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# Town of Plainfield, NH Annual Report 2015 



Home of Plainfield School

Many villages make up the Town of Plainfield. The Plainfield Plain is the home of our annual Fourth of July Parade, "the best little parade in the state of New Hampshire". Meriden village hosts the annual town wide summer picnic known as "Spirit Day". East Plainfield is the hub of the Pumpkin People invasion now occurring each fall. These three distinct villages along with many other unnamed neighborhoods all help form the single community of the Town of Plainfield. No matter where you live in town, come participate in our events and traditions and see what makes Plainfield so special!

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## Annual Reports of the

Officers and Selectmen and the School District


Please bring this Report to the School District and Town Meetings. Take care of this book: each costs $\$ 4.50$ to produce and deliver.

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| Office | Name | Appt. Expires |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MODERATOR | Paul B. Franklin | 2016 |
| TOWN CLERK | Michelle Marsh | 2016 |
| SELECTBOARD | Judith A. Belyea | 2016 |
|  | Ron C. Eberhardt | 2017 |
|  | Robert W. Taylor | 2018 |
| TREASURER | Sarah Brookes-Governo | 2016 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | Michelle Marsh | 2016 |
| TRUSTEES OF |  |  |
| TRUST FUNDS | Jesse Stalker | 2016 |
|  | Edward Stansfield | 2017 |
|  | Donald Garfield | 2018 |
| LIBRARY |  |  |
| TRUSTEES | Emily Sands | 2018 |
|  | Nancy Liston | 2018 |
|  | Mark Pensgen | 2017 |
|  | Suzanne Spencer | 2016 |
|  | Anita Brown | 2016 |
| SUPERVISORS OF |  |  |
| THE CHECKLIST | Harold Jones Jr. | 2018 |
|  | Donald Jordan | 2020 |
|  | Fern Wilder | 2021 |
| CEMETERY TRUSTEES | Jesse Stalker | 2016 |
|  | Bradford Atwater | 2017 |
|  | James Taylor | 2018 |
| ASSIST. MODERATOR | Stephen H. Taylor |  |
| BALLOT CLERKS | Sarah Brookes-Governo |  |
|  | Robin Marsh |  |
|  | Elizabeth Lurie |  |


| BALLOT CLERKS (con't) | RoAnne Rogerson Jill Young, Alt |
| :---: | :---: |
| ROAD AGENT | Richard Collins |
| RECREATION DIRECTOR HEALTH OFFICER ZONING ADMIN. <br> YIELD TAX AGENT WELFARE DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MGT.DIR. DEPTUTY EMD POLICE DEPARTMENT | Daniel Cantlin Stephanie Schell Stephen Halleran Judith A. Belyea Stephanie Schell James McCarragher Robert Taylor Paul Roberts, Chief Matthew Foss Billy Heighes Lawrence Dore, PT Matthew Agan, PT Anthony Swett, PT |
| PLANNING BOARD | Jane Stephenson, Chair <br> Michael Sutherland <br> Jeffrey Allbright <br> Elise Angelillo <br> Douglas Gest <br> Allan Ferguson <br> Stephen Halleran, Alt <br> Judith Belyea, Selectwoman |
| ZONING BOARD | Richard Colburn, Chair Edward Moynihan Bradford Atwater William McGonigle Scott MacLeay, Alt |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | Myra Ferguson, Chair <br> Judith Ptak <br> William Knight <br> David Grobe <br> Anne Donaghy <br> David Taylor <br> Ron Eberhardt |


|  | Rangi Keen |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | David Grobe |
|  | Bradford Atwater |
|  | Dan LaPan |
|  | Eric Brann |
|  | Mike Sutherland |
| ENERGY |  |
| COMMITTEE | Nancy Mogielnicki, Co Chair |
|  | Steve Ladd, Co Chair |
|  | Allan Ferguson |
|  | Mike O’Leary |
|  | Ron Eberhardt |
|  | Evan Oxenham |
|  | Frank Perotti |
| UVLSRPC | James Taylor |
| MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF | Frank Currier |
| PLAINFIELD FIRE CHIEF | Frank Currier |
| FOREST FIRE WARDENS | Frank Currier, Warden |
|  | Douglas Plummer, Deputy |
|  | Christopher Berry, Deputy |
|  | William Taylor, Deputy |
|  | Daniel Boone Rondeau, Deputy |
|  | Bruce Elder, Deputy |
|  | Lester Bouchier, Deputy |
|  | Joseph Longacre, Deputy |
|  | Jeffrey LeBlanc, Deputy |
|  | Mark Horne, Deputy |
| KUA STUDY | Stephen Beaupre |
| COMMITTEE | Elizabeth Duany |
|  | John Yacavone |
|  | Robyn Hadlock |
|  | Robert Hewett |
|  | Eric Brann |
|  | Pamela Miller |
|  | Myra Ferguson |
|  | Chris Foreman, School Board |
|  | Robert Blake, Kimball Union Academy |
|  | Stephen Halleran, Selectboard Rep. |

## WARRANT <br> STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE <br> COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

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


#### Abstract

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: A Moderator for two years, a Town Clerk for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, and any other necessary town officers.


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

Question 1. In order to provide enhanced opportunities for development in the Village Residential Zoning District, the following change is proposed: Remove the $20 \%$ maximum lot coverage requirement for the Village Residential Zoning District and replace it with a maximum lot coverage of $40 \%$.

Yes $\qquad$ No

Question 2. In order to clarify what is meant by the term Impervious Surface, the following change is proposed: Add to Article VIII of the Zoning OrdinanceDefinitions the following: Impervious surfaces: Surfaces that cannot effectively absorb and infiltrate water and therefore increase both the amount and rate of storm water run off. Examples of impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to driveways, parking areas, sidewalks, roofs, decks, and patios. Vegetative surfaces are not considered impervious.

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 12th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 9 8 , 0 9 9}$ to defray town charges for the 2016 fiscal year. The Selectboard proposes the following budget:

1. Executive $\$ 197,977$
2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics

14,330
3. Financial Administration $\mathbf{6 8 , 2 0 0}$
4. Revaluation of Property $\quad 13,000$
5. Legal Expenses $\mathbf{8 , 1 0 0}$
6. Personnel Administration $\mathbf{6 , 5 0 0}$
7. Planning and Zoning $\quad \mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$
8. General Government Buildings $\quad 12,425$
9. Cemeteries $\quad \mathbf{2 5 , 6 0 0}$
10. Insurance $\mathbf{4 0 , 5 0 0}$
11. Regional Associations $\quad \mathbf{6 , 1 0 0}$
12. Police Department $\mathbf{3 6 5 , 8 7 6}$
13. Ambulance Service $\mathbf{3 5 , 5 0 0}$
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield $\mathbf{5 5 , 0 0 0}$
-Meriden $\quad 44,500$
15. Building Inspection 8,900
16. Emergency Management 250
17. Hydrant \& Forest Fire Expense 4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police \& Ambulance $\quad \mathbf{2 9 , 0 0 0}$
19. Highway Administration 20,050
20. Highways and Streets 695,679
21. Road Projects 111,496
22. Street Lights $\quad 10,000$
23. Solid Waste Collection 163,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal 47,810
25. Health Agencies 18,585
26. Animal Control 500
27. Welfare $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$
28. Recreation Commission 19,000
29. Library Department 137,336
30. Patriotic $\quad \mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$
31. Conservation Commission 500
32. Principal Long-term debt 25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt $\mathbf{1 , 2 8 5}$

Total: $\quad \$ \mathbf{2 , 1 9 8}, 099$
This budget is exclusive of other warrant articles.
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 0 , 5 0 0}$ to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:
RSA 35:1 funds:

| $\$ 18,000$ | Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015. |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 20,000$ | Revaluation Fund created in 1993. |
| $\$ 50,000$ | Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987. |
| $\$ 55,000$ | Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006. |
| $\$ 5,000$ | Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994. |
| $\$ 5,000$ | ADA Access Fund created in 2003. |
| $\$ 5,000$ | Police Equipment Fund created in 2011. |
| $\$ 5,000$ | Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012. |

RSA 31:19a funds:
\$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.
The Selectboard is named agent to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund, the transportation improvement fund, the police equipment fund, the facilities maintenance fund and the Highway Equipment Fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 9 0 , 0 0 0}$ for the purchase of a backhoe loader for the use of the Highway Department, further to authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing backhoe loader. If approved, the Selectboard will withdraw said sum from the Highway Equipment Fund. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation. The Selectboard was named agent to expend the highway equipment fund at the 2015 town meeting.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}$ to hire a consultant to study the feasibility of relocating the United States Post Office in Meriden Village to the Meriden Library located at \#22 Bean Road. As part of this project, the Meriden Library facility would be made compliant with the Americans with Disability Act. The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. 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 fifty (50) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will direct the Selectboard to appoint a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an
ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Selectboard and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

ARTICLE 10. To see what action the town will take with respect to the reports of town officers.

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A True Copy Attest:

Iudith A. Belyea<br>Robert W. Taylor<br>Ran Eberhardt<br>Plainfield Selectboard

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard of Plainfield, hereby certify that on the 17th day of February in the year 2016, we posted a true attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, it being the place of meeting, and a like true and attested copy of said warrant at the Meriden Town Hall and the Plainfield Town Hall, said locations being public places in the Town of Plainfield.

## Signed:

## Iudith A. Belyea <br> Rabert W. Taylor <br> Ran Eberhardt

Personally appeared before me the above names, Judith A. Belyea, Ron C. Eberhardt, Robert W. Taylor the Selectboard of Plainfield and took oath the foregoing statement is true.

## Michelle Marsh

Notary Public
My Commission expires
August $22^{\text {nd }} 2017$

## Town Budget Major Catagories



| TOWN OPERATING |  |  |  | Percent | Percent |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BUDGET SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | Change | Total |
| WELFARE | $\$ 5,250$ | $\$ 8,500$ | $\$ 10,000$ | $62 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| HEALTH | $\$ 18,870$ | $\$ 18,870$ | $\$ 19,085$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| DEBT SERVICE | $\$ 26,850$ | $\$ 26,850$ | $\$ 26,285$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| CULTURE AND | $\$ 138,323$ | $\$ 145,149$ | $\$ 157,836$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| RECREATION | $\$ 194,810$ | $\$ 201,810$ | $\$ 210,810$ | $4 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| SANITATION | $\$ 353,405$ | $\$ 370,755$ | $\$ 393,732$ | $5 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| GENERAL | $\$ 503,098$ | $\$ 517,848$ | $\$ 543,126$ | $3 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| GOVERNMENT | $\$ 784,700$ | $\$ 812,150$ | $\$ 837,225$ | $3 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 0 2 5 , 3 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 0 1 , 9 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 9 8 , 0 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |
| STREETS \& BRIDGES |  |  |  |  |  |

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue January $1^{\text {st }} 2016$ to December $31^{\text {st }} 2016$

EXPENDITURES
Item
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Executive
Election/Registration

Financial Administration
Revaluation of Property
Legal Expense
Personnel Administration
Planning and Zoning
General Government Building
Cemeteries
Insurances
Regional Associations
PUBLIC SAFETY
Police
Ambulance
Fire-Plainfield
Fire-Meriden
Building Inspection
Emergency Management
Hydrant Rentals/FFT
Dispatch Service
HIGHWAYS, STREETS
Highway Administration
Highway and Streets
Road Projects
Street Lights
SANITATION
Solid Waste Collection
Solid Waste Disposal
Health
Health Department
Animal Control
WELFARE
General Assistance
CULTURE AND RECREATION
Recreation Commission
Libraries
Patriotic Purposes
Conservation Commission
$\begin{array}{cc}2015 & 2015 \\ \text { Approved } & \text { Expenditure }\end{array}$

$$
\$ 194,950
$$

$$
\$ 3,380
$$

$$
\$ 68,700
$$

$$
\$ 13,000
$$

$$
\$ 8,100
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\$ 5,500
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\$ 1,000
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\$ 9,425
$$

$$
\$ 25,000
$$

$$
\$ 36,600
$$

$$
\$ 5,100
$$

$$
\$ 356,598
$$

$$
\$ 27,000
$$

$$
\$ 49,500
$$

$$
\$ 44,500
$$

$$
\$ 8,900
$$

$\$ 250$ $\$ 4,100$ \$27,000

| $\$ 20,050$ | $\$ 18,518$ | $\$ 20,050$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 680,200$ | $\$ 663,220$ | $\$ 695,679$ | $2.3 \%$ | $\$ 15,479$ |
| $\$ 99,900$ | $\$ 99,884$ | $\$ 111,496$ | $11.6 \%$ | $\$ 11,596$ |
| $\$ 12,000$ | $\$ 9,288$ | $\$ 10,000$ | $-16.7 \%$ | $(\$ 2,000)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $\$ 153,000$ | $\$ 152,792$ | $\$ 163,000$ | $6.5 \%$ | $\$ 10,000$ |
| $\$ 48,810$ | $\$ 48,271$ | $\$ 47,810$ | $-2.0 \%$ | $(\$ 1,000)$ |
|  |  |  |  | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 18,370$ | $\$ 18,241$ | $\$ 18,585$ | $1.2 \%$ | $\$ 215$ |
| $\$ 500$ | $\$ 80$ | $\$ 500$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $\$ 8,500$ | $\$ 12,001$ | $\$ 10,000$ | $17.6 \%$ | $\$ 1,500$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $\$ 19,000$ | $\$ 17,073$ | $\$ 19,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 124,649$ | $\$ 124,581$ | $\$ 137,336$ | $10.2 \%$ | $\$ 12,687$ |
| $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 1,045$ | $\$ 1,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 500$ | $\$ 280$ | $\$ 500$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD <br> Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue January $1^{\text {st }} 2016$ to December $31^{\text {st }} 2016$ <br> (Continued)

## DEBT SERVICE

Principal Long-term debt
Interest Long-term debt
Interest T.A.N Notes
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL

| $\$ 25,000$ | $\$ 25,000$ | $\$ 25,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 1,850$ | $\$ 1,853$ | $\$ 1,285$ | $-30.5 \%$ | $(\$ 565)$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |  | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 2,101,932$ | $\$ 2,068, \mathbf{3 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 9 8 , 0 9 9}$ | $4.6 \%$ | $\$ 96,167$ |


| 2015 <br> Approved | 2015 <br> Expenditure | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ <br> Request | Percent <br> Change | Dollar <br> Change |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 55,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 50,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 18,000$ |  | $\$ 18,000$ |
| $\$ 15,000$ | $\$ 15,000$ | $\$ 20,000$ | $33.3 \%$ | $\$ 5,000$ |
| $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $-16.7 \%$ | $(\$ 1,000)$ |
| $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 2,500$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $0.0 \%$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 5,000$ | $-16.7 \%$ | $(\$ 1,000)$ |
| $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 0$ |  | $(\$ 60,000)$ |
| $\$ 12,000$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 90,000$ |  | $\$ 78,000$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 10,000$ |  | $\$ 10,000$ |
| $\mathbf{\$ 2 2 1 , 5 0 0}$ | $\$ 209,500$ | $\$ 270,500$ | $22.1 \%$ | $\$ 49,000$ |
| $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 3 2 3 , 4 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 2 7 7 , 8 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 4 6 8 , 5 9 9}$ | $6.2 \%$ | $\$ 145,167$ |



## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD <br> Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue <br> January $1^{\text {st }} 2016$ to December $3{ }^{\text {st }} 2016$

| REVENUES | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | Percent | Dollar |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Item | Anticipated | Received | Anticipated | Change | Change |
| TAXES |  | Dec |  |  |  |
| Land Use Change Tax (1/2) | \$9,625 | \$9,625 | \$5,385 | -44.1\% | $(\$ 4,240)$ |
| Yield Taxes | \$12,000 | \$11,135 | \$17,000 | 41.7\% | \$5,000 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | 0.0\% | \$0 |
| Interest \& Penalties | \$45,000 | \$52,298 | \$55,000 | 22.2\% | \$10,000 |
| Excavations |  |  |  |  | \$0 |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Licenses \& Fees | \$7,000 | \$5,264 | \$6,000 | -14.3\% | $(\$ 1,000)$ |
| Motor Vehicle Registrations | \$460,000 | \$481,312 | \$485,000 | 5.4\% | \$25,000 |
| Trash User Fees | \$72,000 | \$74,084 | \$85,000 | 18.1\% | \$13,000 |
| STATE REVENUE |  |  |  |  | \$0 |
| Rooms and Meals Dist | \$114,211 | \$114,211 | \$114,307 | 0.1\% |  |
| Highway Block Grant | \$106,856 | \$107,778 | \$111,496 | 4.3\% | \$4,640 |
| State Reimbursements | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | 0.0\% | \$0 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income from Departments | \$32,000 | \$38,179 | \$35,000 | 9.4\% | \$3,000 |
| Reimbursements | \$500 | \$0 | \$500 | 0.0\% | \$0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sale of Town Property | \$5,000 | \$1,872 | \$3,000 | -40.0\% | $(\$ 2,000)$ |
| Interest on Deposits | \$1,000 | \$1,441 | \$1,500 | 50.0\% | \$500 |
| FEMA/EMG | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |  | \$0 |
| OTHER FINANCING |  |  |  |  | \$0 |
| SOURCES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital Reserve Funds | \$12,000 | \$0 | \$90,000 |  | \$78,000 |
| Trust Funds | \$10,000 | \$9,513 | \$10,000 | 0.0\% | \$0 |
| Fund Balance Utilization | \$60,000 | \$60,000 | \$0 |  | $(\$ 60,000)$ |
| BUDGET REVENUE TOTALS | \$948,257 | \$967,777 | \$1,020,253 |  |  |
| NET APPROPRIATION | \$1,375,175 | \$1,310,100 | \$1,448,346 | 5.3\% | \$73,171 |
| Change in dollars from taxation: |  |  | \$73,171.00 |  |  |
| Projected tax rate impact |  |  | \$0.28 |  |  |

# TOWN MEETING MINUTES 

March 10, 2015
Plainfield, New Hampshire
The annual meeting for the Town of Plainfield was held at the Plainfield Elementary School on Bonner Road on March 10, 2015. Moderator Paul Franklin opened the meeting at $8: 00 \mathrm{am}$ with the reading of Articles $1 \& 2$. Michelle Marsh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by Stephen Halleran. The Polls were declared opened.

Total Number on Checklist: 1551
Total Number of Ballots Cast: 313
Percentage of Voting: 20\%


#### Abstract

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, one Supervisor of the Checklist for four years and any other necessary town officers.


## Select board Member for three years:

Robert W. Taylor 298
Write-Ins:
Ian Rogers 1
Robert W. Taylor was declared elected.

## Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years:

Donald E. Garfield 300
Donald E. Garfield was declared elected.
Two Library Trustees for three years:
Nancy Liston 211
Emily Sands 177
Cindy Heath 108
Dennis Girouard 89
Nancy Liston and Emily Sands were declared elected.
Cemetery Trustee for three years:
James Taylor 299
James Taylor was declared elected.

## Supervisor of the Checklist for four years:

Fern Wilder 286
Write-Ins:
Jeanne Thompson 1
Steve Taylor $\quad 1$
Fern Wilder was declared elected.
ARTICLE 2. To see what action the town will take with regard to the following questions relative to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, said changes being recommended by the Planning Board:

Question 1. In order to clarify questions that have risen with the administering of the newly adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance (approved in 2014) the following minor changes are proposed:

## Amend Criteria which apply to detached ADUs, \#2 which reads

2. The peak of the ADU roof may not be higher than $25^{\prime}$.

## To read

2. For buildings constructed after January $1^{\text {st }} 2015$ maximum building height is $25^{\prime}$ for ADU's. Ornamental cupolas measuring less than $30^{\prime \prime}$ in width and 30 " in depth and that are no higher than $48^{\prime \prime}$ may be excluded from the $25^{\prime}$ building height limit.

## Amend Criteria which apply to detached ADUs, \#3 which reads:

3. When located in an outbuilding such as a barn or garage, whether existing or new, only the portion of the structure used for the ADU must conform to the dimensional requirements above.

## To read

3. When located in an outbuilding such as a barn or garage built before January $1^{\text {st }} 2015$, the maximum height restriction does not apply. However the ADU portion must conform to all other dimensional requirements for ADUs as listed in this ordinance.

> 254 voting yes 34 voting no
> It was declared a vote in the affirmative and the amendment so adopted.

## Question 2.

To provide a basic regulatory framework for the establishment of solar energy projects the following is proposed:

Add a new section 3.8 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS: The town, through its policies and zoning ordinance in accordance with RSA 672:1 III \& 674:62-66, supports and encourages the development of alternative energy systems. However, like telecommunication towers and wind powered generating systems (WPGS) solar energy systems (SES) have the potential to impact other properties, including view sheds. Therefore, no building permit for a SES shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment unless the SES meets the following criteria:

1) Roof top mounted or wall mounted system, in all zones, that does not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted and does not rise up more than $5^{\prime}$ from the exterior surface of the roof.
2) Ground mounted systems in the Rural Residential (RR), Rural Conservation I (RCI) and Rural Conservation II (RCII) zones that do not rise more than 14 ' from the ground measured from the surface of the existing grade to the top of collector at its highest point and are not more than 7 kw in size.

For SES that do not require a special exception the arrays will be considered an accessory use and will be permitted with a building permit in all zones except the Conservation Zone.

All ground mounted systems proposed in the Village Residential Zone (VR) shall require a special exception.

All ground mounted solar installations which are connected to a commercial metering system shall require a site plan review by the Planning Board.

## Application Requirements for Solar Energy System (SES) requiring a special exception and or site plan review:

a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the SES is proposed
b. Abutter list
c. Written description of the project
d. Site map of the property and proposed facility design
c. Visual analysis
d. Decommissioning plan (if applicable)

Standards to be met: In addition to evidence of conformance to all the general performance standards found in section 5.6II of this ordinance, proposals for SES must satisfy all of the following:

Location: Systems will be located and or screened so as to minimize the visual impact from abutting properties. For the purpose of this ordinance a ground mounted solar array shall be considered a structure.

Fencing: While generally not required in cases where the town's land use boards deem it necessary to protect public safety, perimeter fencing may be required around all or some of the system components.

Utilities: Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board all distribution lines associated with the system will be underground.

Approved Solar Components: All electric solar components must have UL listing or equivalent.

Utility Company Approval: The applicant, as part of the application process must show a letter of acceptance from any utility company which will receive the electric power from the system.

Decommissioning: All proposals for SES, which require either a special exception or a site plan review, will include provisions, acceptable to the town, to insure that once the facility is no longer in use, it will be completely removed from the site.

Add to the list of special exceptions for the VR, RR, RCI and RCII zones: \#24 Approved Solar Energy System.

Renumber the zoning ordinance as required.

## 262 voting yes 33 voting no <br> It was declared a vote in the affirmative and the amendment so adopted.

## Question 3.

To provide homeowners with all of the pool barrier options permitted by the town's adopted building code delete from the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1 FENCES, WALLS and HEDGES \#3 which reads:
3. Every in-ground swimming pool shall be entirely enclosed with a good quality chain link wire, stockade or other equivalent fence of not less than five (5) feet in height measured from the ground level unless a special exception is granted.

It was declared a vote in the affirmative and the amendment so adopted.
The polls closed at 7:00 p.m. the Moderator recessed the meeting which will resume on Saturday, the $14^{\text {th }}$ of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Plainfield school gymnasium.

On Saturday, March 14, 2015 Moderator Paul Franklin re-opened the meeting at the Plainfield Elementary School at 10:00am. The meeting began with a salute to the flag, the singing of "My Country Tis of Thee" and a few words given by Reverend Harold (Dewey) L. Jones, Jr. who asked for a moment of silence to honor residents who are no longer with us.

The Moderator then introduced the town officers and recognized Selectboard member Robert Taylor who awarded the 2012 Stephen H. Taylor Community Service Award to Mike (Claude) Sutherland for his many years of service to the town. Mike is responsible for creating and maintaining our town website, served as school board member for 6 years and volunteers for many town projects and events. Thank You Mike! A standing ovation was received.

Moderator Franklin explained the rules of the meeting. Steven Taylor made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and proceed to Article 3 . His motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. Stephen Halleran offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 0 1 , 9 3 2}$ to defray town charges for the 2015 fiscal year. Judy Belyea seconded the motion.

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\text { 1. Executive } \$ 194,950
$$

2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics $\quad \mathbf{3 , 3 8 0}$
3. Financial Administration $\quad \mathbf{6 8 , 7 0 0}$
4. Revaluation of Property $\quad 13,000$
5. Legal Expenses 8,100
6. Personnel Administration $\quad \mathbf{5 , 5 0 0}$
7. Planning and Zoning $\quad \mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$
8. General Government Buildings $\mathbf{9 , 4 2 5}$
9. Cemeteries $\quad \mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}$
10. Insurance $\mathbf{3 6 , 6 0 0}$
11. Regional Associations $\quad 5,100$
12. Police Department $\mathbf{3 5 6 , 5 9 8}$
13. Ambulance Service 27,000
14. Fire Departments -Plainfield $\quad \mathbf{4 8 , 5 0 0}$ -Meriden 44,500
15. Building Inspection $\quad \mathbf{8 , 9 0 0}$
16. Emergency Management ..... 250
17. Hydrant \& Forest Fire Expense ..... 4,100
18. Dispatching for Fire, Police \& Ambulance ..... 27,000
19. Highway Administration ..... 20,050
20. Highways and Streets ..... 680,200
21. Road Projects ..... 99,900
22. Street Lights ..... 12,000
23. Solid Waste Collection ..... 153,000
24. Solid Waste Disposal ..... 49,810
25. Health Agencies ..... 18,370
26. Animal Control ..... 500
27. Welfare ..... 8,500
28. Recreation Commission ..... 19,000
29. Library Department ..... 124,649
30. Patriotic ..... 1,000
31. Conservation Commission ..... 500
32. Principal Long-term debt ..... 25,000
33. Interest Long-term debt ..... 1,850
Total: ..... $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 0 1 , 9 3 2}$

Moderator Franklin recognized Town Administrator Stephen Halleran who spoke to the motion. Mr. Halleran reported on projects that were completed during 2014 reporting that we finally received the last of the grant monies from the state for the Willow Brook Road project.

To help us be prepared in the event of a natural disaster, we now have an emergency response trailer which houses cones and signs and other such equipment: the town highway garage became equipped with a generator and the Police Chief applied for and received a grant for computer equipment that has allowed all school and town employees and volunteer fire fighters to have ID badges.

The energy committee applied for and received monies from the Conservation (Moose Plate) grant organization to repair and refurbish the windows in the town office and police department.

If all of the warrant articles and budget pass, we will be adding $\$ .20$ to the town tax.

Questions were asked and answered.

A vote by paper ballot was taken.
Yes 158 No 2
It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 4. Selectboard member Judy Belyea offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 4 9 , 5 0 0}$ to be placed in existing town capital reserve and general trust funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1 and RSA 31:19-a as follows:
RSA 35:1 funds:
\$15,000 Revaluation Fund created in 1993.
\$50,000 Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.
\$55,000 Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006.
\$5,000 Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created 1994.
\$5,000 ADA Access Fund created in 2003.
$\$ 6,000 \quad$ Police Equipment Fund created in 2011.
\$5,000 Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund created in 2012.
RSA 31:19a funds:
\$6,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.
\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.
Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend on the Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987.

The Selectboard is named agent to expend for the bridge fund, the town hall repair fund, the library building repair fund, the revaluation fund, the transportation improvement fund and the police equipment fund. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with questions asked and answered.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 163 No 4 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 5. Selectman Ron Eberhardt offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the town vote to establish a capital reserve fund to be called the Town Facilities Maintenance Fund for the purpose of making repairs to town buildings and grounds and to appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 6 0 , 0 0 0}$ from the town's unassigned fund balance for this purpose, pursuant to RSA 35:1. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend for this fund.
Rob Taylor seconded the motion.
Mr. Eberhardt spoke to the motion explaining that the funds taken would be used to repair, insulate and replace the highway garage roof, all being done to bring the building up to current code. Questions were asked and answered.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 160 No 15

It was a vote in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted and so declared.
ARTICLE 6. Selectman Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 , 0 0 0}$ for the purchase of a brush chipper to be used by the highway department and to authorize the Selectboard to withdraw up to the sum of $\$ 12,000$ from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to further authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade the town's existing brush chipper. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

Selectman Taylor made a motion to amend the wording of article 6 from "Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund" to "Highway Equipment Fund"
A voice vote was taken, the "Ayes" were unanimous, the motion passed and was so declared.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken on Article 6.

## Yes 170 No 2 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative; the resolution was adopted and so declared.

ARTICLE 7. Eric Brann offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
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 eighty (80) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion.
Discussion followed.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 116 No 56

It was a vote in the affirmative; the resolution was adopted and so declared.
ARTICLE 8. Judy Belyea offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the town direct the Selectboard to appoint a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement
pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting. Ron Eberhardt seconded the motion.

Selectboard member Belyea thanked the current members of the committee.

## A Voice vote was taken. The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 9. Selectman Taylor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the town vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield voters to advise the Select board and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town. Steve Halleran seconded the motion.

Selectman Taylor thanked all of the 2014 committee members for their time.

## A Voice vote was taken. The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

## ARTICLE 10. As originally printed.

That the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning April 1, 2015, two separate boards of trustees, one for the Meriden Library and one for the Philip Read Memorial Library. The present board members to be distributed between the two newly created boards, as determined by the current board of trustees, with the Selectboard to be responsible for approving the final make-up and appointing a sixth trustee. Each library shall be administered by a three member board, each trustee to serve a three year term. Further, to authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action to achieve the purpose of this article (Article by petition).

ModeratorFranklin recognized Clinton Swift who offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the town will, pursuant to RSA 202-A:6, vote to create, beginning April 1, 2015, two separate boards of trustees, one for the Meriden Library and one for the Philip Read Memorial Library. Further, to rescind and dissolve the creation and existence of the current Board The present board members to be distributed between the two newly created boards, as determined by the current board of trustees, with the Selectmen to be responsible for approving the final make-up and appointing a sixth trustee. Each library shall be administered by a three member board, each trustee to serve a three year term. Further, to authorize and instruct the Selectboard and the existing trustees to take all necessary action
to achieve the purpose of this article (Article by petition). Beverly Widger seconded the motion.

A lengthy discussion followed with many residents taking time to offer thoughts on the motion.

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## No 120 Yes 60

It was a vote in the negative; the resolution was not adopted and so declared.
ARTICLE 11. Peter Mogielnicki offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
That the Town of Plainfield, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

- Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.
And that the People of Plainfield, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.
And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Plainfield's Congressional delegation, and to Plainfield's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote (Article by petition). Chris Dye seconded the motion.


## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 135 No 17

It was a vote in the affirmative; the resolution was adopted and so declared.

[^0]recreation areas to levels that existed prior to the 2012 Hammond Cove site construction (Article by Request).

