was held on a cold June 3rd morning in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. 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 57 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Allie Isabelle with a trout of 11 3/4". There were only a total of 23 fish caught during the derby this year as they were biting much less than in previous years. We recorded 17 participants catching at least one fish and 6 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 6th annual Spirit Day was held on August 27th. 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. The event started at 5:00 pm with music provided by the band BorderStone. They played throughout the evening while we enjoyed a corn roast, cooking on the grill and Mac's Maple Creamee's, 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 as our fire department displayed a large flag hanging high from their ladder truck prior to a 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 2018.

The Soccer program in the fall included the 3rd & 4th grade boys' team made up of 16 boys and the 3rd girls' team made up of 16 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. Both groups participated in a soccer jamboree at the Sachem Fields. The 1st and 2nd grade had three 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 18 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 ¾ grade boys. 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, and Taylor Farm 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Cantlin,
Recreation Director



Ice cream and conversation at “Spirit Day.”

Photo Loretta Tessier



Resident Bart Daley and his prized draft horses 4th of July Parade.

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES Trustees Report

What a difference nine months can make! Since the town started out with a public hearing last January over the elimination of a position and then in March debated a warrant article to defund and derecognize the Meriden Library, we've experienced a wellspring of positive energy.

First, I'd like to thank the Selectboard for supporting the trustees in a difficult personnel matter. Their backing has allowed the trustees to move on in a positive fashion. I'd also like to thank our director Mary King for remaining steadfast in her role as director during difficult times.

Both libraries are working well together, as they should. Materials are moving back and forth town, and I've personally witnessed people from all reaches of town have attended events at both libraries.

Thank you to the Select Board and Friends of the Meriden Library, as well as people throughout town at Town Meeting 2017 and in the paper for publicly supporting our efforts to vote down the warrant article last March to defund and derecognize the Meriden Library. I found it particularly notable that several people who were physically unable to enter the Meriden Library – permanently and temporarily - came to its defense at Town Meeting. Like PRML, the Meriden Library is an important part of this community, and the vote to defeat the warrant article affirms its place.

I'd also like to thank our town Administrator Steve Halleran for his input and guidance in the work of the Meriden Library Building Committee, chaired by the very dedicated Chris Dye, and the rest of the committee who have all given their valuable time and input. Voters at Town Meeting spoke that they value the library, and now the work is underway for providing a building that everyone can enter, subject to voter approval. The building committee quickly came to an agreement that the current building needs to be replaced to provide a space that is flexible, energy efficient, and able to meet the needs of Plainfield residents for many decades to come. Library Board of Trustees affirmed that conclusion by voting unanimously to support Article 7 to raise \$25,000 at town meeting for the library's building needs.

Since April, the trustees have been able to accomplish more for both libraries than we have in the previous five years that I had served on the board. We replaced the Personnel Policy, which previously lacked important information about state and federal legal rights of library employees. Mary King and the policy committee also looked at numerous bylaws from around the state to update our own. We revamped the director review system to make it easier for the board to complete and provide more valuable feedback to the director. Our finance committee had a busy summer moving and consolidating banking and investment accounts to make managing the library finances easier and to better comply with the law.

I would like to thank the Friends of the Meriden Library and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library for their generous donations to both libraries. Lastly, I would like to thank numerous people who have volunteered for the library, our fantastic staff, and the public who also make our libraries vibrant community spaces. We look forward to more positive work in 2018 to continue to improve our library system.

Suzanne Spencer, Chair
Plainfield Public Libraries Board of Trustees



Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

Income	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed
Town Appropriation	\$141,425	\$138,440	\$146,267
Town Approp - FICA	\$6,841	\$6,869	\$6,960
Trust Funds	\$2,700	\$2,800	\$2,700
Gifts	\$1,000	\$591	\$400
Book Fines / Copier	\$0	\$756	\$0
Book Sales	\$0	\$100	\$0
Private / Grant Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Savings	\$0	\$30	\$0
Checking	\$0	\$1	\$0
Total Interest Income	\$50	\$31	\$0
Misc Income	\$0	\$909	\$0
Total Income	\$152,017	\$150,495	\$156,377
Expense			
Salaries	\$95,833	\$89,572	\$99,197
FICA	\$6,841	\$6,869	\$6,960
Sick Pay	\$600	\$0	\$600
Library Materials	\$17,200	\$18,212	\$17,200
Legal Expense	\$0	\$720	\$0
Telephone	\$1,840	\$1,753	\$1,840
Electricity	\$5,000	\$4,805	\$5,200
Fuel	\$5,152	\$6,003	\$5,800
Water/Sewer	\$800	\$635	\$830
Supplies	\$2,300	\$2,446	\$2,300
Postage	\$300	\$300	\$300
Professional Activities	\$800	\$365	\$800
Programs	\$1,000	\$1,106	\$1,000
Furniture/Equipment	\$800	\$1,069	\$800
Elevator	\$1,700	\$1,960	\$1,700
Maintenance	\$5,400	\$5,088	\$5,400
Automation/Cataloging	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Trustee Expenses	\$650	\$648	\$650
Computer/Software	\$3,600	\$2,050	\$3,600
Misc Expense	\$200	\$921	\$200
Total Expense	\$152,017	\$146,521	\$156,377

Town of Plainfield Library System

Other Income, Expense and Liabilities

Accrued/Encumbered year end expenses		\$3,233	
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Income/Transfers

Bldg Fund Gifts	\$6,500	\$5,935	\$2,000
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Transfer from Bldg Fund-Meriden	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
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Transfer from Fines Accounts	\$0	\$543	\$2,000
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Gifts from Friends Groups	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
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Expense

Building Funds Expense-PRML	\$6,500	\$4,787	\$2,000
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Building Funds Expense-Meriden	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
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Web site development	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
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Fund Balances - Year End

Mascoma Checking Account		\$22,206	
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Philip Read Fines Account		\$1,882	
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Meriden Fines Account		\$1,149	
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Meriden Building Fund - Year End

Meriden Donations Account (Mascoma)		\$165,156	
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Vanguard Windsor II Fund		\$38,353	
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Putnam		<u>\$21,143</u>	
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PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Director's Report

Did you know that your libraries provide more than books? In 2017, the libraries of the town of Plainfield, the Meriden Library and the Philip Read Memorial Library, distributed solar eclipse glasses, offered workshops on doodling and felting, provided genealogy databases and museum passes, screened opera, demonstrated 3-D printing, hosted magicians and storytellers, exhibited art and so much more. There were 12, 147 visits to our libraries during which patrons did much more than borrow library materials.

Providing access to information does remain our focus and, to that end, we work to provide the Plainfield community with organized collections at both libraries. The Philip Read Library houses a collection of approximately 24,000 volumes and the Meriden Library's collection is approximately 11,000 volumes. The libraries offer free open Internet access through a wireless connection and public access computers. Through the New Hampshire State Library, we are able to provide our patrons with databases from EBSCO that offers them access to periodicals and journals, health information and reading advisory tools.

In 2017, we circulated 20,174 items. Of those 20, 174 circulations, 2,898 were checked-out through New Hampshire Downloadable Books where patrons have access to free audio and e-books. Although the circulation of downloadable books continues to increase each year, an 18% increase in 2017, we have seen no decrease in the circulation of print books.

I am very pleased to see the continued transition to the libraries acting as one library system with two buildings. The system that is in place that allows materials to easily transit between the two buildings is operating efficiently. Staff members share responsibilities between the buildings and several work regular hours at each library. We work within a team environment sharing the common goal of providing the best library service to our patron.

The operations of the libraries are enhanced by the time and energy contributed by volunteers. I am grateful for the help of Pam and Lee Abrahamson, Pennie Armstrong, Alice Eberhardt, Gordon Gillens, Cindy Heath, Hillary Sundell, Mike Sutherland, Jeanne and Brad Thompson and Barb Wendt.

We are fortunate to have the support of the Friends of the Meriden Library and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library. Special programming is provided almost exclusively through their financial support. In 2017, programs such as visits from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, storytelling by Odds Bodkins and a musical program through the New Hampshire Humanities were only possible because of funding from the Friends groups.

Our libraries are led by five elected trustees who volunteer countless hours of their time to provide the governance needed to run two efficient libraries. I am thankful for the

support and leadership of Richard Davidson, Nancy Liston, Emily Sands, Suzanne Spencer and Jean Strong.

The libraries are open a combined 48 hours each week with a schedule that allows for the town to have a library open every day but Sunday. Visit the Meriden Library Monday and Tuesday, 1-7pm, Thursday 10 am -7 pm and Saturday 9 am -12 noon. Visit the Philip Read Library Monday 1-8 pm, Wednesday 10 am -8 pm, Friday 1 pm – 5 pm and Saturday 9 am – 12 noon.

