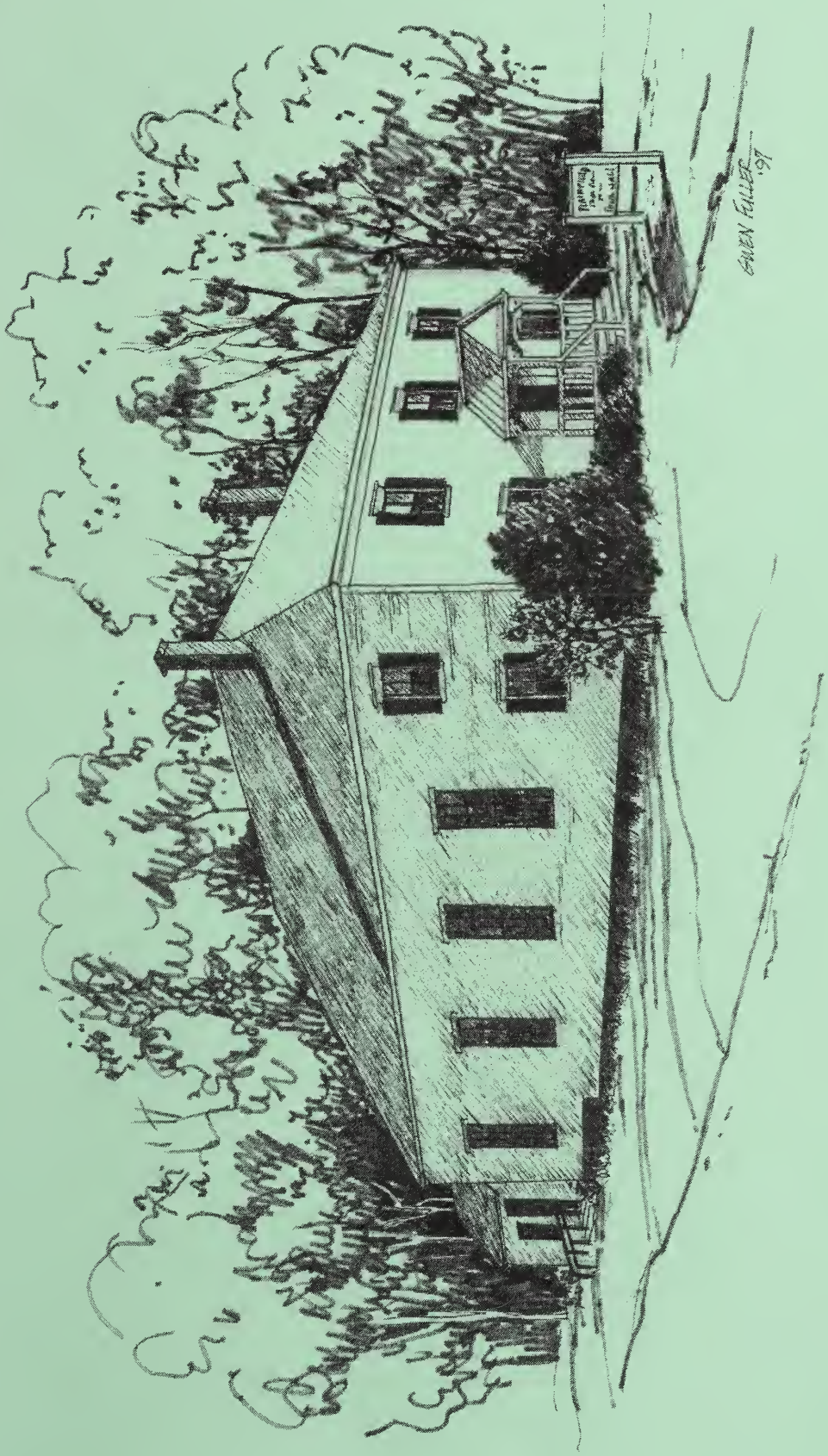


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Reports of the Officers and Selectmen and the School District

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In 1896 the Town of Plainfield paid George Taylor Stockwell of Claremont \$2,000 to build a town hall in Meriden on a parcel of land purchased from Daurius Moulton for \$25.

In 1995 the residents of Plainfield voted to renovate the then vacant Meriden Town Hall into Town Offices, including space for the Police Department. The project was completed in August of 1996 at a total cost of just under \$218,000.

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Stephen H. Taylor	1998
TOWN CLERK	Howard Zea	1998
SELECTMEN	Judy A. Belyea	1998
	Sheila M. Stone	1997
	Mark H. Wilder	1997
	Jay Waldner	Resigned
TREASURER	Fred Sweet	1998
TAX COLLECTOR	Ruth Ann Wheeler	1998
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	James Barnicle	1999
	Jesse Stalker	1998
	Donald Garfield	1997
TRUSTEES PR LIBRARY	Nancy Franklin	1999
	Anita Brown	1998
	Alice Hendrick	1997
TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY	John Ragle	1999
	Elizabeth Beck	1998
	Joseph Crate	1997
AUDITORS	Ira P. Townsend	1998
	Kathryn MacLeay	1997
SUP. OF CHECK LIST	Nancy Baker, Chair	1998
	Paul Franklin	2000
	David W. Stockwell	2002
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Beatrice Clark	1999
	Jesse Stalker	1998
	Howard Zea	1997
REPRESENTATIVES	Merle Schotanus	
	Sandra Stettenheim	
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Howard Zea	
DEP. TOWN CLERK	Ruth Ann Wheeler	
DEP. TREASURER	Douglas Cogan	
BALLOT CLERKS	Kathryn MacLeay	
	Anita Barrett	
	Susan Timmons	
	Diane Rogers	
	Constance Zea	
	Bettyann Dole	
	Arlynn Grearson-Resigned	
	Margaret Soper-Resigned	

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
CEMETERY SEXTONS	David Scott	
	Howard Zea	
HEALTH OFFICER	David McBride	1997
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Stephen Halleran	1997
BUILDING INSPECTOR	David McBride	1997
YIELD TAX AGENT	Judy A. Belyea	1997
OVERSEER OF WELFARE	Nancy Baker	1997
CIVIL DEF. DIRECTOR	Philip Brady	
DEP. CVL DEFENSE DIR.	Nancy Baker	
	David Scott	
PLANNING BOARD	Jane Stephenson, Chair	1998
	Sheila Stone, ex officio	
	Ron Liston	1997
	Lynn Freeman	1998
	Ruth Cassedy	1998
	Desmond Hudson	1999
	Julian Bellavance	1999
	Diane Rogers	Resigned
	Jay Waldner	Resigned
Rosemary Lindenthal	Resigned	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Christopher Creeger, Chair	1999
	Mary Cassedy	1997
	Richard Colburn	1998
	Arlyne C. Grearson	1999
	Edward Moynihan	1999
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Grobe, Chair	1998
	Jeff Marsh	1999
	Diane Rogers	1999
	Judith Durant	1999
	James Taylor	1998
	Douglas Cogan	1997
	Bruce Plummer, alt	1997
	Jeffrey Moffitt, alt	1997
RECREATION COMMISSION	George Prescott	1997
	Mario Ambrosi	1997
	Connie Adams-Brady	1997
	David Adams-brady	1997

Office	Name
FINANCE COMMITTEE	David Stockwell, Chair Beverly Widger Michael Taupier Edgar Dodenhoff Cherrie Torrey Marilyn Drew
ROAD AGENT TREE WARDEN	Robert Bennett Robert Bennett
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Gordon Gillens, Chief Lawrence Dore, Sgt. Anthony Bonnier William Tibbits, II David Hunt Thomas Truman, II Stewart Adams-Resigned Edward Sylvia-Resigned
NH/VT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES	Cherrie Torrey Stephen Halleran, alt
GUVSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Shelly Hadfield
DOG OFFICER	Gordon Gillens
REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLSRPC	Stephen Halleran Diane Rogers
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE	Suellen Leugers Harold Jones Nina Seaman John Gregory-Davis
MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF FOREST FIRE WARDEN	David Best Peter Berry Peter Berry, Warden G. Gardiner MacLeay, Deputy Douglas Plummer, Deputy John Conly, Deputy David Best, Deputy

Office

Name

**KUA TAX STUDY
COMMITTEE**

Margaret Dyre
Timothy Knox
Peter Mogielnicki
Cynthia Roy
Winston Spencer, Jr.
Anne Sprague
David Stockwell
Sheila Stone

Paul Amidon, Resigned

**TOWN HALL STUDY
COMMITTEE**

Nancy Norwalk
Beverly Widger
Audrey Sharkey
Peter Berry
G. Gardiner MacLeay
John Gilbert
Betty Ann Dole
David Chellis



Community Profile — Doug Cogan explaining to the main body the results of one of the various workshop sessions.

Photo: Peter Stettenheim

WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in said County of Sullivan, and 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 11th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

ARTICLE I To choose by ballot: One Selectman for three years; one Selectman for two years; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; one Auditor for two years; one Cemetery Trustee for three years, and any other necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE II To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following questions on the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, said changes being recommended by the Planning Board.

Question 1.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

The goal of these proposed changes is to continue to promote "small" scale business opportunities throughout town, while focusing "large" scale development on land located away from residential centers.

The list of special exceptions will be amended so that an applicant wanting to operate a "small" business that is not specifically listed as a special exception, would apply for a "Cottage Business."

An applicant wanting to operate a larger business would apply for an "Approved Business Project" and would have to satisfy more stringent criteria such as state highway frontage and access, larger lot size, increased setbacks.

Multiple business uses on a single lot would be allowed, if permitted as an "Approved Business Project."

To achieve this, the following changes are proposed:

a) Insert into schedule A, for the VR, RR, RC-I, RC-II zones #34. Approved Cottage Business.

b) Insert into schedule A, for the VR, RR, RC-I zones #35. Approved Business Project.

c) Remove the following special exception options from Schedule A for the VR, RR, RC-I, & RC-II zones where they appear:

- #8. Research and Development Operations
- #9. Light Industrial Manufacturing
- #12. Any wholesale or retail business
- #15. Service facilities and establishments
- #16. Automotive Repair
- #19. Bank
- #22. Retail gasoline

d) amend the text of the current ordinance by adding after section 3.3 HOME OCCUPATIONS the following language:

3.4 APPROVED COTTAGE BUSINESS Shall be a service, retail, or wholesale business which employs no more than seven workers other than the immediate family of the owner. By example, any activity permitted as a home occupation that expands to the point of requiring employees might seek permitting under this section.

In any case an Approved Cottage Business must be located on or adjacent to property containing the business owner's residence. To be approved, when located on the same lot as the business owner's residence, the use must be incidental and accessory to the residential use. To be approved, when located on a separate lot, the proposed use's physical and operational features must be found by the ZBA to be compatible with the adjacent neighborhood.

In determining when to apply for an "Approved Cottage Business" special exception, if the proposed use is more accurately described by another more specific special exception option the more specific option will be utilized.

3.5 APPROVED BUSINESS PROJECT shall be a single business use or group of business uses which meet **all** the following requirements:

Land Criteria:

- a) The lot or lots proposed for development must conform to the minimum acreage requirements for the zone the land is located in. Lots that do not conform to their zoning district's acreage, or frontage requirements cannot be permitted for an approved business project.
- b) The lot or lots proposed for development must have frontage on a state maintained highway.
- c) The proposed business or businesses must be directly accessed from a state maintained highway.
- d) Per Schedule A, in no case whether for a single business use or multiple business uses shall lot coverage with impervious surfaces exceed 20% of the lot area.

Operational Criteria:

- a) The proposed use or uses must individually and collectively satisfy all the standards found in section 5.7 II.
- b) The ZBA in granting approval for either single or multiple uses, must find that both the physical and operational features of the proposed use(s) are compatible with the adjacent neighborhood.
- c) The applicant must effectively landscape and otherwise minimize the visual, olfactory, and auditory impact of the project on abutting properties, whether developed or undeveloped. If in the judgement of the ZBA, an applicant is unable to minimize these impacts to a level comparable to permitted uses in the zoning district the lot is located, the Board shall deny the project.
- d) For new construction the building setback for the proposed business project shall always conform to the yard dimensions for the zone the property is located in, however, the minimum distance from an abutting residence to the new construction shall be 100'.
- e) New buildings associated with a business project must be located a minimum of 30' from any town or state maintained roadway. Setbacks along roadways are to be measured from the edge of the road right of way.
- f) Lot line yard dimension areas (setbacks from lot lines) will be landscaped as to provide a visual vegetative buffer to adjacent properties.
- g) Multiple residential uses, whether attached or detached may not be approved under this section.

Joint Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board meetings will be encouraged for Approved Business Project applications.

e) Add the following to Article VIII Definitions:

Business Use(s) : A corporation, partnership or proprietorship concerned with the production or sale of products or services. Each organizational entity (corporation, partnership, or proprietorship) shall be considered a separate business use. A particular business use may manufacture or offer for sale multiple products or services.

[] YES [] NO

Question 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board has recognized that land and existing development patterns along Route 12A in the vicinity of the Plainfield/Cornish town line appear to be more consistent with the characteristics of the Village Residential Zoning District, than the current zoning of Rural Conservation I. In an attempt to address this issue, the Planning Board is proposing to extend the Village Residential Zoning District along Route 12A from its current boundary (Route 12A/Thrasher Road intersection) to the Plainfield/Cornish town line.

To achieve this, the following change is proposed:

Amend the town's official zoning map by extending the southern boundary of the Village Residential Zoning District along Route 12A at a depth of 500' from either side of the center line of NH Route 12A to the Plainfield/Cornish Town line.

[] YES [] NO

ARTICLE III. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following questions on the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, said changes being by petition.

Question 1.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1, as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

The proposal defines or redefines the terms Manufactured Housing, Pre-site Built Housing, Mobile Homes, Manufactured Housing Park, Density (for the purposes of Planned Residential Developments), and adds a section to the existing zoning ordinance requiring demonstration of compliance with the NH Energy Code as a prerequisite to obtaining a building permit.

To achieve this, the following is proposed by petition:

a) Amend the definition of Manufactured Home, as written on page 42 of the "Zoning and Building Ordinances, Town of Plainfield, N.H.," Revised March 1996, Article VII, Definitions, page 42 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following definition:

MANUFACTURED HOUSING: A manufactured home shall include both "pre-site built housing" and a "mobile home," as defined elsewhere in this section.

b) Add the following definition of Pre-Site Built Housing between "PERMIT" and "PRINCIPAL USE" on page 43 of the "Zoning and Building Ordinances."

PRE-SITE BUILT HOUSING: Pre-site built housing is any structure transportable in one or more sections which, in the traveling mode, is eight (8) feet or more in width and forty (40) feet or more in length, or when erected is 320 square feet or more in area, and which does not have a permanently affixed chassis and wheels for transportation, but which is designed for use with a permanent foundation and which shall include plumbing, heating and electrical systems.

c) Add the following definition of Mobile Home between MEAN SEA LEVEL AND MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING, on page 43 of the "Zoning and Building Ordinances."

MOBILE HOME: A Mobile home is any structure, transportable in one or more sections which, in the traveling mode, is eight (8) feet or more in width and forty (40) feet or more in length, or when erected is 320 square feet or more in area, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. A double-wide mobile home is a mobile home consisting of two sections combined horizontally at the site while still retaining their individual chassis for possible future movement. An expandable mobile home is a mobile home with one or more room sections that fold, collapse or telescope into the principal unit when being transported and which can be expanded at the site to provide additional living space. Parked and unoccupied travel trailers, pickup coaches, camping trailers, recreational trailers and motor homes are not mobile homes.

d) Amend the definition of Manufactured Housing Park, as written on page 42 of the "Zoning and Building Ordinances, Town of Plainfield, N.H.," Revised March 1996, Article VII, Definitions, page 42 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following definition:

MOBILE HOME PARK: Any tract of land (a) subdivided to provide prepared locations and accommodations for two or more mobile homes under single ownership, and where sites are rented or leased to tenants for the location of a mobile home or where sites together with a mobile home are rented or leased to tenants; or (b) subdivided and developed for the sale of lots for the location of mobile homes exclusively. Only mobile homes together with their accessory buildings shall be allowed within a mobile home

park. A mobile home park shall conform to all of the requirements for a Planned Residential Development, as set forth in Section 3.12 of Article III, Supplementary Use Regulations.

e) Delete in its entirety the first paragraph of sub-section D, entitled "Density," page 21, of Section 3.12 Planned Residential Development, and replace it with the following:

Density: For the purposes of calculating the maximum allowable density of a planned residential development, only the area of developable land shall be considered. Areas that are not developable for physical reasons, such as surface waters, wetlands, areas of slopes over 20% and food-prone areas, or, areas not developable for legal reasons such as road right-of-ways, utility easements or other deeded easements, restrictions, and covenants, shall be excluded in the calculation of density. Except for mobile home lots in a mobile home park, in no case shall the number of dwellings within a tract proposed for a PRD exceed the number of units allowed (as permitted uses) on the same tract under regular and ordinary lot size provisions of the zone or zones in which the tract is situated. Where the lots in a mobile home park do not have both off-lot water and sewage disposal, each mobile home shall be located on an individual lot containing not less than 1.95 acres. Where such lots have both off-lot water and sewage disposal, then each manufactured house shall be located on an individual lot containing not less than 30,000 square feet.

f) Add the following section after ARTICLE-III: SUPPLEMENTARY USE REGULATIONS, Section 12, PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, on page 23. This is to insure compliance with New Hampshire State Law.

Section 3.13 ENERGY CODE REQUIREMENTS For a building permit to be issued and for the construction to be approved, any residential or commercial structure must meet the New Hampshire State Energy Code, as written by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE OF THESE CHANGES.

[] YES [] NO

Question 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2, as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

The proposal limits the location of "Mobile Homes" on single family lots in Plainfield to the RC-I Zoning District located East of Highway 120, North of Grantham Mountain Road, West of the Conservation District and south of the Grafton County Boundary.

To achieve this, the following is proposed by petition:

Add the following to the end of Section 3 of the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance as either section 3.13 or section 3.14:

LOCATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES

Mobile Homes: Building permits for placement of Mobile Homes, a type of manufactured home as defined in Article VIII, DEFINITIONS, may be issued, upon application, only for single family residential sites located in the Rural Conservation I (RC-I) district located approximately East of Highway 120, North of Grantham Mountain Road, West of the Conservation District and South of the Grafton County boundary.

Pre-site Built Homes: Building permits for placement of Pre-site Built Homes, a type of manufactured home as defined in Article VIII, DEFINITIONS, may be issued upon application, for single family residential sites located in Village Residential (VR) districts, Rural Residential (RR) districts, Rural Conservation I (RC-I) districts and Rural Conservation II (RC-II) districts.

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE OF THESE CHANGES.

[] YES [] NO

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 15th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE IV To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,114,901** to defray Town charges for the 1997 fiscal year. The Selectmen propose the following budget:

1. Executive	\$82,372
2. Election/Registration/Vital Stats.	14,375
3. Financial Administration	27,685
4. Revaluation of Property	4,000
5. Legal Expenses	3,500
6. Personnel Administration	7,300
7. Planning and Zoning	2,775
8. General Government Buildings	6,600
9. Cemeteries	14,600
10. Insurance	40,870
11. Regional Associations	3,100
12. Police Department	103,016
13. Ambulance Service	20,770
14. Fire Departments - Plainfield	35,000
- Meriden	35,000
15. Building Inspection	2,750
16. Emergency Management	200
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	3,950
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	7,950
19. Highway Administration	18,500
20. Highways and Streets	337,280
21. Road Projects	79,966
22. Street Lights	6,500
23. Solid Waste Collection	60,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	65,800
25. Health Agencies	13,201
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	5,000
28. Recreation Commission	9,925
29. Libraries - Plainfield	20,607
- Meriden	18,492
30. Patriotic	750
31. Conservation Commission	2,100
32. Principal of Long-term debt	48,500
33. Interest Expense: Long-term debt	7,467
34. Interest Expense: Tax Anticipation Notes	500
35. School Bus Fuel	4,000
	\$1,114,901

This budget is exclusive of other special warrant articles. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE V To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** to be placed in existing town capital reserve funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1, as follows:

\$40,000 Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
\$10,000 Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
\$10,000 Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

Selectmen are named agents to expend for the Bridge Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VI To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,410** to be placed in the town's general trust funds established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, as follows:

\$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.
\$ 910 Cemetery Fund established in 1991.

The Selectmen are named agents to expend for the Town Hall Fund and the Library Building Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VII To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$130,000** for the purchase of a new motorized road grader to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$110,000 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 the Town's existing 1982/83 motorized road grader. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VIII To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,700** for the purchase of a new police cruiser, and to further authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$9,500, and accrued interest to date of withdrawal, from the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1 for this purpose. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or trade the existing 1993 police cruiser. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE IX To see if the Town will vote to establish, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, a capital reserve fund to be known as the Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion Fund for the expansion, renovation, or replacement of the Philip Read Memorial Library and grounds and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed into this fund (This article by request of the Philip Read Library Trustees). The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE X Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Plainfield, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$37,500; for a person 80 years of age or older \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE XI To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for not more than three years for the curbside collection of household rubbish and selected recyclables. The purpose being to continue the existing waste management programs that have been in place since 1991.

ARTICLE XII To see if the Town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to 100 percent of the assessed value of property over which the Town has statutory discretion.

ARTICLE XIII To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to appoint within 60 days of Town Meeting a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA Administration at least quarterly, and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the Academy and the Town, including the agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report their findings at next March's annual Town Meeting. (By request)

ARTICLE XIV To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Finance Committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the Selectmen, School Board and other officers of the Town in the prudential affairs of the Town.

ARTICLE XV To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d, authorizing until specifically rescinded, the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE XVI To see what action the Town will take with respect to reports of Town Officers.

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

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, 1997.

A True Copy Attest:

JUDITH A. BELYEA

SHEILA M. STONE

MARK H. WILDER

SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
 Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
 January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

EXPENDITURES Item	1996 Approved	1996 Expenditures	1997 Request
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$80,660	\$80,085.81	\$82,372
Election/Registration	\$16,200	\$15,589.09	\$14,375
Financial Administration	\$32,250	\$26,317.86	\$27,685
Revaluation of Property	\$3,500	\$3,287.75	\$4,000
Legal Expense	\$4,500	\$5,128.85	\$3,500
Personnel Administration	\$7,900	\$8,678.96	\$7,300
Planning and Zoning	\$4,125	\$3,884.70	\$2,775
General Government Buildings	\$7,375	\$14,045.60	\$6,600
Cemeteries	\$15,600	\$14,250.99	\$14,600
Insurances	\$43,300	\$31,354.52	\$40,870
Regional Associations	\$3,100	\$2,892.90	\$3,100
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	\$99,985	\$99,801.48	\$103,016
Ambulance	\$21,395	\$21,395.00	\$20,770
Fire-Plainfield	\$35,000	\$35,000.00	\$35,000
Fire-Meriden	\$35,000	\$35,000.00	\$35,000
Building Inspection	\$2,750	\$2,151.28	\$2,750
Emergency Management	\$200	\$0.00	\$200
Hydrant & Forest Fire Exp.	\$3,950	\$7,964.67	\$3,950
Dispatch Service	\$8,000	\$7,994.06	\$7,950
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES			
Highway Administration	\$18,550	\$17,856.29	\$18,500
Highway and Streets	\$326,470	\$327,522.23	\$337,280
Road Projects	\$73,174	\$73,174.00	\$79,966
Street Lights	\$6,500	\$6,244.44	\$6,500
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Collection	\$54,000	\$52,043.20	\$60,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$81,200	\$88,920.46	\$65,800
Health			
Health Department	\$13,627	\$13,430.01	\$13,201
Animal Control	\$500	\$691.97	\$500
WELFARE			
General Assistance	\$6,000	\$4,121.66	\$5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Recreation Commission	\$6,900	\$8,945.02	\$9,925
Library-Plainfield	\$19,113	\$19,113.00	\$20,607
Library-Meriden	\$17,992	\$17,992.00	\$18,492
Patriotic Purposes	\$750	\$377.50	\$750
Conservation Commission	\$2,100	\$2,100.00	\$2,100
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal Long-term debt	\$48,500	\$48,500.00	\$48,500
Interest Long-term debt	\$9,235	\$8,288.47	\$7,467
Interest T.A.N Notes	\$1,500	\$0.00	\$500
MISCELLANEOUS			
School Bus Fuel	\$4,000	\$5,018.67	\$4,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,114,901	\$1,109,162.44	\$1,114,901

EXPENDITURES Item	1996 Approved	1996 Expenditures	1997 Request
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
(Individual warrant articles, recommended by the Board of Selectmen)			
Grader Replacement	\$0	\$0.00	\$130,000
Meriden Town Hall Project	\$9,500	\$9,500.00	\$0
Coffin Shop Bridge	\$69,720	\$70,536.31	\$0
Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000.00	\$40,000
Police Cruiser Replacement	\$0	\$0.00	\$19,700
Bridge Repair Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Revaluation Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Police Cruiser Fund	\$9,500	\$9,500.00	\$0
Highway Radio Replacement	\$7,650	\$7,650.00	\$0
Town Hall Repair Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Library Repair Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500.00	\$2,500
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$800	\$800.00	\$910
Child Care (by Petition)	\$500	\$500.00	\$0
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$165,170	\$165,986.31	\$218,110
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$1,280,071	\$1,275,148.75	\$1,333,011
REVENUES			
Item	1996 Anticipated	1996 Received	1997 Anticipated
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	\$5,000	\$3,370.00	\$5,000
Yield Taxes	\$18,000	\$16,325.77	\$16,000
Interest & Penalties	\$60,000	\$42,179.73	\$45,000
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Licenses & Fees	\$3,500	\$2,652.75	\$3,500
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$220,000	\$229,862.00	\$220,000
Dog Licenses	\$3,000	\$3,767.50	\$3,500
STATE REVENUE			
Shared Revenue (town portion)	\$31,713	\$31,713.00	\$31,713
Highway Block Grant	\$73,173	\$73,173.43	\$79,966
Bridge Grant	\$63,296	\$62,098.35	\$0
State Reimbursements	\$2,876	\$3,098.23	\$1,146
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
Income from Departments	\$20,000	\$19,458.67	\$21,000
Insurance Reimbursements	\$19,500	\$14,259.09	\$26,500
Trash User Fee	\$74,500	\$73,789.56	\$65,800
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Sale of Town Property	\$500	\$910.00	\$21,700
Interest on Deposits	\$25,000	\$29,294.60	\$25,000
School Bus Fuel	\$4,000	\$5,018.67	\$4,000
Grants	\$7,100	\$7,115.00	\$0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Income from Trust Funds	\$8,000	\$8,908.00	\$8,500
Withdrawals from Reserves	\$13,944	\$8,437.96	\$119,500
SELECTMEN PROPOSED			
TOTAL REVENUE AND CREDITS	\$653,102	\$635,432.31	\$697,825
RECOMMENDED NET APPROPRIATION	\$626,969	\$639,716.44	\$635,186
WARRANT ARTICLES NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN			
Library Expansion Fund (by request)	0	\$0.00	\$25,000
NET APPROPRIATION	\$626,969	\$639,716.44	\$660,186

**TOWN MEETING
1996**

March 12, 1996

Plainfield, NH

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, held in the Plainfield School Gymnasium on Tuesday the twelfth day of March at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the business of the day was disposed of in the following manner:

The meeting was called to order by Stephen H. Taylor, Moderator. All the requirements for the opening of Town Meeting having been met, the poles were opened:

ARTICLE I

Moderator for two years

Stephen H. Taylor	had	276
David Grobe		1
John Doe		1
Malcolm Grobe		1
Harold Jones		1
James Sheehan		1

Stephen H. Taylor was declared elected.

Selectman for three years

Jay D. Waldner	had	157
Mark Wilder		134
James Taylor		1
Ronald Liston		1

Jay D. Waldner was declared elected.

Supervisor of the check list for six years

David Stockwell	had	261
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David Stockwell was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years, east part of town

John W. Ragle	had	261
Steve Taylor		1

John W. Ragle was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years, west part of town

Nancy J. Franklin	had	265
John Ragle		1
Peter Berry		1
Margaret Drye		2
Diane Rogers		2

Nancy J. Franklin was declared elected

Auditor for two years

Ira Townsend	had	265
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Ira Townsend was declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years

Beatrice B. Clark	had	275
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Beatrice B. Clark was declared elected.

ARTICLE II To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following questions on the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, said changes being recommended by the Planning Board.

Question 1.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

In order to allow increased utilization of existing small lots in the Village Residential Zone, enable the Zoning Board of Adjustment, by special exception, to permit offsite parking and/or to allow fewer parking spaces than otherwise required by the Ordinance.

To achieve this, the following changes are proposed:

a) amend the text of the existing parking requirement section which currently reads:

Section 3.4 OFFSTREET PARKING

Offstreet parking areas shall be provided on the same lot containing the use for which they are required. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may, upon application and determination of facts satisfying Section 5.7B of this ordinance, allow offstreet parking to be provided on a lot separate from the lot containing the use for which parking is required subject to such conditions that may be imposed by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Each offstreet parking space shall not be less than 10 feet wide and 20 feet in length and shall be set back not less than five feet from any lot line.

to read:

SECTION 3.4 OFFSTREET PARKING

Offstreet parking areas shall be provided on the same lot containing the use for which they are required. In the Village Residential Zone the Zoning Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception for an "Approved Alternative Parking Plan" to allow offstreet parking to be provided on a lot separate from the lot containing the use for which parking is required and/or to allow deviations from the minimum number of offstreet parking spaces otherwise required by the zoning ordinance. Each offstreet parking space shall not be less than 10 feet wide and 20 feet in length and shall be set back not less than 5 feet from any lot line.

b) Amend the "Use" title of #10 of the parking requirement schedule, which currently reads:

10. Library, museum, gallery

to read:

10. Museum, gallery

c) Amend the "USE" title of #19 of the parking requirement schedule, which currently reads:

19. Other uses & special cases

to read:

19. Other uses

d) Add the following to Schedule A, for the Village Residential Zone, under Special Exceptions:

Approved Alternative Parking Plan

YES 254 NO 30

Question 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

In order to make it easier for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to allow some relief from the building setback requirements of the zoning ordinance, for presently existing buildings, enable the board to grant a special exception that meets relaxed standards.

