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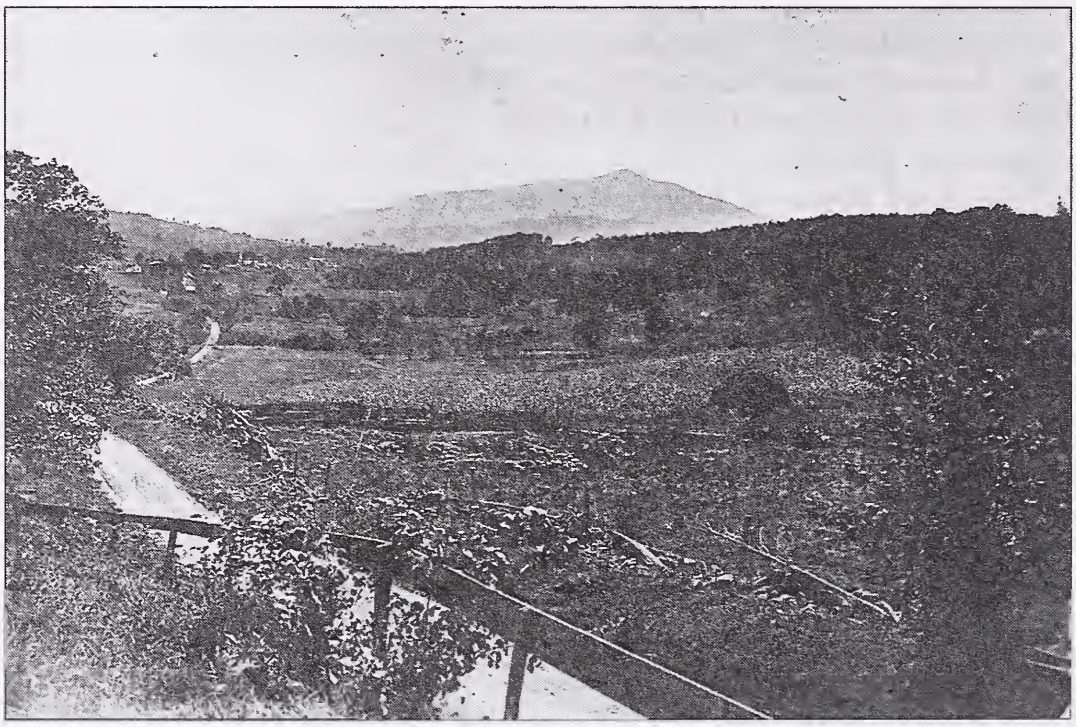
Reports of the Officers and Selectmen and the School District

Please bring this Report to the School District and Town Meetings. Take care of the book: each copy cost $3.50 to produce and deliver.

Snow rollers, like the one shown on the front cover, were used on town highways to pack freshly fallen snow up until the 1930s. Early automobiles were "put up for the winter;" a person's feet, horses, and horse drawn sleighs provided the primary means of transportation during the winter months. Town records from this period list the expense of "snowing the covered bridge." This term was used to describe the job of shoveling snow onto the deck of the bridge to provide a suitable surface for sleigh runners.



An early 1900s photo of one of the view scapes most commonly associated with that Plainfield Plain.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEX

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
MODERATOR	Stephen Taylor	1998
TOWN CLERK	Howard Zea	1998
SELECTMEN	Sheila Stone	2000
	Mark Wilder	1999
	Judith Belyea	1998
TREASURER	Fred Sweet	1998
TAX COLLECTOR	Ruth Ann Wheeler	1998
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Donald Garfield	2000
	James Barnicle	1999
	Jesse Stalker	1998
TRUSTEES PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Alice Hendrick	2000
	Nancy Franklin	1999
	Anita Brown	1998
TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY	Joseph Crate	2000
	John Ragle	Resigned
	Rachel Stoddard	1998
	Elizabeth Beck	1998
AUDITORS	Susan Timmons	2000
	Ira Townsend	1998
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST	David Stockwell	2002
	Paul Franklin	2000
	Nancy Baker	1998
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	William Quimby	2000
	Beatrice Clark	1999
	Jesse Stalker	1998

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
REPRESENTATIVES	Merle Schotanus	
	Peter Burling	
DEP. TAX COLLECTOR	Howard Zea	1998
	Beverly Dore	1998
DEP. TOWN CLERK	Ruth Ann Wheeler	1998
	Beverly Dore	1998
DEP. TREASURER	Douglas Cogan	1998
BALLOT CLERKS	Kathryn MacLeay	1998
	Anita Barrett	1998
	Susan Timmons	1998
	Diane Rogers	1998
	Constance Zea	1998
	Bettyann Dole	1998
CEMETERY SEXTONS	David Scott	
	Howard Zea	
HEALTH OFFICER	David McBride	
ZONING ADMIN.	Stephen Halleran	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	David McBride	
YEILD TAX AGENT	Judith Belyea	
WELFARE DIRECTOR	Nancy Baker	
CIVIL DEF. DIRECTOR	Philip Brady	
DEP. CIVIL DEF. DIR.	Nancy Baker	
PLANNING BOARD	Ronald Liston	2000
	Desmond Hudson	1999
	Julian Bellavance	1999
	Jane Stephenson, Chair	1998
	Lynn Freeman	1998
	Ruth Cassedy	1998
	Sheila Stone, ex officio	
	Gary Ward, alt	

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
ROAD AGENT	Robert Bennett	Resigned
	Kenneth Stocker	1998
TREE WARDEN	Robert Bennett	Resigned
	Kenneth Stocker	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Mary Cassedy	2000
	Christopher Creeger	Resigned
	Edward Moynihan	1999
	Arlynne Grearson	Resigned
	Richard Colburn	1998
	Anne Sprague, alt	1999
	Priscilla Eastman, alt	1998
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Douglas Cogan	2000
	Jeff Marsh	1999
	Diane Rogers	1999
	Judith Durant	1999
	David Grobe, Chair	1998
	James Taylor	1998
	Bruce Plummer, alt	
	Jeffrey Moffitt, alt	
RECREATION	George Prescott, Chair	1998
	Murray Dewdney	1998
	Winston Spencer Jr.	1998
	Judy Ptak	1998
	Pam Lewis	1998
	Conny Adams-Brady	1998
	James McCarragher	1998
FINANCE COMMITTEE	David Stockwell, Chair	1998
	Beverly Widger	1998
	Anne Grobe	1998
	Cherrie Torrey	1998
	David Quimby	1998
	James Longacre	1998

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
NH/VT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP.	Cherrie Torrey	1998
	Stephen Halleran, alt	1998
GUVSWD REP.	Shelly Hadfield	1998
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Gordon Gillens, Chief	
	Lawrence Dore, Sgt.	
	Anthony Bonnier	
	William Tibbits, II	
	Thomas Truman, II	
	Paul Roberts	
	Michael Boutilier	
	Phillip Roberts	
DOG OFFICER	Gordon Gillens	1998
REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLSRPC	Stephen Halleran	1998
	Diane Rogers	1998
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE	Suellen Leugers	
	Harold Jones	
	John Gregory-Davis	
	Nina Seaman	
	Stephen Halleran	
MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF	David Best	
PLAIN. FIRE CHIEF	Peter Berry	
FOREST FIRE WARDEN	Peter Berry, Warden	
	Douglas Plummer, Deputy	
	John Conly, Deputy	
	Peter Berry, Deputy	
	Christopher Berry, Deputy	
	James McKinnon, Deputy	

Office	Name	Appt. Expires
PLAINFIELD/KUA STUDY COMMITTEE	Peter Mogielnicki	1998
	Margaret Drye	1998
	Timothy Knox	1998
	Cynthia Roy	1998
	Anne Sprague	1998
	Janice Smarsik	1998
	Mark Wilder	1998

Moderator Stephen Taylor presenting the Boston Post Cane to Hazel Chellis of Meriden Village.

–Photo by Nancy Baker

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 10th 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: A Moderator for two years, A Town Clerk for three years, A Tax Collector for three years, A Treasurer for three years, One Selectman for three years; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; one Library Trustee for two years, one Auditor for two years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for six 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:

Due to physical deterioration it has become necessary to replace the town's "official" map showing zoning districts. To this end the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission was hired to replicate on magnetic media the data contained on the official map. This work was completed in April of 1997. While every effort has been made to make the new map an exact replica of the old map last amended in March 1997, some line interpretation of district boundaries was required. Therefore, to insure the validity of the new map the Planning Board is proposing that the new digitized data as represented on the new map be approved as the town's "official" zoning map.

To achieve this, the following is proposed:

That the data displayed on the color zoning map titled "PLAINFIELD ZONING," Plainfield NH dated April 1997 be adopted as the town's official zoning district map, subject to future amendments by the voters of Plainfield.

[ ] 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:

As a means of updating the building construction regulations within the town's zoning ordinance the following is proposed.

Amend building provision #7 which reads:

Electric Wiring: All electric wiring shall conform with approved methods and practices for safety to life and property as recommended in the National Electrical Code, 1971 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

to read:

Electric Wiring: All electric wiring shall conform with approved methods and practices for safety to life and property as recommended in the National Electrical Code, 1996 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

Amend Building Provision #9 which reads:

Construction: All construction shall conform to the standards recommended in the 1987 BOCA building code and N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code 101, except that manufactured housing units shall be of a design and construction as recommended in the most recent standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as Title 24 Part 3280 Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. Name plate data and serial numbers shall be submitted as required by the standards.

to read:

Construction:
*All stick built construction shall conform to the standards recommended in the 1996 BOCA basic building code and N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code 101.
*All modular buildings will be required to demonstrate compliance with RSA 205-C:2.
*All manufactured housing units moved into Plainfield after April 1st 1998 must have been manufactured after June 15, 1976. Evidence of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) certification of code compliance is required.

[ ] YES [ ] NO

Question 3.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

To facilitate future code updates in a more timely manner, in accordance with RSA 674:52 VI, the following language is proposed to be added to the Plainfield Building Construction Ordinance.

Add the following new language after section 9.

10. Code Updates: As approved by the Plainfield voters at the March 1998 annual meeting, the Planning Board is authorized to adopt updates to previously approved national codes following the simplified adoption of updates procedure described in RSA 674:52 VI.

Renumber the remaining sections.

[ ] YES [ ] NO

Question 4.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

As a means of clarifying and making less restrictive the town's existing sign ordinance the following is proposed:

Amend section 3.9 signs, which reads:

Section 3.9 SIGNS

A sign having an area of not more than 32 square feet, and having no single dimension in excess of 12 feet shall be permitted to advertise the business or businesses on a single business site. Roadside advertising signs shall not exceed 4 square feet in total area when located off premises. No roadside or advertising signs shall endanger driving on the public roads either by reason of the placement or by the nature of the advertising or by excessive glare from illuminated signs. No neon lighting shall be permitted. No sign shall be located above the ridge line of any building or exceed 20 feet in height measured from the top of the sign to ground level. Signs erected to identify home occupations shall not exceed eight square feet in area. The total area of signs used to display a message shall not exceed 32 square feet.

to read:

Section 3.9 SIGNS

As they are publicly viewed, signs can either add or detract from the community image. The design of the sign should complement the land or buildings on which it is placed. Use of carved or painted signs of natural materials such as wood or metal is preferred. Materials, color, lettering, shape should be compatible with the surrounding building materials, colors and texture. Signage should be scaled to complement and unify the building. Use existing vegetation under and behind signs. A simple mass of natural materials can be used as a backdrop.

General Provisions For All Signs

Regardless of the number of businesses located in a building or located on a particular parcel, one (1) ground sign visible from the road giving access to the property is permitted per lot, except where a lot with a frontage greater than 450 feet, fronts onto a single street, an additional ground sign may be erected provided that no ground sign is within 150' of another ground sign on the same lot.

Sign lighting should complement sign design and be placed to be effective both at night and during the day. External illumination generally produces the most compatible lighting for streetscape environments and is preferred as long as its origin is screened from view and the direction or level of illumination does not affect adjacent properties, motorists or pedestrians.

Signs located within a public right of way must have written permission by the governing authority for the right of way.

Signs that incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving illumination which vary in intensity are not permitted.

Signs that incorporate visible moving parts or parts designed to give the appearance of movement are not permitted.

Number of signs permitted

While a combination of ground signs, soffit signs, canopy signs, wall signs and window signs is permitted, the number of signs for individual businesses should be minimized by grouping signs on the site and at building entries.

For each exterior building wall only one (1) of the following types of signs shall be permitted: Wall sign, canopy sign, soffit sign, projecting sign, or window sign.

Size requirements-Permanent signs

A total message area of not more than 64 square feet, including off site directional signs, (128 square feet if double sided) shall be permitted to advertise the business or businesses located on a lot of record. Where a second ground sign is permitted; in this latter case

a total message area of 256 square feet shall be permitted.

No one sign shall have a single dimension in excess of 12 feet.

No sign shall be located above the ridge line of any building or exceed 24 feet in height measured from the top of the sign to ground level.

Only businesses located in the Town of Plainfield may have off site directional signs in the Town of Plainfield. An off site directional sign shall not exceed 16 square feet in total area. Written permission is required from the owner of the land in which the sign is located. No more than two (2) off site directional signs are allowed per business.

Home occupations- a single sign no larger than 8 square feet in area shall be permitted.

The combined area of signs located in a window shall not exceed 20% of the area of the window.

Size requirements-Temporary Signs
Temporary signs not exceeding a message area of 10 square feet (20 square feet total for double sided signs) advertising special events, auctions, real estate, or the sale of farm produce may be erected on an as needed basis. The sign must be removed within twenty four hours of the date of the event or when the item(s) cease to be available for sale.

Non Conforming Signs
Any sign that was lawfully erected or displayed on April 1, 1998 may remain and continue to be used and maintained notwithstanding the applicable provisions of this ordinance.

Any changes made to a nonconforming sign should increase the sign's conformance with the above regulations. In no case, shall changes render the sign to be less conforming.

[ ] YES [ ] NO

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 14th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE III To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,114,901** to defray town charges for the 1998 fiscal year. The Selectmen propose the following budget:

1. Executive		$80,434
2. Election/Registration/Vital Stats.		16,000
3. Financial Administration		31,895
4. Revaluation of Property		5,000
5. Legal Expenses		6,500
6. Personnel Administration		9,050
7. Planning and Zoning		1,800
8. General Government Buildings		6,575
9. Cemeteries		16,000
10. Insurance		38,654
11. Regional Associations		3,100
12. Police Department		104,264
13. Ambulance Service		19,954
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		8,811
19. Highway Administration		16,950
20. Highways and Streets		339,350
21. Road Projects		82,384
22. Street Lights		7,000
23. Solid Waste Collection		58,725
24. Solid Waste Disposal		49,320
25. Health Agencies		13,318
26. Animal Control		500
27. Welfare		5,000
28. Recreation Commission		9,324
29. Libraries	- Plainfield	22,446
	- Meriden	20,975
30. Patriotic		750
31. Conservation Commission		2,100
32. Principal of Long-term debt		48,500
33. Interest Expense: Long-term debt		6,822
34. Interest Expense: Tax Anticipation Notes		500
35. School Bus Fuel		6,000
		$1,114,901

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

ARTICLE IV To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$75,000** to be placed in existing town capital reserve funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1, as follows:

$45,000	Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.
$10,000	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.
$10,000	Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
$10,000	Police Cruiser Fund created in 1990.

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

ARTICLE V To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$13,700** 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.
$6,200 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 VI To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$45,000** for the purchase of a new one ton dump truck to be used by the highway department, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of $45,000 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 1989 one ton dump truck. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VII To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$5,000** for the repair, maintenance and, when necessary, replacement of cemetery fences. By request of the Cemetery Trustees. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VIII To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,811.12** to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the transfer of the December 31st 1997 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE IX To see if the Town will vote to encourage the use of the Plainfield Town Hall for theatrical productions and other community events, such as the recent production of Blood Brothers, with measures taken to protect the stage set as necessary.

ARTICLE X To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to continue in 1998 with the River Road resurfacing projected started in 1994. The width of the new roadbed not to exceed 22' with a paved surface not to exceed 18' in width.

In making this request the petitioners acknowledge the Selectboard's stated concern about the safety of paved roads with a width of less than 20'. However, due to the road's location to the Connecticut River, existing development, and the 1972 town meeting designation as a scenic road, the petitioners feel that an exception to the current Selectboard policy of widening all newly paved roads to at least 20' is warranted in this particular case.

Initially the pavement will be removed from the River Road-Ferry hill Road starting at the McNamara Dairy in a southerly direction to its termination with Route 12A. Asphalting will follow and be completed in sections consistent with the traffic loads of the road. Thus the first section would be at the McNamara Dairy and so south. The second section would be the Ferry Hill Road. The balance would be done in sections and to be completed in its total length by the year 2002. This article is by petition.

ARTICLE XI To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$25,000** to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund, created in 1997, known as the Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:1. This article is by request of the Philip Read Memorial Library Trustees. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE XII To see if the Town will vote to establish as a town forest under RSA 31:110 the following tract of land: Farnum Lot donation (78 acres donated in 1997 to the town) shown on town records as map 11A Lot 6.5. Further to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the forest under the provisions of RSA 31:112 II. Proceeds from said management to be placed in the forest maintenance fund established in 1992 (article 21) pursuant to RSA 31:113.

ARTICLE XIII 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 XIV 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 XV 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, and other officers of the Town in the prudential affairs of the Town.

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 18th day of February, 1998.

A Truce Copy Attest:

SHEILA M. STONE

JUDITH A. BELYEA

MARK H. WILDER

SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

EXPENDITURES Item	1997 Approved	1997 Expenditures	1998 Request
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	$82,372	$82,356.00	$80,434
Election/Registration	$14,375	$14,331.98	$16,000
Financial Administration	$27,685	$28,449.57	$31,895
Revaluation of Property	$4,000	$4,480.08	$5,000
Legal Expense	$3,500	$3,066.31	$6,500
Personnel Administration	$7,300	$6,682.48	$9,050
Planning and Zoning	$2,775	$3,090.11	$1,800
General Government Buildings	$6,600	$6,916.45	$6,575
Cemeteries	$14,600	$14,600.00	$16,000
Insurances	$40,870	$39,944.80	$38,654
Regional Associations	$3,100	$3,085.47	$3,100
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	$103,016	$103,427.91	$104,264
Ambulance	$20,770	$20,092.00	$19,954
Fire-Plainfield	$35,000	$35,000.00	$35,000
Fire-Meriden	$35,000	$35,000.00	$35,000
Building Inspection	$2,750	$2,373.82	$2,750
Emergency Management	$200	$0.00	$200
Forest Fire Supression	$3,950	$3,724.67	$3,950
Dispatch Service	$7,950	$8,317.92	$8,811
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES			
Highway Administration	$18,500	$17,638.20	$16,950
Highway and Streets	$337,280	$335,625.89	$339,350
Road Projects	$79,966	$79,966.00	$82,384
Street Lights	$6,500	$6,734.16	$7,000
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Collection	$60,000	$59,783.33	$58,725
Solid Waste Disposal	$65,800	$67,312.31	$49,320
Health			
Health Department	$13,201	$12,754.94	$13,318
Animal Control	$500	$157.00	$500
WELFARE			
General Assistance	$5,000	$2,803.40	$5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Recreation Commission	$9,925	$9,880.65	$9,324
Library-Plainfield	$20,607	$20,607.00	$22,446
Library-Meriden	$18,492	$18,492.00	$20,975
Patriotic Purposes	$750	$505.00	$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	$7,467	$9,560.07	$6,822
Interest T.A.N Notes	$500	$1,121.31	$500
MISCELLANEOUS			
School Bus Fuel	$4,000	$6,181.90	$6,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	$1,114,901	$1,114,662.73	$1,114,901

EXPENDITURES Item	1997 Approved	1997 Expenditures	1998 Request
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Grader Replacement	$130,000	$110,000.00	$0
Highway Truck #1 Replacement	$0	$0.00	$45,000
Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	$40,000	$40,000.00	$45,000
Police Cruiser Replacement	$19,700	$17,888.88	$0
Police Cruiser Fund	$0	$0.00	$11,811
Bridge Fund	$10,000	$10,000.00	$10,000
Revaluation Fund	$10,000	$10,000.00	$10,000
Town Hall Repair Fund	$5,000	$5,000.00	$5,000
Library Repair Fund	$2,500	$2,500.00	$2,500
Cemetery Trust Fund	$910	$910.00	$6,200
Cemetery Fence Repair	$0	$0.00	$5,000
Library Reserve Fund	$25,000	$25,000.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	$243,110	$221,298.88	$140,511
GROSS EXPENDITURES	$1,358,011	$1,335,961.61	$1,255,412

REVENUES Item	1997 Anticipated	1997 Received	1998 Anticipated
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	$5,000	$1,800.00	$3,000
Yield Taxes	$18,000	$20,031.68	$18,000
Interest & Penalties	$55,000	$62,094.77	$60,000
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Licenses & Fees	$5,000	$3,706.50	$5,000
Motor Vehicle Registrations	$230,000	$246,443.50	$250,000
Dog Licenses	$3,500	$3,976.00	$4,000
STATE REVENUE			
Shared Revenue (town portion)	$37,452	$37,452.00	$37,452
Highway Block Grant	$83,808	$83,808.30	$82,384
State Reimbursements	$176	$1,390.84	$1,300
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
Income from Departments	$21,000	$20,194.93	$21,000
Insurance Reimbursements	$27,700	$28,628.97	$25,800
Trash User Fee	$65,800	$67,593.44	$50,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
Sale of Town Property	$21,700	$1,995.00	$5,000
Interest on Deposits	$33,000	$31,363.04	$33,000
School Bus Fuel	$5,000	$6,181.90	$6,000
SWD Reimburshment	$15,090	$15,090.00	$0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Income from Trust Funds	$9,000	$9,708.00	$10,000
Withdrawals from Reserves	$120,000	$119,998.32	$45,000
TOTAL REVENUE AND CREDITS	$756,226	$761,457.19	$656,936
RECOMMENDED NET APPROPRIATION	$601,785	$574,504.42	$598,476
ARTICLES NOT RECOMMENDED			
Library Expansion			$25,000
NET APPROPRIATION	$601,785	$574,504.42	$623,476

TOWN MEETING
1997

The following is taken from the 1997 annual meeting minutes taken by Town Clerk Howard Zea. For additional details, please refer to the actual minutes on file with the Town Clerk.

March 11, 1997 **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 eleventh of March at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the business of th day was disposed of in the following manner:

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

Total number of names on the check list	1318
Total number of names added on March 11, 1997	4
Total number of regular ballots cast	361
Total number of absentee ballots cast	7
Percent voting	27.8%

ARTICLE I

Selectman for three years

Sheila Stone	had	234
Gary Ward		128
Scattered votes		4

Sheila M. Stone was declared elected.

Seletman for two years

Mark Wilder	had	293
Gary Ward		7
Scattered votes		17

Mark Wilder was declared elected.

Auditor for two years

Susan Timmons	had	343
Peter Haubrich		2
Scattered		1

Susan Timmons was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years

Donald Gargield	had	349
Scattered		1

Donald Garfield was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years, east part of town

James Crate	had	331
Scattered		6

James Crate was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years, west part of town

Alice Hendrick	had	348
Scattered votes		2

Alice Hendrick was declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years

William Quimby	had	350
Scattered votes		3

William Quimby 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 #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. Rresearch 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 238 NO 110

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 184 NO 170

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.

YES 67 NO 271

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 54 NO 285

Then the elected officers present came forward and were sworn into office by the Moderator:

Sheila Stone, Selectman three years.
Mark Wilder, Selectman two years.
Susan Timmons, Auditor two years.
Donald Garfield, Trustee of the Trust Funds three years.
Alice Hendrick, Library Trustee, three years.

A motion was then made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative to recess the meeting until Saturday March 15, 1997 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 1997

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Stephen H. Taylor. Prayer was offered by the Reverend Sue Ellen Leugers of the Plainfield Community Baptist Church. A salute to the flag was given and with the singing of America the meeting was opened for business.

It was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative to dispence with the reading of the warrant.

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

Resolved: That the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,114,901** to defray Town charges for the 1997 fiscal year.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 143 NO 2

The resolution was voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator, there by the following budget was adopted.

1. Executive		$82,372
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics.		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

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 $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.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 145 NO 12

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 $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.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 168 NO 10

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 $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 proposed the purchase of a 1996 John Deer 673B motor grader with 878 hours of in service use.

The following amendment was moved and seconded, that the following words be added to the ressolution: "and the Selectmen be instructed to purchase a new zero hours grader with full operational life remaining.

Paper ballot was used on the amendment.

YES 55 NO 126

The amendment was defeated and it was so declared.

A motion was made and seconded that the word "new" be stricken fro the original resolution. Voted in the affirmative and so declared.

The following resolution, as amended, was then offered:
Resolved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$130,000** for the purchase of a 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.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 171 NO 18

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 **$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.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 175 NO 15

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

ARTICLE IX 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 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.

Question was called and supported by 7 voters and voted in the affirmative.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 134 NO 55

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: 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.

Voice vote was used.

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 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.

Voice vote was used.

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 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.

Paper ballot was used.

YES 121 NO 54

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 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.

Voice vote was used.

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 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.

Voice vote was used.

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 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.

Voice was used vote.

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 vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the 1996 Annual Report subject to correction. A certified copy of the report, with any corrections, to be filed with the Town Clerk.

Voice was used vote.