Statistics by Library

	Meriden Library	Philip Read Memorial Library
Total Circulation	10,024	10,150
Total Visits	6,561	5,586
Materials Owned	11,607	24,081
Materials Added	569	596
Materials Removed	298	2738
Number of Registered Borrowers	503	642
Number of Programs	122	56
Program Attendance	2228	668

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. King, Director



Saturday Morning Music at PRML

Photo: Mary King

PLAINFIELD POLICE REPORT-2017

This fall, I was out for just over two months with shoulder surgery, which left us short staffed. Sgt. Matthew Foss, Cpl. Anthony Swett, part time officers Lawrence Dore, Matthew Agan and Denis J. O'Sullivan worked many hours to provide coverage. I would like to thank them for their commitment to the Plainfield Police Department for continuing to provide quality police services to our residents.

This year was a steady year for the Plainfield Police. Overall the department arrested sixty five (65) individuals, down from 68 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 your observations helps us protect our community.

2017 Crime Reports:

Group A.

Crimes against Persons	(Rape/Assaults/Intimidation)	7
Crimes against Property	(Burglary/Theft/Fraud)	31
Crimes against Society	(Drugs/Pornography/Weapons)	43

Group B.

Crimes	(Bad Checks/Disorderly/DWI/Liquor/Trespass)	28
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Traffic – Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Year 2015:	990	Year 2016:	1220	Year 2017:	1252
Summons/Citation = Court Action	94				
Warnings	1158				

Motor vehicle Accidents:

A total of 112 accidents were reported to dispatch in 2017 vs. 60 in the previous year. 47 had no injury, 10 had injury and a total of 57 reportable crashes.

Struck another motor vehicle	17 %	Weather Related Crash	45.3%
Struck a fixed Object	47 %	Struck an animal	22 %
Struck a pedestrian	1.9 %	Other – slide off the roadway	3.8 %
Roll Over Accident	7.5 %		

Call outs are a new area that we have been keeping track of. This is when no officer is on patrol and the officer is called out from home to respond to calls for assistance.

Call outs for 2017	295	Call outs for 2016:	118
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Paul M. Roberts Chief of Police

Police Department Statistical Data for the last three years

	2017	2016	2015
Accidents no injury	47	49	69
Accidents w/ injury	10	12	64
Administrative	90	108	109
Alarms	85	93	66
Animals	28	55	49
Arson-Fire Invest.	0	0	0
Assault	2	0	0
Assist other PD'S	51	94	58
Auto theft	1	0	1
Bad checks	3	5	17
Burglary	2	7	9
Car Unlocks	13	10	12
Civil	62	26	27
Court Appearance	38	53	19
Criminal mischief	17	18	16
Criminal threats	5	6	1
Deaths	2	1	1
Disorderly	3	5	4
Domestic violence	27	16	28
Driving While Intox	4	4	9
Drugs	13	5	9
E 911 calls	19	41	15
Fire calls	62	99	61
Firing of weapons	9	19	14
Fraud	28	31	27
House/Property	199	145	132
Intoxication	14	2	9
Juvenile Matters	5	11	4
Medical Emer.	231	270	265
Missing person	8	4	7
Motor vehicle	91	81	68
Motorist assist	55	48	36
Open doors	51	26	11
Pistol Permits	29	306	55
Sex Off. Reg.	9	5	8
Sexual assault	4	2	3
Suspicious persons	140	104	130
Theft	16	34	29
Trespassing	5	2	4

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Report

After 43 years as a Plainfield volunteer firefighter, 7 years as Chief of the Plainfield Department and 5 years as Chief of both the Plainfield and Meriden Departments, Frank Currier retired on June 30th. Frank also served as Forest Fire Warden for the Town of Plainfield for 7 years. A retirement party for Frank was held at the Plainfield Station in June where many people were able to thank Frank for all of his service to the Town of Plainfield and wish him well in his retirement. Frank and his wife Dolly have purchased a home in North Carolina where they now reside.

On the warrant for the annual Town meeting this year is an article regarding the future organization of both the Plainfield and Meriden Volunteer Fire Departments. The article, if passed, will establish the Town of Plainfield Fire Department. No longer will the two departments be independent non-profits. The need for this came about as a result of the switch in insurance coverage from PLT to Primex. It was discovered that in order to be eligible to participate in the public risk pool for insurance, we need to be the municipal fire department. An agreement signed by both Chiefs and the Selectmen many years ago was thought to have achieved this already but in the opinion of the Primex legal team, it did not. The two volunteer fire departments are actually just incorporated non-profits and not a municipal fire department.

A committee made up of members of both departments has met regularly for the past year and a half and has asked that this article be placed on the warrant. The committee met with the Selectboard and consulted with Town Counsel regarding the planned change in organizational structure and believe that the passage of the article is the best option for the Town and both Fire Departments. If passed, the change will take effect one year from the date of passage.

All of the assets of both departments (vehicles and real estate) will be given to the Town of Plainfield. The Fire Chief will then be appointed by the Selectmen and the Chief will recommend officers and firefighters to be appointed by the selectmen. The passage of this article is recommended by both fire departments and the Board of Selectboard.

The Meriden Station took delivery in late August of our new Engine 3 from Dingee Machine in Cornish, NH. The new engine is a 2018 Spartan Custom Chassis with a 1250 gpm pump and a 1500 gallon water tank. The Engine also has been outfitted with a new portable pump and hydraulic ladder and folding tank racks. The truck was funded through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$328,000. The total cost to put the new Engine 3 in service was \$372,000. The difference was made up by the fundraising efforts of the department over the last twenty years and the generous donations made to the department over the same time. We are extremely fortunate to have received this grant, and the new Engine should be in service to the Town for many years to come.

Both the Meriden and Plainfield Departments continue to hold joint trainings twice a month throughout the year. Trainings that took place this past year include a live burn conducted at an abandoned house on Stage Road and a 16 hour driver safety course. Staffing of both Departments continues to be a challenge. New firefighters are always needed. Contact any member of either Department for more information.

Please remember that smoke detectors save lives, and only working and properly maintained smoke detectors save lives. It is recommended that smoke detectors have their batteries changed annually, be tested monthly, and replaced every ten years. Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors are also an essential part of maintaining a safe home.

Manufacturers now make combination smoke and CO detectors that have lifetime batteries available. If you or someone you know does not currently have smoke and CO detectors in their home, please call me directly (469-3342) or any member of either fire department and we will furnish and install detectors in their home free of charge.

It has been quite a few years since Plainfield completed the 911 house numbering project. Many house numbers are no longer visible, especially at night. Please help your first responders find you in an emergency. Make sure that your house number is visible at the end of your driveway, even in the worst of weather (rainy, snowy).

Many thanks to all of the firefighters and their families for their continued support throughout the year and thanks to all who either donated their time to help with one of the many department fundraisers, or who gave financial support to the department in the form of a monetary donation.

2017 Fire Dept Run Summary	PVFD	MVFD
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13	22
Chimney Fires	4	4
Structure Fires	4	7
Wildland Fires	3	2
Alarm Activations	6	26
CO Alarms	5	4
Power Line Problems	5	12
Road Hazards	3	3
Weather Events	2	0
Medical Assist	2	2
River Rescue	1	1
Mutual Aid Lebanon	2	7
Mutual Aid Hartford	1	1
 Total Runs 2017	 51	 90

Respectfully Submitted,

William S. Taylor Chief, Plainfield and Meriden Fire Depts.

MERIDEN VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017

2018

RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
FEDERAL GRANT	\$328,572	\$328,572	\$0	
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$3,430	\$180	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2017	\$3,500	\$2,640	-\$860	\$0
SPRING DINNER - 2018	\$0	-\$175	-\$175	\$3,500
DONATIONS	\$8,000	\$26,889	\$18,889	\$4,000
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$500	\$1,260	\$760	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$500	\$0	-\$500	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$6,982	\$6,982	
TOTAL	\$388,823	\$414,099	\$25,276	\$56,251
OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$1,600	\$1,581	\$19	\$1,700
ELECTRICITY	\$1,000	\$945	\$55	\$1,000
SEWER	\$240	\$192	\$48	\$264
HEATING OIL	\$1,600	\$946	\$654	\$1,100
INSURANCE	\$7,000	\$6,551	\$449	\$8,200
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$13,975	\$4,148	\$9,827	\$13,400
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$600	\$1,119	-\$519	\$1,000
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$615	\$985	\$1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$1,700	\$450	\$1,250	\$750
TRAINING	\$5,000	\$3,867	\$1,133	\$5,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$394,872	\$394,051	\$821	\$18,600
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$1,500	\$2,130	-\$630	\$2,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$100	\$75	\$25	\$100
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	\$2,000	\$1,990	\$10	\$2,000
KUA BRIGADE	\$501	\$0	\$501	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$747	-\$247	\$750
SUBTOTAL	\$441,638	\$424,908	\$16,730	\$65,465
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,261	-\$1,261	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) CAPITAL RESERVE	-\$52,815	-\$12,071	-\$40,744	-\$9,214
GRAND TOTAL	\$388,823	\$414,098	-\$25,275	\$56,251

MERIDEN VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selected line items