To achieve this, the following changes are proposed:

a) Create a new section in the ordinance which will read as follows:

EXPANSION OF EXISTING CONFORMING STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS WITHIN OR INTO THE FRONT, SIDE OR REAR SETBACKS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 2.5 SCHEDULE A

The expansion of existing conforming structures and the construction of accessory buildings either within or into the front, side or rear setback areas established in Section 2.5 Schedule A may be permitted in the VR,RR,RCI and RCII zones by special exception as an "Approved Setback Encroachment" subject to the following requirements:

- a. The proposed addition cannot reasonably be located outside the setback area.
- b. The request must comply with section 5.7 II of the zoning ordinance.
- c. The footprint of the proposed encroachment must be located so as to satisfy at least 50% of the required setback.
- d. This section applies only to the expansion of structures existing prior to March 1974 and the construction of accessory buildings where the principal structure on the property existed prior to March 1974.

b) Add the following to Section 3.9 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES of the zoning ordinance:

- D. The expansion of existing non-conforming structures and the construction of accessory buildings either within or into the front, side or rear setback areas established in Section 2.5 Schedule A may be permitted in the VR,RR,RCI and RCII zones by Special Exception as an "Approved Setback Encroachment" subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The proposed addition cannot reasonably be located outside the setback area.
 - b. The request must comply with section 5.7 II of the zoning ordinance.
 - c. The footprint of the proposed encroachment must be located so as to satisfy at least 50% of the required setback.
 - d. This section applies only to the expansion of structures existing prior to March 1974 and the construction of accessory buildings where the principal structure on the property existed prior to March 1974.

c) *Add the following to Schedule A, for the VR, RR, RCI and RCII zones under Special Exceptions:*

Approved Expansion or Alteration of a Non-Conforming Use/Structure

Approved Setback Encroachment

YES 236 NO 43

Question 3.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

In order to clarify the difference between a cemetery and burial ground the following change is proposed:

Amend Article VIII-Definitions by adding:

CEMETERY: a tract of land available for use by the public for the interment of human remains.

YES 253 NO 30

ARTICLE III To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following question on the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, said change being proposed by petition.

Question 1.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Whereas Plainfield's Zoning Ordinances do not allow private burial grounds in any zone, this petition requests that the ordinance be amended to permit the ZBA to allow this use as a special exception.

To accomplish this, the following changes are proposed:

a) *Add the following to Schedule A, for the VR, RR, RCI and RCII zones under Special Exceptions:*

Burial Grounds

b) *Add the following to Article VIII-Definitions:*

BURIAL GROUNDS: A private cemetery on private property and not available for use by the public (see NHRSA 289).

The Planning Board does not approve of this proposed change.

YES 127 NO 151

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 1996

The meeting was once again called to order by the Moderator Stephen H. Taylor. The Reverend John Gregory-Davis, pastor of the Meriden Congregational Church offered prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance was given, "My Country Tis of Thee" was sung. It was moved and seconded that the reading of the warrant be dispensed with at this time. The motion was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE IV The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,114,901** to defray Town charges for the 1996 fiscal year.

YES 123 NO 11

The vote was in the affirmative and was so declared by the Moderator, thereby raising the following sums:

1. Executive	\$80,660
2. Election/Registration/Vital Stats.	16,200
3. Financial Administration	32,250
4. Revaluation of Property	3,500
5. Legal Expenses	4,500
6. Personnel Administration	7,900
7. Planning and Zoning	4,125
8. General Government Buildings	7,375
9. Cemeteries	15,600
10. Insurance	43,300
11. Regional Associations	3,100
12. Police Department	99,985
13. Ambulance Service	21,395
14. Fire Departments - Plainfield	35,000
- Meriden	35,000
15. Building Inspection	2,750
16. Emergency Management	200
17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense	3,950
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance	8,000
19. Highway Administration	18,550
20. Highways and Streets	326,470
21. Road Projects	73,174
22. Street Lights	6,500
23. Solid Waste Collection	54,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal	81,200
25. Health Agencies	13,627
26. Animal Control	500
27. Welfare	6,000
28. Recreation Commission	6,900
29. Libraries - Plainfield	19,113
- Meriden	17,992
30. Patriotic	750
31. Conservation Commission	2,100
32. Principal of Long-term debt	48,500
33. Interest Expense: Long-term debt	9,235
34. Interest Expense: Tax Anticipation Notes	1,500
35. School Bus Fuel	4,000
	\$1,114,901

ARTICLE V The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,500** for the purpose of completing the Meriden Town Hall project as directed by Article III of the 1995 Town Meeting.

YES 115 NO 28

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,720** for the replacement of the Coffin Shop Bridge (also known as the Thrasher Road Bridge), to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of **\$13,944** from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 pursuant to RSA 35:1, and to accept and expend the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program Grant in the amount of **\$55,776** to offset the cost of this project. The amount to be raised through taxation is zero.

YES 116 NO 26

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Vehicles created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1.

YES 98 NO 27

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VIII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing and reconstructing Town Bridges. Selectmen named agents to expend.

YES 115 NO 0

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VIV The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund established in 1993 pursuant to RSA 35:1 to defray the costs of a future town wide revaluation.

YES 108 NO 1

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE X The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,500** to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund, established in 1990 pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future purchase of a police cruiser .

YES 123 NO 0

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,650** to be used to replace the highway department base and mobile radio communication system. Further, to authorize the Selectmen to trade or sell the existing highway department radio communication system.

YES 121 NO 1

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to establish pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:19-a an expendable General Trust Fund to be call the Town Hall Repair fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the town's two town hall buildings and related grounds and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be placed in this fund.

YES 107 NO 15

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XIII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** to be placed in the General Trust Fund established at the 1992 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Library Building Repair Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the library buildings.

YES 107 NO 15

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XIV The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$800** to be placed in the General Trust Fund established at the 1991 Town Meeting for maintenance and care of the cemeteries pursuant to RSA 31:19-a.

YES 126 NO 0

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XV The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** to be used toward the start up of the Plainfield School Age Child Care Program.

YES 88 NO 50

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for a least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$17,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

YES 115 NO 15

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. 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 100 percent of the assessed value of property over which the Town has statutory discretion.

YES 68 NO 58

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVIII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town direct the Selectmen to appoint within 60 days of Town Meeting a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield Study for 1996. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA Administration at least quarterly, and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the Academy and the Town, including the agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report to the 1997 annual Town Meeting.

By a voice vote it was voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XIX The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Finance Committee of six Plainfield residents to advise the Selectmen, School Board and other officers of the Town in the prudential affairs of the Town.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XX The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to authorize until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XXI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to accept the reports of Town Officers as they appear in the 1995 Annual Report subject to corrections. A certified copy of the report, with any corrections, to be filed with the Town Clerk.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XXII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the Town vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates including soft money contributions (contributions

to political parties);

2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter;

3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;

4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and

5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XXIII The members of the Town Hall Study Committee who were present were asked to come forward. They were thanked for the many hours they had spent on the project of planning the restoration of the two town halls. At this time they were presented with a framed original drawing by local artist Gwen Fuller, depicting the Plainfield Town Hall that was used on the front cover of the 1995 Annual Report.

Diane Rogers, who is retiring from the Planning Board, was thanked for the time she had spent on the board.

The Highway Department was given a thanks and applause for the excellent job done during the past winter.

Ira Townsend was thanked for the wonderful signs he has made over the years. The new addressing system having resulted in several new road names, a great number of new road signs called for his expertise.

The following came forward and were sworn into office during open meeting:

Stephen H. Taylor, Moderator
Jay D. Waldner, Selectman
David Stockwell, Supervisor
James Barnicle, Trustee of the Trust Funds
John Ragle, Library Trustee
Nancy J. Franklin, Library Trustee
Ira Townsend, Auditor
Beatrice Clark, Cemetery Trustee

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Howard Zea, Town Clerk of Plainfield New Hampshire

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 80,660
Election, Registration & Vital Stats	16,200
Financial Administration	32,250
Revaluation of Property	3,500
Legal Expense	4,500
Personnel Administration	7,900
Planning and Zoning	4,125
General Government Buildings	7,375
Cemeteries	15,600
Insurances	43,300
Advertising and Regional Expense	3,100

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	99,985
Ambulance	21,395
Fire Protection	70,000
Dispatching/Emergency Management	8,200
Hydrant Rent and Forest Fire Expense	3,950
Building Inspection	2,750

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Highways and Streets	345,020
Road Projects	73,174
Street Lights	6,500
School Bus Fuel	4,000

SANITATION

Garbage Collection	54,000
Solid Waste Disposal	81,200

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department	14,127
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WELFARE

Welfare Department	6,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Commission	6,900
Libraries	37,105
Patriotic	750
Conservation Commission	2,100

DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-term Bond	48,500
Interest	9,235
Tax Anticipation Interest	1,500

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Article V Meriden Town Hall	9,500
Article VI Coffin Shop Bridge	69,720
Article XI Highway, Radio Replacement	7,650
Article XV Day Care (by Petition)	500

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Article VII Highway Vehicle Fund	40,000
Article VIII Bridge Fund	10,000
Article XIV Revaluation Fund	10,000
Article X Police Cruiser Fund	9,500
Article XII Town Hall Repair Fund	5,000

TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

Article XIII Library Repair Fund	2,500
Article XIV Cemetery Trust Fund	800

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,280,071
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation	+	\$1,280,071
Total Revenues and Credits*	-	728,302
Net Town Appropriation	=	551,769
Net School Tax Assessment(s)	+	2,389,444
County Tax Assessment	+	269,928
Total Town, School, and County	=	3,211,141
Total Business Profits Tax Reim	-	45,417
War Service Credits	+	20,940
Overlay	+	9,939
Property Taxes to be Raised	=	\$3,196,603

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation		Tax Rate/\$1,000	Property Taxes to be raised
94,714,149	X	\$33.75	= \$3,196,603

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	\$3,196,603
Less War Service Commitment	20,940
Total Tax Commitment	\$3,175,663

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	7.32	6.05
County	2.75	2.80
School	22.43	24.90
Municipal Tax Rate	\$32.50	\$33.75
Net Value on Which Tax is Computed		\$94,714,149

* Includes the utilization of \$75,200 from fund balance.

WAR SERVICE CREDITS

Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans \$1,400	5	\$7,000
All Other Qualified \$100/\$50	140	\$13,940
Total Amount	145	\$20,940

PLAINFIELD
SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS
as of December 31, 1996

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
Town hall -Plainfield	\$ 111,500
-Meriden	243,000
Libraries -Plainfield	107,800
-Meriden	147,900
Highway Garage	132,200
Police Department	95,000
Plainfield Elementary School	1,177,300
Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Stage Coach Rd	11,300
Burnaps Island	8,100
Hedgehog Rd	5,600
Brook Rd	4,000
Other Properties	
Dump Lot	23,600
Gravel Pit	46,600
Town Forest	57,200
Whitaker Road Intersections	5,100
Tallow Hill Intersection	6,900
Benson Donation	23,600
French's Ledges	7,900
Cram Hill Lot	6,700
Stage Road Ball Field	68,800
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery)	23,000
TOTAL	\$2,313,100

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	\$30,305,797
Buildings	76,427,050
Public Utilities	1,963,602
Total Value Before Exemptions Allowed	\$108,696,449
Blind Exemptions	\$30,000
Elderly Exemptions	702,800
Handicapped Exemptions	4,500
Totally and Permanently Disabled	60,000
School/Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption	13,185,000
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$13,982,300
Net Value On Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$94,714,149

Electric Utility Property

Connecticut Valley Electric	\$278,501
Granite State Electric	749,732
New England Power Co.	313,596
New Hampshire Electric Coop	621,773
Total	\$1,963,602

Elderly Exemptions

Applied For	Granted	Dollar Totals
1 @ 10,000	1 @ 10,000	10,000
1 @ 15,000	1 @ 15,000	15,000
2 @ 20,000	2 @ 20,000	40,000
8 @ 25,000	8 @ 25,000	200,000
3 @ 37,500	3 @ 37,500	112,500
9 @ 50,000	9 @ 50,000	450,000
	Totals	\$827,500

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

	Valuation
CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	
Community Baptist Church	\$344,000
First Baptist Church	120,800
Meriden Congregational Church	569,700
Singing Hills Christian Fellowship	1,189,600
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	
Kimball Union Academy	10,828,300
New England Wildflower Assoc.	78,400
Plainfield Historical Society	59,400
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS	
Grafton Pond Trust	163,000
PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS	
The Nature Conservancy	8,200
Meriden Volunteer Fire Dept	96,700
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.	396,300
Plainfield Village Water District	17,500
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept	55,900
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Land on Stage Rd	8,400
Land on River Rd	3,300
Duncan State Forest	83,600
GRANGES	
Blow-Me-Down	106,300
Meriden Grange	82,900
LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS	
Cornish	2,500
Grantham	5,000
TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES	\$ 14,219,800

CURRENT USE REPORT

LAND CATEGORIES	NO. OF ACRES
Farm Land	2,789
Forest Land	21,001
Unproductive Land	757
Wetland	689
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Total Number of Acres	
Exempt Under Current Use 1996	25,236
Total Number of Acres	
of Conservation Restricted Land 1996	1,887

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996**

		- Debits -	
Uncollected Taxes -	-----	Levies of	-----
Beginning of Fiscal Year		1996	1995
Property Taxes			\$299,626.92
Land Use Change			2,910.00
Yield Taxes			5,762.96
Taxes Committed to Collector			
Property Taxes	3,175,710.00		
Land Use Change Tax	4,210.00		
Yield Taxes	16,325.77		
Supplemental Warrants	.00		
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	7,842.83		2,044.41
Land Use Change			.01
Uncleared Overpayment	396.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent/Taxes	5,219.26		19,132.73
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3,209,703.86		\$329,477.03
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- Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Property Taxes	\$2,850,460.39	\$299,503.31
Land Use Change Taxes	3,370.00	2,910.01
Yield Taxes	16,325.77	5,717.96
Interest on Taxes	5,219.26	19,132.73

Abatements Allowed

Property Taxes	1,147.59	2,168.02
Yield Taxes		45.00

Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	332,340.85
Land Use Change Tax	840.00
Yield Taxes	.00

TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,209,703.86	\$329,477.03
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

Debits

Tax liens of account of Levies of-

	1995	1994	1993	PRIOR
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance at Beg. Fiscal Yr.		74,072.37	32,884.99	8,805.05
Liens Executed During Year	133,449.72			
Int. and Costs Collected	3,115.45	4,191.19	9,991.42	529.68
Adjustments to 1995 Carryover	.00	100.00	33.00	62.00
TOTAL DEBITS	136,565.17	78,363.56	42,909.41	9,396.73

Credits

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER

Redemptions	52,140.16	17,171.51	29,981.07	3,284.64
Int. + Costs	3,115.45	4,191.19	9,991.42	529.68
Unredeemed Liens end of Yr.	81,309.56	57,000.86	2,936.92	5,582.41
TOTAL CREDITS	136,565.17	78,363.56	42,909.41	9,396.73

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS REMITTED TO TREASURER BY TAX COLLECTOR IN 1996 \$3,323,044.55

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

To the Selectmen, Town of Plainfield

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Selectmen's Orders, Meriden Library, and the Plainfield Library for the period 1/1/96 to 12/31/96 and find them correct to the best of our knowledge.

February 5, 1997

Kathryn MacLeay
 Ira Townsend
 Town Auditors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Debits

2766	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$229,862.00
552	Dog Licenses Issued	3,767.50
18	Marriage Licenses Issued	810.00
	Other Permits & Fees	1,842.75
	TOTAL	\$236,282.25

Credits

Remittance to Treasurer		
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$229,862.00	
Dog Licenses Issued	3,767.50	
Marriage Licenses	810.00	
Other Permits & Fees	1,842.75	
	TOTAL	\$236,282.25

TOWN
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Bonds Outstanding (as of 12/31/96)		
Garage (pay off date, 7/02)	\$30,000	
Loans Outstanding (as of 12/31/96)		
Meriden Town Hall (pay off date, 7/99)	\$130,500	

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long-term Debt January 1, 1996	\$209,000
Debt Retirement During the Fiscal Year	48,500

Outstanding Long-term Debt December 31, 1996	\$160,500

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive Office	80,085.81
Election, Registration, & Vital Stats.	15,589.09
Financial Administration	26,317.86
Revaluation of Property	3,287.75
Legal Expense	5,128.85
Personnel Administration	8,678.96
Planning & Zoning	3,884.70
General Government Buildings	14,045.60
Cemeteries	14,250.99
Insurances	31,354.52
Regional Associations	2,892.90
School Bus Fuel	5,018.67
Total General Government	\$ 210,535.70
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police Department	99,801.48
Ambulance	21,395.00
Fire Departments	70,000.00
Building Inspection	2,151.28
Hydrants/Forest Fire Fighting	7,964.67
Disptaching	7,994.06
Total Public Safety	\$ 209,306.49
HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES	
Highway Administration	17,856.29
Highways & Streets	327,522.23
Road Projects	73,174.00
Street Lights	6,244.44
Total Hwys, Streets, Bridges	\$ 424,796.96
SANITATION	
Recycling Related Expenses	8,718.54
Solid Waste Collection	52,043.20
Solid Waste Disposal	80,201.92
Total Sanitation	\$ 140,963.66
HEALTH	\$ 13,430.01
PEST CONTROL	691.97
WELFARE	\$ 4,121.66
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Recreation	8,945.02
Philip Read Memorial Library	19,113.00
Meriden Library	17,992.00
Patriotic	377.50
Conservation Commission	2,100.00
Total Culture & Recreation	\$ 48,527.52

DEBT SERVICE	\$	56,788.47	
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Article V	Meriden Town Hall	9,500.00	
Article VI	Coffin Shop Bridge	62,098.35	
Article XI	Highway Radio Replacement	7,650.00	
Article XVIII	Child Care	500.00	
	\$	79,748.35	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
Article VII	Highway Vehicle Fund	40,000.00	
Article VIII	Bridge Fund	10,000.00	
Article XIV	Revaluation Fund	10,000.00	
Article X	Police Cruiser Fund	9,500.00	
Article XII	Town Hall Repair Fund	5,000.00	
Article XIII	Library Repair Fund	2,500.00	
Article XIV	Cemetery Trust Fund	800.00	
	\$	77,800.00	
EXPENITURES FROM OTHER FUNDS			
		Bridge Fund	20,747.56
UNCLASSIFIED			
		Tax Anticipation Notes	0.00
		Investment Transfers Out	1,575,000.00
		Taxes Bought by the Town	133,449.72
		Refunds/Abatements/Misc. Returns	14,059.79
		Total Unclassified	\$ 1,722,509.51
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
		State of New Hampshire	2,140.50
		Sullivan County	269,928.00
		Plainfield School District 95-96	1,203,185.00
		Plainfield School District 96-97	975,000.00
		Total Other Gov.	\$ 2,450,253.50
		TOTAL	\$ 5,439,473.80
		ORDERS ON 95' PAYABLES	62,212.24
		MERIDEN TOWN HALL INSURANCE CLAIM	17,590.16
		YEAR END TOTAL OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS	\$ 5,519,276.20
		GROSS AMOUNT OF CHECKS WRITTEN	5,519,276.20
		Less Investment Transfers Out	1,575,000.00
		EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,944,276.20
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenues from Local Taxes	\$ 3,323,044.55
Intergovernmental Revenues	215,500.70
Licenses and Permits	236,282.25
Charges for Services95,217.57
Revenue from Trust Funds8,908.00
Revenue from Capital Reserves	20,747.56
Revenue from T.A.N notes	0.00
Revenue from Insurance Reimbursements	31,849.25
Investment Transfers In	1,445,000.00
Interest on Investments29,294.60
1996 Accounts Receivables	9,922.27
Total Cash from All Sources	\$ 5,415,766.75
Less Investment Transfers In	1,445,000.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$ 3,970,766.75
Checking Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996	1,210,739.24
Cash Received	3,970,766.75
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	3,944,276.20
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1996	\$ 1,237,229.79

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1995	
Cash-Checking	230,739.24
Cash-Investments	980,000.00
	\$ 1,210,739.24
Receipts During Fiscal Year	3,970,766.75
Total Available	5,181,505.99
Less Selectmen's Orders	- 3,944,276.20
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996	<u>\$ 1,237,229.79</u>
	127,229.79
	1,110,000.00

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Sweet, Treasurer
Douglas Cogan, Dep. Treasurer

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT
 1996 ACCOUNTING OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

1995 BLOCK GRANT ENCUMBRANCE	\$21,071.45	
1996 BLOCK GRANT	\$73,174.00	
TOTAL	\$94,245.45	

PROJECT: MAIN STREET,

ITEM: Cost:

MATERIALS

Pavement Reclaim	\$5,617.50	
Drainage Improvements	\$5,887.98	
Equipment Rental	\$2,795.00	
Bituminous Pavement	\$41,915.10	
Misc. Materials	\$426.68	
PROJECT COST	\$56,642.26	\$56,642.26

PROJECT: THRASHER ROAD

ITEM: Cost:

MATERIALS

Equipment Rental	\$3,763.00	
Drainage Improvements	\$2,800.64	
Bituminous Pavement	\$13,737.94	
Misc. Materials	\$279.75	
PROJECT COST	\$20,581.33	\$20,581.33

TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$77,223.59
ENCUMBERED FOR 1997 PROJECT	\$17,021.86
GRAND TOTAL	\$94,245.45

The above expenditures represent materials purchased.
 Labor and equipment costs are accounted for in the highway
 operating budget.

SALARIES

Adams, Stewart T	Patrolman	\$ 673.78
Baker, Nancy G	Town Secretary/Sup of CL	24,315.90
Barrett, Anita M	Ballot Clerk	52.50
Belyea, Judith A	Selectmen	2,000.00
Bennett, Robert W	Road Agent	36,335.00
Berry, Christopher F	Laborer	4,492.00
Bonnier, Anthony E	Patrolman	3,418.00
Bruce, Cynthia E	Recording Secretary	1,884.72
Davis Sr, Danny A	Truck Driver	25,282.81
Dole, Bettyann	Librarian	11,292.00
Dore, Beverly	Deputy Tax Coll/Town Clk	429.00
Dore, Lawrence M	Police Sergeant	29,509.13
Franklin, Paul B	Supervisor of Check List	252.50
Gillens, Gordon A	Police Chief	35,799.00
Grearson, Arlyne C	Ballot Clerk	82.50
Grobe, Malcolm J	Recreation	990.00
Halleran, Stephen L	Town Administrator	31,689.00
Hunt, David K	Patrolman	2,795.26
Kenyon, Krysta L	Recreation	790.00
Kibbie, Robert A	Equipment Operator	25,281.41
MacLeay, G Gardiner	Moderator, pro tem	152.50
MacLeay, Kathryn	Auditor & Ballot Clerk	498.75
McBride, David J	Bldg Insp/Health Officer	2,380.00
Nelson, Wayne E	Laborer	1,810.00
Norwalk, Nancy E	Librarian	10,028.40
Raymond, David L	Truck Driver	23,821.11
Rogers, Diane P	Librarian Substitute	560.34
Soper, Margaret M	Ballot Clerk	205.00
Stalker, Jesse R	Trustee of Trust Funds	325.00
Stalker, Ruth A	Librarian Substitute	148.05
Stocker, Kenneth C	Mechanic	26,341.25
Stockwell, David W	Supervisor or Check List	183.75
Stone, Sheila M	Selectman	2,000.00
Stormann, Roberta M	Supervisor of Check List	55.00
Sweet, Fred	Treasurer	1,650.00
Sylvia, Edward A	Patrolman	1,240.88
Taylor, Stephen H	Moderator	150.00
Tibbits II, William G	Patrolman	3,843.25
Timmons, Susan J	Ballot Clerk	72.50
Torrey, Norman P	Equipment Operator	27,573.93
Townsend, Ira P	Auditor	275.00
Truman II, Thomas L	Patrolman	270.00
Waldner, Jay D	Selectman	1,625.00
Welch, Erica C	Recreation	1,135.42
Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Tax Collector/Deputy TC	5,164.50
Wilder, Mark H	Selectman	375.00
Zea, Constance H	Ballot Clerk	232.50
Zea, Howard W	Town Clerk	7,825.00
		\$357,306.64

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation 1996	Receipts & Reimbursmt	Total Amt. Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	80,660.00		80,660.00	80,085.81	574.19	
Election / Registration	16,200.00		16,200.00	15,589.09	610.91	
Financial Administration	32,250.00		32,250.00	26,317.86	5,932.14	
Revaluation of Property	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,287.75	212.25	
Legal Expense	4,500.00	109.72	4,609.72	5,128.85		519.13
Personnel Administration	7,900.00		7,900.00	8,678.96		778.96
Planning and Zoning	4,125.00	2,279.28	6,404.28	3,884.70	2,519.58	
General Government Buildings	7,375.00		7,375.00	14,045.60		6,670.60
Cemeteries	15,600.00		15,600.00	14,250.99	1,349.01	
Insurances	43,300.00		43,300.00	31,354.52	11,945.48	
Regional Associations	3,100.00		3,100.00	2,892.90	207.10	
Police	99,985.00	328.00	100,313.00	99,801.48	511.52	
Ambulance	21,395.00		21,395.00	21,395.00		
Fire- Plainfield	35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00		
Fire- Meriden	35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00		
Building Inspection	2,750.00		2,750.00	2,151.28	598.72	
Emergency Management	200.00					
Hydrants & FFT	3,950.00	2,988.51	6,938.51	7,964.67		1,026.16
Dispatch Service	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,994.06	5.94	
Highway Administration	18,550.00		18,550.00	17,856.29	693.71	
Highways and Streets	326,470.00	788.18	327,258.18	327,522.23		264.05
Road Projects	73,174.00		73,174.00	73,174.00		
Street Lights	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,244.44	255.56	
Solid Waste Collection	54,000.00		54,000.00	52,043.20	1,956.80	
Solid Waste Disposal	81,200.00		81,200.00	88,920.46		7,720.46
Health Department	13,627.00		13,627.00	13,430.01	196.99	
Animal Control	500.00		500.00	691.97		191.97
General Assistance	6,000.00	772.24	6,772.24	4,121.66	2,650.58	
Recreation Commission	6,900.00	5,250.71	12,150.71	8,945.02	3,205.69	
Library- Plainfield	19,113.00		19,113.00	19,113.00		
Library- Meriden	17,992.00		17,992.00	17,992.00		
Patriotic Purposes	750.00		750.00	377.50	372.50	
Conservation Commission	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,100.00		
Principal Long-term Debt	48,500.00		48,500.00	48,500.00		
Interest Long-term Debt	9,235.00		9,235.00	8,288.47	946.53	
Interest T.A.N Notes	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	
School Bus Fuel	4,000.00		4,000.00	5,018.67		1,018.67
Total Appropriations	1,114,901.00	12,516.64	1,127,217.64	1,109,162.44	36,245.20	18,190.00
Total Amount Available	1,127,217.64					
Total Amount Paid Out	- 1,109,162.44					
Proof: \$36,245.20 - \$18,190.00 =					\$18,055.20	

BALANCE SHEET
(General Fund)
December 31st, 1996

ASSETS:

CASH:

IN HANDS OF TREASURER	\$127,229.29
IN HANDS OF OFFICIALS	\$347.00
CONSERVATION FUND	\$19,305.86
INVESTMENTS	\$1,110,000.00

TOTAL CASH \$1,256,882.15

RESERVES

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$89,143.30
REVALUATION FUND	\$44,265.60
BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	\$31,499.06
POLICE CRUISER FUND	\$9,725.43
LIBRARY REPAIR FUND	\$5,849.67
TOWN HALL REPAIR FUND	\$5,118.66

TOTAL RESERVES \$185,601.72

ACCOUNTS DUE TO THE TOWN:

SCHOOL BUS FUEL	\$578.58
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES	\$9,960.89
MISC. INVOICES	\$225.06

TOTAL ACC. DUE TO THE TOWN \$10,764.53

UNREDEEMED TAXES:

LEVY 92 & Prior	\$5,582.41
LEVY 93	\$2,936.92
LEVY 94	\$57,000.86
LEVY 95	\$81,309.56

TOTAL UNREDEEMED TAXES \$146,829.75

UNCOLLECTED TAXES:

PROPERTY	\$332,340.85
LAND USE	\$840.00
YIELD	\$0.00

TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES: \$333,180.85

TOTAL ASSETS: \$1,933,259.00

BALANCE SHEET (continued)

LIABILITIES:

RESERVE FUNDS:

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$89,143.30
REVALUATION FUND	\$44,265.60
BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	\$31,499.06
POLICE CRUISER FUND	\$9,725.43
LIBRARY REPAIR FUND	\$5,849.67
TOWN HALL REPAIR FUND	\$5,118.66
 TOTAL RESERVES	 \$185,601.72

OTHER FUNDS:

CONSERVATION FUND	\$19,305.86
 TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	 \$19,305.86

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL	\$1,414,444.00
TOWN BILLS	\$6,999.86
GRAVEL PIT INVENTORY	\$5,000.00
ROAD PROJECT	\$17,021.86
 TOTAL PAYABLES	 \$1,443,465.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$1,648,373.30

FUND BALANCE-CURRENT SURPLUS \$284,885.70

GRAND TOTALS: \$1,933,259.00

FUND BALANCE-December 31st 1995	\$371,640.24
FUND BALANCE-December 31st 1996	\$284,885.70
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION	(\$86,754.54)

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND
TRANSACTIONS**

The Selectmen are named agents to expend for three 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.