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

ARTICLE XVII Jay Waldner was thanked for the many years of service to the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.
Howard Zea Town Clerk, Plainfield NH

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	$ 82,372
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	14,375
Financial Administration	27,685
Revaluation of Property	4,000
Legal Expense	3,500
Personnel Administration	7,300
Planning and Zoning	2,775
General Government Buildings	.6,600
Cemeteries	14,600
Insurances	40,870
Advertising and Regional Expense	3,100
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police Department	103,016
Ambulance	20,770
Fire Protection.	70,000
Dispatching/Emergency Management	8,150
Hydrant Rent and Forest Fire Expense	3,950
Building Inspection	2,750
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	
Highways and Streets	355,780
Road Projects	79,966
Street Lights	6,500
School Bus Fuel	4,000
SANITATION	
Garbage Collection	60,000
Solid Waste Disposal	65,800
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Health Department	13,701
WELFARE	
Welfare Department	5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Recreation Commission	9,925
Libraries	39,099
Patriotic	750
Conservation Commission	2,100
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal on Long-term debts	48,500
Interest	7,467
Tax Anticipation Interest	500
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	**$1,114,901**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Article VII	Grader Replacement	130,000
Article VIII	Cruiser Replacement	19,700
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Article V	Highway Vehicle Fund	40,000
Article V	Bridge Fund	10,000
Article V	Revaluation Fund	10,000
Artilce VI	Town Hall Repair Fund	5,000
Article IX	Library Expansion Fund	25,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS		
Article VI	Library Repair Fund	2,500
Article VI	Cemetery Trust Fund	910
CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL		**$243,110**

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS $1,358,011

All wheel drive road grader purchased in the spring of 1997

–Photo by Stephen Halleran

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved	$30,101,943
Buildings	77,501,750
Public Utilities	1,950,256
Total Value Before Exemptions Allowed	**$109,553,949**
Blind Exemptions	$15,000
Elderly Exemptions	487,400
Handicapped Exemptions	4,500
Totally and Permanently Disabled	60,000
School/Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption	13,043,200
Total Exemptions Allowed	$13,610,100
Net Value On Which Tax Rate Is Computed	**$95,943,849**

Electric Utility Property

Connecticut Valley Electric	$283,652
Granite State Electric	719,506
New England Power Co.	295,917
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	651,181
Total	**$1,950,256**

Applied For	Elderly Exemptions Granted	Dollar Totals
7 @ 25,000	4 @ 25,000	100,000
6 @ 37,500	4 @ 37,500	150,000
8 @ 50,000	5 @ 50,000	250,000
	Totals	$500,000

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans	$1,400	$7,006
All Other Qualified $100/$50		$13,140
Total Amount	145	$20,140

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation	+	$1,358,011
Total Revenues and Credits*	-	798,226
Net Town Appropriation	=	559,785
Net School Tax Assessment(s)	+	2,530,181
County Tax Assessment	+	305,858
Total Town, School, and County	=	3,395,824
Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	-	44,648
War Service Credits	+	20,140
Overlay	+	10,705
Property Taxes to be Raised	=	$3,382,021

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation		Tax Rate/$1,000		Property Taxes to be raised
95,943,849	X	$35.25	=	$3,382,021

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property taxes to be raised	$3,382,021
Less war service credits	20,140
Total tax commitment	$3,361,881

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior year tax rate	Approved year tax rate
Town	6.05	6.05
County	2.80	3.14
School	24.90	26.06
Combined tax rate	$33.75	$35.25
Net value on which tax is computed		$95,943,849

* Includes the utilization of $42,000 from fund balance.

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

	Valuation
CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	
Community Baptist Church/Parsonage	$344,000
First Baptist Church/Parsonage	190,600
Meriden Congregational Church	569,700
Singing Hills Christian Fellowship	1,189,600
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	
Kimball Union Academy	10,828,300
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS	
Grafton Pond Trust	163,000
New England Wildflower Assoc.	78,400
Plainfield Historical Society	59,400
PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS	
The Nature Conservancy	8,200
Meriden Volunteer Fire Dept	96,700
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.	396,300
Plainfield Village Water District	17,500
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept	55,900
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Land on Stage Road	8,400
Land on River Road	3,300
Duncan State Forest	83,600
GRANGES	
Blow-Me-Down Grange	106,300
Meriden Grange	82,900
LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS	
Cornish	2,500
Grantham	5,000
TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES	**$ 14,289,600**

CURRENT USE REPORT

LAND CATEGORIES	NO. OF ACRES
Farm Land	2,833
Forest Land	21,124
Unproductive Land	762
Wetland	710
Total Number of Acres Exempt Under Current Use 1997	**25,429**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1997

-Debits-

	1997	1996
Uncollected Taxes		
Beginning of fiscal year		
Property taxes		$332,340.85
Land use change taxes		$840.00
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property taxes	$3,361,761.00	
Land Use change taxes	$4,200.00	
Yield taxes	$20,258.48	
Supplemental warrant	$962.00	
Overpayments		
Property taxes	$6,493.38	$2,401.60
Interest collected on delinquent taxes	$5,475.36	$19,648.23
TOTAL DEBITS	**$3,399,150.22**	**$355,230.68**

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property taxes	$3,078,539.41	$333,450.62
Land use changes taxes	$1,800	$840.00
Yield taxes	$20,031.68	
Interest on taxes	$5,475.36	$19,648.23
Abatements Allowed		
Property taxes	$940.00	$1,291.53
Uncollected taxes end of fiscal year		
Property taxes	$289,737.47	
Land use change taxes	$2,400	
Yield taxes	$226.80	
TOTAL CREDITS	**$3,399,150.72**	**$355,230.38**

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

December 31, 1997

	-Debits-			
Unredeemed Liens	**1996**	**1995**	**1994**	**Prior**
Beginning of year	$82,309.56	$57,000.86	$8,519.53	$0.00
New Liens	131,263.41			
Interests/Penalties	4,494.09	7,636.42	20,781.67	4,059.00
Adjustments to 1996 carryover			23.00	(.20)
TOTAL DEBITS	**$135,757.50**	**$88,945.98**	**$77,805.53**	**$12,578.33**

	-Credits-			
Remittance to Treasurer				
Redemptions	$54,172.16	$39,142.37	$56,793.01	$7,370.25
Interest/Penalties	4,494.09	7,636.42	20,781.67	4,059.00
Abatements		68.79		
Unredeemed Liens End of year	77,091.25	42,098.40	230.85	1,149.08
TOTAL CREDITS	**$135,757.50**	**$88,945.98**	**$77,805.53**	**$12,578.33**

Total amount of funds remitted to Treasurer by Tax Collector $3,654,234.27

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

To the Selectmen of Plainfield:

This is to certify that we have found the books and accounts of the tax collector, town clerk, town treasurer, trustees of the trust tunds, selectmen's orders, Meriden Library, and the Plainfield Library for the period January 1st, 1997 to December 31st, 1997 and find them to be correct to the best of our knowledge.

February 1998

Ira Townsend

Susan Timmons
Town Auditors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Debits

2852	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$246,443.50
573	Dog Licenses Issued	3,976.50
17	Marriage Licenses Issued	765.00
	Other Permits & Fees	2,941.50
	TOTAL	**$254,126.00**

Credits

Remittance to Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Permits	$246,443.50
Dog Licenses Issued	3,976.50
Marriage Licenses	765.00
Other Permits & Fees	2,941.50
TOTAL	**$254,126.00**

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds & Loans as of 12/31/97

Highway Garage (retire July 2002)	$ 25,000
Meriden Town Hall (retire July 1999)	87,000
Total	$112,000

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 1997		$160,500
Debt retirement during the year		
Highway Garage	$ 5,000	
Meriden Town Hall	$43,500	
		$48,500
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 1997		$112,000

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Executive Office		82,356.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Stats.		14,331.98
Financial Administration		28,449.57
Revaluation of Property		4,480.08
Legal Expense		3,066.31
Personnel Administration		6,682.48
Planning & Zoning		3,090.11
General Government Buildings		6,916.45
Cemeteries		14,600.00
Insurances		39,944.80
Regional Associations		3,085.47
School Bus Fuel		6,181.90
Total General Government	$	213,185.15
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department		103,427.91
Ambulance		20,092.00
Fire Departments		70,000.00
Building Inspection		2,373.82
Hydrants/Forest Fire Fighting		3,724.67
Disptaching		8,317.92
Total Public Safety	$	207,936.32
HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES		
Highway Administration		17,638.20
Highways & Streets		335,625.89
Road Projects		114,617.00
Street Lights		6,734.16
Total Hwys, Streets, Bridges	$	474,615.25
SANITATION		
Recycling Related Expenses		7,255.70
Solid Waste Collection		59,783.33
Solid Waste Disposal		60,056.61
Total Sanitation	$	127,095.64
HEALTH	$	12,754.94
PEST CONTROL		157.00
WELFARE	$	2,803.40
CULTURE & RECREATION		
Recreation		9,880.65
Philip Read Memorial Library		20,607.00
Meriden Library		18,492.00
Patriotic		505.00
Conservation Commission		2,100.00
Total Culture & Recreation	$	51,584.65

DEBT SERVICE		$ 59,181.38
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Article VII:	Grader Replacement	$ 110,000.00
Article VIII:	Police Cruiser	17,888.88
		$ 127,888.88
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Article V	Highway Vehicle Fund	40,000.00
Article V	Bridge Fund	10,000.00
Article V	Revaluation Fund	10,000.00
Article VI	Town Hall Repair Fund	5,000.00
Article VI	Library Repair Fund	2,500.00
Article VI	Cemetery Trust Fund	910.00
Article IX	Library Expansion Fund	25,000.00
		$ 93,410.00
EXPENITURES FROM OTHER FUNDS		
Library Repair Fund		172.46
Town Hall Repair Fund		1,250.00
		$ 1,422.46
UNCLASSIFIED		
Tax Anticipation Notes		205,000.00
Investment Transfers Out		50,000.00
Taxes Bought by the Town		131,263.41
Refunds/Abatements/Misc. Returns		9,527.02
	Total Unclassified	$ 395,790.43
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
State of New Hampshire		1,775.50
Sullivan County		305,858.00
Plainfield School District 95-96		1,414,444.00
Plainfield School District 96-97		1,275,000.00
	Total Other Gov.	$ 2,997,077.50
	TOTAL	$ 4,764,903.00
ORDERS ON 96' PAYABLES		18,155.50
YEAR END TOTAL OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS		$ 4,783,058.50
GROSS AMOUNT OF CHECKS WRITTEN		4,783,058.50
Less Investment Transfers Out		50,000.00
EXPENDITURES		$ 4,733,058.50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes	$ 3,654,234.27
Intergovernmental Revenues	217,020.37
Licenses and Permits	254,126.00
Charges for Services	89,763.53
Revenue from Trust Funds	9,708.00
Revenue from Capital Reserves	119,998.32
Revenue from T.A.N notes	205,000.00
Revenue from Insurance Reimbursments	28,628.97
Investment Transfers In	1,540,000.00
Interest on Investments	31,363.04
Receivables	10,539.47
Total Cash from All Sources	$ 6,160,381.97
Less Investment Transfers In	1,540,000.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	$ 4,620,381.97
Checking Cash on Hand, January 1, 1997	1,237,229.79
Cash Received	4,620,381.97
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	4,733,058.50
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1997	$ 1,124,553.26

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1997	
Cash-Checking	127,229.79
Cash-Investments	1,110,000.00
	$ 1,237,229.79
Receipts During Fiscal Year	4,620,381.97
Total Available	5,857,611.76
Less Selectmen's Orders	- 4,733,058.50
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1998	$ 1,124,553.26

Cash-Checking	$134,555.26
Cash-Investments	$989,998.00

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

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation 1997	Receipts & Reimbursmt	Total Amt. Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	82,372.00		82,372.00	82,356.00	16.00	
Election / Registration	14,375.00		14,375.00	14,331.98	43.02	
Financial Administration	27,685.00		27,685.00	28,449.57		764.57
Revaluation of Property	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,480.08		480.08
Legal Expense	3,500.00	390.00	3,890.00	3,066.31	823.69	
Personnel Administration	7,300.00		7,300.00	6,682.48	617.52	
Planning and Zoning	2,775.00	1,946.98	4,721.98	3,090.11	1,631.87	
General Government Buildings	6.600.00		6,600.00	6,916.45		316.45
Cemeteries	14,600.00		14,600.00	14,600.00		
Insurances	40,870.00		40,870.00	39,944.80	925.20	
Regional Associations	3,100.00		3,100.00	3,085.47	14.53	
Police	103,016.00	271.00	103,287.00	103,427.91		140.91
Ambulance	20,770.00		20,770.00	20,092.00	678.00	
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	2,373.82	376.18	
Emergency Management	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Hydrants & FFT	3,950.00	824.84	4,774.84	3,724.67	1,050.17	
Dispatch Service	7,950.00		7,950.00	8,317.92		367.92
Highway Administration	18,500.00		18,500.00	17,638.20	861.80	
Highways and Streets	337,280.00		337,280.00	335,625.89	1,654.11	
Road Projects	79,966.00		79,966.00	79,966.00		
Street Lights	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,734.16		234.16
Solid Waste Collection	60,000.00		60,000.00	59,783.33	216.67	
Solid Waste Disposal	65,800.00		65,800.00	67,312.31		1,512.31
Health Department	13,201.00		13,201.00	12,754.94	446.06	
Animal Control	500.00		500.00	157.00	343.00	
General Assistance	5,000.00	3,586.23	8,586.23	2,803.40	5,782.83	
Recreation Commission	9,925.00	5,540.00	15,465.00	9,880.65	5,584.35	
Library- Plainfield	20,607.00		20,607.00	20,607.00		
Library- Meriden	18,492.00		18,492.00	18,492.00		
Patriotic Purposes	750.00		750.00	505.00	245.00	
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	7,467.00		7,467.00	9,560.07		2,093.07
Interest T.A.N Notes	500.00		500.00	1,121.31		621.31
School Bus Fuel	4,000.00		4,000.00	6,181.90		2,181.90
Total Appropriations	1,114,901.00	12,559.05	1,127,460.05	1,114,662.73	21,510.00	8,712.68

Total Amount Available	1,127,460.05
Total Amount Paid Out	- 1,114,662.73
Proof: $21,510.00 - $8,712.68 =	$12,797.32

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 1997 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

1996 Block Grant Encumbrance	$17,021.86
1997 Block Grant Appropriation	79,966.00
FEMA Brook Road Reimbursement	34,651.00
Total	**$131,638.86**

PENNIMAN ROAD PROJECT
(includes Whitaker Rd paving work)

Materials	
Pavement reclamation	$4,765.94
Drainage improvements	5,839.85
Equipment rental	3,957.40
Bituminous pavement	68,842.34
Misc. Materials	1,014.82
Project Cost	**$84,420.35**

HOUSER LANE BANK STABILIZATION

Materials	
Equipment rental	$840.00
Stabilization stone	860.65
Project Cost	**$1,700.65**

BROOK ROAD STABILIZATION
(just below the Mill Bridge)

Materials	
Miller Construction	$37,500.00
Pipe	815.12
Permits	13.72
Project Cost	**$38,328.84**

PROJECT TOTALS	**$124,449.84**
Encumbered for 1998	**7,189.02**
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$131,638.86**

The above represents materials purchased. Labor and equipment costs are accounted for in the Highway Department operating budget.

BALANCE SHEET
(General Fund)
December 31st, 1997

ASSETS:

CASH:	
IN HANDS OF TREASURER	$134,555.26
IN HANDS OF OFFICIALS	$50.00
CONSERVATION FUND	$21,611.34
INVESTMENTS	$989,998.00
TOTAL CASH	$1,146,214.60
RESERVES	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	$22,215.11
REVALUATION FUND	$57,101.64
BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	$43,430.09
POLICE CRUISER FUND	$0.00
LIBRARY REPAIR FUND	$8,552.07
TOWN HALL REPAIR FUND	$9,267.91
LIBRARY EXPANSION FUND	$25,636.92
TOTAL RESERVES	$166,203.74
ACCOUNTS DUE TO THE TOWN:	
MISC. INVOICES	$104.50
DUMPSTER CHARGES	$8,538.12
TOTAL ACC. DUE TO THE TOWN	$8,642.62
UNREDEEMED TAXES:	
Prior years	$1,149.08
LEVY 94	$230.85
LEVY 95	$42,098.40
LEVY 96	$77,091.25
TOTAL UNREDEEMED TAXES	$120,569.58
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:	
PROPERTY	$289,737.47
LAND USE	$2,400.00
YIELD	$226.80
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES:	$292,364.27
TOTAL ASSETS:	$1,733,994.81

BALANCE SHEET (continued)

LIABILITIES:

RESERVE FUNDS:

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND	$22,215.11
REVALUATION FUND	$57,101.64
BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	$43,430.09
POLICE CRUISER FUND	$0.00
LIBRARY REPAIR FUND	$8,552.07
TOWN HALL REPAIR FUND	$9,267.91
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TOTAL RESERVES	$166,203.74

OTHER FUNDS:

CONSERVATION FUND	$21,611.34
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	$21,611.34

PAYABLES:

SCHOOL	$1,255,181.00
CEMETERY PROJECT	$3,370.34
ROAD PROJECT	$7,189.02
TOTAL PAYABLES	$1,265,740.36

TOTAL LIABILITIES	$1,453,555.44
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT SURPLUS	$280,439.37
GRAND TOTALS:	$1,733,994.81

FUND BALANCE-December 31st 1996	$284,885.70
FUND BALANCE-December 31st 1997	$280,439.37
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION	($4,446.33)

SALARIES

Baker, Nancy	Town Secretary/Supervisor of Check list	$24,519.94
Belyea, Judith	Selectman	2,000.00
Bennett, Robert	Road Agent	32,747.39
Berry, Christopher	Laborer	5,264.00
Bonnier, Anthony	Patrolman	4,883.26
Bruce, Cynthia	Recording Secretary	504.00
Davis Sr, Danny	Truck Driver	26,159.29
Dole, Bettyann	Librarian	11,224.50
Dore, Beverly	Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk	49.50
Dore, Lawrence	Police Sergeant	31,045.16
Flood, Lauren	Recreation	765.00
Franklin, Paul	Supervisor of Check list	60.38
Gillens, Gordon	Police Chief	36,705.00
Grobe, Malcolm	Recreation	1,728.00
Halleran, Stephen	Town Administrator	33,343.00
Hunt, David	Patrolman	136.00
Kenyon, Krysta	Recreation	1,122.00
Kibbie, Robert	Equipment Operator	26,751.81
MacLeay, G Gardiner	Election Day worker	55.13
MacLeay, Kathryn	Auditor/Ballot Clerk	330.13
McBride, David	Building Inspector/Health Officer	2,320.00
Nelson, Wayne	Laborer	1,770.00
Norwalk, Nancy	Librarian	11,777.79
Raymond, David	Truck Driver	25,888.85
Roberts, Paul	Patrolman	2,218.25
Rogers, Diane	Librarian Substitute/Ballot Clerk	773.92
Stalker, Jesse	Trustee of Trust Funds	325.00
Stalker, Ruth	Librarian Substitution	63.12
Stocker, Kenneth	Mechanic/Road Agent	28,402.34
Stockwell, David	Supervisor of Check list	105.00
Stone, Sheila	Selectman	2,000.00
Sweet, Fred	Treasurer	1,700.00
Taylor, Stephen	Moderator	100.00
Tibbits II, William	Patrolman	726.75
Timmons, Susan	Ballot Clerk	84.00
Torrey, Norman	Equipment Operator	28,761.87
Townsend, Ira	Auditor	275.00
Truman II, Thomas	Patrolman	3,156.00
Welch, Erica	Recreation	1,581.00
Wheeler, Ruth Ann	Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk	6,366.00
Wilder, Mark	Selectman	2,000.00
Zea, Constance	Ballot Clerk	78.75
Zea, Howard	Town Clerk	8,000.00
		$367,867.13

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.

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 1997 were:

Library Repair Fund

Deposits $2,500
Town meeting appropriation.

Withdrawals $172.46
Plainfield Library rafter repair.

Town Bridge Fund

Deposits $10,000
Town meeting appropriation.

Withdrawals- none.

Town Hall Repair Fund

Deposits $5,000
Town meeting appropriation.

Withdrawals $1,250
Meriden Town Hall front step replacement.

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

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 1997

NAME OF TRUST FUND	Principle Balance Begin Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses From Sale	Principle Balance Year End	Income Balance Begin Year	Income Earned During Year	Income Expended During Year	Income Balance Year End
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
Daniels Cemetery	$4,976.33			$4,976.33	$732.82	$438.85	$235.25	$936.42
East Plainfield Cemetery	$2,363.75			$2,363.75	$66.22	$193.98	$169.21	$90.99
Freeman Cemetery	$1,741.71			$1,741.71	$48.79	$142.93	$124.68	$67.04
Gilkey Cemetery	$248.82			$248.82	$6.97	$20.42	$17.81	$9.58
Gleason Cemetery	$16,895.05			$16,895.05	$470.25	$1,386.23	$1,209.23	$647.25
Methodist Hill Cemetery	$248.82			$248.82	$6.97	$20.42	$17.81	$9.58
Mill Cemetery	$9,983.70			$9,983.70	$278.25	$819.19	$714.59	$382.85
Moulton Cemetry	$4,699.04			$4,699.04	$131.63	$385.62	$336.38	$180.87
Penniman Cemetery	$746.45			$746.45	$20.92	$61.26	$53.44	$28.74
Plainfield Cemetery	$36,413.28			$36,413.28	$87.55	$2,913.77	$2,541.72	$459.60
Raynsford Cemetery	$995.27			$995.27	$27.88	$81.68	$71.25	$38.31
River Cemetery	$746.45			$746.45	$20.91	$61.26	$53.44	$28.73
Westgate-Peterson Cemetery	$622.04			$622.04	$17.43	$51.05	$44.53	$23.95
Town Cemeteries	$7,928.16	$910.00		$8,838.16	$78.47	$711.79	$620.91	$169.35
TOTALS	$88,608.87	$910.00		$89,518.87	$1,995.06	$7,288.45	$6,210.25	$3,073.26
LIBRARY TRUST FUND								
Meriden Library	$16,048.65			$16,048.65		$1,281.12	$1,281.12	
Philip Read Memorial Library	$46,195.63			$46,195.63		$3,687.68	$3,687.68	
TOTALS	$62,244.28			$62,244.28		$4,968.80	$4,968.80	

MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS								
Ward Christmas Fund	$2,488.16			$2,488.16	$204.80	$214.97	$204.00	$215.77
Ward Worthy Poor Fund	$3,732.24			$3,732.24	$4,189.41	$449.72		$4,639.13
Ward Essay Prize Fund	$2,488.16			$2,488.16	$536.36	$241.44	$150.00	$627.80
Elijah Burnap Poor Fund	$6,843.94			$6,843.94	$7,443.19	$811.10		$8,254.29
Earl Mower Fund	$1,026.38			$1,026.38	$0.00	$81.93	$81.93	$0.00
Duncan Piano Fund	$746.45			$746.45	$624.39	$109.43		$733.82
Vernon Hood Fund	$248.82			$248.82	$66.06	$25.13		$91.19
Bill Hendrick Vision Fund	$1,116.19			$1,116.19	$294.62	$112.62		$407.24
Mother's & Daughter's Fund	$1,393.37			$1,393.37	$113.60	$120.30	$113.60	$120.30
Beulah Pickering Fund	$18,264.94			$18,264.94	$6,348.66	$1,172.06		$7,520.72
TOTALS	$38,348.65			$38,348.65	$19,821.09	$3,338.70	$549.53	$22,610.26
TOTALS : ALL TRUST FUNDS	$189,201.80	$910.00		$190,111.80	$21,816.15	$15,595.95	$11,728.58	$25,683.52

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
Capital Reserve Fund								
Revaluation Fund	$40,000.00	$10,000.00		$50,000.00	$4,265.60	$2,836.04		$7,101.64
New Equipment Fund	$81,724.11	$40,000.00	$100,000.00	$21,724.11	$7,419.19	$3,071.81	$10,000.00	$491.00
Library Repair Fund	$5,531.42	$2,500.00	$31.42	$8,000.00	$318.25	$374.86	$141.04	$552.07
Meriden Water Reserve Fund	$6,000.00	$6,000.00		$12,000.00	$517.00	$345.31		$862.31
Police Cruiser Fund	$9,500.00		$9,500.00		$225.43	$272.89	$498.32	
Town Hall Fund	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$1,000.00	$9,000.00	$118.66	$399.25	$250.00	$267.91
Bridge Reserve Fund	$29,000.00	$10,000.00		$39,000.00	$2,499.06	$1,931.03		$4,430.09
Plainfield Village Water Fund	$5,000.00			$5,000.00	$248.32	$279.25		$527.57
Philip Read Lib Expansion Fund		$25,000.00		$25,000.00		$636.92		$636.92
Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund		$2,500.00		$2,500.00				

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

as of December 31, 1997

DESCRIPTION and VALUTATION

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:

Burnaps Island	8,100
Hedgehog Rd	5,600
Brook Rd	4,000
Other Properties	
Dump Lot	23,600
Gravel Pit	46,600
Spencer Lot	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
Farnham Lot	53,000
TOTAL	**$2,366,100**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1997 was the year of the new grader. A year ago the grader was the topic of conversation at several finance and selectboard meetings. The new/used John Deere seems to be getting the job done.

The road project for the year was Penniman Road. This project seemed to go well. We had enough money to also pave Whitaker Road Hill. It is an extremely steep incline and much time and money had been spent in the past on re-grading.

Robert Bennett, our road agent for 3-1/2 years resigned in October. He had done a good job for the town and saw the town through some storms and high water. Bob 's replacement is Ken Stocker who was the mechanic for the town. Although Ken had no road agent experience as such, he has a wealth of experience in construction and machine maintenance. We value him as a handy man of all sorts. The transition has been smooth.

The Farnham Lot on Columbus Jordan Road was accepted as a gift from several abutters. Farnham Lot contains 78 acres and will be overseen by the Conservation Committee along with other town lots. It is available for hiking, picnicking, etc.

Our garbage collection contract has returned to Northeast Waste once again as you all may notice. The contract with Gobin had expired and the new bid was given to Northeast. The pickup days have been expanded to three, with the East Plainfield area moving to a Monday schedule.

The recycling process continues to go well with the sticker monies paying for the tipping fees at the Claremont incinerator.

A road name change was done in the fall. At the top of Methodist Hill if one goes to pick blueberries or cut down their Christmas tree, they will note that the road from the 4-corners is now called William Gage Road. This is in keeping with Enfield which owns the left hand side of the road.

Some time was spent in the last year to bring our junk car collections into compliance with the town ordinance and into a more pleasing scene with their neighbors. No more than one unregistered vehicle is allow on one lot.

The Meriden Town Hall has been in use now for a full year and seems to be functioning well. Parking at times seems to be a problem.

The Plainfield Town Hall saw much use in 1997 with a variety of functions. It is a beautiful building and enjoyed by everyone who visits. Meriden Players, for instance, used it for one of their always professionally done plays.

The employees and other elected officials of the town are to be commended for the jobs well done and the professional way in which they are accomplished. The Selectmen couldn't do their jobs without the support of all. A heartfelt thank you.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As in recent years the following represents, in my view, the more important projects worked on by the town office during the year:

* In accordance with the town's purchasing policy several large value purchases went through our competitive pricing procedure. Quotes were accepted for gravel crushing, petroleum products, garbage collection, and cemetery/grounds maintenance.
* In a continuing effort to improve the town's human resources management, for the first time, employees received written job performance evaluations.
* A material inventory for our gravel pit was completed during the year. This work involved basic mapping of the pit area and several material test borings. As anticipated, the results showed that pure winter road sand is in the shortest supply. Gravel reserves should easily meet our needs for the next twenty years and beyond.

In reaction to the inventory, starting with the '97/98 winter, proactive efforts are taking place to develop a "blend" of winter sand from less desirable materials. In this way, more of the natural resources of the pit are utilized while extending the life of existing sand reserves.

* After many discussions, including a public hearing the Selectmen accepted some 78 acres of land located off Farnham Road (Class VI). The purchase of the lot, a portion of the former "Whitney Lot" was facilitated by local residents. Conservation easements, including the right to public access, were placed on the property which was then given to the town. Our conservation commission will help monitor the easement and has already cut walking trails on the property.
* The planning board completed the update of the town's Master in 1997. This multi-year project was a lot of work for the board, however, the results should serve the town for many years. A new binder format will allow individual chapters to be updated through time.