## A vote by paper ballot was taken.

## Yes 134 No 8 <br> It was a vote in the affirmative; the resolution was adopted and so declared

ARTICLE 13: Ron Eberhardt offered the following motion and moved its adoption: That the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the annual report, subject to corrections. Seconded by Steve Halleran.

## A vote by voice was taken. <br> The "Ayes" were unanimous. <br> It was a vote in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE 14. Moderator Franklin swore in the following newly elected officers:

| Robert Taylor | Selectman |
| :--- | :--- |
| Michelle Marsh | School Clerk |
| Audra Bucklin | School Board Member |
| Christian Foreman | School Board Member |

Paul Franklin was sworn into office as School Moderator the morning of the town meeting on March 14, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.
James Taylor (Cemetery Trustee) was sworn into office March 16, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.
Emily Sands (Library Trustee), Jeffrey Moore (School Treasurer) and Donald Garfield (Trustee of Trust Funds) were sworn into office March 17, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.
Fern Wilder (Supervisor to the checklist) was sworn in March 18, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh.
Nancy Liston (Library Trustee) was sworn in April 2, 2015 by Clerk, Michelle Marsh

Steve Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. seconded by Steve Beaupre.

Respectfully Submitted,

## Michelle Marsh

Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}, 2015$
Cash-checking ..... \$ 2,879,395
Cash-Investments ..... \$ 3,475
Total ..... $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 8 8 2 , 8 7 0}$
Receipts/ transfers in during the year ..... \$ 6,997,182
Total available ..... $\mathbf{\$ 9 , 8 8 0 , 0 5 0}$
Less Selectboard's orders/transfers out ..... \$ 7,059,250
Cash On Hand, December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}, 2015$ ..... \$2,820,802
Cash-Checking ..... 2,817,325
Cash-Investments ..... \$3,477

## ONGOING AUTHORTIES Granted By Previous Annual Meetings

The town endorses the organizational structure of the two fire departments, per RSA 154:1 III Article 181995

Authority for the Selectboard to convey real estate acquired by tax collector's, deed. RSA 80:80 Article 4, 1995 town meeting

The Selectboard to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 31:95-b Article 5, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash to the municipality for any public purpose. RSA 31:95-e. Article 6, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept, on behalf of the town, gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 31:19. Article 7, 1995 town meeting.

Library Trustees to apply for, accept, and expend without further action of the town unanticipated money from state, federal or governmental units. RSA 202-A:4-c Article 8, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to borrow funds on behalf of the municipality in anticipation of taxes. RSA 33:7 Article 9, 1995 town meeting.

The Selectboard to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board. RSA 674:40 Article 10, 1995

Library Trustees to accept gifts, legacies and devices made to the town in trust for any public purpose. RSA 202-A:4-d Article 15, 2006 town meeting.

Selectboard to appoint a Treasurer to an annual term as allowed by RSA 41:26-e. Article 7, 2010 town meeting.

Selectboard to appoint a Tax Collector to a term of three years as allowed by RSA 41:2, 41:33 and RSA 669:15. Article 9, 2013 Town Meeting

Further the Selectboard is named agents to expend for eleven 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.
Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993, authority 2002.
Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003.
Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006, authority 2008.
Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2006, authority 2006.
Town Beautification, Operation Fund created in 2009.
Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011.
Town Facilities Maintenance Fund created in 2015.
Highway Equipment Fund created in 1987, authority 2015

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2015

GENERAL GOVERNMENTExecutive\$ 194, 950
Election, Registration \& Vital Statistics ..... 3,380
Financial Administration ..... 68,700
Revaluation of Property ..... 13,000
Legal Expense ..... 8,100
Personnel Administration ..... 5,500
Planning and Zoning ..... 1,000
General Government Buildings ..... 9,425
Cemeteries ..... 25,000
Insurances ..... 36,600
Advertising and Regional Expense ..... 5,100
PUBLIC SAFETY
Police Department ..... 356,598
Ambulance ..... 27,000
Fire Protection. ..... 94,000
Emergency Management ..... 250
Dispatch and Forest Fire Expense ..... 31,100

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS-March 2015 (continued)

Building Inspection ..... 8, 900
HIGHWAYS, STREETS \& BRIDGES
Highways and Streets ..... 680,200
Road Projects ..... 99,900
Street Lights ..... 12,000
SANITATION
Garbage Collection ..... 153,000
Solid Waste Disposal ..... 44,810
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Health Department ..... 18,370
Pest Control ..... 500
WELFARE
Welfare Department ..... 8,500
CULTURE AND RECREATION
Recreation Commission ..... 19,000
Libraries ..... 124,649
Patriotic ..... 1,000
Conservation Commission ..... 500
DEBT SERVICE
Principal on Long-term debts ..... 25,000
Interest on Long-term debts ..... 1,850
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL ..... \$2,101,932
CAPITAL PURCHASES
Article 5 Hwy Facility Maintenance ..... 60,000
Article 6 Hwy Chipper replacement ..... 12,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES ..... \$76,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT TO RESERVES
Article 4 Transportation Improvement Fund ..... 55,000
Article 4 Highway Vehicle Fund ..... 50,000
Article 4 Highway Bridge Fund ..... 5,000
Article 4 Revaluation Fund ..... 15,000
Article 4 ADA Access Fund ..... 5,000
Article 4 Gravel Reclamation Fund ..... 5,000
Article 4 Town Hall Repair Fund ..... 6,000
Article 4 Library Repair Fund ..... 2,500
Article 4 Police Equipment Fund ..... 6,000
TOTAL TO RESERVES ..... \$149,500
TOTAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATIONS ..... \$2,323,432

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land, improved and unimproved ..... \$76,012,429
Buildings ..... 188,044,100
Public Utilities ..... 6,983,000
Total value before exemptions ..... \$271,039,529
Blind Exemption ..... 47,000
Elderly Exemption ..... 1,419,700
Total and Permanently Disabled Exemption ..... 129,200
Solar Energy Exemption ..... 894,425
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (town vote) 80\% ..... 5,184,449
School/Dining/Kitchen Exemption (state law) ..... 150,000
Total exemptions allowed ..... \$7,824,357
Net value used for local tax rate ..... \$263,215,172
Net value used for state education rate ..... \$256,232,172
(local tax rate value less utilities)
Electric Utility Property detail
Liberty Utility ..... \$1,878,100
New England Power Company ..... \$2,628,600
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative ..... \$1,466,400
Public Service of NH dba Eversource ..... \$1,009,900
WAR SERVICE CREDITS
Total and Permanently Disabled Veterans ..... \$2,800
Standard Exemptions (\$500/veteran) ..... \$55,465
Total war service credits ..... $\mathbf{\$ 5 8 , 2 6 5}$
CURRENT USE REPORT
Land Categories Acres
Farm Land ..... 3,007
Forest Land ..... 23,703
Unproductive Land ..... 528
Wetlands ..... 802
Total acres in current use (includes conservation restrictions) ..... 28,040

## TAX RATE COMPUTATION

| Total Town Appropriation |  | $\$ 2,323,432$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Total Revenues and Credits | less | 948,257 |
| Overlay | add | 66,000 |
| War Service Credits | add | 58,265 |
| A) Net Town Appropriation | Equals | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 4 9 9 , 4 4 0}$ |
| Net Local School Budget |  | $5,558,740$ |
| Adequate Education Grant | less | 686,396 |
| State Education Taxes | less | 641,749 |
| B) Approved Local School Assessment | Equals | $\mathbf{4 , 2 3 0 , 5 9 5}$ |
| C) Approved State Education Assessment | Equals | $\mathbf{6 4 1 , 7 4 9}$ |
| D) Approved County Tax Assessment | Equals | $\mathbf{7 8 4 , 8 1 5}$ |
| Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d) |  |  |

## TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Tax Effort \$7,156,599

Less War Service Credits $\quad 58,265$
Total Property Taxes to be Raised $\quad \mathbf{\$ 7 , 0 9 8 , 3 3 5}$

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

|  | Prior year <br> tax rate | Approved year <br> tax rate |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Town | 5.49 | 5.70 |
| County | 3.19 | 2.98 |
| School local | 16.22 | 16.07 |
| School state | 2.60 | 2.50 |
| Combined tax rate | $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 . 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 . 2 5}$ |

Net value on which local tax rates are computed
Net value on which state tax rate is computed
(Net local value less utility valuations)
\$262,140,886
\$263,215,172
\$255,157,886
\$256,232,172

## TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
Community Baptist Church\& parsonage (map107/lot 6) ..... \$726,800
First Baptist Church\& parsonage(104/3) ..... 473,700
Meriden Congregational Church\& parsonage (102/06) ..... 1,263,000
Connecticut Valley Christ Community Church (259/7) ..... 3,008,100
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) ..... 27,698,600
Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) ..... 150,000
Kimball Union Academy (town vote) 100\% ..... 6,520,298
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS
New England Wildflower Association.(239/02) ..... 280,100
Plainfield Historical Society(107/25) ..... 152,400
Singing Hills Conference Facility (253/24) ..... 2,242,300
PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS
The Nature Conservancy (256/01) ..... 26,700
Meriden Volunteer Fire Department(104/29) ..... 257,400
Meriden Village Water and Sewer District.(105/14, 102/18.01) ..... 861,100
Plainfield Village Water District(260-41,256-15) ..... 416,800
Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department (259-34) ..... 338,000
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Land on Stage Road (253/11) ..... 4,100
Land on River Road (multiple parcels) ..... 81,300
Duncan State Forest (231/9,232/10), ..... 244,400
GRANGES
Blow-Me-Down Grange(107/39) ..... 399,800
Meriden Grange(104/25) ..... 180,200
LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS
Cornish (271/07) ..... 5,700
Grantham (248/01) ..... 28,400
TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES ..... $\mathbf{\$ 4 5 , 3 5 9 , 1 9 5}$
SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS
DESCRIPTION and VALUATION
Plainfield Town Hall (map 107/lot 27 ..... \$312,100
-Meriden(includes Police Dept.) (102/1) ..... 467,400
Libraries -Plainfield (107/8) ..... 1,078,100
-Meriden (104/23) ..... 285,500
Highway Garage(253-01) ..... 324,300
Plainfield Elementary School (105/11) ..... 3,910,500
Burnaps Island (203/14) ..... 45,100
SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS (continued)
Dump Lot (252/27) ..... 36,300
Gravel Pit (258/12) ..... 168,900
Gravel Pit Annex/Klinges lot (258/11) ..... 138,800
Spencer Lot (242-04) ..... 203,200
Whitaker Road Intersections (262/3) ..... 8,600
Tallow Hill Intersection (254-19) ..... 2,600
French's Ledges (243/1) ..... 132,100
Benson Donation(225/15,225/19) ..... 214,900
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) (106/7) ..... 49,400
Farnum Lot (234/6) ..... 155,200
Town Pound (241-15) ..... 6,200
School Street Land(105/12.1) ..... 68,200
Meriden Covered Bridge Lot (101/9) ..... 12,000
Sumner's Falls Ledges (238/6) ..... 7,800
Stage Road Land Hewes Field (240/01) ..... 206,600
Stage Road (253/10) ..... 16,500
Hedgehog Road Land (236/4) ..... 11,700
TOTAL ..... $\mathbf{\$ 7 , 8 6 2 , 0 0 0}$

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This is a busy year for Elections! You can find current information posted at both the Town office in Meriden Village and the Town Hall in Plainfield Village. We will also be posting important dates on the town website and at both Post offices. You can use this website to check on your own voting status. http://app.sos.nh.gov

Please renew your dog licenses by April $30^{\text {th }}$. Remember that boats can be registered in town now. All vehicles 2000 and newer must be titled from now on. The state has done away with the 15 year law. If you have a new vehicle to register, please consider giving me a call prior to coming in to be sure you have all of the necessary paperwork.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk.

## Michelle Marsh

Town Clerk

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR <br> Fiscal Year ending December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }} 2015$ 

| -Debits- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Uncollected Taxes |  |  |
| Beginning of fiscal year | 2015 | 2014 |
| Property taxes |  | \$314,707 |
| Timber yield tax |  | \$0 |
| Land use change tax |  | \$0 |
| Excavations |  | \$0 |
| Property tax credit balance | $(\$ 2,680)$ |  |
| Taxes Committed to Collector |  |  |
| Property taxes | \$7,097,176 |  |
| Land use change taxes | \$10,770 |  |
| Yield taxes | \$11,144 |  |
| Excavation taxes | \$100 |  |
| Overpayments |  |  |
| Property taxes |  |  |
| Interest collected on delinquent taxes | \$3,732 | \$19,231 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$7,120,243 | \$333,938 |
|  |  |  |
| Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year |  |  |
| Property taxes $\$ 6$ | \$6,812,490 | \$169,920 |
| Land use changes taxes | \$4,850 | \$0 |
| Excavation | \$100 | \$0 |
| Timber yield taxes | \$11,144 | \$0 |
| Interest on taxes | \$3,732 | \$17,941 |
| Penalties | \$0 | \$1,290 |
| Converted to liens (principal only) | ) $\quad \$ 0$ | \$144,786 |
| Prior year overpayments assigned |  |  |
| Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year |  |  |
| Property taxes | \$0 | \$0 |
| Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year |  |  |
| Property taxes | \$282,878 |  |
| Yield Tax | \$0 |  |
| Land Use Change Tax | \$5,920 |  |
| Property Tax Credit Balance | \$(873) |  |
| TOTAL CREDITS \$ | \$7,120,243 | \$333,937 |

## TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }} 2015$

|  | -Debits- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Unredeemed Liens | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2 +}$ |
| Beginning of year | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 148,044$ | $\$ 166,705$ |
| New liens | $\$ 156,796$ |  |  |
| Interests/Penalties | $\$ 1,670$ | $\$ 10,738$ | $\$ 16,967$ |
| TOTAL DEBITS | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 8 , 4 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 8 , 7 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 3 , 6 7 2}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Remittance to Treasurer | -Credits- |  |  |
| Redemptions |  |  | $\$ 63,540$ |
| Interest/Penalties | $\$ 1,670$ | $\$ 10,738$ | $\$ 16,967$ |
| Abatements of Unredeemed liens | $\$ 2,934$ |  |  |
| Unredeemed liens | $\$ 123,368$ | $\$ 118,156$ | $\$ 103,165$ |
| TOTAL CREDITS | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 8 , 4 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 8 , 7 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 3 , 6 7 2}$ |

## REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT Year ending March 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$, 2015

Total reports filed ..... 18
Total yield tax assessed ..... \$10,844
Softwood cut, MBF. ..... 415,799
Hardwood cut, MBF ..... 188,942
Cordwood cut, cords ..... 430
Pulpwood/chips, tons ..... 3,064
Pulpwood, cords ..... 50
Whole tree chips, tons ..... 4,434
Respectfully Submitted,
Judith A. Belyea,
Yield Tax Agent

## SELECTBOARD REPORT -2015

Twelve months have come and gone, so it's time for another update from your Plainfield Selectboard. As is customary, listed below in no particular order are bullet points to summarize some of our work. Before we do anything, we would like to thank our dedicated and professional staff as well as the volunteers who work to make Plainfield such a great small town. We hope that you are as proud of your town as we are.

- River Road Phase 2- Pavement work and brush cutting were completed on the southern section of this road. River Road sees a lot of heavy traffic and is also susceptible to the effects of the Connecticut River.
- Penniman Road- A section of this road was completely re-engineered and rebuilt with help from our local retired State of NH civil engineer, Jeff Albright. This work was completed using our highway department staff and equipment as well as a rented excavator. Work included ditching, regrading/sloping the driving surface as well as drainage improvements and resurfacing. We feel that the finished product is a vast improvement over what was there previously.
- Willow Brook Road- At the direction of the board, road agent Collins completed repairs along the southern end of this road. A partial slide was repaired in the vicinity of Orr's Corner and erosion control work was performed near Mill Bridge. This road continues to be one of the busiest town maintained roads. Somewhere in the vicinity of 1000 cars a day travel this road, making it one of our highest priorities for maintenance.
- Police Department- Police Chief Paul Roberts has had to carry an additional load due to an on the job injury to one of his officers. This fact has led to financial savings to the town in terms of payroll, but has also meant the remaining officers have had to take on the additional coverage.
- Underground Fuel System Removal- Using funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, the Selectboard authorized the removal of the underground fuel system located at the highway garage. This system was becoming more of a liability with each passing year, therefore removal and replacement seemed the proper course. Environmental regulations were becoming more stringent, creating more costs for monitoring leakage. This, coupled with the availability of funds for removal, made the decision easy. As a replacement we now have a specialized above ground fuel tank that is heavily armored four years of reliable, clean and safe use.
- Highway Garage Study Committee- The Selectboard would like to thank this committee for their work in analyzing our Highway Department facilities. You will recall this committee got its start when our Energy Committee recommended the installation of solar panels on top of the highway garage. In order to determine whether the roof structure was strong enough to support solar panels, a review of the truss system snowballed into so much more. The study committee was instrumental in selecting the new location for the above ground fuel system installed to replace the
underground fuel system mentioned above. It was also determined by the committee that the septic system was in need of maintenance (already completed) and the dug water well needs to be replaced with an artesian style well (to be completed in 2016). More work is planned for 2016 at the highway garage as we continue to mull over the report of the committee.
- Meriden Covered Bridge- The electrical service for the Mill (Covered) Bridge was replaced and electrical outlets were upgraded. Excessive corrosion to the old service made this work necessary. While completing this work it was determined that corrosion on the support structure underneath the bridge will require attention soon. This bridge is a Plainfield icon and we feel strongly that it be kept up and maintained well.
- State of Vermont Shooting Range- Members of the board participated in the discussions with the state of Vermont regarding the shooting range in Hartland, VT. Residents of Plainfield, particularly on Ferry Hill Road and Carvel Lane, have been deeply impacted by the increased use of the gun range. Hopefully changes to the rules of the facility as well as limits to its usage will help offset its impact. We will continue to monitor the situation and stand up for the rights of our residents to reasonably enjoy their own property.
- Dust Control/ Salt Extender Program- 2015 saw the initiation of a new dust control program for the town. The application of magnesium chloride with a new spray system is designed to help firm up dirt roads and reduce dust. The installation of new tanks and delivery of chemicals are making it possible to implement this new program. Early word from road agent Collins, as well as gravel road residents is that this is an improvement that is long overdue. The system also allows for the conversion to a salt extender chemical application for our winter road salt. This is supposed to improve the effectiveness of road salt (ie works at lower temperatures) and reduce its corrosiveness.
- Gravel Pit Land Acquisition- After five years of a group "lease to own" agreement, the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to the town's gravel was completed. This additional land includes a large building suitable for storing equipment. Given its proximity to our active pit, it is likely that this land will provide many years of gravel, sand and fill to the town. The Selectboard would like to thank Karl Klinges for his generous donation of this parcel. Now that the land transfer is official, we will develop plans for its use. Needless to say, the gravel pit and expanded landholdings is a significant asset to the town.
- Meriden Post Office- Included in this year's town meeting warrant is a proposal to spend money to study moving the Meriden Post Office to the site of the Meriden Library. This idea came to us via Kimball Union Academy, who would like to remove said post office from the center of their campus. The idea seems to have merit, so it is time to take the next
step and look at possibilities as well as the feasibility for such a project. The Meriden Library is in desperate need of upgrades to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access requirements. The thought is to couple access improvements with the expansion/addition of a postal facility and kill two birds with one stone, as it were.
- Donated Vehicles from TransCanada- The Selectboard would like to thank resident Chuck Mekus for facilitating the donation of multiple vehicles by his company, TransCanada, to the town. With his help we have secured 4 used, yet well maintained vehicles for various town departments. You may have seen the white trucks and SUVs around town.
We would like to invite you to join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings (on the first and third Wednesdays of each month). You can always call the Town office at 4693201 to express any opinions. If you have questions, comments or concerns it is our duty to hear them out and respond accordingly. Also, please note that there is always a need for volunteers to serve Plainfield in a myriad of ways. If you have the will, we can find the way quite easily. As always, let us hope for good weather and good luck in 2016!

See you at Town Meeting,

Rab Taylar, Iudy Belyea, , Ran Eberhardt



Plainfield resident Ema Mosher receiving the Boston Post Cane from Selectman Robert Taylor and Ron Eberhadt. Photo S. Halleran


Reviewing the grade plans for Penniman Road prior to Paving Photo S. Halleran

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the Selectboard the town office worked on the following projects during 2015:

Plainfield Village Office Hours: The Town Administrator now works out of the Plainfield Library on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of each month. These office hours provide enhanced opportunities for Plainfield Plain residents to meet with and discuss town issues directly with the Selectboard's office.

Hammond Cove Shooting Range: Working with local residents and authority granted at town meeting, efforts were put forth to convey to the State of Vermont that the increased noise from this state owned shooting range in Hartland Vermont adversely impacts Plainfield residents in the south west corner of town.

Emergency Operations Plan: Using a grant awarded by the State of New Hampshire, the town hired Hubbard Consulting to guide us through the required updating of our Emergency Operations Plan. Having this plan and a Hazard Mitigation Plan are prerequisites for many federal grant programs.

TransCanada Vehicle Donations: Acting on a tip from a local resident the Selectboard's office was able to write a grant application and be awarded two vehicle donations from TransCanada. Both the truck for the highway department and the SUV for the Police Department are replacement vehicles and should save the cost of buying new for several years.

Lot Coverage Zoning Change: In response to testimony received at several planning and zoning hearings the Planning Board worked with our local regional planning commission to come up with draft language to expand the total amount of lot coverage that will be allowed in the Village Residential Zone. Currently only 20\% of a lot can be covered with impervious surfaces. If approved, the new change will allow up to $40 \%$ lot coverage.

Stephen Halleran, Town Administrator

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the zoning board GRANTED the following appeals:
Case 2015-01 Cynthia Bolduc Accessory Apartment, \#6 Beauty Hill Rd.
Case 2015-02 Kimball Union Academy: Solar Array, Main Street.
Case 2015-03 Scott Krueger Auto repair facility, \#830 Route 12A.

Submitted,
Richard Collourn, Chair Zoning Board


ZBA reviewing KUA proposed solar project- Main Street area

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

| Zoning Administrator: | Stephen Halleran | $469-3201$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Building Inspector: | David Lersch | $381-1929$ |

## Permits for the following projects were issued in 2015:

| 04 | New single family residences | 06 | Renewals |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 02 | Accessory Dwelling Unit | 02 | Replacement SFH |
| 02 | Commercial projects | 10 | Barns/Sheds/Outbuildings |
| 02 | Garages | 03 | Electrical upgrades |
| 14 | Renovations/Misc. | 05 Additions |  |
| 02 | Decks/porches | 07 | Solar panels |
| 04 | Generators |  |  |

## Permit total= 63

## PLANNING BOARD

During the year the planning board approved the following applications:

## Subdivision:

Greenwood
Stettenheim

## Annexations:

Sangermano

## Site Plan Review:

Kimball Union Academy
Priscilla Wheeler
Kimball Union Academy

1 new lot Route 120
2 new lots Croydon Turnpike
11.6 acres transferred between two lots owned by the applicant

Solar array Main Street, VR zone.
Restaurant 1097 Route 12A
Five new sidewalk lights Main Street.

## Plainfield Property Owners:

A recent change to RSA 674:39 allows property owners with previously merged nonconforming lots to apply to unmerge the parcels. The application must be made prior to December $31^{\text {st }} 2016$ and is made to the town's Governing Body. Contact the town office for more information.

Submitted, Jane Stephenson,, Chair Planning Board

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2015

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) is an advisory commission to the Plainfield Select Board. This year the commission collaborated with other community agencies, e.g., the Meriden Bird Club (MBC) and the Plainfield Town Garage Study Group (PTGSG). The majority of our work took place in the field rather than the meeting room: re-marking the boundaries of the Spencer Lot, inventorying Class VI roads and continuing the education/action campaign to control invasive species in our fields and forests.

Collaboration with Town Committees and Clubs: Sharing the expertise Plainfield has within its various voluntary committees and clubs yields efficient use of the expertise in each group and the satisfaction of sharing knowledge to complete our sometimes overlapping goals and projects.

The Selectboard requested that a study group convene to guide their decision to guarantee the sustainability of the Town Garage both environmentally and operationally. The PCC contributed two commissioners to this study group. The PCC is primarily concerned with the protection of the Penniman Wetland which is adjacent to the current Town Garage at the intersection of Penniman and Stage Roads. Representatives from the PCC, Energy Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board started meeting last summer and continues to formulate various recommendations (using research and cost-benefit analysis). There are two basic questions to answer: 1) to choose another site in town for the garage, 2) or keep the garage on the current site and renovate, re-contour the site, or rebuild the building(s) and re-contour the site. The purpose of this work is for the Town Garage, to meet all local, state and federal requirements for effective operation and the protection of the Penniman Wetland.

The MBC is examining the sustainability of the historic and valuable bird sanctuary they own on Main Street in Meriden. The PCC was invited to partner with the newly formed Sanctuary Stewardship Committee of the MBC to implement and design and conduct an annual survey of the migratory and year-round resident birds that use the 32 -acre site. In addition, a new bird checklist was developed to educate the human visitors about the sanctuary's unique and fascinating feathered inhabitants. In the near future, people visiting the sanctuary will have a list of birds to look for on the trails through the forest and field, and the MBC members doing the annual survey will have a structured and reliable survey of birds inhabiting the sanctuary during every May and June. In this way, the MBC can determine if the sanctuary can retain the bird populations with a healthy environment of good food, clean water and shelter from predators.

Kimball Union Academy invited our opinion on the plans they developed to re-vegetate the wetland that runs from Chellis Pond down to Main Street by the hardball field. Among other things, we learned that their name for that wetland is Frog Hollow.

This collaboration with other community groups has been a welcomed activity for us. It was nice to be asked for our opinion, we were happy to spend the time, and it's nice to know that there are so many attuned to our community's environmental sustainability. There is a definite value learning from each other.

Class VI Roads: Yes, we're still working on this project. It's not something that can be done overnight. The three-ring binder of reports is growing more complete as time passes and more reports are completed. We have so many roads available to us to walk or ride on. Each one has its own personality and adventures to share with us. We anticipate it will be a good resource when questions surface about the sustainability of these wonderful and recreational roads.

House Calls: We have had success with this way of getting the word out about the wildlife that lives on our personal properties. We really want you to know that the animals, birds and trees/shrubs work together to keep each other alive and healthy. We humans can keep this cyclical, give-take relationship alive by controlling the spread of invasive species.

To help you, the commissioners from the PCC will visit with you, at your invitation, and share their knowledge about the identification of good and not-so-good plants on your property. They will give you ways to encourage the good plants and control the spread of the invasive plants. It's a dialog; not a lecture from the commissioner. You will ask the questions, show the place on your land where you have a concern, learn about sources for reference material or professional help to contain the invasion, etc. Plus, we are there for you, if invited, to spread the word to your neighbors.

We have found that telling you something in a workshop or participating in a weed-pulling-party is not as effective as coming to your property to help you with your specific invasive species problem(s).

So, make the call (469-3399 or ferguson20897@gmail.com ) and we'll make an appointment to help you control (you may never eradicate) the spread of invasive species-our native plants and wildlife will appreciate your efforts.

Spencer Lot: We, intrepid commissioners, went to the Spencer Lot off of Class VI Road Columbus Jordan Road to find and mark the boundaries of this rectangular lot. This lot is a wonderful resource for hunting and recreation. There are no trails within its boundaries (except for an educational trail that has not been maintained since its creation in the late 1980s). The commission is determining how to increase the enjoyment of this hard-toaccess resource between Columbus Jordan and Farnum Roads.

Monitoring of Conserved Properties: We have another year of $100 \%$ reporting to the state's Conservation Land Stewardship Program (LCIP) properties-Mud Pond on Porter Road, Walker Farm \#1 and \#2 on Sanborn Road, Morgan Hill on True Road, and the Benson Town Forest off High Street and Cram Hill Road.

Respectfully Submitted, Myra Ferguson, Chair pcc@plainfieldnh.org

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES 

Forestry Maintenance Fund 01/01/15 Beg. Balance ..... \$18,781
Interest earned ..... \$15Balance12/31/15\$18,796
Conservation Commission Fund 01/01/15 ..... \$64,342
Current Use Penalty Income/Interest earned ..... \$9,673Balance12/31/15\$74,015

## RECREATION COMMISSION-2015

We finished the 2014-2015 basketball season in February. The $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade group of 10 students worked on learning basic skills on Saturday mornings at the PES gym. Our $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade boys group of 8 practiced and played several games with local towns during the season. Unfortunately we did not have enough $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade girls to put a team together. The season was completed with a parents/kids game followed by great pizza from Ziggy's Pizza. Focus was put on individual skills, playing as a team, and sportsmanship. Practices and home games were held at PES. The combined groups had a total participation of 18 boys and girls.

In the spring, with the risk of low numbers for both the $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade baseball and softball, there was a request to put together a spring soccer group. After reviewing the interest, we did a trial of the spring soccer with one group of 11 3rd through 6th grade boys and one group of 15 3rd through 6th grade girls. Feedback was good on this program and we will review again this year our baseball and softball program.
We ran our T-ball during late spring and early summer. Participation was at $151^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders and an additional 18 participants to make up our farm team. $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders practiced skills and played games. The Farm Team worked on basic skills of throwing, catching, batting, and rules of the game. These teams practiced and played on Hewes Field, Prescott Field, and Cory Taber Field.

Our annual fishing Derby was held on June 6th in Blood Brook behind the Meriden Deli. We had a good turnout and again the weather was great. Trophies for first, second, and third place in each of the four age groups were handed out. Hot dogs were cooked on the grill for the kids to enjoy with drinks including McNamara Dairy Chocolate Milk, Coca Cola soft drinks and water. Ice cream cones were handed out from the Meriden Deli to all participants. We had 62 kids participate in the event and the big catch of the day was made by Mason Thibodeau with a trout of $123 / 4^{\prime \prime}$. There were a total of 88 fish caught during the derby with 53 participants catching at least one fish. It was a lot of fun watching the excitement as the fish were hooked. I would like to give a huge thank you to our many volunteers. Thank you for the many donations from The Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, N.H. Fish and Game, Coca Cola Company, Vern's Worms, and McNamara Dairy.

On August 23, our 4th Annual Spirit Day was held. This event has grown out of our 250th celebration which was held in 2011. It is a great way to get together as a community as the summer comes to an end. Please see the separate article on this event. The Soccer program in the fall included the $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade boys' team made up of 21 boys and the $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade girls' team was made up of 13 girls. These two teams played other area recreation teams and practiced and played home games on Hewes Field. This group worked on individual skills, working as a team, and sportsmanship. The $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade had three teams made up of 29 players. These teams practiced basic skill and played games with each other at the Cory Taber Field. We had an additional 26 kids that participated in the kindergarten group. This continues to be a huge program with 89 participants in our K through 4th grade soccer groups.