Transactions to and from these funds during 1996 were:

Library Repair Fund	Deposits	\$2,500	Town	Meeting
		Appropriation.		
	Withdrawals	None.		
Town Bridge Fund	Deposits	\$10,000	Town	Meeting
		Appropriation.		
	Withdrawals	\$20,747.56		
		Mill Bridge*	\$12,309.60	
		Coffin Shop Bridge**	\$ 8,437.96	
			\$20,747.56	
Town Hall Repair Fund	Deposits	\$5,000	Town	Meeting
		Appropriation.		
	Withdrawals	None.		

See Trustee of Trust Funds Report for complete details on year beginning and year ending balances for each of these funds.

* Mill Bridge, work included a new roof and siding on the bridge's gable ends.

** 1996 Bridge replacement was a joint Plainfield, Cornish and State of NHDOT project.



"Izzy" Isabelle and Julian Bellavance repairing "snow plow altered mailboxes" at the foot of Croydon Turnpike, December 7, 1996. *Photo: Peter Stettenheim*



Cornish Selectman Robert Maslan, Representative Peter Burling, and Plainfield Selectwoman Sheila Stone assist Samuel Platt of Cornish with the "ribbon cutting" to officially open the bridge, located on Thrasher Road, which is shared by the two communities (August 30, 1996). *Photo: Sarah Gillens*

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 1996

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle	New	Gains or	Principle	Income	Income	Income	Income
	Balance Begin Year	Funds Created	Losses From Sale	Balance Year End	Balance Begin Year	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
Daniels Cemetery	\$4,976.33			\$4,976.33	\$511.42	\$416.40	195.00	\$732.82
East Plainfield Cemetery	\$2,363.75			\$2,363.75	\$33.40	\$181.90	149.08	\$66.22
Freeman Cemetery	\$1,741.71			\$1,741.71	\$24.62	\$134.02	109.85	\$48.79
Gilkey Cemetery	\$248.82			\$248.82	\$3.52	\$19.15	15.70	\$6.97
Gleason Cemetery	\$16,895.05			\$16,895.05	\$229.29	\$1,299.39	1,058.43	\$470.25
Methodist Hill Cemetery	\$248.82			\$248.82	\$3.52	\$19.15	15.70	\$6.97
Mill Cemetery	\$9,983.70			\$9,983.70	\$136.73	\$767.92	626.40	\$278.25
Moulton Cemetery	\$4,699.04			\$4,699.04	\$66.38	\$361.59	296.34	\$131.63
Penniman Cemetery	\$746.45			\$746.45	\$10.56	\$57.44	47.08	\$20.92
Plainfield Cemetery	\$36,413.28			\$36,413.28	\$491.56	\$2,800.28	3,204.29	\$87.55
Raynsford Cemetery	\$995.27			\$995.27	\$14.08	\$76.59	62.79	\$27.88
River Cemetery	\$746.45			\$746.45	\$10.56	\$57.45	47.10	\$20.91
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	\$622.04			\$622.04	\$8.80	\$47.87	39.24	\$17.43
Town Cemeteries	\$7,128.16	\$800.00		\$7,928.16	\$55.66	\$605.81	583.00	\$78.47
TOTALS	\$87,808.87	\$800.00		\$88,608.87	\$1,600.10	\$6,844.36	\$6,450.00	\$1,995.06
LIBRARY TRUST FUND								
Meriden Library	\$16,048.65			\$16,048.65		\$1,217.75	\$1,217.75	
Philip Read Memorial Library	\$46,195.63			\$46,195.63		\$3,505.27	\$3,505.27	
TOTALS	\$62,244.28			\$62,244.28		\$4,723.02	\$4,723.02	

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

Ward Christmas Fund	\$2,488.16	\$187.75	\$203.05	\$186.00	\$204.80
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	\$3,732.24	\$3,630.72	\$558.59		\$4,189.41
Ward Essay Prize Fund	\$2,488.16	\$462.47	\$223.89	\$150.00	\$536.36
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	\$6,843.94	\$6,435.56	\$1,007.63		\$7,443.19
Earl Mower Fund	\$1,026.38	\$0.00	\$77.88	\$77.88	\$0.00
Duncan Piano Fund	\$746.45	\$527.71	\$96.68		\$624.39
Vernon Hood Fund	\$248.82	\$43.85	\$22.21		\$66.06
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	\$1,116.19	\$242.52	\$103.10	\$51.00	\$294.62
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	\$1,393.37	\$103.75	\$113.60	\$103.75	\$113.60
Beulah Pickering Fund	\$18,264.94	\$5,021.22	\$1,327.44		\$6,348.66
TOTALS	\$38,348.65	\$16,655.55	\$3,734.17	\$568.63	\$19,821.09

TOTALS : ALL TRUST FUNDS

\$189,401.80	\$300.00	\$15,302.15	\$11,741.65	\$21,816.15
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PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,069.91		\$4,265.60
Revaluation Fund	\$41,724.11	\$40,000.00	\$3,287.16		\$7,419.19
New Equipment Fund	\$3,831.42	\$2,500.00	\$295.11	\$40.00	\$318.25
Library Repair Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$295.23	\$1,099.19	
School Building Fund	\$10,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$537.64	\$500.00	\$517.00
Meriden Water Reserve Fund		\$9,500.00	\$225.43		\$225.43
Police Cruiser Fund		\$5,000.00	\$118.66		\$118.66
Town Hall Fund	\$39,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,239.21	\$747.56	\$2,499.06
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00		\$248.32		\$248.32
Plainfield Village Water Fund					

1996 SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past twelve months began with winter storms and the preparation for town meeting. The budget and the warrant articles were approved and a lot was accomplished throughout the year.

Most of the work was completed on the Meriden Town Hall and we were able to move in this past August. Many hours were spent organizing the move and setup of the new facility. We would like to thank all of the Departments for the assistance given in the move and to also thank Mr. & Mrs. Lester Bouchier for the use of their barn for storage.

The replacement of the Coffin Shop Bridge was completed August 30 and resulted in a final cost to Plainfield of \$15,246.00. We also were able to repair the roof of the covered bridge at Colby Hill. Town's people might also notice the new state signs on Route 120 depicting this bridge as historic covered bridge #24.

Main Street and Thrasher Road were reconstructed with our Highway Block Grant funding. Our crew was able to accomplish these projects with assistance from Pike Industries. As you can see, they did a fine job.

On other road issues - the bank along a portion of Brook Road washed out due to the large amount of rain received in October. We applied for and obtained federal disaster relief monies in the amount of \$18,000 for repairs to a 100' section. An additional 200' section is also in very poor condition. These repairs will be made during the winter months before spring high water.

In November the Board experienced a great loss with the resignation of Jay Waldner. Jay spent many hours on Board issues as well as on the Planning Board. His expertise in building construction was a great asset to the town during the renovations of the Meriden and Plainfield town halls. He also served as a member of the NH Municipal Association's Executive Committee. Jay had over 25 years of service to the Town of Plainfield. We wish him well and hope he can use that same dedication in his new location.

The Board appointed Mark Wilder to replace Jay until Town Meeting in March. At that time a two year vacancy will be voted on.

The employees of the Town as well as the various boards and committees have helped make this a successful year. Many thanks for all the hard work.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Aside from the every day bean counting and organizing that is required to keep our town government operating, a significant portion the Town Office's time in 1996 was spent on the Meriden Town Hall project. This work involved monitoring repairs to the areas of the building damaged by water from the ice damming and the completion of the original project. Outside assistance was utilized to help reduce the possibility of future ice dams and to provide a building that is significantly more energy efficient than originally planned. The new building opened on August 13th, an open house was held on October 5th. While significantly over the budget developed by the project's architect, the finish product has been well received by the community.

The replacement of the Coffin Shop Bridge went as scheduled and budgeted. The bridge is shared by Plainfield and Cornish. Plainfield was responsible for one third of the local share and the administration of the project. Cornish was responsible for the other two thirds of the local share. The finished product cost a total of \$231,000 of which about \$46,000 was paid for locally. Plainfield's share was \$15,246. In my view the entire project was an excellent example of what can be accomplished when local, state, and private forces work together. The new bridge will serve the two communities for many years to come.

In a continued effort to maintain existing paved surfaces the town maintained portion of Main Street and a significant portion of Thrasher Road were rebuilt in 1996. Brook Road, Methodist Hill Road, Center of Town Road, the north end of River Road, Bonner Road and Main Street have all received reconstruction work in the last six years. These projects have been funded through NH State Highway Block Grants. Bringing an oil recycling component to the town's drop off recycling shed was completed in 1996 as well. This project was funded by a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services. The shed started accepting used motor oil on Saturday June 29th.

The loss of Jay Waldner's service to the Town, both at the Selectmen's table and the Planning Board's will be missed. I enjoyed working for and learning from Jay over the last seven years. I wish he and his wife Roxanne the best of luck with their new home.

I look forward to continuing my duties into 1997 completing my eighth year with Plainfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Halleran

MERIDEN TOWN HALL RENOVATION COST SUMMARY REPORT

The Meriden Town Hall project began in 1994 and was completed in 1996. The following is a one page financial summary for the entire project. Expenses have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Appropriation History:

- * 1994 Town Meeting, Article 15 included \$13,000 for the Meriden Town Hall. The appropriation was to be used for repairs to stabilize the condition of the building and for an initial architectural study.
- * 1995 Town Meeting, Article 3 provided authority to spend \$174,000 for the renovation of the Meriden Town Hall into town office and police work space.
- * 1996 Town Meeting, Article 5 funded an additional \$9,500 to complete the renovation project.

Aside from the town's operating budget, project appropriations totaled \$196,500 over three years.

Expenditure History:

- * In 1994 a total of \$14,126 was spent on the building. Work included a structural engineering study, floor stabilization, and conceptual architectural plans. \$13,000 came from Article 15, the additional \$1,126 from the town's operating budget.
- * In 1995 a total of \$184,262 was spent on the building, for renovations or renovation related monitoring services. \$174,000 came from Article 3 in the form of a four year loan. The additional \$10,262 was funded from the town's operating budget.
- * In 1996 a total of \$19,193 was spent on the building to complete the original renovation plan, upgrade the energy efficiency of the building, and to defend the decision to withhold funds from the town's general contractor for unsatisfactory work. \$9,500 came from Article 5. The additional \$9,693 came from the town's operating budget.

A total of \$217,581 was spent on the project over the three year period. Therefore, in the end the project was about 11% over budget.

In addition to these expenses, ice damming resulted in \$22,786 worth of water damage to the building. These repairs were paid for by the town's insurance company which is now pursuing reimbursement from the project's general contractor.

Stephen Halleran

REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank all of the residents of Plainfield for your support over the past 11 years that I have been your police chief. You have shown your support in many ways over the years, the support you have given us in obtaining a new police facility has been the greatest gesture of appreciation that any police department could receive from the people they serve.

We wish to thank all of you for our new facilities and we look forward to serving you again in 1997.

Respectfully Submitted
Gordon A. Gillens
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Total calls for service: 1,251

Driving While Intoxicated	05	Alarms	68
Simple Assault	07	Animals	194
Sexual Assault	01	Medical Emergency	31
Weapons	01	Fire	23
Burglary	07	Motor Vehicle	58
Theft	28	Emer. Relays	02
Fraud	06	Admin. Relays	18
Bad Checks	02	Suspicious persons	83
Domestic Violence	01	Trespassing	06
Possesion Stolen Property	01	Missing Persons	06
Intoxication	00	Public Hazards	66
Drugs	00	Motorist Assist	77
Liquor Laws	03	Civil	17
Disorderly Conduct	23	Untimely Deaths	01
Criminal Mischief	24	Open Doors	36
		House Checks	111
TOTAL CRIMES		Assist other P.D.s	69
INVESTIGATED:	109	Domestic Offenses	22
		Juvenile Offenses	11
Crim. Arrest/Clearence	72	Other	157
		Accidents No Injury	54
		Accidents W/ Injury	13
		E 911 Calls	19
		TOTAL COMPLAINTS	
Motor Vehicle Summons	84	INVESTIGATED:	1,142
Motor Vehicle Warnings	334		
Motor Vehicle Defective	21		
Equipment Tags			
TOTAL OTHER ACTIVITIES:	439		

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPT., INC.

The Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department answered thirty three calls in 1996. There were 6 structure/chimney fires, 6 power lines down, 6 mutual aids, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 motor vehicle fire, 1 fire alarm activation, 2 smoke investigations, 2 wild land fires, 1 false call, 1 control burn call, 2 Hazzardous material calls.

All persons having an outside fireplace are required by NH forest fire laws to obtain a seasonal permit. You also need a permit to burn brush. This permit does not apply for outside incinerators. Incinerators are not allowed in Plainfield because we have weekly garbage pickup. Fire permits can be obtained from either Deputy Warden G. Gardiner MacLeay at 469-3365, David Best at 469-3350, John Conly at 675-2411, Douglas Plummer at 298-6839, or Warden Peter A Berry at 675-2293.

This year the Plainfield VFD had a fund raising softball game with the retired Boston Bruins (The Sharks) at the Plainfield School in Meriden. We plan another game in 1997 with the Sharks. These funds were raised to help pay for the pumper that we should have by January '97.

The new engine is the first pumper ever purchased by the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, since the department was formed in 1955. The chassie is a 1996 Freight Liner which was purchased at the state bid price. The body is being built by Dingee Machine of Cornish, NH. Also we are replacing old 1 1/2", 1000 ft. hose that has been in use from 1943 to 1996. The new hose will be Jeffab. 1 3/4", 1000 ft. from Jaffery Hose in Jaffery, NH. The Department is planning an open house this spring. Hope to see you there.

A special thanks to all members and town folks for thier donations and time spent to help support the P.V.F.D.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Berry
Chief P.V.F.D.

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING EXPENSES AND BUDGET

	ACTUAL 1996	ESTIMATED 1997
EXPENSES		
New Equipment	134578.68	\$ 6000.00
Equipment Repairs	1386.89	4000.00
Supplies	2180.08	1500.00
Electricity	712.98	700.00
Telephone	364.73	400.00
Heat	610.00	700.00
Diesel Fuel	224.80	400.00
Insurance	6066.00	7000.00
Schools & Training	509.74	1500.00
Radio & Radio Repairs	0.00	2000.00
Accounting & Fees	453.00	500.00
Interest	3439.25	6060.00
Principal	672.78	12000.00
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	\$151198.13	\$42700.00
 RECEIPTS		
Bank Loan	\$100000.00	
Donations	5463.64	
Fund raising	1553.00	
Town	35000.00	
Town Reports	300.00	
Brush Firs	1300.01	
Association	9000.00	

	\$152616.65	
 Receipts	\$152616.65	
Expenses	151198.13	

Balance	\$ 1418.52	

12/1/96 Treasurer, David W. Scott

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1996 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department received sixty-eight calls for service in the past year.

		<u>Alarm Investigations</u>	
Structure Fires	2	Auto Accidents	7
Chimney Fires	2	Water in Basement	3
Forest/Brush Fires	3	Burnt Food	1
Propane Leak	1	Odor Investigation	1
Illegal Burn	2	Private Homes	4
Plainfield School	2	North County Door	1
KUA	11	Singing Hills	2
Trees on Phone Lines	2	Power Lines Down	6

Mutual Aid Given To

Plainfield Fire Department	9	Cornish Fire Department	5
Lebanon Fire Department	4		

Mutual Aid Received From

Plainfield Fire Department	5	Cornish Fire Department	3
Lebanon Fire Department	1		

Nate Cass stepped down after six years as Deputy Chief, to take over as Chief of the Cornish Fire Department. Thank you Nate for all that you have done for us, and best wishes in your new position.

Members of the Meriden Fire Department have had a busy year of training, to learn how to use our equipment in the most effective, and safest way. We also had another good year of fund raising with the Wild Game Supper, Yard Sale, and the Chicken and Lobster Barbecue. Thanks to everyone who helped to make these events possible.

The biggest challenge of the past year was the fire on French's Ledges which took many hours of hard work to extinguish. This involved carrying water in Indian pumps a half mile into the woods, and laying 2400 feet of inch and a half hose to get a large quantity of water from Jim Barnicle's field to the fire. This allowed us to apply Class A foam to prevent the stubborn fire from starting back up. This effort included firefighters from Meriden, Plainfield, and Cornish, and Rangers from Concord.

We feel that this fire was caused by an illegal camp fire. This is why you are required to have a burn permit, even for a camp fire. This is also an example of why we will not issue burn permits when it is extremely dry. If you are caught burning without a permit you can be fined, and are responsible for the cost of putting out the fire. In this case no one was caught so the town had to pay the bill.

I would especially like to thank all of the firefighters and their families for their support over the past year.

Last of all I would like to make a plea for more help. We are very short on help during the day. If you are interested in becoming a firefighter and can train a couple of nights a month to learn what we do, we can use your help. If you don't want to be a firefighter and are interested in helping in other ways, we can use your help. For more information call 469-3334.

Respectfully submitted, David R. Best, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 1996 FINANCIAL REPORT
 OPERATING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	1996 BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV) VARIANCE	1997 BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	35,000	35,000	0	35,000
OTHER SOURCES				
BARBEQUE	1,100	1,042	(58)	700
FLEA MARKET	1,800	3,001	1,201	1,800
RAFFLE	250	512	262	250
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	1,600	2,633	1,033	2,000
SPRING DINNER	1,400	1,823	423	1,400
DELIVERY OF TOWN REPORTS	300	300	0	300
DONATIONS	600	1,000	400	600
CHECKING ACCOUNT INTEREST	150	237	87	150
CHELLIS MEMORIAL	100	129	29	100
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	0	847	847	0
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	550	2,090	1,540	300
MISC	100	450	350	100
SUBTOTAL	7,950	14,062	6,112	7,700
GRAND TOTAL	42,950	49,062	6,112	42,700

DISBURSEMENTS	1996 BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV) VARIANCE	1997 BUDGET
OPERATING EXPENSES				
TELEPHONE	450	705	(255)	720
ELECTRICITY	500	533	(33)	500
SEWER	240	240	0	240
HEATING OIL	500	455	45	550
INSURANCE	8,750	8,351	399	8,600
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	5,710	4,601	1,109	5,180
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	600	632	(32)	600
GAS, DIESEL	600	493	107	600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	900	369	531	650
TRAINING	300	290	10	500
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	8,400	9,243	(843)	7,160
FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT	150	1,640	(1,490)	150
BUILDING MAINT	1,700	1,008	692	2,500
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	39	161	100
MISC	400	276	124	400
SUBTOTAL	29,400	28,874	526	28,450
CAPITAL RESERVE	16,550	23,188	(6,638)	14,250
GRAND TOTAL	45,950	52,062	(6,112)	42,700

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 1996 FINANCIAL REPORT
 OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	<u>1996 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1997 BUDGET</u>
BEGIN AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE	7,500	4,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	49,062	42,700
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>52,062</u>	<u>42,700</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
ENDING AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE	<u><u>4,500</u></u>	<u><u>4,500</u></u>

	<u>1996 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1997 BUDGET</u>
BEGIN BALANCE GEORGE KIBBY FUND	772	772
INTEREST/EARNINGS	0	0
EXPENDITURES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
ENDING BALANCE GEORGE KIBBY FUND	<u><u>772</u></u>	<u><u>772</u></u>

CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY

	<u>1996 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1997 BUDGET</u>
BEGIN BALANCE	5,547	6,356
INCREASE RESERVE	23,188	14,250
INTEREST / EARNINGS	41	200
PAYMENTS	<u>22,419</u>	<u>0</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>6,356</u></u>	<u><u>20,806</u></u>

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD JANUARY 1997

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 160 calls including mutual aid. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with a tradition of being one of the fine EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

In cooperation with Cornish, Meriden, and Plainfield Fire Departments we sponsored the Claremont Fire Department Training Unit for teaching school children fire safety. This two story mobile unit reviewed the 911 system, smoke detectors and proper home exiting procedures for the Kindergarten through Third graders of Cornish and Plainfield schools.

We co-sponsored a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Plainfield School that over 60 riders and their families attended.

This Winter we are offering a First Responder Course to the community.

Financially speaking with the cooperation of Mike Myette of the Cornish Fire Dept. and the Windsor Repeater Association we negotiated a contract for dispatching with the Town of Windsor that will save us 40% on the cost of radio dispatching.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the towns and residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency.

If you have any special concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221 and we will review your needs and develop a plan with you. Would you also please look at your road and house address and be sure it can be seen on a rainy night from the road?

We are always looking for new members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non EMS aspects of our organization. We meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Squad house on Route 120 in Cornish.

On a personal note as I complete my first year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher President
Jeff Katchen Vice-President, Fred Schad Secretary, Paul & Sharon Merchant Treasurers, Stewart Adams Trustee, Bob Jordan Trustee

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Division of Forest and Lands
 REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
 &
 STATE FOREST RANGER**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Fire Ranger contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forest and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire or timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. These early detection efforts and reports from citizens aid in the quick response of local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHRV	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
Total Fires	107		

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Berry
 Forest Fire Warden

Douglas C. Miner
 Forest Ranger

REPORT OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR & BUILDING INSPECTOR

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran, Hours M-F 8:00-4:00
Building Inspector: David McBride, Hours W 7-8:30 P.M

Permits for the following projects wer issued in 1996:

4 Single family residences	6 Renewals
0 Multi-family building	6 Barns
11 Garages	22 Renovations
10 Additions	1 Pools
7 Decks	4 Mobile Home
16 Sheds	

Permit total = 82
Project total = 87

In addition the following number of inspections were made during the course of the year:

09 Zoning Inspections	55 Building Inspections
21 Health Inspections	

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Halleran
Zoning Administrator

David McBride
Building Inspector/
Health Officer

**SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1996**

Total Reports Filed	24
Total Yield Tax Assessed	\$15,836.45
Softwood Cut, BF	1,509,957
Hardwood Cut, BF	183,508
Cordwood Cut, Cords	232
Pulpwood/Chips Tons	9,011.10

Respectfully Submitted,
Judith A. Belyea
Yield Tax Agent

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

During 1996 the Plainfield Planning Board approved the following applications:

SUBDIVISIONS:

John & Rebecca Meyette	2 lots,	Rte 12A/Westgate Rd
Francis & Susan Donovan	2 lots,	Pig Farm Rd
Gordon & Fern Wilder	2 lots,	Stage Road
Nate Cass	2 lots,	Route 120

ANNEXATIONS:

- Clifton & Helen Marsh, 1.8 acre and a 2.5 acre land swap between two lots owned by the applicant.
- Chandler & Kathleen Westwood, 3.35 acres from one lot to a second lot owned by the applicant.
- John & Ann Bassette, .6 acre transfer from one lot to a second lot owned by the applicant. Also a 1.0 acre transfer from land of Robert and Maryellen Sullivan to land owned by John & Ann Bassette.
- Philip & Ruth Brady, 4.3 acres to land owned by William and Susan Nugent.
- William Jenney, .7 acres to land owned by William Smith, Inc.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS:

- Craig Wehde, to establish a "vintage car" repair business on Center of Town Road. ZBA case 96-01.
- Nancy & Paul Franklin, to establish a temporary removal of natural material operation on land off Route 12A. ZBA case 96-04.
- James & Margaret Sheehan, concerning their Green Hope Farm herbal remedy agricultural operation on True Rd.
- Mitchell & Francis Robinson, to establish a business concerned with bulk ice cream packaging equipment at their Bonner Road residence. ZBA case 96-07.
- Edward Mitchell, to establish an automobile display lot on land adjacent to Plainfield Sales & Service on Route 12A. ZBA case 96-09.

In addition to the above applications, the Planning Board completed a draft of the revised Master Plan and amended the subdivision regulations during the year.

The revised Master Plan is scheduled to be adopted in early 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PLANNING BOARD

**1996 REPORT OF THE
PLAINFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

During the year the Board GRANTED the following appeals:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. **Craig Wehde 96-01:** To allow for the establishment of a "vintage car repair shop" at his residence located on Center of Town Road.

2. **Lee and Betsy Rybeck Lynd 96-03:** Setback encroachment to allow for the construction of an addition to their Bean Road residence.

3. **Nancy and Paul Franklin 96-04:** To establish a temporary "Removal of Natural Material" operation on their Route 12A property.

4. **Plainfield School Age Child Care Program 96-06:** To establish a child day care program to be located at the Plainfield Elementary School.

5. **Mitchell and Frances Robinson 96-07:** To establish a "bulk ice cream packaging equipment" manufacturing business to be operated out of existing buildings at their Bonner Road residence.

6. **Edward Mitchell 96-09:** To establish an automobile display lot on land adjacent to the applicants Route 12A Plainfield Sales and Service business.

APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

1. **Roger Gregorowicz 96-05:** The Board granted the applicant a building permit to add an addition to the applicant's class VI road residence located on Ledge Road.

During the year the Board DENIED the following appeals:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

1. **Scott Tasinari 96-02:** The applicant proposed to located both a construction business and a business concerned with the assembly of two stroke motor accessories on a single lot located on Route 12A. The application was denied as it did not satisfy the requirements of section 4.3 of the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance.

Cases continued into year 1997

96-08, Lawrence Berndt: Applicant is seeking special exception approval to operate a sawmill on property located of Pig Farm Road.

Respectuflly submitted,

THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

1996 REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

For the first time in several years, the membership of the Conservation Commission has remained unchanged. However, our liaison to the Planning Board, Diane Rogers, resigned her position on that board. Diane takes these endeavors seriously and we are fortunate she chose to remain on the Conservation Commission.

Our year's activities can be grouped into four areas. Environmental activities included organizing the traditional spring "green-up" week and reviewing wetlands applications, many of which involved placement of rip-rap on stream banks.

Educational activities included offering scholarships to encourage kids to attend summer conservation camps and leading walking tours to increase awareness of town-owned or properties otherwise protected from development.

Recreational activities included administering the activities of the Victor Hewes Memorial Field and overseeing our new Burnap's Island canoe campsite. The lilac ledge at the ballfield grew by three with lilacs planted in memory of Basil McNamara, David Stone, and Lois Fredette, three citizens whose good deeds improved the quality of life in Plainfield. We have also begun searching for a location to establish a Connecticut River access site.

Activities to promote and protect open space lands included monitoring conservation easements on several properties, supporting acquisition of a portion of the "Whitney Lot," and struggling to determine the "highest and best use" of town-owned forest lands, primarily on the timber- and habitat-rich "Spencer Lot."

There has been no change on any of the properties on which the town holds title or a conservation easement this will change in the coming years, as the Selectmen and Master Plan both encourage fuller utilization of these resources. The Conservation Commission urges everyone to get involved in the process of determining just what the "highest and best use" of these properties will be.

Keep abreast with the Conservation Commission by attending our meetings or by staying in touch with a member in your neighborhood. We hope to see you in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
David Grobe



Dot McNamara, John McNamara, Patricia McNamara, Emma Mosher, Carol Mosher with a lilac planted in memory of Basil McNamara at the conservation land on Stage Road. Commission members David Grobe and Ruth Ann Wheeler in the background.

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
1996

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Plainfield residents have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of Plainfield included:

- Provided information about the Conte Refuge.
- Discussed expansion of grandfathered non-conforming uses and area variances.
- Provided map and data regarding lands and public access in Plainfield.
- Provided zoning definitions to the Planning Board.
- Worked with Planning Board to update the Town Plan.
- Provided noise ordinance information.
- Assisted with interpretation of original zoning map as basis for development of a new map.
- Met with Planning Board to review Scenic Byway Inventory.
- Created and provided map of agricultural lands, prime agricultural soils and protected lands.
- Digitized zoning district boundaries and developed a new zoning map.
- Worked with Planning Board to incorporated floodplain regulations into the Subdivision Regulations.
- Organized and administered 4 regional household hazardous waste collections, and wrote 2 successful grant applications to offset cost.

A list of services which benefit all member communities follows.

Our commission looks forward to serving Plainfield in the coming year.

PLAINFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

Summer youth programs were enjoyed by many children. The fishing derby had over eighty young eager anglers. It was a day of hands on experience and fun. Thanks to all that helped to make the derby a success. Many thanks to the Meriden Deli Mart for the use of the stream behind the Deli Mart. Also want to thank the Deli Mart for the refreshments.

Tee-Ball and Prep-Ball had good turn outs. Both leagues had three active teams playing.

Midget-"B" Ball had a great season. The team won the Upper Valley Midget "B" League Championship and had a season record of 10-0.

The lightning Soccer program was well attended, with over forty in the program.

The swimming program had over sixty taking lessons. We had toddlers to level-5 in the program.

The tennis program also had over sixty players taking lessons. We had some team matches for the older players.

Fall soccer had three levels of play. The kindergarten basic skills program had about twenty-four active children. The grades 1-2 league had four teams. This league had co-champs. The Cyclones and the Typhoons were co-champs. The grades 3-4 league had four teams. This league crowned the Stoppers as champs.

We want to thank all of the people that helped out with the various programs.

Next summer we will be offering two new programs. If we get enough interest, we hope to be able to offer a basic skills softball program for girls in the 4-8th grades. We also hope to be able to offer a Senior Babe Ruth Baseball Team if we get enough interest.

Through assistance with the selectmen's office the Recreation Department now has a shed for equipment storage.