	2017	2017	2017	2018
<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
CHIEF'S VEHICLE	\$725	\$721	\$4	\$0
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
ENGINE #2	\$3,500	\$82	\$3,418	\$3,500
ENGINE #3	\$0	\$63	-\$63	\$2,000
LADDER TRUCK	\$3,000	\$1,652	\$1,348	\$3,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$1,000
THERMAL CAMERA	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$81	\$69	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$765	\$235	\$500
AIR PACK	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$32	\$68	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$31	\$69	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$36	\$64	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$685	-\$585	\$500
TOTAL	\$13,975	\$4,148	\$9,827	\$13,400
<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>				
SHARED COMPRESSOR				
UPGRADE	\$3,300	\$3,470	-\$170	\$0
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$652	\$2,748	\$4,000
NEW/USED LADDER	\$5,000	\$1,112	\$3,888	\$0
NEW ENGINE 1	\$378,572	\$387,694	-\$9,122	\$0
HOSE WASHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOTS	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$800
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$762	\$738	\$1,500
RADIO AND ANTENNA	\$0	\$121	-\$121	\$0
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
SMALL & MISCELLANEOUS				
TOOLS	\$500	\$240	\$260	\$500
MISC	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
TOTAL	\$394,872	\$394,051	\$821	\$18,600

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year end was \$227,555. During the year, we transferred \$12,071 from the Capital Reserve Acct to the Operating Account.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

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

EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Proposed
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Accounting	\$300	\$195	\$300
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$400	\$4,000
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,540	\$2,000
Equipment Repairs	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$6,000
Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$3,500
Electricity	\$1,600	\$1,550	\$1,600
Telephone	\$2,000	\$1,714	\$2,500
Heat/Cooking	\$2,500	\$2,427	\$3,500
Gas	\$700	\$650	\$700
Water	\$350	\$384	\$400
Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,200	\$6,500
Schools & Training	\$500	\$341	\$500
Fees/Dues	\$150	\$400	\$400
New Tanker Loan	\$15,996	\$15,996	\$15,996
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$100	\$110	\$125
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$271	\$500
Chief's stipend	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Inspections	\$0	\$249	\$300
Diesel	\$0	\$650	\$1,000
Totals	\$53,996	\$52,563	\$57,521
RECEIPTS			
Grants (Title 4)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
Town Appropriation	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Town Training Funds	\$0	\$341	\$400
Interest /Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations	\$2,500	\$4,851	\$1,500
Totals	\$64,000	\$65,192	\$61,900
	Receipts	\$65,192	
Treasurer	Expenses	\$52,563	
	Balance	\$12,629	

Jean Temple
Treasurer



Chief Frank Currier's retirement celebration

Photo: S Halleran



Meriden Fire's new ladder truck at a chimney fire call

Photo: MVFD

STATE FOREST RANGER

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked 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 towers 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 2017 season threatened structures, 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. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 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). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. 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-2017</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u># FIRES</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Railroad	00	2017	064	107
Campfires	11	2016	351	1090
Lightning	00	2015	124	635
Equipment	04	2014	112	72
Arson	00	2013	182	144
Debris	07	2012	318	206
Children	01	2011	125	42
Smoking	04			
Misc*	37			

*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 -2017

Dear Members of the Plainfield Community:

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad would like to thank you for your financial support through both town funding and individual donations. The funds are used to pay for insurance, dispatch fees, vehicle registration/maintenance, building utilities/maintenance, supplies, equipment, protective gear and training for our members along with other costs. We have 18 active licensed responders ranging from Emergency Medical Responders to Paramedics, and we expect to add several newly licensed responders in 2018. We provide Emergency Medical Services to the towns of Plainfield and Cornish, working with transporting Ambulance services to provide EMS care for incidents including medical calls, lift assists, and motor vehicle accidents. We also provide scene support to the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments, and mutual aid support as required to neighboring towns. In addition to 2017's 164 calls for EMS service, we provide EMS coverage for events such as the 3 day Cornish Fair, and the summer weekly concert series at St. Gaudens' National Historic Site.

If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please contact President Gary Chilton at 603-448-7688 or Vice President Rob Drye at 603-675-9159.

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, check the batteries in your Smoke and CO detectors and be SAFE! If you need help with your detectors, please contact us or your Fire Department.

DIAL 911 for any emergency, Medical, Fire or Police related. NH Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

Sincerely,

Gary Chilton, President

Rob Drye, Vice President

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2017**

Capital Reserve/ Expendable Trust Funds	Principle Balance		New Funds		Funds		Principle Balance		Income Balance		Income Earned		Income Expended		Income Balance		Year End Account	
	Begin Year		Added	Expended	Year End	Begin Year		During Year	During Year	Year End	During Year	During Year	Year End	Year End	Year End	Year End	Year End	Balance
Revaluation Fund	\$66,500.00		\$10,000.00		\$76,500.00	\$995.63	\$505.59	\$62.04	\$1,501.22	\$78,001.22								
Town Hall Fund	\$2,120.00		\$10,000.00	\$1,120.00	\$11,000.00	\$59.66	\$19.34		\$16.96	\$11,016.96								
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$109,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$119,000.00	\$15,947.66	\$389.64		\$10,618.34	\$129,618.34								
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	\$113,500.00		\$8,000.00		\$121,500.00	\$11,249.08	\$877.89		\$4,126.97	\$125,626.97								
School Building Fund	\$41,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$28,500.00	\$219.49	\$69.99		\$230.98	\$28,558.50								
Schell Community Assist Fund	\$8,652.00		\$13,337.00		\$21,989.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$230.12	\$22,219.12								
New Equipment Fund	\$31,000.00		\$50,000.00		\$81,000.00	\$989.49	\$331.99		\$1,321.48	\$82,321.48								
Plainfield Water Fund	\$27,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$32,000.00	\$866.54	\$333.91		\$1,200.45	\$33,200.45								
Library Repair Fund	\$5,450.00		\$2,500.00	\$330.00	\$7,620.00	\$28.45	\$19.65	\$7.46	\$40.64	\$7,660.64								
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund	\$72,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$2,242.47	\$679.26		\$1,048.92	\$46,048.92								
School Spec Ed Van Fund	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00								
Plainfield History Fund	\$13,900.00		\$1,541.14		\$15,441.14	\$2,952.94	\$90.63		\$3,043.57	\$18,484.71								
Cemetery Care Fund	\$42,350.00				\$42,350.00	\$432.03	\$408.20		\$840.23	\$43,190.23								
ADA Access Fund	\$35,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$40,000.00	\$354.10	\$112.23		\$466.33	\$40,466.33								
School Spec Ed Fund	\$190,000.00		\$35,000.00		\$225,000.00	\$2,801.82	\$635.33		\$3,437.15	\$228,437.15								
Transportation Imprvmt Fund	\$0.00		\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$261.50	\$61.46		\$322.96	\$322.96								
School Benefits Payable	\$49,000.00				\$49,000.00	\$1,282.64	\$278.07		\$1,560.71	\$50,560.71								
Town Beauty Fund	\$150.00				\$150.00	\$0.12	\$0.08		\$0.20	\$150.20								
Police Equipment Fund	\$16,100.00		\$5,000.00	\$8,600.00	\$12,500.00	\$46.31	\$35.88		\$59.12	\$12,559.12								
Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund	\$25,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$202.51	\$109.69		\$312.20	\$30,312.20								
Town Facilities Maint Fund	\$19,900.00		\$15,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$21,900.00	\$175.46	\$79.64		\$145.40	\$22,045.40								
Townsend Bridge & Trail Fund	\$4,368.00				\$4,368.00	\$89.58	\$15.58		\$105.16	\$4,473.16								
TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS	\$871,990.00		\$265,378.14	\$152,550.00	\$984,818.14	\$41,197.48	\$5,284.17		\$30,456.63	\$1,015,274.77								

