

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