Submitted by
George T. Prescott, Chairman



Recreation Department's Midget "B" Team. 1996 Upper Valley League Champions.

Photo: Stephen Halleran

PLAINFIELD RECYCLING
January 1997

For the first time since Plainfield began its recycling program in 1990, its recycling rate leveled off. In 1996, Plainfield's recycling rate was 23.3%, compared to 23.7% in 1995. The town continues to increase its total amount of "disposables," however, with its total tons recycled or incinerated reaching 998 tons in 1996, compared to 699 tons in 1993.

The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts fell from around \$16,000 in 1995 to \$14,000 in 1996. The decrease is attributable to poor markets for items collected at the recycling shed.

An exciting addition to the recycling shed in 1996 was a used motor oil collection program. Thanks to the initiative of Steve Halleran, our town administrator, Plainfield residents can bring their used motor oil to the shed for proper disposal. Steve got a \$950 grant from the N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services that covered all but \$23 of the cost of building a collection unit. Thanks to Jay Waldner for coming up with and building a clever design that still allows plenty of other storage area in the shed. Road Agent Robert Bennett and Mechanic Ken Stocker were a great help in setting up the unit.

	1994	1995	1996
Tons incinerated	732 (77.5%)	727 (76.3%)	765 (76.7%)
Tons recycled curbside	146 (15.5%)	158 (16.6%)	170 (17.0%)
Tons recycled at shed	65 (7.0%)	68 (7.1%)	63 (6.3%)
Total	943	953	998

The sticker fee system continues to work well. Revenues from stickers (\$73,790) just about covered disposal costs at the incinerator (\$73,823).

Curbside recycling: The cost savings to the town totaled \$10,965. The town paid \$5,440 in processing fees for curbside recyclables but avoided spending \$16,405 by not sending the 170 tons collected at curbside to the incinerator.

Drop-off shed: The cost savings to the town totaled at least \$3,180. The town avoided spending more than \$4,767 by not sending material to the incinerator. (All of the items listed below, except for two-thirds of the scrap metal, could have been put out at the curb.) After using revenues from the shed's recyclables as well as the state grant for the oil recovery project to offset operating costs and processing fees, the shed cost \$1,587 to operate. In past years the shed has posted a profit, but poor markets sharply reduced revenues.

Material Collected at Shed	Est. Amount Collected (in tons)
Magazines, boxboard, junk mail	20.4
Metal	19.9
Corrugated cardboard/brown grocery bags	16.0
Office paper	1.7
Textiles	2.5
Tires	2.0
Household batteries	Not available
TOTAL	62.5
Oil	150 gallons

Just under 63 tons passed through the shed in 1996, compared to 68 tons in 1995, 67 in 1993, and 48 in 1991. We're trying to establish a regular tire recycling day in both the spring and fall so that residents can plan on that service being available.

Many thanks to the volunteers who staff the shed. They generously give their time-sometimes above the call of duty in snow and cold!-so that we can have a town recycling program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Susan Williams
Recycling Shed Coordinator



Used oil collection facility paid for with grant monies from the State of New Hampshire. The recycling shed began accepting used motor oil on June 29, 1996.

Photo: Stephen Halleran

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Early on in 1996 the library was a very congested place to visit. Shelving was still being placed and books were stacked on the floor as our shelf improvement and floor space project was reaching completion. We thank our patrons for their understanding and their endurance throughout this project.

After Win Spencer did a bit of electrical work to improve the lighting and provide more outlets, Dave Dessert painted our walls so that at long last they are all the same color. The curtains were shaken free of dust, windows were washed, and the library-owned art work was rehung. After a bit of cleaning and dusting we decided it was time for an open house.

On May 19, twenty-three townspeople visited to see the new look and enjoy a model railroad exhibit displayed by Jody Marsh and his son Jacob, and an exhibit of turned vases and bowls of different woods, made by Stan Dole, in the Chellis Showcase.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the moving and shelving of books (see Plainfield Town Report 1995). The help was much appreciated. And thanks to the volunteers who helped throughout the year and continue to do so in 1997; Pam Abrahamson, Joe and Judy Salsbury, Henry Beck and trustees, Jack Ragle and Joe Crate. Speaking of trustees, special thanks go to our board member Betsy Beck who does a superb job keeping our finances straight and provides timely treasury reports.

As in the past our town librarians continued their yearly cooperative service to you, our patrons, by exchanging collections of videos, books-on-tape and books, providing joint programming, collaborating to put a float together for the July 4th Parade and just keeping in touch to discuss other ways to better serve our patrons. Thy librarian and trustees stay informed of new services and guidelines for New Hampshire Libraries by attending meetings and workshops provided by local and state-level organizations and the New Hampshire State Library. Whenever materials needed by patrons aren't available in town, the state-wide interlibrary loan system is used to search for and borrow needed items. Our libraries also loan materials through I.L.L. to other libraries. Thank you to the personnel at Kimball Union Academy's Coffin Library for their continued co-operation; we are glad to be able to return the service when they have a need we can provide.

Note cards by Betty Pardoe featuring scenes from Meriden Village and Plainfield Village, as well as those from other places in New Hampshire and New England, are on sale in the library. Betty donates part of her yearly sales to our book budget. Thanks Betty. Mugs and tee-shirts featuring the Meriden Covered Bridge are also available. Lee Walker donates a portion of each sale to our book budget. Thank you, Lee.

During 1996 we had monthly art and photography exhibits by local and area residents. If you would like to exhibit your framed works, please call the library. The Chellis Showcase has held many interesting exhibits as well and is available to anyone wishing to use it for a display to share with our patrons.

Please, may we emphasize for residents with handicaps that make access to the resources of the library a problem: Call the



Meriden Library

Photo: Betty Pardoe

library with your requests- the librarian and trustees will deliver the desired materials to you.

If you haven't been in the Meriden Post Office, we urge you to do so to view and enjoy the monthly exhibits our librarian Bettyann Dole puts on display in the window. Each exhibit has a theme which includes an assortment of books from the collection at the Meriden Library on the subject depicted. Bettyann receives many thank-yous and compliments, which she appreciates, as she provides one more library service that allows our patrons to learn more of what is available at your library.

The number of library users continues to grow. New residents come to town and check out the library as soon as they can. Families with school age children come in searching for information for their class projects.

Your library provides many services to meet your educational and recreational needs. We could list the variety of materials in our collection, but come see for yourself what is available.

Your tax dollars are at work in your library, why not make use of them? Our hours are Monday 2-8pm; Tuesday 3-6pm; Thursday 10am-12pm and 2-6pm; Saturday 10am-1pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Meriden Library Trustees,
Joe Crate
Betsy Beck
Jack Ragle

MERIDEN LIBRARY
1797-1997

Meriden Library was incorporated on December 11, 1797. Our 200th Anniversary Celebration continues throughout 1997 ending with an Open House on December 11, when we will draw the winning ticket for the bird's-eye lamp table made and donated by Stan Dole for our year long raffle. This money will be added to our growing building fund set aside for building expansion in future years.

Monthly programs, a float in the July 4th Parade, programs for the children and an old fashioned fair held in the fall are planned or in the planning stages for our year long celebration. Please watch for announcements for the dates and times of these events.

Our first program will be held at Meriden Library on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Al Backofen will share with us his study of the life of Doctor Elias Frost who practiced medicine in Meriden from 1808 until 1845 when he ended his practice because of failing eyesight. If you take a moment to read the short biography of Dr. Frost that was included in our town history Choice White Pines and Good Land, you will see that he was more than just a doctor to the residents of the community and this program will present us with yet another glimpse into the life of an earlier time of our town. The second program scheduled for May 11, is a presentation about FRAUD by our Police Chief Gordon Gillens. Chief Gillens told me there will be audience participation as we all become more informed about this ever present problem that could affect any of us at any time if we aren't knowledgeable enough to prevent the scam artist from taking advantage of us.

A history of the Meriden Library, compiled by the trustees and librarian in more detail than that found in the town history, will be available soon.

We also plan to make a visit to Concord and obtain a copy of the original petition to incorporate, if it is available, to frame for hanging at the library. Thanks to Al Backofen for his time spent researching this for us.

We [librarian and trustees] invite you to attend the many programs and events celebrating two hundred years of Meriden Library in 1997.

Bettyann Dole, Joe Crate, Betsy Beck and Jack Ragle

1996 FINANCIAL REPORT - MERIDEN LIBRARY

	BUDGET 1996	ACTUAL 1996	PROPOSED 1997
On Hand - January 1			
Checking Account	494.67	494.67	664.21
Encumbered Funds	3,533.41	3,533.41	2,499.03
Petty Cash	29.00	29.00	29.00
	=====	=====	=====
SUBTOTAL	4,057.08	4,057.08	3,192.24
Income			
Town Appropriation	17,132.00	17,132.00	17,632.00
Town Appropriation-FICA	860.00	860.00	860.00
Trust Funds	875.00	1,149.49	875.00
Gifts - Memorial	50.00	10.00	50.00
Gifts - Misc.	600.00	725.00	600.00
Book Fines	100.00	118.94	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	241.15	150.00
Interest	75.00	97.07	75.00
Miscellaneous	.00	189.81	.00
	=====	=====	=====
INCOME	19,842.00	20,523.46	20,342.00
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	23,899.08	24,580.54	23,534.24
Expenses			
Salaries	11,232.00	11,224.50	11,232.00
FICA	860.00	858.86	860.00
Library Materials	4,500.00	5,581.17	5,000.00
Telephone	400.00	341.90	400.00
Electricity	500.00	502.94	500.00
Fuel	600.00	588.18	600.00
Water	100.00	78.64	100.00
Supplies	500.00	347.08	500.00
Postage	450.00	508.37	450.00
Professional Activities	100.00	25.00	100.00
Programming	100.00	94.50	100.00
Maintenance	500.00	737.16	500.00
Miscellaneous	.00	500.00	.00
	=====	=====	=====
EXPENSES	19,842.00	21,388.30	20,342.00
Cash on Hand Dec 31, 1996			
Checking Account		664.21	
Encumbered Funds		2,499.03	
Petty Cash		29.00	
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	19,842.00	24,580.54	20,342.00
Building Fund Balance		23,374.64	
Encumbered Funds - Savings			
Memorial Fund		768.41	
Sick Pay Account		325.00	
Computer Fund		250.00	
Reference Material Replacement		1,155.62	

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
1996 Trustees Report

The Philip Read Memorial Library had another busy and productive year. Circulation of library materials increased over 1995, with a total of 11,650 items being checked out of the library.

The library meeting room continues to be used by several town groups. We welcome other groups to use it as well. Anyone wishing to use it can contact Librarian Nancy Norwalk.

The Summer Reading Program titled "Reading--the Best Game in Town" was a success. The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries jointly received a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the state library to sponsor a program on African story telling and games in connection with the summer program. Another joint venture between the libraries was a float for the annual Fourth of July parade, using a theme built around the Philip Read Library expansion plans. Other joint ventures were purchasing encyclopedias and other books together to take advantage of special discounts. We continue to offer story time on the second Monday of each month.

With two grants from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities, the library, under the direction of Maryellen Sullivan, held two book discussion series (spring and fall) entitled "My Family--Myself" and "The Story of My Life." The library also sponsored several Introduction to the Internet workshops and a coffee for townspeople to meet the school principal.

The Building Expansion Committee, the trustees, and our librarian continued meeting to formulate plans and fund raising for the expansion of the library. Several members visited other libraries and met with townspeople and the state library consultant. The committee held several fund raisers--a walk-a-thon, a booth at the Cornish Fair, a quilt raffle, a table at the Grange Christmas Fair, a professional cooking program, and the continuing sale of our very own library T-shirt. We have received many contributions to the building fund to date and welcome further donations. Also, please think of the library when making memorial donations or bequests. Thank you all for your generous support.

Friends of the Library paid for the Internet hook-up through the sale of Maxfield Parrish items. These sales continue to purchase audiobooks for the collection. The annual book sale was a success and allowed us to purchase many new books, tapes, and videos.

The trustees and librarian Nancy Norwalk wish to thank all our volunteers for the help and support they lend the library. Remember, this is your library and information center. If there is a program you want to see, a book you want to read, a tape you want to hear, just let us know. If we don't have it, we can borrow from over 200 libraries throughout the state through our interlibrary loan computer system.

Please continue to visit the library and take advantage of the services offered.

Trustees: Anita K. Brown
Nancy Franklin
Alice Hendrick

FINANCIAL REPORT
 PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
 FISCAL YEAR 1996

	BUDGET 1996	ACTUAL 1996	PROPOSED 1997
On hand Jan. 1			
CHECKING ACCOUNT	122.64	122.64	133.36
	=====	=====	=====
SUBTOTAL:	122.64	122.64	133.36
INCOME:			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	19113.00	19113.00	20607.00
TRUST FUND INCOME	2800.00	3243.51	3000.00
FINES & DAMAGED BOOKS	275.00	347.00	275.00
GIFTS	150.00	372.50	200.00
BOOK SALES	300.00	956.92	300.00
GRANTS -NH Arts Council	0	139.00	0
-NH Humanities Council	0	1309.40	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	428.95	0
	=====	=====	=====
INCOME:	22638.00	25910.28	24382.00
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL:	22760.64	26032.92	24515.36
EXPENDITURES:			
LIBRARIANS' SALARIES	10657.00	10664.29	12535.00
LIBRARY PAYROLL LIAB.	826.00	815.83	900.00
LIBRARY MATERIALS	5400.00	6186.64	5600.00
AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	600.00	803.46	600.00
ENCYCLOPEDIA	662.00	746.50	0
SUPPLIES	700.00	1170.79	800.00
POSTAGE	180.00	176.27	180.00
ELECTRICITY	575.00	552.91	575.00
TELEPHONE	410.00	654.22	700.00
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	0	259.95	200.00
FUEL	900.00	567.72	750.00
MAINTENANCE	900.00	385.06	750.00
FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	300.00	594.12	300.00
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	400.00	332.30	350.00
PROGRAMS (includes grant exp.)	100.00	1515.56	125.00
WATER	50.00	45.40	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	100.00	428.54	100.00
	=====	=====	=====
EXPENSES	22760.00	25899.56	24515.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT DEC.31, 1996		133.36	
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL:	22760.00	26032.92	24515.00

BALANCE IN BUILDING ACCOUNT AS OF DEC. 31, 1996 WAS \$9,143.77
 BALANCE IN SICK PAY ACCOUNT \$406.50.



Covered Bridge 4-H members: Justin Rogers and Melissa Drye work with Library Trustee Alice Hendrick on plantings at the library. The group received a grant which paid for this work. *Photo: Nancy Norwalk*

**The Plainfield History Account
(administered by the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries
January 1, 1996-December 31, 1996**

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire has continued to sell steadily throughout the year. It has been five years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 864. The cost is \$45, and they are available at the town office and the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. It is still the best town history around.

Financial Report

Balance January 1		\$2180.13
Income:		
Sale of books & shipping charges	\$ 845.50	
Bank interest	35.47	
Bank refund for service charges	76.10	
Total income		957.07
		\$3137.20
Expenses: None		
Balance December 31		\$3137.20

**Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee
Plainfield Historical Society**

1996 saw the completion of our third goal--replacement of the 80-year-old deteriorated theater curtain. The new curtain was ordered in the fall of 1995 and after much anticipation was delivered in January. It was a disappointment then to find that it was not as ordered. After much discussion, adjustment, and visits from the theater supply company and input from local experts Rob Gattie, David Grobe, and others, the new curtain was finally installed during the summer. The color and material was matched to the original. The new curtain certainly adds to the historic atmosphere and look of the Plainfield Town Hall.

Room-darkening shades were also purchased for the stage area. This helps in preventing sunlight from damaging the stage set and also helps darken the stage area for daytime light shows.

The Stage Set Committee, along with other members of the community, continues to raise funds for a renovated kitchen, room-darkening shades for the main hall, and other projects relating to the town hall. A long-term goal is to establish a trust fund for the care of the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set.

Activities this year included the annual New Year's Eve dance with the local band "People You Know" and a dance with Woody and the Ramblers. The committee continues to sponsor the Annual Art Show during the week of July 4. This show highlights the amazing range of talented artists living in Plainfield, Meriden, and Cornish. Newly known artists continue to come forth to be included in the show. Please contact one of the committee members if you are an artist/photographer (amateur or professional) and are not on our mailing list so that you can be included in the 1997 show. In August the popular Heath Sisters were in concert at the town hall, and October saw a program on "Ghosts and Hauntings of New England." All programs were well attended.

Volunteers kept the town hall open on Sunday afternoons for visits from tourists and Parrish fans. Approximately 800 tourists were treated to a light show, the video "Parrish Blue," the Parrish sale shop, and a lecture about Maxfield Parrish and the stage set. There is still a phenomenal interest in both Parrish and the stage set. Visitors continue to praise and thank the townspeople of Plainfield for preserving the stage set and the town hall.

In the fall of 1996, the Stage Set Committee received a grant award of \$1500, from the Joint Connecticut River Commissions, to produce a full color tourist brochure promoting the stage set.

Anyone interested in helping with stage set events and projects or in being a docent on Sunday afternoons should contact one of the committee members. It's a fun and interesting way to spend a Sunday.

The committee thanks everyone for their continued support.

**Financial Report-Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee
Plainfield Historical Society
January 1, 1996-May 31, 1996**

(In previous years, this financial report has been done on a calendar year basis-January to December. However, the Plainfield Historical Society operates on a fiscal year of June 1 to May 31. Therefore, to make our bookkeeping easier, the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee financial report will now be made on the same fiscal year basis. Since the 1995 report covered finances through December 31, 1995, this report will cover the remainder of the fiscal year. Next year's report will cover the full fiscal year from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.)

Balance-January 1:

Savings Account	\$4,600.02	
Checking Account	3,407.69	
Town Hall Kitchen Fund	<u>757.75</u>	
Total		\$ 8,765.46

Income:

Sale of merchandise	318.80	
Donations	235.00	
Bank interest	65.87	
Woody & Ramblers dance	385.00	
1995 New Year's Eve dance	<u>478.00</u>	
		<u>1,482.67</u>
Total Income		\$10,248.13

Expenses:

Dance expenses	82.86	
Newspaper ads	228.00	
Postage	32.00	
Plainfield Town Hall repairs	17.00	
Theater curtain	<u>2,322.60</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>2,682.46</u>

Balance May 31, 1996	\$ 7,565.67
(Savings Account: \$4,884.95	
Checking Account: \$1,922.97	
Town Hall Kitchen Fund: \$757.75)	

Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee:

- Nancy Norwalk, Co-chair
- Beverly Widger, Co-chair
- Diane Rogers
- Cheyenne Chellis
- Nancy Franklin
- Alice Jordan
- Otis Jordan
- Timothy Rub

1996 PLAINFIELD/KUA STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's KUA Tax Study Committee was divided on some issues and this report will attempt to reflect that.

In reviewing the overall relationship between the Kimball Union Academy and the Town there was a general consensus that the school, its students and its faculty were a valuable town asset. The broad range of contributions the Academy makes to the town - from financial and manpower support of the fire departments to making a large array of cultural events available for free - was reviewed and acknowledged. The fact that an increasing number of the faculty live off campus and therefore contribute to the tax base of the town was also noted.

Twenty-nine non-faculty Plainfield children attended KUA in 1996-97. The tax exemption granted to KUA pursuant to RSA 72:23 (allowing the Town to exempt that portion of the school's tax liability over which it has discretion) was \$74,476 and in return KUA granted a tuition credit totaling \$63,800 (\$2,200 to each of these 29 students). Additional financial aid was also distributed to Plainfield residents as part of the Academy's general financial aid policy which is independent of place of residence. The difference between the tax exemption of \$74,476 and the tuition reduction of \$63,800 arises from the fact that tuition is set before the total number of Plainfield students attending KUA is known. In the past, this difference between projected tuition reduction and exemption granted KUA has often favored the town by significant amounts. To correct the difference favoring KUA this year, KUA has stated its intention of increasing the Plainfield tuition reduction to \$2,500 for academic year 1997-98. (see table below)

	Taxes Paid	Taxes Exempted	Plainfield Grant	Students	Plainfield Grant per Student	Fire Truck Donation	Plainfield School Donation
1989/90	16,705	69,400	120,000	30	4,000	7,500	10,000
1990/91	18,519	85,209	101,571	36	Varied	13,438	10,000
1991/92	20,856	71,681	86,800	31	2,800	11,575	10,000
1992/93	20,856	66,490	106,400	38	2,800	11,946	10,000
1993/94	10,574	62,261	61,200	34	1,800	8,982	10,000
1994/95	11,453	69,488	59,400	33	1,800		
1995/96	14,063	71,718	68,000	34	2,000		
1996/97	16,784	74,476	63,800	29	2,200		
1997/98			estimated	33	2,500		
	=====	=====	=====			=====	=====
	129,810	570,723	667,171			53,441	50,000

This year, the tuition at Lebanon High School is \$7,793. The projected tuition for 1997-98 is \$7,318. Had the 29 non-faculty students who attended KUA chose to attend Lebanon High, the cost to the town would have been \$225,997. When combined with other Plainfield students who do not attend Lebanon High School, (home schooled students and students who

attend other private schools), the savings to the town in Lebanon High tuition not expanded is estimated to be well over \$250,000. Whether the town comes out ahead or behind financially because of the existing relationship between the school and the town depends upon how many students would not attend KUA if it were not for the tuition reduction. The committee estimates that if 9 or more students choose to attend KUA because of the tuition reduction incentive, the town comes out ahead financially.

Once again, the Town faces the same alternatives regarding the annual vote on the tax exemption agreement as it has in the past. These include: continuing the present agreement, discontinuing the agreement altogether, modifying the agreement, and declaring a formal link between the school district and KUA. There has been no desire on the part of either party to formalize the link between them nor has there been any suggestion of ways to modify the agreement. This leaves the options of continuing or discontinuing the present relationship.

Reasons raised for continuing the relationship as it exists include: 1) the potential for saving tax dollars by providing the incentive or ability for more students to attend KUA because of tuition reduction; 2) the arrangement expands the range of educational options available to town students; 3) once discontinued, a favorable relationship may be difficult or impossible to restart.

Reasons raised for discontinuing the relationship include: 1) the Town should tax KUA for the maximum amount possible and not use the discretion allowed in RSA 72:23; 2) the practice of financially benefitting some Plainfield residents who choose private education at KUA while not so benefitting those who choose other private education is unfair; and, 3) although it has been assumed that without the tax credit, many students would choose Lebanon High School (at a higher cost to the taxpayer), the assumption that enough children would switch to Lebanon High to make a financial impact on the town deserves to be tested.

Also, this year, the propriety of the arrangement was tested a second time by sending a letter to the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire, spelling out the arrangement in detail and asking for their opinion about its legality. In its written response, the Department had no objections to the arrangement. This further substantiates the legality of the relationship as affirmed in the legal opinion obtained by the Town on this matter in 1993.

Respectfully submitted,
Plainfield/KUA Study Committee

MT. ASCUTNEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE
Connecticut River Joint Commissions
ANNUAL REPORT - 1996

Representatives from riverfront towns in the Mt. Ascutney region have been meeting monthly to complete the river corridor management plan. Our subcommittee, made up of appointed citizens representing local business, agriculture, local government, riverfront landowners, recreation, and conservation, has been looking into the river issues we consider important to each community in the region. We and the other four subcommittees have created this plan completely by consensus. This is truly an historic event: no one has ever attempted to construct a citizen-based plan for a river as large as the Connecticut, and certainly not on a bi-state basis.

The plan provides a home-grown blueprint for how all of us -- communities, landowners, businesses, agencies -- can recognize what an asset a great river like the Connecticut can be to our towns. The plan focuses on water quality, fisheries and aquatic habitat, wildlife, endangered species, agriculture, recreation and access, bank erosion, and development.

The Subcommittee learned that one of the greatest threats to water quality, aquatic habitat, and waterbased recreation is bank erosion, a very complicated issue. Our study has also shown that our towns should consider carefully the potential effects of allowing development too close to the river. Flooding this spring and summer demonstrated that the river will use its floodplain for flood storage.

The plan is now being prepared for printing and will be ready for public review this spring. The Connecticut River Joint Commissions will invite the planning, zoning, and conservation commissions, selectmen, and the public to consider which of its findings and recommendations our town might consider for adoption. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about the plan to contact us in the meantime.

The Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee of the CRJC, formed in 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes riverfront towns from Plainfield to Charlestown, NH and Hartland to Rockingham, VT. In addition to preparing the plan, the Subcommittee advises the states and the CRJC on actions that could affect the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Windsor House. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you wish to serve on the Subcommittee, please contact the selectmen.

VT Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission
NH Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission
PO Box 1182, Charlestown, NH 03603
603-8264800 * Fax 603-826-3065

1996 NH REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

The NH House is highly representative, democratic and dependent upon the hard work of its members in their respective committees. There one learns that the most appropriate action for a given problem may be no legislation, that other more appropriate solutions can be found. The dilemma, of course, is in recognizing those situations. Many of those decisions are made during the committee deliberations. The committee to which I was assigned, Executive Departments and Administration, fulfilled its responsibility as a thorough and objective reviewer of the proposed legislation under its jurisdiction. Because the bills must be voted on by all members of their respective chambers, there is further opportunity to discuss the issues.

Our county government is competently overseen by the three County Commissioners, with the County Delegation (State Representatives) having responsibility for final action on the proposed budget. As the Delegation's Clerk, I attended all meetings of the Finance Committee, as well as the Delegation meetings, and was impressed to see how constructively the Commissioners and Delegates worked together and with the county administrators to provide quality services for Sullivan County residents while maintaining the low level of taxation.

Although I have completed my term of office, I again voice concern about the probable revenue shortfall in the state budget and its potential impact on the counties and local communities. The House's earlier predictions of March '95 may have been more accurate than either Governor Merrill's optimistic figures or the Senate's compromise budget. Burdensome property taxes continue to label NH communities as being among the most highly assessed in the nation. I hope the current session will finally realize a legislative review of the total tax structure which will not have to overcome a Governor's veto as was the situation for the last two years. Relevant support for efficient and effective public schools was also a major focus of the previous legislature. Similar legislation may fair better with Governor Shaheen.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Representative for '95 and '96. The work was challenging and rewarding - and almost full-time. By the end of February, 1996, I realized that I should not seek a second term. Peter Burling is once again one of your Representatives. I am confident that he and Merle Schotanus, your other Representative, will continue their tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Cornish and Plainfield.

former Representative Sandy Stettenheim Cornish & Plainfield
District 1, Sullivan County January 7, 1997

**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE MERLE SCHOTANUS
DISTRICT THREE, SULLIVAN COUNTY**

1996 was a historic year in state government in both political and legislative terms. Republican Governor Merrill's surprise announcement in April that he would not seek a third term started a round of political musical chairs that ended with the election of a Democrat, and the state's first woman Governor. In the Legislature, Representative Donna Sytek of Salem became the state's first woman Speaker of the House and the Democrats made significant gains in both the House and Senate. In the '96 legislative session, lawmakers opened up the electric utility and healthcare markets, passed kindergarten incentive funding after years of trying, and took a stab, albeit weak, at temporarily solving the state's perennial fiscal problems. An increase in cigarette taxes was proposed but defeated, as was raising revenues through the licensing and regulation of video gambling machines. All of this sets the stage for two exciting legislative sessions in the FY 97-98 biennium.

1997 will likely be a year in which the new Governor emphasizes pragmatic solutions to problems without the political rhetoric we have been used to. The legislative debate is likely to concentrate on budget priorities; electric utility deregulation; education funding; an increased cigarette tax, and legalizing video poker machines at the state's horse and dog race tracks. There will be little change of funding existing programs at a respectable level or increasing state aid to municipalities without raising additional revenue. You can expect the legislature to tinker with existing taxes, but reform of New Hampshire's antiquated and inequitable tax structure is not in the cards. Additionally, the state was warned by the major bond rating services in December, 1996 that it must put its fiscal house in order if it is to maintain its current high bond rating of AA+. This is critical because the higher the bond rating, the less interest cost to the taxpayer for state borrowing. The warning came as a result of recurring operating deficits over the past three years.

After eight rewarding years on the House Finance Committee, I will now serve as the clerk of the Public Works and Highways Committee, which deals with the state's capital budget, highways, bridges and public building projects. Although busy, the committee's relatively relaxed pace, compared to the hectic schedule of the finance committee, will allow me more time to pursue other legislation of interest to my constituents. I will be working on several bills in the 1997 session, including, among others, conservation license plates, 1848 abortion laws, snowmobile registration fees, Red Cross emergency volunteers, local approval of river corridor plans, milfoil, and forest landowner estate taxes.

I am pleased to report that the FY 97 \$15.1 million county budget required a zero tax increase, thanks to efficient management by the county administrator and commissioners. I will, for the sixth time, chair the fourteen member Sullivan County legislative delegation. I am pleased to welcome Representative Dick Leone from Sunapee to the delegation. His vast experience in education administration and town government will add greatly to the delegation's expertise. I also welcome back to the District 3 team Peter Burling of Cornish, who is no stranger to the legislature. Peter will put his broad public affairs experience and expertise to work as the leader of the loyal opposition in the House. I wish also to publicly thank two departing members of the District 3 legislative team for their outstanding service to their constituents, county government, and the State of New Hampshire: Tom Behrens of Sunapee who returns full time to the business world after 10 years of legislative service, and Sandy Stettenheim of Plainfield, who retired after one term to pursue other endeavors with he husband, Peter. I am confident that the newly elected team of Burling, Leone and Schotanus will continue to provide strong, visible representation in Concord and at the county for the residents of District 1,2, and 3, Sullivan County.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who continue to have confidence in me to represent your interests in Concord, as indicated by your very supportive vote in November, 1996 to elect me to a seventh term. As always, I stand ready to serve you in Concord and in the County. You can reach me in Grantham (863-2293, or 28 Sugarwood Lane, 03753-7725) or in concord (271-3565, or Room 201, LOB, Concord, 03301).