The town's two land use boards were also successful in amending the town's zoning ordinance to focus larger nonresidential development away from residential neighborhoods toward lots fronting on state maintained highways.

I look forward to continuing my duties into 1998 completing my ninth year with Plainfield.

Submitted,

Stephen Halleran

REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our calls for service in 1997 were down slightly from 1996. Although our calls were down, our workload has increased. Some of the reasons for this increase are due to the complexity of our complaints and today's changing society. Sergeant Lawrence Dore has done an outstanding job as our department investigator over the past year along with a host of other duties within the Plainfield Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted
Gordon A. Gillens
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Total calls for service: 1,230

Driving While Intoxicated	01	Alarms	30
Simple Assault	05	Animals	162
Sexual Assault	01	Medical Emergency	32
Weapons	01	Fire calls	29
Burglary	04	Motor vehicle	60
Theft	26	Admin. relays	10
Fraud	08	Suspicious persons	72
Bad checks	05	Trespassing	03
Possession stolen property	01	Missing persons	03
Drugs	02	Public hazards	45
Disorderly conduct	31	Motorist Assist	78
Criminal mischief	22	Civil	36
Auto theft	01	Open doors	47
		House checks	106
Total Crimes Investigated	**108**	Assist other PD's	91
		Other	173
		Domestic offenses	19
Total arrest/clearance	83	Juvenile offenses	07
		Accidents no injury	71
Motor vehicle summons	80	Accidents w/injury	16
Motor vehicle warnings	433	E 911 calls	32
Vehicle defective tags	55		
Total other activities	**568**	**Total Complaints**	**1,122**

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD
January 1998

In April 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created; we are approaching our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We would like to thank our past members who built the foundation that the rescue squad is built on. It is interesting to note that the first rescue squads in the country were formed during this time, in the early years of EMS. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the respected EMS providers in the upper valley.

The past year has been a good one for us. We had an average of 150 calls, including mutual aid. This winter we offered our second first responder course to the community. We had excellent participation in last year's course, adding new members to the squad, re-certifying squad members and training members of the community as well as fire fighters in both towns.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

New members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non EMS aspects of our organization are very welcome.

On a personal note, as I complete my second year as president, I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

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

Submitted,
James McCarragher, President

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Meriden Fire Department received 79 calls for service in 1997.

Alarm Investigations

Oven fires	01	Auto accidents	12
Chimney fires	02	Bulldozer fire	01
Tree fires	01	Furnace malfunctions	01
Hazardous Mat.	02	Smoke investigations	03
Illegal burns	02	Private home alarms	01
Plainfield School	03	Water heater malfunctions	01
Kimball Union	14	Singing Hills	06
Lost person	01	Downed power lines	07

Mutual Aid Given to

Plainfield Fire Dept	08	Cornish Fire Dept	08
Lebanon Fire Dept	04	Claremont Fire Dept	01

Mutual Aid Received from

Plainfield Fire Dept	05	Lebanon Fire Dept	01

This year Douglas Grearson left the Meriden Fire Department after thirty years of service. He had spent time in the department as a firefighter, lieutenant, captain, and chief. We wish him well as he enjoys his retirement in Kennebunk, Maine.

Firefighter Andrew Forbes completed a firefighter level II course that he has been working on for two years, by taking courses as they become available. Firefighters David Lemere, Steve Kimel, and William Garrity have stated a fire fighter level 1A course that will be completed in May.

This year Meriden Fire Department was the host of a fire extinguisher class put on by the State of New Hampshire Department of Fire Standards and Training for local departments. This was a very good experience thanks to the state's recently expanded live burn simulation capabilities.

Thank you to everyone who helped on fund raising activities like the wild game supper, yard sales, chicken and lobster barbecue, and Cornish Fair ticket sales. Also, thank you to those of you who made donations to the fire department. This was a good year for fund raising for the department. Money from fund raisers goes to help build our capital reserve fund which is used for truck replacement and for other special projects.

Also a very sincere thank you to all of the firefighters and their families, for your support and enthusiasm.

Last of all I would like to make a plea for help. First help on fund raisers is very much needed and appreciated. Second, there is a severe need for firefighters, these are the ones that make it happen and allow departments like ours to remain volunteer. Without them volunteer fire departments are being forced to change over to very high expense call and full time fire department organizations. So please, volunteer, your help is needed very much.

Submitted,

David R. Best, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997 FINANCIAL REPORT
Operating Account Summary

Receipts	ANTICIPATED 1997	ACTUAL 1997	VARIANCE	ANTICIPATED 1998
Town Appropriation	$35,000	$35,000	0	$35,000
Barbeque	700	1,433	733	1,000
Flea Market	1,800	2,516	716	1,800
Raffle	250	537	287	250
Cornish Fair Tickets	2,000	2,238	238	2,000
Spring Dinner	1,400	2,792	1,392	1,500
Delivery of Town Reports	300	300	0	325
Donations	600	1,684	1,084	600
Checking Account Interest	150	236	86	150
Chellis Memorial	100	154	54	100
Hazmat Cleanup Payments	0	200	200	0
Forest Fire Payments	300	591	291	300
Miscellanous	100	490	390	100
TOTAL	**$42,700**	**$48,171**	**$5,471**	**$43,125**

Disbursements	APPROVED 1997	ACTUAL 1997	VARIANCE	PROPOSED 1998
Telephone	720	662	58	720
Electricity	500	534	(34)	550
Sewer	240	240	0	240
Heating Oil	550	451	99	550
Insurance	8,600	8,602	(2)	8,850
Equipment Maintenance	5,180	1,506	3,674	8,000
Office Supplies/Publications	600	542	58	600
Gas, Diesel	600	306	294	500
Dues/Permits/Fees	650	386	264	400
Training	500	434	66	1,000
Firefighting Equipment	7,160	6,439	721	9260
Forest Fire Equipment	150	0	150	150
Station Maintenance	2,500	2,941	(441)	1,775
Vaccinations/Physicals	100	0	100	100
Miscellanous	400	746	(346)	400
Subtotal	**$28,450**	**$23,787**	**$4,663**	**$33,095**
Capital Reserve	14,250	18,408	(4,158)	16,005
GRAND TOTAL	**$42,700**	**$42,196**	**504**	**$49,100**

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997 FINANCIAL REPORT

	1997 ACTUAL	1998 BUDGET
OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
Begin Available Cash Balance	**$4,500**	**$10,475**
Total Receipts	48,171	43,125
Total Disbursements	42,196	49,100
Net Change	5,975	(5,975)
Ending Available Cash Balance	**$10,475**	**$4,500**
GEORGE KIBBY FUND		
Begin Balance George Kibby Fund	**$772**	**$0**
Interest/Earnings	0	0
Expenditures	772	0
Net Change	(772)	0
Ending Balance George Kibby Fund	**$0**	**$0**
CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY		
Begin Balance	**$6,356**	**$24,894**
Increase, Reserves	$18,458	$16,005
Interest/Earnings	79	1,350
Ending Balance	**$24,894**	**$42,249**

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The department had a total of 36 calls this year:

12	Mutual Aid	09	Downed power lines
04	Motor Vehicle	02	Smell of propane
02	Controlled burns	02	Structure
01	Chimney fire	01	Carbon monoxide
01	Smoke detector	01	Collapsed porch
01	Lightning strike		

This year we took delivery of our first new pumper a 1997 Freightliner with a 1250 gpm pump and 750 gallon tank. The body was built by the Dingee Machine Company in Cornish.

I would like to thank Douglas Grearson, who has moved to Maine, for his years of service as Deputy Forest Fire Warden. I would also like to thank retiring deputy wardens G. Gardiner MacLeay and Ira Townsend for their many years of service. I have three new deputy wardens, James McKinnon, Andrew Forbes, and William Taylor.

At the fall meeting of the New Hampshire State Federation of Forest Fire Wardens I was very surprised and honored to receive the 1997 outstanding service award.

I would like to remind everyone that they need permits to burn brush and a seasonal permit for fireplaces or campfires. Since we have garbage pick-up burning garbage in an incinerator is illegal. The State is really beginning to enforce laws pertaining to burning permits. There is a $2,000 fine and up to a year in jail for failure to obey. If you have any questions or need a permit call me or any of the following wardens:

Warden	**Peter A. Berry**	**675-2293**
Deputy Warden	Christopher F. Berry	675-2293
Deputy Warden	David Best	469-3350
Deputy Warden	John Conly	675-2411
Deputy Warden	James McKinnon	469-3437
Deputy Warden	Douglas Plummer	298-6839

Submitted,

Peter A. Berry, Chief

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING EXPENSES AND BUDGET

	Actual-1997	Estimated-1998
EXPENSES		
New Equipment	$44003.67	$6000.00
Equipment Repairs	1341.90	3000.00
Supplies	355.79	1500.00
Electricity	856.96	900.00
Telephone	446.51	500.00
Heat	844.20	900.00
Diesel Fuel	376.17	400.00
Insurance	6726.00	7000.00
Schools & Training	1042.00	1000.00
Radio & Radio Repairs	1140.65	2000.00
Accounting & Fees	584.00	600.00
Interest	5207.81	6000.00
Principal	39977.22	12000.00
	$102,902.88	**$41,800.00**

RECEIPTS	
Association	$ 55787.88
Donations	1980.80
Fund raising	4865.26
Town	35000.00
Town Reports	300.00
Sales	5022.05
	$102,955.99
Receipts	**$102,955.99**
Expenses	**102,902.88**
Balance	**$ 53.11**

12/31/97 Treasurer, David W. Scott

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 land 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.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS*

(all fires reported through December 23, 1997)

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	03
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	00
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
		Incendiary	33
		Fireworks	16

Total Fires 726 **Total Acres** 177.17

* The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months were a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

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 were issued in 1997:

7 Single family residences	2 Renewals
0 Multi-family building	6 Barns
12 Garages	14 Renovations
12 Additions	5 Decks
1 Mobile Homes	8 Sheds/outbuildings
Permit total	**= 67**

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

07 Zoning Inspections	59 Building Inspections
12 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, 1997

Total Reports Filed	29
Total Yield Tax Assessed	**$19,029.16**
Softwood Cut, BF	1,281,916
Hardwood Cut, BF	432,874
Cordwood Cut, Cords	294
Pulpwood/Chips, Tons	8,880

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Belyea
Yield Tax Agent

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

During 1997 the Plainfield Planning Board approved the following applications:

SUBDIVISIONS:

Freeport Development,	2 lots, Farnham Rd
Wallace Williams,	2 lots, Route 120*
Bassette/Rustici,	4 lots, Route 12A
Leonard Koehler,	2 lots,Route 12A

* 1991 2 lot division rescinded

ANNEXATIONS:

-Donald Goodwin, 18.6 acre land transfer between two Route 12A lots owned by the applicant.

-Davis to Simon, .04 acres on Freeman Hill Road transferred from land owned by Jeffrey and Debbie Davis to an abutting lot owned by Robert Simon.

-Thomas Ladd, 2.18 acre land transfer between two High Street lots owned by the applicant.

-Longacre to Hadlock, 2.25 acres on Hayward Road transferred from land owned by Longacre Landscaping to property of Stephen and Gretcheon Hadlock.

-Fonda to Williams, .25 acres on Route 12A transferred from land of the Heirs of Donald Fonda to property of Thomas and Caroline Williams.

-Moore to the Town of Plainfield, .06 acres on Route 12A transferred from land of Jeffrey and Annette Moore to the Philip Read Memorial Library lot.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS:

-Edward Mitchell, to amend a previously approved site plan (1996) for his car sales lot to include a 30'X40' "carriage shed" style garage.

-Brad Atwater, multi-use office building, Route 12A.

-Craig Wehde, relocation of vintage automobile repair to Route 12A (Bassette/Rustici subdivision lot 4).

DESIGN REVIEWS:

-Bassette/Rustici, nonbinding abutter noticed review of a proposed four lot subdivision of the applicant's Route 12A property located south of Plainfield Village.

In addition to the above applications, in 1997 the Planning Board completed its revision and update of the town's master plan!

Submitted by,
THE PLANNING BOARD

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

During the year the Board GRANTED the following appeals:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. **96-08, Lawrence Berndt:** To allow for the establishment of a sawmill on property located of Pig Farm Road.

2. **97-01, Susan Yacavone:** To allow for the establishment of a dental appliance manufacturing business out of the applicants Red Hill Road residence.

3. **97-02, Bruce Vincent:** To create an accessory apartment within the applicant's Route 120 residence.

4. **97-03, Ed Mitchell:** To add a 30'X40' "carriage shed" style garage to his car lot project approved as case 96-09.

5. **97-05, Donald Goodwin:** To add eleven units to the Spruce Mobile Home Park phased over five years.

6. **97-06, Bradford Atwater:** To establish as an Approved Combination of Related Uses a multi-use office building in the recently renovated commercial style building located at the applicant's Route 12A residence. An Approved Alternative Parking Plan is also part of this project.

7. **97-07, Craig Wehde:** To establish as an "Approved Business Project" a vintage automobile repair garage on Route 12A, south of Plainfield village. The intent being to relocate the applicant's previously approved (96-01) business to the new site.

The following appeal was withdrawn by the applicant:

1. **97-04, Henry Therrien:** To add a 24'X24' addition to an existing building. ZBA approval was required due to conditions imposed in granting the applicant an Approved Combination of Related Uses special exception in 1995 (95-02).

Submitted by,
THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

With two exceptions, the Conservation Commission spent 1997 engaged in routine activities. We continued to review applications to the state wetlands Board required for activities which have an impact on wetlands. We cheered for the Annual Green-Up Week which owes its success to the participation of our residents young and old. We monitored easements on several conservation properties and managed the recreational use of two town-owned properties.

Our main event in 1997 was supporting the town's acquisition of the Farnum Lot. The group of Columbus Jordan Road neighbors who made this donation has our gratitude. Their generosity refocussed attention on the benefits of conserving open space. The debate over accepting the donation was the impetus for the formulation of a town land/gift acquisition policy.

The other highlight of the past year was the blossoming of the Plainfield Trailblazers. While not the only trail group in town, this organization helps residents enjoy our open space through the ongoing development and maintenance of a trail network. The town master plan suggests that this could be the responsibility of the Conservation Commission, so we are very appreciative that the Trailblazers have bailed us out with their undertaking.

The Conservation Commission also wants to thank everyone who looked out for our wetlands and woodlands during the past year. Road construction, forestry, farming, landscaping, and even recreational activities can have a significant impact on the environment. Containing and properly disposing of waste oil, household batteries, and chemicals is also important. We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our water clean and our wildlife habitat vital, and are looking forward to helping people protect these resources for the future.

Submitted,

David Grobe, Chairman

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

We are 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.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their support. In New Hampshire, the Dept. of Environmental Services and the regional planning commissions are putting together a statewide environmental program which will require that certain specific tasks be completed in every region, but also allows some funds to be used on regional environmental priorities. Details are still being worked out. A work plan will be finalized in early 1998. This is great news! It enables our Commission to continue to our commitment to environmental programs. In addition to providing staff support to the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, we were able to secure funds to develop a two-page economic summary for each town which will be posted in the Internet. In 1998, each community in the region will have an Internet presence via our web page with community information, economic data, a map statistics and an economic vision statement.

Our Town has taken advantage of the following services:

In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Plainfield included: *Completed master plan update. *Prepared new zoning map. *Provided information on GIS coverages available for the region and on economic development with emphasis on real estate needs. * Met with Planning Board and Conservation Commission to discuss the Connecticut River Cultural and Scenic Byway. *Organized a regional household hazardous waste collection and arranged for participation of Plainfield residents.*Compiled area and population data for communities served by the Upper Valley Land Trust. *Applied for funds to assist with implementation of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan.*Provided information about global positioning systems and interaction with ARCINFO systems. *Reviewed and provided comments on library survey. *Discussed funding sources for new village area. *Obtained and processed data to develop town-wide composite GIS soil type map, plotted a copy for the town and set up a soil attribute file which was used to develop maps of prime agricultural land, septic suitability and hydric soils.*Maintained geographic information system date for Plainfield. *Completed traffic count on Bean Road, River Road, Stage Road and Westgate Road.

MT. ASCUTNEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year, the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions ("CRJC") completed its Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, a project which has occupied the subcommittee for four years. The CRJC presented the plan to Governor Dean and Governor Shaheen on the banks of the river in July.

Produced by citizens from the riverfront towns in our region, the plan carries recommendations regarding water quality, fisheries, habitat, recreation, agriculture and forestry, historic and archeological resources, and future land use. All of the recommendations in this plan were reached by the consensus of the Subcommittee's diverse membership, which included citizens who could speak for agriculture, riverfront landowners, local business, local government, conservation, and recreation. Therefore, it was impossible for one interest group to drive the decision-making process.

Copies of the plan have been provided to town officials, including each selectman, planning commission, and conservation commission member, and its contents are now or will soon be under discussion. The town library and school also have copies. It is the Subcommittee's hope that the town will adopt the river plan as an adjunct to the town's own plan, once town officials and citizens have had a chance to learn more about it. The plan offers many opportunities for the town to improve or maintain the quality of the Connecticut River. Nothing in the plan can become effective locally until the town acts upon it.

In addition to recommendations for the town to consider, the plan also makes recommendations to landowners and state and federal agencies for ways they can help keep the Connecticut River the valuable resource it now is, and to improve it where possible. In October, local representatives from the Subcommittee met with federal and state agencies to guide them on how these agencies could be most useful to the Connecticut River in our region.

The subcommittee continues to meet and to advise the states of VT and NH, the federal government, and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on other local matters affecting the River, such as bank stabilization, boating access, and permit applications for river-related projects.

Plainfield's representatives on the subcommittee: Nancy Franklin and Edward Moynihan.

NH Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission
PO Box 1182 * Charlestown NH 03603 * 603-826-4800 * Fax 826-3065

PLAINFIELD RECYCLING

January 1998

Plainfield's recycling rate remained steady at 23% in 1997. The town's production of "disposables" also leveled off in 1997 at just under 1,000 tons, after growing steadily for the last several years.

The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts fell again from around $14,000 in 1996 to $10,000 in 1997. The decrease is attributable to lower avoided costs at the incinerator and continued poor markets for recyclables.

	1995	1996	1997
Tons incinerated	727 (76.3%)	765 (76.7%)	766 (76.7%)
Tons recycled curbside	158 (16.6%)	170 (17.0%)	153 (15.3%)
Tons recycled at shed	68 (7.1%)	63 (6.3%)	80 (8%)

Curbside recycling: The cost savings to the town totaled $6,795. The town paid $4,556 in processing fees for curbside recyclables but avoided spending $11,351 by not sending curbside recyclables to the incinerator.

Drop-off shed: The cost savings to the town totaled at least $3,606. The town avoided spending more than $4,949 by not sending material to the incinerator. (Items listed below, except or the tires and oil and two-thirds of the metal, could have been put out at the curb.) After using revenues from the shed's recyclables to offset operating costs and processing fees, the shed cost $1,343 to operate.

Material Collected at Shed	Est. Amount Collected (in tons)
Magazines, boxboard, junk mail	26.3
Metal	28.2
Corrugated cardboard/brown grocery bags	19.2
Office paper	1.5
Textiles	0.9
Tires	3.8
Household batteries	not available
Oil	400 gallons
TOTAL	79.9

In the spring and fall, Plainfield now sponsors a tire recycling day at the shed and funds the town's participation in a hazardous waste collection day in Hartland.

Susan Williams, Recycling Shed Coordinator

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT

1997 saw many changes for both the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District and the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. Most notably, a concerted effort was made during the budget process for fiscal year 1998 to lower the tipping fee and create an economic incentive for delivery of trash from the member towns to the incinerator. This effort recognizes the dual obligation of the districts - to ensure responsible management of the trash generated within the districts, and to also meet their financial obligations. In the absence of a single, unified approach to guaranteeing delivery of trash for energy recovery by the Claremont plant, increasing the economic incentives for haulers to voluntarily deliver the trash was the next best tool available to us.

Several operational changes were also made during 1997. The most significant change occurred at the landfill in Newport, New Hampshire. In early December, additional tarps were placed on the open surfaces of the landfill. Leachate results from rain water running through the body of the landfill; covering the surface of the landfill is anticipaed to significantly reduce the amount of leachate. It is anticipated that this will result in substantial savings for the collection, transportation and disposal of the leachate.

The year has been similar to many others, however, with regard to legal activities. During 1997 a substantial amount was spent on legal services, but the outcome will benefit all the members of each district. The single most significant issue to be resolved this year was the Acworth case. The New Hampshire Superior Court has determined that Acworth failed to properly withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional refuse Disposal District, and is therefore still a member. A trial is set for early February 1998 to determine the calculation of damages, which is the single remaining issue.

Looking toward the future, the district's have successfully reduced the operating budget for 1998 by approximately 28%, down to $3.17 million from $4.4 million for 1997. This was largely due to the retirement of bonds and other non-recurring obligations. A new collections and credit management policy has been approved which will be implemented with the new year. It is anticipated to be helpful in recovering significant portions of the existing receivables. Every effort continues to be made to find ways to minimize costs and remain fiscally responsive to the districts.

I would like to specifically thank the members of the executive committee and the individual respresentatives for their support, cooperation and encouragement, and I look forward to working together during the coming year.

Submitted by,
Mary E. S. Williams, Project Director

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

1997 was a busy and fun filled year at the Meriden Library. Celebrating all year long, we commemorated the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Meriden Library, December 11, 1797 to December 11, 1997.

Our librarian Bettyann Dole prepared some great programing. In April Al Backofen spoke about the life of local physician Dr. Elias Frost. In May, Police Chief Gordon Gillens talked to us about fraud and what rules to follow so as not to become another statistic for the scam artist.

At the Open House in June, forty-two people visited the library and twenty-three children signed up for the summer reading program. Twenty-one finished and read a total of 96 plus books during the six week program. A total of eighty-four attended, unfortunately not all at the same time, our five different programs.

Our Space Jeopardy was played with three teams with five members on each. It was lots of fun and thanks go to Diane Rogers and our librarian for putting the game together and running the show. Twenty-five community members attended the joint library program by illustrator Eric Ingraham at the Plainfield Town Hall. A number of the children rode on the float sponsored by both town libraries that won second prize.

In September over two-hundred residents and folks from surrounding towns attended and participated in the Plainfield Community Fair and Pet Show (sponsored by the Meriden Library Association for more celebration of the 200th anniversary) that was held on the grounds of the library, the Meriden Grange and TDS Telecom.

Thanks go to everyone who was a part of the Fair and Pet Show. Thanks to Jane and Erich Witzel there is a video of the day available at the library. A photo album capturing the many events of the day has been assembled thanks to the many area photographers' generosity.

Thanks go to the town and selectman's office for the fraser fir planted on the library grounds by Selectwoman Sheila Stone and Town Administrator Steve Halleran to commemorate the 200th anniversary.

The last event of the year took place on December 11. An open house from 10-6, a special luncheon attended by thirty-six at noon and the drawing for the birds-eye maple lamp table donated by Stan Dole for the year long raffle was held at 5 p.m.. Two hundred fifty five dollars were added to our growing building fund for future expansion. The winner was Lee Dreamer, a friend of the Chellis family. Congratulations Lee and thanks to all of you who purchased tickets. A few photos of the library celebration events are featured in your town report.

The library will expand the hours after the vote at town meeting. We

have given the librarian four hours for time to work in the library when it is closed. Bettyann will use the two hours previously used for this purpose and one of the four to open the library on Tuesday mornings and an extra hour on Tuesday afternoon. A 1997 library survey seems to indicate that residents want more library hours during the daytime with more children and adult programing. We will try to increase those already offered.

Our hours will increase to 21 weekly. One Tuesday morning of each month will be film day for preschoolers and another will be planned for volunteers who wish to work on repairing books and renewing pockets and cards in the books in the children's collection. If you are interested please call the library for dates and times.

Some book discussion ideas have been suggested and will be announced in the Meriden Library column in PlainFacts.

The Chellis Showcase was used to exhibit many interesting collections by townspeople this past year. Anyone wishing to use the showcase for a display can call the library and plan a month with Bettyann.

We wish to remind residents that the children's room can be used for group meetings. Twenty-five to thirty chairs can be set up to seat everyone comfortably and allow for quick access to the exits if necessary.

Any townspeople whose handicaps make access to the resources of the Meriden Library a problem are urged to be in touch with Librarian Bettyann Dole or one of the trustees for help getting books or references they desire.

We want to remind our patrons that we have t-shirts for sale that were available at the celebration fair with Meriden Library 1797-1997 printed on them. We also have note cards by Betty Pardoe and t-shirts and mugs featuring the Meriden covered bridge produced by Lee Walker. Betty and Lee give the library a percentage of their sales that goes into our book budget.

We are very thankful for our appointed trustee Rachel Stoddard who took over for Jack Ragle who retired from KUA and moved to Lebanon. Jack served on the board for 11 years and contributed in many ways. He will still return and volunteer when his retirement allows. Many thanks Jack, we miss you and those wonderful new words you added to the meager vocabulary of those who served with you.

The selectmen appointed Rachel Stoddard in June to fill out the last year of Jack's term. Rachel has brought to the board new ideas and has very successfully presented story hours, since September, that have been enjoyed by local preschoolers.

Thank you to all our patrons for donations to the very successful book sale and donations to our collection; they are appreciated. Our thanks to the Plainfield and Coffin Libraries for the continued cooperation as we all strive to provide the best of library service possible for our patrons.

After the vote at Town Meeting and the acceptance of our budget by the townspeople the Meriden Library hours will be as follows: Monday 2-8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10-12 noon, 2-6 p.m. and Saturday 10-1 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jack Ragle (January to May)
Rachel Stoddard (June to December)
Betsy Beck
Joe Crate
Meriden Library Trustee Board

Jessie English posing for artist Robert Gosselin during the Meriden Library's 200th anniversary celebration.

–Photo by Jane Fielder

1997 FINANCIAL REPORT - MERIDEN LIBRARY

	BUDGET 1997	ACTUAL 1997	PROPOSED 1998
On Hand - January 1			
Checking Account	664.21	664.21	593.91
Encumbered Funds	2,499.03	2,499.03	2,760.11
Petty Cash	29.00	29.00	29.00
SUBTOTAL	3,192.24	3,192.24	3,383.02
Income			
Town Appropriation	17,632.00	17,632.00	19,987.00
Town Appropriation-FICA	860.00	860.00	988.00
Trust Funds	875.00	1,244.88	900.00
Gifts - Memorial	50.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts - Misc.	600.00	891.90	600.00
Book Fines	100.00	162.24	100.00
Book Sales	150.00	220.90	150.00
Interest	75.00	247.46	75.00
Miscellaneous	.00	1,027.50	.00
INCOME	20,342.00	22,286.88	22,800.00
TOTAL	23,534.24	25,479.12	26,183.02
Expenses			
Salaries	11,232.00	11,224.50	12,912.00
FICA	860.00	858.92	988.00
Library Materials	5,000.00	5,779.05	5,500.00
Telephone	400.00	363.75	400.00
Electricity	500.00	601.93	600.00
Fuel	600.00	502.14	600.00
Water	100.00	83.38	100.00
Supplies	500.00	664.84	500.00
Postage	450.00	458.54	500.00
Professional Activities	100.00	35.00	100.00
Programming	100.00	143.29	100.00
Maintenance	500.00	387.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	.00	718.76	.00
Building Fund (Raffle)	.00	275.00	.00
EXPENSES	20,342.00	22,096.10	22,800.00
Cash on Hand Dec 31, 1997			
Checking Account		593.91	
Encumbered Funds		2,760.11	
Petty Cash		29.00	
TOTAL	20,342.00	25,479.12	22,800.00

Building Fund Balance	24,956.13
Encumbered Funds - Savings	
Memorial Fund	480.49
Sick Pay Account	325.00
Computer Fund	500.00
Reference Material Replacement	1,454.62

Winnie Brooks, Kay MacLeay, and Sally Townsend at Meriden Library's 200th anniversary celebration.