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2017**

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									
Daniels Cemetery	\$8,586.42			\$8,586.42	\$376.21	\$241.59	\$229.22	\$388.58	\$8,975.00
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$4,078.54			\$4,078.54	\$64.69	\$111.70	\$105.95	\$70.44	\$4,148.98
Freeman Cemetery	\$3,005.25			\$3,005.25	\$43.08	\$82.17	\$77.97	\$47.28	\$3,052.53
Gilkey Cemetery	\$429.33			\$429.33	\$6.81	\$11.76	\$11.15	\$7.41	\$436.74
Gleason Cemetery	\$29,151.67			\$29,151.67	\$462.10	\$798.26	\$757.39	\$502.97	\$29,654.64
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$429.33			\$429.33	\$6.81	\$11.76	\$11.16	\$7.41	\$436.74
Mill Cemetery	\$17,226.44			\$17,226.44	\$273.16	\$471.71	\$447.56	\$297.31	\$17,523.74
Moulton Cemetery	\$8,664.20			\$8,664.20	\$137.31	\$237.25	\$225.10	\$149.46	\$8,813.65
Penniman Cemetery	\$1,287.97			\$1,287.97	\$20.40	\$35.27	\$33.46	\$22.21	\$1,310.18
Plainfield Cemetery	\$63,829.53			\$63,829.53	\$995.72	\$1,747.41	\$1,657.94	\$1,085.19	\$64,914.72
Raynsford Cemetery	\$1,717.30			\$1,717.30	\$27.21	\$47.02	\$44.61	\$29.62	\$1,746.92
River Cemetery	\$1,287.97	\$1,000.00		\$2,287.97	\$20.41	\$62.22	\$59.05	\$23.59	\$2,311.56
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$1,073.31			\$1,073.31	\$17.00	\$29.39	\$27.88	\$18.51	\$1,091.82
Town Cemeteries	\$4,293.21			\$4,293.21	\$67.86	\$117.56	\$111.54	\$73.88	\$4,367.09
TOTALS	\$145,060.46	\$1,000.00		\$146,060.46	\$2,518.78	\$4,005.07	\$3,800.00	\$2,723.86	\$148,784.32
LIBRARY TRUST FUND									
Meriden Library	\$27,691.25			\$27,691.25	\$236.10	\$752.80	\$720.00	\$268.90	\$27,960.15
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$79,708.53			\$79,708.53	\$605.28	\$2,164.91	\$2,080.00	\$690.19	\$80,398.72
TOTALS	\$107,399.78			\$107,399.78	\$841.38	\$2,917.71	\$2,800.00	\$959.09	\$108,358.87

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 2017**

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS									
Ward Christmas Fund	\$4,293.22			\$4,293.22	\$116.56	\$118.87	\$114.00	\$121.43	\$4,414.65
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$6,439.80			\$6,439.80	\$13,682.92	\$542.42		\$14,225.34	\$20,665.14
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$4,293.22			\$4,293.22	\$629.26	\$132.69	\$150.00	\$611.95	\$4,905.16
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$11,808.92			\$11,808.92	\$20,839.86	\$880.07		\$21,719.93	\$33,528.86
Earl Mower Fund	\$1,770.98			\$1,770.98	\$47.38	\$49.01	\$47.38	\$49.01	\$1,819.99
Duncan Piano Fund	\$1,287.96			\$1,287.96	\$1,854.56	\$84.71		\$1,939.26	\$3,227.22
Vernon Hood Fund	\$429.33			\$429.33	\$319.30	\$20.18		\$339.48	\$768.81
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$1,925.94			\$1,925.94	\$2,031.02	\$106.66	\$346.00	\$1,791.68	\$3,717.63
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$2,404.20			\$2,404.20	\$64.33	\$66.54		\$66.54	\$2,470.75
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$18,264.94			\$18,264.94	\$30,830.85	\$862.87		\$31,693.72	\$49,958.66
Ruth F Koe Brady Camp Fund	\$1,098.83			\$1,098.83	\$519.69	\$43.63		\$563.32	\$1,662.15
Stage Set Fund	\$9,605.77			\$9,605.77	\$5,395.68	\$404.37		\$5,800.05	\$15,405.82
Stalker Cemetery Flag Fund	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00		\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$202.17		\$202.17	\$7,702.17
Mericrafters Fund	\$556.22			\$556.22	\$14.89	\$15.39	\$14.89	\$15.40	\$571.61
TOTALS	\$69,179.32	\$2,500.00		\$71,679.32	\$76,346.30	\$3,529.59	\$736.60	\$79,139.29	\$150,818.61
TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS	\$321,639.56	\$3,500.00		\$325,139.56	\$79,706.46	\$10,452.37	\$7,336.60	\$82,822.24	\$407,961.80

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 2017 were:

Library Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$2,500
Town meeting appropriation	
Withdrawals-	\$337
ML Lighting	\$337

Bridge Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Withdrawals-	\$5,718
Camp Road Bridge	
Wetland permit	\$933
Excavations	\$800
Abutment Repair	\$3,985

Town Hall Repair Fund

Deposits-	\$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$1,182
MTH-Oil Tank	\$1,182

Revaluation Fund

Deposits-	\$10,000
Town meeting appropriation.	
Withdrawals-	\$0

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

ADA Compliance	Deposits-	\$5,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals-	\$0
Transportation Fund	Deposits	\$55,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$55,000
	Paving Methodist Hill	
Townsend Bridge Fund	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Town Beautification	Deposits	\$0
	Withdrawals	\$0
Police Equipment Fund	Deposits	\$5,000
	Town Meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$8,623
	3 rd Cruiser Equipment	
Town Facilities Fund	Deposits	\$15,000
	Town meeting appropriation	
	Withdrawals	\$13,110
	Hwy Septic Repair	\$1,326
	Hwy Facility Study	\$3,000
	MTH Windows	\$7,546
	ML-Boundary Survey	\$1,238
Highway Equipment Fund	Deposits	\$50,000
	Withdrawals	\$0

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



US Supreme Court Justice Stephen A. Breyer participating in town's 4th of July celebration by reading from the Declaration of Independence



TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzick and Sanderson completed the 2017 audit in January of 2018. 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, 2017

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 1,393,101	\$ 1,435,730	\$ 42,629
Land use change	5,100	-	(5,100)
Yield	22,000	30,903	8,903
Excavation	-	139	139
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,000	-	(1,000)
Interest and penalties on taxes	55,000	57,648	2,648
Total from taxes	<u>1,476,201</u>	<u>1,524,420</u>	<u>48,219</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	6,000	6,542	542
Motor vehicle permit fees	520,000	547,595	27,595
Other	82,000	85,284	3,284
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>608,000</u>	<u>639,421</u>	<u>31,421</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	123,662	126,362	2,700
Highway block grant	116,184	116,182	(2)
State and federal forest land reimbursement	71	242	171
Other	-	426	426
Total from intergovernmental	<u>239,917</u>	<u>243,212</u>	<u>3,295</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	38,500	47,002	8,502
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	3,000	2,150	(850)
Interest on investments	1,500	3,807	2,307
Rent of property	-	600	600
Other	-	4,229	4,229
Total from miscellaneous	<u>4,500</u>	<u>10,786</u>	<u>6,286</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	93,971	102,652	8,681
Total revenues and other financing sources	2,461,089	<u>\$ 2,567,493</u>	<u>\$ 106,404</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	52,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 2,513,089</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, 2017**

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 200,887	\$ 203,239	\$ -	\$ (2,352)
Election and registration	-	15,330	15,472	-	(142)
Financial administration	-	68,100	64,069	-	4,031
Revaluation of property	-	12,000	14,414	-	(2,414)
Legal	-	14,000	12,765	-	1,235
Personnel administration	-	8,500	9,775	-	(1,275)
Planning and zoning	-	1,000	1,564	-	(564)
General government buildings	7,000	18,207	14,947	-	10,260
Cemeteries	-	28,100	31,209	-	(3,109)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	50,500	52,387	-	(1,887)
Advertising and regional associations	-	6,100	5,623	-	477
Total general government	<u>7,000</u>	<u>422,724</u>	<u>425,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,260</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	387,796	391,896	-	(4,100)
Ambulance	-	30,500	29,085	-	1,415
Fire	-	99,500	98,251	-	1,249
Building inspection	-	8,900	11,313	-	(2,413)
Emergency management	-	250	-	-	250
Dispatching	-	35,100	35,607	-	(507)
Total public safety	<u>-</u>	<u>562,046</u>	<u>566,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,106)</u>
Highways and streets:					
Public works garage	-	18,050	21,826	-	(3,776)
Highways and streets	-	747,457	760,625	-	(13,168)
Street lighting	-	12,000	10,315	-	1,685
Other	-	115,956	80,775	-	35,181
Total highways and streets	<u>-</u>	<u>893,463</u>	<u>873,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,922</u>
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	-	163,000	162,188	-	812
Solid waste disposal	-	51,810	49,410	-	2,400
Total sanitation	<u>-</u>	<u>214,810</u>	<u>211,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,212</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	18,485	16,375	-	2,110
Pest control	-	500	467	-	33
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>18,985</u>	<u>16,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,143</u>
Welfare:					
Administration	-	4,250	5,012	-	(762)
Direct assistance	-	5,750	8,228	-	(2,478)
Total welfare	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,240)</u>

Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	-	19,000	18,488	-	512
Library	4,000	148,266	145,926	4,000	2,340
Patriotic purposes	-	1,000	1,835	-	(835)
Total culture and recreation	<u>4,000</u>	<u>168,266</u>	<u>166,249</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,017</u>
Conservation	-	500	359	-	141
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	25,000	25,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	725	716	-	9
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>25,725</u>	<u>25,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>
Capital outlay	-	29,070	29,070	-	-
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	167,500	167,500	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,513,089</u>	<u>\$ 2,495,731</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,358</u>

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		\$ 704,092
Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus	\$ 106,404	
Unexpended balance of appropriations	<u>24,358</u>	
Budget surplus		<u>130,762</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		<u>\$ 782,854</u>

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2017

ASSETS:

CASH:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3,526,274
INVESTMENTS	\$3,528
PETTY CASH	\$250