Representative Merle W.
Schotanus
District 3, Sullivan County
Grantham

**REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE BURLING
DISTRICT ONE, SULLIVAN COUNTY**

In November, the voters of Plainfield and Cornish returned me to the Legislature. I am delighted and honored to be back. I go to Concord each day with a new Governor in office, and a feeling in my heart that a great deal in the Capitol is new and different. There is a spirit of accomplishment in the air, a feeling that by working together, politicians of both parties can and will make a difference.

I was elected Democratic Leader in the New Hampshire House on November 23rd. In that job, I am the leader of one hundred forty-five Democrats serving the House, and I am also a member of the House Leadership Team. I am assisted by a highly qualified group of reps from around the state, and I work on a daily basis with people in Republican leadership

with whom I share long-term friendship.

As Democratic Leader, I am trying hard to emphasize bipartisanship in the Legislature. Our new Governor has made it clear that she wishes to work with all the people of New Hampshire in her search for answers to our problems. That is an approach to government that I think will take us far. We need to provide for universal kindergarten in this state: it's no longer funny to be the only state in the Union that doesn't offer kindergarten to all its children. By working together, we can make it happen.

My only sadness in returning to Concord this year is that Sandy Stettenheim will not be in the Legislature with me. Everyone I speak with in Concord talks of Sandy's dedication and hard work when she was Representative for Sullivan District One. She has represented all of us in Concord to the best of her abilities, and the work she has done over the past two years has brought credit to all of us in the Upper Valley.

My friend and colleague, Merle Schotanus, has experienced some changes in his committee assignment. He is now on Public Works, where he will play a central role in the adoption of our Capital Budget. I look forward to working closely with him over the next two years.

Representative

Peter H. Burling

**REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE
BY
RAYMOND S. BURTON
COUNCILOR - DISTRICT ONE**

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire executive Council. The executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters, 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997.

There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human services at 1-800-842-3345.

2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.

3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.) Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Tel. (603) 271-3632

1996 WELFARE REPORT

Office hours are 8-4pm with a half hour lunch around noon. I suggest making an appointment in advance if possible by calling 469-3201.

In 1996 we assisted several families with items such as rent, food, fuel, utilities, and prescriptions with budget management.

The purpose of Local Welfare is to give general assistance in accordance with written guidelines adopted by the governing body to any person in town who is poor and unable to support himself/herself. We are a safety net, while waiting for State or Federal programs to begin. We direct you to the appropriate public funds available so you can remain in your homes if at all possible. We are creative, and look for solutions for the long term, while meeting the immediate needs. And, if financial assistance is provided with local tax dollars, we help you set up a repayment schedule.

As ever, we are fortunate to have the following groups helping. Boy Scout Troop #332 collected can goods for the Scouting for Food program and got Christmas trees for those who could not afford them. The Horse Huggers 4H children provided Thanksgiving baskets for some local families in need of cheer. The Plainfield Elementary School children collected some can goods at Christmas time. Meriden Good Cheer donations were used around Christmas time. All our churches, the Meriden Congregational Church, the First Baptist Church, the Community Baptist Church are doing emergency assistance for the community. They assisted greatly this year along with some generous individuals. Singing Hills Christian Fellowship is a great resource and always ready to help. We are thankful for all their gifts to those in need.

The other way people in our community are helping others less fortunate this year is by donating their time, talents and donations to the Sawyer Fund for renovations of Louise Sawyer's home. And, our first Habitat for Humanity house is now under construction and should be finished by the time this report is in print. Arthur and Linda Perkins will be in their new home by Town Meeting Day. We will have a display at the 1997 Town Meeting. All and all, the good people of the Town of Plainfield really are helping their neighbors. We are not out helping people who could do things for themselves. We are helping people who have no other way of saving their homes. If you know of someone or are someone in need, please give me a call. If you want to help others, there is a way.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Baker
Welfare Director
469-3201

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 1996:

- VNAVNH:** Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents.
20 S. Main St. White River Jct. Vt 05001
tel. 802-295-2604
- 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.
14 Church St./ PO Box 221/Lebanon, NH 03766
tel. 448-4872
- COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES:** 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. 35-37 Crescent Street, Claremont, NH 03743
tel. 543-0427
- HOSPICE OF THE UPPER VALLEY:** A caring service for people with life threatening illness, and their families, designed to support and supplement the existing health care system. 20 S. Main St. White River Jct. Vt 05001
tel. 802-295-2604
- STOUGHTON HOUSE:** A multi-program for Senior Citizens including meals and meal delivery, transportation, advocacy and recreation. Stoughton House/ 46 N. Main St / Windsor Vt 05089 tel. 802-674-6733
- SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Provides and administers Fuel Assistance, Commodity Foods, WIC Program, Neighbor helping neighbor, and Eldercare programs along with other human services type programs to eligible applicants. PO Box 1338 Claremont, NH 03743.
tel: 542-9528.

After expressing their gratitude for past support these agencies are again looking for funding in 1997.

	Granted 1996	Requested 1997	Recommended 1997
VNAVNH	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$7,900
GFT. SEN. CNTR.	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350
HEADREST	\$1,477	\$1,551	\$1,551
COMMUNITY YTH. ADV.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ 500
HOSPICE	\$550	\$550	\$550
SO. WESTERN COMM. SERVICES	\$500	\$500	\$500
STOUGHTON HOUSE	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	-----	-----	-----
	\$12,777	\$12,851	\$12,351

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Halleran, Harold "Dewey" Jones, Suellen Leugers, Nina Seaman, John Gregory-Davis HSC

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Operator's Report

Water System

Work continued on the corrosion control project in 1996 with the completion of the building to house the caustic injection equipment in November. The project should be finished early in 1997. The A O Smith Company performed an inspection on the water storage tank in April. The inspection was performed by a remote controlled submarine equipped with a video camera. Minor corrosion was found around some sheet edges and around some fasteners. Within the next two years the tank will need to be taken out of service to allow the manufacturer to perform repairs. Other projects completed during the year include the installation of new pump motor starters at the well, installation of a "snubber" at the tank control vault, and the recalibration of the tank control instrumentation. One new service was installed and one service was upgraded. Total water usage during the year was 13,233,000 gallons, 36,254 gallons per day average.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Two new sewer services were installed during the year bringing the total number of sewer customers to 38 including KUA. The solar heating system collector panels were resurfaced in the fall. The District's 1983 truck received a new coat of paint and four new tires. The heavy rains during the early part of the summer eroded a section of the # 3 lagoon, a gravel berm was built to divert water away from the lagoon and the erosion damage was repaired. Again this year road agent Bob Bennett and his crew are to be thanked for the work they performed for the district during the Main Street project. Total flow at the wastewater plant was 9,958,000 gallons or 27,000 gallons per day.

William S. Taylor
Operator, MVWD

**WARRANT
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 Plainfield School in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the seventeenth of March 1997 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

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

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A commissioner for one year.
5. A treasurer for one year.

6. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

ARTICLE II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,150, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE V. To see if the District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for this fund. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

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

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

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of February, 1997.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

DONALD E. GARFIELD
JEFFREY S. ALLBRIGHT
MURRAY DEWDNEY

COMMISSIONERS, MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

**Meriden Village Water District
Sewer Department**

Income	Budget 96	Actual 96	Budget 97
Sewer Charges	\$59,690.00	\$65,749.00	\$59,300.00
Connections	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Interest	\$50.00	\$106.00	\$0.00
Insurance Refund	\$0.00		\$0.00
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	\$59,790.00	\$65,955.00	\$59,400.00

Expenses

Office	\$350.00	\$405.00	\$450.00
Legal	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Electricity	\$7,000.00	\$7,194.00	\$8,500.00
Insurance	\$11,600.00	\$10,849.00	\$11,000.00
Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$1,326.00	\$5,000.00
Telephone	\$300.00	\$194.00	\$250.00
Wages	\$13,950.00	\$13,780.00	\$14,650.00
FICA, Medicare	\$1,100.00	\$1,016.00	\$1,200.00
Interest on Debt	\$6,290.00	\$6,290.00	\$3,400.00
Principal on Debt	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,321.00	\$2,000.00
Vehicle	\$2,000.00	\$1,931.00	\$750.00
Capital Reserve			\$2,000.00
Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$59,790.00	\$54,306.00	\$59,400.00

**Meriden Village Water District
Water Department**

Income	Budget 1996	Actual 1996	Budget 97
Hydrant Rentals	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Water Rents	\$122,870.00	\$121,320.00	\$86,450.00
Interest	\$150.00	\$284.00	\$100.00
Refunds		\$912.00	
Hookups		\$50.00	
Expenses	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$124,220.00	\$123,766.00	\$87,750.00
Office	\$350.00	\$373.00	\$400.00
Legal	\$200.00		\$200.00
Electricity	\$4,500.00	\$3,755.00	\$5,000.00
Insurance	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,002.00	\$8,000.00
Water Analysis	\$1,500.00	\$437.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$300.00
Wages	\$2,000.00	\$2,550.00	\$3,000.00
FICA, Medicare	\$300.00	\$251.00	\$300.00
Interest on Debt	\$45,720.00	\$45,720.00	\$27,480.00
Principal on Debt	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$30,000.00
Capital Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Supplies	\$700.00	\$268.00	\$2,000.00
Short Term Interest	\$1,500.00	\$1,398.00	\$0.00
Capital Project		\$2,080.00	\$4,920.00
Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$124,220.00	\$124,164.00	\$87,750.00

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996
Water Department

Assets:

Cash:		
in hands of treasurer	\$5,079.23	
Reserves:		
Distribution upgrade fund	\$5,500.00	
Accounts due district:		
water charges due	12,360.96	
total assets		\$22,940.19

Liabilities:

Reserve Funds:		
Distribution Upgrade fund	\$5,500.00	
total liabilities	\$5,500.00	
Fund balance Current surplus	\$17,440.19	
Grand total		\$22,940.19

Sewer Department
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996

Assets:

Cash:		
in hands of treasurer	\$10,765.95	
Accounts due district:	5,971.78	
total assets		\$16,737.73

Liabilities:

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Fund Balance - Current Surplus	\$16,737.73	
Grand total		\$16,737.73

**MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 19, 1996**

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 Plainfield School on Tuesday the nineteenth of March 1996 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 Pro Tem Herbert McKinney and proceeded with reading the warrant.

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: Donald Garfield
Treasurer for one year: Gretchen Taylor

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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 \$184,010.00 which represents the operating budget. This sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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

RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 1995 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE IV. 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 two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading the water distribution system.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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

RESOLVED: That the District withdraw the sum of \$10,900 from the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for the purpose of upgrading the water distribution system. Said sum shall be used for installing a water treatment system to reduce the corrosivity of the water, and the remaining funds, if any, to be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

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 services be increased to \$24.75 per month.
 2. That District charges for sewer services for Kimball Union Academy be increased to \$4,685 per month.
 3. That District charges for residential water service be increased to \$40.75 per quarter.
 4. That District charges for water service for Kimball Union Academy be increased to \$10,495 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VII. There being no business under this Article, the meeting was voted adjourned.

Roberta I. Garfield
Clerk MVWD

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The Plainfield Village Water District system continued to perform in 1996 with routine maintenance and continued system improvements including an overhaul of our emergency generator. We passed an extensive series of water tests by the State of New Hampshire in midsummer. The District received a favorable report from a geologist regarding a potential second water source, and hope to have further information at the annual meeting.

Robert Lucier, Robert Widger, and George Adams
Commissioners of the Plainfield Village Water District

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
BALANCE STATEMENT**

	Balance 12/31/96
ASSETS	
Cash	7,895.11
Capital Reserve	5,000.00
Accounts Receivable	1,647.07

Total Current Assets	14,542.18
Other Assets	
Machinery & Equipment	124,888.00
Land and Buildings	80,000.00

	<u>204,888.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>219,430.18</u>
LIABILITIES	
Bond Payable	857.91

	<u>857.91</u>
EQUITY	<u>218,572.27</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>219,430.18</u>

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
1997 Proposed Budget

	<u>1996</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>Budget</u>
INCOME			
Water Rent and Interest	18,000.00	17,556.40	18,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,200.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Interest Income	250.00	149.02	150.00
Other Income		103.00	
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Total Income	19,450.00	19,058.42	19,900.00
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Administrative			
Officer Salaries	630.00	580.00	630.00
Officer Expenses	300.00	138.00	150.00
Clerical Salaries	650.00	560.00	650.00
Payroll Taxes		211.02	370.00
Postage	100.00	198.67	200.00
Photocopies/Printing	100.00	71.85	100.00
Misc. Clerical Expenses	100.00	25.00	100.00
Legal/Auditing	300.00	-	-
Insurance/Bonding	3,500.00	2,809.00	3,000.00
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Total Administrative	5,680.00	4,593.54	5,200.00
Operations			
Maintenance - Labor	2,000.00	1,305.05	1,500.00
Maintenance - Supplies	1,200.00	1,160.69	1,700.00
Maintenance - Service	2,400.00	2,562.50	1,800.00
Utilities - Electricity	2,000.00	1,842.56	2,000.00
Utilities - Propane		292.92	200.00
Water Sample Tests	500.00	1,241.00	500.00
System Improvements			3,000.00
New Water Source Projects	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
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Total Operations	11,100.00	8,404.72	13,700.00
Debt Service			
FHA Principal	3,500.00	4,619.05	857.91
FHA Interest	500.00	268.56	20.00
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Total Debt Service	4,000.00	4,887.61	877.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,780.00	17,885.87	19,777.91
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INCOME NET OF EXPENSES	<u>(1,330.00)</u>	<u>1,172.55</u>	<u>122.09</u>
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**WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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

ARTICLE II. To see 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 **\$19,777.91**, which represents the operating budget, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the district treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

ARTICLE IV. To direct the treasurer to transfer from the General Fund to the Source Engineering and Development Expendable Trust Fund at the end of the current fiscal year, any encumbered balance in the General Fund in excess of \$5,000.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Seven.

A true copy attest:

Robert Lucier
Robert Widger
George Adams
Commissioners of the
Plainfield Village Water District

MARRIAGES 1986 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence	Fathers Name	Maiden Name of Mother
May 18	Darrell Stewart Atwater Laura Anne Todd	Tampa FL Tampa FL	Jeffrey Stewart Atwater James Ronald Todd	Judith Gail Peterson Patricia Anne Griffin
June 15	Allen T. Britton Jr. Christine van der Vliet	Plainfield NH Whitinsville MA	Allen T. Britton Martin G. Klemm	Marjorie Murphy Judy C. Davidson
Nov. 2	Charles Chauncey Buell Sybil Rhoads Falcone	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Charles Chauncy Buell Elbert Loughran Rhoads	Eleanor Little Caroline Sybil Crowley
May 25	Eric L. Colwell Sally J. Blair	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Austin Emery Colwell Willard J. Blair	Carol Ann Stevens Beulah C. Burns
Sept. 28	Michael John DePalma Hannah Rose	Plainfield NH Hartland VT	John Robert DePalma Philip Bruce Lape	Irene P. Palmer Ann Sundeen Bragner
Aug. 24	Sean David Elliot Melanie Anne Brady	New London CT Plainfield NH	Scott Elliot Philip Brady Jr.	Janis Elaine Sabin Ruth Frances Koe
Sept. 14	Thomas Earl Freeeland Maria Aileen Boliver	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Robert Earl Freeeland Paul Anthony Aucter	Barbara Ann Woodley Beverly Anne LaGrow
Aug. 17	Jeffrey Lee Gaeckle Merey Kate Grearson	Marion MA Marion MA	Robert L. Gaeckle Douglas Clifton Grearson	Claire L. Aurnhammer Arlynn Carroll
June 8	Gordon Allyn Gillens Sarah Tuck Longacre	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Sherman Gillens John Lauren Tuck	Avis C. Eastman Servina G. Gould
Aug. 10	Maxwell G. Green Jr. Ann M. Griswold	White River Jct. VT White River Jct, VT	Maxwell G. Green Sr. Clifford D. Griswold	Emily L. Buckman Hazel M. Wilcox

MARRIAGES 1996 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence	Fathers Name	Maiden Name of Mother
Sept. 14	Kevin Lee Hooker Brenda Lee Oakes	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Kenneth Lewis Hooker Wendell George Oakes	Viola Mae Bragg Virginia May Rogers
Sept. 21	Robert Lewis Jordan Nina Ann DePasquale	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Otis William Jordan Jr. Michael Biago DePasquale	Alice Jeannine Williams Marie Evangeline Maillet
Aug. 4	David Jerome McGough Katherine Whybrow	Minneapolis MN Minneapolis MN	Charles A. McGough Jr. Peter Charles Whybrow	Bernadette R. Hieronimus Margaret Ruth Steele
July 27	Terry Lee Moodie Karen Louise Van Der Eems	Lebanon NH Plainfield NH	Foster James Moodie Charles Van Der Eems Jr.	Katherine Muriel Judd Katherine Jane Bokma
July 20	Eric Christopher Morin Susan Theresa Hunnewell	Plainfield NH North Grafton MA	Raymond G. Morin Charles O. Hunnewell 3rd.	Christine E. Lizotte Alean Mary Hooge
June 9	Jeffrey Scott Slayton Erin Beth Teeter	Norwich VT Norwich VT	Ray Thomas Slayton John Stephen Teeter	Geraldine Mae Conley Barbara Jean Garmon
Dec. 21	Nicholas Shectman Rachel Elizabeth Mello	Silver Spring MD Silver Spring MD	Stephen Alan Shectman David Gracia Mello	Robin Celeste Slutzky Barbara Suzanna Bechtol
June 26	Ronald Renee Smith Dara Monifa Adams	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Jewell Smith John Allen Adams	Sarah Green Charlotte Spencer
Aug. 2	Joseph Earl Stone Yvonne M. B. Livingstone	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	George E. Stone Richard L. Barton	Mildred Forttner Lila LaBombard
Dec. 28	Richard Anderson Sutton Jane Landerkin Lothridge	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Richard Sutton Richard Edward Landerkin	Shirley J. Anderson Jeanette Teresa Guimond

MARRIAGES 1996 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence	Fathers Name	Maiden Name of Mother
Sept. 7	Eric Alfred Tetrault Linda Rose Berkowitz	Manhattan NY Manhattan NY	Alfred Earnest Tetrault Michael C. Berkowitz	Harriet McWeeny Lydia Ellen Folber
July 20	Darren Frank Woodbury Rebecca Powers Martin	Plainfield NH Plainfield NH	Frank Henry Woodbury Peter Martin	Clarine Louise Evans Annette R. Powers
June 8	Fay Thomas Woodward Cynthia Kathleen Smith	Plainfield NH Claremont NH	Leon W. Woodward Albert Kinney Read 111	Leona Eleanor Bryant Kathleen F. Philbrick

BIRTHS 1996 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother's Maiden Name
July 11	Kelsie Suzanne Atwater	Lebanon NH	Bradford Dunstan Atwater	Laurie Mighill
Nov. 13	Harrison Logan Beaupre	Lebanon NH	Stephen Douglas Beaupre	Debra Nunnally
Apr. 5	Sydney Nichole Brown	Lebanon NH	Sheldon Edward Brown III	Michelle Lee Slayton
Sept. 16	Emily Jordan Courtemanche	Lebanon NH	Shawn D. Coutermanche	Wendi Louise Nott
June 7	Nicholas Peter Davini	Lebanon NH	Gregory Scott Davini	Lise Anne-Marie Tousignant
Sept 26	Morgan Wells Howe Dewdney	Lebanon NH	Brian Murray Dewdney	Cynthia Elizabeth Howe
May 1	Louise Mae Filiault	Lebanon NH	Kurt Ronald Filiault	Nancy Patricia Duffy
Feb. 23	Sophie Leigh Friets	New London NH	Eric McKenzie Friets	Diane Renee Reinhart
May 7	Joseph Stratton Grout	Lebanon NH	John Freeman Grout	Nancy Ellen Fritz
May 22	Anna Maree Hadlock	Lebanon NH	George Stephen Hadlock	Robyn Michelle Woodward
June 17	Glen Robert Hathoot	Lebanon NH	Russell Wayne Hathoot	Deborah Lee Guyer
Dec. 14	Adam Scott Herrin	Lebanon NH	Rodd Anthony Herrin	Ellen Frances Kimball
Oct. 8	Carter Forbes Hopkins	Lebanon NH	David Spencer Hopkins	Rebecca Lynn Forbes
Dec. 8	Donald Ryan MacLeay	Lebanon NH	Donald Scott MacLeay	Avis Marleen Adams
Apr. 9	Luke Michael Richards	Lebanon NH	Jeffrey Robert Richards	Nancy Ann Haneman
July 19	Dorian Armand Rondeau	Lebanon NH	Daniel Boone Rondeau	Marian Barbara Cash
June 10	Matthew Sean Seaver	Lebanon NH	John Kennedy Seaver	Gail May Brown
Mar. 24	Baron Philip Shaheen	Lebanon NH	Gregory Thomas Shaheen	Ann-Margaret Baron
July 29	Matthew Thomas Taylor	Lebanon NH	James L. Taylor	Kelly Lynn Perrier
May 14	Alexander Morgan Teufel	Lebanon NH	Edward Jay Teufel	Emily Ann Scudder
Apr. 9	Katherine Lynn Wasicko	Lebanon NH	Michael James Wasicko	Amy Beth Roberts
Mar. 23	Jessica Victoria Wentworth	Lebanon NH	Gary Alan Wentworth	Julie Ann Dennis
Dec. 10	Aaron Zachariah Wilder	Lebanon NH	Shawn Lloyd Wilder	Laura Evelyn Williams

DEATHS 1996 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name	Age	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Sept. 6	Lawrence Miles Gentleman	97	Plainfield NH	Edgar Francis Gentleman	Lilla Ethel Ridlon
Dec. 31	Theodore R. Haley Sr.	61	Plainfield NH	Harold William Haley	Florence Bessie Sharkey
9/4/93	George Brewster Kimball	70	Lebanon NH	George W. Kimball Sr.	Clara Laporte
July 19	Francis Edward LaFlam	51	Plainfield NH	Leonard L. LaFlam	Doris M. Taylor
Jan. 16	Elizabeth Alberta Marsh	73	Lebanon NH	Walter B. Judd Sr.	Alma Mae Bunneau
Aug. 22	Carol Frances Sawyer/Shambo31	31	Claremont NH	Ellsworth G. Sawyer Jr.	Louise M. Atwood
Feb. 2	William Walter Ware	67	Plainfield NH	Charles Lewis Ware	Mary High
Jan. 7	George Washington Wood	66	Plainfield NH	Allen N. Wood	Anna S. Russ

PLAINFIELD WEATHER 1996
 [Observations by Doug Cogan and Fred Sweet on Center of Town Rd]

MONTH	HIGH Temp(F)	LOW Temp(F)	MEAN Temp(F)	RAIN (Inches)	SNOW (Inches)	PRECIPITATION (Inches)
JANUARY	56	-19	18	3.50	31.00	5.49
FEBRUARY	50	-14	21	1.97	15.50	3.20
MARCH	63	-12	29	0.56	13.50	2.29
APRIL	79	21	41	7.29	17.00	8.31*
MAY	86	25	52	5.24	Trace	5.24
JUNE	89	42	65	4.39	-----	4.39
JULY	88	46	67	8.96	-----	8.96*
AUGUST	91	44	69	0.70	-----	0.70**
SEPTEMBER	87	31	60	3.84	-----	3.84
OCTOBER	70	21	45	7.28	-----	7.28
NOVEMBER	66	03	32	3.08	6.00	3.50
DECEMBER	54	-11	31***	5.09*	25.00	7.49
TOTALS	--	--	--	51.90*	108.00	60.69*
'96 AVG	55.3	33.4	44.3	---	---	---
10yr AVG	56.5	33.3	44.8	36.51	78.40	46.20

Records: High temperatures: 56 degrees F/Jan 19; 49 degrees F/Jan 29; 86 degrees/May 20.

Low temperatures: -5 degrees F/Jan. 5.

*Wettest on record (dating back to at least 1969)

**Driest on record (dating back to at least 1969)

***Warmest on Record

1996 high temp.: 91 degrees F/Aug 6; 1996 low temp.: -19 degrees F/Jan. 5.

Wettest 24 hours: 3.19 inches/Oct. 20-21; snowiest 24 hours: 13.50 inches/Mar. 7-8

Last freeze: May 14, last frost: May 25; first frost: Sept. 24, first freeze: Oct. 5.

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1996

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

Stephen Taylor

CLERK

Kelly Taylor

TREASURER

James Griffiths

AUDITORS

Kathryn MacLeay

Ira Townsend

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Kenneth Goodrow
(Term Expires 1998)

Rosemary Mills
(Term Expires 1999)

Cynthia Roy
(Term Expires 1997)

Carlton Strong
(Term Expires 1997)

Jeanne Woodward-Poor
(Term Expires 1998)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

John D. Fontana

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Evelyn Howard

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Arthur Jillette

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Ernest A. Muserallo

PRINCIPAL

Frank Perotti

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the county of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. to act on the following subject:

Article I: To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer for a one-year term, an Auditor for a two-year term, and one School Board member for a three year term. (Polls will open at 10:00 A.M. and will close at 6:00 P.M. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Friday, March 21, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given under our hands and seals at said Plainfield this 3th day of February, 1997.

Rosemary W. Mills *Rosemary W. Mills*

Kenneth Goodrow *Kenneth Goodrow*

Cynthia Roy *Cynthia Roy*

Carlton Strong *Carlton Strong*

Jeanne Woodward-Poor, Clerk *Jeanne Woodward-Poor*

A true copy of Warrant: Attest

Kenneth Goodrow

Cynthia Roy

Carlton Strong

Jeanne Woodward-Poor
Plainfield School Board

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Sullivan, ss:

School District of Plainfield

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire on Tuesday March 11, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. to act on the following subject:

Note: By a motion of the moderator, the School District Meeting will be recessed and reconvened on Friday, March 21 at 6:30 PM at the Plainfield Elementary School Gymnasium.

Note: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of Town Officials on Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

Note: Under New Hampshire RSA 40:4-a: any five voters may request in writing prior to a vote by voice vote or division vote that the vote be taken by secret written ballot. Upon receiving such a written request, the Moderator shall conduct the vote by secret "yes-no" ballot. Under RSA 40:4-b: when any vote, other than by ballot, declared by the Moderator or other officer presiding shall, immediately and before any other business is begun, be questioned in writing or orally by seven or more of the voters present, the Moderator or other officer presiding shall retake the vote by secret "yes-no" ballot.

Article I. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto; and to recognize those persons who have provided exemplary service to the Plainfield School District, and to take action with reference thereto.

Article II. To see if the Plainfield School District will approve the report and recommendation of the School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article III. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association, which calls for the following increase in teacher salaries and benefits:

1997-98 \$ 29,393

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninty Three Dollars (\$ 29,393) for the 1997-98 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article IV. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached during good faith negotiations between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increase in support staff wages and benefits:

1997-98 \$ 13,349

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$ 13,349) for the 1997-98 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article V. To see if the District will vote to allow the School Board to refinance the computer lease-purchase and create a new 3 year lease. This will enable the school district to purchase 15 additional computers at a equipment cost of \$ 20,403. The total lease of \$ 35,471, including \$ 3,529 in finance costs, will be paid in annual installments of:

		NEW LEASE	OLD LEASE	INCREASE
Year 1	1997-1998	\$ 11,791	\$ 11,539	\$ 252
Year 2	1998-1999	\$ 11,840	\$ 0	\$ 11,840
Year 3	1999-2000	\$ 11,840	\$ 0	\$ 11,840

And to further see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$ 252) which is the increased cost over the last payment on the old lease. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article VI. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000) for the purpose of purchasing a garage/storage building. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article VII. To see if the District will vote to establish a "Building Renovation" Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to be used for building projects approved at future Annual School District Meetings. And to further see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$ 20,000) to be placed in the fund. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article VIII. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article IX. To determine and appoint the salaries of the Plainfield School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair - \$300; 4 Board members at \$ 250 per individual = \$ 1,000; School District Treasurer - \$240; School District Clerk - \$ 50; School District Moderator - \$ 50; Auditors - \$ 50; Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks - \$ 25 per meeting. (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board)

Article X. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Plainfield this 3 day of February, 1997.