The 2015-2016 basketball season got started for our $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade boys with a group of 7 individuals. They are working on both individual and team skills and will play games with other area towns. With only $53^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade girls signed up, we combined these girls into the Cornish team who also had a very small group. This allowed both towns to play as one team. The $1^{\text {st }}$ and 2 nd grade group working on basic skills at the PES gym on Saturdays has 15 participants and started in January.

In the coming year of 2016, I look forward to continued participation in our youth programs. Again, we will face the challenges to keep these programs going in the event that participation is low. We will continue to look into the combination of other towns when needed. My goal is to have everyone who wants to participate, have the availability to do so. My hopes are to provide a program that is fun and educational and to improve as we continue. I am happy to hear any input to what we as a community are looking for to improve on what we have. Please feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions and comments. It is important that we hear from you so that we know both what we are doing right and also what we can improve on.

I would like to thank all our coaches for the time they put into this program. They are the individuals that make it work. Without you, we have no program. Thank you to the officials who helped throughout the year. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you to anyone who has helped in any way. As we move forward I encourage everyone to take an active role where possible. Participating in your child's youth activities are both fun and rewarding.

I would like to thank the Plainfield School for the use of the facilities. Thank you to Meriden Deli, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, Ziggy's Pizza, and McNamara Dairy for your donations. A huge thank you to all our coaches, officials, and individuals who have donated their time for the youth in our community and made this program successful. I look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel P. Cantlin,
Recreation Director

## SPIRIT DAY COMMITTEE -2015

On August 23, our 4th Annual Spirit Day was held. It is a great way to get together as a community as the summer comes to an end. We copied much of the event from previous years. Although we don't have a count of how many have come, it seems to get bigger every year.

The event started at 5:00 pm with music provided by the band Bordersone. They played throughout the evening, a mixture of light rock, easy listening, and blues. It was a great mix of music as we enjoyed the evening festivities.
We had our corn roast with grills provided by Frank Currier, corn provided by Edgewater Farm, and butter provided by Taylor Farm. Cooking were Cody Cantlin and Mike Russell. Another large grill was provided for all to cook any food that they had brought to the event.

Rob Taylor connected us with the ice cream trailer from Dairy Farmers of New Hampshire. A variety of flavors were served up by Loretta Tessier, Melodie Russell, Virginia Drye, and Cynthia Patch. Also served at the ice cream trailer were brownie's donated by Terry McNamara at Meriden Deli.

Frank Currier and crew were there from Plainfield and Meriden Fire departments as well as Cornish rescue squad for our safety and welcomed everyone to see the trucks and ask questions. It was great to see the crew that provide us safety throughout the year.

We had a $50 / 50$ raffle with the winner donating back his winnings of $\$ 100.00$. The evening ended with the playing of our National Anthem and spectacular display of fireworks by Northstar Fireworks.

I would like to thank the many people who helped with this event. All the people mentioned above as well as Steve Taylor for his continued help. Thank you to Bill Knight, Cody Cantlin, Loretta Tessier, and Mike and Melodie Russell for their help with setting up, cleaning up, and general help. Thank you for the use of the Plainfield School facilities where the event was held. Thank you to our Police and Fire Departments and the Cornish Rescue as well as Steve Halleran and the Plainfield Selectboard.

It was a fun evening and I hope it was enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend.
Respectfully submitted,

## Daniel P. Cantlin,

## PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES Trustees Report

This past year has demonstrated that we live in a community that is passionate about its libraries, and the library board of trustees - which the town voted overwhelmingly at Town Meeting last March to keep as a single board - has worked hard to meet the demand.

Plainfield's technology usage continues to grow. Residents are downloading ebooks, audio books, and magazines from the state catalog at record numbers.
Downloadable materials accounted for roughly 10 percent of our total circulation for 2015. The town libraries pay a small fee to the state library system for this service and the library staff assists patrons in learning how to use this service. Having one board allowed both libraries to be integrated and as of 2015 fully automated with the Evergreen online catalog, which the board receives for a relatively small maintenance fee as part of a collaboration with Hanover's Howe Library. This means time that library staff used to
spend tracking circulation by hand can now be spent on direct service to patrons. The board and directors get more accurate tracking of materials and real-time data. Going forward, identifying and pulling outdated and uncirculated materials will take a fraction of the time it has in the past. The Evergreen catalog allows patrons to search the collections of both libraries, place holds, and renew materials online from the comfort of their homes.

The board purchased Chromebooks for both libraries that can be used anywhere in the buildings. The browsing history is automatically wiped clean after each use to ensure patron privacy.
With the help of volunteers, the single board completed the first town-wide online survey and received an above-average response rate.

Much has been going on with the library buildings on both sides of town. The single board of trustees approved the completion of the PRML basement and is working in close collaboration with the PRML Friends Group in approving donations and contracts to do so. The meeting room is already in use, and a special collections and junior room are being completed.

The trustees have received complaints that both adults and children in the community have not been able to access the Meriden Library because it is not fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In an effort to address this, the board is working with Kimball Union Academy to explore moving the Meriden Post Office and add it on to the Meriden Library. The combination and renovations could potentially make the Meriden Library fully ADA compliant and add space in a cost-effective way. There is a warrant article for the town to approve monies for this effort, which is supported by the selectboard.

On the staffing front, the board approved raises for library aides became effective in 2015. The single board ensured that the base pay rates would be the same on both sides of town and created evaluations with both directors so they are uniform as well. Because of safety concerns raised regarding supervision of two floors at both libraries and general staffing needs, the board voted to have two staff members on duty at both libraries starting July 1, 2016.

The board thanks Nancy Norwalk for her 40 years of service as director of Philip Read Memorial Library and looks forward to her transition to Associate Director at the end of June. We also thank Ruth Stalker who retired in 2015 as a library aide for her years of service at PRML. We thank the staff at both libraries for their hard work. We thank Mary King for her continued service as director of the Meriden Library and system administrator for the online catalog at both libraries.

Two library friends groups and countless passionate and dedicated volunteers and patrons continue to make both of Plainfield's libraries true gems. We thank the town for its support of both libraries and our work, and we look forward to another year of accomplishment on the town's behalf.

Library.trustees@plainfieldnh.org
Anita Brown, Chair

Town of Plainfield Library System Proposed Budget

|  | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2016}$ |
| Town Appropriation | \$119,505 | \$119,505 | \$130,954 |
| Town Approp - FICA | \$5,143 | \$5,066 | \$6,382 |
| Trust Funds | \$2,700 | \$2,850 | \$2,700 |
| Gifts | \$0 | \$51,679 | \$0 |
| Book Fines/Copier | \$0 | \$957 | \$0 |
| Book Sales | \$0 | \$160 | \$0 |
| Private/Grant Funding | \$0 | \$235 | \$0 |
| Interest - Savings | \$10 | \$1 | \$0 |
| Interest Checking | \$0 | \$38 | \$0 |
| Total Interest Income | \$10 | \$39 | \$10 |
| Misc Income | \$600 | \$40 | \$0 |
| Total Income | \$127,958 | \$180,532 | \$140,046 |
| Expense |  |  |  |
| Salaries | \$67,228 | \$66,350 | \$83,428 |
| FICA | \$5,143 | \$5,066 | \$6,382 |
| Sick Pay | \$1,285 |  | \$600 |
| Library Materials |  |  |  |
| Audio/Visual | \$2,800 | \$2,940 | \$0 |
| Books \& magazines | \$13,400 | \$15,664 | \$0 |
| Total Library Materials | \$16,200 | \$18,604 | \$17,200 |
| Legal Expense | \$0 | \$8,155 | \$0 |
| Telephone | \$1,740 | \$1,870 | \$1,740 |
| Electricity | \$4,700 | \$4,412 | \$4,700 |
| Fuel | \$9,832 | \$9,444 | \$5,746 |
| Water/Sewer | \$800 | \$587 | \$800 |
| Supplies | \$2,300 | \$2,072 | \$2,300 |
| Postage | \$500 | \$230 | \$500 |
| Professional Activities | \$1,300 | \$1,132 | \$1,300 |
| Programs | \$1,000 | \$1,082 | \$1,000 |
| Furniture/Equipment | \$1,050 | \$230 | \$1,050 |
| Elevator | \$1,700 | \$1,516 | \$1,700 |
| Maintenance | \$5,150 | \$3,804 | \$5,150 |
| Automation/Cataloging | \$1,600 | \$1,600 | \$2,000 |


| Expenses (con't) | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Trustee Expenses | $\$ 650$ | $\$ 150$ | $\$ 650$ |
| Computer/Software | $\$ 4,880$ | $\$ 1,671$ | $\$ 3,600$ |
| Misc Expense | $\$ 900$ | $\$ 74$ | $\$ 200$ |
| Total Expense | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 7 , 9 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 8 , 0 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 4 0 , 0 4 6}$ |

Town of Plainfield Library System
Other Income, Expense and Liabilites 2015 ..... 2016
Income/Transfers
Bldg fund Gifts-from Friends ofPRML\$16,171\$45,000
Transfer from Bldg fund-Meriden ..... $\$ 2,950 \quad \$ 23,450$
Expense
Building Funds Expense-PRML ..... \$16,171 \$45,000
Building Funds Expense-Meriden ..... \$2,950 \$23,450
Fund Balances-Year End
Philip Read Checking ..... \$7,723
Philip Read Fines Account ..... \$4,295
Meriden Checking ..... \$6,060
Meriden Fines Account ..... \$913
Meriden Library Association ..... \$70,136
(gift in process)
Meriden Building Fund
Savings ..... \$59,801
Vanguard Money Market ..... \$38,084
Vanguard Windsor Fund ..... \$28,958


SKETCH of projected new Meriden Library was drawn by Doris Franklin. Recent approval of a federal grant of $\$ 6,920$ toward construction of the building brought the project close to actual ground breaking, the target date being about June 1. Townspeople pledged $\$ 3,260$ to insure eligivility for the federal grant.

## MERIDEN LIBRARY

On November 20, 1965 the Meriden Library moved into a brand new building at 22 Bean Road. 2105 marked the 50th anniversary of that move. The library has grown considerably in fifty years but still maintains the same mission to provide access to information and materials and to provide a comfortable atmosphere for community interaction.

It was a strong group of community members that came together 50 years ago to build a new library and still today we have a wonderful group of community members that continue to make our library a great resource for the village of Meriden. Our Board of Trustees dedicates countless hours to the leadership and governance of our libraries. The steering group of the Friends of the Meriden Library; Amy Lappin, Susan Nugent, Susan Russo, Leeli Bonney, and Vicki Ramos-Glew, also devote many hours to support
the library. Barb Wendt contributes numerous volunteer hours to help me maintain our database. Lee Abrahamson has provided invaluable help with projects. Brad Thompson lends his expertise and time to offer after-school programming. We are fortunate to have dedicated library assistants, Terri Crane and Lori Estey, who provide all levels of library service to our patrons and often rise to the challenge of filling the many other needs that occur in a small library. The Meriden Library is a vital element of the village because of the support of so many community members. I am grateful for all of your contributions.

Our libraries are truly great community resources. Libraries of today do more than loan materials; they offer free access to computers and the internet, access to on-line resources, museum passes, programs for all ages and provide a community gathering space. The library value calculator at ILOVELIBRARIES.ORG, estimated the value of library materials and services provided to patrons of the Meriden Library in 2105 at $\$ 150$, 854.00.

In 2105, the Meriden Library circulated approximately the same number of items as we currently hold in our collection; a good indication of an appropriately sized collection. We currently hold a collection of 10,349 books, 352 audio books, and 482 DVDs. There are 424 registered borrowers. In 2015, we added 700 new items and removed 188 under -circulated, worn or outdated items from the collection. To meet patron needs we borrowed 285 items through inter-library loans; 218 of our items where lent to other libraries throughout the state.

Our patrons utilized their access to New Hampshire Downloadable books to check out 575 audio books, 371 e-books and, new this year, 30 periodicals. There continues to be growth in the use of electronic formats with a $10 \%$ increase in 2015. Through funding from the New Hampshire State Library we are able to offer access to on-line database through EBSCOHost and the Meriden Library supports two genealogy databases for patron use.

The Friends of the Meriden Library support the library with time, energy and resources. Many people contributed to make their annual plant sale fundraising event a success. Nearly all of our programming is sponsored by the Friends including performers for our summer reading program and Halloween program, an ice cream social community event and a birthday party for the $50^{\text {th }}$ birthday of our building. They funded passes to four area museums that were used by patrons 78 times throughout the year. New comfortable seating for the children's room was purchased by the Friends. Together with the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library they coordinated the "One Town, One Book" series of events featuring The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday $1-7 \mathrm{pm}$, Thursday, $10 \mathrm{am}-7 \mathrm{pm}$ and Saturday 9am-12noon. We are available for questions at 469-3252 and a calendar of programs and events can be found on our web site meridennhlibrary.org.

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Circulation | 10,784 | 10,940 |
| Visits | 6,291 | 6,338 |
| Programs | 92 | 98 |
| Program Attendance | 1023 | 1,064 |
| Volunteer Hours | 93.5 | 165 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. King, Director Meriden Library


## PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Calendar Year 2015
2015 was an exciting year for the library. For the past 11 years, the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library have been raising funds to finish the downstairs level of the library addition. It is nearly completed. This past fall, the floors were laid; bookcases are under construction. The junior, teen and special collection rooms will soon be ready to use. The meeting room is already used extensively for meetings and programs. It is a wonderful space. As promised by the library trustees and Friends of the Library, this all has been accomplished without tax dollars.

Automation of the library's collection was completed this past summer, thanks to some very dedicated volunteers and staff. We are fortunate to have many volunteers who are committed to the library. They accomplish much and enhance services to our patrons.

This year I was fortunate to attend the Annual New Hampshire and New England Library Associations Conference (in Manchester) where I attended some interesting and helpful programs. Other professional activities attended were meetings of the Librarians of the Upper Valley, meetings and workshops at Howe Library, the Children's Literacy Foundation, and the newly formed Regional Collection Development group. This group is investigating sharing of resources.

The most exciting event the Philip Read Memorial Library held this year was the premier showing of "Down Down the Deep River." This film was produced by

Meriden native Will Sheff and filmed in Plainfield and Meriden. Local residents have parts in the film. A full house thoroughly enjoyed it.

Other library programs are monthly story times (with Diane MacDonald) and book discussions. The Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero Has A Story," included five themed programs. The main event was a performance by Magician Norman Ng, funded by the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library. Other programming: a book signing by Emma Mosher (Plainfield's oldest resident), felting classes, theater performances, films, a therapy dog, legos, special story times with Plainfield firemen, an elf, and a ski patrol member. Especially fun was a teddy bear sleepover. The library hosts a monthly foot clinic with the Connecticut Valley Home Care. I have also held historical programs for pupils of the Estabrook School. The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Friends of the Meriden Library held two joint projects: a July $4^{\text {th }}$ parade float and a book/film discussion of the Grapes of Wrath. This was very successful.

Town Administrator Steve Halleran is holding office hours at the library on the first and third Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m. The Board of Selectmen is occasionally meeting at the library. Stop in and take advantage of this convenient service.

Many services are available to residents: books, magazines, DVDs, audio books, e-books and audio through the state library, interlibrary loan, museum passes to the Currier Art Museum and The Fells, computers and WiFi (752 users), and databases: Ancestry Plus (18,024 searches in 2015) and Heritage Quest (320 searches). There are 528 registered patrons.

Longtime library aide Ruth Stalker has retired. She has been a hardworking, knowledgeable, and important staff member. Ruth will be missed by the staff and patrons. Thank you, Ruth.

Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, donors, and the Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library for helping the library be so successful in serving our residents. We are all looking forward to another great year.

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Circulation | 11,040 | 11,947 |
| Visits | 6917 | 7,885 |
| Programs | 46 | 37 |
| Attendance | 825 | 724 |
| Children's Summer Plays | 8 | 7 |
| Play Attendance | 294 | 346 |
| Volunteer Hours | 481 | 1280 |

Nancy Narwalk, Library Director


Teddy reading to patrons during the Teddy Bear Sleepover at the Philip Read Memorial Library.


Emma Mosher signing her book, "Reflections of My Life," at the Philip Read Memorial Library Photos N.Norwalk

## REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT- 2015

As previously indicated, the town report is our formal preservation of history for the department. This year was a steady year for the Police. Overall the department arrests have increased to eight six (86) individuals, up from 70 the previous year or ( $23 \%$ ). We have also seen an increase in crimes against society. I would attribute this increase due to the recent drug usage in the Upper Valley. I am thankful of the community support with their willingness to report their observations to help protect our community.

The department still continues to cover 24/7 with the same staffing; Sargent Matthew Foss, Officer William Heighes and myself as the three full time officers. Officers Matthew Agan, Anthony Swett and Lawrence Dore as the part time officers. It should be noted that Officer Heighes has been out for 8 months with a workman's compensation issue for a knee injury. Because of this, we have been working short staffed for the past 8 month period.

## Crime Reports:

| Group A. Crimes Against Persons 10 | vs. | 15 | previous year- $33 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Crimes Against Property 57 | vs. | 76 | previous year- 33 \% |
| Crimes Against Society 19 | vs. | 3 | previous year+ $533 \%$ |
| Group B. Crimes |  |  |  |
| ( 60 | vs. | 48 | previous year+ $32 \%$ |

## Traffic - Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Year 2013: 932 Year 2014: 803 Year 2015: 990

I would attribute the increase due to the price of fuel and our personnel changes. Average Speed over speed limit 17. Of the total stops, the following is a breakdown of the disposition:

Summons/Citation $=$ Court Action 120
Warning 870

## Accidents:

A total of 69 accidents were reported to dispatch in 2015 vs. 77 in the previous year.
Collision with:

| 12.1 \% | Struck another motor vehicle |
| ---: | :--- |
| $58.6 \%$ | Struck a fixed Object |
| $20.7 \%$ | Struck an animal |
| $1.7 \%$ | Struck a pedestrian |
| $6.9 \%$ | Other - slide off the roadway |

In closing again I would like to thank the Community and Selectboard for their continued support.

Police Department Statistical Data for the last four years

| Event | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| DWI | 6 | 5 | 11 | 9 |
| Assault | 4 | 7 | 4 |  |
| Sexual assault | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Firing of weapons | 12 | 15 | 10 | 14 |
| Theft | 29 | 22 | 30 | 29 |
| Fraud | 23 | 19 | 18 | 27 |
| Domestic violence | 19 | 19 | 17 | 28 |
| Intoxication | 9 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| Bad checks | 7 | 4 | 19 | 17 |
| Drugs | 6 | 7 |  | 9 |
| Disorderly conduct | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Criminal mischief | 12 | 24 | 10 | 16 |
| Auto theft | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Criminal threats | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Arson-Fire Invest. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Burglary | 17 | 9 | 1 | 9 |
| Sex Offender Reg. | 11 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Pistol Permits | 34 | 52 | 39 | 55 |
| Court Appearance | 28 | 15 | 37 | 18 |
| Administrative | 73 | 146 | 245 | 109 |
| Burning Permits | 232 | 262 | 198 | 136 |
| Alarms | 102 | 75 | 64 | 66 |
| Animals | 94 | 143 | 71 | 49 |
| Medical Emer. | 49 | 67 | 203 | 265 |
| Fire calls | 46 | 66 | 54 | 61 |
| Motor vehicle | 69 | 77 | 80 | 68 |
| Suspicious Persons | 147 | 134 | 151 | 130 |
| Trespassing | 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 |
| Missing person | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Motorist assist | 76 | 83 | 68 | 36 |
| Civil | 7 | 14 | 25 | 27 |
| Open doors | 12 | 13 | 1 | 11 |
| House/Property | 602 | 521 | 595 | 132 |
| Assist other PD’S | 49 | 43 | 100 | 58 |
| Accidents w/injury | 17 | 12 | 14 | 64 |
| Accidents w/o injury | 61 | 68 | 78 | 69 |
| E 911 calls | 23 | 13 | 16 | 15 |
| Unattended Deaths | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Juvenile Matters | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Car Unlocks | 17 | 17 | 12 |  |
| Auto Repo's | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## MERIDEN \& PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Chief's Report

The calendar year 2015 call numbers remained about the same as 2014 down from 2013 mainly due to the second year in a row without a major weather related problem, ex snow, ice, heavy rains. We also had a very wet spring which eliminated any early grass or brush fires we might normally have.

Both departments received nice donations to upgrade trucks and equipment this past year. John Butler a KUA senior and Plainfield resident wrote a fifteen thousand dollar grant request to the Bryne Foundation as his senior project. This approved grant allowed the Meriden Fire Department to replace our old unreliable thermal imaging camera, buy some new pagers, new flashlights and a new computer and printer for the station.
TransCanda donated two used but very nice vehicles to the Plainfield Department. A 2004 Trailblazer that became the Chief's car was outfitted with donated lights, radio and siren so the cost was zero. This gives both departments the ability of having a mobile command vehicle. The second unit is a GMC one ton duel wheel four wheel drive truck that will be used to replace the chassis under our aging 1985 GMC utility truck.

I would like to remind everyone of the Meriden wild game dinner and the several dinners that Plainfield does each year as these are our major fundraiser to help the departments fund the ongoing expenses of the departments. I would also thank the folks whom we regularly see at these events.

|  | PVFD | MVFD | PVFD | MVFD |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alarm Activations | 20 | 32 | CO Alarms | 00 | 00 |
| Auto Accidents | 16 | 12 | Brush Fire | 01 | 01 |
| Smoke Investigation | 01 | 01 | Fire Safety | 01 | 00 |
| Odor Investigation | 03 | 02 | School Drill | 01 | 01 |
| Stove/Grill Fires | 02 | 01 | Gas/Oil Spill | 02 | 03 |
| Structure Fires | 02 | 03 | Mutual Aid given: |  |  |
| Trees/wires | 05 | 17 | Cornish | 02 | 02 |
| Missing Persons | 00 | 01 | Lebanon | 02 | 03 |
| Chimney Fire | 04 | 05 | Hartford | 02 | 00 |
| Animal Rescue | 03 | 02 | Windsor | 02 | 01 |
| Assist PD | 01 | 02 | Ascutney | 01 | 00 |
| Event Coverage | 01 | 01 |  |  |  |
| EMS Assist | 02 | 03 |  |  |  |

Frank Currier, Chief

## MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

| RECEIPTS | 2015 |  | 2016 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET |
| TOWN APPROPRIATION | \$44,500 | \$44,500 | \$0 | \$44,500 |
| CORNISH FAIR TICKETS | \$3,250 | \$3,577 | \$327 | \$3,250 |
| SPRING DINNER - 2015 | \$3,500 | \$2,946 | -\$554 | \$0 |
| SPRING DINNER - 2016 | \$0 | -\$200 | -\$200 | \$3,000 |
| DONATIONS | \$3,500 | \$20,461 | \$16,961 | \$3,500 |
| DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE | \$500 | \$0 | -\$500 | \$500 |
| BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST | \$1 | \$1 | \$0 | \$1 |
| FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS | \$500 | \$0 | -\$500 | \$500 |
| MISC | \$0 | \$576 | \$576 | \$0 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$11,251 | \$27,361 | \$16,110 | \$10,751 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$55,751 | \$71,861 | \$16,110 | \$55,251 |
|  | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET |
| TELEPHONE \& INTERNET | \$520 | \$666 | -\$146 | \$1,700 |
| ELECTRICITY | \$1,200 | \$1,072 | \$128 | \$1,100 |
| SEWER | \$240 | \$240 | \$0 | \$240 |
| HEATING OIL | \$2,250 | \$2,153 | \$97 | \$2,250 |
| INSURANCE | \$8,000 | \$7,915 | \$85 | \$8,250 |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | \$11,150 | \$10,596 | \$554 | \$12,000 |
| COMPUTER EXPENSES | \$250 | \$689 | -\$439 | \$250 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS | \$500 | \$397 | \$103 | \$500 |
| GAS, DIESEL | \$1,600 | \$1,796 | -\$196 | \$1,600 |
| DUES / PERMITS / FEES | \$500 | \$695 | -\$195 | \$650 |
| TRAINING | \$3,000 | \$110 | \$2,890 | \$3,000 |
| FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT | \$9,800 | \$13,637 | -\$3,837 | \$8,000 |
| STATION MAINTENANCE | \$2,000 | \$572 | \$1,428 | \$2,000 |
| UNIFORMS | \$1,000 | \$494 | \$506 | \$1,000 |
| VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$100 |
| ANNUAL REPORT FEE | \$75 | \$102 | -\$27 | \$100 |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$0 | \$4,500 |
| STATION EQUIPMENT | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE | \$2,100 | \$968 | \$1,132 | \$2,000 |
| KUA BRIGADE | \$501 | \$115 | \$386 | \$501 |
| HAZMAT ASSOCIATION | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| MISC | \$500 | \$510 | -\$10 | \$500 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$51,786 | \$47,227 | \$4,559 | \$52,241 |
| TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FND | \$0 | -\$114 | \$114 | \$0 |
| TRANSFER TO (FROM) RESERVES | \$3,965 | \$24,747 | -\$20,782 | \$3,010 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$55,751 | \$71,861 | -\$16,110 | \$55,251 |

## MVFD BUDGET "SELECTED" LINE ITEMS

| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE | BUDGET |
| ENGINE \#1 | \$2,500 | \$1,660 | \$840 | \$2,500 |
| ENGINE \#2 | \$2,500 | \$5,561 | -\$3,061 | \$3,500 |
| LADDER TRUCK | \$2,000 | \$1,698 | \$302 | \$2,000 |
| UTILITY TRUCK | \$250 | \$127 | \$123 | \$250 |
| THERMAL CAMERA | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100 |
| LADDER TEST | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT | \$150 | \$34 | \$116 | \$150 |
| HYDROTESTS | \$400 | \$107 | \$293 | \$400 |
| RADIO \& PAGERS | \$1,000 | \$424 | \$576 | \$750 |
| AIR PACK | \$750 | \$550 | \$200 | \$750 |
| STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM | \$200 | \$0 | \$200 | \$200 |
| FIRE EXTINGUISHERS | \$100 | \$407 | -\$307 | \$100 |
| GENERATOR | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$100 |
| FORESTRY | \$100 | \$28 | \$72 | \$100 |
| MISC | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$100 |
| TOTAL | \$11,150 | \$10,596 | \$554 | \$12,000 |
| FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT | 2015 |  |  | 2016 |
| FIREFIGHTER GEAR | \$3,400 | \$3,934 | -\$534 | \$3,400 |
| GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER | \$2,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| FOAM/COLDFIRE |  |  |  |  |
| SUPPRESSANT | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$100 |
| GLOVES | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$200 |
| THERMAL CAMERA | \$0 | \$4,253 | -\$4,253 | \$0 |
| BOOTS | \$400 | \$0 | \$400 | \$800 |
| PAGERS/ACTIVE 911 | \$1,500 | \$1,973 | -\$473 | \$1,500 |
| HOSE | \$500 | \$0 | \$500 | \$500 |
| FORESTRY EQUIPMENT | \$500 | \$0 | \$500 | \$500 |
| MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS | \$500 | \$1,525 | -\$1,025 | \$500 |
| MISC | \$300 | \$452 | -\$152 | \$500 |
| TOTAL | \$9,800 | \$13,637 | -\$3,837 | \$8,000 |

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year-end was $\$ 248,409$. We transferred $\$ 24,747$ from operations at the end of the year into the Capital Reserve account.

Ken Goadrom-Treasurer MVFD

|  | Budget | Actual | Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EXPENSES | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2016}$ |
| Accounting | \$350 | \$350 | \$350 |
| New Equipment | \$2,000 | \$1,196 | \$2,000 |
| New Fire Clothing | \$4,000 | \$716 | \$4,000 |
| Travel Reimbursement | \$2,000 | \$1,981 | \$2,000 |
| Equipment Repairs | \$3,000 | \$10,094 | \$6,000 |
| Supplies | \$1,300 | \$2,376 | \$2,100 |
| Electricity | \$1,200 | \$1,561 | \$1,600 |
| Telephone | \$1,600 | \$1,481 | \$1,600 |
| Heat/Cooking | \$5,000 | \$2,329 | \$2,500 |
| Gas/Diesel Fuel | \$1,400 | \$532 | \$1,000 |
| Water | \$350 | \$468 | \$475 |
| Insurance | \$5,930 | \$5,322 | \$5,600 |
| Schools \& Training | \$500 | \$25 | \$500 |
| Fees/Dues | \$300 | \$294 | \$300 |
| New Tanker Loan | \$15,995 | \$15,996 | \$15,996 |
| Haz-mat Team | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Postage | \$75 | \$69 | \$75 |
| Radio Frequency | \$1,000 | \$978 | \$1,000 |
| Chief's stipend | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| Totals | \$51,500 | \$51,269 | \$52,596 |
| RECEIPTS |  |  |  |
| Grants (Title 4) | \$500 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Fund Raising | \$4,500 | \$5,986 | \$2,500 |
| Town Appropriation | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$50,000 |
| Town Training Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Interest /Other | \$0 | \$16 | \$20 |
| Donations | \$1,500 | \$3,854 | \$2,500 |
| Totals | \$51,500 | \$54,856 | \$55,020 |
| Receipts | \$54,856 |  |  |
| Treasurer Expenses | \$51,269 |  |  |

Randa
Robinson Balance $\$ 3,587$

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN \& STATE FOREST RANGER

Local: Plainfield had a very quiet wild land fire season, both in the spring and fall seasons. We only had one grass fire all year. A lot had to do with the very wet spring we had. For the first time that I can remember we had no illegal burns this past year, though not a big problem, it seems we usually have several unpermitted burns each year. The town Forest Fire Wardens issued a total of one hundred and eighty two burn permits this past year, either seasonal permits or brush pile permits. I would like to thank all the people who requested these permits, we would much rather come out and issue a permit than get a call from dispatch to check on an unpermitted fire.

As a reminder you need a burn permit for any open burn if there is not sufficient snow cover to prevent the spread of the fire no matter what time of year it is. Just because it is "winter" does not mean there is enough snow as this year has proven. A list of wardens who can issue permits is listed on the town web site. Seasonal permits are good from January $1^{\text {st }}$ until December $31^{\text {st }}$. There are pamphlets at the town office with all the rules for open burning including what is permissible to burn and what is not. A complete list of fire wardens who can issue permits may be found on the town's website.
State: This past fire season burned 661 acres which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May $5^{\text {th }}$ and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wild land firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wild land fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wild land fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information is available at www.firewise.org.

| NH FIRE STATISTICS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED-2015 |  | TOTAL FIRES |  | AC |
| Campfires | 13 | 2015 | 134 | 661 |
| Lightning | 05 | 2014 | 112 | 72 |
| Equipment | 06 | 2013 | 182 | 144 |
| Arson | 07 | 2012 | 318 | 206 |
| Debris | 17 | 2011 | 125 | 42 |
| Children | 03 | 2010 | 360 | 145 |
| Smoking | 12 |  |  |  |
| Misc* | 71 |  |  |  |
| *Misc: pow | es, fireworks, electric fenc |  |  |  |

A permitted fire can only be kindled between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00am unless it is actively raining. There is no fee for a burn permit.