TOTAL CASH **\$3,530,052**

PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE \$266,894

TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE \$199,939

CURRENT USE RECEIVABLE \$12,290

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE **\$479,123**

DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES \$11,039

DUE FROM ST OF NH \$0

DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE DEPT. \$1,031

TOTAL ASSETS: **\$4,021,245**

LIABILITIES:

DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND
(\$9,490+\$2,800) \$12,290

DUE TO GENERAL FUND \$9,490

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL \$2,827,991

INVOICES \$40,497

LIBRARY \$1,421

PAYROLL TAXES \$11

TOTAL PAYABLES **\$2,869,920**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$2,891,700**

FUND BALANCE **\$1,129,545**

RESERVE- TAX PREPPAYMENTS (\$191,110)

RESERVE- SB 38 HWY MONEY (\$99,290)

RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR (\$12,290)

RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES (\$40,000)

RESERVE-HIGHWAY \$0

RESERVE-POLICE \$0

RESERVE-LIBRARY DOOR (\$4,000)

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE **\$782,855**

GRAND TOTALS: **\$4,021,245**

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

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2017 **\$782,855**

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION **\$76,339**

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

Outstanding bonds & loans as of December 31 st , 2017	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$ 12,500
Total	\$ 12,500

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2016	\$ 37,500
New debt during the year	0
Debt retirement during the year	
Library Addition	\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2017	\$12,500

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

2017 Block Grant Allocation	\$115,956
Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal	\$55,000
Total Available	\$170,956

Thrasher Road	
Pike-Paving 1”top .4 mile	\$20,746
Total	\$20,746

Methodist Hill Road	
Excavator Rental	\$1,080
Drainage structures/roadbed stabilization	\$1,517
Paving-1.4 mile overlay Pike	\$79,986
Total	\$82,583

Harriman Road	
Paved intersection project (Excavator, fabric, drainage, pavement)	\$26,803
Total	\$26,803

Willow Brook Road	
Paving repair below covered bridge	\$19,301

Grading Project	
Spring, summer and fall grading	\$21,523

Total Expenditures	\$170,956
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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 Completed
'18	Jenney Rd	resurfacing
'19	Daniels Road	resurfacing
'20	Bean Road	resurfacing
'21	Westgate Road	resurfacing
'22	Beauty Hill Road	resurfacing

**2017 Turkey Trot
Alex Kurth took home the pie**



Crisp bright weather brought out nearly sixty participants. Go Trotters!!
Photo Melissa Longacre, Event Director

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES -2017

Agan, Matthew	Part-Time Patrolman	\$17,352
Belyea, Judith	Selectboard	\$2,350
Bircher, Thomas	Highway-Part Time	\$20,826
Blish, Keith	Truck Driver	\$45,105.16 includes overtime
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Treasurer	\$6,750
Brookes-Governo, Sarah	Election Staff	\$290
Cantlin, Daniel	Recreation Director	\$6,300
Collins, Michael	Truck Driver	\$43,793.79 includes overtime
Collins III, Richard	Road Agent	\$73,180
Crane, Terri	Library Assistant	\$10,493.07
Currier, Frank	Fire Chief	\$3,600
Dore, Lawrence	Part-Time Patrolman	\$1,070.35
Eberhardt, Ron	Selectboard	\$2,350
Estey, Lori	Library Assistant	\$6,187.27

Foss, Matthew	Patrolman	\$71,675.34 includes overtime
Franklin, Paul	Moderator	\$600
Gillens, Sarah	Library Assistant	\$4,603.85
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	\$79,430
Hoffman, Christine	Library Assistant	\$8,059.17
Jarvis, Madison	Library Circulation Aide	484.81
Jones, Harold	Supervisor of Checklist	\$309
Jordan, Donald	Supervisor of Checklist	\$450
Kennett, Joshua	Truck Driver	\$43,287.74 includes overtime
King, Mary	Library Director	\$43,065.90
Legare, Peter	Library Circulation Aide	\$7,578.75
LeMere, Jason	Truck Driver	\$44,589.69 includes overtime
Lersch, David	Building Inspector	\$9,210.60
Liebowitz, Susan	Dep. Tax Collect/Twn Clerk	\$10,740.27
Lurie, Elizabeth	Election Staff	\$410
Marsh, Michelle	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$53,675.16
Marsh, Robin	Ballot Clerk	\$290
McAndrew, Stephanie	Library Circulation Aide	\$2,246.75
Norwalk, Nancy	Library Director	\$577.53
O'Sullivan, Denis	Part-Time Patrolman	\$720
Reetz, Alyssa	Library Substitute	\$1,622.99
Remmes, Lana	Library Circulation Aide	\$6,766.10
Roberts, Paul	Police Chief	\$65,593.78
Rogerson, Roanne	Ballot Clerk	\$410
Schell, Stephanie	Human Services Director	\$2,415.14
Sicard, Brian	Truck Driver	\$51,848.22 includes overtime
Smith, Sean	Truck Driver	\$45,278.86 includes overtime
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	\$3,000
Swett, Anthony	Patrolman	\$70,705.82 includes overtime
Taylor, Robert	Selectboard	\$2,350
Taylor, William	Fire Chief	\$3,600
Wilder, Fern	Supervisor of Checklist	\$753
	TOTAL	\$875,996.11

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.

Our Community still benefits from many in town outreach programs. Our monthly Foot Care Clinics provided by Lake Sunapee VNA nurses are very popular. Senior Luncheons still occur on the 4th Thursday of each month at various locations around town. Our fun social gatherings offer wonderful nutritious meals and average 60-70 guests per month. Weekend Care Packages continue to be delivered each week to citizens of Plainfield and Meriden. This program helps to fight 68 hours of hunger to ensure that no child goes hungry.

In the year of 2017, a total of \$7,497.10 was disbursed to assist households in need. The Food Pantry from January- December 2017 provided 5,659 meals to community members.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2017 is as follows:

Housing	\$ 350.00
Electric	\$ 1,200.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 1,293.31
Nutrition Support Purchases	\$ 2,157.29
Medical	\$ 421.50
Health & Safety Clean-up	\$ 487.00
11 Summer Camp Scholarships (monies used from donations)	\$ 1,588.00

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 2017 totaling more than \$4,888.50 Eleven children were able to attend summer camp, 236 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 sincerely appreciate all the tax deductible donations that were made to the the *Schell Community Assistance Trust Fund* in 2017. The sole purposes of this Fund is 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 2018!

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

cr.director@plainfieldnh.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie M. Schell
Community Resource Director



**Annual Sunapee Boat trip, what a wonderful day with all our friends!
Photo: Stephanie Schell**

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2017:

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.**

HISTORY PUBLICATIONS REPORT

January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

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, 2017	\$1,516.01
January 2017	Closed

In January the Plainfield History Account was closed with the balance being turned over to the Trustees of the Trust Funds to be placed in the Plainfield History Fund. That fund had a December 31st 2017 balance of \$18,485 and has the stated purpose of being available for future updates. The remaining history books are now being given away to new residents and anyone that expresses an interest in having one. Any donations received for the remaining books will be transferred to the History Fund as well.

Submitted

Stephen Halleran-TA

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of the Kimball Union Academy (KUA) administration to maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the Academy and the Town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting. This year's committee held three meetings between November 2017 and January 2018.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS: This is the first year that your committee has met without the need to discuss the optional tax exemption allowed under RSA 72:23. As advertised in 2017, the optional exemption will not be up for voter consideration at the 2018 annual meeting. Kimball Union will receive the statutory \$150,000 exemption on Kitchen Dining Hall and Dormitory property and will be taxed on the value of this class of property that exceeds \$150,000. Going forward, all admission and financial aid decisions will be between the private academy and the applicant's family. The Plainfield Grant, so called, will no longer exist.

It was not at all clear to the committee how, if at all, SB 8 otherwise known as the "Croydon bill" impacts the Plainfield/KUA relationship. Plainfield currently has an AREA agreement with Lebanon that provides secondary education for all Plainfield students. SB 8 faces a variety of legal challenges that will likely take several years to resolve.

This year our committee focused its efforts on building connections between the Plainfield School staff and Kimball Union staff that will encourage mutually beneficial interactions between the two institutions.

- KUA students enrolled in the Academy's signature programs perform community service work and may be available to support certain projects that would be of benefit to PES.
- Exposure to KUA's academic, artistic, athletic, and social programs may provide enrichment for certain PES students.
- Early development of relationships with Plainfield students might lead to future attendance at the private high school in the future.

This is not a new concept. The goal of this year's work was to establish a system within each organization that, once in place, would guarantee regular improved communication going forward, not just sporadic communication as circumstances dictate.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP:

1. The future location of the United States post office issue continues to be of interest to Meriden Village residents. The KUA Administration has expressed its interest in moving the post office off Main Street with the objective of improving pedestrian safety, and is interested in exploring alternatives for a Post Office in Meriden.
2. Kimball Union has now expanded the new sidewalk lights that were placed at the bottom of Main Street to all sidewalks and most walkways around the campus. The result is a much brighter walking environment for pedestrians and greater safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.