–Photo by Eric Witzel

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustees Report - 1997

In looking over a listing of all that went on at the library, it's a wonder as to how to put it all in one page.

We sponsored two book discussion series with a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities: "Working, Making a Living, Making a Life" and "Rural and Small Town America." We saw an increase in attendance at these discussions with up to 25 people attending some sessions.

An enthusiastic group of computer literate folks have been meeting every Wednesday night for several months, designing a Web Page for the town of Plainfield. The address is http://www.cyberportal.net/plfdlib. Although not complete as of this writing, it has a lot of information on town services, businesses, etc. Check it out!

We also sponsored the summer reading program for children. This year's theme "Take Me to Your Readers" was a lot of fun. Children made spaceships and came to a party dressed as aliens. Adults as well as children always enjoy meeting the artists that illustrate children's books. Erik Ingraham, illustrator of the Cross Country Cat series as well as other books, came and had a wonderful program. His visit was paid for, in part, by a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Arts and was co-sponsored by the Meriden Library. The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries also co-sponsored "Space Jeopardy" for the children. They also co-sponsored a float in the Fourth of July parade.

The trustees had a booth (ring toss game for children, actually) at the Plainfield Community Fair. There was a never-ending line of enthusiastic children trying to win a prize.

The library was used by many small groups, meeting in the meeting/storage room. Because of an increase in library use, the trustees plan to expand the library's hours. After April 1, the library will also be open on Mondays from 1-5 p.m.

Our librarian, Nancy Norwalk, and aide, Diane Rogers, attended the annual state library conference, held this year in West Lebanon. They also attended a two-day space planning workshop in Sturbridge, MA, as well as state computer workshops and other area and state library meetings.

Our sale of Maxfield Parrish gift items continues to be a great help in our budget. The annual book and bake sale was a terrific success this year.

The memorial case held many unique collections again, from period bride dolls to silver Christmas ornaments and Boehm ceramic birds.

Last fall the library community said farewell to Sue Woodward before she moved out of town. Sue was a long-time volunteer and trustee. She was invaluable in helping with various events, publicity, and even storing donated magazines in her home while awaiting the book sale.

New this year, for loan, is a family pass to Stonehenge New Hampshire near Salem. Check it out for a special daytrip. Our collection of books-on-tape has increased considerably this year due to the demand. Also available to patrons are videos, magazines, Internet connection, and CD-ROM reference, as well as a great collection of books for all ages.

Lastly, we must thank all of our volunteers. We couldn't possibly have such an active library with all its services without their support. Maryellen Sullivan has organized the book discussion series and the publicity for them. Becky Read, Ruth Stalker, Sydell Roland and Alice Hendrick have helped with the circulation desk. We've had another group performing various tasks, from covering books, typing catalog cards to reading for story hour: Shirley Hudson, Laura Dussault, Annette Moore, Susan Leibowitz, and Diane Rogers (who is also our aide). Truly, the library and its patrons would be lost without you.

Building Expansion Update:

The plans for the expansion got going after last year's Town Meeting. First, we hired a library consultant. We worked with Mr. Arthur Kissner from Associated Library Consultants to evaluate and finalize our building plan. Once we had that we could begin the search for an architect.

We held site visits over Labor Day weekend, with good response. In October we conducted interviews and ultimately hired the architectural firm of Weller Adams Pietz and Michal of Keene. We have been working with Tom Weller in developing the schematic designs since then.

The architect's fees for the schematics have been paid with donations from the members of the Building and Campaign Committees as well as some fundraising events. Fundraisers this past year included the sale of T-shirts, the walkathon, and raffle of a Christmas ornament donated by Etruria Antiques. The library also received grants from the Mascoma Bank and the Sidore Foundation. By the time this report is published, the Campaign Committee will have begun its major fundraising campaign.

If you would like to read the building plan or view the designs, please stop by the library. The librarian and trustees are always happy to talk with you about the expansion plan.

Submitted by,

Nancy Franklin
Alice Hendrick
Anita K. Brown

FINANCIAL REPORT
PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FISCAL YEAR 1997

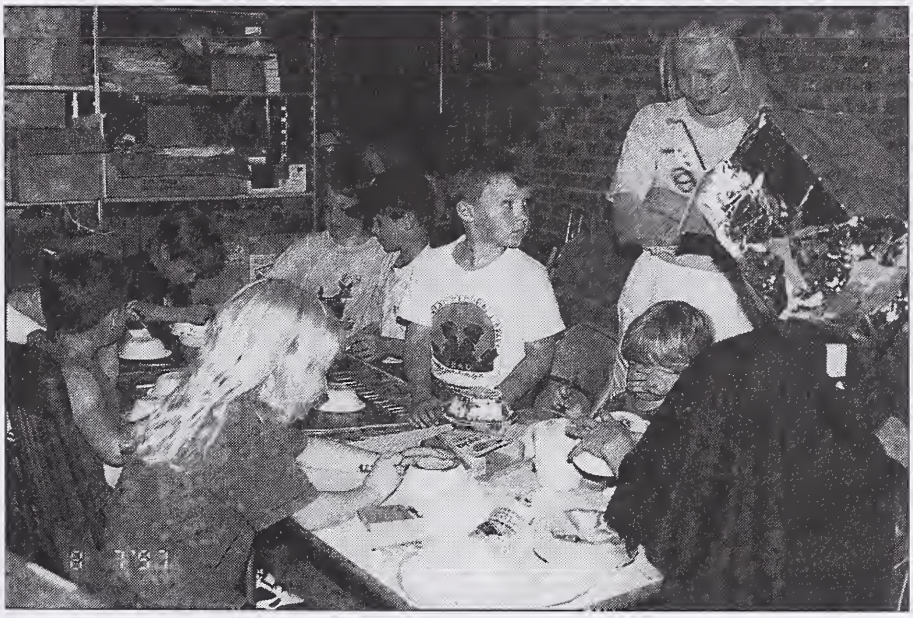
	BUDGET 1997	ACTUAL 1997	PROPOSED 1998
On hand Jan. 1			
CHECKING ACCOUNT	133.36	133.36	132.65
	========	=========	=========
SUBTOTAL:	133.36	133.36	132.65
INCOME:			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	20607.00	20607.00	22446.00
TRUST FUND INCOME	3000.00	3505.27	3300.00
FINES & DAMAGED BOOKS	275.00	469.14	275.00
GIFTS	200.00	134.00	150.00
BOOK SALES	300.00	1277.24	500.00
GRANTS -NH Arts Council &	0	1397.40	0
-NH Humanities Council	0	------	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	157.09	0
	========	=========	=========
INCOME:	24382.00	27547.14	26671.65
	========	=========	=========
TOTAL:	24515.36	27680.50	26803.65
EXPENDITURES:			
LIBRARIANS' SALARIES	12535.00	12530.83	13848.00
LIBRARY PAYROLL LIAB.	900.00	958.62	1000.00
LIBRARY MATERIALS	5600.00	6766.80	5800.00
AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS	600.00	720.81	800.00
SUPPLIES	800.00	1318.69	1400.00
POSTAGE	180.00	134.76	180.00
ELECTRICITY	575.00	641.60	600.00
TELEPHONE	700.00	827.57	700.00
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	200.00	25.90	200.00
FUEL	750.00	747.05	750.00
MAINTENANCE	750.00	532.54	600.00
FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	300.00	409.97	300.00
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	350.00	141.10	350.00
PROGRAMS (includes grant exp.)	125.00	1630.48	125.00
WATER	50.00	34.20	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	100.00	131.75	100.65
	========	=========	==========
EXPENSES	24515.00	27547.60	26803.65
CHECKING ACCOUNT DEC.31, 1997		132.65	
	========	=========	==========
TOTAL:	24515.00	27680.25	26803.00

BALANCE IN SICK PAY ACCOUNT $406.50.

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1997		$ 9143.77
Income:		
Walkathon	$ 1358.50	
T-shirt sales	848.00	
Donations	15553.50	
Raffle	41.00	
Miscellaneous	166.95	
Grant-Mascoma Savings Bank	1000.00	
Grant-Sidore Foundation	2000.00	
Total		20,967.95
		$30,111.72
Expenses:		
Engineering Study	$ 416.30	
Library Consultants	3412.50	
Architect Fees	3432.37	
Bank Charges	5.50	
Supplies	46.82	
Space Planning Conference	651.27	
Printing & Copying	439.33	
Postage	342.75	
Photos	25.07	
T-shirts	1124.50	
Telephone	36.93	
Newspaper Ads	237.69	
Land Survey	260.00	
Total		- 10,431.03
Balance: December 31, 1997		$19,680.69

Balance Capital Reserve Fund - $25,000
Value of In-Kind Donations Received - $263.54
Pledges Outstanding - $1,655



Making spaceships at the Philip Read Memorial Library's summer reading program "Take Me to Your Readers."
–Photo by Nancy Norwalk

Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee
Plainfield Historical Society

An Upper Valley treasure, the stage set's Parrish blue beauty is legendary. In 1916, artist and illustrator Maxfield Parrish painted a scene with Mt. Ascutney in the background and the Connecticut River flowing in front with stately white birches and colorful oak trees. Parrish designed the stage set at the request of his good friend, William Howard Hart, a stage designer and artist. Hart donated the stage at the Plainfield Town Hall, once known as the "most beautiful stage north of Boston," to the town of Plainfield. The stage set consists of a backdrop, six wings, three overhead drapes, original professional lighting with more than 300 light bulbs, and complex weights, pulleys, and rigging. The linen-like material used for the set was made at the Indian Head Mills in Nashua, NH. Since 1990, the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee of the Plainfield Historical Society has raised more than $30,000 to repair damage done to the set over the past 80 years to what is believed to be the only stage set ever designed by Parrish. In addition, the committee has purchased new dimming equipment, a new lined stage curtain, room darkening shades for the backstage and main hall, and picture molding and lightboxes for the town hall itself. Fundraising continues for a new kitchen and a trust fund for the continued care of the stage set.

On Saturday, May 17, the Plainfield Historical Society and the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee sponsored a day of "Remembering Maxfield Parrish." The event included exhibits at the Plainfield Historical Society and the town hall, a vintage print sale at the French House at the William Smith Auction Gallery, and a full-day conference at the town hall. Hundreds of original Parrish prints and books lined the walls, mantels, tables and every usable space in the French House. More than 40 people attended lectures on Parrish, Plainfield, and the Cornish Colony. The program included a discussion by a panel of local residents who remembered Parrish. This was a highly successful event bringing people from all over the Northeast and as far away as California and Washington (D.C. and state) to Plainfield. Guests were impressed by the hospitality of the town, the gracious volunteers, the program, vintage print sale, and exhibit, but in particular, the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set and the Plainfield Town Hall. They were appreciative of the committment by the townspeople to restoring, renovating, and preserving these historic treasures.

In May, the Stage Set was featured as an "Editor's Pick" in the 1997 Yankee Magazine Travel Guide to New England. The Parrish Stage Set is included among regional restaurants, lodging, attractions, museums and shops that, according to travel experts, are not to be missed.

A full-color brochure featuring the stage set called "Parrish in Plainfield" should be ready for publication this spring.

Volunteers kept the town hall open on Sunday afternoons for visits from tourists and Parrish fans for the fourth summer. Approximately 800 tourists visited the town hall. Some of the special visitors included participants in a

Cornish Colony Garden Tour sponsored by the Hood Museum, a group from the Newport Arts Center, and over a hundred participants from a conference sponsored by the New Hampshire Council for the Arts.

As part of the Fourth of the July celebration, the Stage Set Committee again sponsored the Annual Art Show. Each year the artistic talent exhibited by residents in Plainfield, Meriden, and Cornish continues to delight residents.

In the fall, a Halloween costume dance was held to benefit the kitchen fund. Our thanks to Rob Taylor and Doug Adams who organized the event featuring the Sandra Wright Band.

More than 2,000 people, well beyond Plainfield, have donated generously to the fund to protect the stage set. In addition, the people of the town of Plainfield, through local taxation, have contributed and made an investment to the restoration of the building. As we struggle with the delicate balance of use, preservation, and protection, we again this year would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the efforts to preserve the town hall and the stage set so that they can be enjoyed for generations.

Submitted by:

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

"Remembering Maxfield Parrish," May 1997, Plainfield Town Hall. A panel of friends and neighbors of Maxfield Parrish share their memories of him with an enthusiastic audience. Panel (L–R): Mary Cassedy, Joanne Maxfield Parrish Gordon (Parrish's granddaughter), Kathleen Philbrick Read, Albert Read.

–Photo by Nancy Norwalk

Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee Financial Report
Plainfield Historical Society
June 1, 1996 - May 31, 1997

Balance - May 31, 1996:	
Savings Account	$ 4,884.95
Checking Account	1,922.97
Kitchen Fund	757.75
Total	**$ 7,565.67**
Income:	
Stage Set Brochure Grant	$ 1,125.00
Donations	544.60
Bank Interest	140.09
Programs:	
Stage Set Sunday Viewing	290.65
Remembering Maxfield Parrish Day	2,619.00
Art Show	420.00
Ghosts Program	310.00
Fund Raising Events:	
Sale Maxfield Parrish Mdse.	1,064.35
Heath Concert	917.81
Total Income	**$ 7,431.50**
Balance	**$14,997.17**
Expenses:	
Sunday Stage Set Viewing	$117.74
Remembering Maxfield Parrish	1,323.53
Art Show	368.50
Ghosts Program	189.00
Maxfield Parrish Merchandise	228.00
Heath Concert Exp.	390.97
Framing Maxfield Parrish Prints for Permanent Collection	1,936.24
Museum Posts and Cording	182.94
Window Shades	63.96
Stage Curtain (final payment)	444.40
Consulting - Hoffman Interiors	50.00
Grant Brochure	10.96
PO Box Rent, Stamps, Mailings	30.59
Check Printing	31.49
Total Expenses	**$5,368.32**
Balance - May 31, 1997:	**$9,628.85**

Savings Account - $5,289.31
Checking Account - 3,323.09
Kitchen Fund - 1,016.45

The Plainfield History Account
(administered by the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries)
January 1, 1997-December 31, 1997

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire has continued to sell steadily throughout the year. The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. It has been six years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 903. 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.

This past summer, Nancy Norwalk and Bettyann Dole (members of the Town History Committee) were asked to make a presentation to Sunapee residents who are writing a history of their town. These residents enjoyed our history so much that they plan to model their book after ours. Over the years, other towns have also called for advice. The many Plainfield residents who worked on the history should be proud of their accomplishment.

Financial Report

Balance January 1		$3137.20
Income:		
Sale of books & shipping charges	$1702.90	
Bank interest	43.94	
Total income		1746.84
		$4884.04
Expenses:		
Shipping Charges		40.00
Balance December 31		$4844.04

PLAINFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The summer and fall were busy times for all. Youth programs got off to a start with the Fishing Derby. Over eighty kids showed up to try their luck. Eric Hebert got the "Catch of the Day". Many thanks to the Meriden Deli, Johnson & Dix and to those who were kind enough to help out.

Tee-Ball, Prep Ball and Midget "B" Ball teams enjoyed good seasons. About ninety kids took part in these programs. The Midget "B" team was runner-up in the Upper Valley Midget "B" League.

The swimming program under the direction of Erica Welch and Krista Kenyon was again a great success. Taking part in the program were toddlers to level 5 swimmers. The program had 110 children learning various strokes.

Tennis was again headed up by Malcolm Grobe with the capable help from Lauren Flood. The program had over 85 taking part to learn various techniques of the game. Tennis matches were held with Hartford, VT. and St. Johnsbury, VT. Both matches were won by Plainfield. Many thanks to all who gave a helping hand from time to time when needed.

Lightning Soccer had a good turn out with forty. This is a good program for kids to learn the basics. It will be offered again next summer.

Next summer we hope to offer a more advanced soccer camp for boys and girls grades 6-12. Touchline Tech Soccer Camp will be offered.

Fall soccer got off to a fast start. We had 18 kindergarten boys and girls in the Basic Skills Program. Four teams in the Grades 1 & 2 League. The Navy Team were champs in this league. We had four teams in the 3-4 Grades League. The Green Team were champs in this league.

I want to thank all the coaches and others who helped out with the various programs. Without your help, the programs would not have enjoyed the success they had. Thanks again.

George T. Prescott, Chairman

Plainfield Recreation Grades 1 & 2: Basic Skills Basketball.

–Photo by Corinne Girourad

PLAINFIELD/KUA STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

This school year 32 Plainfield students who were not the children of Kimball Union Academy attended KUA. As permitted by New Hampshire State law RSA 72:23 which allows the town to exempt that portion of the tax liability over which it has discretion, Plainfield reduced KUA's tax liability by $83,073. KUA, in return, granted a tuition credit of $2,500 to each of the 32 students totalling $80,000 (32 students X $2,500 per student.) Of note is the fact that additional financial aide was distributed again this year to Plainfield residents on the basis of need.

Ideally, the tuition reduction granted to Plainfield residents is set at a level such that the total tuition reduction times the number of non-faculty students attending the academy will equal the tax reduction in any given year. However, since the tax rate and the exact number of students choosing to attend KUA are not known until the fall following town meeting the tuition reduction per student cannot be determined exactly and can only be arrived at by estimation. The difference between the tax reduction granted to KUA and the tuition reduction granted to Plainfield students favored the town by significant amounts prior to 1994 (See table below). Since 1995, the balance has favored KUA slightly. To address this discrepancy, KUA plans this year to increase the Plainfield tuition reduction to $2,800 per pupil pending approval of their board of trustees at their Jan 29 meeting.

	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	00,000	83,073	80,000	32	2,500		
1998/99	?	?	?	?	2,800		
Totals	129,870	653,796	747,171			53,441	50,000

Tuition for academic year 1997-98 at Lebanon High School is $7,318 and is projected to be $7,584 for academic year 1998-99. Hence, for the present academic year the additional cost to the town would have been $237,702 if the

32 non-faculty students who attended KUA had chosen to attend Lebanon High School instead. The number of students who would not attend KUA if it were not for the tuition reduction determines whether or not the town comes out ahead or behind financially. The committee estimates that the benefit shifts in favor of the town when about 10 or more students attend KUA because of the tuition reduction. The fact that in 1996/97 14 students per thousand population from Plainfield attended KUA while only between 0.5 and 2 students per thousand population from adjacent towns did the same may give some indication of the influence of the tuition reduction.

This year the same alternatives regarding the annual vote on the exemption agreement face the town as in past years. These include: discontinuing the agreement, continuing the present agreement or modifying the agreement in some way. At present there are no suggestions as to how the agreement can be modified to better serve everyone. Therefore, the options of continuing or discontinuing the present agreement are left for consideration.

As in previous years, the reasons for continuing the relationship include: 1) the potential tax dollars saved by creating an incentive for more students to be schooled at KUA because of the tuition reduction, 2) the expanded educational options available to Plainfield students because of the arrangement and 3) a favorable arrangement may be impossible to restart if discontinued.

Reasons for discontinuing the relationship included: 1) the town should not use the discretion allowed in RSA 72:23 and should tax KUA for the maximum amount possible. 2) it is unfair that this practice benefits some Plainfield residents who choose KUA while not doing so for those who choose other private education and 3) without the tax credit, it has been assumed that a significant number of students would choose Lebanon High School instead of KUA and this assumption deserves to be tested.

Considering the long history of the use of this tax exemption by students in this town and the large number who have benefitted from it, this committee would like to ask the school board, the selectmen and the Concord delegation to seek ways to expand such educational options for students choosing other alternative education.

In summary, the committee members generally felt that the financial arrangement between the Town of Plainfield and Kimball Union Academy represents a situation worth keeping. Especially in view of the anticipated increase in the tuition reduction to $2,800 the relationship appears to represent a good value for Plainfield residents.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Wilder (Chair), Margaret Drye, Anne Sprague, Janice Smarsik, Cynthia Roy, and Hugh McGraw (KUA Liaison)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee met with the Selectmen on three evenings and are pleased that for the third year the town portion of the budget is level funded. Warrant articles add a little to the overall budget. The committee is not supporting the $25,000 Library Expansion Article on the warrant by request. However, this was not a unanimous decision. More information, closure, and method of funding sources need to be presented to the residents of Plainfield before being asked to support such an endeavor.

The Finance Committee met separately and attended several School Board meetings. Having many questions and not always satisfied with the answers and with a proposed 11.4 percent increase in the budget; the committee felt that the School Board should be prepared to suggest cuts in the budget where they know it can be done and not leave it up to the voting public to cut the budget at Annual School District Meeting with no authority to make specific recommendations. If the proposed budget is not approved, the voters need to know what line item might be reduced or removed from the budget. No one in this town would want to be part of jeopardizing our students education.

Submitted by,

Plainfield Finance Committee

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 1997:

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. 136 Charlestown Road, Claremont, NH 03743 **tel. 543-0427**

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**

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

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.**

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**

VNAVNH: Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a 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**

In addition to the above agencies, the Human Services Committee upon request has included a $250 show of support to the AIDS Community Resource Group **ACORN**. ACORN whose stated mission is to "to support and assist those whose lives are affect by HIV/AIDS.." may be contacted at PO Box 2057 Lebanon, NH 03766 **tel. 448-2220.**

Organization	Granted 1997	Requested 1998	Recommended 1998
Acorn	$ 0	$ 500	$ 250
Community Youth Adv	$ 500	$1000	$ 500
GSCC	$1350	$1390	$1390
Headrest	$1551	$1628	$1628
Hospice	$ 550	$ 550	$ 550
Southwester Comm Serv	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500
Stoughton House*	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
VNAVNH	$7900	$7900	$7900
Total	**$12351**	**$13468**	**$12718**

* While continuing to serve our community as needed, Stoughton house has elected not to seek funding from the town for the second year in a row.

Submitted by,

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

WELFARE REPORT

This year our first Habitat for Humanity home was completed. Arthur & Linda Perkins were able to move out of their run down mobile home. Thanks to many this dream, which seemed too big, became a reality. Stop by and see them anytime, they really appreciate what they have and want to share their joy with those who helped and others who care.

Our modest budget is often subsidized by generous residents willing to give help wherever needed. From school age children to retired couples, many are helping those in need. We are very fortunate. Thank you one and all.

The amount expended with town funds was spent on transportation, electric bills, rent, heating fuel, water bills, and food. The guidelines we operate under allow us to assist clients with basic needs only. We hold them together until programs run by the state and federal government begin.

We utilized some of the trust funds for doctor bills and eyeglasses when people cannot afford to pay for them. Shelter has been graciously given by The Singing Hills Christian Fellowship when needed. This not only saves the town funds, but gives the recipients the support they need.

We have a small pantry at the town office which I hope to make better this year. A list on needed items will be posted by the side door if anyone would like to make donations. It will be updated as needs change. We got so much food from the boy scouts one year that it was difficult to move it out to those in need. My goal this year is to make an attractive pantry stocked with things people use while they are going through a difficult time in their lives, be it illness, unemployment, whatever. We generously give hope. And, hopefully, give good advice.

The office is open from 8am to 4pm daily and Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 9:00. Please call if you can and make an appointment. In that way, I can set up a more private meeting for you to see what we can do to help you. Sometimes coming in is difficult, so call and I will work with you.

Submitted by

Nancy Baker
Welfare Director

Arthur and Linda Perkins in their Habitat for Humanity Home.

–Photo by Nancy Baker

REPORT OF MERLE W SCHOTANUS
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NH GENERAL COURT

The 1997 session was a productive session both for our state and me personally. After much political shadow boxing and dancing to establish party pecking orders, the House got down to business and turned out some very constructive legislation. The $5.5 billion biennial budget represents about a 3.1% increase in state general fund spending but increases the money going back to cities and towns by over $80 million. Qualifying towns will receive additional dollars in Augenblick educational formula funding, school building aid, per pupil kindergarten funding, and catastrophic education aid funding. They will also receive increased Meal and Rooms tax revenue sharing and added environmental, bridge and highway funding. Although it did not include funding for a new prison, the $64.3 million general fund capital budget will provide for additional buildings or improvements for the University system, the Glencliff home for the elderly, the Supreme Court and several other state building projects. For the first time, this budget includes emergency building repair funds which heretofore had to be appropriated on a piece-meal basis; and a mandatory requirement that all new computer purchases be approved by a central office of information technology to insure the state's computer network is coordinated. Information technology purchases by the state are expected to total over $50 million during the biennium.

My first year as clerk of the Public Works and Highways committee was busy, and quite productive. I assisted in crafting the capital budget and was able to concentrate on many bills of interest to District 3 constituents. I was very pleased to work with my colleague from Cornish, Representative Peter Burling, and other sponsors to pass the landmark bipartisan kindergarten incentive bill which is already producing great progress toward providing kindergarten for all New Hampshire five year olds. I also had the pleasure of co-sponsoring the repeal of the ancient and unenforceable 1848 abortion laws. Other bills that I sponsored or helped to pass dealt with diabetes insurance coverage, river corridor management plans, snowmobile registration fees and trail grant-in-aid programs, and forest landowner estate taxes.

In the 1998 session I will co-sponsor a bill with my colleague from Sunapee, Representative Richard Leone, to help protect Sunapee's water supply, and will be working on solving the very serious problem of prison overcrowding as part of my Public Works Committee duties. My hope to concentrate on other issues will be completely overshadowed by the fallout of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding educational funding. The decision has caused

substantial political upheaval, but it should not come as a surprise. The state legislature and certain political leaders have been sidestepping the issue of adequate state support of education for years. It was an issue in 1985 in my first term when the legislature adopted the Augenblick formula of educational funding in response to a threatened court challenge. The funding formula was a good one, but never proved successful because the state has continually refused to fully fund it. This and the filing of the so-called Claremont suit in 1991 have made educational funding an issue of debate in every legislative session since then. The one-year time limit placed on the legislature to resolve this sticky issue simply tells us that "it is now time to either fish or cut bait!"