Trank Currier Plainfield Fire Warden

## CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD -2015

Dear Members of the Plainfield Community:
We would like to thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts and at your annual Town Meeting. Through your generosity, we were able to:

- replace our auto extrication equipment
- update other equipment such as our suction machine and oxygen regulators
- keep medical supplies updated and in stock for personnel and the rescue truck
- pay for operating costs
- register, inspect, insure and maintain our rescue truck

In 2015, our call volume increased by $20 \%$ as members of the squad responded to 232 calls.
We are currently 22 members strong and continue to serve the two communities with first responder response prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Along with our medical calls, we provide mutual aid response and support to the Plainfield, Cornish and Meriden Fire Departments. We also provide mutual aid response for other area agencies and coverage for the 3 days of the Cornish Fair.
All members are Nationally Registered at various certification levels and are NH licensed. We are required to recertify every two years and have members at the First Responder, EMT-B, EMT-I and Paramedic Levels.
If you are interested in joining, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact either myself (603)675-2002, or Gary Chilton, Vice President, at (603)448-7688.
If you would like to take a First Responder or EMT class, please contact Jim McCarragher at (603)469-3505 for more information.
Please buckle your seat belts, change your smoke detector batteries at Daylight Savings times, and be safe! If you, or someone you know needs a smoke detector, please contact your local fire department.
DIAL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY BE IT MEDICAL, FIRE, OR POLICE RELATED.

Sincerely,

Dale 4. Laurence, President

| NAME OF TRUST FUND | Prisciple <br> Balance <br> Begin Year | New <br> Funds <br> Created | Guiss or <br> Lonses <br> From Sale | Principle <br> Buance <br> Year Ead |  | Income <br> Earned <br> During Year | Itcone <br> Expended <br> During Year | Income <br> Balance <br> Year End |
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| CEMEIERY TRUST FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Danids Cemetery | 58,586.42 |  |  | 58,586.62 | 5378.11 | 523224 | \$235.41 | \$374.94 |
| East Painfild Cenetery | \$4,07854 |  |  | 54,075.54 | 65s5 | 5107.36 | \$108. 32 | 564.09 |
| Freeman Cemetry | 53,005 25 |  |  | \$3, cos. 25 | 43.72 | 57899 | 580.07 | 52.64 |
| Gilkey Cemetery | 529933 |  |  | 5429.33 | 56.91 | \$11.30 | \$11.46 | 56.75 |
| Glessen Cemetery | \$29,151.67 |  |  | 529,151.67 | 5668.34 | 5767.36 | 577881 | \$457.89 |
| Methodist Hill Cemetery | 542933 |  |  | 5429.33 | 56.91 | \$11.30 | 511.46 | 56.75 |
| Mill Cenetery | \$17,226.44 |  |  | \$17,226.44 | 5276.8 | \$453.46 | S45964 | \$270.68 |
| Moulton Cemetry | 58,64.20 |  |  | $58,664.20$ | 5139.18 | 5728.07 | \$231.18 | \$136.07 |
| Penniman Cemetery | 51,28797 |  |  | \$1,28797 | 520.69 | \$31.90 | 53437 | 520.22 |
| Pluirfield Cenetery | \$62,82953 |  |  | \$62,829.53 | \$1,000.19 | \$1,653.86 | 51,676.40 | 5585.65 |
| Raynutord Cemetery | \$1,717.30 |  |  | \$1,717,30 | 527.59 | 545.20 | 54582 | 523.97 |
| River Cemetery | \$1,28797 |  |  | \$1,287,97 | 520.78 | \$3190 | 53437 | 520.33 |
| Wergate-Peterson Cemetery | \$1,073,31 |  |  | \$1,073,31 | 51724 | 52825 | 528.64 | 516.85 |
| Town Cemeteries | \$4,283,21 |  |  | 54,293, 21 | S68.77 | \$113.01 | \$114.55 | 567.23 |
| totals | 514,050.46 |  |  | \$144,060.46 | 52,549.76 | 53,798.22 | 53,850.c0 | 52,497.93 |
| Library trust fund |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meriden Laray | 527,691.25 |  |  | 387,69125 | 325425 | 572\% 95 | \$750.00 | 5228824 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Prilip Reud Menorial Lamay }}$ | 579,20853 |  |  | 579,00853 | \$601.51 | \$2,080.59 | 52,100.00 | 5582.10 |
| totals | 5107,39978 |  |  | \$107,399.78 | 5855.77 | \$2,804.57 | 52,850.00\| | 5810.34 |
| miscellaneous trust funds |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ward Crietems Fund | 44,293 22 |  |  | \$4,293 22 | \$121.25 | 511437 | \$120.00 | \$115.62 |
| Ward Worthy Poor Fued | 56,43980 |  |  | 56,43980 | 513,822 34 | 552493 | 5767.28 | \$13,57999 |
| Ward Esay Prise Fund | 54,293122 |  |  | 54.293 .22 | 5767.98 | 5131.12 | 520000 | \$690.10 |
| Elijuh Burnup Poor Fend | \$11,808.92 |  |  | 514,80592 | 522,901.83 | 5848. 51 | 51,160.09 | \$20,632.25 |
| Earl Mower Fund | \$1,770.98 |  |  | 51,770.98 | 509.81 | 547.17 | 550.37 | 546.61 |
| Duscan Pisoo Fuad | \$1,28796 |  |  | \$1,287.96 | \$1,782.87 | 579.58 |  | \$1,862.43 |
| Versoe Hood Fund | 512933 |  |  | 542933 | 5281.85 | 518.42 |  | \$300.28 |
| Bill Hendrick Vision Fund | 51,92594 |  |  | 51.92598 | \$1,882.97 | 59868 |  | \$1,981.65 |
| Mother's \& Dowghter's Fond | 52,404 20 |  |  | 52,404,20 | 567.62 | \$64.04 | \%838 | \$61.28 |
| Bedah Fickering Fund | \$18,264.94 |  |  | \$18,264.94 | 529,147.00 | 5833.48 |  | \$22,980.48 |
| Ruat F Koe Brady Cump Fund | \$1,058.83 |  |  | \$1,098.33 | 5761.07 | 548.18 | \$165.c0 | \$54.35 |
| Suge Set Fuxd | S9,605.77 |  |  | 59,605.77 | 54,645:33 | 5369.2 |  | \$5.014.53 |
| Mericafern Fund | \$55622 |  |  | \$556.22 | \$15.64 | \$14.82 | \$15.82 | \$14.64 |
| totals | 564,17932 |  |  | \$56,17932 | 574,289.57 | \$3,192.48 | 52,546.94 | 574,935.11 |
| TOTAL: ALL TRUST FINDS | 5315,639 56 |  |  | 3315,639.56 | 577,605.10 | 59,795.27 | 59,246.94 | 578,24,43 |

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\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds} \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \begin{tabular}{l}
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\hline Revaluation Fund \& \$31,500.00 \& \$15,000.00 \& \multirow[t]{6}{*}{\$2,480.00} \& \$46,500.00 \& \$379.85 \& \$221.78 \& \multirow[t]{5}{*}{\$1,960.73} \& \$601.63 \& \$47,101.63 \\
\hline Town Hall Fund \& \$13,800.00 \& \$6,000.00 \& \& \$17,320.00 \& \$20.62 \& \$49.76 \& \& \$70.38 \& \$17,390.38 \\
\hline Bridge Reserve Fund \& \$99,000.00 \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\[
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\& \$ 5,000.00 \\
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\]} \& \& \$104,000.00 \& \$17,230.83 \& \$306.38 \& \& \$15,576.48 \& \$119,576.48 \\
\hline Meriden Water Reserve Fund \& \$111,500.00 \& \& \& \$112,500.00 \& \$9,520.03 \& \$857.80 \& \& \$10,377.83 \& \$122,877.83 \\
\hline School Building Fund \& \$63,000.00 \& \& \& \$63,000.00 \& \$2,276.42 \& \$180.63 \& \& \$2,457.05 \& \$65,457.05 \\
\hline \& \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\$50,000.00} \& \& \& \& \& \multirow[t]{6}{*}{\$5,500.00} \& \& \$0.00 \\
\hline New Equipment Fund \& \$39,000.00 \& \& \multirow[t]{5}{*}{\$7,000.00} \& \$89,000.00 \& \$945.59 \& \$319.10 \& \& \$1,264.69 \& \$90,264.69 \\
\hline Plainfield Water Fund \& \$34,000.00 \& \& \& \$34,000.00 \& \$818.05 \& \$233.64 \& \& \$1,051.69 \& \$35,051.69 \\
\hline Library Repair Fund \& \$3,000.00 \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\[
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\]} \& \& \$5,500.00 \& \$9.66 \& \$12.76 \& \& \$22.42 \& \$5,522.42 \\
\hline Meriden Sewer Reserve Fund \& \$87,000.00 \& \& \& \$105,000.00 \& \$8,317.64 \& \$795.32 \& \& \$3,612.96 \& \$108,612.96 \\
\hline School Spec Ed Van Fund \& \$15,000.00 \& \& \& \$15,000.00 \& \$97.99 \& \$60.68 \& \& \$158.67 \& \$15,158.67 \\
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\]} \& \& \& \& \multirow[t]{7}{*}{\(\$ 1,614.52\)

$\$ 143.32$} \& \& \$0.00 <br>
\hline Plainfield History Fund \& \$13,900.00 \& \& \& \$13,900.00 \& \$2,783.70 \& \$85.20 \& \& \$2,868.90 \& \$16,768.90 <br>
\hline Cemetery Care Fund \& \$42,350.00 \& \& \& \$42,350.00 \& \$1,226.29 \& \$414.82 \& \& \$26.59 \& \$42,376.59 <br>
\hline ADA Access Fund \& \$28,500.00 \& \$5,000.00 \& \& \$33,500.00 \& \$166.56 \& \$109.52 \& \& \$276.08 \& \$33,776.08 <br>
\hline School Spec Ed Fund \& \$200,000.00 \& \$40,000.00 \& \& \$240,000.00 \& \$1,135.34 \& \$1,070.38 \& \& \$2,205.72 \& \$242,205.72 <br>
\hline Transportation Imprvmnt Fund \& \$98,000.00 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\$55,000.00} \& \& \$34,000.00 \& \$530.91 \& \$636.87 \& \& \$1,024.46 \& \$35,024.46 <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \$0.00 <br>
\hline School Benefits Payable \& \$49,000.00 \& \multirow[t]{6}{*}{$\$ 6,000.00$
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$\$ 60,000.00$} \& \multirow[t]{6}{*}{\$21,400.00} \& \$49,000.00 \& \$790.34 \& \$215.75 \& \& \$1,006.09 \& \$50,006.09 <br>
\hline Town Beauty Fund \& \$150.00 \& \& \& \$150.00 \& \$0.00 \& \$0.05 \& \& \$0.05 \& \$150.05 <br>
\hline Police Equipment Fund \& \$9,800.00 \& \& \& \$15,800.00 \& \$1.28 \& \$18.48 \& \& \$19.76 \& \$15,819.76 <br>
\hline Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund \& \$15,000.00 \& \& \& \$20,000.00 \& \$45.41 \& \$67.87 \& \& \$113.28 \& \$20,113.28 <br>
\hline Town Facilities Maint Fund \& \& \& \& \$38,600.00 \& \$0.00 \& \$75.49 \& \$7.86 \& \$67.63 \& \$38,667.63 <br>
\hline Townsend Bridge \& Trail Fund \& \$4,368.00 \& \& \& \$4,368.00 \& \$63.95 \& \$10.35 \& \& \$74.30 \& \$4,442.30 <br>
\hline TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS \& \$957,868.00 \& \$275,500.00 \& \$149,880.00 \& \$1,083,488.00 \& \$46,360.46 \& \$5,742.63 \& \$9,226.43 \& \$42,876.66 \& \$1,126,364.66 <br>
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| Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds | Principle <br> Balance <br> Begin Year | New <br> Funds <br> Added | FundsExpended | Principle <br> Balance <br> Year End | Income <br> Balance <br> Begin Year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Income <br> Earned <br> During Year | Income <br> Expended <br> During Year | Income <br> Balance <br> Year End |  |
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| New Equipment Fund | \$39,000.00 | \$50,000.00 |  | \$89,000.00 | \$945.59 | \$319.10 |  | \$1,264.69 | \$90,264.69 |
| Plainfield Water Fund | \$34,000.00 |  |  | \$34,000.00 | \$818.05 | \$233.64 |  | \$1,051.69 | \$35,051.69 |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$0.00 |
| School Benefits Payable | \$49,000.00 |  |  | \$49,000.00 | \$790.34 | \$215.75 |  | \$1,006.09 | \$50,006.09 |
| Town Beauty Fund | \$150.00 |  |  | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.05 |  | \$0.05 | \$150.05 |
| Police Equipment Fund | \$9,800.00 | \$6,000.00 |  | \$15,800.00 | \$1.28 | \$18.48 |  | \$19.76 | \$15,819.76 |
| Gravel Pit Reclaim Fund | \$15,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |  | \$20,000.00 | \$45.41 | \$67.87 |  | \$113.28 | \$20,113.28 |
| Town Facilities Maint Fund |  | \$60,000.00 | \$21,400.00 | \$38,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$75.49 | \$7.86 | \$67.63 | \$38,667.63 |
| Townsend Bridge \& Trail Fund | \$4,368.00 |  |  | \$4,368.00 | \$63.95 | \$10.35 |  | \$74.30 | \$4,442.30 |
| TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUNDS | \$957,868.00 | \$275,500.00 | \$149,880.00 | \$1,083,488.00 | \$46,360.46 | \$5,742.63 | \$9,226.43 | \$42,876,66 | \$1,126,364.66 |

Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The Selectboard is named agents to expend for eleven 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
Town Revaluation Fund created in 1993
Town Building ADA Access Fund created in 2003
Transportation Improvement Fund created in 2006
Townsend Bridge Fund created in 2007
Town Beautification Fund created in 2009
Police Department Equipment Fund created in 2011
Highway Department Equipment Fund created 1987, Exp Auth 2015
Town Facilities Fund created in 2015

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 2015 were:
Library Repair Fund

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\text { Deposits- } \quad \$ 2,500
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Town meeting appropriation
Withdrawals\$0

Bridge Fund Deposits- \$5,000
Withdrawals- $\$ \mathbf{1 , 9 6 1}$
Covered Bridge rails $\$ 780$
Covered Bridge electric upgrade $\quad \$ 1,181$
Town Hall
Repair Fund
Deposits- $\quad \$ 6,000$
Town meeting appropriation.
Withdrawals- $\quad \$ 2,480$
PTH-Door Repair $\$ 105$
MTH-Painting $\quad \$ 2,375$

Revaluation Fund Deposits- \$15,000
Town meeting appropriation.
Withdrawals-
\$0

ADA Compliance Deposits- \$5,000
Town meeting appropriation
Withdrawals- \$0

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS (continued)

| Transportation Fund | Deposits | \$55,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Town meeting appropriation |  |
|  | Withdrawals | \$119,008 |
|  | Paving River Road |  |
| Townsend Bridge Fund | Deposits | \$0 |
|  | Withdrawals | \$0 |
| Town Beautification | Deposits | \$0 |
|  | Withdrawals | \$0 |
| Police Equipment Fund | Deposits | \$5,000 |
|  | Town Meeting appropriation |  |
|  | Withdrawals | \$0 |
| Town Facilities Fund | Deposits | \$60,000 |
|  | Withdrawals | \$21,408 |
|  | Hwy Garage Studies | $\$ 4,875$ |
|  | (structure, drain, septic,siteplan) |  |
|  | Fuel Tank Replacemen | \$16,533 |

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


## TOWN AUDIT

The firm of Plodzik and Sanderson completed the 2015 audit in January of 2016. To conserve space in this report the following are excerpts from the audit. The full document is available both in printed form and as an electronic file, from the town office and will be posted on the town's website www.plainfieldnh.org

|  |  | Estimated |  | Actual | Variance <br> Positive <br> (Negative) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Taxes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property | \$ | 1,375,175 | \$ | 1,430,075 | \$ | 54,900 |
| Yield |  | 12,000 |  | 11,135 |  | (865) |
| Payment in lieu of taxes |  | 1,000 |  | - |  | $(1,000)$ |
| Interest and penalties on taxes |  | 45,000 |  | 52,300 |  | 7,300 |
| Total from taxes |  | 1,433,175 |  | 1,493,510 |  | 60,335 |
| Licenses, permits, and fees: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business licenses, permits, and fees |  | 7,000 |  | 5,265 |  | $(1,735)$ |
| Motor vehicle permit fees |  | 460,000 |  | 481,313 |  | 21,313 |
| Other |  | 72,000 |  | 74,084 |  | 2,084 |
| Total from licenses, permits, and fees |  | 539,000 |  | 560,662 |  | 21,662 |
| Intergovernmental: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meals and rooms distribution |  | 114,211 |  | 114,211 |  | - |
| Highway block grant |  | 106,856 |  | 107,779 |  | 923 |
| State and federal forest land reimbursement |  | 65 |  | 1,069 |  | 1,004 |
| Other |  | 10,530 |  | 10,650 |  | 120 |
| Total from intergovernmental |  | 231,662 |  | 233,709 |  | 2,047 |
| Charges for services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income from departments |  | 32,000 |  | 38,179 |  | 6,179 |
| Miscellaneous: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sale of municipal property |  | 5,000 |  | - |  | $(5,000)$ |
| Interest on investments |  | 1,000 |  | 1,442 |  | 442 |
| Rent of property |  | 500 |  | 590 |  | 90 |
| Other |  | 6,000 |  | 8,647 |  | 2,647 |
| Total from miscellaneous |  | 12,500 |  | 10,679 |  | $(1,821)$ |
| Other financing sources: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transfers in |  | 156,960 |  | 144,810 |  | $(12,150)$ |
| Total other financing sources |  | 156,960 |  | 144,810 |  | $(12,150)$ |
| Total revenues and other financing sources |  | 2,405,297 | \$ | 2,481,549 | \$ | 76,252 |
| Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate |  | 60,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance | \$ | 2,465,297 |  |  |  |  |


|  | Appropriations |  | Expenditures |  | Encumbered to Subsequent Year |  | Variance <br> Positive <br> (Negative) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General government: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Executive | \$ | 194,950 | \$ | 200,886 | \$ | - | \$ | $(5,936)$ |
| Election and registration |  | 3,380 |  | 5,537 |  | - |  | $(2,157)$ |
| Financial administration |  | 68,700 |  | 68,833 |  | - |  | (133) |
| Revaluation of property |  | 13,000 |  | 20,476 |  | - |  | $(7,476)$ |
| Legal |  | 8,100 |  | 14,593 |  | - |  | $(6,493)$ |
| Personnel administration |  | 5,500 |  | 6,664 |  | - |  | $(1,164)$ |
| Planning and zoning |  | 1,000 |  | 1,139 |  | - |  | (139) |
| General government buildings |  | 11,905 |  | 8,708 |  | - |  | 3,197 |
| Cemeteries |  | 25,000 |  | 29,664 |  | - |  | $(4,664)$ |
| Insurance, not otherwise allocated |  | 36,600 |  | 29,926 |  | - |  | 6,674 |
| Advertising and regional associations |  | 5,100 |  | 5,349 |  | - |  | (249) |
| Other |  | 10,530 |  | 11,389 |  | - |  | (859) |
| Total general government |  | 383,765 |  | 403,164 |  | - |  | $(19,399)$ |
| Public safety: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Police |  | 356,598 |  | 322,499 |  | 16,660 |  | 17,439 |
| Ambulance |  | 27,000 |  | 27,255 |  | - |  | (255) |
| Fire |  | 94,000 |  | 92,751 |  | - |  | 1,249 |
| Building inspection |  | 8,900 |  | 9,725 |  | - |  | (825) |
| Emergency management |  | 250 |  | - |  | - |  | 250 |
| Dispatching |  | 31,100 |  | 32,360 |  | - |  | $(1,260)$ |
| Total public safety |  | 517,848 |  | 484,590 |  | 16,660 |  | 16,598 |
| Highways and streets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public works garage |  | 20,050 |  | 18,517 |  | - |  | 1,533 |
| Highways and streets |  | 680,200 |  | 663,220 |  | 9,200 |  | 7,780 |
| Street lighting |  | 12,000 |  | 9,288 |  | - |  | 2,712 |
| Other |  | 99,900 |  | 99,884 |  | - |  | 16 |
| Total highways and streets |  | 812,150 |  | 790,909 |  | 9,200 |  | 12,041 |
| Sanitation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solid waste collection |  | 153,000 |  | 152,791 |  | - |  | 209 |
| Solid waste disposal |  | 48,810 |  | 48,271 |  | - |  | 539 |
| Total sanitation |  | 201,810 |  | 201,062 |  | - |  | 748 |
| Health: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Administration |  | 18,370 |  | 18,241 |  | - |  | 129 |
| Pest control |  | 500 |  | 80 |  | - |  | 420 |
| Total health |  | 18,870 |  | 18,321 |  | - |  | 549 |
| Welfare: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Administration |  | 2,750 |  | 3,547 |  | - |  | (797) |
| Direct assistance |  | 5,750 |  | 8,455 |  | - |  | $(2,705)$ |
| Total welfare |  | 8,500 |  | 12,002 |  | - |  | $(3,502)$ |


| Culture and recreation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parks and recreation |  | 19,000 |  | 17,073 |  | - |  | 1,927 |
| Library |  | 124,649 |  | 124,581 |  | - |  | 68 |
| Patriotic purposes |  | 1,000 |  | 1,046 |  | - |  | (46) |
| Total culture and recreation |  | 144,649 |  | 142,700 |  | - |  | 1,949 |
| Conservation |  | 500 |  | 280 |  | - |  | 220 |
| Debt service: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Principal of long-term debt |  | 25,000 |  | 25,000 |  | - |  | - |
| Interest on long-term debt |  | 1,850 |  | 1,854 |  | - |  | (4) |
| Total debt service |  | 26,850 |  | 26,854 |  | - |  | (4) |
| Capital outlay |  | 140,855 |  | 128,855 |  | - |  | 12,000 |
| Other financing uses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transfers out |  | 209,500 |  | 209,500 |  | - |  | - |
| Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances | \$ | 2,465,297 | \$ | 2,418,237 | \$ | 25,860 |  | 21,200 |

## TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

| Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) |  |  | \$ | 587,159 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Changes: |  |  |  |  |
| Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate |  |  |  |  | $(60,000)$ |
| Budget summary: |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue surplus | \$ | 76,252 |  |  |  |
| Unexpended balance of appropriations |  | 21,200 |  |  |
| Budget surplus |  |  |  | 97,452 |
| Decrease in nonspendable fund balance |  |  |  | 26,657 |
| Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) |  |  | \$ | 651,268 |

## TOWN OF PLAINFIELD GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET December 31st 2015

## ASSETS:

CASH:
CHECKING ACCOUNT ..... \$2,817,325
INVESTMENTS ..... \$3,477
PETTY CASH ..... \$250
TOTAL CASH ..... \$2,821,052
PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE ..... \$282,878
TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE ..... \$344,688
TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE ..... \$627,566
DUE FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGES ..... \$8,708
DUE FROM ST OF NH ..... \$4,530
DUE FROM MERIDEN FIRE ..... $\$ 630$
TOTAL ASSETS: ..... $\mathbf{\$ 3 , 4 6 2 , 4 8 6}$
LIABILITIES:
DUE TO CONSERVATION FUND ..... \$2,425
dUE TO STATE OF NH ..... \$3,307
PAYABLES:
SCHOOL-PES ..... \$2,672,344
INVOICES ..... \$20,029
ACCRUED PAYROLL ..... \$2,737
BONDS (Timber/Fence) ..... \$7,084
AFLAC ..... \$7
TOTAL PAYABLES ..... \$2,702,201
TOTAL LIABILITIES ..... \$2,707,933
FUND BALANCE ..... \$754,553
RESERVE- LUCT CURRENT YEAR ..... $(\$ 2,425)$
RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES ..... $(\$ 75,000)$
RESERVE-HIGHWAY ..... $(\$ 9,260)$
RESERVE-POLICE RADIO$(\$ 16,600)$
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE ..... \$651,268
GRAND TOTALS: ..... \$3,462,486
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2014 ..... \$587,159
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE-December 31st 2015 ..... \$651,268
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION ..... \$64,109

## TOWN OF PLAINFIELD SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding bonds \& loans as of December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}, 2015$Philip Read Memorial Library ..... \$ 62,500
Total ..... $\mathbf{\$ 6 2 , 5 0 0}$
RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS
Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 2015 ..... \$ 87,500
New debt during the year ..... 0Debt retirement during the yearLibrary Addition\$ 25,000
Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2015 ..... $\mathbf{\$ 6 2 , 5 0 0}$
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT/ROAD PROJECT EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS
2015 Block Grant Allocation ..... \$99,900
Highway Transportation Fund Withdrawal ..... \$119,008
Total Available ..... \$218,908
River Road
Culverts/drainage (2014) ..... \$13,521
Pike-Paving 3.5 miles overlay ..... \$105,487
Total ..... \$119,008
Ferry Hill Road/Freeman Rd Apron Pike-Paving ..... 49,800
Total ..... $\mathbf{\$ 4 9 , 8 0 0}$
Willow Brook-Slide Repair
Ledge purchases ..... \$2,883
Total ..... \$2,883
Penniman Road
Paid consultant-road profiling ..... \$595
Excavator Rental-Owens Leasing ..... \$3,800
Ledge removal-Mak's Excavation ..... \$1,275
Drainage structures/roadbed stabilization ..... \$9,710
Paving-Pike ..... \$31,837
Total ..... \$47,217
Total Expenditures ..... \$218,908

## FIVE-YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the Selectboard's road reconstruction priorities for the next five years. Note: order of work and timing is subject to change as new information, time and available funds dictate.
Year Road Work
'99 River Rd phase III-prep completion and base paving. Completed
'00 River Rd phase IV-topcourse paving, shoulder work. Completed
'01 Jenney Rd base reconstruction/paving Completed
'02
'04
‘05
‘06
'07
'08
‘08
‘09
'10
'11 Willow Brook Road base reconstruction/paving phase 3 Completed
'12 Main Street/Bonner Road resurfacing. Completed
'13 Center of Town Road resurfacing Completed
'14 River Road Pavement Shim Phase I Completed
'15 River Road Pavement Shim/Penniman Road resurfacing I
'16 Penniman Road resurfacing II
'17 Thrasher Road resurfacing
'17 Ferry Hill Road resurfacing-Completed
'18 Methodist Hill Road resurfacing
'19 Daniels Road resurfacing
'20 Jenney Rd resurfacing

## 2015 Turkey Trot Julie Longacre/Molly Cherington took home the pie



Photo Melissa Longacre, Event Director

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES -2015

| Agan, Matthew | Part-Time Patrolman | $\$ 16,871.75$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Belyea, Judith | Selectwoman | $\$ 2,350$ |
| Blish, Keith | Truck Driver | $\$ 40,423$ (includes overtime) |
| Brookes-Governo, Sarah | Treasurer | $\$ 6,560$ |
| Brookes-Governo, Sarah | Election Staff | $\$ 282.38$ |
| Cantlin, Daniel | Recreation Director | $\$ 6,135$ |
| Collins, Michael | Part-Time Truck Driver | $\$ 35,337.80$ |
| Collins III, Richard | Road Agent | $\$ 69,957$ |
| Crane, Terri | Library Aide - East | $\$ 4,263.91$ |
| Currier, Frank | Fire Chief | $\$ 7,200$ |
| Davidson,Helen | Supervisor of Checklist | $\$ 146.06$ |
| Dore, Lawrence | Part-Time Patrolman | $\$ 1,870$ |
| Eberhardt, Ron | Selectman | $\$ 2,350$ |
| Estey, Lori | Library Aide - East | $\$ 2,027.88$ |
| Foss, Matthew | Patrolman | $\$ 62,126.8$ (includes overtime) |
| Franklin, Paul | Moderator | $\$ 300$ |
| Gillens, Sarah | Library Aide - West | $\$ 3,474.45$ |
| Goodwin, Naomi | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 163.88$ |
| Halleran, Stephen | Town Administrator | $\$ 74,835$ |


| Heath, Cindy | Library Substitute - West | $\$ 7.13$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Heighes, William | Patrolman | $\$ 29,781.9$ (includes overtime) |
| Hudson, Shirley | Library Substitute - West | $\$ 909.38$ |
| Jones, Harold | Supervisor of Checklist | $\$ 97.38$ |
| Jordan, Donald | Supervisor of Checklist | $\$ 179.38$ |
| Kennett, Joshua | Truck Driver | $\$ 39,239.1$ (includes overtime) |
| King, Mary | Library Director - East | $\$ 24,647.40$ |
| LaFont, James | Highway- Part Time Labor | $\$ 2,490$ |
| Lappin, Sarah | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 266$ |
| LeMere, Jason | Truck Driver | $\$ 41,062.7$ (includes overtime) |
| Lersch, David | Building Inspector | $\$ 7,677.20$ |
| Liebowitz, Susan | Dep. Tax Collect/Twn Clerk | $\$ 8,930.82$ |
| Lurie, Elizabeth | Election Staff | $\$ 142.38$ |
| Marsh, Michelle | Town Clerk/Tax Collector | $\$ 48,607.33$ |
| Marsh, Robin | Ballot Clerk | $\$ 142.38$ |
| Norwalk, Nancy | Library Director - West | $\$ 25,142.96$ |
| Oszajca, Sharon | Library Substitute - West | $\$ 555.09$ |
| Reetz, Alyssa | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 723.24$ |
| Roberts, Paul | Police Chief | $\$ 68,910$ |
| Rogerson, Roanne | Ballot Clerk | $\$ 133.88$ |
| Schell, Stephanie | Human Services Director | $\$ 2,220.64$ |
| Serem, Jerome | Part-Time Truck Driver | $\$ 12,136.20$ |
| Sicard, Brian | Truck Driver | $\$ 46,962.1$ (includes overtime) |
| Smith, Sean | Truck Driver | $\$ 40,792$ (includes overtime) |
| Spencer, Winston | Building Inspector- Sub | $\$ 432$ |
| Stalker, Jesse | Trustee of Trust Funds | $\$ 2,760.26$ |
| Stalker, Ruth | Library Aide - West | $\$ 4,037.41$ |
| Swett, Anthony | Part-Time Patrolman | $\$ 3,550$ |
| Taylor, Robert | Selectman | $\$ 2,350$ |
| Wendt, Barbara | Library Substitute - East | $\$ 71.25$ |
| Wilder, Fern | Supervisor of Checklist | $\$ 38.44$ |
|  |  | $\$ 751,671.07$ |
|  | TOTAL |  |

## HUMAN SERVICE REPORT

## Dear Plainfield Neighbors,

As your Community Resource Director I am eager to help anyone that might be having a difficult time or that might have questions about local support services. I help many different families in town with housing issues, safety issues, budget planning, applications for fuel \& medical assistance, transportation issues and referrals for support services such as Meals on Wheels, LifeLine Program, or in-house care. I help to provide food and other necessary items to those who are in need or crisis. All the conversations and services that are provided are strictly confidential.