3. KUA is also continuing to participate in discussing with our Regional Planning Commission and the NH DOT concerning possible safety issues relating to crossing Route 120. KUA Committee member John Yacavone also serves as the town's representative to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC).
4. As of this writing, thirty four Plainfield students are attending Kimball Union. Nine of these are students of Kimball Union faculty, four live on campus and five live in private homes off campus. Of these seven will likely graduate in May. At this early date, five PES 8th graders have shown interest in attending Kimball Union. Two of them have applied.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Beaupre, Robert Blake-KUA, Andrea Buono Keen, Christian Gorman-PES Schoolboard, Steve Halleran-Town Administrator, Rob Hewett, John Yacavone,

Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2017/18

ENERGY COMMITTEE -2017

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

The Plainfield Energy Committee focus in 2017 was to work on the Ready for 100 Campaign. As in previous years the Plainfield Energy Committee joined forces with the Cornish Energy Committee to work on this project.

As a first step in the implementation of this goal the Energy Committees teamed up with Vital Communities, NHSaves and local home energy contractors on a Weatherize Upper Valley program for to Plainfield and Cornish residents.

A. Ready for 100 Campaign

As explained in last year's Annual Report, 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 there are now 56 towns and cities that have committed to 100% renewable energy: Locally they include Burlington VT and Hanover, NH.

The Energy Committees Ready for 100 Campaign included three major efforts:

- organizing a **Renewable Energy Educational Series** consisting of presentations, movies and workshops to help residents understand the costs and benefits of this goal;

- developing a **warrant article** for each town and discussing that with the select board of each town;
- a **launch event** at the end of the year which presented the text of the warrant article and discussed the rationale for the Ready for 100 goal.

These events were made possible by a grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund (<https://grassrootsfund.org/>).

1. Renewable Energy Educational Series

The presentations in the Renewable Energy Educational Series dealt with the reasons for the Ready for 100 goal and technologies that could be used to meet the goal:

a. The Carbon Crisis and Its Impacts

i. What's the Big Deal about Carbon? Tom Lord, a science teacher from KUA explained how our use of fossil fuels impacts the natural carbon cycle and how increasing carbon dioxide (CO₂) affects our climate.

ii. What if? Having fun with an environmental simulator. Jeremy Woods, one of the creators of the Global Calculator, showed us how various socio-economic scenarios could affect our future. The Global Calculator is a model of the world's energy, land and food systems to 2050 which allows users to explore the world's options for tackling climate change and see how they all add up. Some of the results of this exploration were quite surprising to those that attended the presentation.

iii. The Messenger - a nationally acclaimed film about the causes of the decline of our songbirds.

b. Renewable Energy Generation

i. Solar Installers Expo. This was a workshop that explained the changes in the New Hampshire net metering regulations for solar Photo-voltaic (PV) systems, and gave participants the chance to talk to qualified PV installers and a bank that provided financing for solar PV systems. This expo was a joint effort between the Cornish, Enfield, Lebanon and Plainfield Energy Committees.

ii. Battery Power Presentation. This presentation discussed how batteries can supplement renewable energy electricity generation systems (such as solar PV) to provide power when the renewable systems are not generating electricity. Both home battery systems and utility scale storage systems were discussed. The presentation was led by Kim Quirk from the Energy Emporium and Bill Bender from Solaflect.

c. Renewable Energy Home Heating and Efficiency

i. Affordable home heating with renewable energy. This presentation discussed building energy efficiency and how important it is to ensure that a building is well insulated and sealed to reduce energy waste. Renewable heating systems were discussed, including air source and ground source heat pumps, solar heating and modern wood stoves. The presenters included Ina Pahl from Revision Energy, Kim Quirk of the Energy Emporium, Bill Knight and Bill Cable.

ii. Button Up Workshop. This workshop explained how to reduce air and heat leaks in your home so that it is warmer and uses less energy. It was presented by Andy Duncan, Energy Training Manager, LRCC, sponsored by NHSaves and organized in conjunction with Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative.

d. Renewable Energy Transportation

Upper Valley Electric Vehicle Expo (UV EV Expo). The Plainfield Energy Committee assisted in the running of the Upper Valley Electric Vehicle sponsored by Vital Communities as part of National Drive Electric Week. This expo featured a variety of electric vehicles, including cars from Tesla, Nissan, Chevy and BMW as well as electric bicycles and electric lawn mowers. Participants were able to inspect the vehicles and take test drives.

2. Town Warrant Article

The warrant article text was developed over several months by the Energy Committees and presented to the Plainfield Selectboard for consideration. Following a review of the text the Plainfield Selectboard gave it their unanimous support and agreed that it would be presented to the March town meeting as a warrant article that has the support of the Selectboard. It is article 8 on the warrant.

The Energy Committee fully endorses this warrant article and asks all Plainfield residents to vote for the article at town meeting.

3. Launch Event

The launch event which presented the Ready for 100 goal to the people of Plainfield and Cornish was held in November. It was titled "**Why should our towns commit to 100% renewable energy by the year 2050?**" and included presentations by Lee Lynd (who is the Paul E. and Joan H. Queneau Distinguished Professor in Environmental Engineering Design and Adjunct Professor of Biology, at Dartmouth College), Representative Lee Oxenham, Joanna Sharf of Cornish and Selectman Ron Eberhardt of Plainfield. Over 50 townspeople attended the presentation.

B. Weatherize Plainfield Cornish

Work on this began in late 2017 with the launch of Weatherize in January 2018. Flyers with information about this program were mailed to everyone in Plainfield. It is available to all Plainfield residents and makes it easy to professionally air seal and insulate your home.

Weatherization is the most effective way to increase your comfort and reduce your energy usage so that you have lower home heating bills. NHSaves estimates that installing energy efficient upgrades in your home can save about 20% on annual energy costs. Also, the leakiest homes may be eligible for up to \$4,000 of assistance from NHSaves.

The Energy Committee encourages every resident to consider participating in this program.

C. Meriden Town Offices Window Restoration Project

We are happy to report that the Meriden Town Offices window restoration project, launched back in 2014, was completed this year. This project was funded by several Moose Plate Grants, which are administered by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Particular thanks are due to Mike O' Leary, who managed this project over its many years, even after stepping down from the energy committee.

Submitted by
Evan Oxenham, Chair

Finance Committee Report-2017

Throughout the fall budget cycle members of the Finance Committee have attended meetings of the School Board, Select Board, Library Trustees, and the Meriden Library Building Committee (other?) to understand the proposed budgets and the factors that influenced their development.

Proposed School Board Budget

Article 1: Offsetting revenue

The proposed FY 2018/2019 budget is \$6,790,958. a *net increase* of 4.02% over actual expenditures for the last fiscal year. This is a rather large increase, the result, primarily, of four factors;

- A \$67,801 decrease of expected non-tax revenues (i.e., revenues coming from other sources than local taxes, e.g., state funds, grants, etc.).
- A \$110,000 increase in major, non-budgeted, non-offset expenses from FY 2017/2018 carried over to the proposed FY 2018/2019 budget. This represents a new special education out of district placement and additional para-educator.
- A \$220,000 increase expenses for the proposed budget for benefits, special education out-of-district placement, and an incremental para-educator.

- A total of \$120,000 in additional changes for the proposed budget drive by the “Budget Principals” defined by the board and school administration including;
 - New materials for math and reading programs (\$13,500),
 - An additional \$15,651 for discretionary professional development (focused on competency-based education, which is a state requirement.
 - Discretionary staff changes (guidance, library and office administration) totaling \$59,934
 - Investment in Chromebooks for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders (\$37,500).

Although there is general support for the process followed by the parties in the development of this budget and we understand the logic of the subsequent requests there is concern, among some committee members, about the ever increasing (consistently higher than the rate of inflation) budgets and the rate of innovation / evolution that might bring per pupil cost of education more into the mainstream. As a community we are paying a premium for education at PES which may have been acceptable in the short term, as enrollment declined, but perhaps should not be the permanent obligation of all our residents.

Additionally, a number of separate warrant articles have been proposed;

Article 2. \$14,000 Contractually-mandated increases from the approved contract between the School system and the Plainfield Support Staff Association (PSSA) for 2018/2019. The Finance committee supports the article.

Article 3. \$40,715 Contractually-mandated expenses (increases, not including step and column changes) from the approved contract between the School system and the Plainfield Education Association (PEA) for 2018/2019. The Finance committee supports the article.

Article 4. \$30,000 for the replacement and improvement of flooring in the school building. This is the next step in the multi-year process of moving to the terrazzo flooring. Finance committee has been persuaded in the past that the move to terrazzo, although costly, represented a reasonable choice for the school, and therefore the current group supports this request.

Article 5. The sum of \$50,000 is requested to fund a special education Tuition Trust. Historically the Finance Committee has supported the use of reserve funds as a means of smoothing potentially volatile expenses. This article is consistent with that thinking.