I believe the problem of constitutionally acceptable education adequacy and funding can be resolved in a way that benefits both the children of this state and the communities and individuals responsible for providing it in a positive and equitable manner. I reject the notion that a constitutional amendment alone will solve the problem. Any solution will impact the five towns of District 3 in different ways. The court's ruling provides legislators a unique opportunity to consult with their constituents to define educational adequacy and to find a way to pay for it. We have pleaded for constituent input before without much success. Now it is imperative that the Schotanus, Burling, Leone team hear from you on this issue. You can reach me in several different ways: a note or letter to me in Concord at House of Representatives, Room 201, LOB, Concord, NH 03301; or a home in Grantham at 28 Sugarwood Lane, Grantham, NH 03753. You can reach me by phone in Concord at 271-3565 or in Grantham at 863-2293; or by fax at 863-3539; or by E-mail at hmshot@srnet.com. Please let us hear from you.

Submitted by

Representative Merle Schotanus, District 3, Sullivan County

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE PETER BURLING

As many of you already know from a recent letter I mailed out, this past year has been a very productive one in New Hampshire House of Representatives. The House was able to accomplish many things that have a direct benefit to the State of New Hampshire. The governor's kindergarten plan, which we passed is helping to make kindergarten available to all our five-year olds.

The House of Representatives also passed a budget that is not only honestly balanced, but wipes out the $40 million deficit we were faced with at the start of this session. The budget provides unprecedented aid to New

Hampshire cities and towns--a 40% increase in overall education funding. It also meets the needs of our people. We have raised the money to fix our roads and we've done so without enacting a broad-based tax.

In the coming session, we are facing a monumental and wonderfully challenging task - namely, complying with the Supreme Court's order to change the way we fund public education, making it fair, and therefore constitutional. I am confident that whatever solution is agreed upon will be fair and equitable, and I will work diligently to ensure that small towns like ours are served well in the process and in the final outcome.

I am very optimistic that we can continue moving our state in the right direction in the coming legislative session. I will do my best to keep you informed about our progress during the year.

Very truly yours,

Rep. Peter Burling

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
Operator's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The wastewater treatment facility continued to operate well in 1997. Several pieces of laboratory equipment were replaced during the year due to age. Jeff Moffitt and his crew painted all buildings at the plant. All were pressure washed and received two coats of stain and the doors and trim were coated as well.

Water System

The corrosion control project was completed and brought on line in 1997. The project consisted of an 8'X10' insulated building, caustic tanks and feed pump, safety shower, and new master water meter.

Lead and copper sampling will resume in 1998. This new equipment should reduce levels of both lead and copper to compliance level.s.

Cathodic protection was installed in the water storage tank in early June to slow the deterioration of the tank panel surfaces that has occurred. The tank manufacturer installed this equipment at no cost to the district and will continue to monitor the performance.

1998 Budgets

Maintenance budgets are increased significantly in both the water and sewer departments for the year. This is primarily due to two large projects that will be done. The water department plans to install a new three-phase underground electric service and transformer. The sewer department will replace the underground generator fuel storage tank with an above ground tank.

Submitted by,

William S. Taylor
Certified 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 day of March 1998 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 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 if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $151,500, 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 six thousand dollars ($6,000) 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 raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system. 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, 1998.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

DONALD E. GARFIELD
JEFFREY S. ALLBRIGHT
MURRAY DEWDNEY
COMISSIONERS, MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
Water Department

Income	**Budget 97**	**Actual 1997**	**Budget 98**
Hydrant Rentals	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
Water Rents	$86,450.00	$104,460.00	$90,430.00
Interest	$100.00	$993.00	$500.00
	$87,750.00	$106,653.00	$92,130.00
Expenses			
Office	$400.00	$590.00	$600.00
Legal	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00
Electricity	$5,000.00	$4,540.00	$5,000.00
Insurance	$150.00	$0.00	$150.00
Maintenance	$8,000.00	$2,632.00	$18,000.00
Water Analysis	$1,000.00	$620.00	$750.00
Telephone	$300.00	$226.00	$300.00
Wages	$3,000.00	$2,806.00	$3,500.00
FICA, Medicare	$300.00	$272.00	$300.00
Interest on Debt	$27,480.00	$27,480.00	$25,330.00
Principal on Debt	$30,000.00	$30,000.00	$30,000.00
Capital Reserve	$5,000.00	$6,000.00	$6,000.00
Supplies	$2,000.00	$1,289.00	$2,000.00
Capital Project	$4,920.00	$5,243.00	$0.00
Totals	$87,750.00	$81,698.00	$92,130.00

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
Sewer Department

Income	**Budget 97**	**Actual 1997**	**Budget 98**
Sewer Charges	$59,300.00	$60,707.00	$67,670.00
Connections	$100.00	$0.00	
Interest	$0.00	$305.00	$200.00
	$59,400.00	$61,012.00	$67,870.00
Expenses			
Office	$450.00	$706.00	$600.00
Legal	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00
Electricity	$8,500.00	$9,162.00	$10,000.00
Insurance	$11,000.00	$10,962.00	$13,000.00
Maintenance	$5,000.00	$7,691.00	$10,000.00
Telephone	$250.00	$225.00	$250.00
Wages	$14,650.00	$14,453.00	$14,650.00
FICA, Medicare	$1,200.00	$1,109.00	$1,200.00
Interest on Debt	$3,400.00	$3,400.00	$2,720.00
Principal on Debt	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Supplies	$2,000.00	$1,087.00	$2,000.00
Vehicle	$750.00	$378.00	$750.00
Capital Reserve	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$2,500.00
Totals	$59,900.00	$61,673.00	$67,870.00

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1997
Water Department

Assets:	
Cash:	
in hands of treasurer	$30,034.65
Reserves:	
Distribution upgrade fund	$11,500.00
Accounts due district:	
water charges due	$ 8,643.59
total assets	$50.178.24
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds:	
Distribution Upgrade fund	$11,500.00
total liabilities	$11,500.00
Fund balance Current surplus	$38,678.24
Grand total	$50,178.24

Sewer Department
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1997

Assets:	
Cash:	
in hands of treasurer	$10,176.80
Accounts due district:	$ 7,284.76
Reserves:	
Capital Reserve Fund	$ 2,500.00
total assets	$19,961.56
Liabilities:	
Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve	$ 2,500.00
Fund Balance - Current Surplus	$17,461.56
Grand total	$19,961.56

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 18, 1997

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 eighteenth of March 1997 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

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

ARTICLE I. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

Moderator for one year:	Stephen Taylor
Clerk for one year:	Roberta Garfield
Commissioner for three years:	Jeffrey Allbright
Commissioner for one year:	Murray Dewdney
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 $140,150.00 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 1996 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 six thousand dollars ($6,000) 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 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 five hundred dollars ($2,500) for this 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 decreased from $24.75 to $22.00 per month.

2. That District charges for sewer services for Kimball Union Academy be decreased from $4,685 to $4,210
per month.

3. That District charges for residential water service be increased from $40.75 to $42.00 per quarter.

4. That District charges for water service for Kimball Union Academy be decreased from $10,495 to $6,265 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VII. Bill Taylor was commended for the excellent job he has done as operator of the water supply and wastewater treatment systems. There being no further business under this Article, the meeting was voted adjourned.

Roberta I. Garfield
Clerk

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Commissioners' Report

This year the district continued its search for a new water source. The summer water shortage proved to be temporary, however it reinforced the need for new sources of water. An overburden well was drilled on town land near the ballfield on Stage Road based on a geologist's report. This well produced a sufficient volume of water. Unfortunately, the water tested very hard and unusable without a prohibitively expensive treatment system. In September another well was drilled on district land near the present water source on Hayward Road that produced about 25% of the volume needed. This well will be hooked into the present system in the spring. These search efforts resulted in spending that exceeded budget by $2200 which was offset by surplus cash on hand at the beginning of the year. It was not necessary to use any of the $5000 in the expendable trust fund which is earmarked for new water source development and installation.

The installation of a copper remediation system which will decrease the amount of manganese precipitate in the water was a major improvement project completed this year. Commissioner George Adams continues to be the licensed operator for our system carrying out needed maintenance and improvements.

Our current water supply continues to be of excellent quality. Monthly routine testing and the required volatile organic chemicals test have shown no problems in this area.

Submitted,

Robert Widger
George Adams
Daniel Nelson
Commissioners

WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

SULLIVAN, SS. TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in the said State, who are legal voters residing in the Plainfield Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Town Hall in said Plainfield Water District on Tuesday the **17th of March, 1998 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 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 a sum of $18,890.00 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 unencumbered balance in the General Fund in excess of $5,000.

ARTICLE V. To authorize the commissioners to withdraw amounts from the Expendable Trust Fund, for the declared purpose of such funds, when they deem advisable, without further authorization by the district's membership.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety eight.

A true copy attest:

George Adams
Robert Widget
Daniel Nelson
Commissioners of the
Plainfield Village Water District

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
March 18, 1997

Meeting was called to order by Dan Nelson, Moderator, at 7:35 P.M.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 1996 annual meeting not be read.

It was moved and seconded that the warrant not be read.

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 treasurer for one year.
5. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs as may be directed by law to be chosen.

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: Daniel Nelson
Clerk for one year: Gertrude R. West
Commission for three years: The District authorizes the two remaining commissioners, following the resignation of Robert Lucier to appoint a commissioner for the three-year term.
Treasurer for one year: Beverly Widger

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 Officer's reports be accepted as printed in the town report. The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE III. The following resolution was offered, moved and accepted that it be adopted.
RESOLVED: That the District 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.
The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE IV: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.
RESOLVED: That the treasurer be directed to transfer from the General Fund to the Source Engineering and Development Expendable Trust Fund at the end of the current fiscal year, any unencumbered balance in the General Fund in excess of $5,000. (The word "unencumbered" was correct as in the posted warrant.)
Motion was passed to accept the article with correction of "encumbered" as in the town report, to read "unencumbered". The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE V. There being no further business under this article, the meeting was voted to be adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Gertrude R. West
Clerk

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
BALANCE STATEMENT

	Balance 12/31/97
ASSETS	
Cash	5,296.76
Expendable Trust Fund	5,000.00
Accounts Receivable	1,783.05
Total Current Assets	12,079.81
Other Assets	
Machinery & Equipment	124,888.00
Land and Buildings	80,000.00
	204,888.00
TOTAL ASSETS	216,967.81
LIABILITIES	
Bond Payable	-
	-
EQUITY	216,367.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	216,367.81

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
1998 Proposed Budget

	1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
INCOME			
Water Rent and Interest	18,500.00	17,318.66	17,650.00
Hydrant Service	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Interest Income	150.00	71.53	100.00
Other Income			
Total Income	19,900.00	18,640.19	19,000.00
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Administrative			
Officer Salaries	630.00	580.00	630.00
Officer Expenses	150.00	996.63	500.00
Clerical Salaries	650.00	560.00	560.00
Payroll Taxes	370.00	103.30	200.00
Postage	200.00	338.25	300.00
Photocopies/Printing	100.00	-	100.00
Misc. Clerical Expenses	100.00	-	100.00
Legal/Auditing	-	-	
Insurance/Bonding	3,000.00	2,486.00	2,800.00
Total Administrative	5,200.00	5,064.18	5,190.00
Operations			
Maintenance - Labor	1,500.00	816.55	1,400.00
Maintenance - Supplies	1,700.00	703.88	1,700.00
Maintenance - Service	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Utilities - Electricity	2,000.00	1,991.38	2,000.00
Utilities - Propane	200.00	-	200.00
Water Sample Tests	500.00	156.00	1,200.00
System Improvements	3,000.00	2,879.15	2,400.00
New Water Source Projects	3,000.00	6,950.85	3,000.00
Total Operations	13,700.00	15,297.81	13,700.00
Debt Service			
FHA Principal	857.91	876.55	-
FHA Interest	20.00		-
Total Debt Service	877.91	876.55	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,777.91	21,238.54	18,890.00
INCOME NET OF EXPENSES	122.09	(2,598.35)	110.00

MARRIAGES 1997 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence	Fathers Name	Maiden Name of Mother
May 17	Martin Buis	New York NY	Simon Paulus Buis	Christine Anne Lowe
	Karhryn Marie Lindenthal	New York NY	Walter Lindenthal	Rosemary Monteleone
July 19	Kevin Logan Currier	Lebanon NH	Frank Joseph Currier Jr.	Karen Elizabeth Logan
	Adriene Ann Slayton	Plainfield NH	Ray Thomas Slayton	Geeraldine May Conley
July 30	Earl B. Dansereau	Plainfield NH	Paul R. Dansereau Sr.	Marie Sylvester
	Wanita K. Gersberg	Plainfield NH	Elliott N. Davis	Wilma A. Honney
Nov. 28	Joseph Della Badia	Plainfield NH	Thomas Della Badia	Minnie Chown
	Marlene F. McGonigle	Plainfield NH	Victor H. Fink	Rosemary Valentine
Dec. 20	Willis Arthur Downing	Plainfield NH	Willis A. Downing	Beatrice Ruel
	Elinor M. Hogan	Lebanon NH	Joseph M. Maddy	Sophie Pyseck
Aug. 2	Stephan DuRoure	Plainfield NH	Paul DuRoure	Jeanine Vizeriy
	Victoria Sue Gordon	Plainfield NH	Robert F. Gordon	Cassandra R. Friedman
June 28	Thomas Llewellyn Franklin	Quechee VT	Llewellyn Elroy Franklin	Mary L. White
	Susam Marie Smith-Laware	Quechee VT	Kenneth Geoffrey Smith	Claire Marie Boutin
Aug. 9	James Edward Harrison Jr.	Plainfield NH	James Edward Harrison	Beverly Anne Brown
	Carolyn Alice Burchstead	Plainfield NH	Daniel J. Burchstead Jr.	Marie Ruth Vogel
Nov. 28	Richar Matthew Landis	So. Strafford VT	Richard Nyce Landis	Evelyn Bergey
	Angela Elizabeth Cobrin	So. Strafford VT	Marvin Richard Cobrin	Wendy Lois Page
July 26	Patrick Joseph Magari	Plainfield NH	Joseph Magari	Betsey Winslow
	Elaine Marcia Silverman	Plainfield NH	Bernard Silvermann	Hilda Wasserman
Sept. 13	Robert Paul Mason III	West Lebanon NH	Robert Paul Mason Jr.	Karlene June Tyler
	Debbie Anne Davis	Plainfield NH	Danny Al Davis Sr.	Donna Ann Bandy
July 5	Gary Robert Paige	Hilliard OH	Stanley Paige	Irine Boilard
	Shannon Lea Westwood	Hilliard OH	Chandler Lea Westwood	Kathleen Latham
May 31	Frank Stephen Perotti Jr.	Plainfield NH	Frank Stephen Perotti Sr.	Doris Elizebeth Loper
	Maura Anne Hart	Plainfield NH	William Ryan Hart	Audrey Marie Dyer
June 14	Shawn Paul Poirier	Plainfield NH	Richard Arthur Poirier	Lorinda M. Paul
	Kristen Wood Timlake	Plainfield NH	Paul Daniel Timlake	Connie Jean Cloud

MARRIAGES 1997 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence	Fathers Name	Maiden Name of Mother
Sept. 13	Christopher Schmelzenbach	Wallingford VT	Herman H. Schmelzenbach	Alma Clara Theile
	Hillary Kerin Summeeton	Plainfield NH	Douglas Arthur Summerton	Melinda Ann Johnson
Sepy. 20	Nicholas Christian Schmid	Cambridge MA	Christian K. Schmid	Rhode Beryl Twining
	Beverly Jean Halliday	Chatham MA	Thomas Clarkson Halliday	Carol Alvina Wywiorski
Sept. 13	David Michael Scholder	Arlington MA	Paul Anthony Scholder	Shirley Mae Fox
	Tara Elizabeth Brenner	Arlington MA	John Maxwell Brenner	Joyce Ellen Maki
Aug. 16	Greg Joseph Scholl	Pittsburgh PA	Jack Ronald Scholl	Judith Lewis
	Chloe Anne Breyer	Cambridge MA	Stephen Gerald Breyer	Joanna Freda Hare
June 28	Stephen Andrew Sheehan	Plainfield NH	Thomas Francis Sheehan	Mary Ann Bliven
	Kathleen A. Bishop	Plainfield NH	Stephen B. Bishop	Joan Ellen Ryan
Oct. 4	Timothy J. Wennrich	Bethlehem NH	Timothy William Wennrich	Marianne Joan Angelo
	Jessica Steele Griffiths	Bethlehem NH	James Wilson Griffiths	Martha Walden Steele
June 21	Robbie Timothy Williams	Plainfield NH	Thomas P. Williams	Caroline J. Fadden
	Addy Mae Weber	Newport NH	John E. Weber	Rita M. Stone
Dec. 20	Richard F. Winters	Plainfield NH	Donald Walter Winters	Helen Elizabeth Davis
	Cynthia G. Roy	Plainfield NH	Robert H. Gilpin	Elizabeth D. Pressey

BIRTHS 1997 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name	Place	Father	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan. 1	Allie Michael Oranje-Audette	Lebanon NH	Michael Robert Audette	Annamarie Oranje
May 25	Grace Deperry Armstrong	Lebanon NH	Scott Avery Armstrong	Beth Marie Paap
Oct. 28	Daniel Warren Calderone	Lebanon NH	Warren James Caldeerone	Elaine Louise Beppler
Feb. 21	Emily Jean Blair Colwell	Lebanon NH	Eric Lloyd Colwell	Sally Jane Blair
Sept. 4	Jessica Ruth Dessert	Lebanon NH	David Allen Dessert	Susan Jane Williams
Apr. 26	Anne Meredith Drye	Lebanon NH	Robert Caldwell Drye	Margaret Melissa Hotchkiss
Nov. 10	Annika Brid Pierce Erikson	Lebanon NH	Johan Patrik Erikson	Patricia Anne Pierce
12/31/96	Connell John Garrity	Lebanon NH	William Francis Garrity	Deborah Ann Bathon
Nov. 19	Lauren Melissa Hadley	Lebanon NH	Jeffrey Morgan Hadley	Elizabeth Patterson Church
Dec. 14	Bruce Daniel Harrison	Lebanon NH	James Edward Harrison Jr.	Carolyn Alice Burchstead
Apr. 23	Tucker Raymond Jordon	Lebanon NH	Robert Louis Jordon	Nina Ann Depasquale
Feb. 10	Ethan Raymond Leclair	Lebanon NH	Matthew Raymond Leclair	Agatha Westbrook Smithers
May 24	Wyett Colby MacDonald	Lebanon NH	Todd Stuart MacDonald	Deena Lee Smith
Mar. 3	William Alexander Merchant	Lebanon NH	Paul Lorenzo Merchant Jr.	Sharon Lee Patton
Mar. 12	Erika Lynn Moffitt	Lebanon NH	Jeffrey Allen Moffitt	Patricia Marlene Reed
May 11	Alyssa Rose Packard	Lebanon NH	Michael Andrew Packard	Laura Lea Athanas
June 8	Jessica Ryan Purcell	Lebanon NH	R. Bill Purcell Jr.	Lauran Elaine Clegg
Jan. 31	Kieran Palmer Read	Lebanon NH	Richard Palmer Read Jr.	Becky Anne Servant
Mar. 27	Timothy Charles Rogers	Lebanon NH	Jason Michael Rogers	Mary Ruth McDonnell
Sept.12	Rachel Katherine Seaver	Lebanon NH	John Kennedy Seaver	Gail May Brown
Sept.11	Olivia Sage Shaheen	Lebanon NH	Gregory Thomas Shaheen	Ann Margaret Baron
Nov. 13	John Donald Taylor	Lebanon NH	William Stephen Taylor	Elizabeth Ann Garfield
June 7	Kyra Alexis Taylor	Lebanon NH	John Edward Taylor	Jane Elizabeth Letman
Sept. 7	Cooper Kennedy Williams	Lebanon NH	Joseph Pirie Williams	Eileen Dorothy Carter
June 24	Jordan Barley Woodbury	Lebanon NH	Darren Frank Woodbury	Rebecca E. Powers-Martin

DEATHS 1997 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Date	Name	Age	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
May 6	Rebecca B. Crosier	82	Lebanon NH	Charles Benedict	Harriet Cross
Oct. 6	Geneva P. Kimball	69	Lebanon NH	Joseph P. Thibodeau	Francis F. Wooden
Oct. 27	Alexander McDonald	58	Plainfield NH	Alexander McDonald	Margaret Nielsen
Jan. 28	Kenneth Benjamin Moore	86	Hanover NH	Benjamin Harrison Moore	Mary Jane Peak
Apr. 8	Esther Patterson	62	Plainfield NH	James Kelley	Faith Heizinga
May 13	Kenneth Francis Robinson	51	Lebanon NH	Kenneth G. Robinson	Ella Collins
Apr. 20	Evelyn Rodday	75	Plainfield NH	Oliver Ferguson	Ethel B. Toulouse
8/22/96	Carol Frances Sawyer Shambo	31	Claremont NH	Ellsworth G. Sawyer Jr.	Louise M. Atwood
Apr. 13	Maud Isabelle Sjogren	90	Lebanon NH	Warren Shedd	Cora Rollins
Jan. 25	Frieda Voege	90	Hanover NH	Christian Mueller	Emma (unknown)
Mar. 7	Eugene Harold Wheeler	61	Lebanon NH	Harold Wheeler	Jennie Reardon

PLAINFIELD WEATHER 1997

[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	45	-18	18	0.94	25.25	3.66
FEBRUARY	58	-09	26	0.70	19.50	2.56
MARCH	63	-01	28	0.58	33.25	4.72
APRIL	78	14	41	2.96	08.50	4.25
MAY	76	27	51*	2.37	00.25	2.37
JUNE	91	36	65	2.17	----	2.17
JULY	90	43	70	3.21	----	3.21
AUGUST	93	43	67	5.58	----	5.58
SEPTEMBER	82	30	58	2.76	----	2.76
OCTOBER	79	22	46	2.11	Trace	2.11
NOVEMBER	62	03	32	3.25	21.25	4.95
DECEMBER	46	-03	26	0.53	16.50	2.27
TOTALS	--	--	--	27.16	124.50	44.27
'97 AVG	55.2	32.5	43.9	---	---	---
10yr AVG	56.4	33.2	44.7	35.27	82.35	45.66

Records: High temperature: 58 degrees F/Februar 22nd.
Low temperatures: 43 degrees F/July 30th.
*Coolest on record (dating back to at least 1969)

1997 high temperature: 93 degrees F/August 10; 1997 low temperatire: -18 degrees F/January 19th. Wettest 24 hours: 2.67 inches/August 21-22; snowiest 24 hours: 11.50 inches/November 14th-15th.
Last freeze: May 05, last frost: May 09; first frost: September 24, first freeze: October 12th.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR
Stephen Taylor

CLERK
Kelly Taylor

TREASURER
James Griffiths

AUDITORS
Kathryn MacLeay
Susan Timmons (as of 3/11/97)

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Kenneth Goodrow
(Term Expires 1998)

Rosemary Mills
(Term Expires 1999)

Cynthia Roy
(Term Expires 2000)

Carlton Strong
(Term Expires 2000)

Jeanne Woodward-Poor
(Term Expires 1998)

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
John D. Fontana

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
Evelyn Howard

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR
Arthur Jillette

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Ernest A. Muserallo

PRINCIPAL
Frank Perotti

WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sullivan, ss; **School District of Plainfield**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium in said District on Tuesday, March 10, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subject:

Article I. To choose by ballot a moderator, a clerk and a treasurer each for a one-year term; an auditor for a two-year term; and two school board members for three-year terms.

The polls shall open at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and shall remain open until seven o'clock in the evening unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

Given under our hands at Plainfield this 5TH day of February, 1998.

Kenneth Goodrow

Rosemary Mills

Carlton Strong

Cynthia (Roy) Winters

Jeanne Woodward-Poor
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

A true copy. Attest:

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 Friday, the sixth day of March, 1998, at 6:30 P.M. to act on the following subject:

Article I. To see what action the District will take with respect to reports of District officers.

Article II. To see what action the District will take with respect to the report and recommendations of the School Administrative Unit Planning or Withdrawal Committee.

Article III. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of $75,000 to reduce the anticipated 1997-98 general fund deficit, pursuant to RSA 189-28-a. The School Board recommends approval of this article.

Article IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $ 2,857,711 for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of District officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with any other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance to be raised by taxation. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Article V. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of $ 22,023 to defray the additional costs attributable to the increase in teacher salaries and salary driven benefits resulting from negotiations between the School Board and the Plainfield Education Association. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Article VI. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of $ 7,363 to defray the additional costs attributable to the increase in support staff salaries and salary driven benefits resulting from negotiations between the School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Note: The costs reflect the savings in health plans with the group changing from BC/BS JW to SchoolCare P.O.S.)

Article VII. To see if the District will vote to name the School Board as agents to expend for the Building Renovation capital reserve fund created in 1997, pursuant to RSA 35:1, and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000 to be placed in such fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Article VIII. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of $24,372 to defray the costs attributable to increasing the following positions. (By Petition)

ART TEACHER (1 DAY PER WEEK)

SALARY	$4,260
BENEFITS (@ 13.7%)	583
HEALTH AND DENTAL	6,763
sub total	$11,606

SCHOOL NURSE (1.5 HR/DAY FOR 182 DAYS)

SALARY	$3,667
BENEFITS (@ 13.7%)	502
HEALTH AND DENTAL	6,763
sub total	$10,932

SCHOOL SECRETARY (1 HR/DAY FOR 190 DAYS)

SALARY	$1,613
BENEFITS (@13.7%)	221
sub total	$1,834

TOTAL $ 24,372

The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Petition Article)

Article IX. Resolved: That the District adopt the following resolution and , if adopted, forward it to the appropriate elected officials at both state and federal levels of government. Resolved: The citizens of Plainfield wish to continue providing an adequate education in a safe and healthy facility to every child in town. To accomplish this without placing a severe financial burden on taxpayers, it is imperative that the cost of special education be reimbursed at a minimum 40% level beginning with this fiscal year, 1998-1999. The School Board recommends this article. (Petition Article)

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

(Note: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 10, 1998.)

Given under our hands and seals at said Plainfield this 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 1998.

