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

Account:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Stephen Halleran

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Robert Taylor



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

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4 The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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7 Stephen Halleran

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Ron Eberhardt, Chair

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Robert Taylor

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

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Ron Eberhardt, Chair

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Stephen Halleran

Judy Belyea

Robert Taylor



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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Stephen Halleran

Judy Belyea

Robert Taylor



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

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

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

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11 The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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13 Robert Taylor, Chair

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

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5 The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

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5 The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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1 **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
2 **Wednesday May 17th 2017**  
3 **Meriden Town Hall**

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5 Selectmen present: Robert Taylor  
6 Judy Belyea  
7 Ron Eberhardt  
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9 **Harriman Road:** The Selectboard made a site visit to Harriman Road to discuss with neighbors at the  
10 north end of the road the town's recent road work. Richard Collins explained that he needs to have the road  
11 crowned and to establish ditch lines on either side. Neighbors expressed frustration that they was no  
12 advance notice given to them of the work and that each time work is done the road is further widened. The  
13 group walked the affected area and Road Agent Collins explained the rational for the work, noting that it is  
14 not yet completed, some of what has been reshaped will be seeded and mulched. Tracy Wallace objected to  
15 the Road Agent's visiting his house at 6:20am and repeatedly asked that the cross pipe on his property be  
16 replaced to help drain water away the road in front of his house. Tracy Further noted that he does not want  
17 any additional water dumped into his pasture. The Selectboard felt that the current wide was sufficient and  
18 would not need to be further changed. The Selectmen will consider having an apron paved at the Harriman  
19 Road intersection. This will delineated the road width and provide a solid starting and stopping surface for  
20 cars negotiating the intersection. The gravel road tends to pothole badly at this location.

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22 The meeting opened at the Meriden Town Hall at 6:30pm.  
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24 Meriden Village Study Committee Chairman Harold "Dewey" Jones met with the Selectboard to discuss  
25 plans for this year's work. Library Trustee Chairwoman Susan Spencer attended the session. Dewey hopes  
26 to meet with the Planning Board and perhaps hold a community wide forum to discuss future plans for  
27 Meriden Village. The Selectboard thanked Dewey for coming in. The Selectboard expressed support for the  
28 idea of Meriden Library building committee.  
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30 **Groomer Hearing:** In accordance with the town's donation policy the Selectboard opened the hearing on  
31 Trail Director Bill Knight's proposal to use \$12,000 in private donations to purchase a second Alpina  
32 snowmobile for groomer on the cross country ski trials. No public was present to comment. The hearing  
33 was closed and the Selectboard approved the request, thanking Bill Knight for all his efforts with the trial  
34 system.  
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36 **Police:** Chief Gillens did a quick run through on the department log. Extra patrol work on Bonner Road is  
37 key right now as the weather has turned and lots of kids are riding bikes and walking to school.

38 Kimball Union has again contacted the Chief about funding a fourth police officer to serve as the  
39 school's resource officer. The Selectmen remain guarded about this idea but directed Paul to have the  
40 KUA administration contact Steve Halleran about attending an upcoming Selectboard meeting.  
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42 **Town Office:** First half tax bills will be mailed out before Memorial Day. Halleran noted that Simple  
43 Energy has completed a repair of the shut off whistle at MTH's underground fuel tank.  
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47 The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.  
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