Proposed Town Operating budget

This budget, exclusive of warrant articles, of \$2,335,085 represents an increase of \$80,467, or 3.6%.

Notable drivers of the Operating budget increase are;

- Staff costs, primarily health care and retirement contributions, have added more than \$37,000 to next years’ costs.

- Based on a sample stone repair project the Cemetery Trustees have suggested that we are not properly budgeting for the maintenance of our cemeteries and as a result that line item was increased \$8,000.
- Ambulance services from Lebanon have increased \$6,500. Alternative arrangements are under review.
- Highways & Streets expenses are up \$16,772.
- Principal and Interest lines are down \$13,075 due to the retiring of the bond for the Phillip Read Memorial Library.

Additionally, requested outlays for capital items have increased 6.1%, or \$68,000.

Significant Capital Outlay changes are:

- Article 5: A review of our equipment reserve fund indicated that we were potentially underfunding, based on projected equipment replacement costs. That line item has been increased \$25,000 to get the fund in line with expectations. The committee supports the use of reserve funds and recognizes that the amounts will vary based on expected expenses.
- Article 6: With new municipal fire department responsibilities comes the need to plan for future equipment replacement, so a new dedicated fund has been created and the budget includes the first annual contribution of \$25,000. The Committee supports the use of a reserve fund for this purpose.
- Article 7: Meriden Library Fund – The Meriden Library Building Committee met over the past year and has recommended that the most cost effective method to achieve the goals of the community will be to replace the facility. The final cost of the project will be offset by current funds, a future bond, and private fundraising. Beginning to set aside funds to cover the anticipated public portion of the project has led to the creation of this reserve fund and the initial deposit. The Committee supports the use of a reserve fund and that the public should have an opportunity to demonstrate support for a project of this scale

These increases are offset a small amount by a projected increase in revenue of \$43,294. The net of this budget, with the passage of Articles 5,6,7 will require an additional \$105,173 in tax dollars, or \$0.40 added to the tax rate.

Comments on the Town Budget:

- Costs related to healthcare and retirement benefits continue to drive budget increases. As these benefits become increasingly costly we support the periodic review of our compensation practices to ensure we control costs where possible, while compensating staff appropriately.
- Reserve funding is an effective method to level larger expenses. The requested level of funding should be the result of an appropriate review of expected expenses. The requested change in the highway equipment fund is an example of the right way to use these funds.
- The Committee would like to acknowledge that the discussion regarding the brine program represents the type of review that all new programs should have. This allows the community to try new things to address a need, and only continue the expense if the results are deemed worthwhile. This process should encourage innovation and efficiency in the context of prudent budgeting.

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. Our neighbors can take some comfort from the fact that even in an era where everyone's discretionary time is precious there are still individuals who volunteer their time to participate in town governance, including the vital (if occasionally dry) process of annual budgeting. Like-wise you can be assured that the professionals who act on our behalf throughout the year to prepare these budgets, take the process seriously and do their best to listen to feedback from the community. 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 Annual Meetings and vote!

Brad Atwater and Mark Hary Co-Chairs Finance Committee

Meriden Village Water District 2017 Operator's Report

The District received a two- year temporary groundwater discharge permit from the State of NH in August. The permit is part of the investigation into the feasibility of groundwater discharge of treated effluent versus the current surface water discharge into Blood Brook. Effluent limitations contained in the District's NPDES permit from the EPA have made it necessary to seek an alternate method for discharge.

In September construction was begun on the project to install four rapid infiltration basins on District owned property just outside the fence of the wastewater treatment facility. The project also included the installation of an effluent pump and all the associated pipe and valves to discharge treated effluent into the basins. Effluent discharge to the new basins was started on November 16th and will continue until July of 2019. In the months ahead, the level of the water table will be monitored and sampling of the adjacent groundwater from several monitoring wells will be conducted.

The District applied for an asset management grant as part of the overall groundwater discharge feasibility study. The grant was awarded to the District and will need to be approved at the annual meeting in March. The money will be used to study inflow and infiltration(I&I) into the wastewater collection system. The elimination of I & I will be an important part of the switch to groundwater discharge as I & I reduces the capacity of the treatment works.

Construction of a 53.5 KW solar array on District property was started in December. The array is being installed by Norwich Technologies and will be owned by an outside investor for a period and then it will be offered to the District for purchase. The arrangement is very similar to the Plainfield School solar project. The array will supply all the electricity needed to run all of the District's water and wastewater facilities.

As part of overall energy efficiency, the District installed variable frequency drives(VFD's) on our two submersible well pumps. The drives will save electricity as well as reduce wear and tear on the pump motors as the drives allow for soft starts and stops of the pumps. The District purchased a used Kubota tractor equipped with a cab and snowplow to replace the 1983 GMC plow truck. The plow truck needed a lot of repair work and the new tractor will make winter maintenance of the District's 26 fire hydrants much easier. A new computer was also purchased to replace a seven- year- old machine that was still running Windows Vista.

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 twentieth day of March 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1.

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 2. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty nine thousand seven hundred thirty two dollars (\$29,732) (gross appropriation) for the purpose of performing asset management for the District's wastewater collection system, to authorize the issuance of not more than twenty nine thousand seven hundred thirty two dollars (\$29,732) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further, to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon; and, to further authorize the Commissioners to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF), it being understood that repayment of the loan funds may include up to 100% principal forgiveness in the amount of \$29,732? (Requires a 2/3 ballot vote).

ARTICLE 3. 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 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system facilities and equipment, pursuant to RSA35:1, with said funds to come unexpended fund balance. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 4. 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 unexpended fund balance. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,860 which represents the operating budget, with funds to come from user charges, and unexpended fund balance. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

ARTICLE 7. To see what action the District will take with regard to water and sewer user charges.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the District accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any village district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the commissioners to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the village district meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other government unit or private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 9. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this thirteenth day of February, 2018.

A true copy attest:

Jeffery Allbright

Murray Dewdney

Nathaniel Pierson

Commissioners Meriden Village Water District

MINUTES
MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017

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 twenty first of March 2017 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

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

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

RESOLVED:

That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year: Stephen Taylor

Clerk for one year: Roberta Garfield

Commissioner for three years: Nathaniel Pierson

Treasurer for one year: Donald Garfield

Auditor for one year: Catherine Legare

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator 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 \$229,780, which represents the operating budget, with funds to come from user charges. 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 2016 Town Report be approved, 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 eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), with said funds to come from user charges and unexpended fund balance, 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. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

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

RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), with said funds to come from user charges and unexpended fund balance, to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading facilities and equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1

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

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

RESOLVED:

1. That District charges for residential sewer service be increased from \$100 per quarter to \$110 per quarter.
2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$8,800 per month to \$9,680 per month.
3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School be increased from \$500 per month to \$550 per month.
4. That District charges for residential water service be increased from \$80 per quarter to \$90 per quarter.
5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from \$5,450 per month to \$6,050 per month.

ARTICLE VII. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Roberta I. Garfield

Roberta I. Garfield, Clerk

**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 01/28/18

**Meriden Village Water District
Water Department Balance Sheet
12/31/2017**

Assets:

Checking account balance	\$70,356.72
Undeposited funds	\$90.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,626.97
Accounts due District: Water charges due	\$14,922.24
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Total Assets	\$210,995.93

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$125,626.97
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Total Liabilities	\$125,626.97
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$85,368.96
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Grand Total	\$210,995.93

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$339,875.18
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**Sewer Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2015**

Assets:

Checking account balance	\$63,453.51
Undeposited funds	\$110.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$46,048.92
Accounts due District: Sewer charges due	\$17,774.53
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Total Assets	\$127,386.96

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	\$46,048.92
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Total Liabilities	\$46,048.92
Fund Balance- Current Surplus	\$81,338.04
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Grand Total	\$127,386.96

Principal Balance Long Term Debt:

State of NH Revolving Fund	\$159,793.15
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**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Income	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Sewer Charges	\$130,218	\$130,362	\$146,740	\$145,559	\$145,000
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$3,250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$0	\$104	\$0	\$1,316	\$0
From Capital Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$38,600	\$0
Transfer from Water					
From Surplus	\$32,000	\$12,293	\$0	\$0	\$17,480
Other Income				\$300	\$29,732
Total Income	\$202,218	\$186,009	\$146,740	\$185,775	\$192,212
Expenses	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Generator Replacement	\$22,000	\$21,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office	\$1,000	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,003	\$1,200
Legal	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$1,797	\$200
Electricity	\$8,300	\$5,893	\$7,500	\$5,262	\$6,000
Insurance	\$23,800	\$24,828	\$25,100	\$25,591	\$26,000
Maintenance	\$17,000	\$7,327	\$17,728	\$16,336	\$17,000
Telephone	\$1,200	\$1,098	\$1,200	\$1,115	\$1,200
Wages	\$35,700	\$36,416	\$38,982	\$36,931	\$39,000
FICA, Medicare	\$3,700	\$3,656	\$3,800	\$4,274	\$4,400
Retirement	\$6,400	\$6,626	\$6,800	\$7,520	\$7,700
Interest on debt	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$6,200	\$6,131	\$5,600
Principal on debt	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980	\$15,979	\$15,980
Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,029	\$3,000	\$2,341	\$3,000
Effluent Testing	\$4,500	\$4,436	\$4,500	\$4,620	\$4,700
Vehicle	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$104	\$500
Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Grd. Wtr. Monitoring	\$7,000	\$3,821	\$4,000	\$9,331	\$10,000
Special Projects	\$40,000	\$39,588		\$27,481	\$39,732
Total Expenses	\$202,218	\$186,009	\$146,740	\$175,816	\$192,212