Our Food Pantry is now well established and is helping many families. The Christ Community Church continues to allow the Town to use a lovely handicap accessible
room to operate our food pantry. Although the Pantry is located at the church there is no affiliation or religious connection to this wonderful resource. The Pantry is well stocked with a variety of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene products and pet food. Our Food Pantry is affiliated and receives wonderful resources from the NH Food Bank. We warmly welcome anyone in town and residents of Cornish that need help getting by. The hours of operation are the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Friday \& Saturday of each month from 9-12 noon or when there is a serious need. Again, the Pantry is located in the Christ Community Church (Big Red Barn) on Route 12 A across from the Plainfield Fire Department. Food Assistance, however, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As the Community Resource Director my responsibilities include, but are not limited to dispersing aid in the form of vouchers for rent, security deposits, prevention of eviction, fuel, utilities, food and prescriptions when deemed critically necessary for health and safety reasons. An application is required to determine eligibility of services. As Director I work with many local service agencies. Here are just a few that I work closely with, Social Security Administration, State of NH Health \& Human Services, Visiting Nurses Alliance, Community Alliance of Human Services, LISTEN, NH Food Bank and Southwestern Community Services in order to provide information, referrals and assistance to residents.

In the year of 2015, a total of $\$ 12,506.07$ was disbursed to assist households in need. The Food Pantry from January-December 2015 provided 4,652 meals to community members.

The breakdown for monies disbursed in 2015 is as follows:

| Housing | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 6 9 7 . 8 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Electric | $\$ 3,160.03$ |
| Heating Fuel | $\mathbf{3 3 , 5 6 5 . 0 7}$ |
| Food | $\$ 2,157.29$ |
| Medical | $\$ 886.82$ |
| Summer Camp Scholarships | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 3 9 . 0 3}$ |
|  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 , 5 0 6 . 0 7}$ |
| Donations and other revenues | $\$ 9,047.25$ |

Finally, I want to thank all those local businesses, friends and neighbors who have collected food, donated food and contributed monetary gifts to the Community Resource Room \& Food Pantry. With your generous donations in 2015 totaling more than $\$ 9,047.25$, children were able to attend summer camp, weekly weekend care packages to stop 68 hours of hunger were delivered, medications were purchased, furnaces were repaired, housing modifications for safety were made, heating fuel was provided, LifeLine Systems were set-up for Seniors and general food assistance was available.

Do you need assistance or know of a neighbor that could use a helping hand? Please contact:
Town of Plainfield's Resource Director Stephanie M. Schell (603)469-3201
cr.director@plainfieldnh.org
Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie M. Schell
Community Resource Director

## HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 2015:

VNAVNH: Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. PO Box 1339 White River Jct Vt. tel. 1-888-300-8853.

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. 4484897

HEADREST: Provides information and referrals for human services in the Upper Valley. Located at 14 Church St./ PO Box 247/Lebanon, NH 03766 tel. 448-4872. Hotline 448-4400.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE: 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. A new ride assistance program called CATS is now available to Plainfield residentes 940 John Stark Highway, Newport NH 03773 tel. 863-9529.

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES: Provides and administers Fuel Assistance, Commodity Foods, WIC Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and Eldercare programs along with other human service type programs to eligible applicants. PO Box 1338 Claremont, NH 03743. tel. 542-9528.

WEST CENTRAL SERVICES: Provides mental health and behavioral services for no or very low costs to the uninsured. West Central Services is the New Hampshire designated community mental health facility for Plainfield and all of Sullivan County. 9 Hanover Street, Suite 2, Lebanon, NH 03766 tel. 448-0126.

MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE: A provider of public health services in the Upper Valley. Functions include research, education, planning and prevention activies. PO Box 102 Canaan NH 03741 tel. 523-7100.

The following agencies have requested funding from our community in 2016:

| Organization | Granted <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | Requested <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | Budgeted <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VNAVNH | $\$ 9,875$ | $\$ 9,875$ | $\$ 9,875$ |
| GCSCC | $\$ 2,300$ | $\$ 2,300$ | $\$ 2,300$ |
| Headrest | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Community Alliance | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| SW Comm Service | $\$ 475$ | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 500$ |
| West Central Services | $\$ 2,310$ | $\$ 2,500$ | $\$ 2,310$ |
| Mascoma Valley Health $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 1,778$ | $\$ 1,000$ |  |

## The Plainfield History Account (administered by the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire, published in 1991, is still available. It is good reading. The libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. The cost is now $\$ 25$; they are available at the town office, the Philip Read Memorial Library and the Meriden Library.
\At Town Meeting 2000, a warrant article was passed authorizing the establishment of a capital reserve fund called the Plainfield History Fund. The fund was established with money from this Plainfield History account and, periodically, funds from sales are transferred to the capital reserve. Eventually, the Plainfield History Fund will be used to underwrite the cost of writing the next volume of Plainfield's history. See the Trustee of Trust Funds report for the balance of this fund.

Financial Report
Balance January 1 \$ 1,069.74
Income:

| Sale of books \& shipping | $\$ 254.94$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Bank interest | .65 |
|  | $\boxed{\$ 255.59}$ |

\$1,325.59
Expenses:

None
Balance December 31
$\$ 1,325.59$

Submitted
Nancy Norwalk, Co-Editor

# PLAINFIELD TOWN GARAGE STUDY GROUP Sustainability of the Town's Garage and Site Preservation 

Group Participants:<br>Jeff Allbright (Planning Board), Brad Atwater (Zoning Board \& Finance Committee), Myra Ferguson (Conservation Commission), Bill Knight (Conservation Commission), Michael O'Leary (Chair; and Energy Committee), Evan Oxenham (Energy Committee), Mike Sutherland (Planning Board \& Finance Committee)<br>STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- Advise the Selectboard on actions needed for maintenance and repair of the Plainfield Town Garage.
- Identify, define and prioritize necessary maintenance and repair items.
- Formulate a ten-year plan to implement the required work so that the building and site remains viable for the next 30 to 40 years.
- Integrate the concerns of the Plainfield Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Town Highway crew in this process.
- Recommend the necessary steps required to ensure the building and site remain in compliance with the current building codes and NH State laws.

GOALS To investigate research and recommend how to ensure that the...

- Town Garage is brought into compliance with New Hampshire building codes;
- Town's natural resources and water quality are protected from adverse building operations;
- Systems (e.g., water, sewer, toxic materials handling, heat, and recommended ventilation, etc.) function efficiently and appropriately;
- Modifications or repairs are made to insure the integrity of the existing garage and site; and
- Building provides an opportunity for a clean and healthy workplace for town employees.
REPORT The recent focus on the sustainability of the Town Garage began a few years ago when the Plainfield Energy Committee (PEC) canvassed all of the town-owned buildings to find ways to control the high-cost of energy to maintain these buildings and save some of our tax dollars. It was also suggested that solar panels on the roofs of some of these buildings would lessen the impact of the escalating cost of electricity. The Planning Board's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) was also cited for its reference to the environmental protection of the Penniman Wetlands which is adjacent to, and downstream of, the Town Garage site.

Among the town-owned buildings canvassed by the PEC, the Town Garage has many complex challenges-most obvious is the garage is a 35 -year-old building constructed on an environmentally sensitive site. The Selectboard asked for a volunteer group of residents representing various town boards and commissions to examine and make recommendations about the future of the highway maintenance buildings and site. The Plainfield Town Garage Study Group (PTGSG) started meeting in May 2015. We formulated our statement of purpose and listed our goals. However, efforts were diverted by the state's demand that our garage's underground fuel storage had to be replaced with an aboveground tank. Fortunately, the state provided grant monies for the removal of the old tank. A new above-ground fuel tank has been installed. However, the committee recommends that a concrete spill apron be installed to complete the project.

Through the summer and fall of 2015, the PTGSG worked to identify and document issues with the garage building and the site which need to be addressed in order to meet the needs of the highway department for the next several decades. We examined the overall site and found that the existing:

- Floor drain system did not meet code and was a potential contamination source;
- Septic system had not been maintained and was not functioning properly;
- Water well does not provide potable water for employee use; and
- Site itself may not be graded appropriately to protect the surrounding water resources.
The study group also examined the engineering reports which were completed in 2014 concerning the garage structure and conducted additional tests. Those tests evaluate the viability of the floor drains, septic system, water supply and building foundation. The reports and results of those tests are available on the town web site www.plainfieldnh.org. At this time, we have not completed our evaluation of the building itself. The data collected so far does not support a conclusion as to the best course of action for the town. It is clear the building does not meet current code; however, it is not clear what remediation is necessary or at what cost.

Our primary goal in the next year is to continue the site work, gather the facts and project costs which will make the decision to repair the building or replace it possible. As we work to complete our investigations, the recommendations below can be implemented. They are appropriate regardless of the final decision about the building itself.

1. Complete the installation of a code-compliant tank to contain the mixed water/oil/chemical effluent from the garage floor drains.
2. Continue to research and determine the cost and benefit of a new building versus renovating the current building.
3. Recommend the hiring of appropriate engineering consultants to design and plan the renovations or complete reconstruction of the garage.
4. Develop a site plan and regrade the site as necessary to manage stormwater runoff and protect the Penniman Wetland and the aquifer beneath it.
5. Examine the current location of the salt shed and determine how to enhance the use of best management practices for handling road salt and protecting the neighboring water resource.
6. Clean and repair the existing well, including regrading around the current well site to prevent future contamination of the well, or drill a new well to provide potable water for employee use.
7. Complete repairs to the current septic system to make it function appropriately.
8. Protect the wetland using an appropriate vegetative buffer on the site's boundary with the wetland.

I would like to thank all of the members of the study group for their contribution and time to date in this process.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael O'Leary, Chair
Plainfield Town Garage Study Group

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT-2016

In addition to the public hearings on the school and Town budgets, members of the Finance Committee have attended meetings of the School Board, Select Board and Library Trustees as the FY17 budgets were being developed. We appreciate the diligence and thoughtfulness of the members of each of these bodies as they have worked to balance the needs of our municipal and educational organizations with the expectations and financial capacity of our community members.
In spite of those efforts, we are concerned about the burden that ever increasing property taxes place on our community, especially on our most vulnerable citizens. Out of respect for all community members we ask that both the School Board and Select Board increase their effort to make data-based decisions, that is to make purchases or implement programs only when the need and expected benefits are clearly defined and to insist that the departments responsible define and gather the data needed to evaluate their success. The time has passed when good intentions and best guesses are sufficient reasons to add to the tax burden.

## Proposed School District Budget

## Special Education Expenses

Each year for the past decade, the School Board asked the community to add to the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund in order to prepare for any possible extraordinary expense. As of this year, the District has $\$ 291,000$ in that fund. However, beginning this year we have special education out-of-district placements costing approximately $\$ 340,000$ per year, potentially for the next decade or more. The State's Special Education Catastrophic Aid program will refund a portion of current out-ofdistrict expenses at the rate of $60 \%$ to $80 \%$ in the FY17 budget cycle and in each year thereafter. The remaining costs must be funded locally and will have a significant impact on the school District's budget. Within this frame, we offer the following comments.

## Article II - Operating Budget

The proposed operating budget of $\$ 6,185,016$ shows an increase of $\$ 209,769$ or $3.51 \%$, not including warrant articles. However, a decrease in non-tax revenue will result in an increase of $\$ 234,727$ in tax dollars needed. The current proposal includes a reduction of two teaching positions (based primarily on enrollment declines), the reduction or elimination of proposed purchases of computers, library books, and other materials, a suspension of the floor maintenance program (Terrazzo floors in place of carpets), and a reduction in co-curricular spending. The budget does include $\$ 40,000$ to begin the process of upgrading the fire alarm panel and gymnasium entrances to meet current firesafety codes as directed by the State Fire Marshall. The School Board and school administration believe that further budget reductions would result in significant program changes. As always, it is up to the community to determine the level of service it wishes to support; however, the finance committee is not recommending further reductions.

## Article III - Support Employee Contract

The School Board and Plainfield Support Staff Association (PSSA) have approved a twoyear contract including increases to the salary scale (step \& track grid) of 2\% in FY17 and $2.5 \%$ in FY18 (plus a $4 \%$ step increase) for instructional employees. The agreement also includes a 3\% raise each year for non-instructional support staff. In addition, all employees are moved to a consumer driven health care model which includes higher deductibles and health savings accounts.

While recognizing that the change in health care coverage is a positive step, the Finance Committee is divided with respect to this article. However, we are in agreement that the step and track salary scale seems outmoded in the current economic environment, and we urge support employees and the School Board to explore alternative, performance-based compensation models.

## Article IV - Teacher Contract

The School Board and Plainfield Education Association have approved a two-year contract including a $2 \%$ raise to the base salaries each year. About half or our teachers are at the top step of the salary scale and will receive a $2 \%$ raise. The remainder will also receive a longevity step increase of $3.5 \%$ for a total of $5.5 \%$ each year. This salary increase is consistent with the increases in surrounding districts. However, Plainfield teachers' entry and top salary levels will continue to rank in the lower half of our cohort districts' salaries.
The new contract will reduce health insurance costs for both teachers and the District by changing the insurance model used to a consumer driven system which includes higher deductibles and the use of health savings accounts. In addition, the parties agreed to reduce future retirement bonuses by $50 \%$ for new and recently hired teachers. While recognizing that the changes in health insurance and retirement systems are positive steps, the Finance Committee is divided with respect to this article. However, we are in agreement that the step and track salary scale seems outmoded in the current economic environment, and we urge the teachers and School Board to explore alternative, performance-based compensation models.

## Article V - Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund

This fund has shown its value this year. It is fiscally responsible to maintain a base amount in this reserve fund to protect the school district and taxpayers from unanticipated expenses. The Finance Committee supports the School Board's recommendation to add $\$ 35,000$ to the fund.

## Article VI - Building Maintenance Reserve

The School Board has proposed adding $\$ 25,000$ to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund because of the required improvements to the fire alarm panel and gym entrance to meet current fire safety codes. However, the proposed budget includes funds for approximately one third of the costs anticipated for a three-year implementation. Given the other budget increases proposed, the Finance Committee recommends that this increase be deferred and re-evaluated next year.

## Proposed Town Budget

## Article III - Operating Budget

The Town's proposed budget of $\$ 2,198,099$ represents a $4.6 \%$ increase of $\$ 96,167$. For the most part, this increase results from fixed costs. In particular, costs for the Lebanon ambulance service and for Casella's solid waste collection (recycling) service have increased for next year. Increased costs for the Highway Department include additional road maintenance and making a part-time position full-time to reflect the actual hours being worked. In addition, the budget includes hiring a part-time facilities manager to oversee the development of a long-term plan for the maintenance and repair of Town owned buildings and increasing library staffing is to insure employee safety and provide adequate supervision on two floors in each library. Overall, the Select Board has produced a responsible budget which the Finance Committee supports.

## Article IV - Trust Funds

The Trust Funds have served the Town well as a way to manage major expense liabilities. The proposed fund additions total $\$ 180,500$ which is an $18.5 \%$ decrease from last year. The Finance Committee supports these expenditures.

## Article V - Loader/Backhoe Purchase

The Select Board is proposing to withdraw \$90,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a Loader/Backhoe. While the Select Board has the authority to expend funds for this kind of purchase, bringing major purchase decisions to the community for approval is a long standing practice which we support. That said, the existing backhoe continues to require excessive time and money for maintenance. We support the purchase of a replacement.

Article VI - Meriden Post Office and Library
The committee has concerns about this article. Asking whether it is feasible to move the current building, renovate it and rent it to the US postal service may be a good question to answer. It could be a cost effective way of addressing the ADA needs of the Meriden library. However, there seem to be more basic questions such as whether this use is the best use for the available Town owned land or whether the Town should take responsibility for an old building and be a rental agent, even if it is possible. If approved, we urge a full discussion with the community before these funds are expended.

## Conclusion

As previous Finance Committees have noted, our school and town continue to struggle with the difficult task of balancing the community's expectation for excellent services with the ability of our taxpayers to carry the financial burden those services create. There are no right answers to where we should draw the budgetary lines except the answers provided by the community itself. It is ever more important that all of us support the many volunteers on our Boards and committees by attending meetings, giving them input and participating in the decision making process. We urge all community members to come to the School and Town Meetings and vote!

Mike Sutherland, Ranqi Keen, Eric Brann, Dan Sapan, Dawid Grobe, Brad Atwater

## KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

The charge of this committee is to meet with representatives of the Kimball Union Academy (KUA) administration to maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, and to report its findings at annual town meeting. This year's committee held three meetings between November 2015 and January 2016.

## SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:

Based on all that your committee was able to learn and discuss, the committee recommends for the 2016 tax year, a $50 \%$ tax exemption on Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories as allowed by RSA 72:23.

This year, Plainfield is experiencing a particularly difficult school budget year in that an out-of-district placement at Plainfield Elementary School (PES) will result in a significant increase in revenue needed to be raised from tax dollars (an out-of-district placement is a specialized school or program for a Plainfield
student outside of our local school district). Compounding this is the uncertainty of the optional exemption which has been an annual issue of concern for both KUA and the Town, making it difficult to fully understand costs early enough in the annual budgeting process.

The group discussed that the KUA/Town financial relationship began as a result of KUA being on hard financial times back in 1974. Now, with an overall declining enrollment at PES and the financial issue stated above, perhaps we have reached the point to begin to phase-out this exemption process over time.

Therefore, given the financial issues that PES is facing, KUA and the committee suggest that the optional exemption be reduced from last year's level of $80 \%$ to $50 \%$, this will have a net increase on KUA's tax burden and will begin the process of phasing-out the current, annual exemption process.

Both parties would like to come up with a different system. The possibility exists to explore a KUA/Plainfield Tuition System, or a 'special rate' for Plainfield students. This will help move the issue out of the political arena of town meeting and will allow for all parties to assess costs earlier in the budgeting cycle with more clarity.

## KUA TAX EXEMPTION 2015/16 AND FINANCIAL AID:

1. Neither the Town of Plainfield nor the Plainfield school district pays any portion of the KUA tuition for local students.
2. KUA believes there will be 21 returning non-faculty students from Plainfield. One student has recently moved to town and is enrolled. The family of a second currently-enrolled student is purchasing a home in town this summer and should return (both are included in the 21 ).
3. Six local students will graduate from KUA this year. At this time KUA has applications from 11 local 8th grade students (non-KUA faculty children). Plainfield non-faculty-student enrollment could exceed 26 next school year. Two of the (11) 8th grade KUA applicants are Plainfield residents who are currently attending schools other than PES.
4. KUA anticipates that there will be $7-8$ children of KUA faculty who reside in Plainfield and who will likely attend KUA next year.
5. KUA property is assessed at $\$ 36$ million dollars, of which $\$ 27.7$ million of that figure is exempt by state law.
6. Regardless of any changes to the discretionary Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitory exemption, KUA has indicated that there are at least two residential properties on the campus ( $\$ 600,000$ taxable value) that they intend to request a tax exemption on for 2016. These properties are now used as faculty housing and therefore may qualify for exempt status.
7. The assessed value of Kitchens, Dining Halls and Dormitories is $\$ 6.5$ million that may be exempted at the discretion of the Town's voters. Last year, at the $80 \%$ exempt level, the property value exemption equaled $\$ 5.21$ million and the tax exemption equaled $\$ 142,142$. At a $50 \%$ exempt level, the property value exemption equals $\$ 3.26$ million and the tax exemption equals $\$ 88,835$ (using the 2015 tax rate).
8. Last tax year, KUA paid property taxes of $\$ 85,547$ to the Town of Plainfield. This makes KUA the highest property taxpayer in the town.
9. LHS tuition is \$14,266 per student for this school year 2015-2016.
10. The 2014-2015 Plainfield School District budget would have been $\$ 370,916$ higher if the 26 students had not chosen to attend KUA.
11. At the writing of this report, the Plainfield School Board has budgeted for 85.40 Plainfield students to attend LHS next school year. That is $\$ 1,218,316$ ( $\$ 14,266$ per student) designated in the Plainfield School's budget for tuition.
12. If the KUA kitchen, dormitory and dining hall properties currently under tax exemption had been taxed at the full rate this year, the Town would have received an additional $\$ 142,142$. This amount represents .55 cents on the tax rate. As an example, a home with a tax-assessed value of $\$ 250,000$, would pay an additional $\$ 138 /$ year to off-set the discretionary tax exemption granted to KUA.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP:

1. In the absence of the discretionary exemption, KUA, in conjunction with this committee, intends to explore a new model for the future that will continue to provide enhanced opportunities for Plainfield students to attend the private school. This will likely involve the development of a reduced day-student tuition rate for qualifying local students.
2. The Post Office lease is currently under a renewal (extension) option that runs until $8 / 31 / 2020$ but can be terminated at any time with 180 days written notice by either party. KUA and the town are considering options to relocate the Post Office before the end of the lease extension period. The Selectmen are working with KUA and Plainfield's Library Trustees on a possible joint project to relocate the post office to the Meriden Library facility. An article funding a detailed study of this concept will be on the 2016 town meeting warrant.
3. There is increased concern of KUA student safety given that students are now living in dormitories along Main Street located from the top to the bottom of the hill. To improve safety, representatives of the Town and KUA are discussing options to improve lighting along walkways and crossings, and decrease speed and volume of vehicular traffic on Main Street and Route 120. Given the anticipated opening of a new tavern on Bean Road, KUA is also discussing safety issues relating to crossing

Route 120. Some general discussions have commenced about the town possibly requesting that Main Street become a locally controlled public highway rather than part of the state public highway system.
4. KUA is Plainfield's largest employer. More than eighty of KUA's 150 full- and part-time employees live in Plainfield.
5. Plainfield School is currently educating 13 students of KUA faculty that live on campus.
6. KUA makes its facilities available to Plainfield organizations and residents for a variety of activities and functions typically at no charge.
7. Residents are encouraged to visit the town's web site for an up-to-date listing of KUA events and happenings open to the public. Access times and directions to KUA facilities for Plainfield residents are available on the KUA website www.kua.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Beaupre, Rabert Blake-KUA, Eric Bramn, Betsy Duany, Myra Terquson, Christian GormanPES School Baard, Steve Halleran- Town Administrator, Rob Hewett-Chair, Pamala Miller, John Yacawone

Plainfield KUA Study Committee 2015/16

## ENERGY COMMITTEE 2015

The year's effort was a continuation of projects begun in previous years with the focus on three projects.

Meriden Town Hall: We have validated that the energy improvements at the town hall started early in 2013 have had a dramatic effect on the heating efficiency of this building. Using data compiled since 2007, we see that we used $34 \%$ less oil in the past 2 years compared to the previous years. The calculations are based on the number of gallons used per heating degree days over the year, so the variations in temperature are accounted for. We attribute this savings largely to the installation of an indoor/outdoor furnace sensor, programmable thermostats, removal of an unused door and insulating that space, and insulation of hot water pipes. You can download the detailed analysis at the Energy Committee's website under 'Reports' (http://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/MTH Oil Use 2007-2014.xlsx).

Work on the Meriden Town Hall continued. The restoration of the small windows and the doors was completed. It was hoped that the historically appropriate storm windows to protect these would have been installed by November, but the contractor was unable to meet this schedule. The town has received another Moose plate grant for $\$ 7047$ that will allow us to install historically appropriate storm windows for all the windows in 2016.

These will both protect the town's investment and to further limit heat loss. Once the storm windows are installed we will proceed with the rehabilitation of the large windows in 2017.

Town Garage : What started off as a feasibility study on creating our own electricity for the Town Garage using PV Solar panels has expanded into a full engineering assessment of the structure. Members of the Energy Committee together with representatives from the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission formed the Plainfield Town Garage Study Group which has been tasked with this engineering assessment. This has proved to be a significant effort and the work continues in 2016. The Plainfield Town Garage Study Group is providing a separate report which details this work.

Charging Station: Together with the Cornish Energy Committee we installed a charging station for electric vehicles at Anne's Country Store. Joanna Scharf did the electrical installation and Bill Cable was responsible for the charger and built the appropriate enclosure. A $\$ 1000$ check from Solar Source covered the cost. Anne has since installed solar panels on the store, which power the store and the charging station.

Solarize Plainfield-Cornish II (2016) For 2016, we hope to run a second round of Solarize Plainfield-Cornish. Visit our Energy Committee page on our town website (http://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/energy.htm) to find out more about this project.

Submitted by
Nancy Magielnicki, Chair

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

The 2015-2016 Session of the NH General Court began with the unexpected failure of Republican Majority Leader Bill O'Brien's bid to become Speaker of the House. In a surprising turnaround, Democrats and moderate Republicans voted to place the Speaker's gavel in the hands of the much more moderate Republican, Rep. Shawn Jasper.
Bipartisan majorities were cobbled together time and again over the course of 2015 to produce a fairly creditable record of accomplishment. These successes included increased protection for victims of domestic violence, the expansion of redevelopment districts, restrictions on the sale of synthetic drugs (like "spice"), protection of workers' compensation, and the preservation of both the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and the electric renewable portfolio standard (RPS) - the foundations of NH's renewable energy programs. In addition, we were able to prevent cuts to the budget of the Department of Transportation, ensuring funds to continue to maintain our roads and bridges, albeit at less than adequate levels.

As a first-time Legislator in 2015, I did my best to support civil rights, economic growth, and environmental protections. I co-sponsored a Bill out of my Resources, Recreation and Development Committee ( $\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R} \& \mathrm{D}$ ) that would increase protections for clean water and wildlife habitat via wetland buffers, and a Bill which both recognized the
contributions of Bhutanese refugees to New Hampshire, and called on the federal government to aid in resolving the Bhutanese refugee crisis.

In 2016 I am sponsoring three Bills - all of which are designed to facilitate the transition away from our current dependence on fossil fuels, and move us towards a sustainable energy future based on renewable resources. As someone who worked for the National Academy of Sciences for almost a decade, I recognize the scientific validity of the data and methods used, and the conclusions reached, by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). And as a member of both the NH Legislature and the Plainfield Energy Committee, I am working to make more renewable energy options available to more members of our community.

Among the Bills I am co-sponsoring in 2016 is one that would go after one of the most outrageous tax loopholes currently on the books in NH. This Bill would suspend tax breaks for some of the largest companies in NH, and direct the monies saved to completing essential water and sewer improvement projects around the state. Once considered to be justified as encouraging "pollution control," these 1950s era tax breaks should have lapsed long ago, instead they were made permanent. The 13 recipients of this largesse include Seabrook Station owner NextEra, and Eversource, owner of the Newington Station and Schiller Station in Portsmouth. Currently these successful business ventures receive tax exemptions on properties assessed at roughly $\$ 250$ million, at a cost of roughly $\$ 4.3$ million to communities - and to property tax payers - across the state.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association asserted in its Legislative Bulletin: "We know legislators are tired of this issue. They could make it go away by doing what they know is the right thing: end this corporate welfare scheme and cast a vote for the taxpayers of New Hampshire by supporting HB 1427."
The 2016 portion of the biennium is already off to an unexpected start, with a marathon series of votes aimed at overturning the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision via a constitutional amendment. The surprising momentary victory of this measure in our overwhelmingly Republican legislature (before a parliamentary maneuver deep-sixed it) drew immediate national media attention. In the end the measure failed by only 2 votes. Those who attended last year's Town Meeting will recall Plainfield's unanimous vote in favor of precisely such a constitutional amendment, aimed at curtailing the corrupting influence of big, secret money in our electoral system. After its passage, I took our Town Meeting's warrant article to Washington, D.C., where I met with the members of the NH Congressional delegation and their staffs, to discuss overturning Citizens United and supporting action on climate change. While both Annie Kuster and Jean Shaheen were fully engaged and committed on both these issues, Kelly Ayotte rejected our town's call for a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United, instead defending the position that money equals speech, and should therefore be protected.

Upcoming issues for 2016 include: Medicaid expansion; the opioid crisis; the establishment of a minimum (or a prevailing) wage; the state's relationship with Planned Parenthood; net-metering for renewable energy generation; and the perennial need to come to grips with the gap between the needs of NH's citizens and communities, and the revenues being generated. Please contact me with suggestions, advice, or concerns re issues before the Legislature, at Lee.Oxenham@leg.state.nh.us. I am here to represent you and our community. Thank you for the opportunity to do so.

## Representative Lee Oxenham

## Meriden Village Water District 2015 Operator's Report

2015 was the first full year of operation of the Wastewater Treatment Facility under the new EPA issued discharge permit. The new permit contains limits for three new pollutants not contained in any of the previously issued permits. Ammonia, Phosphorus, and Copper limits have been difficult to meet at various times during the year. Ammonia has been in violation only during times when the effluent temperature is low (early Spring/late Fall). Copper has been in violation of permit limits during much of the fall and winter months. Phosphorus has been consistently in violation during the entire monitoring season. The Commissioners retained the services of Horizons Engineering from Littleton and New London NH, to perform a feasibility study for various alternatives to achieve total compliance with the new permit. Several treatment facility modifications were examined for both their cost and performance. Costs ranged from 1.2 to more than 3 million dollars for only partial compliance with Ammonia and Phosphorus. Horizons also studied the feasibility of rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). RIBs discharge treated effluent to the groundwater as opposed to surface water. EPA permits are not required for the operation of RIBs, instead the State of NH issues groundwater discharge permits which do not contain the same stringent monitoring requirements.

In the late spring fifteen test pits were dug on MVWD property to assess the soil conditions for the installation of RIBs. Several areas of favorable soil conditions were found and in the opinion of the engineer could support groundwater discharge. Horizons proposed the installation of RIBs as the preferred option for permit compliance. The installation of seven rapid infiltration basins capable of handling 40,000 gallons per day of treated effluent each is expected to cost $\$ 800,000$. Monitoring wells will be installed in the spring of 2016 and a scale test RIB will be constructed to study the actual groundwater conditions. A bond vote is anticipated in March of 2017. A reduction in the amount of inflow and infiltration of clean water that enters the sewer collection system will be an important part of the RIB project.

The winter of 2015 will be remembered for the extremely cold conditions causing the frost to penetrate the ground to very deep levels. Several customers experienced frozen water services. The installation of water meters continues to be investigated by the District. The State of NH has required this and vendors and contractors continue to be discussed. The District will need to find a new property and liability insurance provider as the Local Government Center will no longer be in the business. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) are now being filed electronically with the EPA via the Net DMR system. Net DMR is the second largest Federal filing requirement, the IRS is the largest.

Respectfully Submitted,
William S. Taylor, Certified Operator, Meriden Village Water District

## Seffrey S. Allowight <br> Murray Demdney <br> Nathaniel Pierson

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE <br> TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

 SULLIVAN, SS.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 MERIDEN FIRE STATION in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March 2016 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. An auditor for one year.
6. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge.