Rosemary Mills J 1: 116

Kenneth Goodrow

Cynthia Roy

Carlton Strong

Jeanne Woodward-Poor, Chair

A true copy. Attest:

Cynthia Roy

Kenneth Goodrow

Carlton Strong

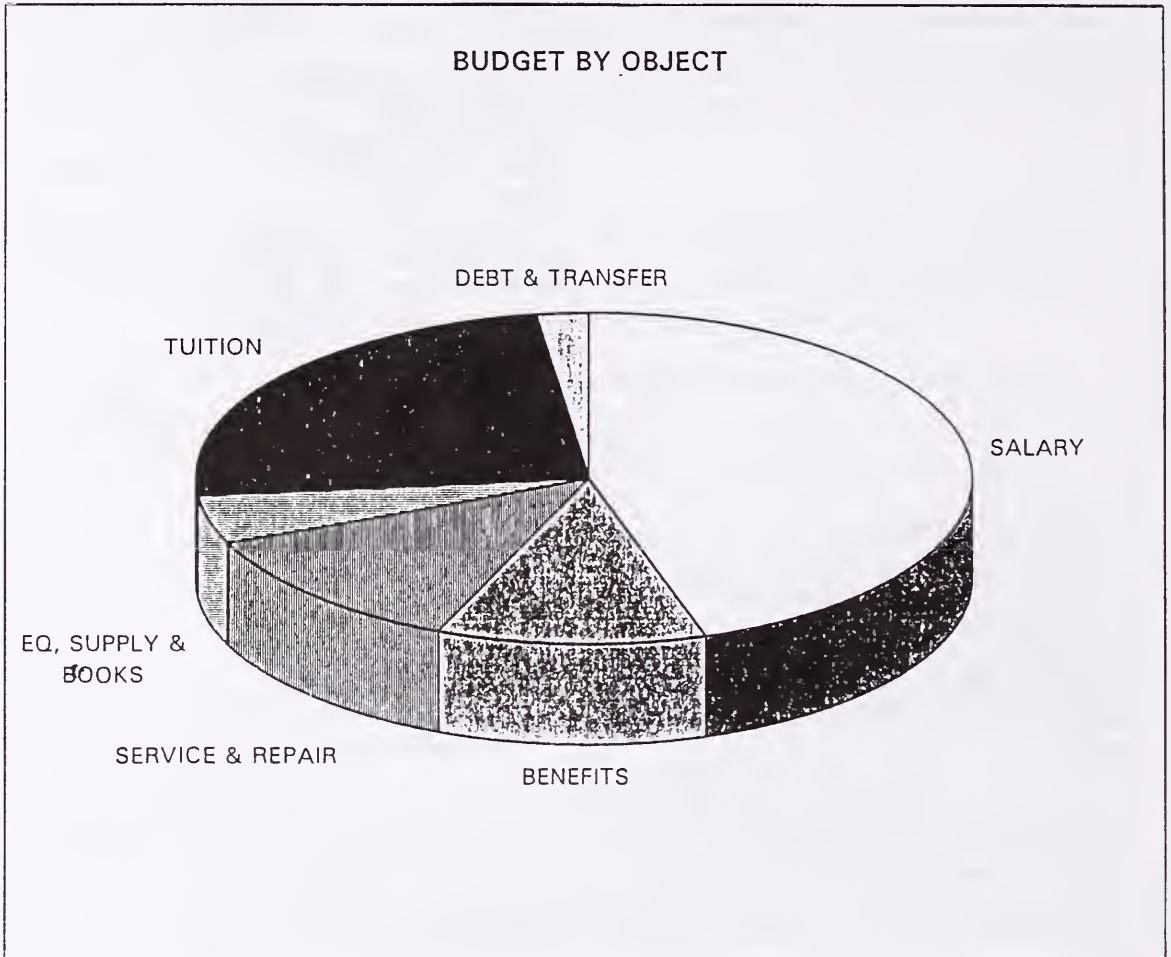
Jeanne Woodward-Poor

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PRESENTATION

OBJECT PIE CHART



CATEGORY	1997-1998 BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
SALARY	\$1,177,151	45.1%	Salaries
BENEFITS	\$293,373	11.2%	Health, Dental, FICA, Retire, W/C, Ins. & Other.
SERVICE & REPAIR	\$321,389	12.3%	Services & Repairs
EQ, SUPPLY & BOOKS	\$120,716	4.6%	Misc., Equipment, Supplies & Books
TUITION	\$641,644	24.6%	Tuition
DEBT & TRANSFER	\$55,838	2.1%	Debt Service & Transfer Funds
TOTAL	\$2,610,111	100.0%	

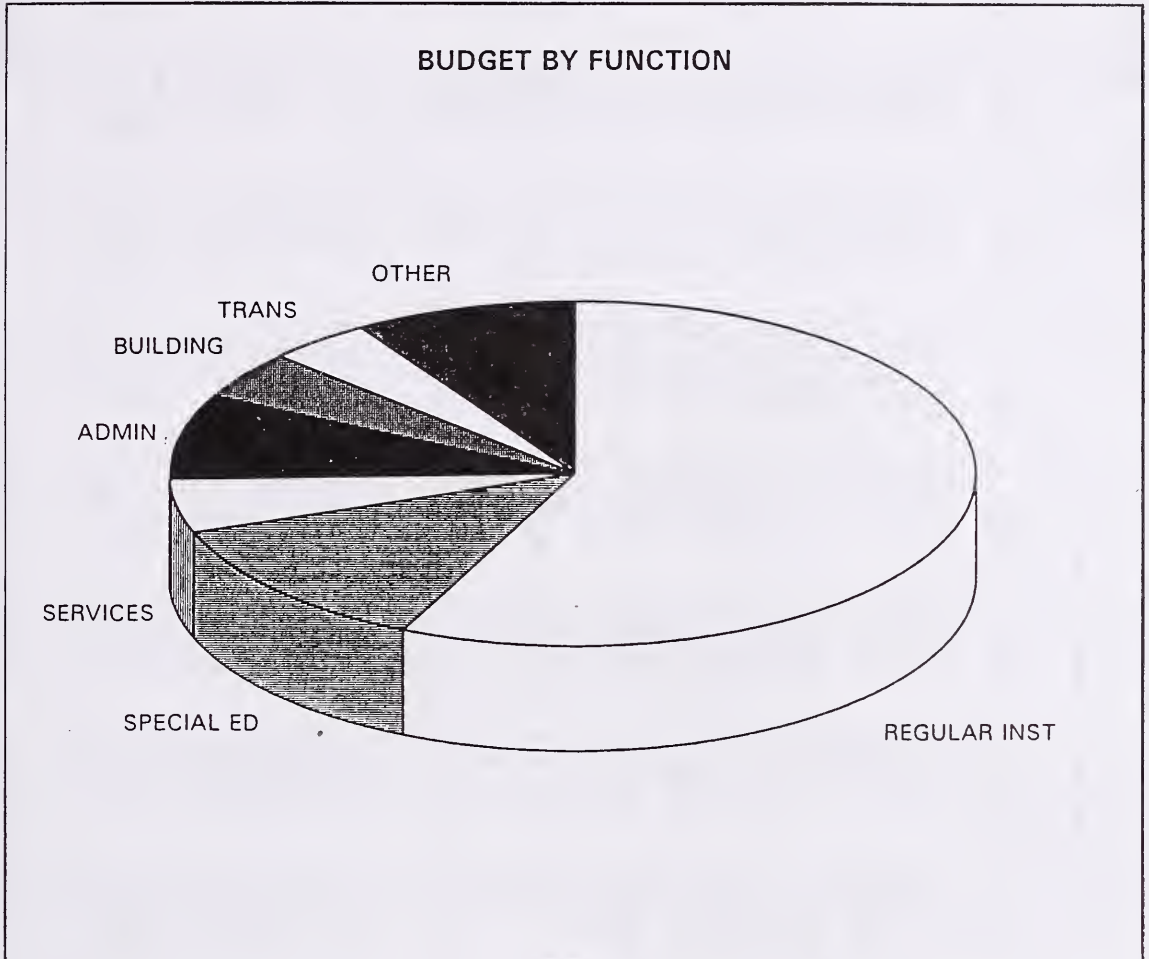
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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PRESENTATION

FUNCTION PIE CHART



CATEGORY	1997-1998 BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
REGULAR INST	\$1,482,901	56.8%	Salaries, Materials, Tuitions & Books for Instruction
SPECIAL ED	\$331,787	12.7%	Salaries, Materials, Tuitions & Books for Spec Ed
SERVICES	\$124,786	4.8%	Student Services, Staff Development & Library
ADMIN	\$215,126	8.2%	School Board, SAU & Principal
BUILDING	\$117,484	4.5%	Maintenance & Repairs
TRANS	\$109,209	4.2%	Transportation
OTHER	\$228,817	8.8%	Benefits, Debt Service & Transfer Funds
TOTAL	\$2,610,110	100.0%	

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION

BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

1	B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J	
	Description	1993-1994 Actual	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Proposed	Budget Change	Percent Change	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Proposed	Budget Change	Percent Change				
2	REGULAR EDUCATION																	
3	Salaries - Teachers	\$576,639	\$620,455	\$657,131	\$672,779	\$648,624	\$706,853	\$34,074	5.1%									
4	Salaries - Aides	\$0	\$2,881	\$20,726	\$11,363	\$12,594	\$12,594	\$1,231	10.8%									
5	Salaries - Sub Teachers	\$11,119	\$7,746	\$9,721	\$8,000	\$22,997	\$10,000	\$2,000	25.0%									
6	Retirement - Employee	\$0	(\$0)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0										
7	Retirement - Teacher	\$10,421	\$11,125	\$14,444	\$14,822	\$14,604	\$18,765	\$3,943	26.6%									
8	FICA	\$44,779	\$47,965	\$52,973	\$55,337	\$55,038	\$55,038	(\$299)	-0.5%									
9	Equipment Repair	\$0	\$0	\$1,156	\$2,550	\$1,580	\$4,000	\$1,450	56.9%									
10	Tuition High School	\$472,761	\$460,360	\$456,920	\$662,405	\$661,704	\$607,394	(\$55,011)	-8.3%									
11	Teaching Supplies	\$16,769	\$16,461	\$11,103	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$17,998	\$2,998	20.0%									
12	Teaching Materials	\$0	\$149	\$7,163	\$7,162	\$7,162	\$7,625	\$463	6.5%									
13	Textbooks	\$3,387	\$8,240	\$5,409	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$10,379	\$379	3.8%									
14	New Equipment	\$8,209	\$21,459	\$1,930	\$18,493	\$18,493	\$20,253	\$1,760	9.5%									
15	Replacement Equipment	\$497	\$2,245	\$1,674	\$146	\$146	\$0	(\$146)	-100.0%									
16	Furniture	\$0	\$0	\$357	\$2,040	\$2,040	\$5,424	\$3,384	165.9%									
17	Software	\$0	\$0	\$919	\$3,028	\$3,028	\$6,160	\$3,132	103.4%									
18	Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$380	\$380	\$418	\$38	10.0%									
19	REGULAR EDUCATION	\$1,144,582	\$1,199,086	\$1,241,627	\$1,483,505	\$1,464,390	\$1,482,901	(\$604)	0.0%									
20																		
21	SPECIAL EDUCATION																	
22	Salaries - Teachers	\$77,246	\$80,279	\$95,632	\$108,585	\$83,621	\$83,621	(\$24,964)	-23.0%									
23	Home Tutor	\$105	\$155	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	0.0%									
24	Interpreter	\$16,774	\$17,024	\$17,537	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0										
25	Speech Therapy	\$43,317	\$42,631	\$37,250	\$37,776	\$37,250	\$37,250	(\$526)	-1.4%									
26	Aides	\$44,985	\$58,834	\$61,037	\$68,745	\$73,740	\$73,740	\$4,995	7.3%									
27	Retirement - Employee	\$463	\$477	\$594	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0										
28	Retirement - Teacher	\$1,963	\$2,285	\$3,005	\$4,497	\$2,031	\$2,408	(\$2,089)	-46.5%									
29	FICA	\$12,820	\$15,487	\$15,348	\$17,757	\$12,038	\$12,038	(\$5,719)	-32.2%									
30	Private Assessment	\$472	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.0%									
31	Speech Therapy	\$0	\$15	\$2,567	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0										
32																		
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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION

BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

1	B Description	C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J	
		1993-1994 Actual	1994-1995 Actual	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Proposed	1997-1998 Proposed	Budget Change	Percent Change						
36	SPECIAL EDUCATION (cont.)																
37	Occupational Therapy	\$4,433	\$910	\$910	\$3,945	\$14,120	\$11,120	\$12,620	(\$1,500)	-10.6%							
38	Physical Therapy	\$0	\$833	\$833	\$3,719	\$2,824	\$2,824	\$2,824	\$0	0.0%							
39	Psychological Services	\$5,236	\$10,021	\$10,021	\$3,252	\$11,000	\$14,000	\$23,500	\$12,500	113.6%							
40	Spec Ed Tuition Elementary	\$3,718	\$0	\$0	\$2,121	\$750	\$30,063	\$32,000	\$31,250	4166.7%							
41	Spec Ed Tuition Secondary	\$0	\$2,959	\$2,959	\$0	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$0	0.0%							
42	Travel	\$846	\$500	\$500	\$310	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$0	0.0%							
43	O-G Consult & Lebanon Aides	\$0	\$149	\$149	\$3,913	\$0	\$18,720	\$46,116	\$46,116								
44	Supplies	\$729	\$765	\$765	\$190	\$350	\$350	\$100	(\$250)	-71.4%							
45	Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$278	\$426	\$426	\$520	\$94	22.1%							
46	Textbooks	\$0	\$189	\$189	\$312	\$387	\$387	\$300	(\$87)	-22.5%							
47	New/Replacement Equipment	\$0	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$356	\$400	\$400	\$0	(\$400)	-100.0%							
48	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$213,105	\$234,537	\$234,537	\$251,366	\$272,367	\$291,720	\$331,787	\$59,420	21.8%							
49																	
50	CO-CURR ACTIVITIES																
51	Salaries	\$6,000	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$7,856	\$10,000	\$8,750	\$11,400	\$1,400	14.0%							
52	Retirement	\$7	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$0	0.0%							
53	FICA	\$459	\$467	\$467	\$597	\$765	\$872	\$873	\$108	14.1%							
54	Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,536	\$0	\$2,250	\$714	46.5%							
55	District Support	\$3,673	\$4,420	\$4,420	\$5,188	\$4,825	\$4,825	\$6,475	\$1,650	34.2%							
56	CO-CURR ACTIVITIES	\$10,139	\$10,987	\$10,987	\$13,643	\$17,186	\$14,507	\$21,058	\$3,872	22.5%							
57																	
58	ATTENDANCE																
59	Salaries - Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$0	0.0%							
60	Fee - Census	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$0	0.0%							
61	ATTENDANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$0	0.0%							
62																	
63																	
64																	
65																	
66																	
67																	

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION

BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

	B		C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Description		1993-1994 Actual	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Proposed	Budget Change	Percent Change
1										
2										
3										
68	GUIDANCE									
69	Salaries	\$20,143	\$24,338	\$25,720	\$25,720	\$30,814	\$30,814	\$5,094	\$5,094	19.8%
70	Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$57	\$625	\$888	\$888	\$263	\$263	42.1%
71	FICA	\$1,522	\$1,843	\$1,947	\$1,968	\$2,358	\$2,358	\$390	\$390	19.8%
72	Assessment/Testing Services	\$0	\$121	\$1,184	\$1,562	\$1,562	\$1,562	\$438	\$438	28.0%
73	Supplies	\$0	\$189	\$163	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
74	Materials	\$0	\$557	\$25	\$367	\$367	\$367	\$128	(\$239)	-65.1%
75	Books	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$135	\$0	\$135	\$135	
76	GUIDANCE	\$21,665	\$27,048	\$29,096	\$30,242	\$35,989	\$35,989	\$6,323	\$6,081	20.1%
77										
78	HEALTH SERVICES									
79	Salaries	\$11,261	\$11,538	\$11,678	\$13,001	\$13,001	\$13,001	\$0	\$0	0.0%
80	FICA	\$861	\$883	\$893	\$1,153	\$995	\$995	(\$158)	(\$158)	-13.7%
81	Supplies	\$244	\$106	\$282	\$313	\$325	\$313	\$12	\$12	3.8%
82	Materials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$78	\$78	354.5%
83	New Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
84	Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0	0.0%
85	HEALTH SERVICES	\$12,366	\$12,526	\$12,853	\$14,689	\$14,531	\$14,531	(\$68)	(\$68)	-0.5%
86										
87	STAFF DEVELOPMENT									
88	Staff Training	\$2,299	\$2,899	\$2,783	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	0.0%
89	School Workshops	\$0	\$0	\$1,509	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	57.1%
90	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$2,299	\$2,899	\$4,291	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$2,000	28.6%
91										
92	LIBRARY									
93	Salaries - Librarian	\$20,485	\$23,519	\$24,151	\$24,151	\$24,151	\$24,151	\$0	\$0	0.0%
94	Salaries - Aide	\$6,820	\$6,226	\$6,622	\$7,910	\$8,026	\$8,026	\$116	\$116	1.5%
95	Retirement - Employee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
96	Retirement - Librarian	\$401	\$461	\$587	\$483	\$586	\$586	\$696	\$213	44.1%
97	FICA	\$2,089	\$2,276	\$2,354	\$2,454	\$2,462	\$2,462	\$8	\$8	0.3%
98	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$100	33.3%
99	Equipment Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$850	\$100	13.3%

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BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

B.	C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		
	1993-1994	Actual	1994-1995	Actual	1995-1996	Actual	1996-1997	Budget	1996-1997	Estimated	1997-1998	Proposed	1996-1997	Budget	Change	Percent	
1																	
2	Description																
3																	
100	LIBRARY (cont.)																
101	Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$133	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
102	Books & AV	\$4,287	\$4,638	\$5,866	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
103	New Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	(\$2,000)	\$0	-100.0%	-100.0%
104	Replacement Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
105	Software	\$0	\$0	\$344	\$344	\$402	\$402	\$402	\$402	\$402	\$428	\$428	\$428	\$26	\$26	6.3%	6.3%
106	LIBRARY	\$34,082	\$37,120	\$40,058	\$40,058	\$45,220	\$45,447	\$45,447	\$45,447	\$45,447	\$43,783	\$43,783	\$43,783	(\$1,437)	(\$1,437)	-3.2%	-3.2%
107																	
108	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES																
109	Salaries - School Board	\$1,181	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
110	Salaries - Treasurer	\$240	\$160	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
111	Salaries - Other Officers	\$100	\$100	\$225	\$225	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
112	Salaries - Stenographer	\$0	\$0	\$832	\$832	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
113	FICA	\$102	\$12	\$118	\$118	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	(\$0)	(\$0)	-0.2%	-0.2%
114	Legal Counsel - General	\$5,003	\$1,982	\$2,254	\$2,254	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
115	Legal Counsel - Negotiations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	0.0%
116	Audit Annual Report	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$2,123	\$2,123	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
117	Expenses	\$8,365	\$10,115	\$5,172	\$5,172	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
118	District Meeting	\$1,078	\$548	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
119	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES	\$18,669	\$15,616	\$12,263	\$12,263	\$15,303	\$15,303	\$15,303	\$15,303	\$15,303	\$20,303	\$20,303	\$20,303	\$5,000	\$5,000	32.7%	32.7%
120																	
121	SAU ADMINISTRATION																
122	SAU 32 Assessment	\$77,257	\$87,920	\$84,476	\$84,476	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,582	\$79,582	\$79,582	(\$246)	(\$246)	-0.3%	-0.3%
123	SAU ADMINISTRATION	\$77,257	\$87,920	\$84,476	\$84,476	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$79,582	\$79,582	\$79,582	(\$246)	(\$246)	-0.3%	-0.3%
124																	
125	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION																
126	Salaries - Principal	\$48,680	\$51,680	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$56,500	\$56,500	\$56,500	\$56,500	\$56,500	\$60,229	\$60,229	\$60,229	\$3,729	\$3,729	6.6%	6.6%
127	Salaries - Office Support	\$11,839	\$12,158	\$16,457	\$16,457	\$17,670	\$20,317	\$17,670	\$20,317	\$20,317	\$22,853	\$22,853	\$22,853	\$5,183	\$5,183	29.3%	29.3%
128	Salaries - Adm Asst	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
129	Retirement - Employee	\$334	\$341	\$483	\$483	\$426	\$426	\$426	\$426	\$426	\$619	\$619	\$619	\$193	\$193	45.3%	45.3%
130	Retirement - Teacher	\$969	\$1,028	\$1,302	\$1,302	\$1,410	\$1,410	\$1,410	\$1,410	\$1,410	\$1,778	\$1,778	\$1,778	\$368	\$368	26.1%	26.1%
131	FICA	\$4,648	\$4,903	\$5,332	\$5,332	\$5,789	\$5,789	\$5,789	\$5,789	\$5,789	\$6,472	\$6,472	\$6,472	\$683	\$683	11.8%	11.8%

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BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Description	1993-1994 Actual	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Proposed	Budget Change	Percent Change
132	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION (cont.)								
133	Contracted Repairs	\$4,164	\$2,831	\$2,848	\$2,370	\$3,370	\$3,100	\$730	30.8%
134	Telephone	\$2,941	\$3,563	\$4,106	\$3,000	\$2,900	\$4,000	\$1,000	33.3%
135	Supplies/Other Expense	\$3,404	\$3,653	\$4,448	\$6,830	\$6,830	\$10,690	\$3,860	56.5%
136	New Equipment	\$0	\$10,187	\$316	\$6,850	\$6,885	\$4,000	(\$2,850)	-41.6%
137	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$77,728	\$91,094	\$89,042	\$102,345	\$106,180	\$115,241	\$12,896	12.6%
138									
139	BUILDING SERVICES								
140	Salaries - Custodians	\$39,417	\$42,807	\$45,765	\$43,448	\$43,448	\$43,448	\$0	0.0%
141	Additional Time	\$49	\$1,258	\$1,296	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0	0.0%
142	Retirement - Employee	\$1,088	\$1,234	\$1,594	\$1,473	\$1,473	\$1,785	\$312	21.2%
143	FICA	\$2,997	\$3,332	\$3,562	\$3,324	\$2,508	\$3,254	(\$70)	-2.1%
144	Management Services (Facilities)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,917	\$5,000	\$0	0.0%
145	Pest Control	\$0	\$0	\$56	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$0	0.0%
146	Mowing	\$1,600	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.0%
147	Specific Building Repairs	\$1,087	\$78,750	\$36,216	\$20,350	\$22,150	\$8,050	(\$12,300)	-60.4%
148	Specific Grounds Repair	\$2,180	\$868	\$500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$500	25.0%
149	Contracted Repairs	\$2,351	\$4,783	\$4,049	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.0%
150	Property & Liability Insurance	\$9,550	\$8,440	\$8,733	\$9,500	\$9,100	\$9,500	\$0	0.0%
151	Supplies - Custodial	\$5,184	\$4,455	\$7,882	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$0	0.0%
152	Supplies - Grounds	\$106	\$34	\$1,255	\$200	\$200	\$500	\$300	150.0%
153	Materials - Equipment Repairs	\$12	\$0	\$105	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.0%
154	Electricity	\$14,686	\$13,774	\$14,356	\$15,127	\$15,127	\$15,127	\$0	0.0%
155	Fuel	\$9,272	\$7,674	\$14,234	\$8,431	\$8,431	\$9,000	\$569	6.7%
156	New Equipment	\$0	\$2,288	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$500	\$400	400.0%
157	Replacement Equipment	\$824	\$0	\$547	\$100	\$100	\$500	\$400	400.0%
158	BUILDING SERVICES	\$90,402	\$172,498	\$142,950	\$127,373	\$125,874	\$117,484	(\$9,889)	-7.8%
159									
160	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION								
161	Salaries - Regular	\$29,062	\$28,478	\$28,007	\$27,638	\$27,638	\$27,638	\$0	0.0%
162	Salaries - Activities	\$2,600	\$3,311	\$4,491	\$4,438	\$4,438	\$4,542	\$104	2.3%
163	Benefits Package	\$0	\$1,383	\$3,286	\$3,483	\$3,483	\$3,483	\$0	0.0%

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BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

Line	B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J		
	Description		1993-1994 Actual		1994-1995 Actual		1995-1996 Actual		1996-1997 Budget		1996-1997 Estimated		1997-1998 Proposed		1997-1998 Budget Change		Budget Change	Percent Change	
164	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION (Con't)																		
165	FICA		\$2,232		\$2,179		\$2,143		\$4,400		\$5,418		\$5,418		\$1,018		\$1,018	23.1%	
166	FICA - Activities		\$144		\$210		\$297		\$707		\$791		\$791		\$84		\$84	11.9%	
167	Vehicle Repair		\$100		\$671		\$4,215		\$650		\$650		\$650		\$0		\$0	0.0%	
168	Vehicle Lease		\$51,438		\$2,151		\$52,962		\$56,987		\$56,987		\$58,074		\$1,087		\$1,087	1.9%	
169	Supplies/Fuel		\$8,505		\$4,809		\$5,069		\$8,313		\$8,313		\$8,613		\$300		\$300	3.6%	
170	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION		\$94,082		\$93,193		\$100,471		\$106,616		\$107,718		\$109,209		\$2,593		\$2,593	2.4%	
171																			
172	INSURANCE SERVICES																		
173	General Benefits		\$0		\$110		\$0		\$1,500		\$1,500		\$1,500		\$0		\$0	0.0%	
174	Health		\$98,456		\$98,625		\$103,232		\$139,488		\$112,899		\$124,998		(\$14,490)		(\$14,490)	-10.4%	
175	Dental		\$5,645		\$6,661		\$7,207		\$8,676		\$7,668		\$8,510		(\$166)		(\$166)	-1.9%	
176	Life Insurance		\$4,690		\$3,669		\$3,042		\$6,616		\$2,272		\$2,272		(\$4,344)		(\$4,344)	-65.7%	
177	Workers Compensation		\$10,216		\$3,220		\$11,920		\$12,011		\$17,975		\$18,206		\$6,195		\$6,195	51.6%	
178	Disability Insurance		\$0		\$0		\$5,483		\$0		\$4,536		\$4,538		\$4,538		\$4,538		
179	Unemployment Compensation		\$12		\$10		\$7		\$500		\$500		\$500		\$0		\$0	0.0%	
180	Annuity		\$0		\$0		\$2,769		\$4,166		\$12,455		\$12,455		\$8,289		\$8,289	199.0%	
181	INSURANCE SERVICES		\$119,019		\$112,295		\$133,661		\$172,957		\$159,805		\$172,979		\$22		\$22	0.0%	
182																			
183	DEBT SERVICE																		
184	Principal on Bonds		\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000		\$45,000		(\$5,000)		(\$5,000)	-10.0%	
185	Interest on Bonds		\$21,018		\$17,643		\$14,268		\$10,880		\$10,880		\$7,650		(\$3,230)		(\$3,230)	-29.7%	
186	DEBT SERVICE		\$71,018		\$67,643		\$64,268		\$60,880		\$60,880		\$52,650		(\$8,230)		(\$8,230)	-13.3%	
187																			
188	TRANSFER FUNDS																		
189	Federal Projects Fund		\$17,457		\$20,168		\$0		\$3,188		\$3,188		\$3,188		\$0		\$0	0.0%	
190	Capital Projects Fund		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		
191	Food Service Fund		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		
192	Capital Reserve Fund		\$3,500		\$4,500		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		
193	TRANSFER FUNDS		\$20,957		\$24,668		\$0		\$3,188		\$3,188		\$3,188		\$0		\$0	0.0%	
194																			
195	GRAND TOTAL		\$2,007,369		\$2,189,128		\$2,220,063		\$2,538,701		\$2,532,362		\$2,610,111		\$71,410		\$71,410	2.8%	

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BUDGET - DISTRICT MEETING

1	B Description	C 1993-1994 Actual	D 1994-1995 Actual	E 1995-1996 Actual	F 1996-1997 Budget	G 1996-1997 Estimated	H 1997-1998 Proposed	I Budget Change	J Percent Change
196	BUDGET TOTAL	\$2,007,369	\$2,189,128	\$2,220,063	\$2,538,701	\$2,532,362	\$2,610,111	\$71,410	2.8%
199	WARRANT ARTICLE - TEACHER'S AGREEMENT						\$29,393		1.2%
200								\$100,803	4.0%
201									
202	WARRANT ARTICLE - SUPPORT STAFF AGREEMENT						\$13,349		0.5%
203								\$114,152	4.5%
204									
205	WARRANT ARTICLE - COMPUTER LEASE						\$252		0.0%
206								\$114,404	4.5%
207									
208	WARRANT ARTICLE - BUILDING MAINTENANCE						\$10,000		0.4%
209								\$124,404	4.9%
210									
211	WARRANT ARTICLE - BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE						\$20,000		0.8%
212								\$144,404	5.7%
213									
214									
215									
216									
217									

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1997-1998 BUDGET PRESENTATION

REVENUE - EXPENSE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	PLAINFIELD REVENUE/EXPENSE SUMMARY							
2								
3		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ESTIMATE	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	
4		1995-1996	1996-1997	1996-1997	1997-1998	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT INC/DEC	
5	ACCOUNT NAME							
6								
7								
8								
9	Balance	\$47,941	\$11,309	\$56,164	\$6,339	(\$4,970)	-43.9%	
10								
11	Revenue from State Sources							
12	Foundation Aid	\$34,469	\$23,786	\$25,704	\$11,203	(\$12,583)	-52.9%	
13	Catastrophic Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,629	\$8,629		
14	Building Aid	\$15,995	\$15,995	\$15,995	\$14,495	(\$1,500)	-9.4%	
15	Total State Revenues	\$50,464	\$39,781	\$41,699	\$34,327	(\$5,454)	-13.7%	
16								
17	Revenue from Federal Sources							
18		\$8,182	\$15,822	\$15,822	\$15,822	\$0	0.0%	
19	Local Revenue (not taxes)							
20	Earnings on Investments	\$1,629	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	(\$500)	-20.0%	
21	Tuitions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
22	Other	\$39,215	\$30,164	\$30,164	\$19,850	(\$10,314)	-34.2%	
23	Total Local Revenues	\$40,844	\$32,664	\$32,664	\$21,850	(\$10,814)	-33.1%	
24								
25								
26	Total Non-assessment Revenues							
27		\$147,431	\$99,576	\$146,349	\$78,338	(\$21,238)	-21.3%	
28	District Assessment							
29		\$2,128,185	\$2,439,125	\$2,392,352	\$2,531,773	\$92,648	3.8%	
30								
31	TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,275,616	\$2,538,701	\$2,538,701	\$2,610,111	\$71,410	2.8%	
32								
33	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,257,328	\$2,538,701	\$2,532,362	\$2,610,111	\$71,410	2.8%	
34								
35								
36	BALANCE	\$18,287	\$0	\$6,339	\$0			

