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Other Business: The Selectboard voted to accept the year end financial reservations made by Town Administrator Halleran, see below:

Account:

1-4210-711	Police Cruiser	\$7,000
1-4312-741	Highway equipment repairs in progress	\$8,000
1-4550-900	Plainfield Library addition, door replacement	\$4,000
1-4194-520	Town Hall Window Restoration, in progress	\$7,000

In total \$26,000 from unreserved fund balance will be earmarked for these in progress projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Stephen Halleran

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Robert Taylor

1 The Selectboard will hold a second budget hearing on February 1st at the Plainfield Library. The budget
2 will remain open to change right up until the vote at town meeting.

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4 The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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1 consolidation of the library director position. The town's workers compensation claim experience and
2 rising health care costs both contribute significantly to the increase. The hearing was closed at 7:35pm.
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The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Chairman Eberhardt felt the idea had merit and he was in favor of alternating the meetings.
Judy moved to keep the Selectboard meeting schedule and locations unchanged. Taylor seconded and the motion was approved on a vote of 2 to 1, Eberhardt against.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Stephen Halleran

Judy Belyea

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3 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
4 **Wednesday March 1st 2017**
5 **Meriden Town Hall**

6 Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair
7 Judy Belyea
8 Robert Taylor
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11 The meeting opened at 6pm.
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13 **Plainfield Energy Committee:** Co Chair Steve Ladd attended the meeting with several other members of
14 the committee to seek Board of Selectmen support for the Ready 100 initiative. The effort involves
15 committing to trying, as a community, to reach 100% use of renewable energy for electricity by 2030 and
16 renewable for all energy usage by 2050. There are no regulatory teeth in the program, but a lot of
17 educational work will be done to achieve the goal. Hanover will have this item on their town meeting this
18 May. Plainfield's energy committee would like to have an article on the 2018 town warrant for the effort.
19 The Selectboard gave their broad support for the program. Chairman Eberhardt indicated that the board
20 would have to wait until a draft of the warrant article was available before commenting on the specifics.
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22 **Highway Department:** The Selectboard unanimously endorsed hiring retired Hanover Public Works
23 Foreman Thomas Bircher to work for the Highway Department. Road Agent Collins and Town
24 Administrator Halleran feel that Tom's road grading skill will be an asset to the department. Halleran feels
25 that Richard should focus his time on the Road Agent function. Asking him to be the town's Road Agent,
26 Mechanic and Grader operating is too much. Bircher will work three to four days a week, mid April to
27 early November. Road grading will be his primary function.
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29 **Town Office:** The Selectmen received their town meeting preparatory materials. The annual report is now
30 out and has been mailed to residents. The document is also posted on the town's website.
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32 **Barrington Power:** The Selectmen held the required RSA 72:74 public hearing on the request by
33 Barrington Power to use a payment in lieu of taxes for the planned 137 Kw solar array at the school rather
34 than be subject to property taxes. Chairman Eberhardt, in opening the hearing, cautioned the group that this
35 discussion was about the PILOT issue not whether or not the array was compatible with the school or a
36 good use of the hayfield. Dave Russell of Barrington power explained that to keep the project
37 economically viable a PILOT of 5% of revenues from the array is proposed. The payment should equate to
38 about \$1,400/year. If the array were taxed a bill of \$6,000 or more would result. The most likely scenario
39 for the array is that once the investors had exhausted the Federal tax credits, the school district would
40 purchase the system at a discounted price, receiving essential free electric power (\$26,000 year) for the ten
41 years after the array was paid in full.
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43 The Plainfield School Board has not yet voted to accept the project and the project must go through the
44 town's land use process, both ZBA and Planning.
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46 Comments from the public centered on full support for the array. Members of the Energy Committee noted
47 that this project was exactly in line with the Ready 100 program. Others expressed concern that tax dollars
48 should not be fore given and that the project should not be given special treatment. The school is a public
49 asset that was developed for a specific purpose. It was noted that a vote at the school district meeting two
50 years ago approved the concept as long as it did not cost the district any money. There also was broad
51 support for doing all that can be done to minimize the impact that the array might have on the open space
52 around the school.