**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
WATER DEPARTMENT**

Income	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Water Rents	\$84,271	\$87,835	\$97,440	\$97,728	\$97,000
Hook-Ups	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hydrant Rentals	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Interest	\$0	\$128	\$0	\$1,951	\$0
From Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
Transfer From Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,138	\$0
From Surplus	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,780
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$92,871	\$93,062	\$101,040	\$122,418	\$103,380
Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Office	\$500	\$561	\$500	\$1,291	\$1,200
Legal	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0
Electricity	\$7,400	\$6,251	\$7,000	\$4,822	\$6,000
Insurance	\$6,000	\$5,931	\$6,000	\$5,068	\$7,000
Maintenance	\$15,000	\$8,482	\$15,634	\$9,093	\$15,000
Tractor Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,276	\$0
Telephone	\$250	\$372	\$350	\$378	\$380
Wages	\$11,900	\$11,947	\$13,044	\$11,644	\$13,000
FICA, Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Retirement	\$2,200	\$2,214	\$2,300	\$1,519	\$2,300
Interest on debt	\$13,497	\$13,497	\$12,462	\$12,462	\$11,400
Principal on debt	\$30,874	\$30,874	\$32,000	\$31,909	\$33,000
Supplies	\$2,000	\$600	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Water Analysis	\$2,000	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,010	\$2,100
Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
Total Expenses	\$92,871	\$82,629	\$101,040	\$110,472	\$103,380

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT Commissioners' Annual Report

The Water District had no major changes during 2017. We did continue the process of replacing 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.

System operation during 2017 was generally satisfactory. Our operator of several years retired mid-year. Our former backup became the regular operator. While all system testing requirements were met, what seems to have become regular 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.

We are currently working with two homeowners who have failing wells to add their residences to the system. This will be done at the homeowners' expense. We are also working to reconnect two residences that share a single system connection. Since the original work was done with the District's authorization more than 20 years ago, there may be some part of this project that will be funded by the District. We also plan to service our fire hydrants. This may involve replacing one or more of our oldest hydrants.

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 some of our "old debt" when two residences were sold.

The DES grant program that is expected to bring in about \$4500 this year was funded for the 2017 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to \$40,000 with \$20,000 payments annually for the remaining two years of the bond. The slight reduction in rates we were able to adopt in 2012 still yielded enough revenue to meet our expenses.

Our valued commissioner Gordon Gillens, who has served several terms during which he has rendered good service, has announced his intention to retire at the 2018 annual meeting, opening up a commissioner's position to fill. Anyone interested should contact any of the commissioners, or attend the annual meeting scheduled for March 24.

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 Drupe

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 24th of March 2018 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 **\$52,440** to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

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

Given under our hands and seal this Third Day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

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

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

ASSETS

Cash	\$69,204
Accounts receivable	27,580
Machinery and equipment	124,288
Buildings	10,000
Land and improvements	70,000
Tank/Well project	<u>\$450,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$751,072</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$0
Tax Anticipation Notes	0
Bond payable –NHMBB	<u>40,000</u>
Total liabilities	40,000

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted assets	<u>\$711,072</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$751,072</u>

Plainfield Village Water District

Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2017

Opening Cash position	\$67,709
Water Rent	\$49,836
Other Income	<u>\$4,496</u>
Total Income	\$54,332
Admin Expenses	\$4,376
Operations	\$20,311
Bond Debt - Principal Reduction	\$20,000
Bond Debt – Interest	\$3,150
TAN notes – interest	<u> </u>
Total operating disbursements	\$47,837
Capital Projects	
Transfers to Trust Funds	
System Maintenance Fund	\$5,000
Transfers from Trust Funds	
Net cash flow before TAN borrowings	\$1,495
Net TAN borrowings	\$0
Net change in cash balance	\$1,495
Ending Cash position	\$69,204

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE DISTRICT
2018 BUDGET (DRA format)**

	2017	2017	2018
	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
General Government			
Executive	\$1,290	\$1,290	\$1,290
Financial Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$1,200
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other General Government	\$2,500	\$1,786	\$3,500
Water Distribution and Treatment			
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Services	\$18,000	\$17,934	\$18,000
Water Treatment	\$400	\$518	\$400
Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service			
Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$2,050
Capital Outlay			
Land and Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Improvements other than Bldgs	\$5,000	\$1,859	\$5,000
Operating Budget Subtotal	\$51,340	\$47,837	\$52,440
Individual Warrant Articles			
Improvements other than Bldgs	\$0	\$0	\$0
To Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
SOURCE OF REVENUE			
State of NH Other	\$4,461	\$4,489	\$4,200
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Water Supply System Charges	\$51,879	\$49,836	\$50,000
Interest on Investments		\$7	\$10
Total Estimated Revenue and Credits	\$56,340	\$54,332	\$54,210

MARRIAGES 2017

DATE	APPLICANTS	RESIDENCE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE	TOWN OF MARRIAGE
01/04/2017	Spencer Jr, Winston F. Campbell, Susan J.	Plainfield, NH Keene, NH	Lebanon	Lebanon
05/19/2017	Cyphers, Joshua D. Packnick, Christine M.	Grantham, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Henniker
06/14/2017	Mussnug, Erich J. Macinnes, Kellie L.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Lebanon
06/24/2017	McNamara, Nathan J. Kinney, Kaleigh N.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Cornish
06/26/2017	Faulkner, David J. Witty, Alexandra P.	Walpole, NH Plainfield, NH	Walpole	Merrimack
07/01/2017	York, Gary A. Longhi, Cynthia L.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Farmington
09/02/2017	Noble, Caleb J. Tassinari, Emily K.	Newburyport, MA Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Plainfield
09/03/2017	Kaplan, Andrew S. Palmer, Amy L.	Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH	Plainfield	Nashua

BIRTHS – 2017

D.O.B.	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
05/28/2017	Henderson, Harper Corinne	Lebanon	Henderson, Lucas	Henderson, Jennifer
06/09/2017	Plummer, Brody Michael	Lebanon	Lima, Michael	Plummer, Abby
06/17/2017	Martin, Avalyn Grace	Lebanon	Martin, Andrew	Martin, Christina
08/01/2017	Robinson, Kennedy Lesley	Lebanon	Robinson, Travis	Robinson, Ashley
08/30/2017	Hall, Rebecca Lucile	Lebanon	Hall, Troy	Hall, Patricia
09/25/2017	Moore, Winston Andrew	Lebanon	Moore, Kenneth	Moore, Sarah

DEATHS – 2017

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother
01/28/2017	Schelewa, Anne	Lebanon	Walker, Kinsley	Gahs, Helen
02/22/2017	Armstrong, Wanita	Plainfield	Leavitt, Dana	Severance, Hazel
02/24/2017	Moeller Sr, William	Lebanon	Moeller, Herman	Molnar, Anne
04/08/2017	Read Sr, Richard	Plainfield	Read Jr, Palmer	Plamondon, Lucille
05/16/2017	Thomas, Arlene	Meriden	Kelley, H Bertram	Cormier, Emilienne
06/13/2017	Hayes, Brian	Lebanon	Hayes Jr, John	Carey, Nellie
06/29/2017	Cisneros Jr, Isabel	Lebanon	Cisneros Jr, Isabel	Saucedo, Tomasa
07/16/2017	McNamara Sr, John	Meriden	McNamara, John	Downer, Florence
07/21/2017	Hall, Maria	Lebanon	Hall, George	Faye, Dympna
08/19/2017	Postupack, Andrew	Plainfield	Postupack, Jeffrey	Judt, Heidi
09/03/2017	Ferguson, Allan	Meriden	Ferguson, Walter	Schieder, Dorothy
09/28/2017	Daniels, Ellen	Plainfield	Abbott, Richard	Griswold, Elizabeth
10/09/2017	Griswold Jr, Clifford	Hanover	Griswold Sr, Clifford	Tobin, Beatrice
11/05/2017	Swett, Marcia	Lebanon	Stone, Roland	Dannel, Barbara
12/01/2017	Atwater, Judith	Lebanon	Peterson, Milton	Moverly, Esme
12/03/2017	Truman, Kellee	Lebanon	Woodward, Fay	Monica, Janet
12/11/2017	Jeror, Brenda	Hanover	Fountain Jr, Irving	Johnson, Shirley