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SCHOOL TAX IMPACT

	A		B		C		D		E		F		G	
	1996		1996		1996		1997		1997		INCREASE		INCREASE	
	PROPERTY VALUE		CURRENT RATE PER \$1000		CURRENT SCHOOL TAX		PROPOSED RATE PER \$1000*		ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX		DOLLARS		PERCENT	
1														
2														
3														
4														
5	\$50,000	24.90	\$1,245		26.20	\$65			\$1,310		\$65		5.19%	
6	\$65,000	24.90	\$1,619		26.20	\$84			\$1,703		\$84		5.19%	
7	\$75,000	24.90	\$1,868		26.20	\$97			\$1,965		\$97		5.19%	
8	\$90,000	24.90	\$2,241		26.20	\$116			\$2,358		\$116		5.19%	
9	\$100,000	24.90	\$2,490		26.20	\$129			\$2,620		\$129		5.19%	
10	\$125,000	24.90	\$3,113		26.20	\$162			\$3,275		\$162		5.19%	
11	\$150,000	24.90	\$3,736		26.20	\$194			\$3,930		\$194		5.19%	
12	\$200,000	24.90	\$4,981		26.20	\$259			\$5,239		\$259		5.19%	
13														
14	* Assumes a 0.8% increase in property valuation (\$94,714,149 x 1.008 = 95,471,862) and shared revenue of \$30,656													
15														
16	Proposed 1997-1998 Budget				\$2,610,111									
17														
18	Professional Staff Contract Warrant				\$29,393									
19	\$100,000	0.00	\$0		0.31	\$30.79			\$30.79		\$30.79		1.24%	
20	\$200,000	0.00	\$0		0.31	\$61.57			\$61.57		\$61.57		1.24%	
21														
22	Support Staff Contract Warrant				\$13,349									
23	\$100,000	0.00	\$0		0.14	\$13.98			\$13.98		\$13.98		0.56%	
24	\$200,000	0.00	\$0		0.14	\$27.96			\$27.96		\$27.96		0.56%	
25														
26	3 Year Computer Lease				\$252									
27	\$100,000	0.00	\$0		0.00	\$0.26			\$0.26		\$0.26		0.01%	
28	\$200,000	0.00	\$0		0.00	\$0.53			\$0.53		\$0.53		0.01%	
29														
30	Building Maintenance				\$10,000									
31	\$100,000	0.00	\$0		0.10	\$10.47			\$10.47		\$10.47		0.42%	
32	\$200,000	0.00	\$0		0.10	\$20.95			\$20.95		\$20.95		0.42%	
33														
34	Capital Reserve				\$20,000									
35	\$100,000	0.00	\$0		0.21	\$20.95			\$20.95		\$20.95		0.84%	
36	\$200,000	0.00	\$0		0.21	\$41.90			\$41.90		\$41.90		0.84%	
37														
38														
39	Total with all Warrants				\$2,683,105									
40	\$50,000	24.90	\$1,245		26.96	\$103			\$1,348		\$103		8.26%	
41	\$100,000	24.90	\$2,490		26.96	\$206			\$2,696		\$206		8.26%	
42	\$200,000	24.90	\$4,981		26.96	\$412			\$5,392		\$412		8.26%	

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #32

1995-1996 BUDGET PREPARATION

REVENUE AND ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1994-1995 BUDGET	1994-1995 ACTUAL	1995-1996 BUDGET	1995-1996 PROJECTED REVENUE	1996-1997 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	
4	Balance - Start	\$633	\$46,213	\$5,221	\$73,459	\$39,937	764.9%	
5	District Assessment	\$794,481	\$794,481	\$798,212	\$798,212	\$766,975	-3.9%	
6	Interest	\$1,500	\$1,986	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500	33.3%	
7	Rental	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
8	Other Income	\$12,500	\$7,348	\$12,500	\$8,000	(\$4,500)	-36.0%	
9	TOTAL - Revenue	\$810,314	\$850,027	\$817,433	\$881,671	\$822,133	0.6%	
10	TOTAL - Expenditure	\$810,314	\$776,567	\$817,433	\$804,137	\$822,133	0.6%	
11	Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,376	\$32,376	na	
12	Balance - End	\$0	\$73,459	\$0	\$45,158	\$32,376	na	
13								

	ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION FORMULA				ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION CHANGE			
	1994 EQUALIZED VALUATION	1994-1995 VALUATION PERCENT	1994-1995 PUPILS PERCENT	1995-1996 PUPIL PERCENT	1996-1997 DOLLAR CHANGE	1996-1997 PERCENT CHANGE	1996-1997 DISTRICT SHARE	1996-1997 PERCENT CHANGE
18	GRANTHAM	\$226,544,583	22.17%	142.5	5.75%	\$107,101	13.96%	\$107,101
19	LEBANON	\$700,561,438	68.57%	2047.5	82.69%	\$580,046	75.63%	\$580,046
20	PLAINFIELD	\$94,590,630	9.26%	286.2	11.56%	\$79,828	10.41%	\$79,828
21								
22	TOTAL	\$1,021,696,651	100.00%	2476.2	100.00%	\$766,975	100.00%	\$766,975
23								

	ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION CHANGE				ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION CHANGE			
	1995-1996 DOLLAR CHANGE	1995-1996 PERCENT CHANGE	1996-1997 DOLLAR CHANGE	1996-1997 PERCENT CHANGE	1996-1997 DOLLAR CHANGE	1996-1997 PERCENT CHANGE	1996-1997 DOLLAR CHANGE	1996-1997 PERCENT CHANGE
27	GRANTHAM	\$108,635	-1.41%	\$107,101	-1.41%	(\$1,534)	-1.41%	(\$1,534)
28	LEBANON	\$605,101	-4.14%	\$580,046	-4.14%	(\$25,055)	-4.14%	(\$25,055)
29	PLAINFIELD	\$84,476	-5.50%	\$79,828	-5.50%	(\$4,648)	-5.50%	(\$4,648)
30								
31	TOTAL	\$798,212	-3.91%	\$766,975	-3.91%	(\$31,237)	-3.91%	(\$31,237)
32								

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Annual Meeting - March 8, 1996

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 8, 1996, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted by Mr. Cordima.

Resolved: That the meeting be postponed until March 22, 1996, due to inclement weather.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made to call the question.

The voice vote to call the question was in the affirmative.

The voice vote on whether to postpone the meeting until March 22 was in the negative, it was so declared, and the meeting continued.

An invocation was then delivered by the Moderator followed by the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Resolved: That the District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers as printed in the annual report and that a copy be placed on file with the clerk, subject to correction.

The vote by voice was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the Plainfield School District withdraw from the AREA Agreement with the receiving district, the Lebanon School District, in accordance with RSA 195-A:14, III.

At this time Jeanne Woodward-Poor yielded the floor to Rob Gattie. Gattie explained the details regarding the committee's decision to recommend withdrawing from the AREA Agreement, referencing Pages 139 and 140 of the Town Report. Important factors to be considered when voting on this article would be money, transportation, curriculum, and space at receiving schools.

School Board member Carl Strong explained that he was the dissenting member, and that he feels that the District should stay in the agreement, citing the proposed move as an "iffy" proposition.

A voter asked if Plainfield would be able to get back into the AREA Agreement in the future if withdrawal was found to be unsatisfactory. Woodward-Poor stated that the idea could be reconsidered in three (3) years.

Rosemary Mills stated that she was the board member who had abstained from the vote. At this time Mills commended the work of the new Assistant Superintendent, Evelyn Howard.

The Board clarified that the receiving schools could not discriminate against any students based on ability to learn, etc. Acceptance to schools would be on a first come, first served basis. Hartford was the only school at this time that had a list of "priorities" for accepting incoming tuition students. Once a student was enrolled in a particular school, they would be able to continue their for the entire four years.

There was much discussion on transportation issues, including a question from a voter as to what is the maximum age that the District by law is required to bus students. The Board believed it was through the eighth grade. The voter was under the assumption that it was through age 14.

In answer to questions, Superintendent John Fontana stated that Lebanon High School's design capacity is around 750 students, and up to 800 when additional rooms in the adjoining elementary school are utilized.

Board Member Cindy Roy mentioned that if this article were to pass, it will go into effect in September 1997.

Woodward-Poor explained that we could vote yes to the article and still remain in the SAU.

After much discussion, a voter called the question.

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The vote by voice to terminate debate was in the affirmative.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

Yes 114 No 118

The vote was in the negative, the motion lost, and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the Plainfield School District create a School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee consisting of two School Board members appointed by the School Board, five public members to be appointed by the School District Moderator, and the Superintendent of School Administrative Unit #32, who shall be non-voting, to study the administrative structure of the District and to create a plan for its own administration, said committee to submit its report and recommendations at the next annual school district meeting and to the other individual school districts comprising School Administrative Unit #32.

After a brief explanation by Carl Strong, the vote by voice was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE IV: As a result of no increase in the teacher's salaries, Cindy Roy moved to table this article, and the motion was seconded.

The vote by voice to table the article was in the affirmative, and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the District discontinue the existing Heating System Capital Reserve Fund created in 1992 and to place said funds with accumulated interest to date in the School District General Fund.

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Board member Ken Goodrow briefly explained the reasons for this article, stating that the heating system has been replaced.

The vote by voice was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of repairing the siding and windows in the new wing.

After brief discussion, the vote by show of hands resulted in:

Yes 159 No 0

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of two million, five hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred one dollars (\$2,528,701) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation.

The board briefly outlined specific line items in the budget, stating that the budget is up 12% this year. During this time, Cindy Roy mentioned that the teachers agreed to take only step increases this year and not raises.

Jeanne Woodward-Poor expressed the board's appreciation to the Finance Committee.

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The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

Yes 117 No 56

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

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

Resolved: That the District establish until further vote of the District compensation of officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair-\$300; Four (4) Board Members-\$250 per individual; School District Treasurer-\$240; School District Clerk-\$50; School District Moderator-\$50; Auditors-\$50; Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks-\$25 per meeting.

It was mentioned that the Board donates half of their salaries to the Claremont lawsuit.

The vote by voice was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE IX: Other Business

The Board declared that there was no other business.

The Moderator made an announcement that the election of town and school officers would take place on Tuesday, March 12, 1996.

A motion was made, moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was in the affirmative and it was so declared at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L. Taylor

Kelly L. Taylor
School District Clerk

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Election Meeting - March 12, 1996

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator Stephen H. Taylor declared the meeting open at 10:00 a.m. and read the School District Warrant.

At this time a motion was made, moved and seconded to keep the polls open until 7:00 p.m., the same time as the Town election.

ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School Board
(3 Years):

Rosemary W. Mills	256
Rob Gattie	4
Rob Drye	3
Al Backhofen	2
Boone Rondeau	2
Ken Johnson	1
Richard Rogers	1
Cheryl Mills	1
Mary Henahan	1
E. Scrooge	1
Janice Smarsik	1
David Stockwell	1
George Koeller	1
Larry St. Aubin	1
Margaret Drye	1

Elected: Rosemary W. Mills

For School District Treasurer
(1 Year):

James W. Griffiths	270
Fred Sweet	5
Donald Trump	1

Elected: James W. Griffiths

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For School District Auditor
(2 Years):

Kathryn MacLeay 282

Elected: Kathryn MacLeay

For School District Moderator
(1 Year):

Stephen H. Taylor	279
Harold Jones	1
Jim Sheehan	1
Lee Lynd	1
Ron Liston	1
David Grobe	1
John Doe	1

For School District Clerk
(1 Year):

Kelly L. Taylor 277

Elected: Kelly L. Taylor

School Board Member Rosemary W. Mills; School District Auditor, Kathryn MacLeay; Moderator, Stephen H. Taylor; and School District Clerk, Kelly L. Taylor, were sworn into office in open meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, moved and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L. Taylor

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School District Clerk

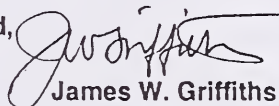
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT----F/Y '96

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE--JULY 1, 1995


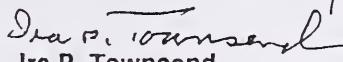
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F/Y 1996 REVENUES AND RECEIPTS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD FUNDS RECEIVED	\$2,128,185.00	
Special Education Aid	\$5,787.84	
New Hampshire Building Aid	\$15,995.10	
New Hampshire Foundation Aid	\$28,681.19	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS RECEIVED	\$50,464.13	
Federal Drug Free Program	\$3,400.00	
Federal Block Grants	\$3,900.00	
Federal Chapter One Program	\$4,341.46	
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$11,641.46	
F/Y '95 Tuition Received	\$4,660.00	
Refunds, Reimbursements & Misc.	\$37,778.77	
TOTAL TUITION, REFUNDS & MISC. RECEIVED	\$42,438.77	
BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST RECEIVED	\$1,930.04	
TOTAL F/Y'96 REVENUES AND RECEIPTS		<u>\$2,234,659.40</u>
TOTAL F/Y '96 AVAILABLE		\$2,319,734.91
LESS SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL & FEDERAL FUND ORDERS PAID		<u>(\$2,232,867.69)</u>
ENDING CASH BALANCE--JUNE 30, 1996		\$86,867.22

Respectfully Submitted, 
James W. Griffiths
Treasurer

This is to certify that we have examined the books, manifests, bank statements, and other financial records of the Treasurer of the Plainfield, New Hampshire School District, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and find them correct in all respects.


Kathryn MacLeay

Ira P. Townsend
Auditors

PLAINFIELD DEBT SERVICE
1997-1998

THE BONDS ISSUED FOR \$665,000 IN 1973 WERE PAID OFF AS OF
NOVEMBER 1, 1992

THE REMAINING BOND ISSUED FOR \$485,000 ISSUED IN 1989
MATURES ON JULY 15, 1999

THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AS OF JULY 1, 1996 is \$185,000

PAYMENTS FOR THE 1997-1998 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>DATE TO BE PAID</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY 15, 1997	\$45,000	4,590	\$49,590
JANUARY 15, 1998		3,060	
TOTAL	\$45,000	\$7,650	\$52,650

IDEA & Preschool Entitlement Funds: Application for Plainfield School District.

IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the districts. Based on an estimated grant of \$300 per special need student in Fiscal Year 97, it is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of **\$9,300** in FY 98. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as student evaluations and related support services. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, locate and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which will be submitted in June of 1997. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.

Plainfield School District

Teachers and Other Professional Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire	College
Alves	Joycelyn	Teacher Gr. 1	23-Aug-89	Practical Nursing, NH Technical College; B.A. Vermont College
Beaupre	Donna	Media Generalist	01-Sep-78	B.Ed., Plymouth State
Beaupre	Stephen	Teacher Gr. 7/8	01-Sep-62	B.Ed., Plymouth State; M.Ed., Plymouth State
Cantlin	Mary	Teacher Gr. 7	25-Aug-92	B.A., Marietta College; M.Ed., Keene State College
Evensen	Edward	Teacher - Music	03-Jan-94	B.M., Boston University; M.S., UNH
Gosselin	Patricia	Teacher - Remedial Reading	01-Sep-78	B.Ed., Plymouth State College
Heistad	Betty Ann	Teacher - Gr. 1	26-Aug-85	B.A., UNH; M.Ed., Antioch
Hills	Frances	Teacher - Gr. 4	28-Apr-80	B.S., UVM; M.Ed., Antioch
Johnson	Brenda	Teacher - Gr. 5/6	26-Feb-86	B.A., Syracuse University; M.Ed., Antioch
Knight	Laura	Teacher - Gr. 2 (shared)	06-Aug-84	B.S., Cornell University; M.S., Wheelock College
Langner	Miriam	Teacher - Art	23-Aug-96	B.S., SUNY Oneonta
Lanzim	Katherine	Teacher - Sp. Ed.	01-Nov-86	E.A., Newark State College
Levy	Julie	Teacher - Elementary	27-Aug-96	B.A., New College of the University of South Florida
Long	Joanne	Teacher - Sp. Ed.	23-Aug-82	B.S., Kent State University, Ohio; M.Ed., Kent State University, Ohio
Ly,d	Betsy Rybeck	Teacher - Gr. 2 (shared)	26-Apr-83	B.S., Bates College; M.S.T., Antioch
Malsin	Abigail	Coordinator - Art	25-Aug-93	B.A., University of Rochester, NY
McGee	Susan	Teacher - English 7/8	22-May-78	B.A., University of Connecticut
Perkins	Julie	Teacher - Gr. 2	02-Jan-78	B.S., Castleton State College
Perotti	Frank	Principal	01-Jul-95	B.S., Cornell Univ.; M.S., Univ. of Nebraska; M.Ed., Columbia Univ.; Ed.D., Columbia Univ.
Prendergast	Penelope	Teacher - Foreign Language	29-Aug-95	B.A., Cambridge University; Ph.D., Cambridge University
Rand	Pauline	Teacher - Phys. Ed. Gr. K-4	01-Sep-78	B.S., University of Vermont
Reisch	Denis	Teacher - Gr. 7/8	27-May-68	B.A., University of New Hampshire
Robes	Nancy	Teacher - Gr. 4	21-Jun-82	B.S., Iowa State University; M.Ed., Antioch
Sanchirico	Paul	Teacher - Gr. 5	26-Aug-93	B.S., Keene State College
Sheehan	James	Teacher - Gr. 6	07-Mar-94	B.A., Wesleyan University
Westwood	Kathleen	Speech/Language Pathologist	28-Aug-90	A.S., Bradford College; B.S., Adelphi University
Wetmore	Phyllis	Guidance Counselor	03-Sep-91	B.A., Morehead State College; M.A., Western Michigan University
Woodcock	Mark	Teacher - Kindergarten	25-Aug-87	B.A., Towson State University
Taylor	William	Facilities Manager	01-Dec-96	
Adams-Brady	Connie	Secretary to Principal	12-Aug-96	
Paradis	Terri	Athletic Coordinator	27-Aug-96	

Plainfield School District

Support Staff

Last Name	First Name	Position	Date of Hire
Bates	Kathleen	PP - Sp Ed Aide	29-Aug-94
Beierle	Carolyn	PP - Sp Ed Aide	02-Feb-96
Brady	Ruth	PP - Sp Ed Aide	01-Sep-87
Donaghy	Anne	Nurse	21-Sep-92
Farrell	Shelley D.	Math Tutor	27-Aug-90
Fielder	Abigail	PP - Preschool Aide	02-Jan-97
Givens	Elizabeth	PP - Sp Ed Aide	09-Sep-96
Johnstone	Sondra	PP - Sp Ed Aide	29-Aug-94
Lopez	Virginia	PP - Sp Ed Aide	09-Sep-96
Murray	L. Sue	PP-Library Aide	09-Oct-89
Nichols	Roseanna	PP - Sp Ed Aide	13-Mar-96
Paradis	Terri	Special Education Aide	27-Aug-96
Proulx	Sandra	Math Tutor	29-Aug-89
Shibles	Denise	PP - Sp Ed Aide	31-Aug-92
Taupier	Jane	PP - Sp Ed Aide	29-Aug-94
Wehde	Paula	School Secretary	12-Aug-96
Fleming	William	Custodian/Bus Driver	01-Jul-87
Lambert Sr	Paul R	Bus Driver-Plainfield	28-Feb-94
Logan	J. Daniel	Bus Driver-Plainfield	29-Oct-90
Mills	Cheryl	Bus Driver-Plainfield	01-Sep-87
Branch, Jr.	Walter	Custodian	19-Aug-96

APPENDIX A
1996-97 PLAINFIELD SALARY SCHEDULE

Track Increment	.034
Step Increment	.0368
Starting Salary	\$20,950

Track

Step	BA/BS	BA+15	MA(BA+30)	MA+15	M+30
0	\$20,950	\$21,662	\$22,399	\$23,160	\$23,948
1	\$21,721	\$22,459	\$23,223	\$24,013	\$24,829
2	\$22,520	\$23,286	\$24,078	\$24,896	\$25,743
3	\$23,349	\$24,143	\$24,964	\$25,813	\$26,690
4	\$24,208	\$25,031	\$25,882	\$26,762	\$27,672
5	\$25,099	\$25,953	\$26,835	\$27,747	\$28,691
6	\$26,023	\$26,908	\$27,822	\$28,768	\$29,747
7	\$26,980	\$27,898	\$28,846	\$29,827	\$30,841
8	\$27,973	\$28,924	\$29,908	\$30,925	\$31,976
9	\$29,003	\$29,989	\$31,008	\$32,063	\$33,153
10	\$30,070	\$31,092	\$32,150	\$33,243	\$34,373
11	\$31,177	\$32,237	\$33,333	\$34,466	\$35,638
12	\$32,324	\$33,423	\$34,559	\$35,734	\$36,949
13	\$33,513	\$34,653	\$35,831	\$37,049	\$38,309
14	\$34,747	\$35,928	\$37,150	\$38,413	\$39,719

LONGEVITY:

- a. Members of the bargaining unit who have worked in the District for 5 years and who have been at the top of their salary scale for at least one year will receive an additional payment equal to .0368 times their salary.
- b. Members of the bargaining unit who have received benefit (a) for five consecutive years shall receive an additional payment of \$1,500.

Teachers will be placed on step and track appropriate for experience and education.

Report of the Plainfield School Board

Once again, the board reports to you with enthusiasm and excitement about the work we have been doing this last year. We continue to strive for the efficient management of our facilities along with a collaborative relationship with the SAU. We are also continuing to fine-tune our academic program at the school, fill in the holes our policy book, and keep a fresh outlook on how to provide the best education we can for all our Plainfield children. We usually meet on the first and third Mondays in the school library and welcome all to join us.

Last year we took two actions that have had consequences for this year. The first was establishing the committee that studied the SAU services; their report is included elsewhere in this report. We will be discussing their recommendation early in this year's meeting so please give it some thought. A second bit of business from last year was for Plainfield to have its own facilities manager. We hired Bill Taylor for this position and he has already helped us immensely in preparing this budget. We are very pleased to be working with him and look forward to many years of his expertise and assistance.

This year we are looking to expand our foreign language teacher from part time to full time. The report from the Spanish teacher at Lebanon High School was that our current ninth graders are well prepared for Spanish II, but it was a struggle for some children to go through the first year program so quickly. This year we have children covering Spanish I in two years and hope to be able expand a cultures program into fifth and sixth grades. By having the language teacher at the school full time, we also hope to be able to do some rearranging and offer a more varied middle-school program to our upper grades.

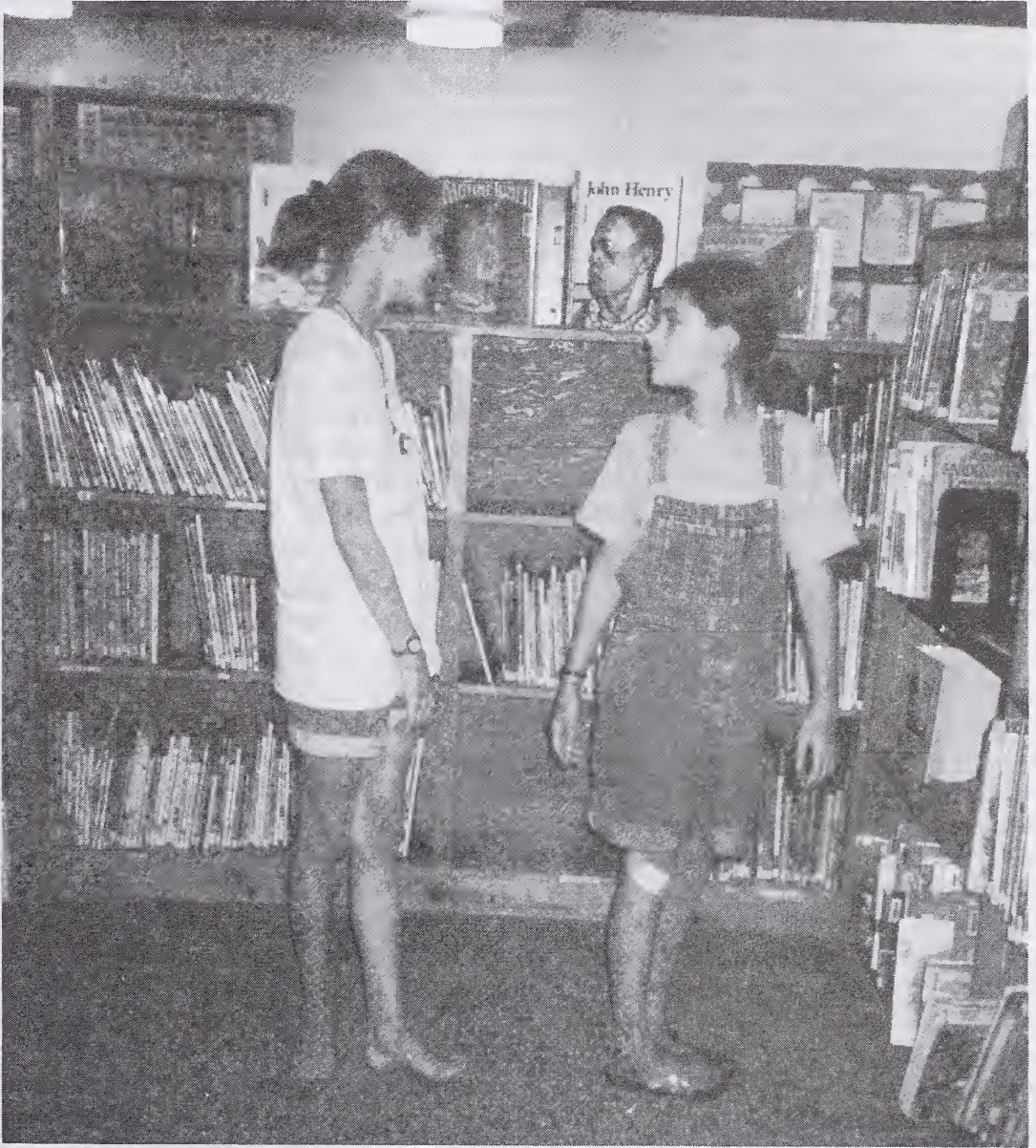
We have just recently had some exciting news from LHS. In the latest LHS News for You, it was reported that the high school has been taken off its probationary status and fully accredited. However, the most exciting part of the newsletter for the Plainfield Board was the listing of the honor roll students. In each grade, the Plainfield honor-roll students made up the same or a greater percentage of the class as the total number of Plainfield students. In fact, the Plainfield ninth graders, who make up 15.4% of the LHS ninth grade, accounted for 28.8% of the honor students and 50% of the high honor students.

Policy is not nearly as exciting as children or program, but we plug away at it as we must. A board is only as strong as its policies, and we feel this is a job we cannot neglect. We continue to write new policy and have begun to review policies that were written years ago, taking input from teachers and community members. If you see a policy which you are interested in, please come to the meetings. There is always a time for public input and announcements at the beginning of each meeting, and we all have answering machines in case you are unable to attend a meeting and want us to know your concerns.

Keeping a fresh outlook on how to best provide a meaningful education is perhaps the most difficult job the board faces. Evelyn Howard, our Assistant Superintendent, and some board members are attending a series of workshops offered by the NH School Board Association this year that have been both instructive

and inspiring. It is important for us to get out and talk to others who are struggling with the same problems and enjoying the same successes. The board has also begun to subscribe to The American School Board Journal, a magazine that almost always has helpful articles and interesting perspectives on national educational issues. We have been pleased to see that many of the issues we struggle with are the same all over the country, and gratified that we haven't yet had to encounter some of the problems facing other boards. The board is committed to education, even to our own education. The workshops and journal readings are two ways we are trying to continually inform ourselves so that we can do the best job for the children of Plainfield.

Respectfully Submitted
Jeanne Woodward-Poor, Chair



Drama Workshop: Emily Davis and Abigail Nintzel.

Photo: Gail Maslin

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 2, 1997

New ideas and positive energy continue to move the Plainfield School toward an exciting educational future. Dr. Perotti and the Plainfield Staff have begun a second year of improving the school and its programs. The New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks have provided rich content for curriculum discussions over the last two years. Teachers at the Plainfield School have been involved in a series of meetings to evaluate the alignment of the Plainfield curriculum with the Frameworks. In addition, upper grade teachers have been meeting with Lebanon Junior High and High School staff to examine the curriculum expectations at the high school level. The School Board and the School's Long Range Planning Committee have also been working to monitor the transition of Plainfield students from elementary to high school.

This monitoring has extended to a periodic review of the progress of Plainfield students who are currently in high school. The results show that Plainfield students have done very well when compared to the entire student body. Their grades, their representation on the honor rolls, their enrollment in the most advanced courses available, and their participation in extracurricular activities all indicate that they were well prepared for the challenges of high school. The effort to follow Plainfield students' high school progress is part of the continuing effort to view our schools in terms of the results for students. Assessment of our results will continue as a priority.

The New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program will be a major part of that assessment effort. This year provides us with the third year of results for our third graders as well as the first year of results for our sixth and tenth graders. Third graders are tested in Language Arts and Mathematics while sixth and tenth graders are tested in Science and Social Studies as well. The results of the third and sixth grade testing are printed below showing Plainfield scores compared to State scores. Tenth grade scores include all students at Lebanon High School. The high school guidance and teaching staff will extract results on an individual basis for Plainfield tenth graders. All staff members will use these results to help individual students improve in the areas tested as well as to analyze and align the basic curriculum. One major goal, of course, is to move more and more students into the proficient and advanced categories.