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The Selectmen have sought input from Town Assessor, who noted that PILOTs for renewable energy projects are fairly common. The public hearing was closed and the Selectmen indicated that a decision would be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Stephen Halleran

Judy Belyea

Robert Taylor

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2 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
3 **Wednesday April 5th 2017**
4 **Plainfield Library**
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6 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor
7 Judy Belyea
8 Ron Eberhardt
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10 The meeting opened at 6pm.
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13 **Public Comment Period:** Lee and Evan Oxenham along with David and Sue Taylor met briefly with the
14 Selectboard to discuss the town's policies on immigration. The group met previously with Police Chief
15 Roberts and found his policies to be in line with their views on this national issue. The police department
16 does not unnecessarily depend emigration documents as part of routine investigations, however, if Federal
17 assistance is sought to locate someone with emigration issues that may be in Plainfield, our Police
18 Department will assist them locate the person. A follow up meeting with Chief Roberts is planned for two
19 weeks and might be scheduled so as to be part of the next Selectboard meeting.
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21 Paul and Amy Franklin met with the Selectboard to encourage the town to keep a close eye on the former
22 Berwick Property now owned by the 360LLC. The new property owners have a record of noncompliance
23 with their state permits on this brown field site and the Franklin family is concerned that they will avoid the
24 town's land use approval process unless forced to participate. The Selectboard acknowledged their
25 concerns and assured the Franklins that a file is being developed and kept on the property for future use.
26 The town has had multiple communications with the owners about what is permissible and what is not
27 permissible on the property without some additional land use approvals.
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29 Fire Chief Currier updated the Selectboard on Fire Department activity over the last month. The department
30 was able to take advantage of a valuable training opportunity by participating in a "live burn" of a house
31 located at 432 Stage Rd. The existing house was to be razed; burning the building was a great way to train
32 the younger fireman on the fire fighting craft.
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34 **Road Agent Report:** The group did some planning work on prioritizing bridge work. Halleran was
35 instructed to pursue state bridge aid program for the painting of the beams under the Meriden Covered
36 Bridge. The town will pursue replacing the Camp Road Bridge first, followed by the Ladieu Road Bridge.
37 Selectman Taylor encouraged Halleran and Collins to talk with Jim Taylor in Enfield about a recent bridge
38 project their. They had a very positive experience with a Springfield NH bridge company.
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40 **Facility Manager:** Brad Atwater met with the Selectmen to discuss options for repairs at the Plainfield
41 Town Hall. The building has some long-term structural problems that can be improved upon and repaired,
42 but solving them while desirable, could be very expensive. There was general agreement that repairs to the
43 foundation, improvements to the grades and structure should be made so as to extend the life of the
44 building. However, there are no plans for a large scale project that would replace or reconfigure the entire
45 foundation of the building.
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47 **Town Administrator:** The Board certified the actions/reports from town meeting that will be forwarded to
48 the DRA for fall tax rate setting.
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50 Steve Halleran updated the Selectboard on employee evaluations that are being conducted at this time.
51 Once these evaluations are complete, the Selectboard will evaluate the Town Administrator.
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53 The Board reviewed the Federal Court decision which added \$4,000 to the town's disbursement from the
54 sale of the Brown property on Center of Town Road. The town had hoped for much more. Attorney Barry
55 Schuster is looking for guidance from the Selectboard on whether to proceed with a second appeal. Barry

1 has cautioned that the odds of success are not, in his view, in the town's favor the further up the Federal
2 Court ladder we go. The Selectboard agreed to end the appeal and accept the reimbursement.

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4 The Board viewed a web based GIS mapping service that is under consideration for after the 2018
5 revaluation. The service would allow for the digital use of the town's tax mapping data that was developed
6 some years ago, funded by the Conservation Commission. The data is maintained annual but the town has
7 no way to effectively use the data other than looking at the paper or pdf versions of the maps. This new
8 service would allow the maps to be linked to the town's assessing data and other attributes and could be
9 accessed from any web connected device.

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11 The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Robert Taylor, Chair

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1 Halleran updated the board on the 2017 budget. While more expensive than the previous winter, with the
2 worst of the season behind us now, the current year budget is on track, with 67% of the year left 70% of the
3 overall operating budget remains in place.

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1 Halleran will be attending a NH Labor Department employment seminar in Claremont tomorrow. The NH
2 Labor Department has now completed its inspections of town facilities. All previously noted items have
3 been addressed. The next inspection will be in five or more years.

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