ARTICLE II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 227,089$ which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (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 one thousand dollars $(\$ 1,000)$ to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1, with said funds to come from user fees. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars $(\$ 5,000)$ to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading facilities on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1, with said funds to come from user fees. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

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

ARTICLE VII. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February, 2016.

## A true copy attest:

Seffery Allloright
Murray Dewiney
Nathaniel Pierson

## MINUTES MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 17, 2015

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 seventeenth of March 2015 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:
Clerk for one year:
Commissioner for three years:
Treasurer for one year:
Auditor for one year:

Stephen Taylor

Roberta Garfield
Jeffrey Allbright
Donald Garfield
Catherine Legare

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.
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 $\$ 227,014$, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual warrant articles addressed.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.
ARTICLE III. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers as printed in the Town of Plainfield 2014 Town Report be amended as follows: that Article IV of the Warrant include the words "with said funds to come from user fees", and that Article V of the Warrant include the words, "with said funds to come from user fees and unexpended fund balance", and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.
ARTICLE IV. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars $(\$ 1,000)$, with said funds to come from user fees, to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1.
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it.

ARTICLE V. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:
RESOLVED: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars $(\$ 25,000)$, with said funds to come from user fees and unexpended fund balance, to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading facilities on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1
It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and the Moderator so declared it
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 service remain unchanged at $\$ 100$ per quarter.
2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy remain unchanged at $\$ 8,800$ per month.
3. That District charges for sewer service to Plainfield Elementary School remain unchanged at $\$ 500$ per month.
4. That District charges for residential water service remain unchanged at $\$ 80$ per quarter.
5. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be increased from $\$ 5,200$ per month to $\$ 5,450$ per month.

ARTICLE VII. In other business, Bill Taylor was commended for excellent performance as operator of the water and sewer departments. There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

## Raberta 9. Garfield, Clerk

## Commissioners, <br> Meriden Village Water District <br> P.O. Box 84 <br> Meriden, NH 03770

## SUBJECT: 2015 Audit Findings

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the MVWD Treasurer's 2014 financial records, per RSA 41:31a and $41: 31 \mathrm{~d}$, and find these records to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Catherine Legare, Auditor
Meriden Village Water District
January 25, 2016

# Meriden Village Water District <br> Water Department Balance Sheet <br> As of December 31, 2015 

| Assets: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Checking account balance | $\$ 48,711.85$ |
| Undeposited funds | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Capital Reserve Fund <br> Accounts due District: Water charges <br> due | $\$ 122,877.83$ |
| Total Assets | $\$ 15,036.44$ |
| Liabilities: | $\$ 122,877.83$ |
| Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve | $\$ 122,877.83$ |
| Total Liabilities | $\$ 63,748.29$ |
| Fund Balance- Current Surplus | $\$ 186,626.12$ |
| Grand Total | $\$ 402,657.82$ |

## Sewer Department Balance Sheet <br> As of December 31, 2015

| Assets: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Checking account balance | $\$ 53,473.42$ |
| Undeposited funds <br> Capital Reserve Fund <br> Accounts due District: Sewer charges <br> due | $\$ 0.00$ |
| Total Assets | $\$ 108,612.96$ |
| Liabilities: | $\$ 180,326.83$ |
| Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve | $\$ 108,612.96$ |
| Total Liabilities | $\$ 108,612.96$ |
| Fund Balance- Current Surplus | $\$ 71,713.87$ |
| Grand Total | $\$ 180,326.83$ |
| Principal Balance Long Term Debt: | $\$ 191,751.77$ |
| State of NH Revolving Fund |  |

## MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

SEWER DEPARTMENT

| Income | Budget 2014 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ | Budget 2015 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ 2015 \end{gathered}$ | Budget 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sewer Charges | \$131,200 | \$131,446 | \$130,541 | \$140,342 | \$130,218 |
| Hook-Ups | \$0 | \$9,000 |  | \$2,250 | \$0 |
| Interest | \$0 | \$15 |  | \$72 | \$0 |
| From Capital Reserve |  |  |  | \$12,500 | \$40,000 |
| Transfer from Water |  |  |  |  | \$0 |
| From Surplus | \$4,558 |  | \$29,700 | \$3,582 | \$10,000 |
| Other Income | \$0 | \$2,354 |  | \$1,447 | \$0 |
| Total Income | \$135,758 | \$142,815 | \$160,241 | \$160,192 | \$180,218 |
| Expenses | Budget 2014 | Actual 2014 | Budget 2015 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ 2015 \end{gathered}$ | Budget $2016$ |
| Office | \$1,000 | \$950 | \$1,000 | \$510 | \$1,000 |
| Legal | \$200 | \$0 | \$200 | \$215 | \$200 |
| Electricity | \$6,000 | \$6,686 | \$8,300 | \$7,273 | \$8,300 |
| Insurance | \$23,350 | \$23,716 | \$25,165 | \$23,784 | \$23,800 |
| Maintenance | \$15,000 | \$13,712 | \$17,000 | \$7,385 | \$17,000 |
| Telephone | \$1,400 | \$1,093 | \$1,200 | \$1,095 | \$1,200 |
| Wages | \$39,150 | \$33,920 | \$35,000 | \$34,893 | \$35,700 |
| FICA, Medicare | \$3,500 | \$3,459 | \$3,700 | \$3,562 | \$3,700 |
| Retirement | \$6,025 | \$6,121 | \$6,200 | \$6,355 | \$6,400 |
| Interest on debt | \$7,803 | \$7,803 | \$7,246 | \$7,246 | \$6,688 |
| Principal on debt | \$15,980 | \$15,979 | \$15,980 | \$15,979 | \$15,980 |
| Supplies | \$3,000 | \$1,570 | \$3,000 | \$2,518 | \$3,000 |
| Effluent Testing | \$2,600 | \$2,854 | \$4,000 | \$4,590 | \$4,500 |
| Vehicle | \$750 | \$0 | \$750 | \$120 | \$750 |
| Capital Reserve | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$5,000 |
| Ground Water |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring | \$5,000 | \$6,404 | \$6,500 | \$7,652 | \$7,000 |
| Special Projects | \$0 |  | \$0 | \$12,016 | \$40,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$135,758 | \$129,268 | \$160,241 | \$160,192 | \$180,218 |

## MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT <br> WATER DEPARTMENT

| Income | Budget 2014 | Actual <br> 2014 | Budget 2015 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ 2015 \end{gathered}$ | Budget 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water Rents | \$83,200 | \$80,493 | \$83,673 | \$93,478 | \$84,271 |
| Hook-Ups | \$0 | \$3,450 |  | \$800 | \$0 |
| Hydrant Rentals | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 | \$3,600 |
| Interest | \$0 | \$10 |  | \$163 | \$0 |
| From Capital Reserve |  |  |  |  |  |
| From Surplus | \$5,146 | \$2,326 | \$5,500 | \$0 | \$5,000 |
| Other Income |  | \$503 |  | \$482 | \$0 |
| Total Income | \$91,946 | \$90,382 | \$92,773 | \$98,523 | \$92,871 |
| Expenses | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
|  | \$2,014 | \$2,014 | \$2,015 | \$2,015 | \$2,016 |
| Office | \$500 | \$276 | \$500 | \$42 | \$500 |
| Legal | \$250 | \$0 | \$250 | \$0 | \$250 |
| Electricity | \$6,000 | \$5,990 | \$7,200 | \$7,319 | \$7,400 |
| Insurance | \$6,000 | \$5,964 | \$6,000 | \$6,081 | \$6,000 |
| Maintenance | \$15,000 | \$16,298 | \$16,000 | \$6,124 | \$15,000 |
| Telephone | \$300 | \$363 | \$250 | \$375 | \$250 |
| Wages | \$11,465 | \$11,298 | \$11,400 | \$11,673 | \$11,900 |
| FICA, Medicare | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Retirement | \$2,060 | \$2,042 | \$2,100 | \$2,161 | \$2,200 |
| Interest on debt | \$15,467 | \$15,467 | \$14,500 | \$14,498 | \$13,497 |
| Principal on debt | \$28,904 | \$28,904 | \$29,873 | \$29,873 | \$30,874 |
| Supplies | \$2,000 | \$1,280 | \$2,000 | \$1,393 | \$2,000 |
| Water Analysis | \$3,000 | \$1,500 | \$1,700 | \$1,939 | \$2,000 |
| Capital Reserve | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$91,946 | \$90,382 | \$92,773 | \$82,477 | \$92,871 |

# PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT <br> Commissioners' Annual Report 

The Water District was pretty quiet during 2015, with no major projects undertaken. We did begin the process of repairing damaged curb stops, something that will keep us busy for some years. The combination of iron-bearing acidic soil and poor materials used in system construction in the 1970s means that many curb stops and valves are now fused into a large iron blob, and no longer operate.

System operation during 2015 was generally satisfactory. Our operator was out on medical leave for an extended period, with coverage given by commissioners Patalano and Gillens. We were able to meet testing requirements, but did not complete the hoped for improvements in the treatment house, since planning requires the involvement of our system operator.

Collections, as always, are difficult. Our "accounts receivable" number still represents about half "old debt" (more than 180 days) and about half accounts that are one billing period overdue. We did receive a fairly large portion of our "old debt" when two residences were sold.

The DES grant program that is expected to bring in about $\$ 3900$ this year was funded for the 2015 fiscal year. Our bond principal has dropped to $\$ 80,000$ with $\$ 20,000$ payments annually for the remaining four years of the bond. The slight reduction in rates we were able to adopt in 2012 still yielded enough revenue to meet our expenses.

Our project plan this year involves digging trenches across Route 12-A and Roberts Road to replace the existing four inch lines there with six inch lines and fittings, in the process hopefully improving flow to our customers located at the outer ends of the system. We are pushing this project up to get it completed before the State paves Route $12-\mathrm{A}$, after which we will be unable to trench for seven years. We are also working with customers to add new service or correct issues that were created in past years.

There is plenty of work for anyone interested in helping. Please contact one of the commissioners if you're looking for opportunities. We are still looking for a billing clerk and a meter reader, both of which are paid positions.

The commissioners

## Rabert Drye Ralph Patalana Gardon Gillens

# WARRANT <br> THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE <br> PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT TOWN OF PLAINFIELD 

## SULLIVAN. SS.

To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in the said State of New Hampshire, 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 Village Water District on Saturday the 26th of March 2016 at 9:00 a.m., to act upon the following subjects.

## ARTICLE I. To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise:

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. An auditor for one year

ARTICLE II. To see what action the district will take with regard to the reports of the district officers.

ARTICLE III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 55,490$ to defray district expenses, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer. Said sum does not include special warrant articles assessed. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 , 0 0 0}$ for the purpose of replacing water lines and associated valves in the areas of Route 12-A at Lawton Lane, and Roberts Road at Route 12 -A and to authorize up to $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 , 0 0 0}$ in funds for this project to come from the fund balance. (Majority vote required for passage.) (The Commissioners recommend passage of this article.)

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

Given under our hands and seal this Fourth day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.

At true copy attest: Rabert Drye, Ralph Patalano, Gordon Gillens

# PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION <br> DECEMBER 31, 2015 <br> ASSETS 

Cash76,677Accounts receivable ..... 29,377
Machinery and equipment ..... 24,288
Buildings ..... 10,000
Land and improvements ..... 70,000
Tank/Well project ..... 450,000
Total assets ..... \$760,342
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Liabilities
Accounts payable and accrued expenses ..... \$ ..... 0
Tax Anticipation Notes ..... 0
Bond payable -NHMBB ..... 80,000
Total liabilities ..... 80,000
Net Assets
Unrestricted assets ..... 680,342
Total liabilities and net assets ..... \$760,342
Plainfield Village Water District
Statement of Cash Flow for the year 2015

| Opening Cash position | $\mathbf{\$ 6 2 , 3 3 4}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Water Rent | $\$ 53,453$ |
| Other Income | $\$ 4,913$ |
| Total Income | $\mathbf{\$ 5 8 , 3 6 6}$ |
| Admin Expenses | $\$ 4,366$ |
| Operations | $\$ 14,406$ |
| Bond Debt - Principal Reduction | $\$ 20,000$ |
| Bond Debt - Interest | $\$ 5,250$ |
| TAN notes - interest | $\$ 0$ |
| Total operating disbursements | $\mathbf{\$ 4 4 , 0 2 2}$ |
| Capital Projects |  |2014 Article IV\$0

Transfers to Trust Funds
2014 Article V ..... \$0
Transfers from Trust Funds
Transfer from System Maintenance Fund ..... \$0
Net cash flow before TAN borrowings ..... \$14,343
Net TAN borrowings ..... \$0
Net change in cash balance ..... \$14,343
Ending Cash position ..... \$76,677

| 2015 | 2015 | 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| roposed | Actual | Proposed |

## INCOME

Water Rent
District Tax
Hydrant Service
Interest Income
Other Income
Transfer from Expendible
Starting cash balance
Total
OPERATING EXPENSES
Administrative
Officers Sa
Officer Exp
Clerical Sa
Payroll Ta
Postage
Office Exp
Administra
Insurance/
Total Admin
Operations

Maintenance-Labor
Maintenance-Supplie
Maintenance-Service
Utilities-Electricity
Utilities-Propane
Utilities-Telephone
Water Sample Tests
System Improvements
Total Operations
DEBT
Principal
Interest
Tax Anticipation Notes t
Tax Anticipation Interest
Total Debt Service
TOTAL EXPENSES
Article IV 2016 Warrant
Grand Total

| $\$ 1,290$ | $\$ 1,040$ | $\$ 1,290$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 250$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 250$ |
| $\$ 750$ | $\$ 275$ | $\$ 750$ |
| $\$ 750$ | $\$ 1,283$ | $\$ 1,200$ |
| $\$ 250$ | $\$ 244$ | $\$ 250$ |
| $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 313$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| $\$ 500$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 500$ |
| $\$ 1,100$ | $\$ 1,211$ | $\$ 1,200$ |
| $\$ 5,890$ | $\$ 4,366$ | $\$ 6,440$ |


| $\$ 8,250$ | $\$ 6,419$ | $\$ 8,250$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 281$ | $\$ 1,500$ |
| $\$ 2,000$ | $\$ 2,643$ | $\$ 3,000$ |
| $\$ 2,400$ | $\$ 1,948$ | $\$ 2,000$ |
| $\$ 850$ | $\$ 1,234$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| $\$ 1,100$ | $\$ 1,036$ | $\$ 1,100$ |
| $\$ 3,000$ | $\$ 575$ | $\$ 3,000$ |
| $\$ 5,000$ | $\$ 271$ | $\$ 5,000$ |
| $\$ 24,600$ | $\$ 14,406$ | $\$ 24,850$ |

MARRIAGES 2015

| DATE | APPLICANTS | RESIDENCE | TOWN OF <br> ISSUANCE | TOWN OF <br> MARRIAGE |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $09 / 12 / 2015$ | White, Justin W <br> McNamara, <br> Elizabeth A | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| $09 / 19 / 2015$ | Liston, Robin A <br> Mellow, Erin E | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Lyman |
| $10 / 23 / 2015$ | Rollins, Christopher <br> E <br> Kahn, Susan G | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Lebanon | Lebanon |
| $12 / 18 / 2015$ | Leahy, Maureen M <br> Hall, Maria P | Plainfield, NH <br> Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |

BIRTHS - 2015

| D.O.B. | NAME | PLACE | FATHER | MOTHER |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $01 / 23 / 2015$ | Rogers, Hunter <br> George | Lebanon | Rogers, Quentin | Hadlock, Aimee |
| $01 / 23 / 2015$ | Billingham, Ryker <br> Theodore | Lebanon | Billingham, <br> Zachariah | Billingham, <br> Jennifer |
| $02 / 06 / 2015$ | Nichols, Pepper Ann | Lebanon | Nichols, Brett | Nichols, Emily |
| $04 / 14 / 2015$ | Goodwin, Chase Otis | Lebanon | Goodwin, <br> Joshua | Goodwin, Brittany |
| $04 / 14 / 2015$ | Crary, Orianna Mae | Lebanon | Crary, James | Caron, Heather |
| $05 / 09 / 2015$ | Rogers, Olivia <br> Deborah-Jean | Lebanon | Rogers, Ian | Rogers, Amanda |
| $05 / 12 / 2015$ | Klocek, Ruby Ann | Lebanon | Klocek, David | Klocek, Erin |
| $06 / 16 / 2015$ | Boyer, Jackson Cole | Lebanon |  | Ross, Teresa |
| $07 / 09 / 2015$ | Ramsey, Lawrence <br> Christopher | Lebanon | Ramsey, Marc | Ramsey, Jenny |
| $10 / 02 / 2015$ | Lonergan, Violet <br> Alice | Lebanon | Lonergan, Ryan | Burnett, Emily |
| $10 / 12 / 2015$ | Hassard, Priya Shaye | Lebanon | Hassard, Robert | Munsell, Crystal |
| $11 / 13 / 2015$ | Laundry, Ellie Grace | Lebanon | Laundry, Joseph | Laundry, Kristen |
| $12 / 29 / 2015$ | Smith, Jacob Allen | Lebanon | Smith, Shane | Smith, Ashley |

DEATHS - 2015

| Date | Name | Place | Father | Mother |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $01 / 08 / 2015$ | LaFlam Sr, Robert | Mass | LaFlam, Leonard | Taylor, Doris |
| $01 / 13 / 2015$ | Krasnoff, Margo | Plainfield | Krasnoff, <br> Lawrence | Fischbein, <br> Marilyn |
| $02 / 03 / 2015$ | Estey, Gregory | Plainfield | Estey, Alva | Bickford, Eda |
| $02 / 05 / 2015$ | Baril, Richard | Lebanon | Baril, William | Leroux, Agnes |
| $02 / 25 / 2015$ | DePalma, John | Lebanon | DePalma, <br> Augelo | Cantlin, <br> Florence |
| $03 / 07 / 2015$ | West, Gertrude | Unity | Reade, Leon | Locke, Julia |
| $05 / 14 / 2015$ | Blake Jr, Arthur | Claremont | Blake Sr, Arthur | Ryan, Emma |
| $05 / 17 / 2015$ | Isaacs, Hope | Mass | Pittsley, Jasper | Dipietro, Rose |
| $05 / 19 / 2015$ | Bushor Jr, Charles | Plainfield | Bushor Sr, <br> Charles | Rice, Vera |
| $06 / 08 / 2015$ | Woodward-Poor, <br> John | Lebanon | Poor, Daniel | Walker, Agatha |
| $07 / 04 / 2015$ | Nadeau, Gerard | Plainfield | Nadeau, Adaloid | LaPlante, Sara |
| $09 / 21 / 2015$ | Strong Jr, Carlton | Vermont | Strong Sr, <br> Carlton | Kelsey, Dorothy |
| $10 / 06 / 2015$ | Williams, Marie | Lebanon | Gleason, <br> William | Williams, <br> Hellen |
| $11 / 03 / 2015$ | Perry, Clara | Unity | Ellis, Frank | Smith, Mary |
| $11 / 13 / 2015$ | Young, Gregory | Lebanon | Young, Thomas | unknown, <br> Paulina |



Employee Safety Committee meeting at the PVFD station
S. Halleran

Notes

## ANNUAL REPORT of the PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2015



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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR<br>Paul Franklin

## DISTRICT CLERK

Michelle Marsh
TREASURER
Jeffrey Moore

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Christie Danen
(Term expires 2016)
Chris Forman - Board Chair
(Term expires 2018)

Brian Garfield (Term expires 2016)

Audra Bucklin
(Term expires 2018)

# PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL <br> Susan Blair 

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## CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLSFrank Perotti

## DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES <br> Anita McDowell

## FINANCE

Beth Bierwirth

# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT <br> WARRANT <br> STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 

## Sullivan, ss:

Article I.
To see what action the District will take with respect to reports of District officers.
Article II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 6,185,016$ for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article III. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two-year 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 salaries and benefits:

| Year | Estimated Increase |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2016-2017$ | $\$ 14,447$ |
| $2017-2018$ | $\$ 12,478$ |

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 14,447$ (Fourteen thousand four hundred forty seven dollars) for the 2016-2017 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. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article IV. To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the two- year 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 support staff salaries and benefits:

| Year | Estimated Increase |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2016-2017$ | $\$ 37,483$ |
| $2017-2018$ | $\$ 40,113$ |

And further to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,483 (Thirty seven thousand four hundred eighty three dollars) for the 2016-2017 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. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article VI. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twentyfive thousand dollars) to be placed in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund created in 1997 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of repairs, maintenance or/or renovations to the Plainfield Elementary School facility. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article VII. To see if the District will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District Budget. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article VIII. To transact any other business that may legally 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 March 8, 2016).

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 4th day of February 2016.

## A True Copy Attest:

Chris Farman, Chair
Katherine Whyleram
Brian Garfield
Christie Danen
audra Bucklin
Plainfield School Board


# PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire on Tuesday the eighth of March, 2016 at 8 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

Article I: $\quad$ To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer each for a one-year term ; two School Board Members for a three-year term. (Polls will open at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and will close at $7: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

NOTE: All other school district business will be considered at the School District meeting to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 10 a.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given unto our hands at said Plainfield this 4th day of February 2016.

## A True Copy Attest:

Chris Forman, Chair
Katherine Whylerou
audra Bucklin
Brian Garfield
Christie Danen
Plainfield School Board

# Plainfield School District <br> Minutes 

## Annual Meeting - March 6, 2015

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Paul Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm on Friday, March 6, 2015, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

Paul Franklin opened the meeting explaining that since this is a Friday night and time is of the essence, the pledge of allegiance will start the meeting.

The Moderator introduced the School District Clerk (Myra Ferguson), School Board (Kate Whybrow, Mike Sutherland, Chris Forman, Christie Danen, Brian Garfield), District Counsel David Bradley and Administrative Staff (Superintendent Greg Vogt, PhD, Principal Susan Blair, Director of Special Services Anita McDowell, and School Finance Beth Bierwirth).

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting and read the statement by the School District Clerk of Plainfield, NH, that hereby certifies that on the 11th day of February, 2015, the posting of the true and attested copy of the within warrant at the Plainfield School, the Meriden and Plainfield Town Halls, said locations being public places within the district-notarized by Michelle Marsh, Notary Public on February 11, 2015.

The Moderator then read the Certification of Posting and Certification of the Checklist, noting that 1,551 names were listed on the Checklist.

A motion was made by Steve Taylor and seconded by Steve Halleran to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. The vote, by voice, was in the affirmative, and it was so declared.

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ARTICLE I: The following resolution was offered, moved by Mike Sutherland and
seconded by Chris Forman that it be adopted.
Resolved: That the District accept the reports of District officers as printed in the 2014 Annual Report.

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

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ARTICLE II: The following resolution was offered, moved by Chris Forman and seconded by Brian Garfield that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District votes to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 5,909,329$ for the support of schools, for payment of salaries to school district officials and agents, and for the payments of the statutory obligations of the District for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.).

Chris Forman presented twenty (20) slides to explain how the above operating budget amount was determined: (A copy of the slides was available for all District Meeting attendees and at the school's office upon request.)

1. Summary of Financial Articles If all expense-related warrant articles passed (Budget, Learning Commons, MPR, and SPED/Tuition Reserve), the total approved expenditures would be $\$ 6,065,329-\$ 58,470$ less than all, expense-related warrant articles passed last year. However, due to a decrease in expected revenue, Plainfield taxpayers would have to provide an additional \$131,983 for next school year.
2. Enrollment Decrease Continues The challenge for this school board is to manage the changes resulting occurring because of the continuing decline in student enrollment.
3. Declining Enrollment Has a Cost As enrollment declines the cost/pupil costs increase, athletics and extra-curricular programs suffer, and being fair to taxpayers and student needs creates more difficult choices.
4. It's not just a Plainfield School Issue Declining enrollment is a regional and national challenge.
5. Our Approach We continue to manage expenses and staffing based on actual enrollment and offer bold policy options.
6. The $15 / 16$ Budget Process The rigorous budget process, which began in October 2014, was explained.
7. Class Size and Grade Configuration Board Policy IIB, adopted October 3, 2013 was explained.
8. Budget Summary The total budget $(\$ 5,909 \mathrm{MM}$ a decrease over last school year of $\$ 174,470(-2.87 \%)$ from $14 / 15$ expense budget), estimated non-tax revenue ( $\$ 1,018$ MM decrease of \$190,453 (-15.76\%) from 14/15 expense budget) and estimated tax revenue ( $\$ 4,891 \mathrm{MM}$ a decrease of $\$ 24,017$ (-.49\%) from previous school year expense budget) is explained.
9. Proposed $15 / 16$ Expense Budget The dollar decrease from 14/15 expense budget is $\$ 174,470 @-2.8 \%$. Major decreases are in SpEd staff (\$124,693), Unified Arts staff ( $\$ 90,744$ ), SpEd high school expense $(\$ 22,300)$ and Contracted building expense $(\$ 20,609)$. This total decrease is $\$ 258,346$. The major increases in the expense budget total $\$ 91,117$ for building security and flooring $(\$ 39,100)$, regular education
assistant for kindergarten $(\$ 19,210)$, SpEd contracted services $(\$ 16,900)$ and SpEd Director @ increase of . 2 FTE $(\$ 15,907)$.
10. Regular Instruction Structure by class and grade.
11. Our Special Education Review To better manage an increase in SpEd services at two times the regular education rate of growth, the School Board enlisted a consultant (Southeastern Regional Education Service Center, Inc. (SERESC) to review and benchmark other similar districts to create a new SpEd staffing plan and approach. The cost of this consultant was $\$ 6,500$ for consultation done from September 2014 to January 2015 with two consultants in the school building and 2 consultants at the consultants' office in Bedford, NH.
12. Through slide 14 explains the process the Board followed to determine the new SpEd staffing.
13. Through slide 17 explains the thought process used to determine next school year's Music and Guidance staffing.
14. Per Pupil Spending Comparison This slide shows that this is the first time PES is second on the list of area schools (Cornish, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Grantham). PES is usually in the middle and next year's per pupil spending is forecast to be an increase to $\$ 23,751$ per pupil.
15. PES Expense Budget 2002 to 2015 The expense budget has increased annually by $1.01 \%$ since 2007. It was noted that this is expense budgetary increase and does not include the warrant articles that are voted separately each year.
16. Local Tax Support from 2002 to 2014 This column chart for local tax support includes the proposed next-school-year budget showing that local taxes have increased by $3.44 \%$ annually since 2007 .

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members and Administrators.

The vote (with 235 residents voting) for Article II by secret ballot resulted in:

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

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ARTICLE III: The following resolution was offered, moved by Kate Whybrow and seconded by Christie Danen, that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 61,700$ (Sixtyone thousand, seven hundred dollars) for the creation of a Learning Commons area in the Plainfield Elementary School, including construction costs and furniture for said area. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

This article authorizes the renovation of the current library and computer room into a single 'Learning Commons' that combines traditional media, technology and small-group workspaces into a new instructional space. This allows children to learn and work in a twenty-first century environment so that this area becomes the school's center for instructional research and student-centered learning.

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

The vote (with 241 residents voting) for Article III by secret ballot resulted in:

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

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Chris Forman announced the retirements of three persons contributing their expertise to the various functions of the District.

- Myra Ferguson for two years of much appreciated work as School District Clerk.
- Mike Sutherland is retiring after six invaluable years as school board member. During his tenure, Mike has simultaneously given generous and exceptional service to other town boards and committees. To multiply Mike's brand of equitable community leadership, a scholarship has been established to recognize a PES eighth grader who emulates (and is encouraged to continue) Mike's legacy.
- Greg Vogt came to us four (4) years ago and has helped our school meet the demands and avoid the pitfalls of the difficult changes that have occurred to our single-SAU elementary school. Greg has a long commute to his home in Washington, NH and he has generously given us more than his part-time position requires. We wish Greg a relaxing retirement from his long commute and helping the Board satisfy ever-increasing budgetary, state and federal requirements.


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## ARTICLE IV: The following resolution was offered, moved by Chris Forman and seconded by Kate Whybrow that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,300 (Forty-four thousand, three hundred dollars) for the creation of a Lunch Service area in the Plainfield Elementary School, including construction costs, serving equipment and furniture for said area. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article IV authorizes the purchase of tables, chairs, serving equipment, and renovation of the food service area to allow school lunch to be served in the gymnasium rather than each individual classroom. A more efficient lunch process increases time for instruction in core curriculum; reduction of food in classroom provides cleaner, healthier classrooms; opportunity for cross-grade interactions; teachers are freed from required, daily lunch 'duty' and given more opportunity for collaboration.

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members and school administrators.

Lee Lynd called a question and moved to table any action on this article. The motion was seconded by Frank Perotti. Paul Franklin then explained that this article could be recalled during this meeting and before adjournment.

The vote (with 227 residents voting) to table Article IV by secret ballot resulted in:

The vote was in the affirmative, Article IV was tabled, and it was so declared.

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ARTICLE V: The following resolution was offered, moved by Mike Sutherland and seconded by Chris Forman that it be adopted.
Resolved: To see if the District will vote to establish a full-day Kindergarten program at
the Plainfield Elementary School commencing on the first day of school of the
2015-2016 school year with no additional appropriation required. (The School
Board recommends this action.)

This article authorizes the implementation of full-day kindergarten based on current, class-size policies and practices. There is no expected incremental cost on 2015/16 to implement. Last year, when a similar article was proposed, there was a cost and complexity that no longer exists because of recently established class-size policies and practices.

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

The vote (with 218 residents voting) for Article V, by secret ballot, resulted in:

## YES 137

NO 81

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

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ARTICLE VI: The following resolution was offered, moved by Mike Sutherland and seconded by Kate Whybrow that it be adopted.

> Resolved: To see if the District will initiate, in accordance with RSA 195-A:14, the formal process of Plainfield's (SAU 32) withdrawal from the AREA Agreement with Lebanon (SAU 88) and Grantham (SAU 75). (The School Board recommends this action.)

The AREA Agreement Review Committee recommended the School Board continue the withdrawal process from the AREA Agreement with Lebanon \& Grantham in order to offer high-school-choice for our students. (See pp. 122-125 for this committee's report.)

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

The vote (with 204 residents voting) for Article VI, by secret ballot, resulted in:

The vote was in the negative, the resolution was not adopted, and it was so declared.

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ARTICLE VII: The following resolution was offered, moved by Christie Danen and seconded by Chris Forman that it be adopted.

> Resolved: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to implement an arrangement with the Cornish School District whereby superintendent services are provided to the Cornish School District by SAU 32 pursuant to RSA 194-C:4, provided that there will be no added cost to the Plainfield School District, and there will be no substantive change in governance over school expenditures, policies or practices by the Plainfield School District. (The School Board recommends this action.)

The School Board is asking for authorization to provide SAU services to the Cornish School District. (See pp. 126-128 for the Cornish Collaboration Committee report.)