<u>Grade 3</u>	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Novice
<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
State 1994	1	15	48	33
State 1995	3	26	44	22
State 1996	4	25	45	21
Plainfield 1994	0	11	50	33
Plainfield 1995	0	28	44	28
Plainfield 1996	0	17	37	47
 <u>Mathematics</u>				
State 1994	2	16	47	34
State 1995	9	24	42	22
State 1996	10	23	46	18
Plainfield 1994	0	17	44	33
Plainfield 1995	9	22	50	19
Plainfield 1996	10	30	40	20

Grade 6	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Novice
<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
State 1996	1	15	38	42
Plainfield 1996	0	23	37	40
<u>Mathematics</u>				
State 1996	1	11	27	59
Plainfield 1996	3	17	27	50
<u>Science</u>				
State 1996	<1	9	20	69
Plainfield 1996	0	20	17	63
<u>Social Studies</u>				
State 1996	4	8	32	53
Plainfield 1996	13	27	23	27
Grade 10 - LHS	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Novice
<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
State 1996	2	8	58	26
Lebanon HS 1996	1	9	51	28
<u>Mathematics</u>				
State 1996	6	17	27	45
Lebanon HS 1996	5	15	20	47
<u>Science</u>				
State 1996	2	19	23	48
Lebanon HS 1996	1	17	22	50
<u>Social Studies</u>				
State 1996	1	12	21	60
Lebanon HS 1996	1	12	21	54

Up to this point in time, the assessment results were for different groups of children as a new group of third graders was tested each year. In 1997, we will be able to compare the results for the same group of children since the third graders who were tested in 1994 will be the sixth graders tested in 1997. This will allow comparisons of "growth" in addition to the "snapshots" of different groups. This new dimension of our assessment should help us establish an important view of both program and individual student progress for grades K - 6. It should also be particularly helpful to parents and teachers when conferring over the progress of individual students. Parents should review the letter they receive from the Commissioner of Education and discuss it with their child's teacher. The teacher will assist with the interpretation and place the results in context with other assessment results. Parents can also use these results to organize and follow their child's progress through their school years. Teachers in all grades, not just the ones tested, are responsible for student results and they will be able to respond to questions and show parents the progress being made by students toward achieving these high standards.

At last year's annual meeting, voters established a study committee to examine whether or not Plainfield should withdraw from School Administrative Unit #32. The committee met periodically over the last year and believes that withdrawal from SAU #32 is not to Plainfield's advantage at this time. The committee will issue its findings in a report to be included in the Plainfield Annual Report. A separate warrant article is

included on the 1997 warrant (Article II) to request voter action on the committee's report and recommendation. If the report and recommendation of the committee is approved, the committee will be disbanded. If the report and recommendation is rejected, the committee will be extended for further study of the issue.

Article III of the 1997 annual meeting warrant requests the approval of the "cost items" negotiated by the Plainfield School Board with the Plainfield Education Association. The amount for new salaries and benefits to be paid to teachers in 1997-98 under a one year contract is \$29,393. It represents an average increase for salary and benefits of 3.25% over the amount paid in 1996-97.

Last year, the Plainfield Support Staff organized itself into an association for the purposes of collective bargaining. The Plainfield School Board has negotiated a contract with the new group called the Plainfield Support Staff Association. The Board and Association have agreed to a new contract and Article IV on the 1997 annual meeting warrant requests voter approval of the "cost items" increases associated with this one year contract. The increased cost of wages and benefits for this purpose is \$13,349. The Plainfield School Board recommends approval of both "cost item" articles.

Article V of the annual meeting warrant deals with the approval of a lease arrangement with Apple Computer and the appropriation of an additional \$252 to fund the proposal. Currently, the school has a three year lease with Apple for the purchase of 23 computers and related technology. The 1997-1998 school year would be the final year of that lease at a cost of \$11,539. That sum is included as part of the regular budget request in Article VIII. The \$252 represents the additional amount above the cost of the third year of the current computer lease. If approved, the new lease (\$23,932) will allow the district to purchase 15 new computers and refinance the current lease balance, along with the costs of the new computers, over the next three years. The second and third years of the new lease would require \$11,840 each. The district may terminate the lease if funds are not approved by voters in future years. In that event, the district would keep any computers that would have been paid for at that time under the lease and return those that had not. The additional computers would greatly increase students' access to technology and enhance their learning opportunities. This article is recommended by the Plainfield School Board.

Article VI requests a separate appropriation to allow the district to purchase a storage building. This purchase would alleviate the critical shortage of storage space at the Plainfield School. It is planned as a two story "garage" type building. The need for storage has been recognized for some time but the solutions suggested have usually been cut from the budget due to other higher priority demands. The Plainfield School Board recommends this solution.

Article VII requests the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund to be used in future years to fund building renovations. While no specific project is proposed for use of these funds this year, the School Board has approved a long range plan for renovations and believes that the recommended amount should be set aside to cover major projects in the future, such as the replacement of the carpets and the roof. A Capital Reserve fund requires that the voters approve all expenditures from the fund. Consequently, the use of these funds in the future would require voter approval of specified projects. This type of Capital Reserve Fund would tend to ease the tax burden at the time a major expenditure is required. The Plainfield School Board recommends that the fund be established with an initial investment of \$20,000 this year.

Article VIII is the appropriation action on the 1996-1997 school budget. The school board has been working on the budget since December and appreciates the assistance and suggestions provided by the Town Budget Committee, school staff, and other interested citizens who were involved. The School Board recommends to the voters a budget for 1997-1998 of \$2,610,111, excluding separate warrant articles and \$2,683,051 including all warrant articles. The base budget increase is \$71,409 while the total budget increase, including all warrants, would be \$144,403. The recommendation represents a 2.8% increase on the base budget and a 5.7% increase including all articles. The district tax assessment on the base budget is up \$92,647 or 3.8% over the 1996-97 budget and up \$139,420 or 5.8% when compared to the 1996-97 actual tax amount. If all separate articles are approved, the total increase in the assessment would be \$165,641 or 6.8% over the 1996-97 approved budget and \$212,414 over the actual 1996-97 tax assessment.

Increases in the proposed budget include a new third grade teacher to accommodate a bulge in that population, expanding the Foreign Language program to full time, an increase in high school special education costs, and an additional hour per day of secretarial time. Some of these increases were offset by reductions in the maintenance budget, health coverage and debt service. The tuition rate for the AREA high school also dropped by \$55,011 or about \$475 per pupil. The reduction was due to a lower 1996-1997 budget for Lebanon High School, more building aid to Lebanon from the State, and a larger enrollment at the high school level.

The Plainfield School is a successful and continuously improving school. The dedicated staff deserves our thanks for its efforts. The Plainfield community is fortunate to have a qualified and dedicated school board, as well. The Board has worked with all interested parties on numerous policy issues throughout the year and has considered many opinions in preparing this school budget for 1997-1998. The Board strove to produce a budget which meets the needs of the students and remains conscious of the budget impact on taxpayers. I urge your support of their efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Fontana
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
JANUARY 30, 1997

I concluded last year's report by saying that I was excited about the year ahead and the many challenges that it presented. The year was indeed one of challenges and consequently one of growth and improvement. We have made changes and improvements in our educational program that reflect on the content, skills, and dispositions demonstrated by our students.

Since the New Hampshire Statewide Third Grade Assessments were first administered in 1994, our students have done particularly well. In mathematics this year, 40% of our children scored in the highest two proficiency categories compared to 33% statewide. These assessments have also helped us to identify a need to make some changes in our writing program where we were not as strong. At the sixth-grade level, this was the first year that the state conducted statewide assessment. In language arts, 23% of our children were in the top two categories compared to 16% statewide. In mathematics, 20% of our children were in the top two categories compared to 12% statewide and in science and social studies the children at the Plainfield School exceeded the state average by 11% and 18%, respectively. Similar results were also obtained on our standardized achievement testing at the fourth and eighth grades. It is clear that our students are receiving a very high quality education.

A number of years ago, the National Association of Teachers of Mathematics and Science suggested that schools across America change their approach to the instruction in mathematics to a more experiential, problem-solving-based approach. It was at that time that the Investigations Curriculum we use was developed by Technical Education Research Centers (TERC) of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in collaboration with Kent State University and the State University of New York in Buffalo. This approach suggests that it is more important for students to engage in mathematics through exploration and problem solving, developing a thorough understanding of math, not simply memorizing someone else's solution. The relationship to the real world and to real work in their future is immediate and clear. Best of all, as our scores demonstrate, it really works.

We have also expanded our computer capacity. We have the basics of our network established. We still need to add some workstations and to increase the number of computers available to children through the mobile lab. Currently, when we are doing anything as a whole class, children often have to share or wait for a computer. We hope to remedy this next year. We did establish a connection to the Internet through one MAC in the library. Students and staff have used this resource for individual research and the collection of data for various subject areas. We hope to provide this access to every class from the workstations in their individual rooms. As we improve our own knowledge and expertise in using technology, this incredible tool will continue to enhance our ability to access information from all over the world. We currently receive data from Antarctica and are in the process of establishing pen pals in Asia.

The numbers of children who are involved in our band and chorus have steadily increased. At our mid-winter concert, over 150 children performed for their parents and classmates. The

introduction of recorder at the second and third grades has been very successful and a great introduction to instruments. Arthur Hall, African dance and music performer, was an Artist in Residence at the Plainfield School for two weeks early in this school year. Virtually the entire school, including staff and parents, were able to immerse themselves for a part of each day in the rich and rewarding activities he and his drummers provided. Later this year we are also expecting to have a visual artist in residence to provide a special opportunity for our regularly scheduled art classes. Miriam Langner, our art teacher this year, has done a wonderful job and continues to provide our students with interesting and challenging projects.

Other new faces this year are Julie Levy in third grade, who has been filling in for Larry Wolkin, who has been out on a study leave in Italy for the year. Melinda (Mindy) Longacre has also been in as a long-term substitute in our combination third and fourth grade classroom. We also have new office staff. Connie Adams-Brady is our secretary to the principal and Paula Wehde is our part-time school secretary. New special education aides this year are Elizabeth Givens, Virginia Lopez and Jonni Nichols. Shelly Farrell has joined us in the position of math tutor. These new faces bring us a little different perspective on our day-to-day work, giving the rest of us the opportunity to reflect on our methods and ideas. The Upper Valley Teacher Training Center, Keene State College, and Antioch Graduate School have all sent us interns this year. This confidence in our staff as mentors for new teachers is truly rewarding.

We have continued to use our early release days to strengthen our coordination of curriculum and explore ways to provide a program for the children that has continuity and is consistent with the New Hampshire Frameworks. Our assessment results have given us direction in this continuing process. The Long Range Planning Team, as well as the teachers and Board of Education, have reviewed this data as a part of the continuing search for improvement.

Change has not only taken place in the academic areas. Our peer mediation program has continued to grow and strengthen as our mediators have had more experience and have been able to meet with their statewide counterparts at a conference in Concord. Our seventh grade attended a three-day leadership training institute at the Hulbert Center, and a number of our staff attended a conflict-resolution weekend retreat in Portsmouth. Our attempts at starting a student council in the spring have paid off with a newly formed council with representation in grades five through eight. All of these activities help to provide for a safer and more compelling environment in which students, staff, parents, and community members collaborate to build a stronger, more supportive community through planning and cooperation.

We have increased the usage of our building and facilities for community activities with the addition of a Cub Scout den. We have hosted the regional pack gatherings, volleyball, basketball, the Plainfield Soccer Club, 2001 and Beyond, as well as many other events. The school belongs to the community and needs to be used as a community center as well as a place of learning.

This year has also seen the hiring of a new facilities manager, Bill Taylor, to help us maintain and plan for building and ground improvements, maintenance, and construction. The delaminating outside sheathing on the new wing of the building was repaired, three windows

were replaced and the exhaust ventilation of the building was improved. We also installed handicapped-accessible automatic doors on both ends of the building to accommodate all residents of our community.

The town offices moved to new space over the summer which offered us the opportunity to centralize our administrative functions in one location, achieving much greater efficiency in our day-to-day work. The health office expanded into the former secretarial space. A school office space was created by recycling used doors and windows with some new framing. Both were much needed improvements.

The January 22nd edition of *Education Week* included a special report titled, "Quality Counts, a Report Card on the Condition of Public Education in the 50 States." That report lists the state of New Hampshire as fourth in the country on the important variable of High Achievement by Students with Schools Having High Standards. We know that Plainfield ranks above average in the state on our Statewide Assessments. Nationally we must be ranked as one of the very best schools! Which, by the way, is as it should be.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served the children and families of Plainfield with a tradition of excellence for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank S. Perotti, Jr., Ed.D.
Principal



Arthur Hall and students.

Photo: Fran Hills

Plainfield's Educational Mission

Mission: The mission of education in Plainfield is to: 1) instill knowledge, concepts, and learning skills in an atmosphere that supports and expects academic excellence; 2) build self-confidence, good character, and enthusiasm for lifelong learning; 3) prepare children for productive and fulfilling lives by enabling them to realize their full potential to live and work effectively in an ever-changing world.

Responsibilities

The community is responsible for providing a quality education to children in grades K through 12.

The school is responsible for:

- Stating clearly academic goals and defining a curriculum with high academic standards.
- Teaching an awareness of individual children's learning styles.
- Emphasizing good character, self-discipline, and interpersonal skills.
- Providing an atmosphere that fosters excitement about learning.
- Offering strong administrative leadership and a high quality staff.
- Respecting the values, authority, and input of parents, as well as the situations of the home environment.
- Encouraging involvement of parents and community members in the life of the school.

The home is responsible for:

- Understanding and reinforcing school curricula.
- Encouraging students to complete homework and to place a high priority on education.
- Ensuring that children arrive at school on time, rested, fed, and ready to learn.
- Respecting the expertise and authority of teachers and staff.

Results

Students should possess a foundation of information, concepts, and learning skills.

- Analytical skills: identifying and formulating problems, researching information, and developing creative solutions.
- Reading, writing, and speaking effectively, with grounding in U.S. and world literature.
- Mathematics, including the ability to apply quantitative thinking and analysis in daily life.
- Physical, earth, and life sciences, including how these are manifested in everyday phenomena such as the environment, technology, and weather.
- History, geography, government, and the responsibilities of citizenship in local, national, and global contexts.
- Significant exposure to the arts, a foreign language, and the diversity of human culture.
- Effective use of computers for computation and processing information.
- Appreciation of physical and mental health, including avoidance of substance abuse and communicable diseases.

Students should display behaviors that allow them to be productive learners and relate effectively to others:

- Enthusiasm for learning.
- Confidence and self esteem.
- Self discipline and good work habits, including the ability to listen and take turns.
- Personal integrity and honesty.
- Willingness to take responsibility where appropriate and to follow through once responsibility is assumed.
- Acceptance of, sensitivity to, and compassion for others.

Mutual respect, support, and participation among the community, families, and the school are vital to effectively achieving our mission. Open communication is encouraged, valued, and respected.

HEALTH REPORT 1996-1997

Healthy activities and lessons continue to be a part of everyday life at Plainfield School. We designated January as "exercise for health" month and promoted skating and swimming as well as our Friday afternoon ski program at Mt. Ascutney. One of many classroom highlights in our health curriculum was a body systems review in Mrs. Robes class, led by the eighth grade Health classes who had just finished studying body systems themselves.

The Plainfield School Wellness team, which is comprised of the school guidance counselor, the nurse, several teachers, aides, a school board member, and several parents, continues to meet monthly and is a school and community vehicle for promoting health and wellness. Our purpose is to sponsor healthy activities or programs in the school and larger community, and the encouragement of healthy behaviors (for example, adequate rest, exercise, good nutrition), which have a direct impact on absentee rates, morale, and learning. Each May we sponsor a hike up Cardigan Mountain in Canaan, and encourage all townspeople to join us. This year we have initiated monthly staff "Nutritional Guidance workshops" at local restaurants.

The health office continues to be a busy place at school. The school nurse serves as a health resource for students, staff and parents. This includes paying attention to infection control and the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases in school. The nurse also keeps the office door open for minor emergencies of all sorts, teaches daily and follows up on other health concerns in the building, such as gathering data on air quality. Health screenings (height, weight, hearing, vision, and scoliosis checks) are done every year in school. The school nurse does follow-up checks and notifies parents of possible problems to be referred to families' regular health care providers. A special thanks to screening volunteers Stephanie Berman, Karen Heaton, Sue Hohmann, Donna Houston, Carol Marrasso, and Jane Maynard!

Registration for the incoming kindergarten is held at school in early May each year. Parents and pre-kindergartners are invited then to explore the health office as well as stop by the kindergarten classroom. We acquaint parents with immunization requirements and go over forms for pre-school physicals which need to be completed and filed in the health office by September. This is an important introductory time to Plainfield School for new students and parents.

Please know that your visits and calls to this office, and any of your questions or ideas are always welcome.

Respectfully,

Anne T. Donaghy RN

Report of the School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee (Also known as the SAU Withdrawal Committee).

After extensive study the Committee recommends that the Plainfield School District not withdraw from SAU 32. Major considerations for this decision include:

1. **Financial.** After examining potential costs, it becomes apparent that the budget to operate an independent SAU would equal or likely exceed the present expenditure for SAU services. There would, therefore, be no economic advantage in operating our own SAU.
2. **Personnel.** The committee was concerned that as present staff and administration become involved with SAU functions, which would seem likely, the present level of education and supervision would suffer to the detriment of students and staff.
3. **Isolation.** The committee was concerned that leaving the SAU would result in an isolation of the Plainfield School District from its present educational environment.

It was, therefore, agreed among committee members that the Plainfield School District would be better served by remaining in SAU 32 with a greater effort made to improve communications and procedures between the two organizations.

Carlton Strong, chair
Steve Beaupre, Ken Goodrow, Steve Halleran,
George Koehler, Ann LaFlam, Sue Williams

8TH GRADE AWARDS

Academic Awards: English Amanda Roy
Mathematics Jeffrey Cedeño
Science Kristian McNamara
Social Studies Tara Wodwod
Spanish Hilary Caruso

Garipay/Beaupre Academic Athletic Award: Eric McAllister

Grobe-Reisch Sportsmanship Award: Eric Gattie

Female Athlete Award: Amanda Roy

Male Athlete Award: Dan Lucier

Citizenship Award: Laura Franklin

Cory Taber Award: Alysha Heimberg

Plainfield Education Award: Amanda Roy

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement:
Hilary Caruso, Jeffrey Cedeño
Katie Chapman, Laura Franklin
Alysha Heimberg, Eric McAllister
Kristian McNamara, Justin Osgood
Amanda Roy, Benjamin Sheehan
Tara Wodwod, and Ian Woodward-Poor

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for Outstanding Educational Improvement:
Jessica Beaver, Alaina Chapman
Eric Gattie, Tamsyn Kenyon
Hannah McMinn, Amanda Sharkey, and Audrey Tacy

Teachers' Award: Tara Wodwod

Music Awards: Daniel Lucier and Hannah McMinn
Certificates to Scott Liston and Katie Chapman

Art Awards:

Hannah McMinn, Audrey Tacy, and Ashley Moore
Certificates to Hilary Caruso, Katie Chapman, Andy Davis
Kevin Didehbani, Eric Gattie, Alysha Heimberg
Tamsyn Kenyon, Daniel O'Halloran, Amanda Sharkey
Michelle Stoops, Tara Wodwod
Ian Woodward-Poor, and Jonathan Wuebben,

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest:

1st - Today's Schools
2d - I Never Really Knew My Father
3d - The Complications of Life
4th - Role Models in America
5th - Sexual Harassment
6th - The Influence of Peers
Honorable Mention - Equal Rights
Honorable Mention - Child Abuse

Daniel Lucier
Amanda Roy
Jeff Cedeño
Adam Russo
Tamsyn Kenyon
Laura Franklin
Eric McAllister
Jessica Gebard



"Grupo Sonabo" Latin Music Assembly May '96

Photo: Gail Maslin

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1996

Carelle Angelillo
Jessica Beaver
Hilary Caruso
Jeffrey Cedeño
Alaina Chapman
Katie Chapman
Justin Darling
Andy Davis
Kevin Didehbani
Laura Franklin
Eric Gattie
Jessica Gebard

Alysha Heimberg
Kasia Henderson
Tamsyn Kenyon
Buckley Lawrence
Brandon Lemere
Scott Liston
Daniel Lucier
Eric McAllister
Hannah McMinn
Kristian McNamara
Ashley Moore
Daniel O'Halloran
Justin Osgood

Jacob Richards
Amanda Roy
Adam Russo
Amanda Sharkey
Benjamin Sheehan
Sarah Stephenson
Michelle Stoops
Audrey Tacy
Zachary Thorne
Tara Wodwod
Ian Woodward-Poor
Lisa Wragg
Jonathan Wuebben

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY - 1996-1997

Grade 9

Jessica Beaver
Jeffrey Cedeño
Kelly Farrell

Scott Liston
Justin Osgood
Benjamin Sheehan

Zachary Thorne
Lindsey Wolter

Grade 10

Phelan Brady
Alyssa Johnson
Brandon King
Jonathan Laflam

Amy LeClair
Abigail Logan
Matthew Marrazzo
Brendan Moeller

Juliana Mogielnicki
Sarah Sprague
Ashley Vander Vliet
Ross Wood

Grade 11

Molly Cherington
Brennan Johnson
Nicholas Martin

Ryan McGraw
Kate Nintzel
Anna O'Leary

Kristen Overman
Amanda Spencer
Erin Taupier

Grade 12

Seth Burroughs
Bronwyn Johnson

Timothy Laflam
Kevin Marshall

Daniel Sheff
Kelly Wodwod
Matthew Zayatz

TUITION STUDENTS 1996-97

GRADE 9

CARELLE ANGELILLO	KASIA HENDERSON	AMANDA ROY
HILARY CARUSO	TAMSYN KENYON	ADAM RUSSO
ALAINA CHAPMAN	BUCKLEY LAWRENCE	AMANDA SHARKEY
KATIE CHAPMAN	BRANDON LEMERE	SARAH STEPHENSON
JUSTIN DARLING	DANIEL LUCIER	MICHELLE STOOPS
ANDREW DAVIS	ERIC McALLISTER	AUDREY TACY
KEVIN DIDEHBANI	KRISTAN McNAMARA	TARA WODWOD
LAURA FRANKLIN	ASHLEY MOORE	IAN WOODWARD-POOR
ERIC GATTIE	DANIEL O'HALLORAN	LISA WRAGG
ALYSHA HEIMBERG	JACOB RICHARDS	JONATHAN WUEBBEN

GRADE 10

STEPHEN ATHANAS	SANDRA HARDIN	CHRISTOPHER MATTOON
EMILY BEAUDOIN	NATHAN ISABELLE	HILLARY RAQUE
DANITA BONNETTE	JOSHUA JOHNSON	HEIDI RICHARDS
NICHOLAS CARUSO	JOHN KING	SCOTT ROBINSON
AMY FRANKLIN	KERRY MARSH	BETSY ROGERS
CASSANDRA GAGE	PAUL MATHEWSON	NATHAN SHARKEY
		KATRINA STEBBINS

GRADE 11

CLAYTON ALDRICH	JEREMIAH JOHNSON	WENDY STOOPS
CARRIE BOUGHTON	JOSEPH LAFLAM	JODI VARNESE
BRAD ISAACS	TIMOTHY McFARLIN	EDMUND VIGNEAULT
CHRISTOPHER JEWELL	MANDY SHIBLES	JORDAN WESTWOOD

GRADE 12

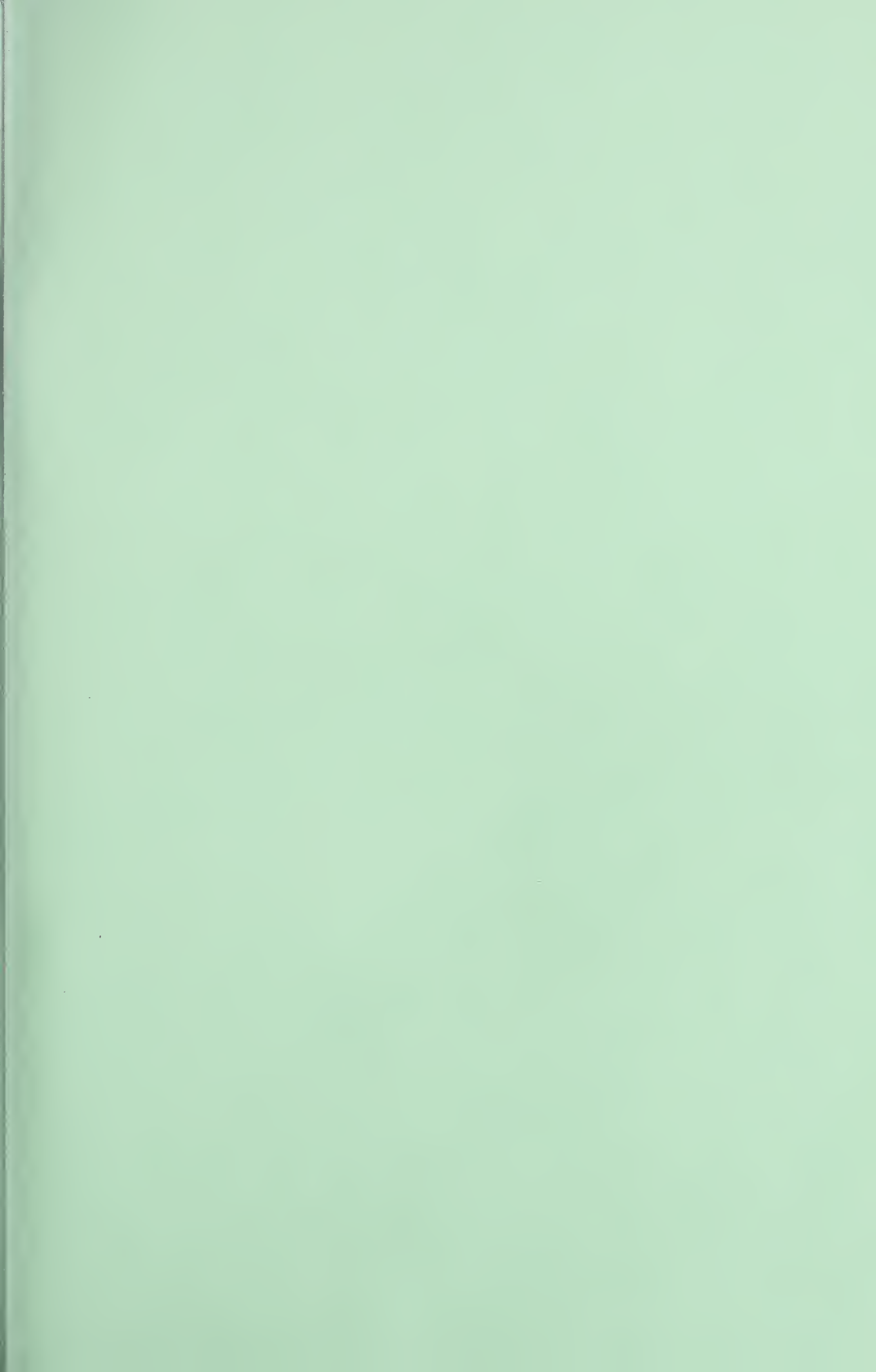
KATE ANDRESS	JAMIE GALLAGHER	JESSICA LANZIM
JASON BEST	WILLIAM GALLAGHER	KAREN LUCIER
ERNEST BOLTON	MELISSA HAZELTON	HARMONY MASON
RANDY CHICK	BRIAN HENRY	RACHEL MATHEWSON
MICHAEL CURRIER	ERIC ISAACS	SCOTT MATTOON
ALICIA DAIGLE	KRYSTA KENYON	ANTHONY ROBINSON
SHERENE DAVIS	HOLLY KING	GREGORY ROGERS
BRIAN FOLEY		PHILANA TACY



Chris Farrell, Nathaniel Custer, Marc Gattie, Justin Walker, John Henderson, Peter Logan, Josh Johnson — practicing with Arthur Hall. *Photo: Gail Maslin*

ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 1996

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
K	13	13	26
1	18	12	30
2	17	22	39
3	15	15	30
4	14	15	29
5	19	14	33
6	16	10	26
7	17	13	30
8	<u>13</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>
SUB TOTAL	142	130	272
Home Study	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL with Home Study	150	135	285



INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies, Dial 911

POLICE non-emergency 643-2222

FIRE non-emergency 448-1212

CORNISH RESCUE 675-2221

AMBULANCE 675-2221

TOWN OFFICE 469-3201

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 469-3250

PLAINFIELD HIGHWAY GARAGE 469-3240

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
TIMES OF BOARD MEETINGS
MERIDEN TOWN HALL FACILITY

Phone 469-3201

Fax 469-3642

Town Clerk		Tax Collector
Monday 7-8:30pm		Wednesday 2-4:00pm
Wednesday 2-4:00pm		7-8:30pm
7-8:30pm		Thursday 2-4:00pm
Thursday 2-4:00pm		

SELECTMENS OFFICE 8:00AM-4:00PM DAILY

BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS 7:00-9:00PM

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER WEDNESDAYS 7:00-9:00PM

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH 7:30PM

PLANNING BOARD 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH 7:00PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH 7:30PM

Plainfield Library Hours Mondays 7-9pm

675-6866 Wednesdays 1-5/7-9pm

. Fridays 1-5pm

. Saturdays 9-noon

Meriden Library Hours Mondays 2-8pm

469-3252 Tuesdays 3-6pm

. Thursdays 10-noon/2-6pm

. Saturdays 10am-1pm

GARBAGE REMOVAL/CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE TUESDAY PICK UP

MERIDEN VILLAGE WEDNESDAY PICK UP

ALL MATERIAL SHOULD BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 A.M.ON COLLECTION DAY

Curbside Recycling one week / Curbside Garage pick up the next.