

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

12/12/18

EXPENDITURES	2017	2017	2018	Percent	Dollar
Item	Approved	Expenditures	Request	Change	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$ 200,887	\$ 197,096	\$ 213,350	6.2%	\$ 12,463
Election/Registration	\$ 15,330	\$ 15,012	\$ 16,330	6.5%	\$ 1,000
Financial Administration	\$ 68,100	\$ 62,696	\$ 68,450	0.5%	\$ 350
Revaluation of Property	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,689	\$ 10,000	-16.7%	-\$ 2,000
Legal Expense	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,765	\$ 13,000	-7.1%	-\$ 1,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,602	\$ 9,500	11.8%	\$ 1,000
Planning and Zoning	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,700	70.0%	\$ 700
General Government Buildings	\$ 17,025	\$ 9,967	\$ 17,025	0.0%	\$ 0
Cemeteries	\$ 28,100	\$ 28,998	\$ 28,100	0.0%	\$ 0
Insurances	\$ 50,500	\$ 52,387	\$ 52,500	4.0%	\$ 2,000
Regional Associations	\$ 6,100	\$ 5,602	\$ 6,100	0.0%	\$ 0
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$ 387,796	\$ 384,050	\$ 412,688	6.4%	\$ 24,892
Ambulance	\$ 30,500	\$ 29,085	\$ 30,500	0.0%	\$ 0
Fire-Plainfield	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Fire-Meriden	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	0.0%	\$ 0
Building Inspection	\$ 8,900	\$ 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	\$ 18,996	\$ 20,050	11.1%	\$ 2,000
Highway and Streets	\$ 686,738	\$ 627,825	\$ 703,510	2.4%	\$ 16,772
Road Projects	\$ 115,956	\$ 89,153	\$ 117,360	1.2%	\$ 1,404
Street Lights	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,396	\$ 12,000	0.0%	\$ 0
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 163,000	\$ 162,188	\$ 167,000	2.5%	\$ 4,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 51,810	\$ 46,295	\$ 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	\$ 10,649	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Recreation Commission	\$ 19,000	\$ 17,923	\$ 19,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Libraries	\$ 148,266	\$ 140,349	\$ 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
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	\$ 2,135,347	\$ 2,312,085	2.5%	\$ 57,467

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	\$ 50,000	0.0%	\$ 0
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
Hwy Truck Replacement	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000
Cemetery Wall Repair	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000		-\$ 1,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 174,500	\$ 174,500	\$ 298,500	71.1%	\$ 124,000
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,429,118	\$ 2,309,847	\$ 2,610,585	7.5%	\$ 181,467

REVENUES	2017	2017	2018	Percent	Dollar
Item	Anticipated	Received	Anticipated	Change	Change
TAXES					
Land Use Change Tax (1/2)	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,100	\$ 9,490	86.1%	\$ 4,390
Yield Taxes	\$ 22,000	\$ 29,427	\$ 22,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Interest & Penalties	\$ 55,000	\$ 53,485	\$ 55,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Excavations	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
LICENSES AND PERMITS					
Licenses & Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,127	\$ 6,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 520,000	\$ 407,250	\$ 520,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Trash User Fees	\$ 82,000	\$ 55,400	\$ 82,000	0.0%	\$ 0
STATE REVENUE					
Rooms and Meals Dist	\$ 123,637	\$ 0	\$ 123,637	0.0%	\$ 0
Highway Block Grant	\$ 115,956	\$ 115,956	\$ 117,360	1.2%	\$ 1,404
State Reimbursements	\$ 65	\$ 0	\$ 65	0.0%	\$ 0
CHARGES FOR SERVICE					
Income from Departments	\$ 38,000	\$ 33,320	\$ 38,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Reimbursements	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500	0.0%	\$ 0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE					
Sale of Town Property	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,150	\$ 3,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Interest on Deposits	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,500	0.0%	\$ 0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000
Trust Funds	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 0
Fund Balance Utilization	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 983,758	\$ 711,615	\$ 1,064,552		
NET APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,445,360	\$ 1,598,232	\$ 1,546,033	7.0%	\$ 100,673

Change in dollars from taxation: \$100,673
Projected tax rate impact \$ 0.38

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

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

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

ARTICLE 2. To see what action the town will take with regard to the following questions relative to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, **said changes being recommended by the Planning Board:**

Question 1. In order to make the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance (approved in 2014, amended 2016) in compliance with newly enacted RSA 674:73 Accessory Dwelling Units (effective June 2017) the following changes are proposed:

Amend Criteria #3 which reads

3. ADU's may be between 320 and 800 sq feet and cannot exceed 50% of the gross living area of the primary residence.

to read

3. ADU's may be no larger than 800 sq feet and cannot exceed 50% of the gross living area of the primary residence.

Amend Criteria #5 which reads

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. Setback encroachments or variances involving the living area square footage requirements are not allowed.

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 independent 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 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

ARTICLE. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,312,085** 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	68,450
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	28,100
10. Insurance	52,500
11. Regional Associations	6,100
12. Police	412,688
13. Ambulance Service	30,500
14. Fire	
-Plainfield	55,000
-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	20,050
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:	\$2,312,085

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

ARTICLE . To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$167,500** to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:

RSA 35:1 funds:

\$15,000	Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015.
\$10,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000	Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000	Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$10,000	Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994.
\$5,000	ADA Access Fund created in 2003.
\$5,000	Police Equipment Fund created in 2011.
\$5,000	Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.

RSA 31:19a funds:

\$10,000	Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500	Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

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

ARTICLE 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. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

***ARTICLE** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purchase of a new dump truck with plow equipment to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the selectmen to withdraw up to the sum of \$75,000 from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade one of the town's existing highway trucks. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 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 Replacement 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 development and implementation of a plan to replace the Meriden Library Building. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** to continue the restoration of the stone entryway into the Plainfield Plain Cemetery. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE. 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.

ARTICLE 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 Woodheating (72:69) energy generation systems in Plainfield. The exemption will be 100% of the value up to a maximum of \$300,000 in taxable value for these systems.

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