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

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

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ARTICLE VIII: The following resolution was offered, moved by Brian Garfield and seconded by Mike Sutherland that it be adopted.

Resolved: To see if the District supports the installation of a ground-mounted solar-array on District property if the School Board, at its discretion, can reach an agreement with the provider which will be economically beneficial to the District and if so, authorize the School Board to lease the portion of District property required for the installation. (The School Board recommends this action.)

The School Board is seeking authorization from the taxpayer to install a ground-mounted solar array on School property and financed through a power-purchase-agreement. (See page 129 , paragraphs 3,4 , and 5 for this committee's report.)

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

The vote (with 102 residents voting) for Article VIII, by secret ballot, resulted in:

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

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ARTICLE IX: The following resolution was offered, moved by Kate Whybrow and seconded by Chris Forman that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $\$ 50,000$ (Fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Special Education and Tuition Reserve Fund created in 2000 pursuant to RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of either special education expenses or tuition expenses or both. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The town should replenish the SpEd \& Tuition Reserve Fund of monies withdrawn in FY 2014/15 to offset un-anticipated, mid-year increases in student's tuition to Lebanon High School or a special education cost shock.

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. Questions were asked by residents and answered by Board members.

The vote (by 85 residents voting) for Article IX, by secret ballot, resulted in:

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

## $\cos 800580$

> ARTICLE X: The following resolution was offered, moved by Christie Danen and seconded by Kate Whybrow that it be adopted.

> Resolved: That the District will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the School Board in the area of the School District Budget. (The School Board recommends this action.)

The floor was then open to debate and discussion. There being no discussion, the vote for Article X, by voice, was in the affirmative, and it was so declared.

## ARTICLE XI: Other Business

Resolved: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

There being no transaction for any other business, Mike Sutherland made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Pam Abrahamson.

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Moderator Paul Franklin adjourned the School District meeting at 12:02 AM on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

## Myra Fergusan

Plainfield School District Clerk

# Plainfield School District <br> Minutes <br> Election Meeting - March 10, 2015 

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Moderator Paul Franklin declared the meeting open at 8:00 AM and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting provided by the School District Clerk. The ballot boxes were determined empty.

The polls closed at 7:00 PM

## ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School District Moderator (1 Year):
Paul Franklin 300
Write in:
No votes
Elected: Paul Franklin

| For School District Clerk (1 Year): |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Michelle Marsh |  |
|  | Write in: |  |
|  | No votes |  |

Elected: Michelle Marsh
For School District Treasurer (1 Year):
Jeffrey C. Moore 297
Write in:
No votes
Elected: Jeffrey C. Moore
Vote for Two for School Board (3 Years each):
Audra Bucklin 264
Christian Forman 256
Write in:
Courtney Adams 2
Kate Whybrow 2
Diane Rogers 1
Justin Rogers 1
Maura Hart 1
James Gallagher 1
Brad Atwater 1
Laura Ward 1
Breck Taber 1
Tim Ball 1
Boone Rondeau 1
Audra Bucklin
Elected: Christian Forman

Paul Franklin and Michelle Marsh were sworn into office on this date and time.

Steve Halleran moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Melissa Longacre. Paul Franklin adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

NOTE: Christian Forman and Audra Bucklin were sworn into office Saturday, March 14, 2015 after Town Meeting. Jeffrey Moore was sworn into office at the Town Office on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

## Myra Fergusan

Myra Ferguson
Plainfield School District Clerk


## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

## Superintendent's Report

Schools and, by association, School District SU offices have an extremely special relationship with their communities. It is our charge to make sure that the town's children are properly educated and prepared for the world they will face as adults. In the best of times, this can be a challenge and when taxes are already high, the economy slow, student numbers and state funding in retreat, it is even tougher.

I began as your new superintendent on July 1, 2015. It has been wonderful to return to the Plainfield School District after working in Vermont for the previous sixteen years. My two girls are in the seventh and eighth grades and bring me the student perspective that most superintendents do not have. Being a resident has also proven to be extremely helpful. Knowing that my neighbors are looking to leadership from the school's administrators and school board members to find the best possible education for their children while being aware and considerate of those on fixed incomes and the overall tax burden in the town is a daunting responsibility. It makes every decision we make personal.

So what is the state of our school as we enter into this next year? The answer is that we are doing extremely well. Our children are attending a number of high schools, with the majority attending Lebanon High School, home of the Raiders, or Kimball Union Academy, home of the Wildcats, and in both cases excelling and earning honors in academics, co-curricular activities and athletics. It always makes me feel proud when I pick up the Valley News and find one of our children being honored for a performance, membership on the honor society, winning a tough game or competing in the FIRST Robotics competition. Folks in our receiving schools speak of the "Plainfield Effect" and how wonderful our children are, proof in itself that we are doing well.

When our receiving schools say those things, they are talking about academic readiness, collaborative work skills, highly developed problem solving skills and critical minds that are prepared to approach challenges and solve problems. Our athletes are highly competitive but also caring and exhibit the best in sportsmanship. On our newest standardized testing results indicate that we are performing far above state averages in most areas, and this in a state that is at exceptional levels in the country. You might ask, "So if we are doing such a good job, why is the school talking about challenges?"

Challenges come from many places. The greatest challenge is the amazing speed at which the world is changing. Technology is moving at a rate of speed that is mind-boggling. Just this morning a new startup company was expressing concern on public radio because when they forward an "App" containing the digital plans to their manufacturers of their products, the companies are unable to do the work because their equipment requires paper plans. Just a tour inside today's modern manufacturing facilities find them full of robotic machines doing everything except the most complicated of work. If work is repetitive or routine
it can be performed cheaper and better by robots then by a human. What does that mean about what we are teaching and how we teach it? What are the impacts of global economies, global warming, shifting populations, world politics and war? What skills will our children need in the future? What will the actual school building look like, indeed will there even be school buildings? Personalized learning online, anywhere, at any time is a current reality. So yes, we are going to be challenged and it is not just funding.

Dealing with the future will require a real sensitivity to the right balance of budget with desired outcomes and also the community's ability to raise revenue. There is talk at the state house about changes to the adequacy formula and providing more support for children. That would certainly be a help with our local property taxes. In the short term in Plainfield, we are in the process of gaining input from all aspects of the community to help us answer some of the many questions we face with the intention of using that information to develop a new Strategic Plan to help guide us for the next five to ten years. In that regard, I have met with the teaching staff at the school, the senior citizens group and will also be meeting with parents to ask some very basic questions. Among them are: 1. What makes you proud of our school? The things we do well, our accomplishments. 2. What are your concerns? What do you worry about? 3. Are there things we currently do that we no longer need to do or should do? And 4. What are your dreams as you think about the Plainfield School in the future?

I am happy to come to any organization or anyone's home to have this conversation and make sure that we hear the voices of as many of our residents as possible. I am easily contacted at the school or at my home.

In summary, it has been an honor to be your superintendent for the last nine months. The school is doing extremely well. We also recognize that we have some difficult days ahead. I will do my best to make sure that we do our best to assure that every child has the very best opportunity we can to accomplish our mission.

Respectfully,
Frank S. Peratti, Ju., Ed.D.
Superintendent

## Plainfield School District MISSION STATEMENT -

As a community of learners, our educational mission in Plainfield is to support and expect academic excellence while building character, self-confidence, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

## Principal's Report

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."
$\sim$ Martin Luther King, Jr.

To the Citizens of Plainfield, the Plainfield Elementary School Board, and the Superintendent of Schools:

It is my honor to respectfully submit this report to you as Principal of Plainfield Elementary School. It is without a doubt that the 2015-2016 school year can be delineated as a year of significant change for this small school community.

As the month of July began to crest and the dust from the 2014-2015 school year began to settle, the hubbub of construction began to entice and excite many who were still busily at work in the school building. As a result of the School District meeting, there was much to do in a short period of time, identified as summer. Flooring had to be replaced, walls were to be torn down and new walls constructed. That being said, there were a few surprises along the way. Some unexpected construction included the repair of some of the construction work completed during the school's last renovation. We had flooring peel up in the kindergarten room and walls separating from the roof rafters in both the kindergarten and music room. Our time frames were very tight, as we soon learned that any construction work to be done required prior approval by the NH State Fire Marshall's Office. Through perseverance and hard work our school was ready for opening on August $27^{\text {th }}$ with three new Terrazzo floors and a Library Learning Commons, which has been the catalyst for several innovative and ground breaking activities and programs at PES.

In addition, the summer months were an opportunity for several professional staff members to participate in professional training to assist us as we expand our teaching and learning opportunities for all students. Four teachers attended the ISTE Conference in Philadelphia for four days, where we learned about innovative ways to integrate technology into our daily teaching which would enhance teaching and learning for all students, any time, any place. We also explored the future use of diverse methods to employ technology for student use at PES. Two other professional development endeavors included the Competency Based Design Institute in Sanborn, NH and the Educator's Summit at Keene State. Both of these experiences have provided us with the foundations for curriculum development, design and implementation.

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Administrative Team of Plainfield School began to analyze and interpret the SERESC report, which was requested by the Plainfield School Board. It is through this process that we were asked to examine our Special Education procedures. An outcome of this process was the foundational data utilized to develop the Special Education model for the 20152016 school year. This model focused on the roles and responsibilities associated with case managers and the identification of students with needs, as well as the roles and responsibilities of para-educators at PES. The focus
question to be addressed was how do we provide for the diverse needs of all students in a most effective and efficient manner, which would not diminish the program, but enhance it. As a result of this data analysis, and many difficult conversations, the 2015-2016 school year began with a reduction of staff. Of particular note was the reduction of one case manager and three para-educators.

During the School District meeting, the Community of Plainfield voted to support the implementation of a full day kindergarten program at PES. At the time of this decision there was great debate regarding the ramifications of this decision. Of particular interest was the possible increase in student numbers for our incoming kindergarten class. As many had predicted, the number of incoming kindergarten students increased, and the Board approved the hiring of a second kindergarten teacher. Hence, PES began this school year with twentyeight kindergarten students and two kindergarten teachers, Mr. Mark Woodcock and Mrs. Jennifer Lizotte.

We were pleased to announce the hiring of several highly qualified teachers for our professional teaching vacancies. They include: Music Teacher: Ms. Zoe Martel, Third-Fourth Grade Teacher: Ms. Jennifer Culligan, Sixth Grade Teacher: Ms. Leslie Scofield, and Social Studies Teacher: Mr. Zachary Whitehouse. In addition, Ms. Cristia Johnson joined our staff as a para-educator for students in grades 7 and 8 . While Mr. William Granter moved from a position of para-educator to our night time custodian.

The staff at PES continues to concentrate on the school goals established the previous year: To assist us in maintaining and enhancing our positive school climate, so as to improve student achievement by supporting students' academic, social/emotional, physical, behavioral needs through a consistent school-wide focus on proactive and respectful approaches which:

- Provide team building opportunities for all staff;
- Support professional training in Responsive Classroom and Developmental Designs models by Origins;
- Provide staff-wide Crisis Prevention Intervention awareness;
- Provide opportunities for participation in discussions and trainings related to the identification and support of different learning styles; and
- Offer staff-wide study groups.

As Principal, the following goals were developed with the support of the Superintendent of Schools:

- Work with Director of Student Services to define roles and responsibilities, while building a strong, comprehensive Special Education program that meets the needs of students based on their IEP requirements.
- Work with Administrative Team/ Superintendent to enhance professional practice including implementation of Common Core State Standard and effective utilization of data to inform instruction.
- Work with the staff to build a culture of teaching and learning through collaboration.

There are several school committees that have been actively working to support the needs of the school and the education of our students at Plainfield Elementary School. They include: the Facilities Committee, the Professional Development Committee, the Safety Committee and the Playground Committee. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of the community members who volunteer their time and expertise to the work of these committees.

During the 2015-2016 school year, our student enrollment averaged 213 students for the year. The number of students who receive special education services reduced to thirty-two students in Preschool through grade eight.

In closing, on behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank the Community of Plainfield for their ongoing support. I am excited about the potential educational opportunities that lay before us. We thank our parents and PTO, who on a daily basis work with us to support our children as we promote and enhance student learning while improving student outcomes.

Sincerely,
Susan A. Blair
Principal


## Director of Special Services' Report

To the Citizens of Plainfield, the Plainfield Elementary School Board, and the Superintendent of Schools:

As I write this report, Plainfield is under the embrace of an unseasonably mild winter. Seasons, as we all know, change. They are replaced by new seasons. They are necessary for growth and regrowth. They can be mild, just as they can also be bitterly cold. Special Education in Plainfield has entered a new season that is, first of all, purposeful. Driven by the guiding principle that every child determined to be eligible for Special Education is entitled to a free and appropriate public education (F.A.P.E.), to be provided in the least restrictive environment (L.R.E.) to meet individualized needs, Plainfield School District has proceeded to work hard to do so with integrity. Plainfield should be proud.

New ways of delivering services to meet children's needs are now in place, and some of the old ways have had to be relinquished. Just as farmers and gardeners realize that planting, at first, shows imperceptible results; so, too, has been the development of new protocols and practices of Special Education in Plainfield. Growth to come is a promise and a hope. When sprouts burst forth, when gardens are tended, and when effort is invested, fruits of honest and noble labor are at last realized. This is analogous to Plainfield's Special Education efforts. And so, in this season, we refrain from embracing. We watch the sky. We watch each other. It is a season to, above all, be kind to one another. It is a season to learn to trust and care about the precious work of Special Education in Plainfield - in this community where everyone matters.

## 2015-16 Special Education Data [as of 2-4-16]

| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Students with IEP's }}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| PreK-8 | 32 (includes out-of-district) |
| Grade $9-$ Age 21 | 6 (includes out-of-district) |

- Percent of PES students on IEPs in 2015-16: 14.15\%
- NH State average since 2014: $14.8 \%$

Other information:

- Number of out of district placements: 3 (includes Pre-K program)
- Number of identified students receiving speech services at PES: 20
- Number of identified students receiving occupational therapy at PES: 9
- Number of identified students receiving physical therapy at PES: 1

The combined figure for Federal IDEA $(\$ 55,754.70)$ and Preschool $(\$ 2,304.00)$ grant funds available to supplement portions of the 2015-16 Special Education budget is: $\$ 58,058.70$, an increase of \$1,731.70 over 2014-15.

In January 2016, an analysis of trends in Special Education in Plainfield since 2009-10 was conducted.

Findings:

- The average number of Special Education students for the past seven years at PES is 34 .
- The current school year, 2015-16, represents the lowest number of identified students served (30) at PES, and served overall in the district (38), across all school years since academic year 2009-10.
- There has been a $17.39 \%$ decrease in the number of identified students served in Plainfield School District since 2014-15; and a $24 \%$ decrease in the number of identified students served in the Plainfield School District compared with 2009-2010. The latter percentage is also equal to the percentage of decrease ( $24 \%$ ) in Special Education Assistants from 2014-15 to 2015-16.
- Overall student enrollment at PES has decreased by 20.31\% since 2009-10.
- Since 2009-10, the average number of out-of-district students per year in Plainfield School District inclusive of Pre-K = 2.67 identified students.

In challenging times of change, Special Education in Plainfield continues to adjust itself to the needs of identified children. As changes come, Special Education in Plainfield will continue to be responsive to the needs of children with disabilities, and their families. I welcome your calls and inquiries, and can be reached at amcdowell@plainfieldschool.org and by calling (603) 4693250, ext. 257.

Respectfully Submitted, Anita McDowell, M.Ed.
Director of Special Services

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## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Plainfield School continues to be one of the best, small schools in New Hampshire. With a dedicated staff, an involved community, and 212 of the best kids in the Granite State, PES is brimming with activity and learning.

We have a full agenda at this year's School District Meeting including:

- Two, new staff contracts are up for review and approval;
- A budget that attempts to balance declining enrollment, a significant increase in 'out of district' special education expenses, an increase in High School tuition (both per pupil cost and attendance), our desire to provide a quality education for our children, and the financial burden on Plainfield Taxpayers;
- Two Warrants to replenish the District's Special Education \& Tuition Reserve Fund \& Special Building and Maintenance Reserve Fund.


## New, two-year contracts for both teachers and support staff.

This is a 'contract' year and the School Board has negotiated new agreements with the Plainfield Education Association (PEA) and the Plainfield Support Staff Association (PSSA).

The proposed 'teachers' contract will raise the salary grid for PES teachers by $2 \%$ in FY17 and FY18. Teachers who are at the beginning or middle of their career will experience a $5.54 \%$ raise each year of the contract thanks to aggregate effect of the grid increase and the pre-existing contractual 'step' increase of $3.54 \%$ (an increase that would occur regardless of this contract approval or not). Teachers with more than 17 years will see a $2 \%$ salary increase.

If approved, these salary (and salary related benefits) changes will cost the district approximately $\$ 37,483$ more in the first year of the contract and $\$ 40,113$ more in the second year. By way of comparison, these 'raises to the salary grid' are the same as those provided in the last contract.

Additionally, significant short and long term cost savings and work rule changes were negotiated in favor of the District. Specifically:

- a new, lower cost 'consumer-driven' health care plan that takes effect in FY17;
- a $50 \%$ decrease to the retirement 'bonus' that is paid to retiring teachers starting in FY24;
- contractual language that allows the School to require professional development time during the summer to ensure our teaching staff is trained and equipped to provide the best possible education for our children.

In FY17, if the contract is approved, the changes outlined above will reduce our insurance expenses by approximately $\$ 8,008$-- reducing the first year expense of the contract to taxpayers to less than $\$ 30,000$. A marked copy of the negotiated contract can be found on the school website.

The proposed 'support staff' contract will raise the salary grid for support staff employees by $2 \%$ in FY17 and $2.5 \%$ in FY18. Employees not on the grid system will receive a $3 \%$ increase each year. If approved, these changes will cost the district approximately $\$ 14,474$ more in the first year of the contract and $\$ 12,478$ more in the second year.

The support staff have also agreed to change to a consumer driven health care plan. If the contract is approved, the changes outlined above will reduce our medical expenses by $\$ 495$. A marked copy of the negotiated contract can be found on the School Website.

An expense budget that increases $\$ 98,069$ from last years approved budget.
This year's budget process started in November with the development of the following 7 principles to guide the decisions and debate of the board:

1. Develop a fiscally responsible budget that supports the quality education that Plainfield School District currently provides, supporting the board's goals.
2. Be innovative about staffing to match enrollments, providing staff development where necessary and appropriate.
3. Continue the practice of returning to the taxpayers an amount equal to any tuition surplus created in the budget.
4. Support the continuing evolution of our curriculum and instructional program.
5. Continue to maintain our school building to ensure a sound, healthy and safe learning environment for our students and staff.
6. Take advantage of ad-hoc funding opportunities, including grants or other shared funding. Whenever possible, funds from these sources will be used to reduce the community tax burden.
7. Maintain fiscally responsible balances in our reserve accounts.

Using these principles as a guide (and after hundreds of hours of hard work by the Administration \& staff, 7-budget focused school board meetings, 5 draft budgets, meetings with the finance committee, and a public budget hearing) the School Board approved an expense budget of $\$ 6,185,016-$ a $1.61 \%$ increase $(\$ 98,069)$ over the current school year.

The District incurred unexpected high school tuitions and out-of-district placements costs of \$314,980. All of these expenses are legally mandated and not discretionary.

Since these expenses were unbudgeted, the School Board is able to use our SPED/Tuition reserve fund (along with serious belt tightening) to cover the additional expenses incurred in FY16. However, all of these expenses (and an additional $\$ 50,000$ in SPED 'out of district' expense') are now found in the proposed FY17 budget.

To mitigate the tax impact of these mandatory expenses, and in keeping with our continued decline in student population in our K-8 facility, the following reductions were made:

- A reduction of 2 FTE regular education teaching positions $(\$ 158,846)$;
- Reduction/elimination of proposed purchases of computers, library books, and other materials (\$26,324);
- A reduction in co-curricular spending $(\$ 8,058)$;
- A suspension of our floor maintenance program (Terrazzo floors) $(\$ 45,000)$.

This budget also reflects:

- An investment of $\$ 40,000$ to begin the process of upgrading the fire alarm panel and gymnasium entrances to meet current fire-safety codes as directed by the State Fire Marshall.

Revenue for FY17 is being impacted by our larger non-budgeted expenses in FY16. We are not projecting a surplus (which historically is applied to reduce the tax burden the following year). That said, we do anticipate receiving approximately $\$ 160,000$ in state 'catastrophic aid' in FY17 to offset some of the cost of our 'out of district' placement. As a result, school revenue in 2016 will still be lower than 2015 and Plainfield Taxpayers are being asked to contribute an additional $\$ 168,809$ when compared to last year.

## Replenishing our 'rainy day' and facilities funds.

Board practice is now to budget for tuition and SPED expenses as realistically as we can. The goal of the Special Education \& Tuition Trust Fund is to provide a rational level of insurance against unexpected expenses resulting from SPED costs and/or increases in high school enrollments. As you can see in FY16, this 'insurance' is occasionally critical to the operation of the district. We expect to have $\$ 50,000$ in the fund at the beginning of the year (down from $\$ 291,000$ ). The Board would like to start the long, slow process of building this fund back up with a $\$ 35,000$ investment.

Additionally, the Board would like to place $\$ 25,000$ in the District's Special Building and Maintenance Reserve Fund to help defray future, expected (and required) improvements to the fire alarm panel and gym entrance to meet current fire safety codes.

## Thanks to our staff.

Last, and clearly not least, the board would like to thank our staff. The impact of declining enrollment has resulted in organizational challenges at every grade level. Our staff members, as always, have focused on our students, making sure that they continue to receive an outstanding educational experience.

Sincerely,
Chris Forman
Board Chair

## PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - BUDGET ANALYSIS

## 2015-2016 Surplus -

We anticipate ending the 2015/2016 school year with zero surplus. We have carried this amount over to the 2016/2017 proposed Revenue Sheet. It is the practice of the School Board to return to taxpayers some amount of tuition surplus (if any.). We do not anticipate any tuition surplus for the fiscal year 2016.

## 2016/2017 Expenditures -

Proposed expenditures for the 2016/2017 school year total \$6,185,016, an increase of $\$ 98,069(1.61 \%)$ over this year's budget of $\$ 6,086,947$.

## **This analysis does not include the amounts and effects of FY 17 proposed Warrant Articles, which if passed will increase the expense total.

## Highlights of the Budget are as follows:

Voter Approved 2015/2016 ..... 6,086,947
Increases:
Lebanon High School Tuition ..... 93,199
Special Education - Contracted Services/Tuition ..... 226,332
Guidance (Benefit) ..... 4,572
Professional Development (Programming) ..... 6,000
Library (Salary, Benefit, Equipment) ..... 6,164
School Board (Legal, Fees) ..... 1,625
SAU Office (Salary, Contracted Service, Fees) ..... 9,582
Principal's Office (Salary, Benefit, Contracted Service) ..... 6,415
Operation of Building (Building Repairs, Electricity, Propane) ..... 11,388
Federal Grant ..... 19,300
Subtotal Increases ..... +384,577
Decreases:
Regular Education (Salary, Benefit, reduced fte. Music) ..... 101,831
Co-Curricular ..... 8,058
Health (Benefit) ..... 5,929
Information Services ..... 27,530
Food Service (Contracted Service) ..... 14,305
Debt Service (Principal \& Interest) ..... 2,850
Transfer Food Service ..... 14,305
Transfer (Warrant Article Trust) ..... 111,700
Subtotal Decreases ..... <286,508>
Total Net Budget Increase ..... 98,069
Proposed 2016/2017 Budget ..... 6,185,016

## Special Education-

This section of the budget shows the most significant change for 2016/2017. Next year, the district will see an overall increase in this budget section of $\$ 226,332$. This amount is accounted as follows: $\$ 173,532$ in elementary education and $\$ 52,800$ in high school education of our students. The percentage increase is $24.03 \%$.

## LHS Tuition -

The A.R.E.A. agreement which regulates tuition rates for Plainfield Students attending LHS, calculates Plainfield and Grantham tuition. The tuition rate for the 2016/2017 school year is set at $\$ 14,266$. This budget, as presented, projects 85.4 students attending LHS in September, compared to 80.4 projected students in 2015/2016. The total tuition budget for FY17 will increase $\$ 93,199$ over the $2015 / 2016$ school year or $8.28 \%$.

## Operation of Building-

In 2016/2017, this category shows a significant increase in contracted services but is offset by decreases in maintenance and repairs and benefits. The contracted services increase is attributed to a multiyear safety package with $\$ 40,000$ being budgeted this year for work to be done with regards to this plan.

## 2015/2016 Revenues -

Non Tax Revenues are estimated to be $\$ 1,077,944$, which is a decrease in revenue of $\$ 70,741$ over 2015/2016 budget. At this time, NH Adequacy Aid will be funded at an anticipated amount of $\$ 679,920$ which is an additional decrease of $\$ 6,476$ over 2015/2016. We are anticipating catastrophic aid from the State of New Hampshire to offset Special Education costs in the anticipated amount of $\$ 160,000$.

## 2015/2016 Bottom Line -

Local tax dollars needed to support this effort increase $\$ 168,809$ over the FY16 budget. The 2016/2017 estimated local tax effort of $\$ 5,107,071$ represents a $3.42 \%$ increase over the 2015/2016 year's budgeted amount of $\$ 4,938,242$.

The items set forth in this analysis do not include any of the separate warrant articles, which, if passed, will increase the tax effort necessary to fund those articles.

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Bierwirth - Finance






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| School Board Stipends | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,550 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Treasurer Stipend | \$ 400 | \$ 400 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Advertising | \$ 284 | \$ 3,141 | \$ 655 | \$ 3,185 | \$ 700 | \$ 700 | \$ 700 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Board Travel, Meetings, etc | \$ 659 | \$ 1,378 | \$ 1,090 | \$ 968 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,200 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Criminal Records Checks | \$ 610 | \$ 820 | \$ 721 | \$ 2,652 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | 50.00\% |
| Recording Secretary | \$ 1,162 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,575 | \$ 1,875 | \$ 1,875 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 125 | \$ 125 | 6.67\% |
| Dues | \$ 3,395 | \$ 3,196 | \$ 4,261 | \$ 3,161 | \$ 5,400 | \$ 4,400 | \$ 5,400 | \$ | \$ 1,000 | 0.00\% |
| Legal Services | \$ 8,574 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 8,581 | \$ 8,393 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | 16.67\% |
| Auditor Services | \$ 8,850 | \$ 8,950 | \$ 8,950 | \$ 8,950 | \$ 8,950 | \$ 8,950 | \$ 8,950 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| District Meeting Expenses | \$ 754 | \$ 985 | \$ 1,010 | \$ 1,361 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Total School Board | \$ 26,236 | \$ 27,620 | \$ 28,818 | \$ 32,295 | \$ 28,175 | \$ 27,175 | \$ 29,800 | \$ 1,625 | \$ 2,625 | 5.77\% |
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| 10-SAU OFFICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Salaries | \$ 116,413 | \$ 126,004 | \$ 152,968 | \$ 164,026 | \$ 177,196 | \$ 180,327 | \$ 180,327 | \$ 3,130 | \$ | 1.77\% |
| Contracted Services | \$ 5,157 | \$ 615 | \$ 6,363 | \$ 12,512 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 12,616 | \$ 6,616 | \$ 6,616 | 110.27\% |
| Employee Benefits | \$ 23,839 | \$ 25,012 | \$ 34,670 | \$ 31,716 | \$ 36,485 | \$ 33,023 | \$ 33,320 | \$ (3,164) | \$ 297 | -8.67\% |
| Telephone | \$ 943 | \$ 1,304 | \$ 997 | \$ 880 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,200 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Supplies/Advertising | \$ 702 | \$ 3,114 | \$ 7,251 | \$ 4,245 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel | \$ 5,184 | \$ 7,618 | \$ 4,335 | \$ 6,299 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | 50.00\% |
| Software/Equipment | \$ 3,970 | \$ 1,656 | \$ 2,819 | \$ 30 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ | \$ | 0.00\% |
| Total SAU Office | \$ 156,208 | \$ 165,322 | \$ 209,403 | \$ 219,708 | \$ 232,381 | \$ 232,050 | \$ 241,963 | \$ 9,582 | \$ 9,913 | 4.12\% |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FY 17 Expense Budget - Board Adopted - 1-28-16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 2011-2012 |  | 2012-2013 |  | 2013-2014 |  | 014-2015 |  | 2015-2016 |  | 2015-2016 |  | 2016-2017 |  | 2016-2017 |  |  | 2016-2017 |
|  |  | Total Year |  | Total Year |  | Total Year |  | otal Year |  | Approved |  | Estimate |  | Proposed |  | \$ Increase |  | ease | \% Incr. Over |
|  |  | ACTUAL |  | ACTUAL |  | Actual |  | ACTUAL |  | BUDGET |  | ACTUAL |  | BUDGET |  | 5/16 Budget |  | AL (EST) | 15/16 Budget |
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| 16-FOOD SERVICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Salaries | \$ | 7,893 | \$ | 13,360 | \$ | 14,108 | \$ | 14,629 | \$ | 16,971 | \$ | 16,971 | \$ | 16,971 | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Employee Benefits | \$ | 546 | \$ | 1,123 | \$ | 1,144 | \$ | 1,119 | \$ | 2,650 | \$ | 2,650 | \$ | 2,500 | \$ | (150) | \$ | (150) | -5.65\% |
| Contracted Services | \$ | 48,500 | \$ | 49,496 | \$ | 44,451 | \$ | 34,162 | \$ | 48,000 | \$ | 34,000 | \$ | 33,750 | \$ | $(14,250)$ | \$ | (250) | -29.69\% |
| Repairs | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 480 | \$ | 342 | \$ | 1,000 | \$ | 500 | \$ | 500 | \$ | (500) | \$ | - | -50.00\% |
| Transportation | \$ | 4,991 | \$ | 4,500 | \$ | 3,910 | \$ | 9,180 | \$ | 7,650 | \$ | 7,650 | \$ | 7,785 | \$ | 135 | \$ | 135 | 1.76\% |
| Supplies | \$ | 4,809 | \$ | 4,780 | \$ | 4,575 | \$ | 4,449 | \$ | 4,500 | \$ | 4,500 | \$ | 4,960 | \$ | 460 | \$ | 460 | 10.22\% |
| Total Food Service | \$ | 66,740 | \$ | 73,259 | \$ | 68,667 | \$ | 63,881 | \$ | 80,771 | \$ | 66,271 | \$ | 66,466 | \$ | $(14,305)$ | \$ | 195 | -17.71\% |
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| 17 - DEBT SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Principal | \$ | 94,800 | \$ | 95,000 | \$ | 93,500 | \$ | 90,815 | \$ | 85,000 | \$ | 85,000 | \$ | 85,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Interest | \$ | 16,224 | \$ | 22,228 | \$ | 26,840 | \$ | 17,998 | \$ | 20,688 | \$ | 23,813 | \$ | 17,838 | \$ | $(2,850)$ | \$ | $(5,976)$ | -13.78\% |
| Interest BAN/Bond (Estimated) | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | . | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Contracted Debt Service | \$ | - | \$ | 7,500 | \$ | - | \$ | - |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Total Debt Service | \$ | 111,024 | \$ | 124,728 | \$ | 120,340 | \$ | 108,813 | \$ | 105,688 | \$ | 108,813 | \$ | 102,838 | \$ | $(2,850)$ | \$ | $(5,976)$ | -2.70\% |
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| 18-TRANSFERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Capital Outlay - Building Improvement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trans. Maint. Trust | \$ | 55,000 | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Trans. Spec. Ed. Trust | \$ | 60,000 | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | 40,000 | \$ | 40,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Trans. Food Service | \$ | 22,147 | \$ | 60,000 | \$ | 13,359 | \$ | 23,340 | \$ | 33,121 | \$ | 24,621 | \$ | 18,816 | \$ | $(14,305)$ | \$ | (33,121) | -43.19\% |
| Trans Benefit Trust | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 24,797 | \$ | - | \$ | - |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Total Transfers | \$ | 167,147 | \$ | 114,797 | \$ | 53,359 | \$ | 63,340 | \$ | 33,121 | \$ | 24,621 | \$ | 18,816 | \$ | $(14,305)$ | \$ | (33,121) | -43.19\% |
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| SUB TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDI- | \$ | 5,783,045 | \$ | 5,809,202 | \$ | 5,873,929 | \$ | 5,866,967 | \$ | 5,975,247 | \$ | 6,217,420 | \$ | 6,185,016 | \$ | 209,769 | \$ | (32,405) | 3.51\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | $(5,975,247)$ |  |  | -100.00\% |
| 19- Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FY16 Warrant III- Learning Commons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | 61,700 | \$ | 61,700 |  |  | \$ | (61,700) | \$ | - | -100.00\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$ | - |  |  |  |  | \$ | - |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Transer SB Maint Trust | \$ | 312,872 | \$ | 575,000 | \$ | 75,000 |  |  |  |  | \$ | - |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Transfer SB Tuition |  |  |  |  | \$ | 37,344 | \$ | 40,000 | \$ | 50,000 | \$ | 50,000 |  |  | \$ | $(50,000)$ | \$ | - | -100.00\% |
| Tranfer SB Tuition (FY15 Warrant) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ | - |  |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.00\% |
| Total Other | \$ | 312,872 | \$ | 575,000 | \$ | 112,344 | \$ | 40,000 | \$ | 111,700 | \$ | 111,700 | \$ | - | \$ | (111,700) | \$ | - | -100.00\% |
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| TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURE | \$ | 6,095,917 | \$ | 6,384,202 | \$ | 5,986,273 | \$ | 5,906,967 | \$ | 6,086,947 | \$ | 6,329,120 | \$ | 6,185,016 | \$ | 98,069 | \$ | $(242,173)$ | 1.61\% |


| PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category: | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | \$\$Increase | \% Increase |
|  | ACTUAL | APPROVED | ESTIMATED | PROPOSED | or(Decrease) vs. | or(Decrease) vs. |
|  |  | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET | 2015/16 budget | 2015/16 budget |
| REGULAR EDUCATION | 3,033,309 | 3,122,559 | 3,202,239 | 3,113,927 | $(8,632)$ | -0.28\% |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | 1,047,207 | 941,791 | 1,131,433 | 1,168,123 | 226,332 | 24.03\% |
| CO-CURRICULAR | 35,473 | 43,530 | 41,030 | 35,473 | $(8,057)$ | -18.51\% |
| GUIDANCE | 104,822 | 92,641 | 95,967 | 97,213 | 4,572 | 4.94\% |
| HEALTH | 93,022 | 106,517 | 100,212 | 100,588 | $(5,929)$ | -5.57\% |
| STAFF/CURRICULUM DEV. | 23,430 | 61,914 | 47,414 | 67,914 | 6,000 | 9.69\% |
| LIBRARY | 111,906 | 130,098 | 133,524 | 136,262 | 6,164 | 4.74\% |
| INFORMATION SERVICES | 129,566 | 97,750 | 97,750 | 70,221 | $(27,529)$ | -28.16\% |
| SCHOOL BOARD | 32,295 | 28,175 | 27,175 | 29,800 | 1,625 | 5.77\% |
| SAU OFFICE | 219,708 | 232,381 | 232,050 | 241,963 | 9,582 | 4.12\% |
| PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE | 226,136 | 269,177 | 269,046 | 275,592 | 6,415 | 2.38\% |
| OPERATION OF BUILDING | 284,393 | 327,108 | 315,404 | 338,495 | 11,387 | 3.48\% |
| TRANSPORTATION | 215,159 | 224,526 | 223,026 | 224,526 | 0 | 0.00\% |
| FOOD SERVICE | 63,881 | 80,771 | 66,271 | 66,466 | $(14,305)$ | -17.71\% |
| DEBT SERVICE | 108,813 | 105,688 | 108,813 | 102,838 | $(2,850)$ | -2.70\% |
| FEDERAL GRANTS | 74,507 | 77,500 | 101,445 | 96,800 | 19,300 | 24.90\% |
| TRANSFERS | 63,340 | 33,121 | 24,621 | 18,815 | $(14,306)$ | -43.19\% |
| FY13 WARRANTS II, IV,V | 40,000 | 111,700 | 111,700 | 0 | $(111,700)$ | -100.00\% |
| GEN.ED. SUBTOTAL | 5,906,967 | 6,086,947 | 6,329,120 | 6,185,016 | 98,069 |  |
| BOND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| FY15 Warrant |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| CAPITAL PROJECT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 5,906,967 | 6,086,947 | 6,329,120 | 6,185,016 | 98,069 | 1.61\% |




| $\frac{10 \text { YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT }}{\text { 1ST PHASE ENERGY RETROFIT BOND }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| INTEREST START DATE: 209 DAYS FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT: NET INTEREST COST: |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 12 / 16 / 10 \\ 7 / 15 / 11 \\ 2.8700 \% \end{gathered}$ | Amount of Loan to be Paid Premium <br> Total Proceeds |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 314,800 \\ \$ 15,200 \\ \$ 330,000 \end{array}$ |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEBT } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | PERIOD <br> ENDING | PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING | PRINCIPAL | RATE | INTEREST | TOTAL <br> PAYMENT | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { PAYMENT } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 7/15/2011 |  |  |  | \$6,701.93 | \$6,701.93 | \$6,701.93 |
| 1 | 1/15/2012 | \$314,800.00 | \$34,800.00 | 3.000\% | \$5,772.00 | \$40,572.00 | \$47,273.93 |
|  | 7/15/2012 |  |  |  | \$5,250.00 | \$5,250.00 |  |
| 2 | 1/15/2013 | \$280,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | 3.000\% | \$5,250.00 | \$40,250.00 | \$45,500.00 |
|  | 7/15/2013 |  |  |  | \$4,725.00 | \$4,725.00 |  |
| 3 | 1/15/2014 | \$245,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | 3.000\% | \$4,725.00 | \$39,725.00 | \$44,450.00 |
|  | 7/15/2014 |  |  |  | \$4,200.00 | \$4,200.00 |  |
| 4 | 1/15/2015 | \$210,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$4,200.00 | \$34,200.00 | \$38,400.00 |
|  | 7/15/2015 |  |  |  | \$3,600.00 | \$3,600.00 |  |
| 5 | 1/15/2016 | \$180,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$3,600.00 | \$33,600.00 | \$37,200.00 |
|  | 7/15/2016 |  |  |  | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |  |
| 6 | 1/15/2017 | \$150,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$3,000.00 | \$33,000.00 | \$36,000.00 |
|  | 7/15/2017 |  |  |  | \$2,400.00 | \$2,400.00 |  |
| 7 | 1/15/2018 | \$120,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$2,400.00 | \$32,400.00 | \$34,800.00 |
|  | 7/15/2018 |  |  |  | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 |  |
| 8 | 1/15/2019 | \$90,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$1,800.00 | \$31,800.00 | \$33,600.00 |
|  | 7/15/2019 |  |  |  | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |  |
| 9 | 1/15/2020 | \$60,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$1,200.00 | \$31,200.00 | \$32,400.00 |
|  | 7/15/2020 |  |  |  | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |  |
| 10 | 1/15/2021 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 4.000\% | \$600.00 | \$30,600.00 | \$31,200.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTALS |  | \$314,800.00 |  | \$66,023.93 | \$380,823.93 | \$380,823.93 |


| 10 YEAR DEBT SCHEDULE FOR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2ND PHASE ENERGY RETROFIT BOND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| INTEREST START DATE: 205 DAYS FIRST INTEREST PAYMENT: NET INTEREST COST: |  |  | Amount of Loan to be Paid Premium <br> Total Proceeds |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \$ 314,800 \\ \$ 15,200 \\ \$ 330,000 \end{gathered}$ |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DEBT } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | PERIOD <br> ENDING | PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING | PRINCIPAL | RATE | INTEREST | TOTAL PAYMENT | TOTAL PAYMENT |
|  | 2/15/2013 |  |  |  | \$11,460.07 | \$11,460.07 | \$11,460.07 |
| 1 | 8/15/2013 | \$575,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$10,062.50 | \$70,062.50 | \$79,075.00 |
|  | 2/15/2014 |  |  |  | \$9,012.50 | \$9,012.50 |  |
| 2 | 8/15/2014 | \$515,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$9,012.50 | \$69,012.50 | \$76,975.00 |
|  | 2/15/2015 |  |  |  | \$7,962.50 | \$7,962.50 |  |
| 3 | 8/15/2015 | \$455,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$7,962.50 | \$67,962.50 | \$74,875.00 |
|  | 2/15/2016 |  |  |  | \$6,912.50 | \$6,912.50 |  |
| 4 | 8/15/2016 | \$395,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$6,912.50 | \$66,912.50 | \$72,775.00 |
|  | 2/15/2017 |  |  |  | \$5,862.50 | \$5,862.50 |  |
| 5 | 8/15/2017 | \$335,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$5,862.50 | \$65,862.50 | \$70,675.00 |
|  | 2/15/2018 |  |  |  | \$4,812.50 | \$4,812.50 |  |
| 6 | 8/15/2018 | \$275,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$4,812.50 | \$59,812.50 | \$63,662.50 |
|  | 2/15/2019 |  |  |  | \$3,850.00 | \$3,850.00 |  |
| 7 | 8/15/2019 | \$220,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$3,850.00 | \$58,850.00 | \$61,737.50 |
|  | 2/15/2020 |  |  |  | \$2,887.50 | \$2,887.50 |  |
| 8 | 8/15/2020 | \$165,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$2,887.50 | \$57,887.50 | \$59,812.50 |
|  | 2/15/2021 |  |  |  | \$1,925.00 | \$1,925.00 |  |
| 9 | 8/15/2021 | \$110,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$1,925.00 | \$56,925.00 | \$57,887.50 |
|  | 2/15/2022 |  |  |  | \$962.50 | \$962.50 |  |
| 10 | 8/15/2022 | \$55,000.00 | \$55,000.00 | 3.500\% | \$962.50 | \$55,962.50 | \$55,962.50 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | OTALS | \$575,000.00 |  | \$109,897.57 | \$684,897.57 | \$684,897.57 |

## TREASURER'S REPORT

## 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

| $7 / 1 / 2014$ | Balance Mascoma Savings | $493,231.18$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $7 / 1 / 2014$ | Balance NH Public Investment Pool | $33,787.90$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2014$ | Subtotal | $527,019.08$ |
|  |  |  |
|  | Total Expenditures (7/1/14 through 6/30/15) | $5,906,967.00$ |
|  | Total Receipts $(7 / 1 / 14$ through $6 / 30 / 15)$ | $6,122,783.00$ |
|  |  | $215,816.00$ |
| $6 / 30 / 2015$ | Balance Mascoma Savings | $221,274.03$ |
| $6 / 30 / 2015$ | Balance NH Public Investment Pool | $170,962.75$ |
|  |  |  |
| $6 / 30 / 2015$ | Total Cash Available | $392,236.78$ |

Respectfully submitted,

## Jeffrey Moore

School Treasurer


## PLAINFIELD ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2015

| GRADE | BOYS | GIRLS | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 20 | 8 | 28 |
| 1 | 16 | 5 | 21 |
| 2 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| 3 | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| 4 | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| 5 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| 6 | 12 | 13 | 25 |
| 7 | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| 8 | 17 | 16 | 33 |
| Subtotal | 125 | $\mathbf{8 8}$ | 213 |
| Home Study Students: | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| TOTAL Enrollment including Home Study: | 226 |  |  |

## PLAINFIELD SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015

| Valkyrie Alden | Andrew Hadlock |
| :--- | :--- |
| Jared Audette | Caleb Hazelton |
| Shane Balise | Gwen Ouellette |
| Sarah Ball | Annika Pixley |
| Catherine Beaupre | Jack Sandmann |
| Hannah Budner | Caiden Skakalski |
| Jason Coppick | Carson Strew |
| Paul Daugherty | Ashlyn Taber |
| Michael Downs | Ben Taylor |
| Marley Dube | Kaycee Travis |
| Joey Dupree | Devan Williams |
| Hanna Falcone | Anna Wolke |
| Noah Farnsworth | Kyle Young |
| Grace Godfrey |  |

## PLAINFIELD SCHOOL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2015

TEACHERS' AWARD: Hannah Budner

CORY TABER AWARD: Ashlyn Taber and Joey Dupree
PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Hannah Falcone

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC: Sarah Ball and Jack Sandmann
EXCELLENCE IN ART: Anna Wolke and Shane Balise

GROBE-REISCH SPORTSMANSHIP: Catherine Beaupre
GARIPAY-BEAUPRE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE: Anna Wolke
PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Anna Wolke

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Valkyrie Alden, Sarah Ball, Catherine Beaupre, Hanna Budner, Hannah Falcone, Ashlyn Taber

THE HERBERT E. WARD MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST:
$1^{\text {st }}$ place: Anna Wolke - "Police Brutality and Racism"
$2^{\text {nd }}$ place: Jack Sandmann - "The Importance of a Liberal Arts Education"
$3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ place: Hannah Falcone - "Animal Testing"
Honorable Mention: Catherine Beaupre - "Unplug"
Ashlyn Taber - "Preventing the Next School Shooting with Stricter Gun Laws"
Valkyrie Alden - "Cyberbullying and Social Media in 2015"

## CONGRATULATIONS!



## Plainfield Residents

## Grade 9

| Halle Clark | Alicia Goodwin |
| :--- | :--- |
| Jay Cogan | Gavin McGough |
| Colleen Donoghue | Taylor Sheehan |

## Grade 10

Abigail Chellis
Alieke Feid
Erin Gregory-Davis
Noah Herfort
Nicholas L'Heureux

Coulston Rogerson
Catherine Sensenig
Julia Surgenor
Natalie Whitehead

## Grade 11

Conor Beaupre
Aurora Braswell
Lee Cogan
Sawyer Constantine
Jack Doherty
Grade 12
Harrison Beaupre
Jonathan Butler
Wyett MacDonald
Kathryn MacLeay
Chase McGough

Rex Miller
Alex Plummer
Kelsey Pollard
Gregory Surgenor
Cooper Williams

Joanna Schafer
Mallory Schell
Charles Williams
Alyson Young


Lucas IK

LHS TUITION STUDENTS 2014-15
Grade 9

| Lindsay Anikas | Cecilia Hampton | Zachary Petrin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Samantha Brady | Owen Johnstone | Anna Rice |
| Kaitlin Chamley | Elizabeth Jones | Shawn Rice |
| Kevin Dion | Cameron Magari | Luke Sandmann |
| Allison Duany | Kathleen Merchant | Cecilia Webber |
| Fiona Greenough | Kimberly Merchant | Zeda Wolf |

Grade 10

| Olivia Balise | Lars Governo | Jacob Pinkley |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Emily Ball | Morgan Grace | Jacob Pixley |
| Christopher Courtemanche | Margaret Grzegorowicz | Brittany Rogers |
| Jack Davini | Greta Hazelton | Kassidee Rogers |
| Noah Didehbani | Sophia Lurie | Joslin Wainwright |
| Peter Elder | Jillian Perriello | Taylor Williams |
| Noah Forman |  |  |

Grade 11

| Daroc Alden | Brian Downs | Kudakwashe Muhlauri |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lauren Anikis | Timothy Dupree | Maddison Ouellette |
| Tiffany Blake | Tyler Edwards | Colin Prince |
| Abigail Brann | Lauren Hadley | John (Jack) Taylor |
| Alyson Burbee | Zachery Herrin | Isabelle Walker |
| Jessica Cloud | Georgia Houde | Madelin Walker |
| Ethan Didehbani | Christopher Morse | Sonja Wolke |
| Jillian Dion |  |  |

Grade 12

| Wyatt Ballou | Sarah Lappin | Jessica Purcell |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Samuel Clifton | Heather Larocque | John Raney |
| Emily Courtemanche | Ryan MacLeay | Savannah Rice |
| Jessica Dessert | William Merchant | Sierra Rogers |
| Brenden Fadden | Erika Moffitt | Paul Sylvia |
| Emma Forman | Grayson Paige | Kyra Taylor |
| Glen Hathoot | Catherine Pierson | Aaron Wilder |
| Adam Herrin |  |  |

## LHS UNDERGRAD AWARDS NIGHT

In May 2015, LHS students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were recognized for their academic achievements during 2014-2015. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

HIGH HONORS: Student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken throughout the school year and has received a G.P.A. of 3.67.
Grade 9: Samantha Brady, Fiona Greenough, Cecilia Hampton, Cameron Magari, Kathleen Merchant, Kimberly Merchant, Zachary Petrin, Cecilia Webber, Zeda Wolf
Grade 10: Emily Ball, Peter Elder, Sophia Lurie
Grade 11: Daroc Alden, Lauren Anikis, Lauren Hadley, Georgia Houde, Sonja Wolke
Grade 12: Emma Forman
HONORS: Student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken throughout the school year and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0.
Grade 9: Lindsay Anikis, Allison Duany, Kaitlin Chamley, Elizabeth Jones, Luke Sandmann, Kevin Dion, Owen Johnstone
Grade 10: Olivia Balise, Jack Davini, Noah Forman, Lars Governo, Jacob Pixley, Kassidee Rogers, Joslin Wainwright
Grade 11: Abigail Brann, Jessica Cloud, Brian Downs, Leandrea Henderson, Emily Kovacs, Christopher Morse, Kudakwashe Mulhlauri, Maddison Ouellette, Colin Prince, Walker Tuttle
Grade 12: Wyatt Ballou, Samuel Clifton, Ryan MacLeay, William Merchant, Erika Moffitt, Catherine Peirson, Kyra Taylor

## NATIONAL MERIT QUALIFYING STATUS: Daroc Alden

JUNIOR BOOK AWARD: Daroc Alden, Lauren Anikis, Lauren Hadley, Georgia Houde, Walker Tuttle

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE POETRY PARTICIPATANTS/WINNERS: Cecilia Hampton, Kimberly Merchant, Zeda Wolf

EXCELLENCE IN ART AWARDS: Samantha Brady, Allison Duany, Morgan Grace, Margaret Grzegorowicz, Owen Johnstone, Cameron Magari, Kathleen Merchant, Kimberly Merchant, Cecilia Webber, Zeda Wolf

# AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015 

The following awards were presented to Plainfield student graduates at the Lebanon High School
Senior Awards Ceremony at the Lebanon Opera House in June 2015 .
President's Award for Scholastic Excellence-Emma Forman
US Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award - Will Merchant
Art Department Award - Sarah Lappin
Choral Award - John Raney
John Phillip Sousa Music Award - Will Merchant
American Legion Post 22 Past Commanders Award - Sierra Rogers
Plainfield Parent-Teacher Organization Award - Erika Moffitt
Dave Anderson Memorial Award - Emma Forman
Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital Nursing Scholarship - Sierra Rogers
Nancy Clark Memorial Scholarship Award - Sierra Rogers
Dorothy Cushing Jealous Memorial Scholarship - Sierra Rogers
Douglas Jones Memorial Scholarship - Catherine Pierson
Witherall Scholarship Award - Kyra Taylor

PLAINFIELD TEACHERS: 2015-2016 SALARY SCHEDULE GRID


| Plainfield School District <br> 2015-16 Teachers/Professional Staff |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Last Name | First Name | Position | Date of Hire | College |
| Allen | Jean | Teacher-Spanish Grs. 5-8 | 6/22/2000 | B.A. Keene State College |
| Blair | Susan | Principal | 8/1/2014 | B.S. Salem State College; M.Ed. Plymouth State |
| Bohrer | Linda | Teacher-Reading | 8/25/2014 | B.A. Keene State College, M.S. Plymouth State College |
| Campbell | Debra | Speech/Language | 8/27/2007 | B.A. Rhode Island College; M.A. University of Connecticut |
| Cantlin | Mary | Teacher/Technology Coordinator | 8/23/1992 | B.A., B.S. Marietta College; M.Ed. Keene State College |
| Carlson | Michelle | Teacher-Language Arts, Grs. 7/8 | 8/27/2007 | B.S. Elem. Ed; B.A. Theater/Dance, Keene State College |
| Culligan | Jennifer | Teacher-Grade 3/4 | 8/24/2015 | B.A., Montclair State University |
| Daley | Jill Canillas | Media Specialist | 8/25/2008 | B.A. VT College of Norwich University |
| Feid | Brandon | Teacher-P.E./Athletic Director | 8/26/2002 | B.S. University of New Hampshire |
| Guaraldi | Sara | Teacher-Special Education | 8/26/2011 | B.A., M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Heaton | Karen | Nurse/Health Educator | 8/25/1997 | B.S.N. University of Vermont |
| Knight | Laura | Teacher-Gr. 1 | 8/6/1984 | B.S. Cornell University; M.S. Wheelock College |
| Lanzim | Katherine | Teacher-Special Ed. | 11/1/1986 | B.A. Newark State College |
| Lee | Sara | Teacher-Gr. 2 | 8/26/2013 | B.S. Estrn. New Mexico University; M.A. N.M. State Univ. |
| Lizotte | Jennifer | Teacher-Kindergarten | 8/25/2014 | B.S. Keene State College |
| Magario | Heidi | Teacher-Grade 6/7/8 | 8/25/2014 | B.S. University of Vermont |
| Malsin | Gail | School Counselor | 8/15/2008 | B.A. Univ.of Rochester; M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Martel | Zoe | Teacher-Music | 8/24/2015 | B.A., University of NH |
| Maslan | Kathleen | Teacher-Gr. 2 | 11/8/1999 | B.S. Keene State College |
| Mathis | Alexandra | Teacher-Art | 8/25/2014 | B.F.A. Univ. of N. H.; M.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design |
| McDowell | Anita | Teacher/Director-Special Services | 7/1/2014 | B.A. University of Mass; M.Ed. Fitchburg State College |
| O'Reilly | Kelly | Teacher-Special Education | 4/26/2011 | B.S. College of Saint Joseph; M.Ed. Southern N.H. Univ. |
| Piano | Mary | Teacher-Math 7/8 | 8/26/2002 | B.S. Keene State College; M.Ed. Plymouth State College |
| Sanchirico | Paul | Teacher-Gr. 5 | 8/26/1993 | B.S. Keene State College |
| Scofield | Leslie | Teacher-Gr. 6 | 8/24/2015 | B.A. and B.S Walla Walla College |
| Sheehan | James | Teacher-Gr. 6 | 3/7/1994 | B.A. Wesleyan University |
| Spratt | Laura | Teacher-Grade 3/4 | 8/29/2005 | B.S. University of Iowa; M.S. Drake University |
| Taber | Melinda | Teacher-Gr.3/4 | 8/25/1997 | B.S. University of New Hampshire; M.Ed. UNH |
| Perotti | Frank | Superintendent | 7/1/2015 | B.S. Cornell Univ; M.S. University of NB; Ph.D., Columbia Univ. Teac |
| Whitehouse | Zachary | Teacher-Social Studies, Grs. 7/8 | 8/24/2015 | B.A., University of NH; M.Ed., University of NH |
| Woodcock | Mark | Teacher-Kindergarten | 8/25/1987 | B.A. Towson State University |


| Plainfield School District 2015-2016 Support Staff |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Last Name | First Name | Position | Date of Hire | College |
| Beloin | Linda | Educational Assistant | 4/26/2005 |  |
| Bierwirth | Beth | Secretary to the Principal/Finance | 8/24/2004 | B.S. Granite State College; S.F.O |
| Cassedy | Ruth | Educational Assistant | 8/25/2014 | B.S. University of NH; M.S. Universit of N.E. |
| Downs | Janna | Educational Assistant | 8/28/2006 |  |
| Estey | Lori | Educational Assistant | 8/25/2008 | B.S. Castleton State College |
| Goodrow | Fawn | Educational Assistant | 9/12/1997 | B.S. Merrimack College |
| Goodwin | Naomi | Educational Assistant | 8/26/2009 | B.S. Plymouth State College |
| Gradijan | Lisa | School Secretary | 5/27/2008 | attended University of San Diego |
| Granter | William | Custodian | 8/29/2005 | B.A., B.Ed. Memorial University of Newfoundland |
| Gross | Bob | Head Custodian | 8/20/2013 | B.S. Southern Vermont College |
| Johnson | Cristia | Educational Assistant | 8/24/2015 | B.A., Oberlin College |
| Johnson | Leni-Lyne | Educational Assistant | 8/28/2004 | B.A. University of Connecticut |
| LeBrun | Lynn | Administrative Assistant | 11/5/2014 | A.A. and attended Plymouth State College |
| Morse | Debra | Educational Assistant | 8/29/2005 | Assoc., Mount Ida College |
| Skinner | Danielle | Lunch Program Coordinator | 4/5/2012 | attended Claremont Community College |
| Warren | Robin | Title I Math Tutor/Educ. Assistant | 8/28/2007 | B.S.N. Alfred University; M.Ed. Plymouth State University |
| Whitman | Rosemary | Educational Assistant | 8/26/2003 | B.S. University of North Dakota |
| Wolke | Evy | Educational Assistant | 8/30/2004 | B.A. Wesleyan University |

## Plainfield's Educational Mission

Mission Statement: As a community of learners, our educational mission in Plainfield is to support and expect academic excellence while building character, self-confidence, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

## 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.

## NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Plainfield School District does not discriminate in its education programs, activities, or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation or disability under the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1966, the Equal Pay Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the American With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, RSA 186-C, and RSA 354-A. Any person having inquiries concerning Plainfield School District's compliance with the regulations implementing these laws may contact: Superintendent of Schools, 92 Bonner Road, Meriden, NH 03770, (603) 469-3442.

Certain specific inquiries may be directed to the following: Title IX Coordinator, Gregory Vogt; Title VI, VII and 504 Coordinator, Laura Spratt.

Any person may also contact Title IX Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. (603) 271-3196, for Title IX and Age Discrimination; Section 504 Coordinator, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3610, for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Supervisor for National Origin \& Equal Education Opportunity, NH Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-3582, for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Government, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114

## NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

School Administrative Unit \#32, in complying with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004), is required to locate and identify all school age children who may have educational disabilities including those who are homeless, migrant, wards of the state, or attending private schools within the Plainfield School district boundaries.

If you are a parent of, or know of a child age 3-21, who you feel may have an educational disability, please contact the School Principal or Director of Special Education at 603-469-3250. SAU \#32 will provide free screening and evaluation of any child referred to them. Students found eligible for special education services will be offered a free appropriate public education.

A student with a disability who does not qualify for services under the IDEA 2004 may qualify for accommodations under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Referrals under Section 504 may be made to the Principal.

Parents have the right to review the educational records of their children, as guaranteed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

## 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 district. It is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of $\mathbf{\$ 5 8 , 0 5 8 . 7 0}$ in FY 2016. 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 speech and language services, special education assistants, a part time school based clinician, staff development, and a part time school psychologist. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, find 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 was submitted in August of 2013. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.


## PLAINFIELD WEATHER 2015

(Observations by Doug Cogan)

| MONTH | HIGH <br> Temp(F) | LOW <br> Temp(F) | MEAN <br> Temp(F) | RAIN <br> (Inches) | SNOW <br> (Inches) | PRECIPITATION <br> (Inches) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| JANUARY | 42 | -13 | 16 | 1.70 | 20.75 |  |
| FEBRUARY | 35 | $-25^{*}$ | $11^{* * *}$ | -- | 33.00 | 3.42 |
| MARCH | 50 | -14 | 26 | 0.45 | 5.50 | 2.29 |
| APRIL | 73 | 18 | 43 | 1.40 | 3.50 | 0.78 |
| MAY | 90 | 32 | 61 | 1.73 |  | 1.83 |
| JUNE | 86 | 37 | 63 | 4.09 |  | 1.73 |
| JULY | 95 | 50 | 70 | 2.27 |  | 4.09 |
| AUGUST | 91 | 48 | 69 | 3.41 |  | 2.27 |
| SEPTEMBER | 91 | 37 | 66 | 6.52 |  | 3.41 |
| OCTOBER | 75 | 19 | 46 | 2.30 |  | 6.52 |
| NOVEMBER | $73^{*}$ | 15 | 41 | 1.35 |  | 2.30 |
| DECEMBER | $68^{* *}$ | 19 | $37 * * * *$ | 3.36 | 5.25 | 1.35 |

* daily record
** highest December monthly temperature since at least 1969
*** coldest February on record
**** warmest December on record

| TOTALS | - | -- | -- | 28.58 | 68.00 | 34.36 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| '15 AVG | 57.3 | 34.1 | 45.7 | -- | -- | -- |
| $10 y r$ AVG | 57.7 | 36.2 | 47.1 | 34.11 | 75.24 | 41.89 |

High temperature records: November 6, $73^{\circ}$ (ties daily record); December 15,54 ${ }^{\circ}$ (ties daily record); December $24,68^{\circ}$ (monthly record since at least 1969); December $25,54^{\circ}$ (daily record)
Daily low temperature records: February $21,-17^{\circ}$; February $22,-18^{\circ}$; February $25,-25^{\circ}$ degrees

2015 high temp: 95 degrees, July 29; low temp: -25 degrees F/Feb. 25
Wettest 24 hours: 2.57 inches/Sept. 29-30; snowiest 24 hours: 11.00 inches/Jan. 26-27
Date of last freeze: April 23, last frost: May 16; first frost: Oct. 15, first freeze: Oct. 18


[^0]:    ARTICLE 12: Mike Jaeger offered the following motion and moved its adoption:
    That the Town vote to send a message to the Vermont Fish \& Wildlife Department, the Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and the State of Vermont requesting that they take all appropriate and needed measures to fully mitigate the shooting noise nuisance emanating from the Hammond Cove Shooting Range in Hartland, Vermont into Plainfield, New Hampshire and to fully restore the quiet, peaceful character of nearby Plainfield residences and