Rosemary Mills

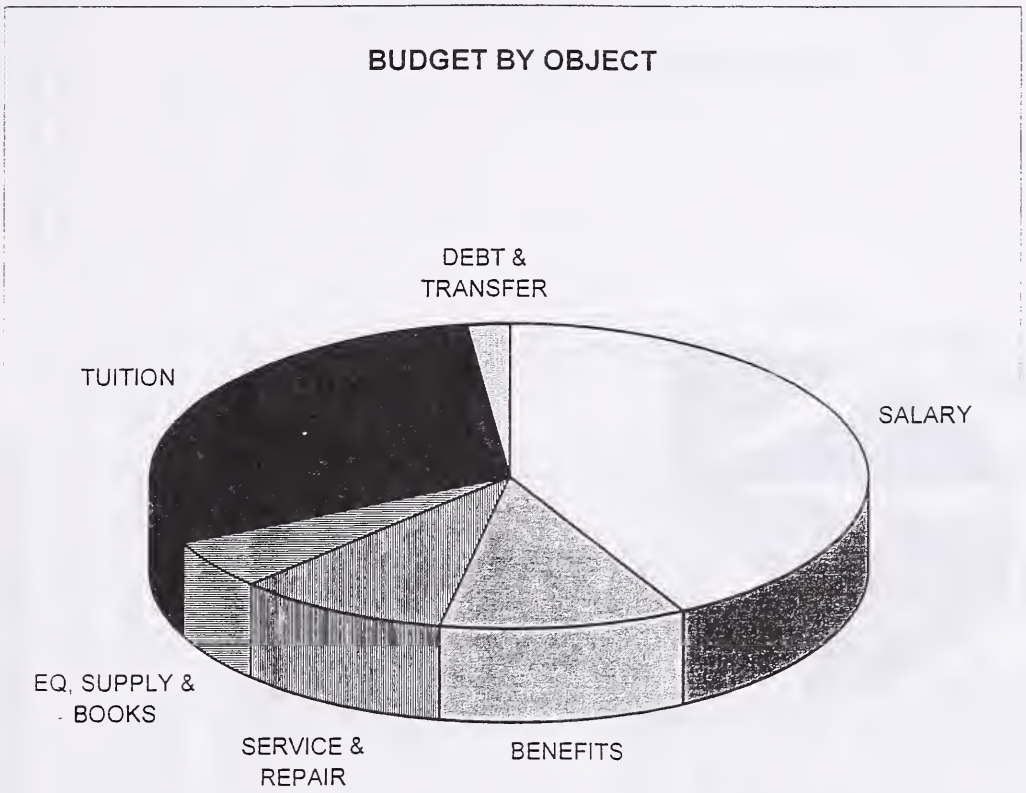
Kenneth Goodrow

Cynthia (Roy) Winters

Carlton Strong

Jeanne Woodward-Poor, Chair

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT



CATEGORY	1998-1999 BUDGET	%OF TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
SALARY	$1,202,387	42.1%	Salaries
BENEFITS	$316,675	11.1%	Health, Dental, FICA, Retire, W/C, Ins. & Other.
SERVICE & REPAIR	$272,935	9.6%	Services & Repairs
EQ, SUPPLY & BOOKS	$151,167	5.3%	Misc., Equipment, Supplies & Books
TUITION	$861,769	30.2%	Tuition
DEBT & TRANSFER	$52,778	1.8%	Debt Service & Transfer Funds
TOTAL	$2,857,711	100.0%	

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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1998-1999 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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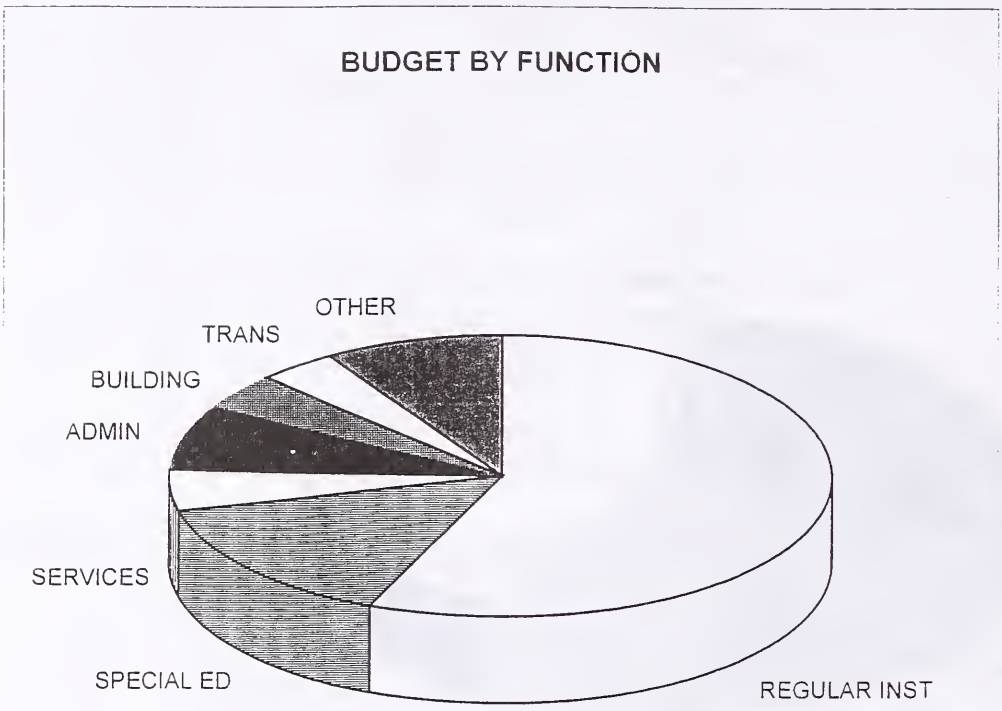

CATEGORY	1998-1999 BUDGET	% OF TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
REGULAR INST	$1,613,845	56.5%	Salaries, Materials,Tuitions & Books for Instruction
SPECIAL ED	$421,872	14.8%	Salaries, Materials,Tuitions & Books for Spec Ed
SERVICES	$129,598	4.5%	Student Services, Staff Development & Library
ADMIN	$218,852	7.7%	School Board, SAU & Principal
BUILDING	$116,217	4.1%	Maintenance & Repairs
TRANS	$112,518	3.9%	Transportation
OTHER	$244,809	8.6%	Benefits, Debt Service & Transfer Funds
TOTAL	$2,857,711	100.0%	

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2	Description	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	Budget	Percent	
3		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Change	Change	NOTES
4	REGULAR EDUCATION									
5	Salaries - Teachers	$620,455	$657,131	$650,243	$730,019	$725,363	$726,136	($3,883)	-0.5%	
6	Salaries - Aides	$2,881	$20,726	$10,429	$13,510	$10,193	$14,760	$1,250	9.3%	
7	Salaries- Sub Teachers	$7,746	$9,721	$34,707	$10,000	$20,000	$10,000	$0	0.0%	
8	Retirement - Employee	($0)	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
9	Retirement - Teacher	$11,125	$14,444	$14,314	$19,392	$20,449	$19,642	$250	1.3%	
10	FICA	$47,965	$52,973	$53,161	$57,645	$58,362	$57,444	($201)	-0.3%	
11	Equipment Repair	$0	$1,156	$2,375	$4,000	$4,000	$8,020	$4,020	100.5%	
12	Tuition High School	$460,360	$456,920	$648,851	$607,394	$630,177	$712,896	$105,502	17.4%	
13	Teaching Supplies	$16,461	$11,103	$13,767	$17,998	$17,998	$17,998	$0	0.0%	
14	Teaching Materials	$149	$7,163	$6,567	$7,625	$7,625	$12,906	$5,281	69.3%	
15	Textbooks	$8,240	$5,409	$6,746	$10,379	$10,379	$6,711	($3,668)	-35.3%	
16	New Equipment	$21,459	$1,930	$18,472	$20,505	$20,505	$12,505	($8,000)	-39.0%	
17	Replacement Equipment	$2,245	$1,674	$75	$0	$0	$855	$855		
18	Furniture	$0	$357	$2,311	$5,424	$5,424	$6,546	$1,122	20.7%	
19	Software	$0	$919	$2,448	$6,160	$6,160	$6,451	$291	4.7%	
20	Misc	$0	$0	$0	$418	$418	$975	$557	133.3%	
21	REGULAR EDUCATION	$1,199,086	$1,241,627	$1,464,466	$1,510,469	$1,537,053	$1,613,845	$103,376	6.8%	
22										
23	SPECIAL EDUCATION									
24	Salaries - Teachers	$80,279	$95,632	$102,466	$84,966	$84,966	$84,966	$0	0.0%	
25	Home Tutor	$155	$0	$0	$100	$100	$100	$0	0.0%	
26	Interpreter	$17,024	$17,537	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
27	Speech Therapy	$42,631	$37,250	$37,250	$37,873	$18,775	$22,662	($15,211)	-40.2%	
28	Aides	$58,834	$61,037	$79,196	$80,241	$77,472	$78,972	($1,269)	-1.6%	
29	Retirement - Employee	$477	$594	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
30	Retirement - Teacher	$2,285	$3,005	$2,937	$4,004	$2,594	$3,433	($571)	-14.3%	
31	FICA	$15,487	$15,348	$14,340	$12,294	$12,575	$14,272	$1,978	16.1%	
32	Private Assessment	$0	$0	$0	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500	$0	0.0%	
33	Speech Therapy	$15	$2,567	$0	$0	$5,850	$0	$0		
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3		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Change	Change	NOTES
37	SPECIAL EDUCATION (cont.)									
38	Occupational Therapy	$910	$3,945	$13,825	$12,620	$6,101	$12,620	$0	0.0%	
39	Physical Therapy	$833	$3,719	$500	$2,824	$1,412	$2,824	$0	0.0%	
40	Psychological Services	$10,021	$3,252	$10,325	$23,500	$29,760	$23,500	$0	0.0%	
41	Spec Ed Tuition Elementary	$0	$2,121	$35,323	$32,000	$32,850	$32,850	$850	2.7%	
42	Spec Ed Tuition Secondary	$2,959	$0	$0	$2,250	$91,287	$116,023	$113,773	5056.6%	
43	Travel	$500	$310	$313	$900	$900	$900	$0	0.0%	
44	O-G Consult & Lebanon Aides	$149	$3,913	$0	$46,116	$28,219	$23,500	($22,616)	-49.0%	
45	Supplies	$765	$190	$152	$100	$100	$300	$200	200.0%	
46	Materials	$0	$278	$794	$520	$520	$350	($170)	-32.7%	
47	Textbooks	$189	$312	$468	$300	$300	$900	$600	200.0%	
48	New/Replacement Equipment	$1,025	$356	$400	$0	$0	$2,200	$2,200		
49	SPECIAL EDUCATION	$234,537	$251,366	$298,289	$342,108	$395,281	$421,872	$79,764	23.3%	
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51	CO-CURR ACTIVITIES									
52	Salaries	$6,100	$7,856	$8,208	$11,400	$11,400	$11,600	$200	1.8%	
53	Retirement	$0	$2	$0	$60	$60	$85	$25	41.7%	
54	FICA	$467	$597	$626	$873	$873	$877	$4	0.5%	
55	Supplies	$0	$0	$560	$2,250	$3,000	$2,250	$0	0.0%	
56	District Support	$4,420	$5,188	$4,320	$6,475	$5,800	$7,000	$525	8.1%	
57	CO-CURR ACTIVITIES	$10,987	$13,643	$13,714	$21,058	$21,133	$21,812	$754	3.6%	
58										
59	ATTENDANCE									
60	Salaries - Attendance	$0	$0	$0	$1	$1	$1	$0	0.0%	
61	Fee - Census	$0	$0	$0	$1	$1	$1	$0	0.0%	
62	ATTENDANCE	$0	$0	$0	$2	$2	$2	$0	0.0%	
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70	GUIDANCE									
71	Salaries	$24,338	$25,720	$30,814	$31,328	$31,328	$31,328	$0	0.0%	
72	Retirement	$0	$57	$748	$903	$956	$918	$15	1.7%	
73	FICA	$1,843	$1,947	$2,337	$2,397	$2,397	$2,397	$0	0.0%	
74	Assessment/Testing Services	$121	$1,184	$1,080	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	$0	0.0%	
75	Supplies	$189	$163	$85	$0	$0	$100	$100		
76	Materials	$557	$25	$215	$128	$260	$146	$18	14.1%	
77	Books	$0	$0	$0	$135	$135	$135	$0	0.0%	
78	GUIDANCE	$27,048	$29,096	$35,279	$36,891	$37,076	$37,024	$133	0.4%	
79										
80	HEALTH SERVICES									
81	Salaries	$11,538	$11,678	$12,646	$13,443	$13,443	$13,443	$0	0.0%	
82	FICA	$883	$893	$967	$1,029	$1,029	$1,029	$0	0.0%	
83	Supplies	$106	$282	$198	$325	$325	$325	$0	0.0%	
84	Materials	$0	$0	$0	$100	$100	$100	$0	0.0%	
85	New Equipment	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
86	Software	$0	$0	$0	$200	$200	$200	$0	0.0%	
87	HEALTH SERVICES	$12,526	$12,853	$13,811	$15,097	$15,097	$15,097	$0	0.0%	
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89	STAFF DEVELOPMENT									
90	Summer Curriculum Grants	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,000	$2,000		
91	Staff Training	$2,899	$2,783	$786	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$0	0.0%	
92	School Workshops	$0	$1,509	$3,497	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$0	0.0%	
93	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	$2,899	$4,291	$4,283	$9,000	$9,000	$11,000	$2,000	22.2%	
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103	LIBRARY									
104	Salaries - Librarian	$23,519	$24,151	$24,151	$24,554	$24,554	$24,554	$0	0.0%	
105	Salaries - Aide	$6,226	$6,622	$5,622	$8,297	$7,477	$7,984	($313)	-3.8%	
106	Retirement - Employee	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
107	Retirement - Librarian	$461	$587	$587	$707	$707	$719	$12	1.7%	
108	FICA	$2,276	$2,354	$2,278	$2,514	$2,451	$2,490	($24)	-1.0%	
109	Services	$0	$0	$143	$400	$2,763	$400	$0	0.0%	
110	Equipment Repairs	$0	$0	$0	$850	$850	$850	$0	0.0%	
111	Supplies	$0	$133	$542	$550	$550	$618	$68	12.4%	
112	Books & AV	$4,638	$5,866	$5,692	$6,120	$6,120	$6,120	$0	0.0%	
113	New Equipment	$0	$0	$1,700	$0	$0	$100	$100		
114	Replacement Equipment	$0	$0	$98	$100	$100	$400	$300	300.0%	
115	Software	$0	$344	$1,146	$428	$428	$428	$0	0.0%	
116	**LIBRARY**	**$37,120**	**$40,058**	**$41,959**	**$44,520**	**$46,000**	**$44,663**	**$143**	0.3%	
117										
118	**SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES**									
119	Salaries - School Board	$0	$1,300	$1,300	$1,300	$1,300	$1,300	$0	0.0%	
120	Salaries - Treasurer	$160	$240	$240	$240	$240	$240	$0	0.0%	
121	Salaries - Other Officers	$100	$225	$250	$450	$450	$450	$0	0.0%	
122	Salaries - Stenographer	$0	$832	$46	$800	$800	$800	$0	0.0%	
123	FICA	$12	$118	$118	$213	$213	$213	$0	0.0%	
124	Legal Counsel - General	$1,982	$2,254	$3,278	$4,000	$4,000	$4,000	$0	0.0%	
125	Legal Counsel - Negotiations	$0	$0	$0	$5,000	$5,000	$2,500	($2,500)	-50.0%	
126	Audit Annual Report	$2,700	$2,123	$2,000	$2,200	$2,000	$2,200	$0	0.0%	
127	Expenses	$10,115	$5,172	$5,151	$5,100	$5,100	$5,100	$0	0.0%	
128	District Meeting	$548	$0	$127	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$0	0.0%	
129	**SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES**	**$15,616**	**$12,263**	**$12,510**	**$20,303**	**$20,103**	**$17,803**	**($2,500)**	-12.3%	
130										
131	**SAU ADMINISTRATION**									
132	SAU 32 Assessment	$87,920	$84,476	$79,828	$79,582	$79,582	$82,628	$3,046	3.8%	
133	**SAU ADMINISTRATION**	**$87,920**	**$84,476**	**$79,828**	**$79,582**	**$79,582**	**$82,628**	**$3,046**	3.8%	
134										
135										

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1										
2	Description	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	Budget	Percent	
3		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Change	Change	NOTES
136	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION									
137	Salaries - Principal	$51,680	$53,000	$59,745	$60,229	$60,229	$61,735	$1,506	2.5%	
138	Salaries - Office Support	$12,158	$16,457	$21,589	$21,726	$23,877	$24,729	$3,003	13.8%	
139	Salaries - Adm Asst	$750	$750	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500	$3,500	$2,000	133.3%	
140	Retirement - Employee	$341	$483	$514	$619	$619	$751	$132	21.3%	
141	Retirement - Teacher	$1,028	$1,302	$1,488	$1,778	$1,868	$1,911	$133	7.5%	
142	FICA	$4,903	$5,332	$6,305	$6,384	$6,384	$6,595	$211	3.3%	
143	Contracted Repairs	$2,831	$2,848	$3,676	$3,100	$3,100	$3,100	$0	0.0%	
144	Telephone	$3,563	$4,106	$4,173	$4,000	$4,000	$4,400	$400	10.0%	
145	Supplies/Other Expense	$3,653	$4,448	$9,797	$10,690	$10,690	$11,700	$1,010	9.4%	
146	New Equipment	$10,187	$316	$6,928	$4,000	$4,024	$0	($4,000)	-100.0%	
147	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	$91,094	$89,042	$115,715	$114,026	$116,291	$118,421	$4,395	3.9%	
148										
149	BUILDING SERVICES									
150	Salaries - Custodians	$42,807	$45,765	$48,136	$43,992	$45,225	$43,992	$0	0.0%	
151	Additional Time	$1,258	$1,296	$0	$2,600	$0	$2,600	$0	0.0%	
152	Retirement - Employee	$1,234	$1,594	$1,561	$1,915	$1,915	$1,915	$0	0.0%	
153	FICA	$3,332	$3,562	$3,646	$3,564	$3,564	$3,564	$0	0.0%	
154	Management Services (Facilities)	$0	$0	$3,608	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$0	0.0%	
155	Pest Control	$0	$56	$140	$420	$420	$420	$0	0.0%	
156	Mowing	$2,800	$2,800	$2,750	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$0	0.0%	
157	Specific Building Repairs	$78,750	$36,216	$44,412	$18,050	$17,467	$4,500	($13,550)	-75.1%	
158	Specific Grounds Repair	$868	$500	$356	$2,500	$5,486	$2,500	$0	0.0%	
159	Contracted Repairs	$4,783	$4,049	$1,564	$2,000	$2,248	$2,000	$0	0.0%	
160	Property & Liability Insurance	$8,440	$8,733	$8,538	$9,500	$9,726	$9,726	$226	2.4%	
161	Supplies - Custodial	$4,455	$7,882	$6,237	$9,800	$9,800	$9,800	$0	0.0%	
162	Supplies - Grounds	$34	$1,255	$0	$500	$500	$500	$0	0.0%	
163	Materials - Equipment Repairs	$0	$105	$145	$500	$500	$500	$0	0.0%	
164	Electricity	$13,774	$14,356	$15,410	$15,127	$15,127	$15,800	$673	4.4%	
165	Fuel	$7,674	$14,234	$8,805	$9,000	$9,000	$9,400	$400	4.4%	
166	New Equipment	$2,288	$0	$406	$500	$500	$500	$0	0.0%	
167	Replacement Equipment	$0	$547	$0	$500	$500	$500	$0	0.0%	
168	BUILDING SERVICES	$172,498	$142,950	$145,714	$128,468	$129,978	$116,217	($12,251)	-9.5%	

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1										
2	Description	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	Budget	Percent	
3		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Change	Change	NOTES
169										
170	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION									
171	Salaries - Regular	$28,478	$28,007	$28,473	$31,080	$31,080	$31,476	$396	1.3%	
172	Salaries - Activities	$3,311	$4,491	$4,999	$4,542	$4,542	$5,058	$516	11.4%	
173	Benefits Package	$1,383	$3,286	$3,321	$3,483	$3,483	$3,594	$111	3.2%	
174	FICA	$2,179	$2,143	$2,178	$2,378	$2,378	$2,408	$30	1.3%	
175	FICA - Activities	$210	$297	$357	$791	$791	$387	($404)	-51.1%	
176	Vehicle Repair	$671	$4,215	$2,000	$650	$650	$650	$0	0.0%	
177	Vehicle Lease	$52,151	$52,962	$53,887	$58,074	$58,074	$59,197	$1,123	1.9%	
178	Supplies/Fuel	$4,809	$5,069	$6,752	$8,613	$8,613	$9,748	$1,135	13.2%	
179	REGULAR TRANSPORTATION	$93,193	$100,471	$101,967	$109,611	$109,611	$112,518	$2,907	2.7%	
180										
181	BENEFITS SERVICES									
182	General Benefits	$110	$0	$0	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500	$0	0.0%	
183	Health	$98,625	$103,232	$86,308	$124,998	$117,098	$139,994	$14,996	12.0%	
184	Dental	$6,661	$7,207	$5,531	$10,178	$9,972	$11,628	$1,450	14.2%	
185	Life Insurance	$3,669	$3,042	$2,008	$2,274	$2,274	$2,206	($68)	-3.0%	
186	Workers Compensation	$3,220	$11,920	$12,759	$18,869	$16,386	$17,458	($1,411)	-7.5%	
187	Disability Insurance	$0	$5,483	$5,470	$4,538	$4,538	$5,470	$932		
188	Unemployment Compensation	$10	$7	$35	$500	$500	$500	$0	0.0%	
189	Annuity	$0	$2,769	$9,978	$13,275	$13,275	$13,275	$0	0.0%	
190	BENEFITS SERVICES	$112,295	$133,661	$122,089	$176,132	$165,543	$192,031	$15,899	9.0%	
191										
192	DEBT SERVICE									
193	Principal on Bonds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$0	0.0%	
194	Interest on Bonds	$17,643	$14,268	$10,880	$7,650	$7,650	$4,590	($3,060)	-40.0%	
195	DEBT SERVICE	$67,643	$64,268	$60,880	$52,650	$52,650	$49,590	($3,060)	-5.8%	
196										
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PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1										
2	Description	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	Budget	Percent	
3		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Change	Change	NOTES
202	TRANSFER FUNDS									
203	Federal Projects Fund	$20,168	$0	$3,188	$3,188	$3,188	$3,188	$0	0.0%	
204	Capital Projects Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
205	Food Service Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0		
206	Capital Reserve Fund	$4,500	$0	$0	$20,000	$20,000	$0	($20,000)		
207	TRANSFER FUNDS	$24,668	$0	$3,188	$23,188	$23,188	$3,188	($20,000)	-86.3%	
208										
209	GRAND TOTAL	$2,189,128	$2,220,063	$2,513,692	$2,683,105	$2,757,588	$2,857,711	$174,606	6.5%	
210										
211										
212	WARRANT ARTICLE - TEACHER'S AGREEMENT						$22,023		0.8%	
213						TOTAL	$2,879,734	$196,629	7.3%	
214										
215	WARRANT ARTICLE - SUPPORT STAFF AGREEMENT						$7,363		0.3%	
216						TOTAL	$2,887,097	$203,992	7.6%	
217										
218	WARRANT ARTICLE - BUILDING RESERVE						$20,000		0.7%	
219						TOTAL	$2,907,097	$223,992	8.3%	
220										
221	WARRANT ARTICLE - BY PETITION (Staff Increases)						$24,372		0.9%	
222						TOTAL	$2,931,469	$248,364	9.3%	
223										
224										
225										
226										
227										

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1998-1999 BUDGET PRESENTATION

REVENUE - EXPENSE

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1			Actual	BUDGET	ESTIMATE	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
2			1996-1997	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	INCREASE/	PERCENT
3							DECREASE	INC/DEC
4	ACCOUNT NAME							
5								
6								
7	**Balance**		**$56,164**	**$6,339**	**$47,307**	**$19,517**	**$13,178**	**207.9%**
8								
9	Revenue from State Sources							
10		Foundation Aid	$34,469	$11,203	$45,470	$11,203	$0	0.0%
11		Catastrophic Aid	$0	$8,629	$7,580	$70,465	$61,836	716.6%
12		Building Aid	$15,995	$14,495	$14,495	$14,495	$0	0.0%
13		Kindergarten Aid	$0	$0	$20,250	$20,250	$20,250	
14	**Total State Revenues**		**$50,464**	**$34,327**	**$87,795**	**$116,413**	**$82,086**	**239.1%**
15								
16	**Revenue from Federal Sources**		**$15,822**	**$15,822**	**$15,822**	**$15,822**	**$0**	**0.0%**
17								
18	Local Revenue (not taxes)							
19		Earnings on Investments	$1,929	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	$0	0.0%
20		Tuitions	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	
21		Other (Medicaid)	$39,214	$19,850	$19,000	$19,000	($850)	-4.3%
22	**Total Local Revenues**		**$41,143**	**$21,850**	**$21,000**	**$21,000**	**($850)**	**-3.9%**
23								
24	**Total Non-assessment Revenues**		**$163,593**	**$78,338**	**$171,924**	**$172,752**	**$94,414**	**120.5%**
25								
26	**District Assessment**		**$2,128,185**	**$2,604,767**	**$2,530,181**	**$2,684,959**	**$80,192**	**3.1%**
27								
28	**TOTAL REVENUES**		**$2,291,778**	**$2,683,105**	**$2,702,105**	**$2,857,711**	**$174,606**	**6.5%**
29								
30	**TOTAL EXPENSES**		**$2,244,471**	**$2,683,105**	**$2,757,588**	**$2,857,711**	**$174,606**	**6.5%**
31								
32	**BALANCE**		**$47,307**	**$0**	**($55,483)**	**$0**	**$0**	
33								
34	**Deficit Appropriation**				**$75,000**	**$75,000**	**$75,000**	**2.9%**
35								
36	**REVISED BALANCE**				**$19,517**			
37								
38	**Revised District Assessment**					**$2,759,959**	**$155,192**	**6.0%**

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1998-1999 BUDGET PREPARATION

SCHOOL TAX IMPACT

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		1997	1997	1998	1998		
2		CURRENT	CURRENT	PROPOSED	ESTIMATED	INCREASE	INCREASE
3	PROPERTY VALUE	RATE PER $1000	SCHOOL TAX	RATE PER $1000*	SCHOOL TAX	DOLLARS	PERCENT
4							
5	$50,000	$26.06	$1,303	$28.23	$1,411	$108	8.3%
6	$65,000	$26.06	$1,694	$28.23	$1,835	$141	8.3%
7	$75,000	$26.06	$1,955	$28.23	$2,117	$162	8.3%
8	$90,000	$26.06	$2,345	$28.23	$2,540	$195	8.3%
9	$100,000	$26.06	$2,606	$28.23	$2,823	$217	8.3%
10	$125,000	$26.06	$3,258	$28.23	$3,528	$271	8.3%
11	$150,000	$26.06	$3,909	$28.23	$4,234	$325	8.3%
12	$200,000	$26.06	$5,212	$28.23	$5,645	$433	8.3%
13							
14	* Assumes a 0.8% increase in property valuation ($95,943,849 x 1.008 = 96,711,140), $75,000 Deficit Appropriation and shared revenue of $30,138						
15							
16							
17	Professional Staff Contract Warrant			$22,023			
18	$100,000	$0.00	$0	$0.23	$23	$23	0.9%
19	$200,000	$0.00	$0	$0.23	$46	$46	0.9%
20							
21	Support Staff Contract Warrant			$7,363			
22	$100,000	$0.00	$0	$0.08	$8	$8	0.3%
23	$200,000	$0.00	$0	$0.08	$15	$15	0.3%
24							
25	Capital Reserve			$20,000			
26	$100,000	$0.00	$0	$0.21	$21	$21	0.8%
27	$200,000	$0.00	$0	$0.21	$41	$41	0.8%
28							
29	Petition Warrant (Staff Increases)			$24,372			
30	$100,000	$0.00	$0	$0.25	$25	$25	1.0%
31	$200,000	$0.00	$0	$0.25	$50	$50	1.0%
32							
33	**Total with all Warrants**			**$2,833,717**			
34	**$50,000**	**$26.06**	**$1,303**	**$28.99**	**$1,449**	**$146**	**11.2%**
35	**$100,000**	**$26.06**	**$2,606**	**$28.99**	**$2,899**	**$293**	**11.2%**
36	**$200,000**	**$26.06**	**$5,212**	**$28.99**	**$5,798**	**$586**	**11.2%**

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #32

1998-1999 BUDGET PREPARATION

REVENUE AND ASSESSMENT
without GRANTHAM

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		1996-1997	1996-1997	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	DOLLAR	PERCENT
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL OR	PROPOSED	CHANGE	CHANGE
3					PROJECTED			
4	Balance - Start	$45,158	$77,534	$43,746	$60,214	$35,546	($8,200)	-18.7%
5	District Assessment	$766,975	$766,975	$761,732	$761,732	$694,358	($67,374)	-8.8%
6	Interest	$2,000	$1,900	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000	$0	0.0%
7	Rental	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.0%
8	Other Income	$8,000	$16,171	$8,000	$8,000	$10,000	$2,000	25.0%
9	TOTAL - Revenue	$822,133	$862,580	$815,478	$831,946	$741,904	($73,574)	-9.0%
10	TOTAL - Expenditure	$822,133	$802,367	$815,478	$796,400	$741,904	($73,574)	-9.0%
11	Reserve	$32,376	$32,376	$32,376	$32,376	$28,028	($4,348)	na
12	Balance - End	$32,376	$60,214	$32,376	$35,546	$28,028	($4,348)	na
13								
14	ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION FORMULA							
15		1996	VALUATION	1996-1997	PUPIL	COMBINED	DISTRICT	
16		EQUALIZED	PERCENT	PUPILS	PERCENT	PERCENT	SHARE	
17		VALUATION						
18	GRANTHAM	$0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	$0	
19	LEBANON	$747,523,227	87.60%	2107.7	88.60%	88.10%	$611,731	
20	PLAINFIELD	$105,808,473	12.40%	271.2	11.40%	11.90%	$82,628	
21								
22	TOTAL	$853,331,700	100.00%	2378.9	100.00%	100.00%	$694,358	
23								
24	ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION CHANGE							
25		1997-1998	1998-1999	DOLLAR	PERCENT			
26				CHANGE	CHANGE			
27	GRANTHAM	$105,655	$0	($105,655)	-100.00%			
28	LEBANON	$576,494	$611,731	$35,237	6.11%			
29	PLAINFIELD	$79,582	$82,628	$3,046	3.83%			
30								
31	TOTAL	$761,731	$694,358	($67,373)	-8.84%			
32								

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Election Meeting - March 11, 1997

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 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 and certification of posting. It was noted that the polls would remain open until 7:00 p.m., the same as the Town Election.

ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School Board (3 Years):

Carlton M. Strong, Jr.	292
Cynthia G. Roy	284
Backhofen	4
Drye	4
D. Rondeau	2
J. Taylor	1
G. Hewes	1
J. Barnicle	1
C. Mills	1
G. Mills	1
N. Torrey	1
M. Hennahan	1
A. Sprague	1
J. Stalker	1
R. Rogers	1
L. Freeman	1

Elected: Carlton M. Strong
Cynthia G. Roy

For School District Treasurer (1 Year):

James Griffiths	338
F. Sweet	3
E. Wheeler	2
D. Beaupre	1
J. Taylor	1

Elected: James Griffiths

For School District Auditor (2 Years):

Susan J. Timmons	338
P. Haubrich	2
C. Halleran	1

Elected: Susan J. Timmons

For School District Moderator (1 Year):

Stephen H. Taylor	352
G. MacLeay	1
H. Fellows	1
S. Beaupre	1

Elected: Stephen H. Taylor

For School District Clerk (1 Year):

Kelly L. Taylor	342
D. Rogers	1
D. Beaupre	1
D. West	1

Elected: Kelly L. Taylor

School District Auditor, Susan J. Timmons; School District Moderator, Stephen H. Taylor; and School District Clerk, Kelly Taylor, were sworn into office in open meeting.

The Election Meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m. The School District meeting recessed and will reconvene on Friday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. to consider all other school business.

School Board Members, Carlton M. Strong, Jr. and Cynthia G. Roy; and School District Treasurer, James Griffiths, were sworn into office the day following the election, Wednesday, March 12, 1997, by School District Clerk, Kelly Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L. Taylor

Kelly L. Taylor
School District Clerk

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Annual Meeting - March 21, 1997

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 1997, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

An invocation was delivered by Susan Gregory-Davis followed by the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted by Howard Zea.

Resolved: That the Moderator do away with the reading of the Warrant articles.

The voice vote was in the affirmative, it was so declared, and the meeting proceeded without the reading of the entire Warrant.

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 and recognize those persons who have provided exemplary service to the Plainfield School District.

At this time School Board Chair Jeanne Woodward-Poor called on Margaret Drye who briefly discussed the School Choice Committee. It was explained that this is still an active committee which is looking into alternative school options. Drye expressed the need for more volunteers to join this committee.

The voice vote 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 approve the report and recommendation of the School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board).

School Board Member Carl Strong referenced Page 145 of the 1996 Annual Report and explained the committee's decision as to why the Plainfield School District should not withdraw from SAU 32. Major considerations for this decision include: Financial Impact, Personnel Constraints, and Isolation from other schools.

A question was asked from the audience as to whether Lebanon was going to stay in the SAU. Carl Strong responded that Lebanon is voting to form a committee to make that decision.

A question was also asked as to whether the School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee would still remain active after voting to accept this report. John Fontana responded that the process would need to begin again. Moderator Stephen Taylor ruled that the committee stay in force and that voting yes to this article would only mean acceptance of the report. Taylor referenced ARTICLE III from last year's meeting minutes.

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

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

Resolved: That the District 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 Ninety 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).

After a brief discussion and explanation by School Board Member Cindy Roy that the teachers did not receive a salary increase last year, the vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 97 NO 47

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

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

Resolved: That the District 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).

School Board Member Cindy Roy explained that this was the first year that the support staff would have a contract which would become effective July 1, 1997. This represents a 3.4% increase over the previous year. Roy continued to explain that the support staff has gone three (3) years without an increase and this would be a one (1) year contract.

A question was asked as to whether the bus drivers' raises would be retroactive since their raises had been frozen. Roy explained that the raises would not be retroactive and would begin July 1, 1997.

Roy referenced Page 132 of the 1996 Annual Report which lists the support staff positions.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 121 NO 30

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

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

Resolved: That the District 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 further, that 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).

School Board Member Carl Strong explained the lease stating that the school will be able to pick up fifteen (15) additional computers at basically the same price we are now paying.

A question was asked about the interest rates on the new lease. Ernie Musarello responded that it would be about the same.

Another question was asked as to whether we will own the equipment at the end of the lease and whether the computers will be for student or teacher use.

Strong replied that we will own the computers at the end of the lease. Strong indicated that the students will get more time on computers if this article passes.

Responding to a question by a voter, Principal Frank Perotti explained that the hours spent by students on the computers vary. Perotti did express the need to further train the staff on computer use and how to effectively teach the students computer skills.

School Board Member Ken Goodrow explained that Plainfield School uses computers as learning tools, we are not trying to teach computer science.

Jeanne Woodward-Poor added that computers are not a "subject". We are encouraging students to use computers the same way that the older generation used dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.

Jim Sheehan, a teacher at the school, cited examples of computer use in his classroom, and showed his support for additional computers in the school.

Responding to a question raised by a voter, Carl Strong stated that eight (8) of the computers would be portable labs and seven (7) computers would be distributed to classrooms. Principal Perotti explained that two (2) of the computers would be hooked to the network. Strong also mentioned that 23 computers were brought in with the original lease and all are currently being used.

Robert Drye expressed his negative feelings towards leasing computer equipment, stating that the equipment loses value in such a rate that would make it much less valuable by the end of the lease period.

Another question was raised as to what would happen if Apple were to go out of business. Strong indicated that we can cancel our lease contract at any time.

A voter mentioned that they had heard about a program called "Computers for Kids" which helps get computers into the classroom and asked if we could get involved. The Board agreed to look into the program.

After much discussion, a voter called the question to terminate debate on this warrant article.

A voice vote to call the question was conducted. The outcome was in doubt, so a show of hands to call the question was conducted.

The vote by show of hands to terminate debate resulted in:

YES 87 NO 24

The vote was in the affirmative, it was so declared, and voting on the warrant article began.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 99 NO 53

The vote 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 vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for the purpose of erecting a garage/storage building (Recommended by the Plainfield School Board).

School Board Member Rosemary Mills explained the article and stressed the need for a shed to store items such as sporting equipment, fertilizer, snow blower, tables, etc. It was told that the plan being considered is a gambrel-style shed with an overhead door. This building would have restricted access, so the handicap-access issue would not apply. The cost of $10,000 would include the concrete slab, we would receive a 10% discount for being a non-profit organization, and the shed would be located near the dumpster.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 100 NO 47

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 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).

School Board Member Ken Goodrow explained the items that Bill Taylor, Facilities Manager for the Plainfield School, said would be needed soon and the estimated costs for each:

- Carpet Replacement ($36,000)
- Roof Replacement ($79,000)
- Heating & Ventilation System Upgrade ($20,000)

Robert Drye expressed some concern that the carpet replacement and other potential projects might not be covered under the RSA [RSA 35:1] for building projects and proposed the following amendment to the warrant article:

Resolved: That the District vote to establish a "Building Renovation" Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to be used for <u>expansion, renovation, or replacement</u> 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).

The voice vote on the amendment was in the affirmative, the amendment was adopted, and it was so declared.

The vote by secret written ballot on the amended warrant article resulted in:

YES 121 NO 29

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 raise and appropriate the sum of two million, six hundred ten thousand, one hundred eleven dollars ($2,610,111) 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).

Ken Goodrow began with the Revenue/Expense Summary and explained that 97% needs to be raised by taxation.

After much discussion regarding the budget, including the special education line item and voice mail, a voter called the question to terminate debate.

The Moderator declared the motion out of order, and requested that the School Board expedite their highlighting of the budget.

The Board discussed highlights of the budget.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 76 YES 72

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

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

Resolved: That the District establish the salaries of the Plainfield School Board and compensation of other officers and agents of the District until further action of the District as follows:

School Board Chair	$300
(4) School Board Members	$250 per individual
School District Treasurer	$240
School District Clerk	$50

School District Moderator	$50
(2) School District Auditors	$50 per individual
Supervisors of the Checklist & Ballot Clerks	$25 per meeting per individual

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

ARTICLE IX: Other Business.

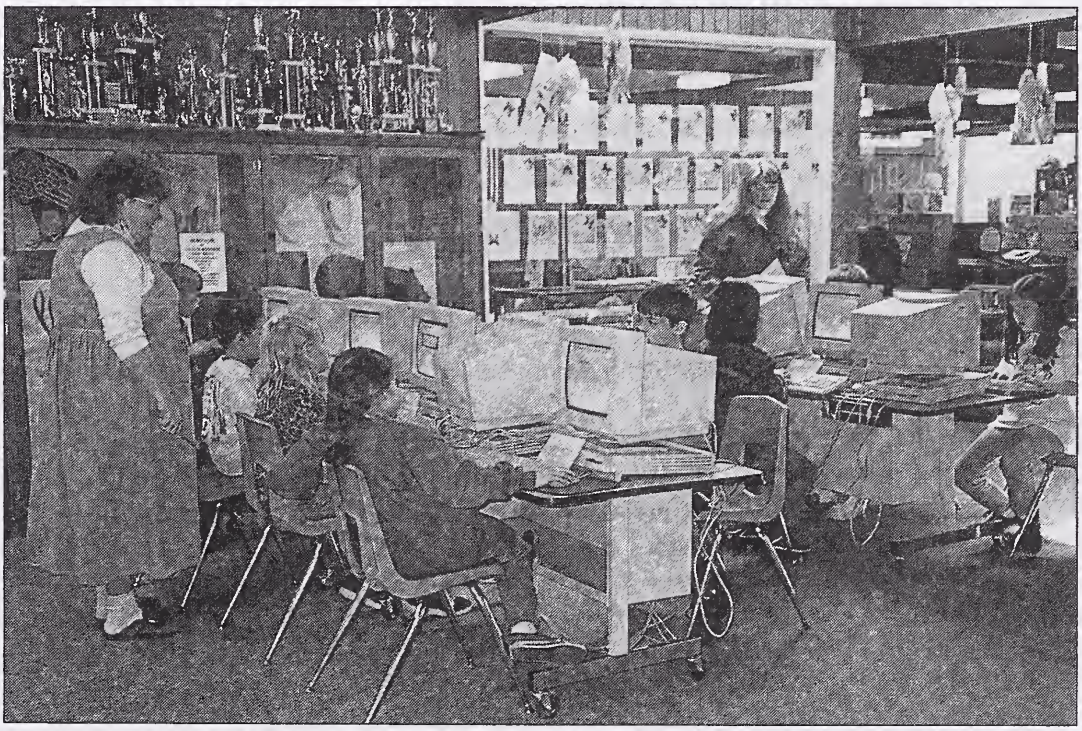
Jeanne Woodward-Poor presented Gail Malsin a plaque and painting in appreciation of her work and dedication to the art program at Plainfield School and in recognition of her resignation.

A motion was made, moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was in the affirmative and it was so declared at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L Taylor

Kelly L. Taylor
School District Clerk



Students learning computer skills.

–Photo by Gail Malsin

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT----F/Y '97

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE--JULY 1, 1996			**$86,867.22**
F/Y 1997 REVENUES AND RECEIPTS			
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD FUNDS RECEIVED		**$2,389,444.00**	
Special Education Aid	$4,770.56		
New Hampshire Building Aid	$15,995.10		
New Hampshire Foundation Aid	$23,841.65		
New Hampshire Kindergarten Aid	$13,000.00		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS RECEIVED		**$57,607.31**	
Federal Drug Free Program	$82.10		
Federal Block Grants	$2,640.58		
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED		**$2,722.68**	
F/Y '95 Tuition Received	$0.00		
Transfer from Heating Trust Fund	$11,099.19		
Transfer from School Grounds Account	$1,459.14		
Refunds, Reimbursements & Misc.	$40,622.18		
TOTAL TUITION, REFUNDS & MISC. RECEIVED		**$53,180.51**	
Contributions from Individuals	$0.00		
Plainfield PTA	$403.32		
TOTAL F/Y '97 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		**$403.32**	
BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST RECEIVED		**$2,032.96**	
TOTAL F/Y'97 REVENUES AND RECEIPTS			**$2,505,390.78**
TOTAL F/Y '97 AVAILABLE			**$2,592,258.00**
LESS SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL & FEDERAL FUND ORDERS PAID			**($2,538,748.03)**
ENDING CASH BALANCE--JUNE 30, 1997			**$53,509.97**

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, 1997, and find them correct in all respects.

Kathryn MacLeay, Auditor

Sue Timmons, Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the School Board
Plainfield School District
Plainfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Plainfield School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Plainfield School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plainfield School District, as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Plainfield School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

July 18, 1997

PLAINFIELD DEBT SERVICE
1998-1999

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, 1997 is $135,000

PAYMENTS FOR THE 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE TO BE PAID	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
JULY 15, 1998	$45,000	3,060	$48,060
JANUARY 15, 1999		1,530	
TOTAL	$45,000	$4,590	$49,590

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 $394 per special need student in Fiscal Year 98, it is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of $17,336 in FY 99. 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 1998. 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 or 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., University of NH
Forbes	Dawn	Speech/Language Pathologist	17-Oct-97	B.A., Western Washington State University & Graduate Study
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.A., UNH; 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
Lanzim	Katherine	Teacher - Sp. Ed.	01-Nov-86	B.A., Newark State College
Levy	Julie	Teacher - Foreign Language	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
Longacre	Melinda	Teacher - Gr 3	25-Aug-97	B.S., University of NH & Graduate Credits
Luce	Rebecca	Coordinator - Art	28-Apr-97	B.M., Keene State College
Lynd	Betsy Rybeck	Teacher - Gr. 2 (shared)	26-Apr-83	B.S., Bates College; M.S.T., Antioch
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.
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 NH
Roberts	Ellen	Teacher - Art	25-Aug-97	Teachers Certificate Vermont College of Norwich Univ. & Graduate Credits; B.A., Univ. of Oregon
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
Wetmore	Phyllis	Guidance Counselor	03-Sep-91	B.A., Morehead State College; M.A., Western Michigan University
Wolkin	Larry	Teacher - Grade 3	24-Aug-81	B.A., SUNY-Binghamton; M.A. Bank St. College
Woodcock	Mark	Teacher - Kindergarten	25-Aug-87	B.A., Towson State University
Adams-Brady	Connie	Secretary to Principal	12-Aug-96	
Taylor	William	Facilities Manager	01-Dec-96	
Lopez	Virginia	Athletic Coordinator	09-Sep-96	

APPENDIX A
1997-98 PLAINFIELD SALARY SCHEDULE

Track Increment .034
Step Increment .0368

Step	BA/BS	BA+15	MA(BA+30)	MA+15	MA+30
0	$21,300	$22,024	$22,773	$23,547	$24,348
1	$22,084	$22,835	$23,611	$24,414	$25,244
2	$22,897	$23,675	$24,480	$25,312	$26,173
3	$23,739	$24,546	$25,381	$26,244	$27,136
4	$24,613	$25,450	$26,315	$27,210	$28,135
5	$25,518	$26,386	$27,283	$28,211	$29,170
6	$26,458	$27,357	$28,287	$29,249	$30,243
7	$27,431	$28,364	$29,328	$30,325	$31,356
8	$28,441	$29,408	$30,407	$31,441	$32,510
9	$29,487	$30,490	$31,526	$32,598	$33,707
10	$30,572	$31,612	$32,687	$33,798	$34,947
11	$31,697	$32,775	$33,890	$35,042	$36,233
12	$32,864	$33,981	$35,137	$36,331	$37,567
13	$34,073	$35,232	$36,430	$37,668	$38,949
14	$35,327	$36,528	$37,770	$39,054	$40,382

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.

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
Eck	Jennifer	PP - Sp Ed Aide	01-Oct-97
Flanagan	Kristen	Math Tutor	27-Oct-97
Givens	Elizabeth	PP - Sp Ed Aide	09-Sep-96
Goodrow	Fawn	PP - Library Aide	11-Sep-97
Heaton	Karen	School Nurse	25-Aug-97
Milo	Kathy	PP - Sp Ed Aide	29-Aug-97
Moore	Annette	School Secretary	17-Aug-97
Proulx	Sandra	Math Tutor	29-Aug-89
Prue	Lori	PP - Sp Ed Aide	24-Nov-97
Shibles	Denise	PP - Sp Ed Aide	31-Aug-92
Taupier	Jane	PP - Sp Ed Aide	29-Aug-94
Tung	Hartej	PP - Sp Ed Aide	04-Nov-97
Webb	L. Sue	PP - Library Aide	09-Oct-89
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
Fleming	William	Custodian/Bus Driver	01-Jul-87

Plainfield Elementary School
Report from the School Board

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last report as the Chair of the Plainfield School Board. I have served on the Board for six years and find I must take some time off; as all of you must know the job is demanding and time consuming. However, as I look back on the past years, around at the current Board members, and ahead to the future I have a pang of regret that I will not be part of the excitement this new Board will surely face.

These last few years have been very rewarding for the Board. We have worked well together, not always agreeing on everything but always able to discuss our differences and keep the children's and the taxpayers' needs in mind. We have focused our energy on curriculum and policy, two issues that are truly the business of the Board. We have involved our Assistant Superintendent Evelyn Howard in developing curricular integration and aligning our curriculum with the NH Frameworks. Our policy book continues to grow and undergo scrutiny as we review and rewrite existing policies and add new ones. As we write, read, and rewrite these policies, we are forced to clarify our thinking and come to consensus, an interesting exercise that is always done in public at our Monday night meetings. We have deliberately tried not to micro manage the school administration to to help guide its course by this policy and curriculum work.

Two members of the current Board are not returning, but we leave three seasoned members who have shown themselves to be solid supporters of the Plainfield School. They have much experience and knowledge that I know they will share with the the two incoming members. I am confident that the new Board will work as well together as the previous Board has and will continue to act as the final overseer of our town's most important resource-its children.

These next few years promise to be exciting times for education, on both the local and state level. There is a strong possibility that Plainfield will become an SAU of its own, whether it wants to or not. This will mean that the Board will be responsible for determining the structure and staff that will provide the central office services to the school - quite an undertaking. Job descriptions will have to be written, administrators hired, and budgets designed to provide the best education possible for the most reasonable amount of money. On the state level we hope there will be some funding changes, although it is too soon to predict what these will be and how they will affect Plainfield. The debate over school funding promises to be loud and long before it is resolved, yet we must all join in that debate for the sake of our children.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the town and the children of Plainfield. It has been both educational and personally satisfying to see how the school has grown in so many ways.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Woodward-Poor
Chair, Plainfield School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 3, 1998

The New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks continue to be the focus of curriculum work at the Plainfield School. Teachers have been involved in defining and sequencing what students should know and be able to do. Follow-up on Plainfield's high school students continues through periodic review of their progress. The results show that Plainfield students have done very well when compared to students from other schools. 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. Assessment of our results will continue as a priority.

The New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program is a major part of the effort to be accountable for student success. This year provides us with the fourth year of results for our third graders as well as the second 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 for each year.

The variation of scores for Plainfield from year to year may be more dramatic than that observed in state scores due to the relatively small number of students in Plainfield's data compared to the State's data. For this reason analysis for purposes of evaluating programs focuses on general trends in the scores. Third grade scores over four years indicate a general trend of decreased numbers of students scoring in the novice category and increased numbers of students reaching proficient and advanced in both mathematics and language arts. Teachers analyze the individual test items to determine how the curriculum and instructional methods may need to be adjusted to better prepare students for the assessment. Primary teachers are considering how to include the use and review of special vocabulary (e.g., rounding, digit, congruent), supplemental resources for problem solving, and additional practice in specific areas (e.g. writing story problems, measuring and labeling geometric shapes, use of base ten blocks.)

In the second year of analysis for grade six, teachers are considering how topics such as chemical and physical properties of matter, astronomy, photosynthesis, and scientific terms can be enhanced in science. Topics such as economics and New Hampshire studies are being targeted for greater emphasis by the Social Studies Curriculum Committee. At the same time, the relative strength of students in social studies in both years will be analyzed to determine those topics that are promoting success and how to encourage better performance by all students.

The scores that describe the performance of all tenth graders at Lebanon High School and scores for Plainfield students attending Lebanon High School are presented. It is noted

that these scores do not reflect the status of all tenth grade students in the town since those students attending Kimball Union Academy are not included. Thirteen students from Plainfield participated in the first year of testing and eighteen students participated in the second year assessment program. 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.

Grade 3	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Novice
Language Arts	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
State 1994	1	15	48	33
State 1995	3	26	44	22
State 1996	4	25	45	21
State 1997	5	25	42	24
Plainfield 1994	0	11	50	33
Plainfield 1995	0	28	44	28
Plainfield 1996	0	17	37	47
Plainfield 1997	7	33	37	17
Mathematics				
State 1994	2	16	47	34
State 1995	9	24	42	22
State 1996	10	23	46	18
State 1997	11	26	42	17
Plainfield 1994	0	17	44	33
Plainfield 1995	9	22	50	19
Plainfield 1996	10	30	40	20
Plainfield 1997	10	23	53	13

Grade 6	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Novice
Language Arts	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
State 1996	1	15	38	42
State 1997	2	16	39	40
Plainfield 1996	0	23	37	40
Plainfield 1997	4	19	58	12
Mathematics				
State 1996	1	11	27	59
State 1997	1	10	33	55
Plainfield 1996	3	17	27	50
Plainfield 1997	0	19	31	42
Science				
State 1996	<1	9	20	69
State 1997	<1	7	22	68
Plainfield 1996	0	20	17	63
Plainfield 1997	0	15	27	50

Social Studies				
State 1996	4	8	32	53
State 1997	4	9	35	49
Plainfield 1996	13	27	23	27
Plainfield 1997	15	15	38	23

Grade 10 - LHS	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Novice
Language Arts	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
State 1996	2	8	58	26
State 1997	1	8	60	24
Lebanon HS 1996	1	9	51	28
Lebanon HS 1997	2	10	62	20
Plfd. at LHS 1996 (13 students)	0	0	62	31
Plfd. at LHS 1997 (18 students)	6	33	44	17
Mathematics				
State 1996	6	17	27	45
State 1997	5	18	27	44
Lebanon HS 1996	5	15	20	47
Lebanon HS 1997	8	18	27	44
Plfd. at LHS 1996 (13 students)	0	15	23	62
Plfd. at LHS 1997 (18 students)	28	22	22	28
Science				
State 1996	2	19	23	50
State 1997	2	17	26	50
Lebanon HS 1996	1	17	22	48
Lebanon HS 1997	2	19	29	47
Plfd. at LHS 1996 (13 students)	0	15	0	77
Plfd. at LHS 1997 (18 students)	6	28	44	17
Social Studies				
State 1996	1	12	21	60
State 1997	1	13	23	59
Lebanon HS 1996	1	12	21	54
Lebanon HS 1997	1	20	21	53
Plfd. at LHS 1996 (13 students)	0	0	38	62
Plfd. at LHS 1997 (18 students)	6	33	11	44

The students who took the assessment test as third graders in 1994 are the same students who took the assessment test as sixth graders in 1997. The staff will now be able to review student "growth" on an individual basis and prescribe action for the future course of instruction. This new dimension of our assessment will help the school establish an important view of both program and individual student progress. It will 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 the 1997 annual meeting, the Plainfield SAU Study Committee recommended that Plainfield remain a part of SAU #32 with Grantham and Lebanon. Voters approved the report but continued the Committee due to the uncertainty surrounding consideration of withdrawal by both Grantham and Lebanon. Since that meeting, the Grantham School District has voted to withdraw from SAU #32 beginning July 1, 1998. Also, the Lebanon SAU Study Committee has concluded its report and will recommend to the voters of Lebanon that Lebanon form its own SAU beginning July 1, 1999. The Plainfield committee has been meeting to determine if it should recommend withdrawal from SAU #32 as well. A report of the Plainfield Committee is included in this Annual Report. A separate warrant article is included on the 1998 warrant (Article II) to request voter action on the committee's report and recommendation.

With Grantham's withdrawal from SAU #32 at the end of this year, only Lebanon and Plainfield will be included in SAU #32 for the 1998-1999 school year. While the SAU #32 Board reduced the budget for the third straight year, Grantham's departure causes a $3,046 increase in Plainfield's share of SAU costs for 1998-1999. However, this increase for 1998-99 still leaves Plainfield's total cost at $5,292 (6%) lower than Plainfield's share paid to SAU #32 in 1994-95.

As organizational changes continue to unfold, it should be remembered that these changes do not alter the Authorized Regional Enrollment Area (AREA) Agreement between Plainfield, Grantham, and Lebanon. The AREA Agreement is a separate contract to educate secondary students. It can only be changed by formal votes of the communities involved. High school students from Plainfield will continue to attend Lebanon High School as designated in that agreement.

Due to unexpected costs during the current year (1997-98) for special education tuition and more high school students than planned, Article III requests approval of a deficit appropriation of $75,000. Approval by the voters would authorize the Town of Plainfield to pay the School District $75,000 more in 1997-98 than approved at the 1997 annual school district meeting. It would also authorize the Town to raise that amount in 1998-99

taxes. If this article is defeated, the School Board would have to reduce current expenditures at the Plainfield Elementary School to assure that a deficit does not occur.

The expenses incurred in 1997-98 to cause the need for a deficit appropriation also cause the proposed budget to increase since these costs recur in 1998-99. In fact, the proposed budget for 1998-99 contains increases totaling $232,720 for high school tuition, special education tuition, and health and dental benefits. In order to arrive at the total proposed base budget which increased by only $174,606, cuts were made in other areas such as equipment, special education personnel, and building repairs. On the revenue side, State kindergarten aid and State special education reimbursements based on the 1997-98 district expenditures will increase, lessening the impact on taxes somewhat. Despite the extra revenue, the estimated tax increase to fund the base budget as well as all special warrant articles, the petitioned articles, and the 1997-98 deficit appropriation is nearly 11%.

Article V of the 1998 annual meeting warrant requests the approval of the "cost items" negotiated by the Plainfield School Board with the Plainfield Education Association. The amount to be paid to teachers in 1998-99 for additional salaries and salary driven benefits (FICA, workers Comp., etc.) under a one year contract is $22,023 The settlement represents an average increase to staff of 2.5% over the amount paid in 1997-98. Approval of this article adds about $0.23 per $1,000 of valuation or 0.8% to the tax amount.

The Plainfield School Board has also negotiated a contract with the Plainfield Support Staff Association. Article VI of the 1998 annual meeting warrant requests voter approval of the "cost items" associated with this one year contract. The total increase for salaries and salary driven benefits is $10,828 but the tax amount required is reduced by the estimated savings of $3,465 from a change in health insurance plans. The net amount of the settlement is estimated at $7,363. The tax impact of this article would be approximately $0.08 per $1,000 or 0.4% to the tax amount.

Article VII asks voters to approve three things. First, it requests that the School Board be authorized to spend funds from the Capital Reserve Fund rather than to wait an entire year to seek voter approval at the next annual meeting. In effect, this changes the "Capital Reserve Fund" to an "Expendable Trust Fund". Second, the current Capital Reserve Fund contains $20,000 which voters appropriated last year. Approval of this article would authorize the School Board to expend that $20,000. Third, approval of this article would raise and appropriate to this Expendable Trust Fund, from taxes, an additional $20,000 for use on improvements designated by the School Board. The School Board is required to hold a public hearing before expending any of these funds. The School Board plans to begin replacement of the carpet in the school if this article is approved. The tax impact of this article would be approximately $0.21 per $1,000 or an 0.8% increase.

Article VIII was petitioned by Plainfield residents. As described in detail in the article, the request is to add time for the Art teacher, the school nurse, and the school secretary, including salaries, salary driven benefits, and health and dental costs. The additional cost if this article is approved is $24,372 representing an increase of $0.25 per $1,000 or about 1% over 1997-98. This petitioned article is supported by the School Board.

If the base budget and all articles are approved by voters, the budget for 1998-99 would be $2,931,469, an increase of $248,364 or 9.3% over the 1997-98 budget. If the 1997-98 expenditures were adjusted to reflect the projected over-expenditure of $74,484 in 1997-98, the increase would be only $173,881 or 6.3%. The tax assessment is projected at $2,728,579 an increase of $198,398 over the actual tax assessment in 1997-98 (7.8%). With the deficit appropriation for 1997-98 added, the assessment increase is $273,398 or 10.8%.

Article IX was petitioned by Plainfield residents. Plainfield's financial experience in 1997-98 reflects the dilemma faced by so many communities across the country: how to provide an appropriate and high quality education for necessary higher cost programs without decimating the "regular" education program by seriously diluting community resources. This is an issue which will continue into our immediate future and, hopefully, the Federal Government will reconsider its original 40% commitment. This resolution is supported by the Plainfield School Board.

The Plainfield School remains a successful and continuously improving school. The efforts of the staff are verified in the success of the students. 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. The Board has attempted to prepare a budget which meets the needs of the students and remains conscious of the tax impact on residents. I urge your continued support of their efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Fontana
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
JANUARY 30, 1998

The past year was one of challenges, and achievements, 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.

The results of our New Hampshire Assessment Tests in the third and sixth grades continue to indicate that our children are comparatively better prepared and achieve at higher levels than children across the state in almost every subject area. Our standardized testing results on the California Achievement Tests for academic skills reinforce the high levels of performance that our children are attaining. It is clear that our school is delivering a very high quality education to our children. These testing results yield a wealth of information about individual students as well as about programs. The Long Range Planning Team, as well as the teachers and Board of Education, has reviewed all of our assessment data as a part of the continuing search for excellence.

The Plainfield School has embarked on a complete revision of all our major curriculums. We are using the testing data to identify areas where we can improve, and then are building those content and skill areas into the curriculums. The New Hampshire State Frameworks is the guide for these revisions as well as our own experience and other more content-focused curriculums. This process will take another year to complete, but is critical to the continued improvement of instruction. Standards are increasing all over the country and if we are to keep pace we must continually explore new approaches, increase our use of technology and continually update the skills of our staff through staff development and training.

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 materials we use were 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. These materials have become the basic materials that we employ in the instruction of mathematics through sixth grade. They are not the only materials and they are not the curriculum.

Our mathematics curriculum, which is currently being revised, is based on the standards developed by the National Association of Teachers of Mathematics and Science which suggests that it is more important for students to engage in mathematics through exploration and problem solving, developing a thorough understanding of math, and not simply memorize someone else's solution. The relationship to the real world and to real work in our children's future is immediate and clear. Best of all, as our scores demonstrate, it really works. We have increased our level of teacher training in this area and students are now receiving a consistent and well coordinated approach throughout the grades. For students who are having difficulty with this approach an alternative is being developed.

We have also expanded our computer capacity. The funding provided in last year's budget enabled us to complete our networking within the building and to also establish Internet connection for every classroom as well as e-mail accounts for all of our teachers. We were able to form a partnership relationship with Valley Net and are receiving greatly discounted costs for the services received. A second mobile lab was established and is in almost constant use. Students and staff are using these resources daily for individual research and the collection of data for various subject areas. 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.

The numbers of children who are involved in our band and chorus have steadily increased. At our mid-winter concert, well over fifty percent of our children performed in one capacity or another, with many in chorus and band. The introduction of recorder at the second and third grades continues to be very successful, popular and a great introduction to instruments. Ellen Langtree is our new Art teacher. She has been just fabulous. Currently, our fourth grade has a collage exhibit on display at the Hanover Coop in Lebanon. Our school has been constantly graced with the wonderful creations and products her students have made.

Other new faces this year are Mindy Longacre in third grade. Mindy was a long-term substitute in our combination third and fourth grade classroom last year. She is a very positive addition. Larry Wolkin returned from his sabbatical leave in Italy to his third grade class. Julie Levy has moved from third grade to the Spanish teacher position, replacing Penelope Pendergast who has taken a position in Hanover. Regretfully, Anne Donaghy resigned her position as school nurse at the end of last year. We have been very fortunate to replace her with Karen Heaton, Plainfield resident and parent, who holds a Bachelors degree in Nursing as well as other certifications. Kathy Westwood resigned her position with us as a Speech Pathologist to take a position in Lebanon. Dawn Forbes, a licensed Speech Pathologist and also a resident and parent is providing speech and language services along with Michael Lemieux, a Speech and Language Assistant. We also have new office staff. Annette Moore is our part-time school secretary and is very efficient and pleasant to work with. New special education aides this year are Hartej Tung, Kathy Milo, Lori Prue, and Ann McAllister. Fawn Goodrow has been added to our staff as library aide sharing her position with Sue Webb. Two aide positions remain to be filled at this time and are being covered by substitutes. Kristin Flanagan has joined us in the position of math tutor for the fifth through eighth grades. 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, Colby Sawyer College and the New Hampshire Technical College Nursing Program have sent us interns and student teachers this year. This confidence in our staff as mentors, models and trainers for new teachers is truly rewarding and reflects on the reputation of our school in the region and state.

Our delivery of psychological services has changed also. Dr. Joe Keenan from Lancaster, NH, spends one day a week with us. He has shown himself to be a very skillful and

talented practitioner in his field. In his capacity as school psychologist he has the responsibility for diagnosis of learning problems, advising parents and has provided inservice training to our teachers and staff. This has been a great improvement over the testing services we were previously receiving.

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. They will be meeting with their statewide counterparts at a conference in Concord this Spring. Our seventh grade attended a three-day leadership training institute at the Hulbert Center. Our attempt at starting a student council last year have paid off with a newly formed council with representation in grades five through eight. Kristin Flanagan is their advisor. We have provided a number of workshops for our students beyond what is usual. In response to a need for greater emphasis on personal safety, an expert in the field was brought in for two days and worked with every student in the school as well as leaving follow-up curriculum materials. The middle school students also received specific training in positive conflict resolution and leadership training. 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.

The biggest change this year has been in the philosophical change in the fifth through eighth grades. This level has begun to change the method of delivering services to the youngsters in the ten to fifteen age group. Young adolescents need to have different programming to meet their unique needs as they begin to explore the adult world and their place in it. Crucial to this implementation is the need for teams of teachers to have a shared planning time, the addition of positive youth development activities such as student council, class government, and various clubs and activities, as well as a specific guidance or advisor /advisee period. We are in the beginning stages of this emerging transition and already are seeing some positive results. Teachers have a more structured time to plan, adjust instruction, and meet with parents to better serve children with their unique needs. This process often involves the student as a member of a collaborative team approach fostering the development of short, and long-term goals for individual improvement.

The middle school is also attempting to coordinate overnight field trip experiences in a way that ties them to the sequence of the various curriculums and is progressive in content as well as length of stay as the grade levels increase. These experiences should integrate more fully with our stated curriculum goals.

We have increased the usage of our building and facilities for community activities with the addition of a Cub Scout den. We have hosted regional pack gatherings, volleyball, basketball, the Plainfield Soccer Club, 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. At the end of last year the Long Range Planning Team requested that the Board of Education retain the services of an architect to do a review of our space utilization. His charge was also to make recommendations which would include the addition at some

future date of two kindergarten classrooms and also the addition of performance space and appropriate music and art instructional space. This report was presented to the committee and will be brought before the board before the end of the year for their review. It is hoped that at some point a joint community-school improvement project will be considered to address identified needs.

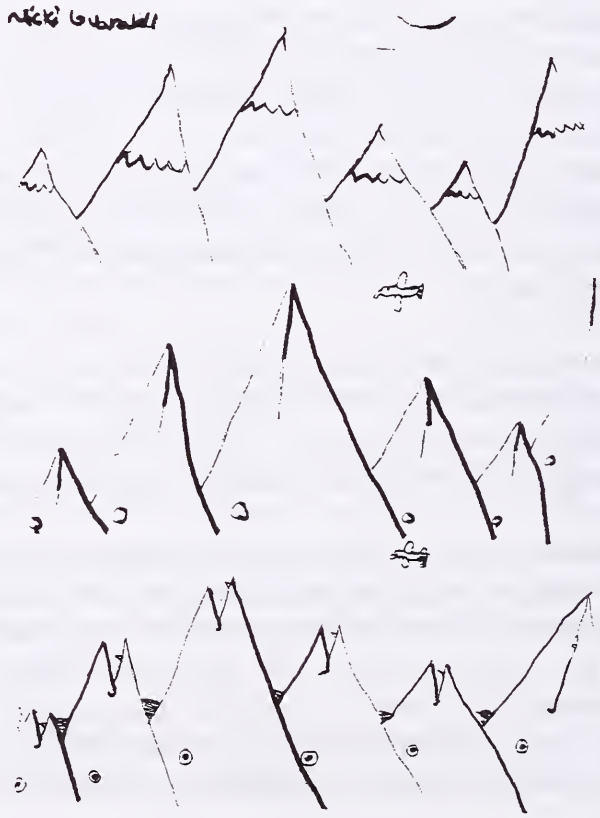
Bill Taylor, has continued as Facilities Manager and oversaw the construction of the garage, pavement repair, and various building maintenance projects this past summer. He continues to help us maintain and plan for building and ground improvements, maintenance, and construction. A combination effort between the PTA, parents and teacher volunteers contributed to the addition and repair of our playground. Come and enjoy the new slide, car, and tire swings.

In summary, the school has continued to grow and improve. Greater efforts are continually being made to serve the unique individual educational needs of every child in our town. This is being provided in a global environment that continues to become more regionally interdependent and complex. It is truly a challenge and privilege to be an educator today.

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



Health Report 1997-1998

"Healthy children learn better" is a major focus as the role of the school nurse continues to expand by working together with the school, parents, and the community to protect the health of all our children. The school nurse assists in strengthening and facilitating the educational process by modifying or removing health-related barriers to learning in individual students and promoting an optimal level of wellness for students and staff. The nurse assumes responsibilities for appropriate assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, management, and/or referral activities; serves as the direct link between physicians, families, and state and community agencies to assure access and continuity of health care for students; and provides relevant instruction, counseling and guidance to students, parents, staff, and others concerning health-related issues.

The fall term was active in the health office as sports physicals were updated and filed and immunization records were reviewed, tallied, and reported to the state. Children in the school participated in health screening. Vision and hearing testing, heights and weights were all evaluated and a scoliosis check was obtained for 5th graders. Parents were notified of any needed referrals after a re-screening process. Special thank you to Anne Donaghy, RN, Susan Hohmann, RN, Donna Houston, RN, and Susan Reetz, RN, for assisting with health screening.

Wellness screening was offered to all faculty and school board members who wished to participate. Flu shots were also made available for faculty provided by a NH Trust insurance grant. CPR training was offered at the school for faculty, coaches, and the general public.

The 8th grade Health class spent the fall term learning about emotional, physical, spiritual, and social health and the importance of balancing these to reach an optimal level of wellness. A thorough review of the systems including actual dissection has been of interest to many. In February the 8th grade will use puppetry known as "Just 4 Kids" loaned by the American Lung Association to promote lung health to all grades. You may have also noticed a magnificent painted display on the nurse's window in celebration of AIDS awareness day in October painted by 8th graders. Spring will focus on other areas including first aid, drug use, physical health, disease prevention and the life cycle, which will include "flour babies."

The nurse is actively involved in the Lebanon Prevention Partnership that connects many area agencies and improves communication and coordination of services between them. The nurse also works with the principal, guidance counselor, sheriff, and police as well as other area schools in Sullivan County as a team. Our goal is to develop a program that will deliver site-based behavioral health services in the school in addition to a safety program offered by our local police and sheriff for the younger grades by accessing federal "Safe Schools" grant funds.

The Plainfield School is participating in a program for senior students in the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at the NH Community Tech College. Nursing students will work with children in grades K-4 with the goal of being able to observe and become familiar with the class and present a topic from the Health Curriculum to the class. Thank you to Jim McCarragher, RN, MSN, Associate Professor of Nursing and our participating classes.

The Plainfield PTA, in conjunction with the school, was able to invite David Levine, Prevention Specialist, to work with students for two days and offer a parent workshop on "safety." Delicate issues such as molestation, abduction, and seduction were professionally addressed in an educational manner. The PTA will also be active in organizing a Bike Rodeo in May along with our local police and will welcome all community members and children. Our playground improvements are complete and have passed all safety requirements. This installation was made possible by the PTA and the school. These activities are coordinated through the nurse's office.

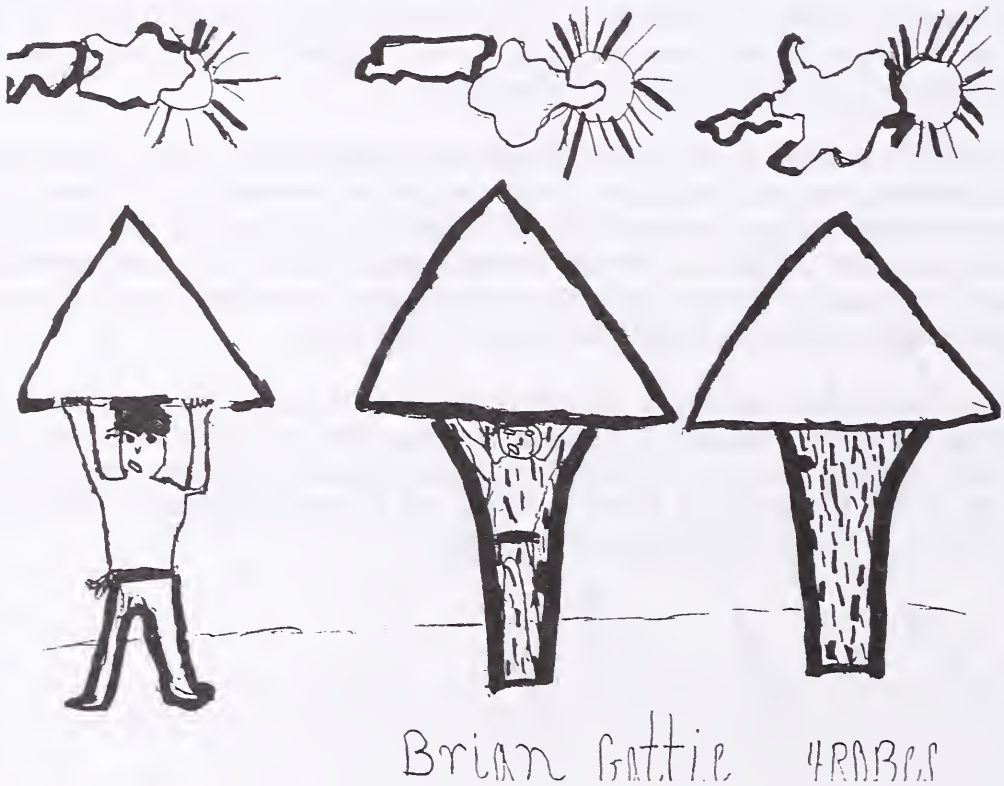
The nurse's office remains quite busy on the average day. The nurse cares for students taking into consideration their physical, social, and emotional needs. In addition to treating illness and injury, the nurse pays attention to infection control and communicable diseases. We are currently looking into initiating a Hepatitis B vaccine program for the school year 1998-99.

Registration for incoming kindergarten will be held here in May. Parents and children are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the nurse and the nurse's office. We acquaint parents at this time with immunization requirements and review forms for pre-school physicals that will need to be completed and filed with the nurse by the start of school in September. I look forward to meeting you and your child.

Please don't hesitate to call with any concerns, questions, or ideas. I welcome your input. Office hours are 7:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Karen Heaton, RN, BSN, IBCLC



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 with 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 US. 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.

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

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the Plainfield School District not withdraw from SAU 32 at this time.

With changes of membership in SAU 32 involving the withdrawal of the Grantham School District July 1, 1998 and the possible withdrawal of the Lebanon School District July 1, 1999, the Plainfield School District would "inherit" SAU 32 July 1,1999. Plainfield would then operate School Administrative Unit 32 as its own providing its Superintendent services as required by law.

Any residual financial obligations or liabilities of the SAU as presently structured would be the responsibility of its present members on a percentage basis as determined by their respective present percentage of participation.

SAU 32 assets, cash, office equipment, etc. as determined by a financial audit at the time of Lebanon's withdrawal would be distributed to the individual school districts also on a percentage basis as determined by their respective present percentage of participation.

In the event Lebanon does not withdraw from SAU 32 as expected, the Plainfield School District would continue to receive Superintendent services through its membership in SAU 32.

Carlton Strong, Chair
Steve Beaupré, Ken Goodrow, Steve Halleran
George KoehlerAnn LaFlam

8TH GRADE AWARDS

Academic Awards:	English	Emily Davis
	Mathematics	Abigail Nintzel
	Science	Abigail Nintzel
	Social Studies	Henry Colburn
	Spanish	Henry Colburn

Garipay - Beaupre Scholar Athlete Award: Henry Colburn

Grobe - Reisch Sportsmanship Award: Elizabeth McNamara

Best Female Athlete Award: Tara Lundrigan

Best Male Athlete Award: Nicholas Johnson

Citizenship Award: Elizabeth McNamara

Cory Taber Award: Elizabeth McNamara

Plainfield Education Award: Henry Colburn, Abigail Nintzel

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement:
Marc Ambrosi, Henry Colburn
Emily Davis, Chris Farrell
Tamara Heath, Abigale Marsh
Elizabeth McNamara, Abigail Nintzel, Anna Taupier

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for Outstanding Educational Improvement:
Tara Lundrigan

Teachers' Award: Emily Davis

Music Awards:
Outstanding Contribution to Chorus: Elizabeth McNamara
Outstanding Contribution to Band: Robin Liston
SW Distr. NH Jr. High Music Festival Band: Matthew Harrison
Robin Liston
SW Distr. NH Jr. High Music Festival Chorus: Marc Ambrosi
Abigale Marsh, Elizabeth McNamara, Dan Robb, Ray Sprague

Art Awards:
Consistent Effort & Improvement in Art: Elizabeth McNamara
Certificate: Emily Davis, Tamara Heath
Artistic Achievement: Abigale Marsh
Certificate: Garreth Smith, Jesse Veverka

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1997

Kelsey Allbright
Marc Ambrosi
Henry Colburn
Emily Davis
Lucy Donaghy
Virginia Dussault
Christopher Farrell
Kathy Gobin
Matthew Harrison
Tamara Heath
Nicholas Johnson
Craig Lanzim
Robin Liston
Peter Logan
Tara Lundrigan
Abigale Marsh
Hannah Mason
Elizabeth McNamara
Abigail Nintzel
Joshua Osgood
Alicia Rawson
Daniel Robb
Garreth Smith
Raymond Sprague III
Anna Taupier
Carrie Tenney
Jesse Veverka
Melissa Walker
Molly Yeaton

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY - 1997-1998

Grade 9

Kelsey Allbright
Marc Ambrosi
Henry Colburn
Lucy Donaghy
Christopher Farrell
Nicholas Johnson
Robin Liston
Elizabeth McNamara
Abigail Nintzel
Raymond Sprague
Anna Taupier

Grade 10

Jessica Beaver
Jeffrey Cedeno
Kelly Farrell
Scott Liston
Benjamin Sheehan
Zachary Thorne
Lindsey Wolter

Grade 11

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 12

Molly Cherington
Brennan Johnson
Nicholas Martin
Ryan McGraw
Kate Nintzel
Anna O'Leary
Kristen Overman
Amanda Spencer
Erin Taupier

Principal's Awards:	For great determination & effort:	Ginny Dussault
	For improvement in determination & effort:	Alicia Rawson
		Peter Logan
	For positive spirit throughout the year:	C.J. Lanzim
		Kathy Gobin
	For school spirit & class support:	Josh Osgood
		Melissa Walker
		Hannah Mason
		Kelsey Allbright
	For quiet, valued contributions to the school community :	Lucy Donaghy
		Molly Yeaton

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest :

1st - A Way of Life, Not A Profession	Elizabeth McNamara
2nd - America: The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave	Emily Davis
3rd - Public Elementary Schools vs. Private Elementary Schools	Abigail Nintzel
4th - People's Choice	Abigale Marsh
5th - Pollution: It's a Big Problem in Today's World	Carrie Tenney
Honorable Mention - Education Funding: Who's in Control?	Henry Colburn
Honorable Mention - The Changing Value of Young Americans	Melissa Walker

TUITION STUDENTS 1997-98

GRADE 9

EMILY DAVIS
AMANDA DENUTTE
KATHY GOBIN
MATTHEW HARRISON
TAMARA HEATH
CRAIG LANZIM
NICOLE LAVOIE
TARA LUNDRIGAN
ABIGALE MARSH
HANNAH MASON
JOSHUA OSGOOD
ALICIA RAWSON
GARRETH SMITH
CARRIE TENNEY
JESSE VEVERKA
MELISSA WALKER
JESSICA WILEY
MOLLY YEATON

GRADE 10

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

GRADE 11

STEPHEN ATHANAS
EMILY BEAUDOIN
DANITA BONNETTE
NICHOLAS CARUSO
LYNN DANIELS
ROSS DUHAIME
AMY FRANKLIN
CASSANDRA GAGE
SANDRA HARDIN
NATHAN ISABELLE
JOSHUA JOHNSON
JEREMIAH JOHNSON
JOHN KING
JOSEPH LAFLAM
KERRY MARSH
PAUL MATHEWSON
CHRISTOPHER MATTOON
HEIDI RICHARDS
SCOTT ROBINSON
BETSY ROGERS
NATHAN SHARKEY
KATRINA STEBBINS
GEORGE WARD, JR.

GRADE 12

CLAYTON ALDRICH
CARRIE BOUGHTON
MATTHEW COOK
JOHN DAY, JR.
JASON DUHAIME
BRAD ISAACS
CHRISTOPHER JEWELL
TRISHA KIMBALL
TIMOTHY McFARLIN
MANDY SHIBLES
JAMES SOROCHAK
WENDY STOOPS
JODI VARNESE
EDMUND VIGNEAULT
JORDAN WESTWOOD

ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 1997

GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
K	14	13	27
1	16	15	31
2	18	12	30
3	16	20	36
4	14	16	30
5	14	16	30
6	18	14	32
7	17	10	27
8	14	13	27
SUB TOTAL	**141**	**129**	**270**
Total Home Study Students			12
TOTAL Enrollment with Home Study			**282**

Grades 3/4 Talent Show, Spring 1997

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ART CREDIT

Various student drawings found throughout the school report provided by Art Teacher Ellen Langtree-Roberts. Individual credits as noted on the drawings.

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	469-3202
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		

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	8:00am-4:00pm DAILY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN 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 7:00-9:00pm
675-6866	Wednesdays 1:00-5:00/7:00-9:00pm
	Fridays 1:00-5:00pm
	Saturdays 9:00-noon

Meriden Library Hours	Mondays 2:00-8:00pm
469-3252	Tuesdays 3:00-6:00pm
	Thursdays 10:00-noon/2:00-6:00pm
	Saturdays 10:00-1:00pm